



# *Lifeline*

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

***Let's Go Boating!***

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Countdown to Opening Day from March 20th: **30**

## COVID-19

### CORONAVIRUS IMPACTS

As you are aware, federal, state, and local governments have cancelled numerous events and issued guidelines on social interaction; hence, your Board of Directors is building contingency plans for our planned calendar of events. **To date, we have made no adjustments to our planned schedule. We will let you know via email if we need to adjust, postpone, or cancel an event no later than one week in advance.**

The next big event on the calendar is our annual Cherry Blossom Cruise on Saturday, 28 March. **Weather permitting, we intend to execute the Cherry Blossom Cruise as planned.** If necessary, we'll forego an in-person, pre-cruise meeting and pass all instructions via emails.

There's a ton of confusing Coronavirus information floating around. In an effort to provide you with some legitimate information, here's the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/about/index.html>.



## FROM THE HELM



Mike Connolly  
Commodore  
commodore@pwyc.org

I don't think there's a much better example of how great our club is than how we came together to fight the proposed Prince William County boat tax. It was around Thursday, 20 Feb that news of the county's proposed tax started to spread. The call went out to start sending emails to the Prince William

County Board of Supervisors on Saturday. A lot of you included me on your emails...I received close to 100, so I can only imagine the overall number that each county supervisor received. On Tuesday, 25 Feb the Board of Supervisors held a meeting to discuss the proposed tax. I think about 50 PWYC members showed up...most of us couldn't even get into the meeting room. The chairperson opened the meeting and immediately pulled the tax from consideration. Obviously, our club had an impact.

After talking with a number of club members about the boat tax, one major theme became apparent: We fought this not just because of our shared love of boating, but more important is the impact it would have on our ability to get together as a club with our friends. We are a social club that happens to be organized around boats. We could move our boats to other marinas to escape boat taxes (or get out of boating), but that would mean that our family would take a hit. Nobody was willing to accept this possibility. We have an awesome club!

Defeating the boat tax made our Change of Watch Celebration on 29 Feb all the more special. If you didn't have a good time at the CoW, it was because you weren't there! It takes a lot of folks to pull together an event like this and it's always hard to mention names out of concern that somebody will be left out. Nevertheless, we all need to thank Kevin Ryan for being a fantastic Master of Ceremonies; Harold Jenkinson for a moving invocation; PWYC Treasurer Sherry Samar for putting together the awesome slide show; and previous PWYC Commodore Ed Mason for swearing in the 2020 PWYC Board of Directors and presenting the board with their burgees. We also need to thank Vicky Carr for being the good sport that she is and guarding the Steamboat Willie award until next year (a number of us could have earned this award, including yours truly). Most of all, however, we need to thank our Social Chair, Denise Parsons for putting together this outstanding event! I'll note that about 30 more people attended this year's CoW than the last few years, and that was due to Denise's ability to lead her team...well done Denise!

### PWYC BRIDGE

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Mike Connolly  
"Summer Daze" (D-9)

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"EAGLE ONE" (K-40)

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"Patriot Dreams" (H-43)

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CBYCA DELEGATE  
Tim Abel



Kevin Ryan is the quintessential Master of Ceremonies



Members of your 2020 PWYC Board of Directors receive their burgees

There was no rest for Denise and her team as PWYC held our annual Prince William Marina employee appreciation dinner the following week on 7 Mar. Again, this event was all the more special since our club fought the boat tax alongside PWM. Our club has a unique relationship with our hosting marina and this annual dinner gives us the opportunity to recognize how much we appreciate PWM's contribution to our boating experience. A lot of folks donated their time and food to make this a great event, but we need to thank our Social Chair, Denise Parsons for organizing everything...once again, great job Denise!

In order to have an organization that can fight against boat taxes as well as execute functions like the Change of Watch Celebration and the PWM employee appreciation dinner, we need everybody to pay their annual dues. Most of our club's revenues come from your annual dues. It's only \$100 and it is money well spent. You can pay your dues by subscribing for automatic annual renewal via PayPal at [www.pwyc.org](http://www.pwyc.org) or contacting our Membership Chair, Kris Blanchette at [membership@pwyc.org](mailto:membership@pwyc.org). Anybody who didn't renew their membership by 19 March was "de-activated," which means you don't have access to the members-only portion of the website or database until you renew your membership. If this happened to you, you can easily rectify the situation by paying your dues now. For that matter, if you know somebody who hasn't paid their annual dues, please "encourage" them to do so.

Your PWYC Board of Directors adopted "Visibility of the club at the marina and around the Potomac River and Chesapeake Bay" and "Appreciation for PWYC traditions while simultaneously nurturing new ideas in order to promote club pride and ensure its continued existence" as two of our values for 2020. To support these values, at the CoW I announced the start of a club competition to give a name to the PWYC Mariner that appears on our burgee. The PWYC Mariner is a unique symbol that easily stands-out amongst other Potomac River and Chesapeake Bay club burgees. By naming the mariner, we'll make him a more enduring symbol that will give us a better sense of pride that we can rally around. If you have any ideas for the PWYC Mariner's name, please email them to me at [commodore@pwyc.org](mailto:commodore@pwyc.org). Depending on how many responses I receive, I'll either announce the winner at our Closing Day General Membership Meeting on 7 November, or we'll conduct a vote of the top names at this meeting.





The winter is almost over and it's time to start preparing for the 2020 boating season! Your Board of Directors is looking forward to seeing you around the marina. If you want to find out more about the status of your club and the Board's latest plans for the year, please attend the April Board meeting in the Blue Bath House on Saturday, 4 April at 9:00 am. It's going to be an awesome year! Thanks for all you do to make this club the outstanding organization that it is!



8 March...Spring is almost here

See you on the water,

Mike Connolly  
Summer Daze, D-9

**...AND FROM THE VICE**

Rick McHarg

Vice Commodore

vicecommodore@pwyc.org

Let me second the Commodore's remarks – It was quite a Change of Watch Party. Thanks to all who attended and especially our PWYC Social committee. I hope you had a good enough time to want to attend again next year.

Speaking of the fabulous Social Committee, they came right back with a PWYC sponsored Pot Luck “Mexican” dinner for the Marina Employees and their families on March 7<sup>th</sup>. Many members pitched in

To feed the 60 adults and children of Prince William's best! Well done!

As the Commodore said, Congrats to all on helping to defeat the Prince William County proposed property tax on boats/trailers. A great letter writing campaign and news blitz resulted in the Chmn of the PW Board of Supervisors announcing the tax would be reset to the original zero-based rate, ensuring the boating industry will remain in PWC.

Coming up we have all the events associated with Spring. You will find the safety related events under the Safety column to include the Occoquan Safety Foundation meeting 12 March at the EP at 10:00, USCG Auxiliary Boating Safety Course on March 28, and our first cruise, the Cherry Blossom run 28 March (weather permitting) up to the Tidal Basin for photos! The next PWYC Board of Directors meeting is April 4 at 9:00 AM... You are all always invited to attend.

For Future Planning, 18 April is a jam-packed Opening day! Festivities are listed below and in the calendar later :

- 10:00 AM River Shore Cleanup
- 11:30 AM PWYC Dock Rep Meeting (Blue Bath House)
- 12:00 Noon General Membership Meeting / Lunch (Blue Bath House)
- 1:30 PM Opening Ceremony (Boat Launch Flagpole)
- 2:00 PM Sock Burning (Firepit adjacent to Boat Lift)
- 2:30 PM Duck Drop
- 3:00 PM Practical Boating Seminars (Blue Bath House)
- 6:00 PM Captain's Hour (Sponsored by the PWYC Bridge/ Blue Bath House)

Check out the PWYC Calendar attached, and check with your Dock Rep to see what/ Where/When the monthly PWYC Captain Hour is...and if you missed our March 19 deadline to pay your dues, we are still happy to renew you... just contact our membership chair Kris Blanchette at [membership@pwyc.org](mailto:membership@pwyc.org). She will be happy to take your \$100 and welcome you back into the fold!

One last reminder... If you are free or we have lousy weather next weekend March 13-15, stop by the Capital Area Boat Show at the Expo Center in Chantilly. Lots of boating booths to peruse, gotta be some gear you need – plus you can say ‘hi’ to our Friends at the Prince William Marine Sales booth.

Get your de-winterization request in to Austin in so you're ready to go! See you on the Dock.

**Rick McHarg “EAGLE ONE” K-40**



James Smith

*Rear Commodore*

rearcommodore@pwyc.org

## LOTS OF STUFF

March kicks off the start of our on water activities! Our first event is the annual ***Cherry Blossom Cruise*** and the forecast is for peak bloom to occur between March 25<sup>th</sup> and March 29<sup>th</sup>, centered on March 27<sup>th</sup>. Peak bloom is reached when 70 percent of the cherry blossoms flower along the Tidal Basin. If the forecast holds, peak bloom will coincide with the **National Cherry Blossom Festival**, set for March 20 to April 12. Weather permitting we will cruise up to the Tidal Basin on March 28<sup>th</sup> at around 10 AM. Tom Payne in his boat “Summer Daze” will be waiting for the boats to arrive and take photos. Photo shoot time is between 12 and 2 PM. The backup date is March 29<sup>th</sup>. In the event of a complete washout we will push the event back a week. Steve Levenson, “Murphy’s Law” will be the lead for this cruise. He will pull out early and will meet and direct the boaters into position for the shoot. Hailing Channel will be 68. Please see the flyers attached to this newsletter and around the marina for additional information. **Please send me a quick email to let me know if you will be participating so that I can get a rough count of how many boats will be heading up.** [rearcommodore@pwyc.org](mailto:rearcommodore@pwyc.org)

***The Washington Nationals baseball game*** land/sea event is scheduled for June 6<sup>th</sup>. Travel by boat to the Yards Marina or drive or Metro in. Currently, 35 people have expressed an interest in going to the game. Lou and Pat Ward, “Perfect Timing” are coordinating this event. They still have tickets available. If you are interested in going contact Lou and Pat at [the4wards@cox.net](mailto:the4wards@cox.net)

***Fathers Day Cruise to Colonial Beach.*** I have reserved a block of 20 slips at the Colonial Beach Yacht Center for our Fathers Day Cruise over June 19<sup>th</sup> to June 21<sup>st</sup>. Call them directly at **(804) 224-7230 after April 1<sup>st</sup> to reserve your slip.** After you have made your reservation contact me at [rearcommodore@pwyc.org](mailto:rearcommodore@pwyc.org) so that I can keep track of who will be attending the event.



**At Large Cruises.** We have reduced the number of events in this boating season to generally one per month. This provides more flexibility to boaters who would like to venture out in smaller groups to different destinations that interest them. These events can be anywhere from a day trip ie: National Harbor or Alexandria, to multi-day trips. We would like to allow boaters who would like to participate in these “At Large Cruises” to be given the opportunity to do so. We will post the events with a sign-up sheet and contact information in the boat house, first level, on the bulletin board. Please contact me if you would like to lead these events. We currently have 2 of these events planned, one to the North Chesapeake and one down the AICW to North Carolina.

CRUISE	DATE	LEAD	CO-LEAD
Cherry Blossom	3/28	Levenson	Smith
Nats Game Land/Sea	6/6	Wards	TBD
Patriot's Cruise	6/13	Mason	All Hands
Dads Day/Col Bch	6/19-21	Smith	Lu
Bay Cruise	7/17-24	TBD	TBD
3 Sisters	8/14-6	McHarg	TBD
Labor Day Cruise	9/4-7	TBD	TBD
PNOTH	9/25-27	Carr	TBD
Cmdrs Cruise	10/9-12	Connolly	TBD

## Ship's Manifest



Kris Blanchette  
Membership Chair  
membership@pwyc.org

**Don't Forget – Renew by March 19 or be left out of the fun!**

**Renew by the first day of Spring, March 19<sup>th</sup>** or you will not be in the annual printed directory and you will lose access to PWYC website, events, activities, and publications!

If you know you haven't renewed your membership for the 2020 season and want to do so, here are your options:

Subscribe for Automatic Annual Renewal via PayPal at pwyc.org  
(click on "Payments")

OR

Send a \$100.00 check made payable to: PWYC to  
PWYC Membership Committee  
c/o Prince William Marina  
12849 Gordon Boulevard  
Woodbridge, VA 22192-3240

You will find a copy of the PWYC Membership Application is in this issue of Lifeline. **If you have any changes to your profile (boat name, slip location, email or mailing address), please update your profile at [www.pwyc.org](http://www.pwyc.org) or email [membership@pwyc.org](mailto:membership@pwyc.org).** Deadline to update your information for the Directory is March 19!

Please help me welcome new and renewing Prince William Yacht Club Members that renewed by February 29, 2020. **If you don't see your name here, we have either not received your renewal or you just recently renewed (before this publication or after February 29<sup>th</sup>),** please renew before March 19<sup>th</sup> to avoid losing access to your member benefits.

If your information listed below is not correct, please login to the website or email [membership@pwyc.org](mailto:membership@pwyc.org) to update your profile information to include boat name, dock and slip location, and mailing address or your information will not appear correctly in the 2020 directory.

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Arthur Fernandes, The Getaway, L-17  
 Brian McCormally, Irish Exit, I-29  
 Lawrence Botts, Brown Eyed Girl, L-24  
 David Fisher, Miss Conduct, I-31  
 Heidi Copeland, B-20  
 Ted and Laura Angle, Sparkling Star, K-26  
 John Whiteford, Let's Go, B-7  
 Bob and Vicky Carr, Carruisin', H-40  
 Greg Fletcher, Boatel  
 Al Gross, Gross Weinstube III, K-21  
 Skip Jones, Truly Blessed III  
 Jim Khoury, Judy Blue Eyes II, K-20  
 Oscar "Mac" McNeil, Vino Veritas  
 Raul Rivas, Boatel  
 Wayne Sharp, FUNDAY IV  
 Sherman and Ling Vandevender, Dream On, K-31  
 Skyler Stegall, Anger Management, D-12  
 Walter and Jeanne Seiberling, Jeanne Marie II, Trailer/Home  
 Harold and Lisa Jenkinson, April Fools, E-8  
 Jerry Little, Dea Duction, Tyme n' Tide  
 Ted and Stephanie Miller, Czarina Anna, B-17  
 Tom and Julie Cornbrooks, Divine Intervention, D-8  
 Jay and Casey Dowling, Naught On Call, F-16  
 William and Shirley Embrey, Chief Six, Boatel  
 Bob and Margaret Kirby, It's 5 O'Clock Somewhere, I-22  
 Laura Lee, Hat Trick II  
 Pete and Michele Maravas, Lucky Dog  
 Jason and Kris Blanchette, Lucky Paws, D-15  
 Mike and Sherri Connolly, Summer Daze, D-9  
 Sheldon and BethLu, Taiwan-On  
 Rick and Kris McHarg, Eagle One, J-30

Jack and Sherry Samar, Irish Hawk, E-6  
 David and Sonia Astle, Crew Lounge, Trailer/Home  
 Frank Beatty, Uptown Girl, H-42  
 J and Virginia Gaston, Patriot Dreams, H-43  
 Steve and Pam Marsters, Boatel  
 Steve Levenson and Una Murhpy, Murphy's Law, H-39  
 Doug and Jenna Burum, Another Sunday Morning, E-1  
 Durel Lewis, Sea Duke, F-13  
 Ralph and Pat Ocasio, Seas The Moment, G-36  
 Philip and Heidi Schoepflin, Liberty Call, Boatel  
 Robert Schwartz, Alexandra, F-12  
 James and Quintina Smith, Express Yourself, H-41  
 Robert and Paula Voith, Boredom Busters, Boatel  
 Lou Ward, Perfect Timing, H-30  
 Jonna Wooten, Boatel  
 Ed and Adriana Guedel, Yin & Yang, D -3  
 Kevin and Laurie Ryan, Ryan's Hope, H-35  
 Gerald Hehe and Sarah Schnittger, Next Chapter II, K-10  
 Chris and Eve Borner, Kiwi Magic, H-17  
 Shawn and Stephanie Burget, Nordica, K-34  
 Idris and Sabine Grant, Luna Sea, K-24  
 Thomas and Kathleen Griffin, Boatel  
 Steve and Kim Harrison, Cool Runnings, K-13  
 James and Nancy Jackson, Grand Escape, G-23  
 Jason and Shannon Leydig, Nauti Pleasures, L-3  
 John and Marcie McCauley, Pay It Forward, D -7  
 Frank Murray, Jr, Loose Change, C-14  
 Scott and Denise Parsons, Finally Got It Right, F-6  
 Karl Walther and Peyton Oaks, Boatel  
 Michael Pobat, What's Up Dock, Boatel

Fred and Kathleen Roggero, Boatel  
Mark Dungan and Sierra Gaudalupe, Kokopelli, K-35  
Mark and Mary Lou Sikorski, Shellback Too, E-10  
David and Jillian Szczepanek, Feefs, B-11  
Don and Eileen Thornburg, North Star, D -11  
Peter Pasek and Carol Gray, After All!, K-8  
Dean and Debbie Cognetti, Cogs Cruiser, Boatel  
Fred and Nancy Hanscom, 401(K), C-19  
Phil and Vicki Kirby, No Vacancy, I-dock  
James and Tuula Ross, Sea Breeze N, C-11  
Terry and Prudy Stefanik, Harvest Moon, K-6  
Dick and Nikki Thomas, Boatel  
John and Anne Williamson, Boatel  
Jonathan Murray and Desiree van Welsum, Synergy 4, other  
Barry and Carrie Braden, This Side Up, H-20  
Janice and William Brooks, Brussels Belle, C-19  
Tim and Barbara Abel, Adventuress  
Justin and Kathy Cordelli  
Jim Caputo and Sheri Robinson, Final Approach, H-26  
Michael D'Amico and Michael Price, Boatel  
David and Donna Fisher, Miss Conduct, I-31  
Joe and Han Peruzzi, Out of the Blue, Boatel  
Paul and Maryellen Wetmore, Getting Wetmore, Boatel  
Jerry and Debbie Eatherly, Hyrule, I-14  
Walt and Joy Heuer, Slice of Paradise, H-19  
Joan & BC Lam  
Jeff and Liz Miller, Boatel  
David and Katherine Kimmell, Lady K II, K-30  
Carl and Caroline Cunningham, Our Time, L-13



Fred Hauk and Michele Kennedy, Any Particular Harbor, Other

Brent and Elaine Bogar, Coco's Crew, Boatel

Randy and Theresa Becker, Good Vibrations, K-5

Jay and Jennifer Conley, Boatel

Mark and Chris Ann Evans, Boatel

David Hahn, Boatel

Bill Jasien, Let's Roll, I-Dock

Rich and Christine Jones, Comfort Solutions, I-21

Laura Kibby

Bill Laughlin and Bernadette Bernardino, Seawolf, L-22

Ed and Christine Mason, American Spirit, I-27

Brain and Karen McNeice, Boatel

Margaret Moorhouse

Maureen Nelson and Diane Patterson, Mo Fun, J-Dock

Raymond and Gail Palmer, Sea Reni Tee, B-14

Pam Cressey, At Last, B-21

Michael and Debra Perrella, Boatel

Kevin and Ann Rychlik, Coffee Break

Steve and Linda Scheid, Magic Moment, G-18

Greg and Debbie Schick, Chihauhuaholic, I-16

Matt and Lisa Shaw, Land Escape 4, D -13

Carol and Rod Vasquez, El Don, K-31

David and Kathleen Weekman, Slip Away, K-Dock

Tim and Marlene Weston, GiddyUp, I-8

Hunter Bell, F-9

Bill and Liliana Torres, Liliana, I-31

Peter and Stephanie Perhach, Boatel-

James Thomas, Sweet Indulgence, H-16

Billy Oldridge, Caroline, Boatel

George Novak, St. Francis, D-4

**Incase you missed the note earlier....**

**<<<IMPORTANT NOTICE>>>**

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# Prince William Yacht Club

## 2020 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL



MEMBERSHIP DUES: \$100.00

Last Name (Captain) \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone (Captain) \_\_\_\_\_

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

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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Make Check Payable To: PWYC**

**New/Renewal Membership: \$100.00**

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c/o Prince William Marina  
12849 Gordon Blvd  
Woodbridge, VA 22192-3240**

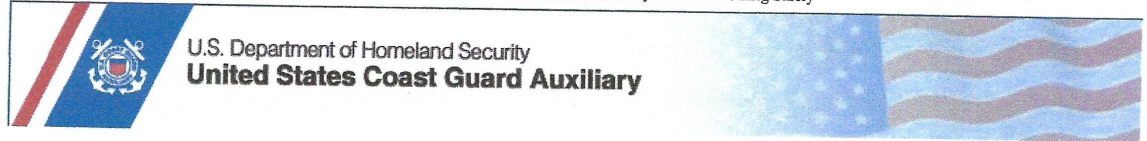
**E-mail: [membership@pwyc.org](mailto:membership@pwyc.org)**

# About Boating Safety Training

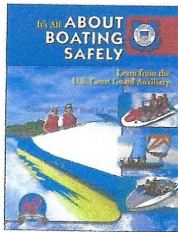


Bob Schwartz  
Safety Officer

Public Education Course Flyer: About Boating Safely



## Public Education Course Flyer: About Boating Safely



If you are interested in an exciting, in-depth boating safety course, check out the in classroom (seminar) version of our popular online boating course.

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; filling 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.

**Presented by Flotilla 054-25-06  
Occoquan - Fairfax, VA**

**Course:** About Boating Safely

**Start Date:** Sat, 09 May 2020

**Hours:** 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

**Duration:** 8 Hours

**Lessons:** 1

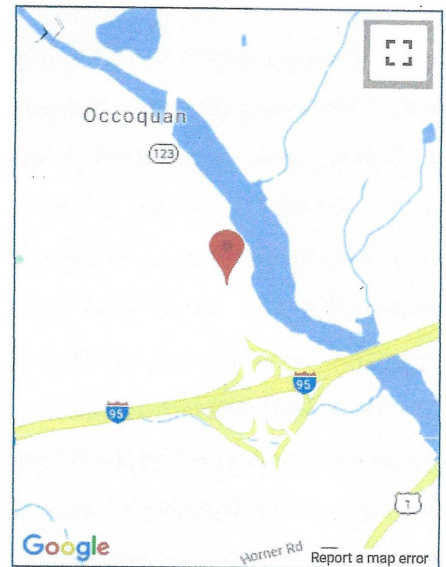
**Location:** Prince William Marina  
12849 Gordon Blvd  
Blue Bath House By River  
Woodbridge, VA 22192

**Contact:** Teresa Allen  
tallen@pwmarina.com  
(703) 494-6611

**Course Cost:** \$35

**Register By:** Wed, 06 May 2020

Posted: Fri, 04 Oct 2019



Marker location may be approximate; verify location before travel.

## **2020 Vessel Safety Checks And How to Put Out the Fire!**

The 2020 Vessel Safety Checks schedule will be on:

April 25, 2020

May 9, 2020

Sign-up sheets will be available 1 week before they are scheduled in the Blue Bathhouse. If you have any questions, please contact our Safety Officer.

### OWL, Fire Extinguishers, & Flares

On April 11 from 12:00 noon to 2:00 pm, the OWL Volunteer Fire Department will provide instruction and a demonstration on the proper use of a fire extinguisher and exactly how to light and use a flare, especially the hand held flares.

Following this, we will have an opportunity to practice what they preached. We will gather by the flag pole next to the travel lift haul out wet slip.

To be sure that the opportunity to have a hands-on experience is had by everyone, all attendees should bring a couple of their own flares and a fire extinguisher. OWL may not have enough of either to go around. A flare or two with an expired date should do nicely.



## Treasurer's Report

Sherry Samar  
*Treasurer*

Balance as of 02/01/2020:	\$ 11,128.53
Receipts (dues, CoW, burgee sales, interest)	\$ 10,622.41
Expenses (CoW, dues rebate, club brochures CBYCA ad, flags)	\$ -8360.36
New balance as of 03/01/2020	<b>\$ 13,796.06</b>

## Change of Watch....In case you missed it



New Bridge Leadership 2020.

## Change of Watch....In case you missed it



Scott showing his 'not so better' side —  
but we do dig the Jimmy Buffet themed  
shirt!



Lovely couple—Ed and Adrianna Guedel



The Whole Group!



# PRINCE WILLIAM YACHT CLUB

## 2020 PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

### Contest Rules

There will be FIVE (5) categories of contest entries based on the MAIN SUBJECT of each photo:

**Boats      Places      Humor      People      Wildlife**

Photographs must be taken in the Chesapeake Bay, Potomac River, Occoquan River region.

Email photos (high resolution), with the following information to Mike Connolly at [vicecommandore@pwyc.org](mailto:vicecommandore@pwyc.org).

- **photographer's name**
- **boat name**
- **category entered**
- **camera used**
- **title of each photograph**
- **brief description of photograph**

**Sample submission:**  
 Photographer: John Doe  
 Boat Name: Goin' Down Slow  
 Camera used: Canon, Nikon, Sony, Cell phone, etc...  
 Title: "The Good Life"  
 Description: photo taken of Mt. Vernon on trip to DC

Entries must be submitted by **October 23, 2020**.

There is no limit to the number of photographs you may enter. Professional photographers are not eligible to participate in the contest. By entering the contest, you automatically convey PWYC and its affiliated publications and websites, unlimited, nonexclusive publishing rights, to each photograph submitted.

### Judging and Prizes

#### **Judging Criteria:**

1) Image clarity & quality 2) artistic impression 3) color, lighting, exposure, focus 4) adherence to category  
 Grand Prize and winners in each Category will receive a prize and will be published in the LIFELINE newsletter.

Winning photos will be enlarged, framed, and exhibited in the Blue Bathhouse at the marina. Winners will be announced at the 2020 Closing Day Ceremonies on November 6th, 2020.



# 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Cookout

**When: Saturday, April 11<sup>TH</sup> @ 5 P.M.**

**Where: Grilling Area By E Dock**

**Who: This Event Is Open To All Boat  
Owners at the Prince William Marina**

**Please Bring A Side Dish To Share**

**This Event Is Not A Yacht Club Sponsored Event So  
Please Bring Your Own Booze And Meat**

**Grills Will Be Available To Cook On**

**\* Email [social@pwyc.org](mailto:social@pwyc.org) If You Have Any Questions**



# Cherry Blossom Cruise & Photo Shoot Prince William Yacht Club

Saturday, March 28, 2020 or Saturday, April 4, 2020  
(inclement weather dates will be the following Sunday)

Kick off the 2019 boating season by joining us on the annual Cherry Blossom Cruise and Photo Shoot! Bring family and friends on this PWYC cruise up the Potomac River, to the tidal basin in Washington, DC.

Join the PWYC flotilla  
(following a lead boat)  
or travel on your own.



Have professional photographs taken of your boat and crew in front of the Washington Monument.

Two Saturdays have been set aside for the cruise. Final selection of the date will depend upon weather conditions and peak bloom dates of the cherry blossoms.

CONTACT: Rear Commodore • James Smith • [rearcommodore@pwyc.org](mailto:rearcommodore@pwyc.org)

# Cherry Blossom Cruise

## Photo Shoot Guidelines

Saturday, March 28, 2020 or Saturday, April 4, 2020  
(Inclement weather dates will be the following Sunday.)

**Photo Shoot Time:**  
**12:00 - 2:00 p.m.**

**PHOTOGRAPHER:**  
Tom Payne

**PHOTO BOAT:** Common Sense  
**HAILING CHANNEL:** 68  
**CELL PHONE:** 410-458-0991

### NAVIGATION GUIDELINES

After passing under the 14th street bridge spans:

- locate and hail photo boat, "Common Sense" on Channel 68 (blue-hulled Sundancer 330).
- follow the approximate float path marked in yellow on the diagram.
- steer toward the Tidal Basin.
- close to shore, turn north and proceed slowly between the photo boat and the cherry trees.
- watch depth and avoid obstructions.



### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

The yellow dot marks the location of the Photo Boat (Common Sense). The yellow oval marks the Photo Zone in which photos will be taken. Tom Payne will take several photos of your boat, to include the blossoms and the Washington Monument in the background. If you want a photo showing your boat name, stop at some point and rotate your boat, to make the name visible to the camera. Resume your pass. If another boat enters the Photo Zone while you are passing, slow down until they pass so they don't "photo bomb" your pictures.

If there is rain, snow, or high winds, the shoot will be cancelled. Also, be prepared with all appropriate documentation should the Coast Guard decide to board your vessel.

The charge for 3 high resolution photographs is \$25. Photographs of your boat will be emailed to you upon receipt of payment. Custom 8"x 10" prints with mats (suitable for framing) can be ordered and shipped for an additional cost of \$15 per print. **Contact Tom Payne (Payne Relief Artworx) at:** 410-458-0991 or email: [strumdrummer@yahoo.com](mailto:strumdrummer@yahoo.com)

**Photo Shoot**  
**\$25**



## OPENING DAY SCHEDULE

### Prince William Yacht Club OPENING DAY FESTIVITIES 18 April 2020

#### AGENDA

- 10:00am: River Shore Cleanup
- 11:30am: PWYC Dock Rep Meeting (Blue Bath House)
- 12:00pm: General Membership Meeting and Lunch (Blue Bath House)
- 1:30pm: Flag Raising Ceremony (Boat Launch Flagpole)
- 2:00pm: Sock Burning Ceremony
- 2:30pm: Duck Drop
- 3:00pm: Practical Boating Seminar (Blue Bath House)
- 6:00pm: Captain's Hour (Blue Bath House)

## TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALLGAME



# *Annual PWYC Baseball Game & Cruise*

The Weekend of June 6 & 7



Join us for an evening at Nationals Park as the World Series Champion Washington Nationals play the New York Mets! First Pitch is 7:15 PM on Saturday June 6.

Cruise to The Yards Marina near Nationals Park, or travel by car / Metro. If you are traveling by boat, you can make arrangements for an overnight slip via Snag a Slip (link is on the Yards Marina web site: <https://www.yardsmarina.com/> ) Plan to arrive on Friday afternoon / evening or Saturday during the day.

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 \$60.50 each. Seating is in Section 132, Baseline Reserved.

We only have 50 seats reserved in this section, so sign up now!

RSVP and order tickets via email at [the4wards@cox.net](mailto:the4wards@cox.net).

***Important Note: Check the PWYC.org website for updates or changes to the calendar.***

## 2020 PWYC CALENDAR

Contact **Denise Guess-Parsons**, **Pat Ocasio**, or **Sherri Connolly** [social@pwyc.org](mailto:social@pwyc.org), to help

### MARCH

28 *USCG Auxiliary Boating Safety Course (PWM event)*

28 Cherry Blossom Cruise (back up date April 4<sup>th</sup>)

### APRIL

4 Board Meeting @ 9:00 am

4 Cherry Blossom Cruise (back up date)

11 Cook Out @ 5 pm

18 **OPENING DAY!** (Joint PWM event)  
 Potomac River Cleanup @ 10:00 am  
 Dock Rep Meeting @ 11:30 am  
 General Membership Meeting and Lunch @ 12:00 pm  
 Opening Ceremony @ 1:30 pm  
 Sock Burning @ 2:00 pm  
 Duck Drop @ 2:30 pm  
 Practical Boating Seminars @ 3:00 pm  
 Captain's Hour @ 6:00 pm

25 USCG Vessel Safety Checks

### MAY

2 Board Meeting @ TBD

2 Kentucky Derby Party @ 5:00 pm

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9            *USCG Vessel Safety Checks*

16           *Blessing of the Fleet (ORMA event)*

16           Dock Crawl @ 5:00 pm

22 -25      TBD

## **JUNE**

6            Nationals Baseball Game Cruise

12           Captain's Hour @ 7:30pm (Host: K Dock, after Patriot Cruise Volunteer Briefing)

13           *Patriot Cruise and Salute*

19-21      Father's Day Cruise to Colonial Beach (Joint PWM event)

## **JULY**

11           Board Meeting @ TBD

11           Captain's Hour @ 6:00 pm (Host: A-D Docks)

18           PRYCA Float In

17-24      Annual Bay Cruise

25           Pig Roast (Welcome home from the annual cruise)

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**AUGUST**

- 1 Board Meeting @ 9:00 am
- 2 Founders Day, Cook Out
- 14-16 Three sisters raft up/DC Wharf/Yard's Marina (HOME GAME: Nationals versus Padres)
- 22 Captain's Hour (Host: E/F/G Docks)

**SEPTEMBER**

- 3 Board Meeting @ 6:00pm (Thursday at EP)
- 4-7 Labor Day Cruise (Joint PWM event) (Point Lookout or Cole's Point)
- 11 *Patriot Day Fireworks (Friday) (PWM event)*
- 12 Crab Feast @ 5:00 pm
- 18-20 Norfolk Boat Show (PWM event)
- 19 Captain's Hour (Host: H Dock)
- 25-27 Pirates Night on the Hook (Joint PWM event) AAAAAARGH!!!

**OCTOBER**

- 2 Gainesville-Haymarket Rotary Club Friday Night Golf
- 3 Board Meeting @ TBD
- 9-12 Commodore's Cruise
- 31 Halloween Party

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**NOVEMBER**

- 7        CLOSING DAY  
          General Membership Meeting @ 4:00 pm  
          Closing Ceremony @ 5:00 pm (including flag retirement)  
          Chili Cook-off and Photo Contest @ 6:00 pm (Host: I/J/Boatel)

**DECEMBER**

- 5        Board Meeting @ 10:00 am/PWYC Board Brunch/2021 Calendar Build
- 5        *Christmas Boat Lighting (PWM event)*
- 12      *Wreaths Across America at Arlington National Cemetery*

**2020 DOCK REPRESENTATIVES**

A	Vacant			<a href="mailto:adockrep@pwyc.org">adockrep@pwyc.org</a>
B	Vacant			<a href="mailto:bdockrep@pwyc.org">bdockrep@pwyc.org</a>
C	Tom Payne	“Common Sense”	C-12	<a href="mailto:cdockrep@pwyc.org">cdockrep@pwyc.org</a>
D	Kris Blanchette	“Lucky Paws”	D-15	<a href="mailto:ddockrep@pwyc.org">ddockrep@pwyc.org</a>
E	Harold Jenkinson	“April Fools”	E-8	<a href="mailto:edockrep@pwyc.org">edockrep@pwyc.org</a>
F	Scott Parsons	“Finally Got it Right”	F-6	<a href="mailto:fdockrep@pwyc.org">fdockrep@pwyc.org</a>
G	Pat Ocasio	“Seas the Moment”	G-36	<a href="mailto:gdockrep@pwyc.org">gdockrep@pwyc.org</a>
H	Laurie Ryan/Lou Ward	“Ryans Hope” / “Perfect Timing”	H-35/H30	<a href="mailto:hdockrep@pwyc.org">hdockrep@pwyc.org</a>
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J	Vacant			<a href="mailto:jdockrep@pwyc.org">jdockrep@pwyc.org</a>
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Boatel	Joe Peruzzi	“Out of the Blue”		<a href="mailto:boatelrep@pwyc.org">boatelrep@pwyc.org</a>

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Jason Blanchette  
Lifeline Editor and  
all around nice guy  
Lucky Paws (D-15)

## Monthly publications of Prince William Yacht Club

All articles, photographs, and announcements must be received by the 10th of each month. The Lifeline will be published on or around the 20th of each month.

Submit via email to: [jasonblanch@gmail.com](mailto:jasonblanch@gmail.com)

## This month's chuckle by Chump Scallywag:

*Chump walks into a bar. Bartender says "Hey Chump, why do you have a ship's wheel in your trousers?"*

*Chump responds: "It's drivin' me nuts."*

This issue is brought to you by the letter 'W' - as in "Why did we all need to go through the drama about taxes? Let's go boating!"