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Notes

The weather is finally warming up and planning is in full swing for boating activities. I saw the Commodore painting picnic tables at Bayside Marina for the flag raising this Saturday and Norma, our Secretary cleaning up the Captain's Lounge at Bayside that will house *Derby de Mayo* just after the flag raising.

Much more on upcoming activities in the rest of the Newsletter.

New Members

Please welcome our newest members Quincy Benbow and Bonita McClenny. They have joined our merry clan and call 104 Lynn Haven Ct home base. Their 32' Silverton, called Changes in Latitude is kept at Rusty Curley's Marina. Welcome aboard. We are happy you joined.

2014 Bridge
Commodore – Bob Blunt
Vice Commodore – Bill Bukevicz
Rear Commodore – Shannon Ritter
Secretary – Norma Blunt
Treasurer – George Cajigal
Immediate Past Commodore – Phil Bolin

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From Our Pirate Clan – The October Float Captain

We have some advanced planning going on for our October 18 General Membership Meeting. Janet, Kris and Ralph tell us that for the Annual General Membership Meeting, they are *"Callin' all ye salty dogs 'n wenches, to don ye best scurvy pirate 'n lusty dress clothes on October 18. Big boats 'n small may be yer transport 'n parkin' be free. I can smell thi' roastin' meat waitin', can ye?"* I've heard some things about this event that made me put it on my calendar now. You should also.





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Past Events

April was a cold one and no events were conducted. We do know that Diane and Peggy have made it to Sharp's Tooth Island twice this year, so to catch up we all need to get those boats up and running.

Upcoming Events



Flag Raising and Derby de Mayo Party, 3 May 2014 at 3:00 PM.

Derby de Mayo

Saturday, May 3 - Bayside Marina and Captain's Lounge

*Starting with Flag Raising at 3PM followed by the Fiesta
then Derby Viewing, Derby Hat Contest and Mint Julep*

Tasting at 5:30 PM



Please be at the marina by 3 PM to see the start of the Flag Raising ceremony. Our Commodore will kick off the boating season and our Vice Commodore will bless the fleet. Bayside marina has offered \$1/foot boat slips and \$10 for electric if you would like to bring your boat into the Marina. Mary Jane has put out the call for side dishes and has the menu down pat. There will be a \$20 per person charge for the main course and all the drinks.



Memorial Day Party at Coles Point, 24-26 May 2014. Our Vice Commodore is planning this event. We have 7 couples signed up so far and slips are filling fast.



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If you want to attend a super party at Coles Point, email Bill at [wbuke@aol.com](mailto:wbuke@aol.com) now to reserve a slip.

**WYA FLOAT-IN AT COLE'S POINT MARINA**

**Come join us for our annual Memorial Weekend Float-In.**

**Dates: May 23 to May 26, 2014**

**AGENDA:**

Fri: (May 23) - Members arrive @ Cole's Point. Everyone on their own

Sat: (May 24) - Morning members arriving; Start cooking around 3:00 PM; Food ready by 7:00PM

Party til you drop/ maybe fire on beach. (**MAIN DISH**-Chicken & Country Ribs)

Sun: (May 25) - Sunday morning Bloody Mary Contest - All members welcomed to submit your Famous bloody Mary mix - Judges (Margot & Jeff). In afternoon around 3:00 PM take two boats over to Tall Timbers for Food/Dancing/Boat Burning. Come back to CP after boat burning. Maybe go to sleep or Party.

Mon: (May 26) - Everyone say's BYE!!!!!! Have a few Bloodies and GO HOME!!!

**FLEET CAPTAIN:** Bill Bukevicz, Vice Commodore WYA ([wbuke@aol.com](mailto:wbuke@aol.com))

**RSVP BY:** May 09, 2014 (We need a good head count so that we have enough food)

**EVENT FEE:** \$20.00 per person (Kids under 13 free)

**NOTES:** Family members and Guest welcomed!

Cover dish welcomed! - Contact-Donna at ([donnashadowmtn@gmail.com](mailto:donnashadowmtn@gmail.com))

Cole's Point cottages are already booked.





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**Potomac River Festival June 6-8 at Colonial Beach.**

This is a two part story.

First is the Potomac River Festival Saturday noon parade in town. Vicky Enos is the Float Captain. Here's the plan. On Friday night, June 6, we'll have a cookout at Boat House Marina (hotdogs and hamburgers) and decorate a boat that Bill Bowman will tow in the noon June 7 River Festival Parade. We'll ride the boat and our golf carts, or walk if you want. We'll have the decorations and do the decorating starting about 6 pm Friday. Food immediately after we get the boat decorated ... drinks during! After the parade on Saturday enjoy the rest of the afternoon, then come down to the marina about 6 pm for some more hot dogs, hamburgers and fireworks. Both evenings food can be had for \$5/person. Bring your own drinks. PLEASE email Vicky at [venos1@verizon.net](mailto:venos1@verizon.net) if you will help with the decorations and participate in the boat parade Saturday at noon. IT WOULD BE NICE TO HAVE ALL OF US IN OUR WYA COLORS ... HOW TO DO THAT IS DESCRIBED LATER!!

The second part of the story is the Sunday boat parade in front of the Town of Colonial Beach. Our Rear Commodore Shannon is coordinating that event. He says: Please look at the registration form that is attached to the email that sent you this newsletter on the 63<sup>rd</sup> Potomac River Festival Boat Parade. We have all seen the parade when only 3 to 5 boats have entered, how sad. This is Colonial Beach, the "Play Ground of the Potomac" and WE are the WYA "Party like you *mean it*" group. Let's show the community who we are and set the bar higher for other groups by having a large turnout of our teal burgees! If you'll notice there are 3 divisions of vessels, so it really does not matter what size or color the boat is (it could even be a big green boat).



I know it is a busy weekend with lots to do, and decorating the boat can be a pain. Set up a team, if you help decorate you get to ride in the parade. If you don't have a boat hook up with someone that has registered. For instance team S.S. RITTER is looking for people to help decorate and ride with us.

I will be heading this up so when you fill out the registration form let me know. I will keep the club up to date with our boat count and who is on what team. Also, I will be working on recruitment so be expecting me to contact you. If you have extra decorations that you can share let me know I will get that info out as well.



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For the members that have not been to the beach for the festival weekend, there is a lot going on. The fireworks display itself is worth the trip. It would be great to see boats from out of the area.

The goal here is to have a great time as always and put as many boats in the parade that we can (say 6 to 10). It takes a lot less than this for WYA members to have a party. Thanks, Shannon Ritter.

Email Shannon if you are going to decorate your boat and sign up or will help decorate and ride in a boat. Email him at: ssritter@verizon.net.



Cobb Island Summer Kick Off on Jun 21-22. The summer kick off has been the best event of the year for several years now. Mike and Vicky are the Float Captains. We already have 15+ boats committed to attend, which is over 1/3 of the total boats who participated in the past. Vicky is working with the Cobb Island Yacht Club to get us slips. **THE REGISTRATION PACKAGE IS ATTACHED TO THE EMAIL THAT SENT THIS NEWSLETTER.** We



don't know if there is additional room but if you would like to attend send in your registration now ... probably possible ... and inform Vicky that you have sent it in. Email her at venosl@verizon.net. An important note. There is a Texas Hold'em tournament you will read about in the info packages that requires a \$100.00 fee for \$20,000 of play chips. This \$100 is only for the Texas Hold'em tournament and does not pertain to the Black jack tournament or other Vegas type activities.



July 4th Celebration. We don't have this nailed down yet, but we will have a party on the 4th. Save the day should you want to join us?



PRYCA Float-In, July 18-20. Everyone knows the Float-In is a great event. This year it is at Port Kinsale Marina, owned by WYA members Rod and Georgia. Let's get out and support them and the club at this summer event. Registration is required and you must fill it in and send a check. Just make sure you tell them you are a WYA member.

Attached to the email that forwarded this newsletter is the information and registration package. It is also on the web site. We have had no problem letting members sign up individually in the past, so: All you need to do





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to sign up is:

1) Fill out the Registration Form, Sheet 2 in the attached info and registration package for your boat ... We'll take care of page 1. Fill in the one line on page that defines the cost and EXPLICITLY SAYING YOU ARE A WYA MEMBER and then

2) Send the one page form and a check to PRYCA Treasurer, Steve Preda, 112 Stafford Stone Drive, Stafford, VA 22554. AND THEN THE MOST IMPORTANT STEP

3) SEND AN EMAIL TO philbolin@mvapolonia.com SAYING YOU SIGNED UP!!!! A MOST IMPORTANT STEP!!!!

We came in 3rd for the CUP last year. Is this our year???? It will only be if we have a large attendance.

We hope to see a large contingent and please realize that taking a boat into the Float In ... if we even care about the CUP ... requires that your and every other boat already has a 2014 USCG AUX safety inspection sticker!!!!!! Big downer for our club last year. This year???? It is not good enough to pass the inspection at the event. BONUS points for the entire club having 100% stickers coming to the event. PLEASE plan on it.

And More. The details above get us to mid summer with some nice activities. We'll kick off the second half with a week long trip directly after the Float-In. So if you're interested in that, plan your vacation time for 20 to 27 July. Last year 7 boats participated and enjoyed a beautiful week on the water.

Quarter Master Items

Remember the WYA apparel web site. Many cool items for sale. Put it in your favorites tool bar! And if your are participating in the River Festival Parade on Saturday June 7, wouldn't it be nice to have us all in WYA colors? Order now to get yours.

<http://wya.logosoftwear.com/>



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Birthdays & Anniversaries

We give Happy Birthday wishes to Pat Fields 5/2 and Katherine Smith 5/9 on their birthdays.

We congratulate the following couples on their anniversaries this month: Mike and Sandra Rowzee 5/7, Brad and Amy Homar 5/10, Buzz and Doris and Les and Hope Jackson on 5/16, and Ruth Lovelace and Jean Yeagley on 5/19.





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Your Life Jacket

BOATUS -- ALEXANDRIA, Va., April 30, 2014 --
I'm your [life jacket](#), but you don't know me. I'm here to help you, maybe even save your life – but only if you're willing to take the help. Maybe National Safe Boating Week (May 17 – 23) will help remind everyone that I'm here for you?

You think you may know me, but you really don't. Because the law says you have to keep me aboard your boat, you think you're safe. But you put me in places so hard to find, under piles of junk or buried in lockers so deep that no one will ever know who I am, especially if something happens to you, or if something bad happens very fast, like most accidents do.

Of all of the fatal boating accident victims who drowned, almost 85% weren't wearing a life jacket. I wish I had gotten to know that 85%. I'll bet their families do, too.

You've never taken me out of my new packaging, or let me meet your family or friends. You barely even talk about me. Everyone knows where to find the fishing rods, the cooler full of drinks, or the sunscreen. But me? Hardly anyone knows I exist.

About the only time you talk about me is when you take little boating guests aboard. You put my large adult-size on a small child, thinking I'll keep them safe. But sadly, all that little guy has to do is put their hands over their head, and poof! I've gone up and over their heads. I don't mean to, but I just can't hang on their little bodies. Get a right-sized [kids life jacket](#).

You don't like the way I feel on hot day? I don't like the way you sweat either, but that doesn't stop me from loving you. I've slimmed down a lot lately, lost a lot of my size and bulk, and given you lots of room to move around. If you don't believe me, I have a lot of good, comfortable life jacket friends in all shapes, styles and sizes down at the boating supply store looking for a good home.

Just remember, when you need me, I will be there for you. But only if I'm worn, or very easy to get to, like under your seat. While I'm a little hurt that you may not choose to wear me all of the time, try putting me on a little more frequently. Just try it. I won't tell anyone you're doing the right thing.

I'm your life jacket. Remember that I'm here to save to your life, but only if you'll let me.



Signing Off for another month! I just decided not to put in a boat article this month. See you on the water.