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### Commodore's Corner

Well, the plan fest is behind us and now we are looking forward to some warm weather. I know we are all excited about the upcoming St. Patrick's Day event Buzz and Shannon have planned and it looks like we may have visitors from up river for the festivities. It would be nice if we help Buzz and Shannon by giving a head count for food and drink and I am going to offer my help with the event and I am sure others will also. I would also remind all of you of the PRYCA Float-In coming in July. It's never too early to think about the CUP. We have been close the last two years so let's get out and support our club and try and win this year. Remember our goal is to boat safely and have as much fun as possible.



Party till you drop,

Bob Blunt

### Notes

I'm starting to write this newsletter and the sun is shining and it is above 60 degrees. Can I predict an early Spring? Probably not, but I'm hopeful that my boat will be running in less than 30 days.

And congrats to Diane and Peggy who have already been out to Shark's Tooth Island this year. They were first on the water from WYA!!!!

And remember as you are out and about with your smart phone that the WYA website is now mobile friendly. Call up the site ([www.wya-va.com](http://www.wya-va.com)) on a smart phone and it is easy to read most items. The 2014 Schedule goes by day so you have to scroll a bit but you can read most items much better now. The few ads are because I used the free service, but I think it is worth it. Check it out and let me know what you think.

#### 2013 Bridge

Commodore – Bob Blunt  
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## Past Events

### **February You Say ... how about the past!**

We did not have any events in February but let's go back and remember the last 3 St Paddy's



Day parties we have had. In 2011 it was a large crowd at Buzz and Doris's home. Food, drink, and fun were plentiful. For the 2012 St Paddy's Day party our hosts were Harry and Lori Wehr. The fireman's cave was decorated that night for all to enjoy the emerald green and all it stood for. And last year we "took the short bus" around Colonial Beach for a Pub Crawl, then ended the night at The Bayside Marina for an Irish meal; our hosts included Bob and Norma of the Bayside Marina and Bill Millicent, the driver of the bus. And that's just the last three years of fun! More to remember and more memories to be made.



**Last Year's Cobb Island Summer Kick-Off.** And I must go back to last year's Cobb Island Summer Kick off Party to show some pictures. There is the large group having dinner on Saturday evening. We were ready for that because Kathy Carroll had been priming us with her special drinks all day. Further, we had Mike





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and Vicky, Gary and Nancy, and Ralph and Kris running around in costumes, all to enjoy the weekend's activities.

We had a fun group attend last year's Cobb Island Days ... you can see all of them and more pictures at our web site, [www.wya-va.com](http://www.wya-va.com). I just brought a few up here to entice you to consider attending this year's festivities. You'll read more about it later in the letter. We already have 15 boats and more than 30 people committed to attend. Why not more?



The final picture includes Diane, Peggy and Polly with more of the gang having lunch. Those of us that have attended are fairly convinced it is one of the best weekends of the year on the water.



### Upcoming Events

#### **20<sup>th</sup> Annual Oyster Roast at Little River Sea Food – Saturday March 1st**

This is a new event for the Club. It is early in the year and there has not been a great deal of interest, so those attending will drive down in their own cars or car pool for the trip. Those of us going will let you all know if it is worth considering for next year. If you decide to attend at the last minute call Phil Bolin 804-761-3425 ASAP.

The festival costs \$30 Advance (\$35.00 at the Door) per person for all you can eat oysters, hot dogs, bean soup, soft drinks and coffee. Beer \$3. Wine \$4. Only 300 tickets will be sold -- at Jetts Hardware, Lillian Lumber in Burgess, George Nobletts in Kilmarnock and R. W. Sports in Calliao.

Directions. From Rt 360 turn left on Greenfield Rd (RT 647), go 1.6 miles north to 440 Rocktown Rd (Rt 743) on left. Continue 1/2 mile to Little River Sea Food.



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All proceeds go to Smith Point Sea Rescue which is the Chesapeake Bay's Non-profit Volunteer Rescue. Oysters are steamed in hugh barrels and dumped hot onto tables outside. There is a small inside place to eat also. Bring your own oyster shuckers and hot sauce, cocktail sauce, crackers or whatever you might want extra. They will also serve the oysters raw if you want.

***St Paddy's Day Party – Saturday March 15***

AHOY WYA Leprechauns;

March 15 is the DATE for our Second Annual Pub Crawl in the Village of Colonial Beach.

We'll gather at 2:30 PM in the Captain's Lounge at the Lighthouse Restaurant for a great St Patrick's Day Welcome to the "CRAWL" ... having a toddy to set us on our merry way.

Leaving the Lounge we will travel to our first stop at The Blue Heron Pub in The Dockside Restaurant on the "Point" and meet our host and crew. Our next port of call will be High Tides on the Potomac. Here, Brian and Vickie will insure a warm welcome. From there it is a short ride or stroll to The Riverboat. Here we will meet a welcoming staff and perhaps pick a few winners as well?

Lastly we'll make a quick trip to China and the Hunan Diner with our very good friend Alan and his staff.

Returning to the Captain's Lounge we'll feast on traditional St Patrick's Day Irish corned beef, cabbage and all the fixings. We will also have soda, wine and a wee dram or two of good Irish Ale and Beer, as well as warm Irish Coffee.

The cost for this fantastic afternoon with all your fellow boater leprechauns will be \$20 per person.

WOW that is a great fun afternoon with transportation, wine, beer and a great meal for so little!

To be ready for all you Laddies' and Lasses, **PLEASE PLEASE** let us know if you will join the "Crawl" on March 15. Send us an email at [abuswell3@aol.com](mailto:abuswell3@aol.com) or leave us a message at 804-224-2429. Need to know how many to Plan for, SO Please Call or E-Mail us by 10 March Thanks,

*March Captains Buzz and Doris*

***And More ....***

Depending on the weather in April we'll plan some events to get us ready for the summer, with a possible shakedown cruise to Port Kinsale (a member owned marina), Dennis Point, or Corinthian. And on Saturday May 3<sup>rd</sup> we'll hold our Flag Raising.

You note that Vicky Enos is also providing info and getting reservations for the Summer Kick Off at Cobb Island that requires long lead time to ensure slips are



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available. We now have 15 boats and over 30 people committed for this event. We have to prepare for the upcoming boating season now, and that starts with the Cobb Island Summer Kick Off weekend June 21st and 22nd. Mike and Vicky agreed that this is one of the best boating events of the season and that is why we are talking about it now. People from other yacht clubs are already trying to get slips for that weekend. There are not a lot of slips and they fill-up fast. Please let Vicky Enos know ([venos1@verizon.net](mailto:venos1@verizon.net)) if you are planning to attend by boat so we can get an idea of how many slips we will need. You don't want to miss this event, it is great! Mark your calendars now. Mike and Vicky are the Float Captains for this event and as soon as they get more information they will pass it on to you.

Check out the web site ([www.wya-va.com](http://www.wya-va.com)) to see the year's plan as it is formulated so far.

## Quarter Master Items

Vicky Enos updated the web site where we can purchase clothes and other items with our logo. Added to the other great items are Fleece jackets, polo shirts, hooded sweat shirts and jip up jackets. No reason not to show our colors this spring and summer. Just follow the link at right: <http://wya.logosoftwear.com/>



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LET'S SHOW OUR COLORS ... BUY YOUR FAVORITE ITEM WITH OUR LOGO. HAVE IT RADY FOR BOATING SEASON!!!!!!!

## Boating Safety Course ... required by 2016 in Virginia

**YOU** need to carry proof of a boating safety class to legally operate a powerboat  
 (in VA ... all in 2016, in MD ... if born after 1972, in DC .... everyone)

**"ABOUT BOATING SAFELY"**

**MEETS BOATING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL STATES**  
 A COURSE PRESENTED BY U.S. COAST GUARD AUXILIARY  
 AT KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HALL, 8592 RICHMOND HWY, ALEXANDRIA 22309  
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**COST \$40: INCLUDES A COURSE TEXTBOOK, CERTIFICATE AND CARD, FREE MEMBERSHIP IN BOAT/US, AND WEST MARINE DISCOUNTS**  
 (A couple who wish to share a single manual may enroll for \$60)

**TO ENROLL CONTACT:**  
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## For Sale

Gary and Nancy Vineyard are selling their 32' Chris Craft Express Cruiser. See details below and note that it has a great aft deck for socializing. Call Gary or Nancy at 540-854-8353 for more detail.

Gary and Nancy Vineyard are selling their 2000 32' Chris Craft 328 Express Cruiser. A beautiful boat that cruises comfortably at 24 knots and has 4 hours, yes 4 hours on new engines and refurbished outdrives. Competitive Priced at \$42,500. Call Gary or Nancy at 540-854-8353. Twin 5.7 Volvo-Pinta GFI engines. Outdrives with Volvo-Pinta duo-props. 5K Kohler generator. Heat, Air, microwave, and two burner stove. TV, built –in coffee maker, and two queen berths (front and aft).



## Boating Stuff

**Hydraulic Steering.** Go to this link to get a review of what you should do to check your hydraulic steering.

<http://www.boatus.com/magazine/2014/february/caring-for-your-hydraulic-steering.asp>

**Wake it Up.** You know there are great articles about checking your boat when you wake it up in the spring. You can google and take your pick. Here are a few things I do.

- With the boat quiet I turn on the fresh water system (fill it if it needs filling) and make sure the pump stops after the lines are full. If not ... go find the leak.
- When there are no leaks I put 1 teaspoon of bleach per 10 gallons of water (from Washington State Dept of Health) in the tank ... fill it up ... let it sit overnight then pump it out. Refill and use. I use the pump all the time and refill the tank .... I do not use pressure water at the dock. This keeps the



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water fresh in the tank ... it does not sit and sit in the tank... thus ensuring chlorination supplied with local water is available in the tank.

- If you have a raw water system, turn it on with the boat quiet. Ensure pump turns off after lines fill. If not, find the leak.
- Charge those batteries, check oil, open the sea cocks and start those engines. Check immediately for water flow out the exhaust. Take a flash light, look hard for leaks as the engines are running. Watch the temperature gauges. If you can, close fuel shut off valve for the first turn over time so engines do not fire immediately. Turning them over a few times before starting gets oil to all parts of the engines before they come up to speed .... it ain't there now after sitting all winter.
- Open sea cocks and operate the toilets. After a few operations, check closely for leaks. Water freezing in the lines can cause a problem; it not in sinking in sour order.
- Check the refrigerator and ensure it will cool beer and wine.
- Check ice-maker and ensure it will make ice
- Check all navigation lights
- Turn on all navigation equipment and ensure all is working properly.
- Check the VHF radio. Operating properly?
- Turn on the radar and ensure it is working.
- Check all life jackets and fire extinguishers. For powder extinguishers take them out of their holders and turn them upside down several times to stop any caking of the powder. Ensure the pressures are all in the green.
- And of course there is more but this is a starting list. If you have a standard check list send to me and I'll pass out.

### **Birthdays & Anniversaries**

We wish Anita Elmore and Kris Butera happy birthday on March 4, Patti Rogers on March 16, Mike Rowzee on March 22, Chris Smith on March 24, Tim Fields on March 25, and Shannon Ritter on March 28.

And we congratulate Christopher Vazquez and Katherine Smith on their anniversary March 25.

And I made a mistake in last month's Newsletter and forgot to congratulate Rod Porter and Georgia Derrico on their anniversary Feb 6. We all hope you had a happy day. Congratulations.



### **Signing Off**

Ok, we'll sign off for the month. Take care and see you on the water. **Think SPRING!!!**