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**From the Commodore, Bob Blunt:**

Now that we've had our Change of Watch and our new bridge is in place, it's time to schedule our first Bridge Meeting. I would like to invite both the old and new bridge to meet on Saturday, December 28, at Bayside Marina's Captain's Lounge in Colonial Beach at 1:00 in the afternoon.

Our next big event is the DC Lighted Boat Parade on December 7. The PRYCA Change of Watch (COW) is January 17-18, 2014. Read more about these two events later in the newsletter.

Norma and I hope you all have a safe and Happy Thanksgiving and wish you a very Merry Christmas.

We look forward to seeing you all over the holidays. We are looking forward to spending time on the water with all of you!

**Dues.**

Yes, it is that time. Time to pay those pesky dues, all of \$50 worth for a membership. We have 25 of the 37 memberships (about 50 people) who have paid their dues and we would like to hear from the rest of you.

Please send your check to Treasurer, WYA, PO Box 325, Colonial Beach, VA 22443.

And if you are not planning to join for 2014, please send an email to our Treasurer (treasurer@wya-va.com). We don't want to bother you if you are not rejoining but would really like to know why you have decided not to renew.

Thanks ... and please treat this as an RSVP ... please send the check or note telling us why not. We know everyone is busy but just want to ensure we are not doing something wrong that is keeping you away.

**PRYCA Bridge.**

For the Potomac River Yacht Club Association, the new slate of officers is set: Commodore Chevy Rice, Landmark Yacht Club; Vice Commodore Bob Blunt, Westmoreland Yachting Association and Colonial Yacht Club; Rear Commodore Phil Rogers, Westmoreland Yachting Association and Aquia Yacht Club; and Fleet Captain Pat Croft, Occoquan Yacht Club and Fairfax Yacht Club; Treasurer Steve

**2013 Bridge**

Commodore – Bob Blunt  
Vice Commodore – Bill Bukecivz  
Rear Commodore – Shannon Ritter  
Secretary – Norma Blunt  
Treasurer – George Cajigal  
Immediate Past Commodore – Phil Bolin

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Preda, Quantico Yacht Club; Secretary Debbie Ruttenberg, Port of Washington Yacht Club; Immediate Past Commodore Mike Crouch, Occoquan Yacht Club; and a host of MALs to address our various clubs.

*Note that two of the officers, Bob Blunt and Phil Rogers are members of our club.*

## BOATUS

As we get ready for the winter please remember that WYA is a cooperating member of BOATUS. If you are a BOATUS member, you can renew your membership for half price when the time comes. GA85097Y is our cooperating number and you can use it to get ½ price off your membership. Use it. It is one of your benefits.

## Past Events

### ***Cobb Island Oyster Roast, 16-17 November 2013***

Vice Commodore Bill Bukevicz reported that Saturday, 16 November 2013 was a nice cruise up to Cobb Island. He said, “We were all docked and about 5:30 the winds came in and the temperature dropped. Had nice crabs at Capt. Johns Saturday night and ate enough oysters on Sunday to get our fix for the year. Phil and Patty Rogers had their family show up on Sunday. By boat, it was Phil/Patty; Steve/Mary Ann and Bill/Donna. Steve headed back to Coles Point on Sunday and Phil and I headed back on Monday. It was a great weekend.”

### ***Change of Watch – Nov 9th.***

We had a great Change of Watch at the Riverboat Restaurant in Colonial Beach on Saturday Nov 9<sup>th</sup>. Over 35 members joined in to install the new officers, listed at the beginning of this newsletter, and enjoy a night of camaraderie, food, drink and fun. Take a look at a few of the pictures below. Get the full details and more pictures at our web site, [www.wya-va.com](http://www.wya-va.com). We thank Carey, Mary Jane and Katherine for providing such a beautifully decorated room for the event.





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## Upcoming Events

### ***DC Lighted Boat Parade, Dec 7, 2013.***

There may be a party here so Phil and Carey and Ruth and Jean have signed up to take Apolonia and Rutean Pleasure to Washington DC for the Dec 7<sup>th</sup> Lighted Boat Parade. We hope a few others may choose to go along. We have several members coming to join us for the Parade, staying at various places in the area. If you would like to join in, you must call or email Phil Bolin quickly! We'll work out details.

### ***PRYCA Change of Watch, Jan 17-18, 2014.***

This will be a real party. Two of our members, Bob Blunt and Phil Rogers are being installed as PRYCA Bridge Members. Below are the details.

**Potomac River Yacht Clubs Association  
2014 Change of Watch - Dinner Dance  
Saturday, 18 January 2014**

at

**Crowne Plaza  
Old Town Alexandria  
901 N Fairfax Street  
703-683-6000**

**Hospitality Suite Open: 1700 – 1745 (and again after the dance)**

**Photographer: 1700 - 1845**

**Cocktails: 1800**

**Dinner: 1900**

**Change of Watch Ceremony: 2000**

**Dancing to follow with 25<sup>th</sup> Hour Band**

**Formal/Winter Uniform/Black Tie Optional or Business Suit**

**\$75.00 per person**

**Menu**

**Salad, Rolls & Butter**

**Top Sirloin Steak complimented w/Potatoes or Rice & Vegetables**

**Seared Salmon complimented w/Potatoes or Rice & Vegetables**

**Vegetarian Portobello Mushroom Tower complimented w/ layers  
of Portobello Mushroom, Grilled Eggplant and Squash on a Bed of**

**Roasted Red Pepper Coulis**

**Dessert**

**Freshly Brewed Coffee and Tea**



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**Cash Bar**

**Rooms**

**A block of rooms for Saturday, January 18<sup>th</sup> have been reserved at the per room rate of \$99.00 (plus taxes) until 18 December 2013. Friday, Jan 17<sup>th</sup> has been offered at the same rate of \$99.00 (plus taxes) to make this a weekend to remember!!! Come Friday and join in on a Cocktail Party at Old Dominion Boat Club.**

**Reservations can be made online at**

**<http://www.crowneplaza.com/redirect?path=hd&brandCode=cp&localeCode=en&regionCode=1&hotelCode=AXECP&PMID=99801505&GPC=AA0&blpu=true>** or by calling Crowne Plaza directly at 703-683-6000

**The registration information for PRYCA is on the next page.  
Please fill it out and send it in.**



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**PRYCA CHANGE OF WATCH DINNER RESERVATION  
JANUARY 18, 2014**

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**Please Reserve Saturday Evening for the Following Attendees:**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Title:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Yacht Club:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Meal Selection: Top Sirloin Steak#** \_\_\_\_\_ **Seared Salmon#** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Portobello Mushroom Tower#** \_\_\_\_\_

**Guest Name(s):** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Titles:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Meal Selection: Top Sirloin Steak#** \_\_\_\_\_ **Seared Salmon#** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Portobello Mushroom Tower#** \_\_\_\_\_

**Guest Name(s):** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Titles:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Meal Selection: Top Sirloin Steak#** \_\_\_\_\_ **Seared Salmon#** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Portobello Mushroom Tower#** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Meal Selection: Top Sirloin Steak#** \_\_\_\_\_ **Seared Salmon#** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Portobello Mushroom Tower#** \_\_\_\_\_

**\*Should each member desire to invite more guests than space provided above, please add their names and meal selection on this reservation page**

**Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Yacht Club:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Amount Enclosed:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please mail Registration and Checks to: PRYCA, Steve Preda, 112 Stafford Stone Drive, Stafford, VA 22554**



## **USCG Inspection of Constant II (George and Polly's boat).**

This story from George Cajigal, our Treasurer.

At the suggestion of Rear Commodore Shannon Ritter, who very kindly drove to Charleston to pick up Polly, Andy Normand (our friend and crew), and I at the end of our 1<sup>st</sup> leg of our cruise south, I am sharing my experience on being boarded by the USCG for an inspection in Charleston Harbor on Friday, November 22. I hope that by sharing this experience, it will better prepare our members for a similar event, or remind those that have not had a recent inspection of what to expect.

This is my second boarding for inspection by the Coast Guard. The first one was probably 20 years ago at the New River Inlet in NC by Camp Lejeune. The channel markers in the area are most confusing as we have the confluence of the ICW, the Inlet, and the New River channel markers. My brother and I were doing circles trying to figure them out and I guess the USCG patrol thought we were somehow impaired – figure that. Luckily, we were just confused. I don't know which is worse. This was before the chart plotter age.

I have no idea why we were hailed down in Charleston Harbor other than it was rather a balmy Friday afternoon; a nice time to be boating. Or maybe it was the fact that I had left my running lights on as we had left Georgetown, SC, in foggy, limited visibility weather and forgot to turn them off later in the day.

The boarding party hailed us and asked us to slow down. Polly took over the helm while I, with Andy's help, tended to the inspection. Before boarding they first asked us if we had any weapons on board to which I replied, we did not. Once that was clear, they pulled their boat alongside and boarded while we were slowly motoring. Two officers came on-board. I think one of them was undergoing on-the-job training. Two others remained in their boat. They had an M-60-looking machine gun on the bow. I could not see whether the ammo belt had been fed or not. I wondered what would have been its status if I had told them I had a weapon in our boat.

We started the inspection sitting down on one of the dock boxes on the bow. After introducing themselves, I was asked for my driver's license and them proceeding to filling out the Boarding Report. I am not going to bore you with every detail, but focus on what impressed me. They first asked for the vessel documentation, checked that we had a life vest for each individual on board, that we had a horn (my mounted horn was weak but I had a can horn that sufficed) and a bell (required for vessels 50' and larger). I had to show them the fire extinguishers, where the vessel's document number was permanently fixed to the boat, the location of the pollution placard (mine is in the engine room) and the garbage placard (mine is located besides the stove). In the engine room they really looked worried about oil in the bilge but I showed them that I had oil absorbent pads in the bilge as well as I was using "Bilgeclean" and that met their satisfaction. It would have been better to have a completely clean bilge in the engine room and to do that is high on my "To Do" list now. They asked me to show them my sanitation devices to make sure I



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was not discharging sanitary waste directly overboard. As I had just installed PureSans in the boat, they were satisfied that this was not a problem. What surprised me the most is that they required a written "Waste Management Plan". I found out later that this is required for all vessels over 40'. I did not have one but wrote one on the spot and they were satisfied. They told me that I needed to keep it with my vessel documentation. I have put this short, and straight to the point, Waste Management Plan below, for you to use as you see fit.

The end result of the inspection was that they found "No Violations". Throughout their inspection, they conducted themselves in a very professional and courteous manner. I thanked them for their work and their service. They hailed their boat to come alongside Constant II and departed the same way as they came, without us having to stop or slow down. We continued on our way and noted a few minutes later that they had boarded another motor boat in the harbor. We wished them luck and proceeded to St. John's Yacht Harbor where we are keeping the boat until after the holidays, when we hope to continue south, as far south as we can before having to turn back north in the spring.

#### Constant II Waste Management Plan

No garbage or any kind of debris is to be dumped overboard into the water.

All waste is to be bagged or placed into a container for appropriate disposal on land.

## Birthdays

We want to say Happy Birthday to Sue Ritter 12/18, Daniel Braud 12/21 and Phil Rogers on 12/28.

## Anniversaries

And, for anniversaries we congratulate Gary and Pat Ralston 12/5, Chris and Mary Jane Smith 12/19, and Ross and Kathy Jebsen and Tim and Pat Fields who share an anniversary date of 12/20.

## Winterizing the Boat

There is a short introductory article at our web site (BOAT FACTS PAGE) on winterizing and a link to get you facts on doing the work to properly winterize. You can short cut by using the link below to get to great facts about what to do with a boat over the winter.

<http://www.boatus.com/seaworthy/winter/>.





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**Boathouse Marina Advertisement!**

Bill Bowman, a WYA member and owner of Boathouse Marina offers 10% savings on Saturday, November 30. Read about it below.

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BOATER OWNED BOATER FRIENDLY  
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COLONIAL BEACH, VA

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**SATURDAY NOV. 30TH**

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**SHOP SMALL**

*Signing Off.* Ok, we'll sign off for the month. Take care and see you on the water.