

# Lifeline

**Member Club Of: Chesapeake Bay Yacht Club Association (CBYCA)  
&  
Potomac River Yacht Club Association (PRYCA)**

## Bring On The Fun!!!

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**FROM THE HELM**

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Commodore, Dennis R. Gatens  
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Spring is here, and there are signs of life on the docks at Prince William Marina!

Our opening day is planned for 20 April, starting with a membership meeting and lunch at 12.00 pm. The highlight of the day will be the annual Duck Drop that benefits the Virginia Air and Sea Rescue scheduled for around 2:30 pm! Great prizes will be awarded for the winning ducks. The day will conclude with a Captain’s Hour at 6.00 pm. Dates for all of this year’s events can be found on our website.

I wish to point out the great job that Bob Schwartz and Scott Parsons did organizing and hosting the first Occoquan River Safety Forum on the 12<sup>th</sup> of March for the purpose of highlighting the need for safety awareness of paddleboards, canoes and kayaks on the Occoquan, particularly near the marinas. They were able to bring together all the stakeholders for a four hour forum to develop plans and actions to promote safety awareness. I’m sure Bob will discuss in greater detail later in Lifeline, but I wanted to recognize their efforts.

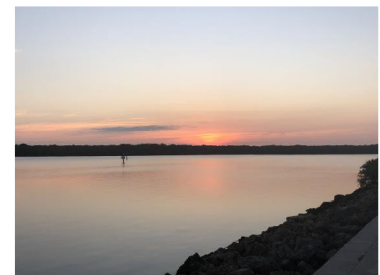


**McHarg Great Loop Update**

The last report from Captain Rick had them enjoying some time in Melbourne and Titusville, including a tour of Kennedy Space center. Then onward to Daytona and St Augustine. We can expect the Eagle One to return to its slip on K dock in early May. We look forward to their safe return!

I hope to see everyone on Opening Day, if not before!

Dennis R. Gatens  
Commodore, PWYC  
Buzzed Gobbler @ K15



### THE DECK LOG



Vice Commodore, Mike Connolly  
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Let's hope that we've seen the last of the snow for this winter. Although we had some snow after 20 February, it didn't hang around for long. I took the following two pictures to commemorate what will (hopefully) be the last snow this winter...



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...and on 3 March, there was a Brunch Bunch rendezvous for probably the last time before the season starts.



Speaking of the start of the season, our Opening Day Celebration is on Saturday, 20 April! It's going to be a blast...you'll miss out if you don't make a day of it! Please see the flier at the end of the Lifeline, but here are some notes on the itinerary:

### 10:00 AM: Potomac River Clean-up

Everybody meet in front of Bath House #2 (also known as the Blue Bath House) at 10:00 AM where we will receive instructions.

### 12:00 PM: General Membership Meeting and Luncheon

This is one of the Club's meetings for all members. It will be held upstairs in Bath House #2. As an additional incentive for everybody to participate, this will also be a luncheon for PWYC members. Food and drinks will be provided.

### 1:30 PM: Flag Raising Ceremony

After the General Membership Meeting, we'll adjourn to the flag pole to mark the start of our boating season by raising the U.S. Flag; Virginia State, CBYCA and PRYCA Flags; as well as the PWYC and other appropriate burgees. We'll conclude the Flag Raising with the Pledge of Allegiance. Although most of our events are light-hearted, please be respectful during this event.

### 2:00 PM: Sock Burning

Let the fun begin! More on this event at the end of my article...

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### 2:30 PM: Duck Drop

Everybody who bought a duck, be prepared to root for your favorite water fowl!

### 3:30 PM: Cruise Lead Meeting

Our Rear Commodore, Vicky Carr is hosting a meeting for folks who've volunteered to champion one of our outstanding water events.

### 4:00 PM: Cruise Planning Seminar

Vicky Carr is hosting this one too. This one is for anybody who wants to attend. Learn about the 2019 PWYC Cruises from the cruise captains and get your questions answered.

### 6:00 PM: Captain's Hour

This one is hosted by the PWYC Bridge. Please stop by and enjoy some food and adult beverages.

Here are a few additional words about the annual Sock Burning Ceremony:

Springtime sock burning is a tradition that started on the Chesapeake to mark the end of winter and start of the new boating season...that much appears to be well documented. You can find quite a few articles on the internet. I'm not sure how much is historical fiction, but multiple marinas on the Chesapeake have established their own traditions and the tradition seems to be spreading. The idea is that we've had to wear socks during the winter. Since it's generally considered bad form to wear socks with our boating shoes when the weather is warm, we mark the happy occasion of the change-of-seasons by burning those undesirable parts of our cold weather apparel. In the interest of having an orderly, relatively small amount of exposure to foul odors, as well as limiting the public display of body parts that haven't seen the light of day for the last several months, here are some guidelines for how we'll burn our socks for the start of the 2019 boating season (all in good fun)...

- We'll burn our socks right after we raise the flags. Flag raising requires respect...sock burning does not. Feel free to pick up your adult beverages after we're done with the flag ceremony and move to the fire pit.

- Although you may remove your smelly foot coverings beforehand, the true boater will take-off his/her socks immediately prior to adding to the flame.

- Please limit your fuel for the fire to socks...burning other types of undergarments is bad form (especially if you plan on removing them at the event). Remember that somebody needs to clean the fire pit after the event, so please use wool or cotton socks.

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throwing them in the fire to limit the amount of undesirable odors that the rest of the party must endure.

- Your feet have been covered all winter. Consider a pedicure (I'm sure Sherri will make me do this)...especially if your feet look like they could be used to catch your next meal. If you choose to put your shoes on immediately after removing your socks, you will be assessed a "foul" if you ask somebody to hold your malodorous foot coverings. For every foul that you commit, you'll be required to proceed back to the boat house in order to obtain a beverage for the offended individual.

- When it comes time for you to burn your socks, you may say a "few" words and take selfies to capture the auspicious event. A "few" words is defined as two minutes...any longer and you'll be assessed a "foul."

- Once you remove your socks, putting on new socks is frowned upon...expect to be assessed a "foul."

- The Commodore is the assessor of "fouls" as well as the offended party. The Commodore's judgement is final and quibbling may earn you another trip to the boat house.

- You must have fun...anything else is a "foul." Party While You Can...

One last photo to show. I took this one on 10 March. Hopefully, the next one from this vantage will have some green in it...and the water will be a little less brown...



Mike Connolly  
*Summer Daze, D-9*

**GET UNDERWAY**



Rear Commodore, Vicky Carr  
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**2019 PWYC On-Water Events**

- FEB 9: Night Boating Seminar
- APR 6: Cherry Blossom Cruise With Optional Alexandria destination
- APR 13: Practical Boating Seminars
- APR 20: Opening Day!
- APR 27-28: Nationals Baseball Game Cruise
- MAY 4: On-Water Raft Up On T (12:00-3:00pm)
- MAY 11: Spring Raft Up At Mattawoman Creek
- MAY 18: Blessing of the Fleet, Boat Photoshoot, Lunch Cruise
- MAY 25-27: Memorial Day Cruise To DC Wharf
- JUN 1: Night Boating Practice Trip (date to be confirmed)
- JUN 8: Patriots Cruise and Salute
- JUN 15-16: Father's Day Cruise to Colonial Beach
- JUN 23: Gals at the Helm (date to be confirmed)
- JUL 4-7: Fireworks Cruise To Alexandria/National Harbor
- JUL 12-21: Southern Bay Cruise: Cape Charles, Portsmouth, Yorktown, Tides Inn Resort & Marina
- JUL 27: Day Cruise To Alexandria
- AUG 3-4: Coles Point Cruise (PWM-sponsored)
- AUG 9-12: Commodores Cruise To Tides Inn Resort and Marina
- AUG 31-SEP 2: Labor Day Cruise To White Point
- SEP 21-22: Pirate's Night on the Hook (With a Special Invitation For Day Boaters)
- SEP 28-29: National Harbor Cruise: Oyster and Wine Festival
- OCT 12-14: Solomons Island Cruise With Optional Annapolis Destination

**ANCHORS AWEIGH!** April is here, along with Opening Day and the official start of boating season. Let's get boating! The phrase "**anchors aweigh**" is a report that the **anchors** are clear of the sea bottom and thus the ship is officially underway. PWYC boaters, let's get those anchors up and get underway!

By the time you get this, our **1<sup>st</sup> club cruise, Mar 30 or Apr 6 Cherry Blossom Cruise**, has likely already been underway. (leaving space for after report).

Our 1st education event, **Feb 9 Night Boating Seminar**, was also a great success! Thank you to veteran captain Chris McCalla, who shared practical expertise and safe night boating tips with 22 PWYC members. Anyone can still sign up for the night boating practice trip (May/June). Email me to RSVP.

**PRE-OPENING DAY ACTIVITIES:**

- 1) Sign up for a **time-slot for April 13 Vessel Safety Checks** (also held May 11). Sign-up sheet in Blue Bathhouse ~2 weeks prior. I'll send an email blast when I see it posted.
- 2) Attend **April 13 Practical Boating Seminars** to brush up on your skills or learn new ones. See flyer!
- 3) Check out the **new Resources page** on the website (link from On-Water Events page). Sample float plan, weather apps, docking videos, map marking favorite Potomac boating destinations, and more!

**OPENING DAY, APRIL 20:** Don't miss out on any 2019 fun! Unsure if a cruise is for you? Stay around Opening Day for the **4-4:30pm Cruise Planning Seminar/Panel**. Informal session with cruise leads giving a 3 min. ad for their cruise, then line up to talk with whichever captains you'd like to ask questions.

Be sure to catch all the Opening Day activities. As your on-water rep, I'd especially like to see a large turnout for the **river cleanup (10am)**. Let's out-do the Potomac River cleanup challenge going viral now.

**GET UNDERWAY!**

Next – Dip Your Toe In! Check out the flyers and **RSVP** for these April and early May events.

Sign up for the next cruise, to the **Nationals Ball Game April 27-28**.

Too intimidating to go that far the first trip out? Be sure to sign up for the **two day trips: Early Spring Raft Up May 11, and Blessing of the Fleet/Boat Photoshoot/Lunch Cruise May 11**. Great for a first trip for boatel boats and any new boaters (and of course everyone else!).

**EARLY SEASON RAFT-UP:** Bringing you YOUR top new cruise request! The marina will anchor a barge in Mattawoman Creek so people can come by and tie up for the day to meet and hang out with other PWYC boaters! As with all 2019 cruises, there will be a flotilla buddy system for those who wish to follow someone. The name 'Potomac' means 'meeting place'...Let's do that! Or, as the saying goes, "Give a man a fish and he will eat for a day. Teach him how to fish, and he will sit in a boat and drink beer all day." (Disclaimer –don't drink and drive)

**LUNCH CRUISE/BOAT PHOTOSHOOT:** Extend the Blessing of the Fleet outing! Continue downriver for a relaxing waterfront lunch at Rick's. You buy your own lunch – friends, and river flotilla escort, provided! (or travel on your own) In-route, is an optional photoshoot where you can arrange for professional photos of your boat mid-river (by our very-own, Tom Payne).

**ANCHORS UP!**

**SNAG-A-SLIP:** This is a public service announcement. Don't forget to snag yours...limited number of slips per 2019 cruise (full list to the left). Email [rearcommodore@pwyc.org](mailto:rearcommodore@pwyc.org) to sign-up AND call the marina to snag a slip (marina contact info/prices/cancellation policies on PWYC website).

***"...to promote safe, enjoyable, and responsible boating activities" PWYC By-laws, Article II***

***"A ship is safe at harbor, but that's not what ships are for." Rear Admiral Grace Murray Hopper***

Vicky Carr  
 Rear Commodore  
 CarRUISIN, H-40

## Ship's Manifest



Membership Chair, Una Murphy  
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### Opening Day is just around the corner!

Membership Packets will be available for pick-up on Opening Day (April 20) in the #2 Blue Bathhouse (beside the pool). Your membership packet will include a hard copy of the 2020 PWYC Membership Directory, 2 membership cards and other materials.

If you will not be at opening day and would like your packet, please send me an email and I will leave one for you to pick up in the bathhouse after April 20. Last season more than 60 membership packets were never picked up so I will only leave one for you if you request it via email!

Please help me welcome ALL new and renewing Prince William Yacht Club members (between September 1, 2018 and March 20, 2019).

- Tim and Barbara Abel, ADVENTURESS, C-02
- Christopher Ambrose, Boatel
- Kim Anchell, STEPS AHEAD, L-39
- David and Sonia Astle, Crew Lounge
- Judy Austin and Rick Fisher, Judy Judy Judy
- Frank Beatty and Deborah Lee James, Uptown Girl, H-42
- Randy and Terry Becker, Time 4 Recess, L-04
- Jason and Kris Blanchette, Lil' Missy, B-13
- Jim and Kathy Blanks, Sum 'R Ducks II, J-14
- Brent and Elaine Bogar, Coco's Crew, Boatel
- Chris and Eve Borner, Kiwi Magic, H-17
- Eric and Linda Bradbury, Mirage III, I-28
- BJ and Carrie Braden, This Side Up, H-20
- Doug Burum and Jenna Long, Another Sunday Morning, E-01
- Bob and Vicky Carr, CarRUISIN', H-40
- Roberto and Yenis Claros, Marisol, I-11
- Debbie and Dean Cognetti, Boatel
- Jay and Jennifer Conley, Boatel
- Mike and Sherri Connolly, Summer Daze, D-03
- Kathy Cordelli and Justin Cordelli
- Pam Cressey and Gene Smith, At Last, B-21
- Mike D'Amico and Michael (Jonathan) Price, Boatel
- Thien Do and Van-Anh Nguyen, Tiger Key, K-04
- Jay and Casey Dowling, Naught on Call, F-16
- Mark Dungan and Guadalupe Sierra, Kokopelli, K-35
- Jerry and Debbie Eatherly, HYRULE, I-15

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- Bill and Shirley Embrey, Chief Six, Boatel
- Mark and Chris Anne Evans, Boatel
- Bob and Jennifer Fertig, Knot Anchored, Colonial Beach Yacht Club
- Brian and Kathy Fitzpatrick, Boatel
- Greg and Sandy Fletcher, Boatel
- J and Ginger Gaston, Patriot Dreams, H-43
- Dennis and Robyn Gatens, Buzzed Gobbler, K-16
- Dave and Cheryl Gavitt, grabakoozy, K-28
- Jeremy Glesner, B-18
- Sam and Linda Goodwin, At Ease, G-21
- Richard and Janet Greene, Beats Workin, C-15
- Al and Diana Gross, Gross' Weinstube III, K-21
- Edward and Adriana Guedel, Boatel
- David Hahn and Melinda Smith, Boatel
- Mike Hahn and Michael Harmon, Boatel
- Fred and Nancy Hanscom, 401(K), C-19
- Steve and Kim Harrison, Cool Runnings, K-13
- Andrew and Sarah Harrover, Boatel
- Fred Hauck and Michele Kennedy, Any Particular Harbor
- Floyd Hehe and Sara Schnittger, Next Chapter II, K-10
- Thomas and Diane Helbing, Tomfoolery, K-22
- Mark and BJ Holycross, Red Dawg, G-17
- Bill and Katherine Jasien, Let's Roll, I-Dock
- Harold and Lisa Jenkinson, April Fools, E-08
- Brian and Mandy Johnson, State of Comfort, Fairfax Yacht Club
- Rich and Christine Jones, Comfort Solution, I-21
- Skip and Kris Jones, Truly Blessed III, I-29
- Jim and Judy Khoury, Judy Blue Eyes II, K-20
- Dave and Katherine Kimmel, Lady K II, K-30
- Bob and Margaret Kirby, It's 5 O'Clock Somewhere, I-22
- Phil and Vicki Kirby, No Vacancy, I-18
- Bob Kirk, Boatel
- Alan and Kristina Kosowiec, Boatel
- Shirl and Lisa Lakeway, Lothlorien II, I-35
- Laura Lee, Hat Trick II, K-Dock
- Joey and Kathy Legaspi, Monterey Bay, Boatel
- Steve Levenson and Una Murphy, Murphy's Law 2.0, H-39
- Durel and Alesia Lewis, Олеся, F-13
- Jerry and Ranae Little, Sea Duction II, K-7
- Sheldon and Beth Lu, Taiwan On John Moore, Boatel
- Bill and Jayne Maher, Boatel
- Mike and Nicole Manning, Aquatini, E-15
- Pete and Michele Maravas, F-Dock
- Steve and Pam Martsters, Boatel
- Ed and Christine Mason, American Spirit, I-27
- Chris McCalla and Kim Perry, CCA Gang, H-32
- John and Marcie McCauley, Pay it Forward, D-07
- Rick and Kris McHarg, EAGLE ONE, J-30

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- Oscar “Mac” McNeil and Deb Weir, Vino Veritas, L-Dock
- Michael and Michelle Meek, Knee Deep, E-05
- Fred and Valerie Mihalo, My Halo, H-38
- Jeff Miller and Liz Rogers, Boatel
- Ted and Stephanie Miller, Czarina Anna, B-17
- John and Amber Moore, Boatel
- Jonathan Murray and Desiree Van Welsum, Synergy 4
- Mo Nelson and Diane Patterson, Mo Fun, J-Dock
- George and Sheila Novak, St. Francis, D-04
- Ralph and Pat Ocasio, Seas the Moment, G-36
- Billy and Brandy Oldridge, Caroline, Boatel
- Ray and Gail Palmer, Sea Reni Tee, B-14
- Lisa Pappas, Law Olas
- Scott and Denise Parsons, Finally Got it Right, F-06
- Peter Pasek and Carol Gray, After All!, K-08
- Tom and Rebecca Payne, Common Sense, C-12
- Mike and Debra Perrella, Boatel
- Joe Peruzzi, Boatel
- Tim and Tammy Pierce, F-09
- Michael Pobat, What's Up Dock, Boatel
- David and Jennifer Ramirez, Ohana, I-13
- John and Liz Rankin, Good Idea, C-16
- Raul Rivas, Boatel
- Fred and Kathleen Roggero, Boatel
- James and Tuula Ross, Sea Breeze N, Belmont Bay Marina
- Kevin and Laurie Ryan, Ryan's Hope, H-35
- Kevin and Ann Rychlik, Coffee Break, G-30
- Jack and Sherry Samar, Irish Hawk, E-06
- Fred and Claudia Sanborn, Just Relaxing, E-13
- Dave and Jill Sawyer, Rendezvous, G-25
- Carl and Debbie Schaefer, Tranquility Base
- Steve and Linda Scheid, Magic Moment, G-18
- John and Robin Schleifer, Boatel
- Jim and Molly Jo Schlichting, North Star, F-11
- Phil and Heidi Schoepflin, Boatel
- Mark and Stacey Schumacher, ReLAXin, K-14
- Bob and Rosemary Schwartz, Alexandra, F-12
- Juston Secor and Valerie Grzesikowski, Boatel
- Walt and Jeanne Seiberling, Jeanne Marie II, B-19
- Wayne and Linda Sharp, FUNDAY IV, D-15
- Mark and Mary Lou Sikorski, Shellback Too, E-10
- James and Quintina Smith, Express Yourself, H-41
- Michael Stauber and Laura Kibby, Knot Guilty, F-14
- Terry and Prudy Stefanik, Harvest Moon, K-06
- Eric and Lisa Stoltz, Star Keeper
- Jim Taneyhill and Laura Moon, Brizo, K-Dock
- Dick and Nikki Thomas, Boatel
- James Thomas, Sweet Indulgence, H-15

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- Matt and Laura Thompson, Mount Vernon Yacht Club
- Donald and Eileen Thornburg, North Star, D-11
- Ray and Eric Toczyłowski, Working Late, Occoquan Harbor
- Bill and Liliana Torres, Liliana, I-31
- Luis and Cecelia Vasquez, Cecelia, I-Dock
- Rod and Carol Vasquez, El Don
- Robert and Paula Voith, Boatel
- Lou and Pat Ward, Perfect Timing, H-30
- Jim Warthen and Kim Billingsley, R-Time. I-31
- Dave and Kathy Weekman, Slip Away, K-Dock
- Paul and Mary Ellen Wetmore, Boatel
- Scott Wetterhahn, Pilot House, K-26
- John and Helene Whiteford, Let's Go, B-07
- Mark and Linda Williams, Brizo, K-Dock
- John and Anne Williamson, Boatel
- Eloisa and Dennis Wilson, Boatel
- Jonna Wooten and Maryann Szwed, Boatel
- Ray and Elena Zwack, Sea Ray II

If you renewed your membership after March 20, your name will appear in the May issue of Lifeline. And, a reminder that DUES ARE INCREASING! Beginning Opening Day (April 20, 2019), PWYC membership dues will increase to \$100 a year. If you are planning to renew, please do so before the increase takes effect! If you would like to renew on opening day, please bring cash or a check for \$100 made out to PWYC. You may also:

Make payments via [PayPal](https://www.paypal.com) at [pwyc.org](https://www.pwyc.org)

(click on "Payments")

OR

Send a \$100 check made payable to: PWYC to

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# Prince William Yacht Club

## 2019 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL



MEMBERSHIP DUES: \$75.00

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Last Name (Co-Captain) \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone (Captain) \_\_\_\_\_

First Name (Co-Captain) \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone (Co-Captain) \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone (Captain) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone (Co-Captain) \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address (Captain)  
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Boat Name \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address (Co-Captain)  
\_\_\_\_\_

Dock \_\_\_\_\_

Slip Number \_\_\_\_\_

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**New/Renewal Membership: \$75.00**

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## A Safe Occoquan River -- Discussion Forum Objectives & Tasks



Bob Schwartz, Safety Officer  
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Boating Safety Dates:	
<b>MARCH</b>	23 <i>USCG Auxiliary Boating Safety Course (PWM)</i>
<b>APRIL</b>	13 <i>USCG Vessel Safety Checks</i>
<b>MAY</b>	11 <i>USCG Auxiliary Boating Safety Course (PWM)</i>
	11 <i>USCG Vessel Safety Checks</i>

On March 12, the Bridge convened a Discussion Forum with the objective of making the Occoquan River as safe as possible for the paddle powered boats and power boats sharing the water. The Forum was held at the Electric Palm restaurant.

Represented were the Coast Guard, the Coast Guard Auxiliary, Tyme and Tide Marina, Prince William Marina (PWM), the Northern VA Regional Park paddle board and kayak rental concession, the Prince William and Fairfax County police water patrols, OWL VFD, the Chesapeake Bay Yacht Club Association, and the Prince William Yacht Club Bridge (PWYC Bridge). Involved but not attending were two other paddle board and kayak rental sites, Penguin Paddling at Madigan's and Mason's Neck.

As a result of the meeting a number of action plans were discussed. The PWYC Bridge and PWM plans were able to be put into action quickly. Other stakeholders are working on their own timelines. Some action items need to be worked toward. These require additional sign offs and are more complicated than what we are doing.

Below are the items that the PWYC Bridge and PWM agreed to do to help lessen the potential danger that exists on the Occoquan, particularly on the water in front of our fairways.

The PWYC Bridge agreed to stress the following to boaters entering or leaving the fairways at PWM. **POWER BOATERS LEAVING OR ENTERING PWM FAIRWAYS PLEASE TAKE NOTE OF THE FOLLOWING.**

1. According to the Coast Guard, paddle boarders and kayakers have as much right to use the water as power boaters.
2. Paddle boards, kayaks, and power boats are all vessels as defined by the Navigation Rules of The Road and have responsibilities under these Rules.
3. Power boats entering and leaving the PWM fairways should do so at a speed appropriate to take evasive action, especially when approaching or clearing blind spots.
4. Generally speaking, in the no wake zone and coming out of the fairway, it would be wise to consider the power boat as the give way vessel and act according to the Navigation Rules Of The Road.
5. While there may be a number of whistle/horn sounds appropriate for use, there are two we should be especially prepared to employ.
  - The first is the single prolonged blast. **This blast should last from 4 to 6 seconds.** It is to be used whenever we are in an area where another vessel may be hidden from our view because of an intervening obstruction.

The single prolonged blast should be answered by another single prolonged blast from the hidden vessel. Practically speaking, if we hear any sound returned from a paddle boarder or a kayaker it will probably be a blown whistle or an air horn.

- The second is **5 short rapid blasts each blast lasting 1 second.** This is the danger signal. It is to be used immediately when either vessel fails to understand the intentions or actions of the other. It is to be used immediately when either vessel is in doubt as to whether sufficient action is being taken by the other to avoid a collision.

PWM is doing the following:

1. Putting signage at the appropriate places on which there are words warning paddle boarders, kayakers, and power boaters to be aware of each other when approaching, entering, or leaving PWM fairways. These are being prepared and will be hung when completed.

Everyone agreed that safety on the Occoquan was Job One. In the future, for example, we are hoping:

1. To have reflectors placed on the blades of the paddles used by paddle boarders and kayakers. The Coast Guard Auxiliary representative stated that based on the data he reviewed boaters on the water frequently saw sunlight

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**A Good Captain/A Good Captain Gives Good Directions**

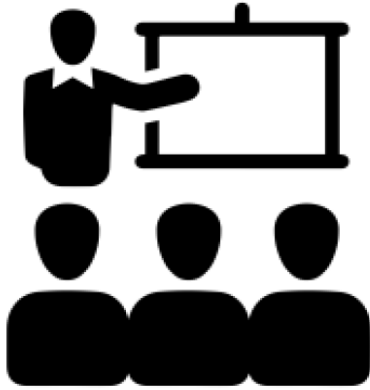
reflecting off paddles before seeing either a seated paddle boarder or a kayaker. Paddle reflectors improved this ability.

Reflectors were on order and awaiting arrival. Northern VA Regional Park rentals will do their best to get them attached to their paddles.

2. To have materials developed for the rental locations, such as a navigation chart, on which will be identified the danger spots on the Occoquan. The materials will be aimed primarily at the novice paddle boarder, and kayaker. Hopefully, whatever is prepared will be simple enough to transmit the necessary information efficiently and effectively.
3. To do whatever has to be done to ensure that safety is always Job One.

Bob Schwartz  
Safety Officer

**Do you have a boat at Prince William Marina? Want to be less anxious on the water?**



Learn practical boating tips from veteran PWYC captains

## **PRACTICAL BOATING SEMINARS**

Offered by Prince William Yacht Club (PWYC)

**Sat, April 13, 8:00am-noon, Blue Bathhouse**

**FREE!** to PWYC members (Not a PWYC member? You can join for \$75/year if you sign up prior to 20 April 2019.)

**THIS DOES NOT REPLACE THE USCG BOATING CLASS**

**So you don't have to learn the hard way!**

**We'll discuss everything we wish we had known before we started boating on the Potomac River!**

SIX ½ hour seminars taught in a single morning at the Blue Bathhouse by five PWYC captains

### SEMINARS:

8 am: Gather/Group Address

8:30-9am: Knots

9-9:30am: Boat Handling: Float Plans, Line Handling, Docking Tips, How to Anchor, Potomac River Traveling Tips

9:30-10 am: Weather & Tides

10-10:15am: Break/Switch Classes

10:15-10:45am: GPS/Radar (this portion of the seminar will be at "Gross Weinstrube" Al Gross' boat)

10:45am-11am: Break to Switch Classes

11-11:30am: How to Raft Up

11:30am-noon: Storm & Bay Travel

[TABLE]: Maintenance Checklists (each trip, monthly, annually), Emergency Spare Parts Kit

**To REGISTER**, email [rearcommadore@pwyc.org](mailto:rearcommadore@pwyc.org) and list which seminars you'd like to attend.

# Prince William Yacht Club OPENING DAY FESTIVITIES 20 April 2019

## AGENDA

- 10:00am: Potomac River Cleanup
- 11:30am: Dock Rep Meeting
- 12:00pm: General Membership Meeting and Lunch
- 1:30pm: Flag Raising Ceremony
- 2:00pm: Sock Burning Ceremony
- 2:30pm: Duck Drop
- 3:30pm: Cruise Lead Meeting
- 4:00pm: Cruise Planning Seminar
- 6:00pm: Captain's Hour





## *Annual PWYC Baseball Game & Cruise* The Weekend of April 27 and 28

Join us for a day at Nationals Park as the Washington Nationals play the San Diego Padres! First Pitch is 4:05 PM on Saturday April 27.

- Cruise to The Yards Marina near Nationals Park, or travel by car / Metro. Anyone traveling by boat should make arrangements for an overnight slip directly with The Yards Marina, at Phone 202-484-0309., Web site: [yardsmarina.com](http://yardsmarina.com), or use Snap a Slip (link is on the Yards Marina web site).
- The Yards Marina is a short walk from Nationals Park and nearby restaurants.
- Pot luck breakfast on the dock on Sunday morning, weather permitting.
- Tickets cost \$56.00 each (Discounted from \$80.00 per ticket). Seating is in Section 111, Baseline Reserved Lower Level.
- We only have 50 seats reserved in this section, so sign up early! RSVP via email to [the4wards@cox.net](mailto:the4wards@cox.net).
- Tickets must be paid for by Opening Day April 20<sup>th</sup>.

Optionally, you can choose another marina such as Gangplank, and ride Metro one stop to the game. For questions about the Nationals game and cruise, contact Lou Ward at [the4wards@cox.net](mailto:the4wards@cox.net).





**KENTUCKY DERBY PARTY**  
**MAY 4th at 5:00PM**

**RUN FOR THE ROSES WITH PWYC AT  
BATHHOUSE #2**

**DERBY DAY MEANS HORSE RACING AND  
WAGERING (Please bring small bills),  
WEARING GREAT HATS, DRINKING MINT  
JULEPS AND EATING FINGER FOODS \*\*\*  
(LIGHT SNACKS PROVIDED BUT WE  
ENCOURAGE SHARING YOUR SPECIALTY)**

**\*PRIZES FOR BEST HAT AND BEST DRESSED  
\*HORSE RACING AND MEMBER RACES**

**RSVP AT [WWW.PWYC.ORG](http://WWW.PWYC.ORG) ON THE EVENT  
PAGE BY APRIL 28TH**



U.S. Department of Homeland Security  
**United States Coast Guard Auxiliary**

## Public Education Course Flyer: About Boating Safely



This beginner boating class will give you the knowledge needed to obtain a boat license or safety certification in many states. Many boat insurance companies will offer discounts on boating insurance to boaters who successfully complete *About Boating Safely*.

### TOPICS INCLUDE:

**Introduction to Boating** - Types of power boats; sailboats; outboards; paddle boats; houseboats; different uses of boats; various power boating engines; jet drives; family boating basics.

**Boating Law** - Boat registration; boating regulation; hull identification number; required boat safety equipment; operating safely and reporting accidents; protecting the marine environment; Federal boat law; state boating laws; personal watercraft requirements.

**Boat Safety Equipment** - Personal flotation devices ("life jackets"); fire extinguishers; sound-producing devices; visual-distress signals; dock lines and rope; first aid kit; anchors and anchor lines; other boating safety equipment. **About Boating Safely**

**Safe Boating** - Bow riding; alcohol and drug abuse; entering, loading, and trimming a boat; fueling portable and permanent tanks; steering with a tiller and a wheel; docking, undocking and mooring; knots; filing a float plan; checking equipment, fuel, weather and tides; using charts; choosing and using an anchor; safe PWC handling; general water safety.

**Navigation** - The U.S. Aids to Navigation system; types of buoys and beacons; navigation rules (sometimes referred to as right-of-way rules); avoiding collisions; sound signals; PWC "tunnel vision."

**Boating Problems** - Hypothermia; boating accidents and rescues; man overboard recovery; capsizing; running aground; river hazards; strainers; emergency radio calls; engine problems; equipment failures; carbon monoxide (CO); other boating and PWC problems.

**Trailing, Storing and Protecting Your Boat** - Types of trailers; trailer brakes, lights, hitches, tires, and bearings; loading, balancing, and towing a trailer; towing (and backing) a trailer; boat launching and retrieving; boat storage and theft protection; launching, retrieving and storing a PWC.

**Hunting and Fishing, Water-skiing and River Boating** - Carrying hunting gear and weapons in a boat; fishing from a boat; water-skiing safety guidelines and hand signals; water-skiing with a PWC; navigating rivers, and other boating tips.

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**Course:** About Boating Safely

**Date:** Sat. 23 March 2019  
 Or

**Date:** Sat. 11 May 2019

**Hours:** 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

**Duration:** 8 Hours

**Location:** Prince William Marina  
 12849 Gordon Blvd.  
 Woodbridge, VA 22192

**Contact:** Kiara Perry  
[kperry@pwmarina.com](mailto:kperry@pwmarina.com)  
 (703) 494-6611

**Cost:** \$35

**Comment:** All course materials provided

## Remember

### *To Operate a Motorboat In Virginia*

You must complete a Boating Safety Course by July 1, 2016 - All Ages!

### *To Operate Personal Watercraft*

A Boating Safety Course is required for all ages to operate



## ***Spring Raft-Up***

**Saturday, May 11, 9am-4pm**



- Follow the leader to Mattawoman or join flotilla anytime for swimming, paddling, floating, grilling, or potluck noshing
- Tie up to boats on PWM barge or anchor nearby and shuttle over
- Bring folding chairs for barge and snacks to share
- WHY? Because WE LOVE BOATING!

Please RSVP to Vicky Carr, Rear Commodore, at [rearcommodore@pwyc.org](mailto:rearcommodore@pwyc.org).

**Blessing of the Fleet Day**  
**Saturday, May 18**  
**PHOTO-SHOOT**  
**+**  
**LUNCH CRUISE**

**Rick's On-the-River, Fairview Beach**

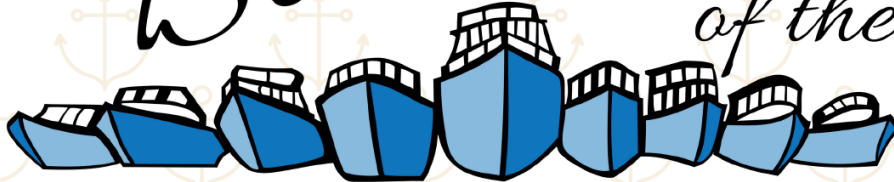
**Enjoy a relaxing waterfront lunch  
with PWYC friends!**

**RSVP Vicky Carr, Rear Commodore,  
[rearcommodore@pwyc.org](mailto:rearcommodore@pwyc.org)**



Occoquan River Maritime Association Presents:

# Blessing of the



# FLEET

The Blessing of the Fleet is a centuries-old tradition. Receiving a blessing from the local priest was meant to ensure a safe and bountiful season.

## MAY 18th, 2019

10:00am - 2:00pm

Rain Date: May 19th

This is a **FREE EVENT** for all area boaters!

Private, Commercial, Power, Sail, Big or Small!

Each boat will be blessed by Clergy as they pass the Blessing Boat.

Enter the drawing to win **FREE PRIZES!**

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***Upcoming Events For the Yacht Club:***

<b>April</b>	6	Board Meeting @ 9:00 AM
	13	USCG Vessel Safety Checks Practical Boating Seminars @ 8:30 AM
	20	Opening Day
	27-28	Nationals Baseball Game Cruise

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