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Short Notes.

Pictures Please. Our web site has a Fleet Page with pictures of our members and their boats. Please review the page at www.wya-va.com and send in your picture if it is not there. Thanks. Please read the rest of the newsletter before checking it out.

WYA Merchandise. Just click on the following link to get to the site to buy WYA logo merchandise: <http://wya.logosoftware.com>. Show our colors this year by purchasing WYA merchandise.

Staying Connected. The summer is getting off to a good start. We've had several very successful events, with more to come. Use the web site (www.wya-va.com), word of mouth, and this newsletter to stay tuned in to events so you do not miss the ones you are interested in. AND we really do ask that you respect our request for RSVPs. When you see one in message or on web site, please answer with your current plans -- we are attending ... we are not ... or we will have to wait a while to decide. The more we know the better we can plan. Thanks!



Long Trip. After the PRYCA Float-In 19-21 July we will do the week long trip (Monday 21 to Saturday 27 July). We'll develop a list of those interested and plan the trip with their input. TO DATE we have the following interested parties: Phil and Carey on Apolonia, Gary and Nancy on Summer "C," Bill and Donna on Prime Time, Bob and Norma on Norma Joan, and Steve and Mary Ann on Rhapsody. Please update this list to me (philbolin@mvapolonia.com) ... add your name or tell me the name should not be on the list.

And ... please read the important message on Digital Selective Calling in this letter ... it could be a life saver!

Past Events

Flag Raising and Cinco de Mayo, Saturday, May 4. A nice start to the season, after a great underway April event to Dennis Point. Read all about the affair at our web site. We want to thank Carey Bolin and

2013 Bridge
Commodore – Phil Bolin
Vice Commodore – Chris Smith
Rear Commodore – Carey Bolin
Secretary – Mary Jane Smith
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Mary Jane Smith for their planning effort and our most sincere thanks to the Blunts for providing the Bayside Marina facilities to the club for the event.



May 24-27 Memorial Day Trip to Coles Point Plantation. Many thanks to Bill and Donna Bukevicz for planning a special event and to all the WYA members with boats at Coles Point who helped in the set up and execution of the activities. A special thanks to the Chief Chef Phil Rogers who made the Frogmore stew we enjoyed Saturday evening. More pictures and details at our web site.



Upcoming Events

Colonial Beach River Fest WYA Party at Alex and Maureen's Home, June 8.

The Bory's dock is a perfect viewing spot for the gorgeous fireworks display that are part of the Colonial Beach River Fest on 8 June. But well before that, let's get together to eat and play together.

When: Saturday, June 8, beginning at 3 PM

Where: The Bory's, 36 Waterview Point, Colonial Beach 22443 (see previous email for arrival by boat)

RSVP: ASAP, please (mobory@gmail.com) and let her know what food dish you plan to bring (for a well-rounded menu plan, of course).

Again, it will be a bit of pay-as-you-go, so we're asking you to bring an appetizer, side dish, or dessert and a \$10 bill per person to cover the cost of the meat, beer and wine. The leftover booze selections from prior parties will also be available. For the main course, Maureen's preparing her famous marinated grilled flank steak. If you have dietary restrictions, please let her know and we'll accommodate



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you. For now, we just really need to know who's coming! We are looking forward to this opportunity to party like we mean it!

Cobb Island Summer Kick Off Party, June 14-16. Most have signed up by now, including Phil and Carey on Apolonia, Diane and Peggy on Saylor's Delight, Mike and Vicky Enos on Patriot, Ruth Lovelace and Jean on Rutean Pleasure, Ralph and Kris Mason on Party Time, Bob and Norma Blunt on Norma Joan, Shannon and Sue on S.S. Ritter, Phil and Patti Rogers on Sea Cabin, and Chris and MJ Smith on Dauphine. The theme is the '60's. With nine boats we're going to have a fantastic time and are trying hard to get all of us together at Bob's Marina or Pirate's Cove Marina. Here are two pictures from last year's event.



July 4, 2013. More info later but we have confirmed we'll have the July 4th celebration at Linda Weaver's home on the Potomac River in Colonial Beach. A traditional hamburger and hot dog event with fireworks on the actual day ... the 4th of July. Details to follow shortly.

PRYCA Float-In, July 19-21. Time to sign up for a great summer weekend in July. Please don't miss this. It's summer camp for adults!

Attendees so far: Phil and Carey, Jack and Ann Southard, Ralph Mason and Kris Butera, Phil and Patti Rogers, Bill and Donna Bukevicz, Gary and Nancy Vineyard, Steve and Mary Ann Andrews, Dan and Elaine Braud and Bob and Norma Blunt are on the list of attendees, so far. Who else???? See the web site (www.wya-va.com) for details if you have not signed up yet and want to attend.

Members attending need to mail their registration to the PRYCA Secretary Joey Sowell at 10 Old English Way, Stafford, VA 22554. Read the registration form (on our web site) Pg1 for details on how to figure your charges, write your check and mail it with the Registration Page 2 form to Joey. For a great boating weekend sit down tonight and send in your registration. BE SURE TO put on the



page 2 form that you are with WYA. For info, the point of contact for WYA is Phil Bolin. You do not need to send in the Page 1 form. I'll take care of that. Just put your boat info on the page 2 form and mail it with your check. Come and meet Potomac River Yacht Club members ... a dynamic bunch. We are planning an effort to be real contenders for the PRYCA Cup.

PLEASE PLEASE email me (philbolin@mvapolonia.com) when you send your form in so we'll know who is attending. *AND you that don't want to come by boat*, note the places you can stay ashore and join the fun. There are even new cabins at Coles Point. Reserve soon if you want one. The number is 804-472-4011.

Digital Selective Calling (DSC) by

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PRYCA, Fleet Captain

Anyone that has bought a new VHF radio, or up-graded their existing VHF in the past twelve years knows (or should know) that it came with Digital Selective Calling (DSC). It was about twelve years ago that the Government mandated that all VHF radios sold in the U.S. be DSC ready. Once the DSC feature is enabled on the VHF, in the event of an emergency situation, the pressing of a single button will send a signal of your longitude and latitude, and can put a Coast Guard rescue helicopter overhead within minutes. What is really alarming is that only about 10% of the VHF radios sold in the past twelve years have registered, or enabled the DSC feature. Why? It's such a great life saving feature.

Registering the Maritime Marine Service Identity (MMSI) is free. So what's the problem? First of all, many boaters are relying on their cell phone as a means to communicate with the Coast Guard in emergency situations. There are two major drawbacks with using the cell phone—time will be wasted getting your exact location, and sometimes you are out of range of a cell phone tower. The other problem of not following through with registering the MMSI is the need to connect the VHF radio with the GPS. There are two wires on the radio, but which two wires in that bundle of wires coming from the GPS do you connect them to? This will take some time studying the electrical diagram of the GPS. The other problem is the registration process itself. If you have gone through the registration process (registering the VHF unit; your name, boat description, etc.) a couple of times, it's not so difficult.

One solution to improving the number of boats/VHF radios DSC enabled is to have someone in the Club, or your boating group, that has the knowledge and experience in following through with connecting the VHF radio to the GPS and the registration process to assist you in getting this accomplished. This challenge



has also been taken up by the Power Squadron and the Coast Guard Auxiliary members.

Make the effort, if you haven't already. It could be a lifesaver.

Birthdays

Let's say happy birthday to Les Jackson 6/8, Amy Homar 6/13, Ann Southard 6/22, Norma Blunt 6/28, and Phil Bolin 6/29.

Anniversaries

Congratulations are in order for the following anniversaries: Bruce and Patty Kasold on 6/6, Bill and Donna Bukevicz on 6/10, Harry and Lori Wehr on 6/15, and Ralph Mason and Kris Butera on 6/25.

Sign Off

Signing off for another month. Send in articles if you want. We also take classified ads for no charge. Want to tell a sea story ... give it to me and I'll publish. Got a boat to sell? A business to advertise? Need some advice on maintenance and repairs.....or tips to share? Just send 'em in.

For your information: Member Bill Bowman is now owner and operator of the Boathouse Marina in Colonial Beach (previously Stanford's Marine). Contact him about dockage and services. In addition, he has reopened the marine store and is busy restocking the inventory. Stop by and see his progress.