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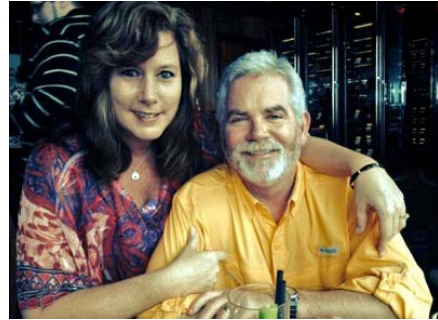
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## Commodore's Corner

Dear WYA Members:

March is at an end and warm weather is approaching! I know that we will be getting down to our boats this month and begin cleaning, checking engines, and doing all the other items that need to be done for commissioning. To the members heading north from their winter vacationing, safe travels and see you soon.

In March we had a great St. Patrick's Pub Crawl. Everyone had a great time with great food and drinks. I want to thank Bob & Norma with the help of Brad & Clare for organizing this event. You guys did a great job. Also, I would like to welcome our new members who signed up in March and attended the St. Patrick's Pub Crawl. Our new members are Steve & Andi Cirbee, Steve & Paula Giles and Chris & Heather Lovejoy. Welcome guys and I hope to see you at many of our events.



### 2015 Bridge

Commodore – Bill Bukevicz  
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There are a few items that I would like to bring to your attention. First, there are two events at the Boathouse Marina on April 25 (Saturday). Gail Mayer is hosting a painting event at the marina and following that event, there will be a Sock Burning party to kick off the season. Detailed information is posted in this newsletter. Also, if you plan on attending the PRYCA Float-In at Point Lookout Marina, send your applications with your check written out to the PRYCA to Gary Vineyard; detailed instructions later in this newsletter. He will be making a master list of our members and will submit the applications and checks to PRYCA. The April shakedown cruise scheduled in April is cancelled due to the fact that many boats are not ready for cruising. For your information, the Master Membership list has been updated with the new members contact information and is on the web site on the MEMBER'S page. The password you need to get the file open is my first name phil -- all lowercase letters.



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Also, I am still soliciting information from members regarding our club history such as comments from the founding members, past Commodore's and longtime members. You can send me old pictures. Our club is celebrating our 10 year anniversary and I want to put something together to celebrate our tenure.

Signing Off,

Bill Bukevicz, Commodore

New Members

During the St Paddy's Day Party the Club welcomed three new members. The new members are Chris and Heather Lovejoy, Steve and Paula Giles and Steve and Andrea Cirbee. Welcome aboard! For those who do not know our new members, see their pictures below.



Figure 2 Chris and Heather Lovejoy



Figure 1. Steve and Paula Giles



Figure 3. Steve and Andrea Cirbee



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**Past Events**

***Boat Safety Course***

On 7 March WYA sponsored the Commonwealth of Virginia Boating Safety Course at Bayside Marina, Colonial Beach. The course is a requirement for all vessel operators in Virginia waters by 2016. Seventeen members attended the class. All passed! Instruction was led by Kyle Schick, who was assisted by 3 other instructors, all members of the US Coast Guard Auxiliary. The course covered rules of the road, safety, basic seamanship, boat handling and weather, among other topics. Delicious box lunches were served by Denson's Grocery. It was a long day but it was very much worthwhile. Now, we are ready for boating season !!!! See more pictures at our web site, [www.wya-va.com](http://www.wya-va.com).



***St Paddy's Day Party, held 14 March at Bayside Marina.***

The party was planned by Bob and Norma Blunt with help from Brad and Clare. It was catered by Bill Hall. 39 attendees were transported by Bill Millicent's old folks' bus around the town to have a cup of cheer at Hunan's, The Riverboat, High Tides and Dockside. Thanks Bill. The gang returned to



the  
Quarter  
Deck



Lounge at Bayside Marina for continued celebration and traditional Irish food. Dessert was provided by Mary Jane Smith. While it was a rainy day, it did not spoil the fun ... and was typical Irish weather.

We thank all who helped make the party work. See more pictures on our web site.



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### Upcoming Events

#### **Boat Shake Down Cruise to Cobb Island**

A survey of the members indicates not enough boats will be ready for a shakedown cruise in mid-April so the cruise is cancelled. Let's look for another Spring day!

#### **Wine and Design Painting Event – 1:30 to 3:30 PM Saturday 25 April 2015 at the Boathouse Marina.**

During this bleak winter weather, would anyone be interested in doing a Wine and Design Painting party? You will have some wine and leave with a painting you make yourself. Details are at the link below. Gail Mayer and Beth Stilling have prepped the party for us. Sign up if you would like to attend and please send an email to Gail that you are signed up ([gailwinds2000@aol.com](mailto:gailwinds2000@aol.com)).

Before you throw in the socks...  
Come paint with us!!  
April 25th- 1:30 sharp  
at The Boathouse Marina  
\$40 per person includes all  
supplies & instruction needed  
to create your own 16X20 custom  
painting of the Colorful Swan.

BYOB  
Light snacks  
provided

Hosted by:  
Gail Mayer  
&  
Beth Stilling

Limited seats, register now at:  
[www.wineanddesign.com/fredericksburg](http://www.wineanddesign.com/fredericksburg)

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Use the link below to reserve your spot.

[http://www.wineanddesign.com/calendar/view\\_event.php?eventID=47722&date=2015-04-25&calendarID=59](http://www.wineanddesign.com/calendar/view_event.php?eventID=47722&date=2015-04-25&calendarID=59)

#### **Sock Burning 4 PM Saturday 25 April at the Boathouse Marina.**

Bill says it is time for a Sock Burning Party.



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**SPRING IS HERE! TIME FOR ALL
BOATERS TO SHED THOSE
SOCKS!**

Who: Fleet Captain Bill Bowman

What: Sock Burning Party. It's the time when respectable boaters take off their socks and won't wear them again with deck shoes until the end of the season. Hence, bring a pair of socks to throw into the fire. Flip flops are recommended.

When: Saturday, April 25, at 4 PM

Where: The Boathouse Marina, Colonial Beach

Price: \$5

Boston Butt sandwiches will be served. Bring your own drinks

Attendees are asked to also bring a side dish: a salad, vegetable, or dessert. Please RSVP to Bill Bowman via e-mail at BillBowmanSr@aol.com with the number of people in your party and what side dish you will bring (may need some adjustment) not later than 18 April.





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**CINCO de Mayo Saturday 2 May 2015.**

Mark your calendar. We'll have a CINCO de Mayo party on Saturday 2 May. You'll enjoy a festive afternoon with Mexican fare and drinks and close the day with the running of the Kentucky Derby. More details soon, but mark your calendar ... you've seen it before ... it is going to happen again. A separate email will be forthcoming soon.

**PRYCA Float-In – 17-19 July**

Not the next event in the schedule, but an event that requires your immediate attention is the Float-In. The event will be held at Point Lookout Marina and the theme is inspired by the theme from the hit



TV show, The Love Boat. This year's Float-In at Pt. Lookout Marina promises something for everyone – three days of fun and frolic, including a Friday night barbecue, dance, and Costume Contest; boating seminars on Saturday; the classic Competition for The Cup; Saturday night dinner at Pt. Lookout's new Sunset Cove Restaurant; the awards ceremony and dance; and finally, Sunday Brunch at Sunset Cove before saying good-bye.

Gary Vineyard and I are the Float Captains for the Float In and will be coordinating the registration and planning.

There's a change in the procedures this year to sign up. The procedures are honestly more cumbersome than we have had to deal with in the past, but we'll make it work. Here are this year's procedures.

If you plan to attend:

- 1) Read the attachment on the Float In that is attached to the email that forwarded this newsletter.
- 2) Print out page 3 of the attachment and fill it in ... identifying your costs and people attending.
- 3) Send the filled out page 3 with a check made out to PRYCA for your costs to:

Gary Vineyard  
27075 Old Office Road  
Culpeper, VA 22701



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4) Send an email to [philbolin@mva-polonia.com](mailto:philbolin@mva-polonia.com) that you have sent the form and check to Gary.

That's all you have to do. But do it soon. New members, you will not want to miss this event! Great fun and friendly boaters

Gary will fill out the WYA master form that is now required and mail the total WYA package to PRYCA. He will also send you an email that he received your registration form and check. He will prepare his first submission on 10 April 2015 so PLEASE get your application in the mail so he has it at his mail address well before 10 April.

Should you register after 10 April, please let Gary and I know that you are going to attend and we'll give you instructions about signing up.

That's all there is to it. Let's get it done quickly please.

WE ONLY HAVE BOLIN, VINEYARD, CAJIGAL AND ROGERS APPLICATIONS SO FAR ... MUST BE MORE PLANNING ON ATTENDING. LET'S GET THE APPLICATIONS AND CHECKS IN THE MAIL!!!

***Long Trip after the Float-In. 19-26 July 2015.***

For the last few years we've had a group of WYA members that took a weeklong trip starting on Sunday when Float-In ends. Some of our core boaters are involved in planning the Float In so doing the trip before the Float In, as some of suggested, is problematic and can't be done.

OK, we are on again for this trip. I need those that are at least thinking of going to reply to me ([philbolin@mva-polonia.com](mailto:philbolin@mva-polonia.com)) with input on the issues below.

1. What is your choice for places to see? South to Cape Charles and Onancock or other places or north to the Patuxent River or Herrington Harbor or "wherever." Just give me some ideas. Once I have them, Gary, George and I will get together to give those attending some options.

2. We know from the core long-trip boaters that we want two days at most locations to relax a bit more, so consider this in your inputs to the question above. We can't travel long distances with two days at most stops. Pool and a nearby restaurant are important considerations.

3. We've always had a last night in a Potomac River marina and cooked out with a bon fire. Still sound good? Yes or No!

4. Do we want a one day relax day on Sunday after Float-In at a nearby place such as Corinthian YC?

Give me some ideas to help us out and soon we'll give you options for voting.

George has been told 2 to 3 Colonial Yacht Club members may want to join us in the cruise. We'll see how that works out but we do plan on catering to the group that has been members of the "Long Trip Group."



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Please send me your response to above SOONEST! 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.

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



## Birthdays & Anniversaries

We wish Happy Birthdays to Chris Vazquez on 4/2 and Bruce Kasold on 4/26.

Happy Anniversary to Dan and Elaine Braud on 1 April.

## Boat Names

Big and small, power or sail, there are many different kinds of boats and so many different kinds of boat owners. But the one thing they seem to agree on is how boating makes them feel, at least if you're looking at a boat's name on the transom. "Serenity" has been named the #1 boat name for the second year in a row with the release of the 2015 list of [Top Ten Boat Names](#) from Boat Owners Association of The United States (BoatUS). It is also the name's tenth appearance on the popular list of boat names issued annually since 1992 by the recreational boat advocacy, service and safety group. "Calm, peaceful and untroubled is what boating is all about for so many boaters," said BoatUS spokesman Scott Croft.

The BoatUS 2015 list of Top Ten Boat Names:

Serenity  
Seas the Day  
Andiamo (Italian for "let's go")  
Aquaholic  
Second Wind  
Island Time  
Happy Ours  
Journey  
Serendipity  
Relentless

(Carey's favorite: "Last Call" and a new one just for power boats, "Dark Side")





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Requirements for Flares and Smoke Signals

Following information is from George Cajigal. What are the vessel requirements for flares and smoke signals according to USCG? See the table below.

| Type of Vessel | Day Requirements | Night Requirements |
|--|--|---|
| Uninspected Vessels (that is most, if not all of us) (33 CFR 175.139) | 3 Floating Orange Smoke Pots

OR
3 Handheld Orange Smoke Flares

OR
1 Orange Flag with Black Square and Circle | (Will Also Satisfy Day Requirements)
3 Rocket Parachute Red Flares

OR
3 Aerial Pyrotechnic Red Flares

OR
3 Handheld Red Flares |
| USCG Inspected Vessels (Lakes, Bays, Sounds, and Rivers) – 46 CFR 180.68 (b) | 3 Handheld Orange Smoke Flares

AND
3 Handheld Red Flares

OR
3 Rocket Parachute Red Flares | 3 Handheld Red Flares

OR
3 Rocket Parachute Red Flares |
| USCG Inspected Vessels (Oceans and Coastwise) – 46 CFR 180.68 (a) | 6 Handheld Orange Smoke

AND
6 Handheld Red Flares | 6 Rocket Parachute Red Flares |

Signing off for another month.