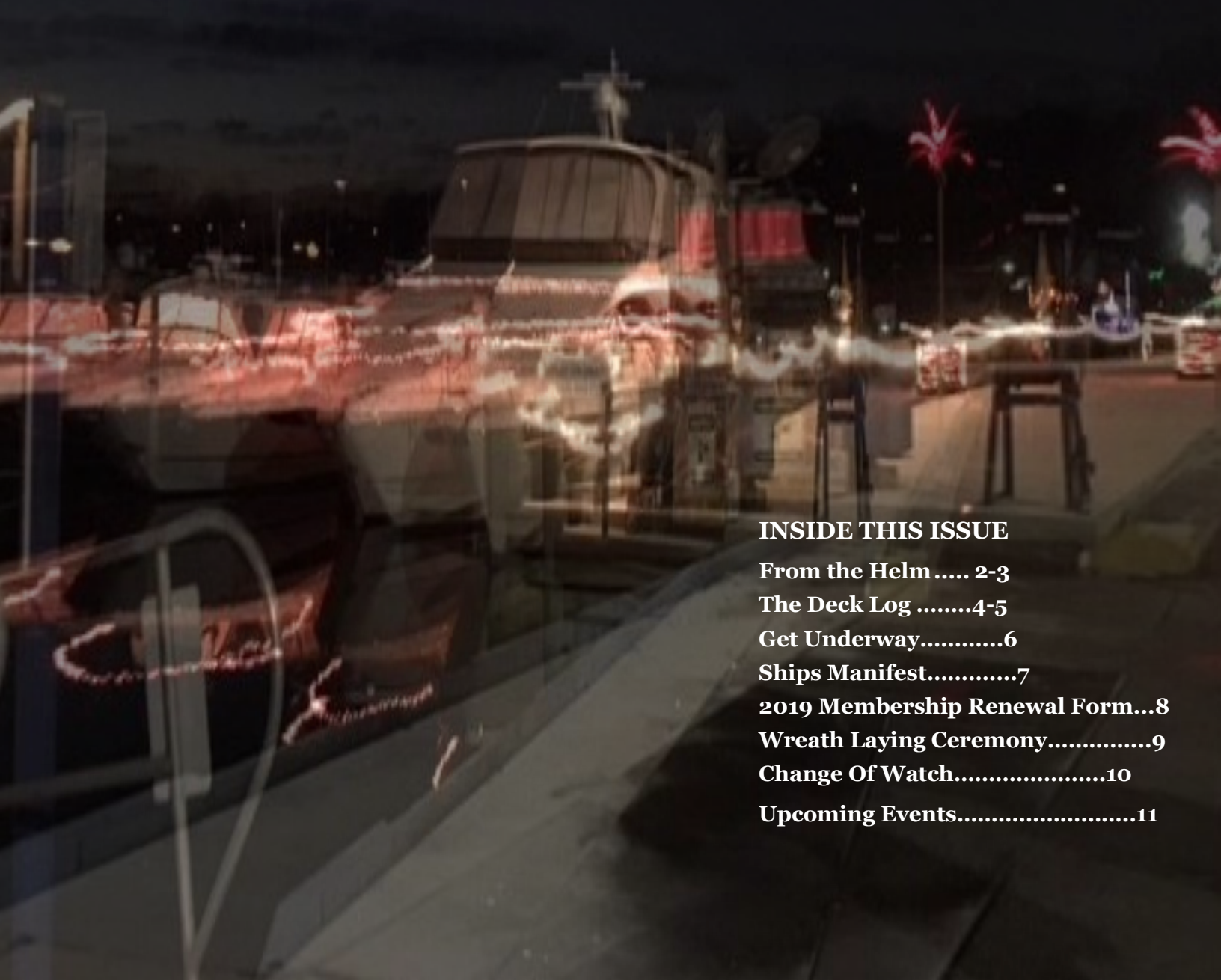


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**Member Club Of: Chesapeake Bay Yacht Club Association (CBYCA)
&
Potomac River Yacht Club Association (PRYCA)**

Lighting the Night!!!



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Our first snowfall, for some of us, reminds us that the boating season is truly over!

Our 2019 Board is in place following our November meeting. At our meeting a new board was voted in with the exception of the Rear Commodore position which was vacant. However I am pleased to inform membership that immediately following the meeting, members stepped up to address the vacancy. As a result, Sherry Samar stepped up as Treasurer and Vicky Carr as Rear Commodore. We now have a full board in place for 2019. Thank you to Sherry, Vicky and Ralph for joining the Board. And thank you to Mike, Una, Bob, Denise, J and Sherri for continuing to serve on our board.

Our December Board meeting was very productive covering a range of topics. Our planning for 2019 events is underway, beginning with our Change of Watch gala on 23 February. Here are two items I want to follow up on that I brought to your attention at the November membership meeting and in November's Lifeline. The topics that I am referring to are: Consideration of an annual membership fee increase from the current \$75 per year, and kicking off a contest to select a new logo for PWYC.

Membership Fee Increase: The topic of an increase was discussed, with input provided by the board and members in attendance. A motion was approved to defer the decision until our January meeting (12 January @ 10.00 am) pending additional budget analysis for input to the board's decision. While we will revisit this topic at January's meeting, I want to highlight the basis for my belief that a fee increase is warranted, and I welcome your input via email and/or join us at January's meeting.

- **Event Costs:** It is our mission to host a series of great events throughout the year, and in the years since the last increase, inflation has had a significant impact on our event costs and thus our ability to meet this mission.
- **IT Services:** It has become problematic to maintain a high quality of experience for our website and email services that we greatly rely on to communicate with membership. The challenge is that ongoing support requires a specialized skill set that is not consistently available from membership volunteers year over year. Therefore it is the board's opinion that we need to hire an IT Services provider. This is a new budget line item that cannot be supported with our current revenue projection.



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FROM THE HELM

- **Budget Margin:** I believe we need additional budget margin to support events throughout the year. For example, in addition to the budget contribution to the COW, we are required to make advance payments to secure facilities, etc. This requires a reserve of funds in advance of revenue intake from the event.
- **Crazy Eddie Bargain:** Finally, as yacht club membership fees go, PWYC is a "Crazy Eddie" bargain with great events, facilities and fellowship throughout the year.

PWYC Logo Refresh: As I mentioned at our November meeting I'd like to kick off a contest for members to provide their creative input for a new PWYC logo. At our December board meeting I proposed kicking off a contest leading up to presenting the winning design at our COW. The board approved a motion to delay the kickoff of a contest until after the holidays leading up to our 2019 Opening Day. While changes to our burgee requires a revision to our by-laws, subject to a membership vote, the board can proceed with a PWYC logo contest that captures the creative input of our membership of how we should represent the PWYC brand to the greater boating community, through the various means of communications we use such as our website and FaceBook. Look for follow up details, rules and timeline in our next Lifeline following our January board meeting.

Planning for our Annual Change of Watch gala is coming along nicely under the leadership of this year's captain Sherri Connelly. I do need membership's help with two items,

- **Steamboat Willy Award Nominations:** Presentation of the Steamboat Willy Award is a great PWYC tradition, and is one of the highlights of our COW. So please send me your nominees and their story of a humorous boating incident that occurred in 2018. The nominee criteria for the Steamboat Willie Award is an incident where a temporary lapse of good captainship occurred, but where the only damage is to the captain's pride.
- **Slide show:** For those who attended our November Captain's Hour, Chili Cookoff and Photo Contest you remember the slide show where we displayed all the 2018 Photo Contest entrants. We thought we would expand this idea to prepare a slide show of member's favorite photos from the 2018 boating season. Please send me your photos to include in our COW slide show!

McHarg Great Loop Update Rick and Kris are 450 miles from the Gulf of Mexico. However, they will be delayed in continuing their adventure while they have their starboard engine rebuilt. The good news is that we may get to see them during the next few weeks. They hope to get underway again and reach Florida in January.

Hope to see you at this Saturday's Prince William Marina Boat Lighting Event; and Robyn and I wish our PWYC and Prince William Marina family a **Happy and Safe Holiday Season!**



Mark Robeck
2018 Steamboat Willie Winner



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



THE DECK LOG

Vice Commodore, Mike Connolly
 vicecommadore@pwyc.org

It's time to winterize the boats and put socks on our feet. I hope you and yours had a wonderful Thanksgiving.



With Christmas fast approaching, it's also time to decorate our boats for the annual Boat Lighting on 8 December. PWM has posted information for the competition. Sherri and I are looking forward to walking the docks and sharing some Christmas cheer with everybody.

The 2018 "Wreaths Across America" is scheduled for 15 December. Ed & Christine Mason have posted information for PWYC's participation in this most worthy event.

Don't forget to save the date for the 2019 Change of Watch on 23 February. The board will determine the final price shortly, but you can still make room reservations at the following link: https://embassysuites.hilton.com/en/es/groups/personalized/D/DCASVES-CWG-20190223/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG.

Speaking of the Change of Watch, we plan to display the slide show of all the entries for the 2018 photo contest. If you have any other pictures that you'd like to be part of the show, please email them to me at vicecommadore@pwyc.org.

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THE DECK LOG

I'm looking for volunteers to be dock representatives for 2019. If you've been one before or are interested in being a new recruit, please get in touch with me.

One final note for this month...the PWYC board is beginning work on next year's calendar of events. If you have any ideas or want to champion an event, please contact our social committee chairs, Sherri Connelly and Denise Guess-Parsons at social@pwyc.org.



One last time for 2018 on the hook at Mattawoman

See you (next year) on the water.

Mike Connolly
Summer Daze, D-9

GET UNDERWAY



Rear Commodore, Vicky Carr
rearcommodore@pwyc.org

GO where YOU want to GO!

We serve a diverse membership- new boaters, seasoned salts, intrepid, cautious, day boats, cruisers, mega-yachts (well, kinda...). To build an on-water itinerary that serves you best, I need your input!. Please take a few minutes to complete this cruise destination survey NLT December 25.

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScTUUpG6VLH-3xUsoJDRehpxl9CyKj3cvMRuE5G0eNaG9g/viewform?usp=sf link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScTUUpG6VLH-3xUsoJDRehpxl9CyKj3cvMRuE5G0eNaG9g/viewform?usp=sf_link)

Vicky Carr
Rear Commodore
CarRUISIN, H-40

Ship's Manifest



Membership Chair, Una Murphy
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The 2019 PWYC Membership Drive is here!!

Anyone who renews their membership before December 31, 2018 are eligible for the "**Annual Get Your Dues Back Drawing**", held at the PWM Slip Holders Party in February!

Please help me welcome new and renewing Prince William Yacht Club Members (from September 1, 2018 – November 20, 2018 – any membership payments received after this date will be listed in the January Lifeline):

- ◆ Jason and Kris Blanchette, Lil' Missy, B-13
- ◆ Bob and Vicky Carr, CarRUISIN', H-40
- ◆ Thien Do and Van-Anh Nguyen, Tiger Key, K-04
- ◆ Jerry and Debbie Eatherly, HYRULE, I-15
- ◆ J and Ginger Gaston, Patriot Dreams, H-43
- ◆ Dennis and Robyn Gatens, Buzzed Gobbler, K-16
- ◆ Edward and Adriana Guedel, Boatel
- ◆ Harold and Lisa Jenkinson, April Fools, E-08
- ◆ Steve Levenson and Una Murphy, Murphy's Law 2.0, H-39
- ◆ Sheldon and Beth Lu, Taiwan On John Moore, Boatel
- ◆ John and Amber Moore, Boatel
- ◆ George and Sheila Novak, St. Francis, D-04
- ◆ Ralph and Pat Ocasio, Seas the Moment, G-36
- ◆ Scott and Denise Parsons, Finally Got it Right, F-06
- ◆ Raul Rivas, Boatel
- ◆ Jack and Sherry Samar, Irish Hawk, E-06
- ◆ Juston Secor and Valerie Grzesikowski, Boatel
- ◆ Lou and Pat Ward, Perfect Timing, H-30
- ◆ Jim Warthen and Kim Billingsley, R-Time. I-31

If you haven't renewed your membership for the 2019 season and want to do so now, you have options!

Subscribe via [PayPal](#) or [Credit Card](#) at [pwyc.org](#)
(click on "Payments")

Or

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

If you know marina friends or dockmates who have not yet renewed, please give them a reminder. If you know marina friends or dockmates who are not members, please recruit them for membership!

Thanks everyone!!

Membership Chair
Una Murphy
membership@pwyc.org



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)

Boat Name _____

E-mail Address (Co-Captain)

Dock _____

Slip Number _____

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New/Renewal Membership: \$75.00

Return to:

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E-mail: membership@pwyc.org



**Prince William Boating Community
is supporting the
Arlington wreath laying ceremony
December 15, 2018**

**Patriot Cruise & Salute (PCS) is sponsoring wreath purchases.
When you purchase a wreath for \$15 each, \$5 comes back to PCS
assisting Wounded Veterans and their families.**

Wreaths Across America is a nationwide event.

Share with family and friends.

Go to www.wreathscrossamerica.org

Under banner "Sponsor Wreaths", click on "Local Fundraising Group";

Select number of wreaths,

Type in code **VA0051P** for Patriot Cruise then begin checkout.

Continue following instructions

**Donations of 3 or more wreaths will be entered in a drawing to win a
Patriot Cruise gift basket.**

DC Trails Bus departs from Prince William Marina parking lot (in front of the Electric Palm) for the wreath laying on December 15th. Gathering time begins at 6:30am; bus departs NLT 7:00am. Sign up with POC below: **FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED.**

For additional information contact Christine Mason at cmasonva@gmail.com

Prince William Yacht Club

Change of Watch Gala

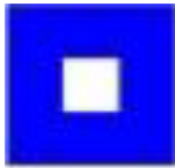
February 23, 2019

Embassy Suites Springfield, VA

7:00-11:30 p.m.

Formal/Cocktail attire

Dinner and Dancing



Garden Salad with Mixed Field Greens, Grape Tomatoes, Sliced Cucumbers and Shaved Carrots, Served with Ranch and Balsamic Dressing Freshly Baked Rolls with Butter



Entrée 1 Sauteed Ravioli Stuffed with Wild Mushrooms, Tossed in a Truffle Cream Sauce, Served with Chef's Mixed Vegetable Medley

Entrée 2 Tuscan Chicken—Pan Seared Chicken Breast Stuffed with Artichoke and Basil Butter, topped with White Wine Cream Sauce, Served with Tuscan Herb Risotto and Roasted Asparagus



Entrée 3 Grilled Strip Steak topped with Merlot Shallot Demi Glace, Served with Garlic Mashed Potatoes **This Dish is Served Medium Rare**

Key Lime Pie Freshly Brewed Coffee, Decaffeinated Coffee and a Selection of Hot Teas

Reserve your room today! Use the link and code below

https://embassysuites.hilton.com/en/es/groups/personalized/D/DCASVES-CWG-20190223/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG



Group Code: CWG

Price Per Person:

Members : \$95

Non Members: \$125

Please RSVP dinner choice by 2/8/19 and send your check to:

Sherri Connolly
8110 Deercreek Pl
Springfield, VA 22153

Upcoming Events For the Yacht Club:

December

8 Christmas Boat Lighting (PWM)

15 Arlington Wreath Laying 6:30 a.m.

January

12 Board Meeting 10:00 a.m.

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Denise Guess-Parsons

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Finally Got It Right, F6

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