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**Don't miss the General Membership Meeting**

**18 October!**



**Don't miss the Change of Watch 8 November!**

**RSVP details below!**

**Show your colors and spirit... Join Us!!!!**

*There is repetition of topics here... just the crew making sure you get the facts!*

## Commodore's Corner

May be a bit early but I would like to thank the membership for this past year and all the support they have given to the bridge and myself. I know the new bridge that starts their work 1 December will do a great job and I look forward to helping them next year. Our members have put on some of the most outstanding parties and impromptu get-togethers this year. It's the best club I have ever been associated with and the members make it.

We have the General Membership Meeting coming up and it is important that we all try to make it to show our support for our club, approve any changes, and vote in our new bridge. The Meeting will be at Ralph and Kris's home at 4:00 on Saturday, October 18. Their address is 102 Beach Drive in Westmoreland Shores. You can come by water or land. The party has a 60's theme, so please come dressed in peace signs and attire reminiscent of the 60's.

On November 8<sup>th</sup> we have our Change of Watch. The event starts at 6:30 with cocktails at the Riverboat in Colonial Beach. Dinner is at 7:30, followed by the Change of Watch and dancing to a great DJ. Please RSVP to Bill Bukevicz at 703/975-8233 or e-mail him at [wbuke@aol.com](mailto:wbuke@aol.com). He needs to know if you plan to attend, and what you'd like to eat.

Norma and I hope to see you all there!

Commodore Bob Blunt



### 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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## Vice Commodore's Note

Hello Everyone:

Well, our year is coming to a close and soon we will be setting our boats up for the winter and others will be heading south. We have our last two big events scheduled for October 18 and November 8. On October 18, we will be electing a new bridge for the 2015 season and have our Change of Watch on November 8 to bring in the new bridge. I know that the Annapolis Boat Show is going on the weekend of October 16 to the 19th; you can go on Friday or Sunday or wait till next year. However, Ralph and Kris have planned a great event for us on October 18. I need to see if he has a real ROLEX!!!! I need one.



Also, in November we will have our change of Watch. I am the person you need to contact to make your reservations and dinner request. I have received request from fellow members already. However, some of you did not tell me what you want to eat for dinner. The dinner menu consist of 4 entrees; Chicken Masala (\$24.00); Prime Rib (\$30.00); Shipwreck Broiled (\$30.00); Shipwreck Fried (\$30.00) and, of course, salad for an additional \$2.00 per salad. I guess the greens are coming in from California. I am sure these events will be posted separately in the newsletter and by the Secretary. So there should be no excuse for not knowing the information.

Anyway, send me your dinner reservations for the COW at [wbuke@aol.com](mailto:wbuke@aol.com) and I will add you to the list. I need to have the reservations to me no later than October 27 so that I can get the list to the Riverboat. You can pay me at the COW with a check written out to the WYA for the amount of the dinners. Also, don't forget to email Kris ([krisbutera@aol.com](mailto:krisbutera@aol.com)) to let them know that you will be attending the General meeting & party. We want to slam their house and Ralph will have to start cooking on Friday. Looking forward to seeing everyone!

Signing Off  
Bill Bukevicz  
Vice Commodore

## Secretary Norma Blunt

As required by the bylaws the nominating committee announces their proposed slate for next year. I forwarded the slate to the members as required by the bylaws via email and post it here. I've enjoyed being Secretary for the Westmoreland Yachting Association this year.



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Immediate Past Commodore: Bob Blunt  
Commodore: Bill Bukevicz  
Vice Commodore: Shannon Ritter  
Rear Commodore: George Cajigal  
Treasurer: Anita Elmore  
Secretary: Katherine Smith

We will vote on the above listed Slate of Officers at the General Membership Meeting on Saturday, October 18 at Ralph and Kris's home. The 60's themed event starts at 4:00 in the afternoon. Their address is 102 Beach Drive. I hope to see everyone there!

Respectfully Submitted,  
Norma Blunt  
Secretary  
WYA

**Past Events**

***Labor Day Trip to Tall Timbers 30 August- 1 September***

Fun time for the Labor Day event. Rick, our host and marina owner met us and ensured we were welcomed. Phil and Carey; Gary and Nancy; Bob and Gail and Mike and Vicky made it for the majority of the weekend. Steve and Mary Ann; Dan and Elaine and Mike and Sandy came for Sunday's blowout party. We celebrated Vicky's recent birthday. Did Vicky ever tell us how old she was? And we put Apolonia's dinghy in the water as it had not been used for several months and members used it to tour various creeks around the area. On Sunday we all enjoyed fireworks and a boat burning that is the trademark of the Labor Day festivities at Tall Timbers. Some pictures below and more at our web site:

[www.wya-va.com](http://www.wya-va.com).





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| <p>Gary and Nancy on the creek in a dinghy.</p> | <p>Rhapsody bringing Steve, Mary Ann, Dan and Elaine to Tall Timbers</p> | <p>Fireworks at Tall Timbers.</p> |

**Pizza Party at Bayside Marina -- Saturday 13 Sept**

We welcomed new members Stan and Pam Raymond, ate lots of pizza and to really mark the occasion Dick Elmore, who always plays 50/50 finally won for the first time. One happy camper ... no I'm sorry, one happy boater!

The party was moved to Bayside marina because of a weather forecast that included rain ... that did not materialize in the evening. It was an easy and relaxing event.

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| <p>Stan and Pam Raymond, new members.</p> | <p>Pizza tastes good or are we still waiting for it to arrive?</p> | <p>Dick winning 50/50!</p> |

**Long Weekend Cruise to The Tides Inn and Cape Charles on Virginia's Eastern Shore**

Five boats planned the trip that included four days, Friday thru Monday, to make the Cape Charles event. The weather forecast for Monday, the day of our return, was not good. Three boats cancelled (Phil and Cary; Gary and Nancy, and Bob and Gail). All had events on Tuesday they had to be available for and could not take the chance the weather would delay the trip home. Bill and Donna, with their



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friends Burt and Kat, and Steve and Mary Ann decided to go for it. They had a great adventure including a stop at Tides Inn on the Rappahannock, tried their luck at fishing with a Charter Captain on Sunday and made it back to home port on Monday. Bill did say it was a rough ride home ... so we will award them the Rough Riders award for the year.



Those that made the trip, including a rough ride home on Monday. Cheers to the Rough Riders!

### Upcoming Events



#### ***End of Summer Party at Occoquan – 10-13 October 2014***

Here is the schedule for the End of Summer Party. The registration package you need to fill out if you are going is attached to the email that sent this newsletter.

Friday 10 October:

4:00pm – 6:00pm Registration packets available for pickup at Marina Office (@ Canopy after 6PM)

6:00pm Pavilion open for Happy Hour and Pizza Dinner (beer and wine available)

Saturday 11 October:

8:30am – 10:00am Continental Breakfast, Bloody Mary Bar, and Mimosa Makings

10:00am – 4:00pm Activities and Classes

- Boat handling and nautical knowledge (sign up for classes at registration)

- Nature Walk / Guided Tour in Wildlife Preserve

- Painting Lessons and Wine Tasting (with advance reservation and BYOW)

- Shopping in downtown Occoquan (transportation available)

1:00pm Golf at Osprey's at Belmont Bay (with advance reservation)

6:00pm Awesome Aussie Barbie (beer and wine available)

7:00pm Music and Dancing

Sunday 12 October:

8:00am – 10:00am Omelets and Waffle Breakfast, Bloody Mary and Mimosa Bar

10:00am – 2:00pm Activities and Mini-Olympic Games

- Nature Walk / Guided Tour in Wildlife Preserve

- Shopping in downtown Occoquan

- Send Summer Down Under Mini-Olympic Games

2:00pm – 8:00pm Dinner in Occoquan at choice of restaurants

Operations:



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Ø Vessels may arrive on Friday, October 10th after 12:00 PM to get slip assignments. When approaching the Marina, hail Belmont Bay Harbor Marina on Channel 16 to obtain a working channel. You will be provided a slip assignment, and dockhands will meet you at your assigned slip to assist with docking.

Questions?

Ø Contact the OYC Rear Commodore, Bud Bishop @ [vicecommodore@occoquanyachtclub.org](mailto:vicecommodore@occoquanyachtclub.org)

Ø For questions regarding the Marina, visit the Marina Office, or contact the Marina Harbor Master, Jim Brooks @ [bbharbor@comcast.net](mailto:bbharbor@comcast.net) or 703-490-5088  
Again ... registration package attached to the email forwarding this newsletter.



### **General Membership Meeting and Party 18 October**

This will be the best GMM ever! Ralph, Kris and Janet are planning a function that will keep us talking for a while. Arrive at the Mason's home at 4 pm on Saturday 18 October to start the festivities. The address is 102 Beach Dr, in Colonial Beach (it is really across the bay in Westmoreland Shores). You can bring your boat and park at the Mason's dock, but you must email Kris at [krisbutera@aol.com](mailto:krisbutera@aol.com) to reserve a space for your boat.

The plan is to have a meeting at 4:30 ish and, by a little after 5:00 the party begins and includes a dinner of beef brisket, pulled pork and sliders garnished by red potatoes and vegetables and finished with a dessert.

We'll also have music by the Medicare Boys from 6 to 8 pm. All for our enjoyment.

The theme is AGERS GONE WILD ... different from teenagers gone wild!!!

Wear your best 60's Bohemian costume. Remember that peace sign!

During the General Membership Meeting we will elect the officers for the club for next year.

You bring your own drinks and folding chairs. We'll do the ice! The food will be provided for a nominal fee of \$20 per person. No sides need to be provided.

This will be a fantastic event. You really need to sign up now. Ralph says he will auction off a gold Rolex watch. If you believe that, you must be there to bid. If you don't believe that, you need to be there to give Ralph a hard time.

**AND ONE MORE REQUEST** .... Bring a picture of you and your significant other from the 60s. We'll post on a bulletin board and give a prize for the picture that no one can guess who's who!!! Get out those photos!

**We need your RSVPs now.** RSVP to Kris at [krisbutera@aol.com](mailto:krisbutera@aol.com) .





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### **Change of Watch 8 November**

**You really should attend the WYA Change of Watch. Guests are welcome.**

The event will be held on Saturday, November 8, at The Riverboat, 301 Beach Terrace, in Colonial Beach, the same location as last year. Cocktails will start at 6:30 p.m. and dinner served at 7:30 p.m.

A cash bar and light appetizers will be set up for the occasion. Music for dancing after dinner will be provided by a DJ. And, of course, we'll install the new Bridge for 2015 that starts their tenure 1 December.

Dressing up a bit is ok and is the general idea for this event. But come join us, even if you wear your favorite jeans.

You will have several choices for the meal with different prices for each item. Please e-mail your reservations and choice of your meals to our Vice Commodore, Bill Bukevicz at [wbuke@aol.com](mailto:wbuke@aol.com) not later than October 27 in order to allow the restaurant plenty of time to order food. Regrets, if you are not able to attend, would be appreciated.

The meal choices and prices (including tax and tip) are as follows:

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| Chicken Masala      | \$24.00                                                     |
| Prime Rib           | \$30.00                                                     |
| Shipwreck (Seafood) | \$30.00 (Broiled or fried .... Specify your choice to Bill) |

Each of the choices will come with Baby Bakers, Green Beans, and Rolls

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| Salad | \$ 2.00 (The dinner does not come with a salad so this is an additional item) |
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And you pay for the food and that price is the total price, except for the cash bar. Where can you get ***a party and dinner, with music and great friends for this price???*** You cannot.

If any of you would like a vegetarian dish, we will talk with The Riverboat and negotiate a dish, price to be determined.

Please bring a check made out to the Westmoreland Yachting Association for the total amount of your menu choices and provide it to Bill when you arrive.

RSVP to Bill Bukevicz at [wbuke@aol.com](mailto:wbuke@aol.com). Please do it now.

**AND FOR THOSE OUT OF TOWN ... those of us who live in Colonial Beach have some extra beds. If you want a place to stay for the night in a member's home email [philbolin@mvapolonial.com](mailto:philbolin@mvapolonial.com) and if you live in the town and will offer a spare bedroom email me also ... thanks. Two of the Bolin's spare bedrooms are committed now and we'll commit the last one soon. We are a close**





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**community of boaters! And guess what? We get to know our fellow boaters better! You can also go to this link for lodging information in Colonial Beach:**  
<http://www.colonialbeachva.net/visitor-resources/lodging-camping/> .

### 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 wish the following people Happy Birthday: Sandra Rowzee 10/4, Georgia Derrico 10/6, Peggy Saylor 10/17 and Carey Bolin 10/26.

And we wish the following people Happy Anniversary: George and Polly 10/9 and Phil and Patti Rogers 10/15.

### How to Replace a Windlass

By [Capt. Bill Pike](#)

Windlass a little tired? It may be time to toss the darn thing and install a vibrant new one.

Let's say your electric windlass has seen better days. Maybe it's slower than tar in January because it's broken loose one too many anchors. Or maybe its electric motor has grown discontented, perhaps due to long usage, occasionally enlivened by dramatic stints of overloading. Or maybe saltwater's somehow penetrated the outer housing, thereby turning the interior into a corroded, gunk-filled mess that has taken to making strange, wholly disconcerting crunching noises.





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Capt. McCoy eases a Grand Banks 46 into a slip to replace this windlass as well with the same model as the 42.

Most likely, there's only one thing you can do—replace the darn thing as soon as possible, or, of course, have your favorite boatyard mechanic do the job in the same timely manner. Think about it. Almost every experienced boater knows a piece of iffy onboard machinery, like a faltering windlass for example, is gonna break down at the worst possible moment. You know, like, when it's just about midnight, with half a gale blowing, the anchor dragging, the tide going out like somebody's pulled the plug, and a big ol' pile of rocks licking its chops astern, lit by the grim gloom of the spreader lights. Why take chances?

And what's more—replacing an electric windlass isn't all that tough a job. In fact, we proved as much just recently, onboard a 1996 Grand Banks 42 Motoryacht, a valiant old charterboat we're completely restoring down in the Virgin Islands to follow along with this project), with the express purpose of generating how-to articles like this one, as well as lots of refit-related DIY video and Web content. Consummate seafarer Tommy McCoy provided most of the hands-on expertise required to complete this particular project (as well as most of the photos shown here) and Vetus Maxwell provided some expertise too, in addition to a new Maxwell HRC 10 horizontally-oriented windlass (approximately \$3,000), a Max Set plough-type anchor, and a variety of other odds and sods.

The first step in the replacement process entailed the removal of the old windlass and its attendant ground-tackle paraphernalia. “The previous equipment on the boat was 20 years old or better,” explains McCoy, “and I was carrying the better part of 180 feet of 3/8-inch BBB (Grade 30) chain in the locker, all of it in very poor condition.”



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The old windlass.

Once the 42's Bruce anchor was cut loose and carried ashore, McCoy could then tail the old rusted rode out on deck (atop a cardboard underlayment to protect teak planking) and ultimately take it ashore as well. "After you've removed the bolts and washers underneath the mounting area and separated the old windlass (it weighed about 60 pounds) from the electrical cables," advises McCoy, "you've got to be really careful lifting it out—it's heavy. Don't drop it!"

Cleaning and resurfacing the mounting area came next, along with removing from the underside of said area the old reversing solenoid and disconnecting the wiring for the foot controls, via access hatches on either side of the box-like molding under the inboard end of the bow pulpit. Although the two existing hawse holes lined up quite nicely with the new Maxwell's wildcat and rope drum, the mounting holes for the Maxwell's four studs did not. So McCoy filled the holes with epoxy and/or teak plugs and used an orbital sander on slow speed to smooth everything off, teak planking, interstitial caulking material, and plugs included.

Maxwell HRC 10 tips the scales at approximately 44 pounds so McCoy had little trouble hefting and positioning his new windlass, with the wildcat to starboard (for the primary anchor) and the rope drum to port (for the secondary anchor), once he'd drilled four new mounting holes. "Another issue was the size of the opening for the electrical wiring," says McCoy. "To comply with a different direction that the new wiring would travel to the bowsprit, I had to enlarge the opening with a spade bit but, as luck would have it, this was no problem since the new unit was going to cover up the opening anyway."



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Electrics went smoothly. A new reversing solenoid was installed in the same general spot as the old one and a new breaker was installed at the breaker panel at the lower helm station. Otherwise, existing wiring (for the foot controls and the windlass control switch at the lower helm station) and battery cables were found to be appropriately sized and compatible with the new installation.

Finally, once the new Maxwell HRC 10 and all its attendant switches and other components had passed the does-it-work-or-not test, hex-head nuts, lock washers, and flat washers were snugged up around the four studs poking through the mounting platform, as well as the existing backing plates underlying it. "By the time we finished," says McCoy, "I figure we had about maybe 16 or 18 hours in the project. It was something I'd say your average guy could do on a weekend if, say he started Friday night and figured on being done by Sunday afternoon."

**Signing Off for another month!**