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**Commodore's Corner**

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! We have over 40 members signed up and would not mind a few more. Come and enjoy!

Commodore Bob Blunt



**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. The Change of Watch is planned for November 8th to bring in the new bridge.

I have received requests from 40 fellow members already. The dinner menu consist of 5 entrees; Chicken Masala (\$24.00); a vegetarian meal of Broccoli Alfredo over Fettuccini at \$20, 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.

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 November 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

Bill Bukevicz  
Vice Commodore

**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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**Secretary Norma Blunt**

Well, we elected the new 2015 Bridge at the fabulous General Membership Meeting hosted by Ralph and Kris Mason. The new bridge is:

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

**Past Events**

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

What an event. The General Membership Meeting at Ralph and Kris Mason’s home was a knock out.

We elected a new bridge at the General Membership meeting then partied. The dinner of beef brisket, pulled pork and sliders garnished by red potatoes and vegetables was finished with a dessert. We had music by the Medicare Boys from 6 to 8 pm and we enjoyed. The theme was AGERS GONE WILD and most dressed in their 60’s theme dress.

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| <p>Paget ready to move people to party and the ladies enjoying the weather</p> | <p>Val and Bill relaxing and the party hosts Janet Coleman and Kris and Ralph Mason.</p> |



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|                           |                                     |
| The Medicare Boys         | And more of them                    |
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| Part of the gang relaxing | And some dancing                    |
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| Several came by boat      | The venue was perfect for the party |

See more pictures and the complete details at our web site, [www.wya-va.com](http://www.wya-va.com).

### Upcoming Events

#### ***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 a 6:30 p.m. and dinner served at 7:30 p.m.





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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 casual duds.

You'll 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 November 2<sup>nd</sup> 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:

Chicken Masala           \$24.00  
Prime Rib                 \$30.00

Broccoli Alfredo over Fettuccini (vegetarian meal) at \$20.

Shipwreck (Seafood)   \$30.00 (Broiled or fried .... Specify your choose to Bill)

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

Salad                   \$ 2.00 (The dinner does not come with a salad so this is an additional item)

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.

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.

*The Boathouse Marina is extending its slip holder 10% discount on products purchased at the Marina to every WYA Member!! Stop by and check out the available inventory ... discount also applies to ordered items and they have deliveries every week.*



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## 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: Alex Bory 11/4, Elaine Braud 11/7, Gary Ralston 11/14, Pam Raymond 11/17, Brad Homar 11/20, Dick Elmore 11/23, Gary Vineyard 11/24, Bill Bukevicz 11/24 and Pat Dates 11/25.

And we wish the following people Happy Anniversary: Shannon and Sue Ritter 11/9, Dale and Rhonda Breer 11/21 and Bob and Gail Mayer 11/22.

## Parade of Lights

Here is the advertisement for the Washington DC Parade of Lights for those that may be interested.

*Join a Holiday Tradition*

**PARADE OF LIGHTS**  
2014

*Saturday December 6, 2014*

From Alexandria to Washington Channel  
Land Festivities at the Wharf on the Southwest Waterfront  
Tommy McFLY, of Fresh 94.7, will emcee Alexandria leg of Parade  
BOAT PARADE OF LIGHTS FROM ALEXANDRIA TO WASHINGTON CHANNEL - 5pm  
Awards Party at the Channel Inn, Hosted by the Washington Waterfront Association and the Wharf  
Live music, food, prizes and lots of fun!

Mark Your Calendar - Captains' and First Mates' Orientation Meeting and Reception hosted by the Old Dominion Boat Club - December 4, 2014 (7pm)

JOIN YOUR FELLOW BOATERS FOR SOME FUN AND FRIENDLY COMPETITION  
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### Boating

A few things to look out for this winter when you are putting your boat up.

#### 1. The Slip And Slide

If jack stands are not set up properly, they can end up shifting out from under the hull and dumping your boat in the middle of the winter. Jack stands should be placed as far out from the boat as practical to support the boat in high winds, with at least three per side for boats over 26 feet and additional supports at overhangs. The weight of the boat can easily force a jack stand base deep into mud, sand, or asphalt. Even clay that seems brick hard can become a quagmire in heavy spring rains, allowing stands to loosen, shift, and spill the boat. Placing a piece of plywood under each base and using safety chains to connect the stands will help to stabilize the support upon which your boat rests.



#### 2. The Tattered Tarp

Covering your boat in the winter benefits it by protecting gelcoat, preventing snow and ice accumulation, and keeping water from pooling on the decks. More frugal skippers seem to think that a few tarps stitched together with a spiderweb of lines qualify for winter duty. In the first serious storm, these often end up shredded, and in their death throes they deposit large amounts of snow and ice into the boat they are supposed to be protecting. If you're going to cover the boat, use a custom cover or shrinkwrap it, but either way make sure there's lots of ventilation to prevent mold from taking over down below.



#### 3. The Shrinkwrap Smolder

If you do choose to shrinkwrap, think twice and even three times before doing it yourself. All it takes is a moment of inattention to ignite the shrinkwrap, and if the fire occurs inside the cover, it might not even be visible right away. Every fall we get several claims involving flaming shrinkwrap, including multiple claims with damage to several boats. This is one job best left to the pros.





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### 4. The Stanchion Punch

Stanchions are not meant to take the weight of snow and ice that can accumulate on a cover. And, as this photo shows, neither are the decks. This stanchion drove right through the deck on this 26-foot sailboat when the ice overloaded the stanchion and the deck beneath it. If you decide to cover the boat, do yourself — and your boat — a favor, and build a proper frame.



### 5. The Cheater Heater

Our claim files show that "winterizing" a boat by leaving a heater running onboard is just not a good idea. First, your engine is least likely to be protected when it most needs it — in a big storm when the temperature plummets and the power goes out. Second, every winter we see fires from heaters, plugs, and cords where heaters were left running on unattended boats. Unless you are located in Hawaii or the Florida Keys, we recommend winterizing your engine if you will be laying up the boat for even a few weeks to minimize the chances that a sudden freeze will put it out of commission next season.



### 6. The Water Trap

Many places on boats have small holes so that water can drain out — boats are wet places after all. If those drains get plugged, it doesn't matter that much in the summer, though corrosion may follow in the long run. But if they are plugged in the winter, the water inside will expand as it freezes and could do serious damage. Check drain holes in stanchion bases, mast steps, live wells, locker lips, and anywhere else you have found them to make sure they are not clogged and no water has accumulated. If some areas are not draining adequately, consider adding a few more drain holes to facilitate the process.





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### 7. The Soggy Bottom

When you haul your boat for the fall and you notice that the rudder is dripping water a few days after it has been on the hard, or a keel has a blister that develops in the warm sunshine and recedes at night, the chances are you have water trapped in the rudder or the keel. If you leave it that way through the winter, it will freeze, and may damage the fiberglass. Before the first freeze, you need to get that water out. Large blisters can be punctured and drained. On rudders, you may need to drill a hole at the bottom of the leading edge of the rudder. If you leave it open through the winter, that should help the laminate dry out, and you'll have an easier time filling and patching it in the spring. Before you put your baby back in the water, though, you'll want to figure out where that water came from and how to keep it from getting into the rudder or keel again next season.



### 8. The Snow Job

If you're going to leave your boat in the water, you need to make sure that snow and ice do not accumulate in the cockpit over the winter. Not only can the weight force the boat low enough in the water that it can backfill and sink, but the thaw and freeze cycle can create a plug of ice that slows drainage through the scuppers. It's best to cover a boat that's to be left in a slip, but if that's not possible, make sure to get to the marina after every storm to clear out the ice and snow and make sure scuppers are not blocked.



### 9. The Buddy Special

A lot of the freezing claims we get start with an owner calling and saying, "I let my buddy winterize the boat." The rest of the news is never good and most often involves cracked engine blocks spewing brown bubbles or muddy-looking oil. Winterizing is not rocket science, but forgetting even one detail, or doing it incorrectly, can spell disaster for the boat — and your friendship — next spring.



If you're not comfortable winterizing your boat, have an experienced professional do it.





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**10. The He Said/She Said**

And if you are going to have an experienced professional do it, make sure to get everything in writing. The term "winterizing" is not universal and your idea and theirs may not be the same. Will they just run antifreeze through the engine, or will they service the AC and refrigeration units, too? Spell out what will be done so, if anything goes wrong, it's clear who is responsible.

**Signing Off for another month!**