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## Commodore's Corner

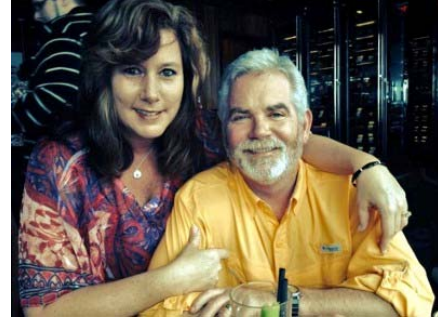
Dear WYA Members:

I would like to say that it is a privilege to be your 2015 Commodore of the WYA. I want to thank you for your support and your confidence in me to lead our club this coming year. With the newly appointed Bridge members, I feel like we are destined to have fun and exciting events. Of course we hope that our "boating" adventures are off the chart in 2015 (no pun intended!). I want to reach out to each and every one of you to ask that you reach out to me personally with any input while we are in the planning stages of upcoming events. Your participation and communication with us is "KEY" to the success of our club. So please do not hesitate to contact anyone of us on the Bridge and by all means we invite you to participate in the General Meetings. Our first General Meeting will be our Planning Meeting for the coming year which will be held on January 31, 2015 in Colonial Beach. We hope to see you all there! More details on the event will be passed soon.

I need to address some club business with you. First, I need a volunteer as our PYRCA delegate for 2015. It is not a demanding position and is a great way to meet other members in the various clubs. Secondly, we need a volunteer to run the newsletter and the web page. Phil will be heading south for the winter and will be out of communication with us for

a while as he is heading to the islands. Also, he has been running the newsletter and web site for the past four years. We have the software (simple to use) and a dedicated laptop for posting to the web site and publishing the newsletter. Phil will work with you setting everything up. Our newsletter and web site is very important to our club's ongoing success. If you are interested in either position, please email me before the end of December.

The Change of Watch was held on November 8, 2014 and I think that everyone had a really good time and it was a fun and well attended event. There were over 40 + members attending. I don't think anyone left feeling any pain with all the dancing



### 2015 Bridge

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

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and partying that went on. However, I think some of us may have been feeling a little pain on Sunday morning!! HA! I would like to thank the following people for setting up and tearing down all the decorations for the COW; Kathrine, George, Polly, Shannon, Sue, Erin, Donna, Margot and Jeff. GREAT JOB! Also, I would like to acknowledge the following Past Commodores attending the COW; Ralph Mason, Ruth Lovelace and Phil Bolin. Thank you, Past Commodores for supporting the club and your ongoing participation, we appreciate it very much.

Remember, the IPC Bob Blunt and our WYA member Phil Rogers will be the new Commodore and Vice Commodore of the PYRCA for 2015 and Carey Bolin will be installed as a Member at Large (MAL); three members of the leadership of PRYCA from WYA. The PYRCA COW will be held in January 17, 2015. Once we have the information on the event, we will get it out to the members. We, as a club, should show a strong following for this event in support of our fellow members serving on the Bridge. Remember, I believe the WYA has the following past commodores of the PYRCA, Phil Bolin and Ruth Lovelace. Now we will have Bob Blunt and in the following year Phil Rodgers, with Carey not far behind. Not bad for a virtual yacht club from Northern Neck Virginia. It is a great time in old town Alexandria and if you can attend, we'd love to see you there.

On behalf of the 2015 Bridge, we would like to wish you all very happy and joyous holidays and a very safe and prosperous New Year.

Signing Off;
Bill Bukevicz
Commodore

Past Events

Change of Watch 8 November

The event was held on Saturday, November 8, at The Riverboat. With over 40 members present we installed the new Bridge, ate, drank, danced and enjoyed each others company. We said a fond farewell to the 2014 Bridge that served us very well and welcomed in the 2015 Bridge that will help us through another great boating year.

Thank you Katherine Smith for leading the decorations committee and the elegant touch you lent to the party. Helping Katherine with the decorating and clean up were: George and Polly, Shannon and Sue, Erin, Donna, Margot and Jeff. Great Job!

Below you'll see a few pictures of the event but the main story with all pictures is displayed on our web site, www.wya-va.com.



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| Catching up with members                                                            | Bob and Bill leading the festivities                                                 |
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| Enjoying Dinner                                                                     | 2014 Bridge                                                                          |
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| 2015 Bridge                                                                         | Presenting Thank You Gift to IP<br>Commodore Bob Blunt                               |

## Upcoming Events

### **PLAN FEST – 31 January 2015**

We will plan the 2015 Boating Season events Saturday the 31<sup>st</sup> of January. More detail on location and our schedule will be forthcoming. Please mark you calendar now though so you can attend and help us plan the year.



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## Notes

### **Dues**

Yep, dues are due! Thirty-one memberships (over 60 people) have paid their dues but there are a few who have not. The invoices have been out for a month and dues are officially due 30 November 2014. Yep, that's tomorrow. There is a month grace period, but if dues are not paid by 31 December 2014, members are taken off the rolls and should they want to rejoin must pay the initial fee of \$25 plus the yearly dues of \$50. Avoid the hassle and send in your \$50 to the Treasurer, PO Box 325, Colonial Beach, VA 22443.

### **The Fleet Page**

The Fleet page on the web site posts pictures of all members with their favorite mode of transportation. If you would please review the page at [www.wya-va.com](http://www.wya-va.com) and if I'm missing your pictures please send them to [webmaster@wya-va.com](mailto:webmaster@wya-va.com) or to [philbolin@mvapolonia.com](mailto:philbolin@mvapolonia.com). Thanks!

## 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. And when you review the site, if you note other clothing you would like to see on the site, please send an email to one of the Bridge members.



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## Birthdays & Anniversaries

We wish the following people Happy Birthday: Kathy Dowd 12/4, Bonita McClenny 12/5, Stan Raymond 12/13, Sue Ritter 12/18, Dan Braud 12/21, Jeff Fiehler 12/25 and Phil Rogers 12/28.

And we wish the following people Happy Anniversary: Gary and Pat Ralston 12/5, Chris and Mary Jane Smith 12/19 and Tim and Pat Fields and Ross and Kathy Jebson both on 12/20.



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## Parade of Lights

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



## Short Boating Stories

### *Fueling*

Several years ago *Seaworthy* reader Cort Schult was sitting on his dock when his neighbors came down to their dock and proceeded to refuel their inboard engine boat. The father, a retired fireman, was pouring gas out of five-gallon plastic fuel jugs into a plastic funnel that was inserted in the fill. The five-gallon jug was several inches above the funnel when he told his daughter, who was in the boat, to turn on the ignition key to check the fuel level in the tank.

There was a loud explosion and the fuel jug in his hands was suddenly aflame. He threw the jug into the lake and the fire burned the fuel on the water's surface before



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going out. Fortunately the fire did not go down the funnel into the tank, no one was hurt, and the boat was not damaged.

This incident just goes to show that even the most knowledgeable people can make stupid mistakes. Schult pointed out three things for others to avoid:

1. Not grounding the fuel jug on the funnel.
2. Turning on the ignition key and creating a spark while fueling.
3. Having someone in the boat when refueling.

Animals

Captain Brian Joseph of TowBoatUS New Bedford, Massachusetts was minding his own business crossing Buzzards Bay when he saw something in the water. When he got closer, he found two deer trying to swim across Buzzards Bay and well on the way to being exhausted. After getting a line around their necks, Captain Joseph managed to get them aboard the boat, where they looked pretty stupefied by the entire experience. When he got to shallow water, he had to all but push them off the boat, but once on solid ground they recovered and wandered off.

Happy Holidays!

Signing Off for another month!