

Lifeline

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

SAFE CRUISING!!!!

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Commodore, Dennis R. Gatens
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July got off to a great, albeit HOT!, start with plenty of opportunities to enjoy the 4th of July fireworks on the water. Here are some of my favorite pictures from Tim's and the Washington DC fireworks. I hope everyone had the chance to spend the holiday with family and friends.



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FROM THE HELM

Our annual Pig Roast was another great event in July with perfect weather, friends and great food! Thank you to our event captains, Dave and Cheryl Gavitt, and their team of volunteers for making it a great event.

The McHarg's continue on their Great Loop adventure, and have made their way to Georgian Bay, which is east of Lake Huron. While they had an unfortunate encounter of propeller-meet-rock in the land of 30,000 islands, they'll be back underway shortly.

I'm sure many of our members are aware of the horrible accident with the duck boat on Table Rock Lake in Missouri. While we can offer our thoughts and prayers for those affected, we should also take the time to think safety first. Always have a plan, know the weather forecast and make sure you have proper safety devices on board including fire extinguishers. Everyone on board should know where the PFDs are stowed. Safe boating is essential to great boating.

I'm pleased to announce that the PWYC website is back online. While it will take some time to restore all the content, it does provide information on our calendar of events, along with updating your profile. Please log back into our website. There are some great PWYC events in August! Look for the latest information on our website and FaceBook page.

Safe boating everyone..



**Dennis R Gatens
Commodore, PWYC
Buzzed Gobbler, K-15**

THE DECK LOG



Vice Commodore, Mike Connolly
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We certainly had interesting boating weather during July. Some good days, some bad. Sherri and I were on the water the weekend of 22 – 23 July. When we came back on Sunday, the Occoquan Reservoir dam had been opened because of all of the rain. The current was so strong that we couldn't get back to our D dock slip. Fortunately we were able to get to an empty slip on K dock (thanks to the hospitality of K dock...especially Mark Robeck who ran out in the rain to help us into the slip). We've always had to watch winds and tides in the Occoquan but that's the first time we've had to be concerned about the amount of water coming over the dam.

Thanks to Dave Gavitt for the awesome Pig Roast. For those that hung around, the pool party afterwards wasn't too bad either...



There's nothing like a whole hog and good friends

For August, Steve Levenson & Una Murphy will champion our annual Three Sisters Raft-up on the 11th and 12th. The marina will host the annual Point Lookout cruise from the 24th to the 26th. Stay tuned for words on August's Captain's Hours...the calendar is in flux.

Sherri and I tried to make it to New York harbor during the end of June and beginning of July. We made it as far as Cape May before we had to turn back due to the sea state in the Atlantic. Here are some pictures we wanted to share (obviously, these are from the good weather days)...



Chesapeake City looking west towards the Chesapeake City Bridge.

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THE DECK LOG



Getting underway on the Chesapeake – Delaware Canal. It's not easy to fly the drone off of the boat.



Looking west towards the Cape May Canal with Utsch's Marina in the left foreground.

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THE DECK LOG



Looking east over Utsch's marina towards the entrance to the Atlantic.

See you on the water.

Mike Connolly

Summer Daze, D-9

From the Rear Commodore



Rear Commodore, Steve Levenson
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Congratulations on a new event championed by Vicky Carr and Frank Beatty that took a one week trip around the Bay. By early reports they had good weather and smooth seas for what we hope will become an annual event. Their detailed report is in this issue of Lifeline.

Mark your calendars now for the Three Sisters raft up on August 11 -12. If you are planning on attending, please send me an email to murphyslawpwm@gmail.com with Three Sisters RSVP in the subject line. As of this publication, I have only had one RSVP. A new feature on the new PWYC website is to be able to RSVP there as well. I will create an email group to keep everyone informed of participants and plans for this event.

The annual Point Lookout trip at the Point Lookout Marina <http://www.pointlookoutmarina.com/> August 24 – 26 is in the planning stages. Michele Price from Prince William Marina is coordinating this event sponsored by PWM. Details are in the flyer attached to this edition of Lifeline. However, the Marina has two cabins for rent for \$70 a night and I would encourage anyone who would not normally want to sleep on their boat to look at these cabins that sleep 6. The marina has extended an offer that the \$70 per night will also include dockage for your boat. Normally that is not included. They have 2 cabins on hold but is first come first served. Call Jennifer at 301-872-5000 to make reservations.

As always, I am looking for inputs for other cruising events and/or new ideas for those we have already planned. If you have made any trips and would like to share with others, the LIFELINE is a great avenue to post them; especially new destinations, raft-ups, and tips and tricks that may be valuable to our fellow club members!

Steve Levenson
Rear Commodore
Murphy's Law H-39

Ship's Manifest



Membership Chair, Una Murphy
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Hi everyone! I am so happy and grateful to our hardworking volunteers that got the PWYC.ORG website up and running! In particular, I'd like to thank Eric Stoltz for his patience while training me on the new system! You should have received an email with your username and a link to reset your password. If you did not receive that email or are still having trouble logging in, please send me an email at membership@pwyc.org and I will try to help you sort it out!

If you have not yet picked up your membership packet, you can find it in Boathouse #2 (next to the pool). If you don't find your packet, please let me know and I will pull another one together for you.

Please help me welcome new and renewing Prince William Yacht Club Members (between June 26 and July 21, 2018 - any membership payments received after this date will be listed in the September Lifeline)**:

- Ken and Debbie Campbell, Beaterdamus, H-36
- Michael Hahn and Michael Harmon, Boatel
- Robert and Kirsten Jolly, Boatel
- Thomas Lee and Yun Mahaffey, Sally's Ride, K8
- Alan and Lori Pierce, C4
- Wesley Tramel and Matthew Grayson, Boatel
- Eloisa and Dennis Wilson, Boatel

** If you have already renewed your membership and don't see your name here, you may have been recognized in a previous issue of Lifeline. If you are not sure if you've renewed yet, email me at membership@pwyc.org and I will be happy to check! If you know you haven't renewed your membership for the 2018 season and want to do so, please send a \$75.00 check made payable to: PWYC to:

PWYC Membership Committee
c/o Prince William Marina
12849 Gordon Boulevard
Woodbridge, VA 22192-3240

BURGEES for SALE!

If you are interested in purchasing a PWYC burgee, please send me an email at membership@pwyc.org Burgees are \$25.00 each. I can take a check or cash!

Membership Chair
Una Murphy
membership@pwyc.org

Chesapeake Bay Cruise-July 2018

After months of planning (special thanks to Captain Keith Carr and Captain Chris McCalla for their insight, planning tools, and “traveling the bay” tips, and an extra special shout-out to Captain Vicky Carr for all of the planning efforts and dealing with the various marinas and logistics) four boats completed the 2018 edition of the Chesapeake Bay cruise. The group consisted of Vicky and Bob Carr (CarRUISIN), Lou and Pat Ward – and Watson (Perfect Timing), Ray and Erin Toczyłowski (Working Late) and Frank Beatty / Debbie James (Uptown Girl) Joining the group in St. Michaels was Chris McCalla / Kim Perry (CCA Gang).

Other than CCA Gang, this bay trip was a first for all of the boats and crews going north of Solomon’s Island.

CarRUISIN and Working Late departed on Friday 7/13 and spent the night at Coles Point (64 statute miles). Perfect Timing and Uptown Girl departed Saturday 7/14 for Zahnhisers Marina on Solomon’s Island (125 miles). CarRUISIN and Working Late also proceeded to Solomon’s Island on Saturday. Spent two nights at Zahnhisers Marina – which is right next to Spring Cove Marina (site of previous PWYC events). Some of the highlights include a “Pot Luck” dinner and walking around the town.

Monday 7/16 the group proceeded to the Annapolis City Dock Marina (Ego Alley) (45 miles). Some of the highlights were a tour of the US Naval Academy and the Maryland State House (Annapolis served as the United States capital for nine months). Spent two nights in Annapolis.

Wednesday 7/18 proceeded to Baltimore (28 miles) and stayed on floating docks of the Baltimore Marine Center at the Inner Harbor. Some of the highlights were a tour of Ft. McHenry, going under the Chesapeake Bay Bridge and the Inner Harbor area.

Thursday 7/19 the group proceeded to St. Michaels (45 statute miles) and stayed one night at St. Michael’s Marina. Highlights included walking / bike / electric cart tours around the town. The plan was to spend two nights in St. Michaels, however the forecasted weather on the bay (heavy rain, 25-30 mph winds and 2-3 foot seas) for Saturday and Sunday necessitated we leave on Friday. All 5 boats proceeded the 142 miles back to Prince William Marina (6 - 7 hours). As it turned out, that was a wise decision in that the forecasted bad weather did in fact materialize.

Talks are underway that perhaps PWYC organize a bay cruise on the southern portion of the bay in 2019 – to locations such as the “Tides Resort in Irvington, Jamestown, Williamsburg, Hampton Roads, and Norfolk. There are many choices.

All crews took advantage of the PWMarina offer to provide a “parts kit” from the Service Department in the event of “something happening” to their specific model boat. Other than a clogged toilet (which was quickly fixed), there were no mishaps.

Frank Beatty

(Pictures are on Page 10)



The Pecking Order & Kayaks & Stand-Up Paddle Boards



Bob Schwartz, Safety Officer
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The Pecking Order & Kayaks & Stand-Up Paddle Boards

It appears that our friends up river at the park and where the Freedom Boat people dock their craft are renting out kayaks and stand-up paddle boards. It is super to see people paying to rent these things and by all appearances enjoying themselves on the water – as they have every right to do. Some are even wearing PFDs.

One result, however, is that on a lovely week-end day the no wake zone on the Occoquan can be filled with these craft. Even with just the normal power boat traffic, we have to be careful exiting from our fairways and traveling to where ever. Add to the normal traffic a fleet of inexperienced “boaters” and the opportunity for mayhem increases dramatically.

According to Rule 3, kayaks and stand-up paddle boards are considered to be vessels. The word vessel includes every description of water craft (to include seaplanes) used or capable of being used as a means of transportation on water. According to BoatUS a log or a bathtub could be considered a vessel. <https://www.boatus.org/study-guide/navigation/rules/>

All vessels plying inland waters are obliged to follow the Inland Rules as written in the Coast Guard [Navigation Rules and Regulations Handbook](https://www.navcen.uscg.gov/pdf/navRules/CG_NRHB_20141118.pdf). Inland rules are followed on the Occoquan, the Potomac, and the Bay. Their tributaries also are included. https://www.navcen.uscg.gov/pdf/navRules/CG_NRHB_20141118.pdf

The “pecking order” for Inland vessels on the water (Rule 18) is as follows. The uppermost vessel on the list is the stand on vessel. The vessel below it is the give way vessel.

- ◆ Vessels being overtaken.
- ◆ Vessels not under command
- ◆ Vessels restricted in their ability to move
- ◆ Vessels fishing (commercial vessels trawling but not trolling)
- ◆ Vessels under sail (they are power boats if they are propelled by machinery even if the sail(s) are up)
- ◆ Vessels that are power driven
- ◆ Sea planes

Note that kayaks and stand-up paddle boards are not included in the “pecking order.” However, if there is an incident between a power boat and a person-powered vessel, the burden probably will be on the power boater to show that she/he followed the Rule of Good Seamanship (Rule 2) and did everything she/he could within the bounds of safety, reasonableness, and good seamanship to avoid the problem.

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Good seamanship may include but not be limited to such things as:

- Using the proper sound signals when entering the Occoquan from PWM. As per Rule 34, a vessel nearing a bend or an area of a channel or fairway where other vessels may be obscured by an intervening obstruction shall provide a warning sound of one prolonged blast of their whistle (horn). A prolonged blast is one blast lasting four to six seconds (one Mississippi, etc.).

This blast should be answered by a prolonged blast from any approaching vessel that may be within hearing around the bend or behind the intervening obstruction. The answering blast is of the same duration.

Person-powered vessels do not normally carry sounding devices. The person renting the vessel probably does not know what a prolonged blast signifies. Because of these things, we probably still should poke our bow out carefully even after using the proper blast.

- Proceeding at a safe speed, Rule 6, which is a speed that will allow us to take proper and effective action to avoid collision and be stopped within a distance appropriate to the prevailing circumstances and conditions.

The person-powered vessels we see usually are proceeding at a safe speed. This is not always the case with a power boat. For example, a no wake speed of 1,000 RPMs pushing a power boat at 4 knots may be too fast when sharing the water with a stand-up paddle board even not accounting for a minimal wake.

- Making sure that we keep a proper look out as required in Rule 5. We already have discussed the importance of situational awareness, what might happen and what might not happen.

We cannot assume that day kayak renters and stand-up paddlers are focusing on what is going on around them. An unfamiliar environment together with fatigue and the excitement of a new experience may make them forget all about keeping a proper look out.

Whether or not they are paying attention to what they are doing should have no bearing on whether or not we are paying attention to we should be doing.

- Kayaking and stand-up paddle boarding in the Occoquan no wake zone normally takes place well within the one-half mile sight distance mentioned in Rule 34.

Good seamanship requires that risk of collision shall be deemed to exist if there is any doubt as to it happening (Rule 7). If a power boater in close quarters with a person-driven vessel even thinks that there is a risk of collision she/he should immediately sound five short and rapid blast of the whistle (horn).

These blasts should also be given if the power boater does not understand the intentions or actions of the other vessel (Rule 34).

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- There are lots of moving parts when we want to pass a person-powered vessel. Basically, we have to do the best we can and pass in a good seamanship-type manner. The wording of Rule 13 emphasizes that any overtaking vessel shall keep out of the way of the vessel being overtaken until the overtaking vessel is past and clear.

Inland water rules require either radio contact agreement or sound signal agreement before passing in a narrow channel. This just does not happen normally and probably never will happen with a person-powered vessel.

- There are also lots of moving parts when a power-driven vessel and a person-driven vessel are approaching head to head. The first choice usually is for everyone to stay to the starboard side of the channel (Rule 14) and pass port side to port side.

However, given the normal conditions let's just do the best we can once again following the rule of good seamanship. This may require cutting RPMs even more than we presently are turning and wait until any kayaks and/or stand up paddle boards are past.

DISCLAIMER....DISCLAIMER....DISCLAIMER: As always, everyone is on their own out there. It is up to everyone to know the applicable Navigation Rules and apply them appropriately. What is written here are only the thoughts of one person.

Bob Schwartz
Safety Officer

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS – PWYC 2019 BRIDGE!

J. Gaston, PWYC,
Election Committee
Chair
Patriot Dreams, H-43

So, over the past several months, we've enjoyed monthly Captain's Hours, cheered for the horses, eaten some amazing BBQ pig! Oh, and the year isn't even done – the Three Sisters Raft up, crab feast and Pirates Night on the Hook await!! The thread that ties all these spectacular activities together – the **volunteers** who make 'em happen.

Each year, it's important to bring some fresh ideas and new energy to the PWYC Bridge, and that comes from our members! Being part of the Bridge is one of the most exciting and satisfying parts of boating with PWYC. You get to meet new people, learn how our club operates, and share the fun involved in running the best yacht club on the Potomac. Hey, I know of what I speak...Ginger and I have been involved in some capacity now for almost 13 years!

As 2018 heads for the home stretch, it's time to begin planning next year's Bridge. As the Chair of the Election Committee, I'm responsible for providing a slate of candidates to the Bridge for the five Flag Officer positions. I encourage each of you to talk with current and past leaders of the club to see where your unique talents and interest can help pay it forward and contribute to next year's Bridge.

Commodore

Vice Commodore

Rear Commodore

Secretary

Treasurer

Those members currently serving in these positions may volunteer to run for office again. If more than one volunteer is nominated for any of the elected positions, the Election Committee will prepare ballots for election by the general membership.

Though not elected, we also welcome volunteers for the following nominative positions. One person for each position will be appointed by the 2019 Commodore and confirmed by the Bridge:

Membership

Social

Safety

Lifeline Editor

Webmaster

Potomac River Yacht Club Association (PRYCA) Delegate

Chesapeake Bay Yacht Club Association (CBYCA) Delegate

Those currently serving in these positions may volunteer to stay on. If more than one volunteer is nominated for any of the non-elected positions, the Bridge will identify the best way to appoint the nominees.

If jumping right into one of the elected or nominated positions seems daunting, why don't you volunteer to be a Dock Rep, event champion, or serve on a committee? This is YOUR club so grab the wheel with both hands and dive in – anyone can step up and make a difference.

Please submit your nominations or questions via email to ipc@pwyc.org NLT 30 Sep 18. The Election Committee will confirm all nominated individuals before submitting the official slate of nominees at the October 13th Board meeting.

Thanks very much for making our great club great!

J. Gaston

PWYC Election Committee
Chair

Patriot Dreams, H-43

View from the Quarter Decks



Michele Price , General
Manager PWM

Well we certainly seem to have one extreme to the other in weather this year. The heat and sun have turned to clouds and rain but hopefully it will be gone soon. I know many of you are still wondering about the fuel dock, Carlton is working at it every day with the county to get it signed off on. I will definitely send out an email as soon as I know it is up and going.

Point Lookout Cruise!!

It is time for our annual Cruise to Point Lookout Marina. This year the marina is hosting a Party Weekend featuring a live band. Prince William Marine is once again sponsoring this trip down to Point Lookout Marina. For those that have never participated; this is a great weekend trip we have been taking for many years giving new boaters a great opportunity to head down river with other boaters and feel comfortable on a longer cruise. The date is Friday August 24th thru Sunday the 26th. The destination is approx 75 nautical miles away. There will be crabbing on the docks for the kids (big & little), a Friday night social & potluck dinner. Saturday will bring a morning day trip, followed by the afternoon Festival (compliments of PWM). Sounds great doesn't it? It has been a great trip every year; just ask those that have been before. We already have several signed up so mark your calendars and if you are interested please shoot me an email mprice@pwmарina.com and I will get you on the info list.

Upcoming Dates of Interest:

PWM Maintenance Class—August 23rd (Cruisers)

PWM Sport Boat Poker Run—August 18th

Cruise to Point Lookout Marina—Aug 24th-26th

911 Remembrance Fireworks—Sept 11th

Norfolk In-Water Boat Show—Sept 13-16

PWM/PWYC Pirate Night on the Hook—Sept 22nd

BoatLife Festival at The Yard—Sept 29-30

Michele Price , General
Manager PWM

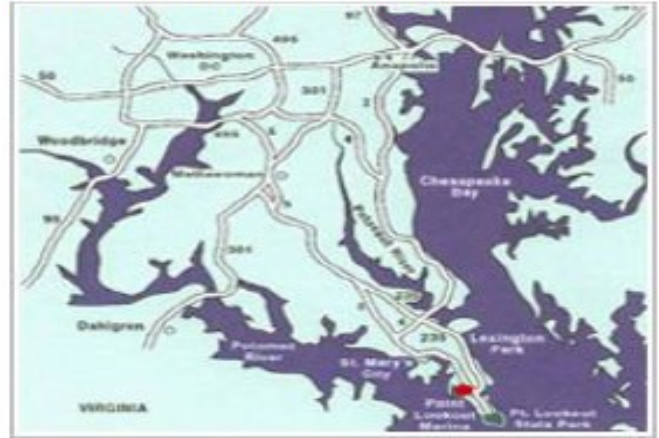


PWM Point Lookout Cruise # 17

Friday – Sunday

August 24 - 26, 2018

Sponsored by PWM for PWM Captains, Mates, Crew



Point Lookout Marina, 16244 Millers Wharf Road, Ridge, MD 20680
Phone 301-872-5000 www.pointlookoutmarina.com

Reserve Your Space Now

Weekend Cruise Highlights

- PWM Cruise Host - Michele Price
- Friday
 - Group Flotilla cruise down the Potomac
 - Crabbing at the docks - Kids (big and little)
 - Pool Lounging
 - Pot Luck Dinner Picnic (Dish to be assigned)
 - Corn hole Games
- Saturday
 - Kids Fun Activity
 - Local Day Trip— 9:30AM Location TBD
 - Pool Time
 - Festival/BBQ compliments of PWM 3-7pm
- Sunday - Buffet Breakfast available at Sunset Cove Restaurant (cost TBD)

****Sign up thru Michele Price at mprice@pwmarina.com****

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Additional Information mprice@pwmarina.com

CELEBRATE THE 70'S!!!!



**E/F/G CAPTAIN'S HOUR
AT THE BLUE BATH HOUSE
ON AUGUST 18, 2018 AT 6:00 PM**

*** PLEASE BRING A DISH
* BEST COSTUME WILL WIN A PRIZE**



Upcoming Events:

AUGUST

4 Board Meeting 9:00 a.m.

11-12 Three Sisters Raft-Up

18 Captain's Hour 6:00 (E/F/G)

24-26 Point Lookout Marina Cruise (PWM)

SEPTEMBER

8 Board Meeting 9:00 a.m.

Crab Feast

11 Patriot Day Fireworks (PWM)

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