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Notes

The weather is very cold and even as we conducted the Plan Fest this month, we were reminded that it is not always boating weather in Virginia.

Steve Andrews sent some pictures of Coles Point Marina, where he and Mary Ann, along with 5 other WYA couples, keep their boats. The pictures put a chill in my bones.



**2013 Bridge**  
Commodore – Bob Blunt  
Vice Commodore – Bill Bukecivz  
Rear Commodore – Shannon Ritter  
Secretary – Norma Blunt  
Treasurer – George Cajigal  
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Look at that snow in the cockpit, but even more unsettling is the solid ice on the water in the Marina, at right. I was at my boat today in Colonial Beach and the electric lines had slipped into the water. I have two 30 amp cords and heat on the boat. The middle section of the cords had slipped into the water and I could not get them out as the water on top had frozen and the tools I had could not break the ice. I need better tools soon! The good news is that electricity was flowing perfectly through the cords.



Well we will get through this and we really needed to start planning for the boating season. As you will see soon, over 30 members sat down this cold cold January and put a schedule together. Start thinking sunshine.

And we need to start believing the sun and warm weather are coming soon ... because they are! And in the picture at right is sand ... not snow or ice!



**AN IMPORTANT NOTE** ... your WYA web site is now mobile friendly. Call up the site ([www.wya-va.com](http://www.wya-va.com)) on a smart phone and it is easy to read most items. The 2014 Schedule goes by day so you have to scroll a bit but you can read most items much better now. The few ads are because I used the free service, but I think it is worth it. Check it out and let me know what you think.



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**New Members**



At the 2014 Plan Fest we welcomed two new memberships. First are Don and Sharon Radeke, at left, receiving their burgee from Commodore Bob. They have retired to Lake Anna and look forward to participating with the WYA.



The second new membership is Dale and Rhonda Breer. He is retired Navy and shown in the picture at right. Rhonda could not attend the Plan Fest. We look forward to getting to know all four of them over the New Year. These new members take our total members to 68 people and about half that in memberships.

**Past Events**

***PRYCA Change of Watch***

A fantastic venue for the PRYCA Change of Watch was planned by our own Commodore Bob Blunt who is now the PRYCA Vice Commodore. The event was held at the Crown Plaza in Old Town Alexandria and included a pub crawl on January 17, Friday night, starting at Old Dominion Boat Club and ending somewhere up on King Street. I seem to remember some live Blues Band singing away!



On Saturday most of the 18 members from WYA that attended the event gathered for lunch down town then enjoyed the dinner dance and COW which our very own Ruth Lovelace Emceed.



We all enjoyed the weekend and would recommend it to everyone. And please know that all of us behaved enough to make breakfast every morning. Pictures of attendees follow.





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OPS ... forgot to get a picture of Carey and me, but you know what we look like so all is good. And I have one more thing to say about the weekend. Every women in the crowd that went from WYA said how much they enjoyed a weekend event where they could get dressed up in their finest and have a great time! Yep, you that did not attend should put it on your calendar for next year! More pictures at our web site: [www.wya-va.com](http://www.wya-va.com).

**2014 Plan Fest**

Back to work on a cold Saturday, the new Bridge scheduled our Plan Fest. At 1 PM Saturday, January 25 2014 thirty plus members gathered to plan the year. Commodore Bob Blunt and Rear Commodore Shannon Ritter devised a slightly different format for event planning. Shannon got a member to volunteer as Float Captain for each of the major boating months. That Float Captain will be responsible for major club Plan Fest approved events in that month and for other impromptu activities. This spreads the work around and should increase the new and creative



events we'll be exposed to for the year. You need to go to the web site .... but only after you finish reading this newsletter ... to see all of the major club Plan Fest approved events for the year ([www.wya-va.com](http://www.wya-va.com)) .

Before starting the Meeting and Plan Fest we all had hot dogs and chili along with our favorite drinks, except for Mike Enos who could not find his favorite Miller Light. Next time Mike! After we ate,



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Commodore Bob Blunt held a short general membership meeting to conduct a bit of business and introduce two new memberships to the club. They were announced earlier in this newsletter. He then turned the meeting over to Shannon, our Rear Commodore to handle the Plan Fest.



### Upcoming Events

#### ***20<sup>th</sup> Annual Oyster Roast at Little River Sea Food – March 1st***

This is a new event for the Club. We are considering renting a van that leaves Colonial Beach and heads south for the Roast, possibly picking up people on the way. More on the van in the near future. We'll also provide the exact times soon.

The festival costs \$30 Advance (\$35.00 at the Door) per person for all you can eat oysters, hot dogs, bean soup, soft drinks and coffee. Beer \$3. Wine \$4. Only 300 tickets will be sold -- at Jetts Hardware, Lillian Lumber in Burgess, George Nobletts in Kilmarnock and R. W. Sports in Calliao.

Directions. From Rt 360 turn left on Greenfield Rd (RT 647), go 1.6 miles north to 440 Rocktown Rd (Rt 743) on left. Continue 1/2 mile to Little River Sea Food.

All proceeds go to Smith Point Sea Rescue which is the Chesapeake Bay's Non-profit Volunteer Rescue. Oysters are steamed in hugh barrels and dumped hot onto tables outside. There is a small inside place to eat also. Bring your own oyster shuckers and hot sauce, cocktail sauce, crackers or whatever you might want extra. They will also serve the oysters raw if you want.

#### ***St Paddy's Day Party – Saturday March 15***

The event will be similar to last year's Pub Crawl in Colonial Beach. Details are being worked out now and will be provided, but save the day. It will be as great an event as last year.

#### ***And More ....***

Depending on the weather in April we'll plan some events to get us ready for the summer, with a possible shakedown cruise to Port Kinsale (a member owned marina), Dennis Point, or Corinthian. And on Saturday May 3<sup>rd</sup> we'll hold our Flag Raising.

You note that Vicky Enos is also providing info and getting reservations for the Summer Kick Off at Cobb Island that requires long lead time to ensure slips are available.



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Check out the web site ([www.wya-va.com](http://www.wya-va.com)) to see the plan for the year as it is formulated so far.

### **Team Green World**

In previous newsletters we have passed on information about members to introduce them to the club. Well, Donna Bukevicz is involved in a unique and important effort. After finding out about it I decided it was worthy of passing on for your information. Besides her main job in the music publishing business in Nashville, she is President of Team Green World, a Virginia non-profit organization that teaches children and their parents how to "Think Ecologically" through fun, upbeat and inviting musical messages.

TGW's mission is to combine entertainment and education (Eco-edutainment) in environmental issues, science, causes, and interpersonal relationships through music and other art forms. Their vision focuses on building community, one person at a time, to "live" their walk toward being a "happier" human being. The songs are fun and interactive. They help teach the listener (from age 2 to 200) the importance of "GOING GREEN!"

"Our hip, positive and commercial sounding pop/rock and indie songs are performed by our talented roster of artists, mostly based in Nashville, will amaze you with every note," says Team Green World President Donna Bukevicz.

Go to their web site at [www.teamgreenworld.org](http://www.teamgreenworld.org) to learn more.

### **Quarter Master Items**

Vicky Enos updated the web site where we can purchase clothes and other items with our logo. Added to the other great items are Fleece jackets, polo shirts, hooded sweat shirts and jip up jackets. No reason not to show our colors this spring and summer. Just follow the link at right: <http://wya.logosoftwear.com/>



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### **Member's Page**

Remember that on the member's page of our web site ([www.wya-va.com](http://www.wya-va.com)) you can view our bylaws and the membership roster. You can also get the WYA Group account number (GA85097Y) that gives you 50% off your BOATUS membership or renewal. If a password is asked for use phil my first name all lower case.



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**Boating Safety Course ... required by 2016 in Virginia**

**YOU** need to carry proof of a boating safety class to legally operate a powerboat  
(in VA ... all in 2016, in MD ... if born after 1972, in DC .... everyone)

**“ABOUT BOATING SAFELY”**  
**MEETS BOATING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL STATES**  
A COURSE PRESENTED BY U.S. COAST GUARD AUXILIARY  
AT KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HALL, 8592 RICHMOND HWY, ALEXANDRIA 22309  
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COST \$40: INCLUDES A COURSE TEXTBOOK, CERTIFICATE AND CARD, FREE MEMBERSHIP IN BOAT/US, AND WEST MARINE DISCOUNTS  
(A couple who wish to share a single manual may enroll for \$60)

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**Birthdays & Anniversaries**

Interestingly we only have two birthdays in February and no anniversaries. However, both birthdays are on Valentine’s Day, February 14<sup>th</sup>. Happy birthday to both Steve Andrews and Norma Blunt.



**Signing Off**

Ok, we’ll sign off for the month. Take care and see you on the water.

Think SPRING!!!