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### Commodore's Comments

Well I think I can speak for all who attended the Summer Kick Off on Cobb Island last weekend when I say it was a great event. Thanks to Mike and Vicky for being our Float Captain for the event. Our Cole's point crew along with a crew from Colonial Yacht Center showed the Islanders how to party. If my numbers are right we had the largest number of boats and people at the event. As always, it was fun to see all the other member clubs from up and down the river and get to party with some great people. We marched in the Town parade along with club members from other PRYCA clubs. Vicky and Mike won the best decorated boat contest. Gary Vineyard won 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the kayak race. We are now planning the Fourth of July party ... more on that later. Thanks to Phil Rogers and all who helped tie up the arriving boats and to everyone that made the trip such a great success.

I know several of us had our boats inspected at this event. I just

want to remind everyone coming to the Float In at Point Lookout that we all need to have our boats inspected prior to arrival to earn the most points towards the PRYCA Cup. Thanks and be Safe. Commodore Bob.



#### 2014 Bridge

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### From the GMM (General Membership Meeting) Pirates Den

Avast ye - - Arrr, so ye be wantin` t` be off t' sea an` ye dasn't be wantin` t` end up in Davy Jones` locker. Then ye best be learnin` t` be talkin` like a buccaneer. Yep, on Octobree 18, voyage `o a pair chestfull o' `n fourteen, at abouts 1700 hours be whar ye can spy Dockside. If thar be an owl `n a jolly roger sailin` from whar ye stand ye be in th' starboard place. Must reserve yer dockin wit` Bucko Flash, if ye don't he be all sparked up `n nobody wants t' spy wit` ye eye that! `n did I hear LIVE music be thar too?!



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## Information to the Members ... from the web master

Let's start here: In the Wizard of Oz there were words about any road is ok if you don't know where you're going. For our newsletter I believe we are going here: 1) inform about events, 2) inform about boating safely, 3) inform about boating issues important to our members, and finally 4) info to make us aware of fellow members – helping us become a family.

In that 4th category we are very fortunate to have members with businesses that our members may enjoy – for instance three of our members own marinas. I have always believed that letting people know of members' businesses and its benefits is a good thing for all of us. In every conversation I've had with members I've asked to give me information on their business and it will go in the newsletter. I've received a positive reaction to this effort. I have routinely advertised that ads would be posted free. They are prepared by the member and posted for information to other members. I honestly believe that is good for the club. It helps get the word out of businesses that our members have and builds our club community. And we can do it without cost. Here are just a few of the member's and their businesses. I hope they will provide me information to publish to the club. It is simply information. I will not allow ads every month from businesses. This will not become an advertisement paper. Reasonably done though, it will allow us to learn what is available that may be of interest.

- 1) Robert and Norma Blunt with Bob's brother Eddy own Bayside Marina.
- 2) Bill Bowman owns the Boathouse Marina
- 3) Mike and Vicky Enos own Unique Antiques
- 4) Rod Porter and Georgia Derrico own Port Kinsale Marina
- 5) Gary and Pat Ralston own Wishes and Dreams
- 6) Lori Wehr is a Pampered Chef representative
- 7) Donna Bukevicz has a business that is detailed at [www.teamgreenworld.org](http://www.teamgreenworld.org). We provided information on this effort in February 2014.

There may be others out there with businesses or skills that impact or may interest our members that I am unaware of. If so, let me know. Katherine --- I think you may be one who has a business others would be interested in?

In the future, I'm going to make a concerted effort to get each member to provide a background paragraph on themselves and what they do. I think we'll get some great stories (how many children, grandchildren, what business are you in, etc, etc.) Of course no discussion of politics, sex or religion allowed! Let's get to know each other a bit better. Yes, I know we talk at events but the club, at 77 members, is large enough now that we may not get to sit with all of the others.



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And in the spirit of providing information among our members here is an announcement from Vicky Enos.

### Unique Antiques Announcement by Vicky Enos

I am now the proud owner of Unique Antiques formerly A Unique House Antiques, located at 9600 James Madison Pkwy (Rt. 301) in King George. I am getting ready to celebrate my first 30 days as the new owner. I have enhanced the picture of the store according to what it will look like when my new awning and signs are installed. It is the largest antique mall in the area to include King George, Westmoreland and Fredericksburg with 25 thousand square feet of shopping pleasure. There are over 140 fantastic vendors that specialize in antiques, hand painted furniture, home décor, gifts and collectables, nautical items and much more. I hope to be adding weekly estate auctions in the near future, will keep you posted. There are over 2 acres of usable outside space. Right now we have monthly outside sales with music and barbeque, but I also want to get involved with hosting fundraising events as well. Come out and check-out the store. Directions from Colonial Beach take Rt. 205 by Willies Restaurant, when you get to the Rt.301 stop light, take a right and the store is approx. 1 mile on the left. I look forward to seeing you. Thanks! Vicky Enos



### Past Events

**Potomac River Festival Weekend 6-8 June 2014.** This new event for the Club was the idea of Mike and Vicky Enos, our June Float Captains. We had a great weekend that included putting an antique boat in the Saturday land parade, putting 6 boats in the in-water boat parade Sunday, and having a great gathering for drinks and hot dogs at Boat House Marina after the event. Throughout this newsletter you'll see some of the pictures. Go to our web site for all of them ([www.wya-va.com](http://www.wya-va.com)).





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We thank Mike and Vicky for setting it up, Vicky and Nancy for planning the decorations, Bill Bowman for supplying the boat and pick-up to pull it, the 40 participants, everyone who brought food for the cook-out, and whoever provided the perfect weather. Thanks to Brad for cooking and all for bringing side dishes. And, of course, we can't fail to say thanks to the Rear Commodore for setting up the cook-out... and driving us to sign up for the boat parade.



For the in-water boat parade there were 13 awards, with 4 for special circumstances. Of the remaining nine awards for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place for the 3 boat categories, WYA won 5 of them -- a clear majority. In the mid category, Bob and Gail Mayer in Gail Winds won first place and Mike and Vicky in Patriot won 2nd Place. For the yacht category, we swept the awards; 1st place to Bob and Norma in Norma Joan, 2nd place to Phil and Carey in Apolonia, and 3rd place to Shannon and Sue in SS Ritter. Can't get much better than that so we'll put all these winners on our Wall of Fame. See all the pictures at our web site, [www.wya-va.com](http://www.wya-va.com). But here are a few more.



Relaxing on Apolonia's Back Deck

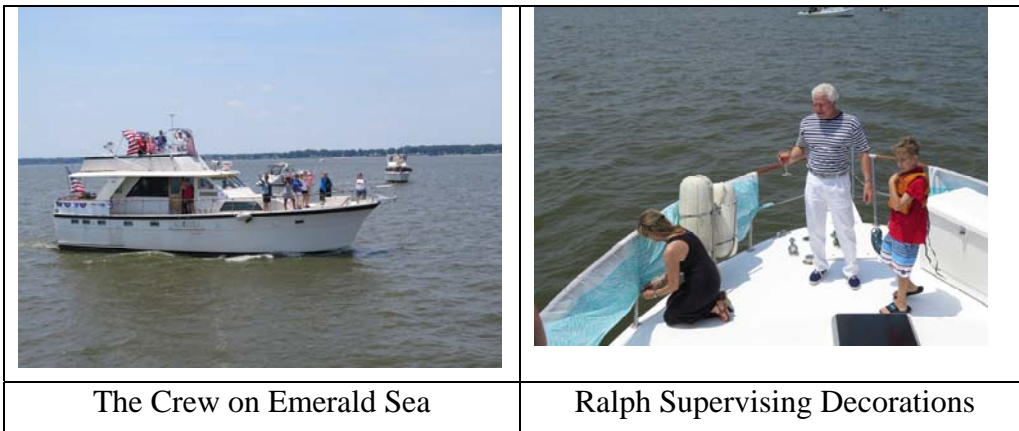


The Parade in Progress



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**Cobb Island Vegas Summer Kick-Off Party.** Maybe the best event of the year. Cobb Island changed it up and combined the town's yearly festival with the Cobb Island Yacht Club Summer Kick Off. We thank Bill Hocker, the CIYC Commodore, and his wife for arranging the affair from afar. We have Mike and Vicky Enos to thank for organizing our participation in the event. Over 16 boats from WYA joined in the fun. You'll see pictures and descriptions below. We had two returning members to the Wall of Fame in Gary Vineyard who won 2nd place in the Kayak race and Mike and Vicky Enos who won first place for best decorated boat. Must go to the web site ([www.wya-va.com](http://www.wya-va.com)) to see those pictures.

Friday night started with a steak and seafood feast at the Rivah Restaurant, many Saturday activities that included a Captain John's Seafood Buffet and a Cobb Vegas gambling scene. The other events were varied and enjoyable. On Sunday we had a hang-over Breakfast Buffet that we all needed.





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Vicky and Anita on the Deck at  
Pirate's Den



George and Donna under the  
umbrella



One reason we come – a nice  
marina to enjoy with friends



Vicky and Mike



Gary and Nancy --- Gary  
wearing his Kayak race award



Bob and Norma – a nice moment  
together



Bill Bowman – to the wine bar



More of the crew enjoying



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## Upcoming Events



**July 4<sup>th</sup> Celebration.** July 4th is coming quickly and we need an RSVP from those that have not responded.

Let's take a count. We have 37 responses to the RSVP ... half of our club of 77 members. We have 25 people coming to the event so far, a good gathering. AND let's be sure you know that the planners know that many people have family and other commitments. We are a busy club with busy members – that's a good thing. BUT what we really need is a simple reply ... yep, I'm coming or nope, got something else going on. No feelings hurt – we just want to get to the store and buy for those coming. It is easy folks. Please help and simply respond. And we thank those 37 that have replied, some yes, some no. Remember, an RSVP is not to respond if you are coming – an RSVP requests you respond to the invite ... just say yes or no. Maybe is also an acceptable response.

We're going to party. If you have not please RSVP to [philbolin@mvapolonia.com](mailto:philbolin@mvapolonia.com).

We'll party at Bayside Marina in Colonial Beach, beginning at 5:30 pm and ending sometime after the fireworks are over. We'll provide grills, plates and utensils, salad, baked potatoes, vegetable, desserts, wine, beer and sodas. You provide your steak, burger, or meat of choice, a chair to sit in and \$10 per person (children are free). Can't get sides and drinks for that anywhere else except WYA.

The grills will be going at 6 PM and we'll eat, drink and be merry shortly after that. When the fireworks start we'll watch from Bayside in our chairs ... or you can walk to the beach front.

Simple and easy. Guests are welcome, but let us know sooner, rather than later so that we are well prepared and provisioned!

Slips are inexpensive at Bayside Marina so if you want to come and bring your boat call Eddy Blunt at 703-853-8191.



### **PRYCA FLOAT-IN 18-20 July 2014.**

The PRYCA 2014 Float-In will **take place on the same dates but at a different location.**

We have a large number of boats going to the Float-In and it will be fun. We competed for the CUP last year and came in 3<sup>rd</sup> place. PRYCA claims there are new events. But I'll bet the scavenger hunt is still among the events. Please let me know if I have any volunteers for helping with the events. I know we participate and





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don't get uptight if we don't win, but for those competitive among you talk to me!

And please come with items for the Scavenger hunt on your boat and ensure your boat has its UCCG Auxiliary inspection complete.

Below is part of the message from PRYCA Commodore Chevy Rice sent: The PRYCA Bridge is pleased to announce that the "Pirates of the Potomac" will land at **Point Lookout Marina**..... July 18th - 20th!!!! THIS IS A CHANGE! We are looking forward to a wonderful time had by all at this year's event! The staff of Point Lookout Marina and Spinnakers Restaurant are ready to welcome us all at their beautiful marina near the bay!!!!!! We planned, we are ready and we are going to PARTY AS PIRATES ON THE POTOMAC!!!!!!!!!! I need our help. If you signed up when we had Kinsale as the destination you paid \$65.00 per person for the weekend of great food and fun for three days..... Unbelievable price ..... WOW ..... but that's not happening now. Anyway ... we have contracted with Point Lookout Marina, but their price is \$100 per person. This does not include docking fees or members traveling by car lodging fees. Members that have already registered and sent in your fees....please remit a check in the amount of \$35.00 per person (adult) and \$18.00 per child to the PRYCA Treasurer. If you choose not to attend the new destination, please let our Treasurer know and he will send you a refund immediately. Members that are saying.....I WANT TO BE A PIRATE AND HAVE A GREAT TIME and have not registered ... please fill out the registration attached to the email that sent you this newsletter and send it and your check to the PRYCA Treasurer. All info is on the attached registration form and you only need to send in sheet 2. For our members that will be traveling by car.....Great News! I have reserved a block of rooms at a couple of Hotel/Motels close by. I will have a discount code out by Monday (if not before). One hotel is PET FRIENDLY.



**Long Trip.**

We are on for the long trip 20 to 27 July 2014. Below we give you the "draft" plan for the fair weather schedule. We're reworking the foul weather schedule. If you have comments or interest please let me know soonest. I now have commitments from Phil and Carey, Bill and Donna, Gary and Nancy, Steve and Mary Ann, Dan and Elaine, Mike and Vicky, George and Polly and Bob and Gail Mayer.

ANYONE ELSE??????????

If you cannot attend the entire week and want to join at the beginning or end let me know. We always watch the weather and it may be we just do part of the FAIR weather trip as we did last year. We'll work it out.

Each boat will be responsible for reserving their slip after we put out the final details approval which will be this coming week.

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| Day | Date   | Travel to           | ~ NM | Stay at                                                               | Phone                 | Notes                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | \$\$ per Ft         | Electric          |
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| Sun | 20-Jul | Solomons            | 32   | Spring Cove Marina                                                    | (410) 326-2161        | <a href="http://www.springcovemarina.com/">http://www.springcovemarina.com/</a><br>NOTE: They credit you with 1 point for each night's stay. With 3 points (3 stays) you get a free night and the nights can be anytime in the season.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | \$2.10              | \$6/30<br>\$12/50 |
| Mon | 21-Jul | Herrin Bay          | 35   | Herrington Harbor South                                               | 410.741.5100 ext. 120 | <a href="http://www.herringtonharbour.com/south/">http://www.herringtonharbour.com/south/</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | \$2.25              | \$6/30<br>\$12/50 |
| Tue | 22-Jul | Baltimore           | 40   | Hendersons Wharf Marina and Inn                                       | 410-732-1049          | <a href="http://www.hendersonswharfmarina.com">www.hendersonswharfmarina.com</a><br>Dockmaster: Brian McDermott<br>NOTE: See their info video on the web site and note the Tiki Bar. We get this to ourselves one night with complimentary wine and chees. Also, we get one boat slip FREE . We'll play a game to see who wins the free night.                                                                                                                                                      |                     |                   |
| Wed | 23-Jul | Baltimore           | 0    | Second night at Hendersons                                            |                       | Additional Note on Hendersons Wharf ... only marina in Fells point and he says less than a block from more bars and restaurants than you can count.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | \$1.85              | \$7/30<br>\$14/50 |
| Thu | 24-Jul | Annapolis           |      | Ego Alley                                                             | 410-263-7973          | <a href="http://www.annapolis.gov/government/city-departments/harbormaster">http://www.annapolis.gov/government/city-departments/harbormaster</a><br>NOTE: They have 300 ' of reserved space fro \$3.25 ft and 300' of space first come first served for \$2.25. Dockmaster says 5 boats easy can get first come first serve on Thu evening and maybe more. He says call one week prior and he'll set us up. I'll call one week before.                                                             | \$2.25 or<br>\$3.25 | \$8/30<br>\$15/50 |
| Fri | 25-Jul | Solomons            | 45   | Raft up or at Spring Cove Marina OR SEE SECOND OPTION IN NOTES COLUMN | (410) 326-2161        | <a href="http://www.springcovemarina.com/">http://www.springcovemarina.com/</a><br>NOTE: Will have dinghy and can raft up and for those that don't want to we'll anchor near Spring Cove for people who want marina. SECOND OPTION for those that have expressed an interest in Kent Island Narrows would be for those boats to go to Kent Island from Annapolis (20NM) for this evening and catch the group at Dennis Point on Saturday evening (74NM). That day would be long one for slow boats. | \$2.10              | \$6/30<br>\$12/50 |
| Sat | 26-Jul | St Mary's River     | 35   | Dennis Pt Marina                                                      | (301) 994-2288        | <a href="http://dennispointmarina.net/marina-2/">http://dennispointmarina.net/marina-2/</a> NOTES: Corinthian could not take us as they have other commitments so I confirmed Dennis Pt could take us.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | \$1.50              | \$6/30<br>\$12/50 |
| Sun | 27-Jul | Travel to home port |      |                                                                       |                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                     |                   |

### Quarter Master Items

Remember the WYA apparel web site. Many cool items for sale. Put it in your favorites tool bar! Order now to get yours.

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





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### **Birthdays & Anniversaries**

We give Happy Birthday wishes to Jean Yeagley 7/6, Janet Coleman and Rod Porter 7/11, Doris Buzwell 7/12, George Cajigal 7/13, Hope Jackson 7/16, Ross Jebson 7/17, Pat Dates 7/19, Ruth Lovelace 7/21, and Quincy Benbow 7/22.

We wish happy anniversary to Dick and Anita 7/4 and Phil and Carey on 7/22.



### **The Float Purpose**

Steve Zimmerman provided us with an article about cruising that we've wanted to share. It was previously published in PassageMaker magazine.

It perfectly describes the things you should be thinking about before you untie any lines and head out on a long cruise. It's definitely worth reading and thinking about and we're grateful that Steve is allowing us to reproduce it.

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The importance and practicality of filing a float plan cannot be overstated. The USCG even has a website that makes it easy to do so online, <http://www.floatplancentral.org/>. Many of us enjoy planning and setting goals. When I meet with boat buyers we always talk about cruising plans and I am often surprised at the degree of specificity.

One client, for example, had this plan: purchase a boat before May, do the Great Loop, sell the boat within 18 months of the purchase.

For some, no plan would be complete with a spreadsheet. Plans are indeed helpful and, as Alice in Wonderland stated, "if you don't know where you are going any road will get you there."

Much less thought seems to go into considering the cruising purpose.

Let's take a moment to look at the difference. Goals and plans have a future orientation. We pursue an activity in order to accomplish something that we hope will happen in the future. When we do something that serves a purpose, the activity does not depend upon a future outcome. We experience purpose in the present, while goals lean toward the future. Stephen Covey, author of *The Seven Habits of Highly Effective People*, uses the analogy of climbing a ladder. It might be an excellent ladder, and you might climb it very skillfully and efficiently, but if it is leaning against the wrong wall then achieving the goal doesn't amount to much.

Boating publications devote considerable space to describing the perfect ladder (I can see the article now - wood, fiberglass, or aluminum? Flat rungs or round ones? Step ladder or extension?). They also cover how to climb the ladder in great detail



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(climbing techniques, how to handle uneven surfaces, how to come down safely, how the Navy does it). Little time is spent, however, talking about why you want to climb the ladder.

So, what does this have to do with cruising? I am suggesting that in addition to planning your trips, it might be helpful to spend some time clarifying your purpose. If planning is a "what" question, then purpose is a "why" question. Cruising can be a platform that serves many purposes including, for example, making new friends, rekindling a marriage, experiencing a closer relationship with nature, overcoming fears, and learning more about other places and/or cultures. Couples new to cruising will benefit from discussing the purpose. Clarity about the purpose of cruising will inform your goals as well as your choice of boat. If, for example, making new friends and socializing is one purpose, then a boat suited for entertaining should be taken into account. Stern to at a dock with a nice cockpit sitting area offers a great way to meet people.

If you find the exploration of purpose helpful, you can use one little word to take the process to another level: "why". For any given answer to the question of purpose, challenge each other by asking why. Three successive "whys" will get to the bottom of most discussions, if you want to go more deeply into the conversation. You might be surprised to learn that you have different expectations or purposes. Best to find that out now so that you can accommodate each other's preferences before you plan the trip, rather than afterwards as you try to figure out why it was a disappointment.

Clarity of purpose provides the energy, the drive, the juice, to bring plans to fruition. Asking yourselves why you want to go cruising will inform your plans about where to go and what type of boat to choose.

Clarity of purpose also provides a framework for flexibility. Helmuth von Moltke, a 19th-century head of the Prussian army, famously observed that "no battle plan ever survives first contact with the enemy." In other words, whatever plan you create, be flexible, be open, adjust as conditions emerge. Be guided by your purpose, not by your plans.

Oh, and make sure you file a new float plan.

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**Signing Off for another month!**