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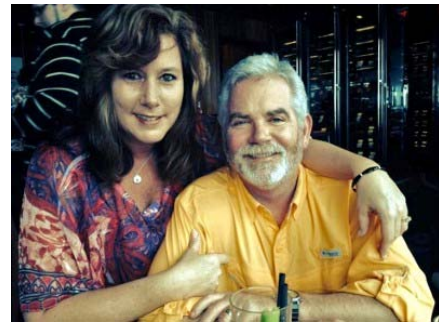
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# Happy New Year

## Commodore's Corner

Dear WYA Members:

I hope that everyone had a nice Christmas and will have a Happy New Year. Another year is upon us and we are kicking off the New Year with a celebration. The PYRCA Change of Watch "COW" on January 17, 2015. My TUX is awaiting and my party shoes are dusted off so I can dance with Donna all night! We have a good crowd coming from our club to support Bob Blunt as the new Commodore, Phil Rodgers as the new Vice Commodore and Carey Bolin as a new Member at Large (MAL).



If you haven't penciled in this date yet, our General Membership Planning Meeting is scheduled for **Saturday, January 31, 2015**. It's the perfect time to jump into the New Year with your input on helping us plan our 2015 WYA boating season. The meeting will be held at the Captain's Lounge of the Bayside Marina beginning at 1:00 PM. Can you say Bloody Mary's after our meeting? Hope to see you there!

Signing Off,

Bill Bukevicz, Commodore

### 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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Upcoming Event ... Plan Fest ... from the Rear Commodore George Cajigal

Come and join us at the first WYA event of the new year, the Plan Fest! It will be held at the Captain's Lounge, Bayside Marina, at 1:00 p.m., on January 31st. Wine, beer, and soft drinks will be provided by the WYA. Chili (prepared by our one and only Vice Commodore/superb Chef) and fixings will be served to warm up in a cold winter's day (well maybe cold this year). Bring your favorite spirits if that is your beverage of choice. Charge is only \$5.00 per head.

We had many fun-filled events last year and plan to have a bunch more during 2015. Most were planned at this same event last year while others were spontaneous events organized by the Fleet Captains. If you liked the events we had last year and want to see them again, or if you would like to see other events planned, this is your opportunity to shape the Calendar of Events.

So, do come and join us for some chili, drinks, and camaraderie as we plan the events of 2015.

Upcoming Events ... PRYCA Change of Watch ... How to Join

PRYCA Change of Watch

Members signed up for the PRYCA Change of Watch so far include:

Gary & Nancy Vineyard
Bill & Donna Bukevicz
Phil & Carey Bolin
Bob & Norma Blunt
Phil & Patty Rogers
Steve & Mary Ann Andrews
George & Polly Cajigal
Shannon & Sue Ritter
Mike & Sandy Rowzee
Ralph Mason & Kris Butera
Don & Sharon Radeke
Chris Vazquez & Katherine Smith
Ruth Lovelace & Jean Yeagley

Details:

Saturday, 17 January 2015

Crowne Plaza

Old Town Alexandria

901 N Fairfax Street

703-683-6000

Hospitality Suite Open: 1700 – 1745 (and again after the dance)



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*Photographer: 1700 - 1845*

*Cocktails: 1800*

*Dinner: 1900*

*Change of Watch Ceremony: 2000*

*Dancing to follow with the Pedestrians*

*Formal/Winter Uniform/Black Tie Optional or Business Suit*

*\$75.00 per person*

*Menu*

*Salad, Rolls & Butter*

*Top Sirloin Steak complimented w/Potatoes or Rice & Vegetables*

*Seared Salmon complimented w/Potatoes or Rice & Vegetables*

*Vegetarian Portobello Mushroom Tower complimented w/ layers of Portobello Mushroom, Grilled Eggplant and Squash on a Bed of Roasted Red Pepper Coulis*

*Dessert*

*Freshly Brewed Coffee and Tea*

*Cash Bar*

**Rooms**

A block of rooms for Saturday, January 17th have been reserved at the per room rate of \$99.00 (plus taxes) until 31 December 2014. (PROBABLY STILL GOOD IF YOU HAVE JUST DECIDED TO GO)

Friday, January 16th has been offered at the same rate of \$99.00 (plus taxes) to make this a weekend to remember!!!

Reservations can be made online at

[http://www.crowneplaza.com/redirect?path=hd&brandCode=cp&localeCode=en&regionCode=1&hotelCode=AXECP&\\_PMID=99801505&GPC=AAB](http://www.crowneplaza.com/redirect?path=hd&brandCode=cp&localeCode=en&regionCode=1&hotelCode=AXECP&_PMID=99801505&GPC=AAB) or by calling Crowne Plaza directly at 1 800-227-6963

PLEASE TELL THEM VIA EMAIL OR PHONE THAT YOU ARE MEMBERS OF PRYCA 2

Print the following page and mail your registration if you want to attend.



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**PRYCA CHANGE OF WATCH DINNER RESERVATION  
JANUARY 17, 2015**

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**Please Reserve Saturday Evening for the Following Attendees:**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Title:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Yacht**

**Club:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Meal Selection: Top Sirloin Steak#** \_\_\_\_\_ **Seared Salmon#** \_\_\_\_\_ **Portobello  
Mushroom Tower#** \_\_\_\_\_

**Guest Name(s):** \_\_\_\_\_ **Titles:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Meal Selection: Top Sirloin Steak#** \_\_\_\_\_ **Seared Salmon#** \_\_\_\_\_ **Portobello  
Mushroom Tower#** \_\_\_\_\_

**Guest Name(s):** \_\_\_\_\_ **Titles:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Meal Selection: Top Sirloin Steak#** \_\_\_\_\_ **Seared Salmon#** \_\_\_\_\_ **Portobello  
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**Guest Name(s):** \_\_\_\_\_ **Titles:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Meal Selection: Top Sirloin Steak#** \_\_\_\_\_ **Seared Salmon#** \_\_\_\_\_ **Portobello  
Mushroom Tower#** \_\_\_\_\_

**\*Should each member desire to invite more guests than space provided above,  
please add their names and meal selection on this reservation page**

**Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Yacht Club:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Amount**

**Enclosed:** \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail Registration and Checks to: PRYCA, Steve Preda, 112 Stafford Stone Drive, Stafford, VA 22554



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Boats A-traveling

You know that Peggy and Diane are traveling the Great Loop and are now somewhere on the west coast of Florida. If you have missed any of this, please friend them on face book where they are providing all the details of their trip.

Phil and Carey have started their Bahamas trip this winter and will return just in time for flag-raising. You can keep track of their adventures at www.yachtapolonia.com. Having spent Christmas in Georgetown, SC, they'll be in Fernandina Beach, FL on New Year's Day. But, they'll make a quick trip home for the PRYCA Change of Watch before casting off from Palm Beach to Grand Bahamas Island en route to the chains of outer cays.

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/>

Birthdays

We wish the following people Happy Birthday: Kevin Dunckle 1/4, Donna Bukevicz 1/23, Nancy Vineyard 1/27, Lori Wehr 1/29 and Carol Abbot and Bob Blunt 1/30.

Boat Control

Shifting gears and throttle control are two skills that, in conjunction with steering-wheel control, will dictate how well you handle your boat. If you drive a car, you're used to working the gears and using a gas pedal, so it's tempting to ask how different can it really be? Well, if you've ever been to a busy dock area, especially on a windy day, you already know the answer. There are a variety of shift and throttle controls on boats; some have separate controls, some combine them. Here we'll use a control that combines both functions into a single lever. However, the concepts are also applicable to separate controls.

Shifting gears is all about smoothly and decisively working the controls to avoid lurching or picking up too much speed. Sudden or excessive throttle adjustments can lead to loss of control and cause your boat to strike the dock or another boat, so your goal is to shift into gear without exceeding idle rpm. Remember, "slow is pro," and everything you need to do to properly control your boat can be done at idle speed. Shifting from neutral should be done decisively, but without exceeding idle throttle. If you shift too slowly, you'll probably hear the gears grind. If you shift too far and begin to throttle up too quickly, you'll make the boat lunge and give your passengers an unwelcome surprise (or worse, an unexpected swim).



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If you're moving from forward to reverse (or reverse to forward), always allow for a pause in neutral, long enough to say "one-one-thousand," before shifting to the next gear. Shifting too quickly can cause the engine to stall or damage the transmission.

Practice makes perfect and one simple first step you can rehearse is to find the wheel and throttle by hand, without looking. This will help build muscle memory for the ergonomics of your boat. You should also pay close attention to the sound of the transmission as you shift gears, and the change in sound of the engine as you raise or lower the throttle. Watch how your boat responds to your shift and throttle movements, and feel where the throttle changes from forward to neutral to reverse.

In close quarters, staying in gear too long or using too much throttle results in more boat speed than necessary, which forces the driver to take corrective action, and can easily turn into a series of over-corrections. By using short applications of throttle, you should be able to maintain better control of your boat's motion, and give yourself time to maneuver. Short shifts buy you the time to decide what you need to do next.

**Practice Low Speed Control**

Engage forward gear at idle speed for one second only, then return to neutral to assess your situation.

Engage reverse gear at idle speed for two to three seconds only, then return to neutral to assess your situation. (Boats aren't as efficient in reverse as they are in forward; that's why you can be in gear for a slightly longer time.)

When in neutral, pause several seconds so that you can assess your situation before shifting into gear.

When in gear, do not raise the throttle; stay at idle rpm

**Signing Off for another month!**