

Lifeline

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

Happy New Year!!



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Commodore, Dennis R. Gatens
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Happy New Years to the PWYC family! Robyn and I hope that your holidays were restful and provided the opportunity to catch up with family and friends. We've turned the corner into 2019 towards the next boating season!



During the holidays we were reminded that it was 50 years ago that 3 explorers - Borman, Lovell and Anders were the first humans to orbit the moon during Christmas 1968 and gave us this iconic image. This scene has always reminded me of Christmas, and although on a far grander scale we too are explorers of new destinations and experiences with our boating family.

I do have some sad news. One of our PWYC family, Eric Bradbury, passed away in December. Eric and Linda kept their boat "Mirage" on I Dock. I know that the entire PWYC wishes to express their condolences and offer their prayers and support to the Bradbury family.



Our Change of Watch is approaching on 23 February! Please make plans to join us! And don't forget to send me your nominees for the Steamboat Willy award.

While everyone is familiar with my call for volunteers to insure we have a full calendar of events during the boating season, I do have an incentive to offer thanks to Prince William Marina. Prince William is generously offering an additional .25¢ per gallon discount for one tank of fuel for PWYC event captains. Thank you Carlton!

Wishing everyone a happy, prosperous and safe New Year!

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

THE DECK LOG



Vice Commodore, Mike Connolly
vicecommadore@pwy.org

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



I don't know about you, but I'm ready for winter to be over and boating season to begin.



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THE DECK LOG

The PWYC board is working on next year's calendar of events. If you have any ideas, please feel free to contact us, talk to your dock rep, or attend one of our monthly board meetings. Having said this, the best way to help the club is volunteering to spearhead one of our outstanding happenings. Our club improves every time new blood is infused into our activities.



I'm working on finalizing our list of dock representatives for 2019. I've made contact with everybody who volunteered last year along with a few new faces. If you're interested in being a dock rep now or in the future, please let me know. Many thanks to all of our dock reps for all they do to make our club an outstanding organization.



Mike Connolly
Vice Commodore
Summer Daze, D-9

GET UNDERWAY



Rear Commodore, Vicky Carr
rearcommodore@pwyc.org

“...to promote safe, enjoyable, and responsible boating activities” PWYC Bylaws, Article II

While 2018 has been described as the worst boating year in 40 years (weather!), 2019 is shaping up to be among the best! Here's why.



Early survey results are in!

You voted for: (...pending final December tally and board vote)

New in 2019:

- Early season raft-up/mass anchorage at Mattawoman
- Alexandria/National Harbor trip
- Tiki Bar Day Cruise
- Daytime Pirates event (see below)
- Boat Photoshoot (professional pics of you and your boat on the water)
- Wharf DC trip (fabulous waterfront restaurants/shops/entertainment just opened last year)
- Tides Inn trip (resort with golf, biking, kayaks/paddleboards, kids activities, etc)
- Southern Bay Cruise (including St. Charles and Virginia Beach)
- Solomons Island with optional Annapolis day trip
- Boating education classes including Gals at the Helm
- and more

And old favorites in 2019:

- Cherry Blossom Cruise
- Nats ball game by boat
- Pirates on the Hook (with a daytime Pirates event for those not wanting to spend the night)

PLUS way to post, find, and join impromptu just-a-couple-boats last-minute trips (short day trips too)

INCLUDES:

- day cruises at length suitable for dayboats,
- lead and chase boats who will stay with you,

So during these long winter days, start talking about which trips you just might be talked into trying ...Join just one, or two, a handful, ... or as many as you can fit in.

“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
membership@pwy.org

Best of luck to all that paid their PWYC Membership dues by December 31, 2018 and are now eligible for the **"Annual Get Your Dues Back Drawing"**, held at the PWM Slip Holders Party in February!

The below list is not the complete list of those that have paid their membership dues – the 2019 membership renewal drive started in September 2018 and has continued after we went to press and onward. If you do not see your name on this list, you may have been recognized in previous issues of Lifeline. Rest assured if you got your member dues in by December 31st you will be in the drawing!

For now, please help me welcome new and renewing Prince William Yacht Club Members (from November 21, 2018 – December 21, 2018 – any membership payments received after this date will be listed in the February Lifeline)**:

- Judy Austin & Rick Fisher, Judy Judy Judy
- Frank Beatty & Deborah Lee James, Uptown Girl, H-42
- Chris & Eve Borner, Kiwi Magic, H-17
- BJ & Carrie Braden, This Side Up, H-20
- Mike & Sherri Connolly, Summer Daze, D-03
- Jay & Casey Dowling, Naught on Call, F-16
- Bill & Shirley Embrey, Chief Six, Boatel
- Brian & Kathy Fitzpatrick, Boatel
- Greg & Sandy Fletcher, Boatel
- Sam & Linda Goodwin, At Ease, G-21
- Al & Diana Gross, Gross' Weinstube III, K-21
- Mike Hahn & Michael Harmon, Boatel
- Fred & Nancy Hanscom, 401(K), C-19
- Steve & Kim Harrison, Cool Runnings, K-13
- Fred Hauck & Michele Kennedy, Any Particular Harbor
- Floyd Hehe & Sara Schnittger, Next Chapter II, K-10
- Thomas & Diane Helbing, Tomfoolery, K-22
- Bill & Katherine Jasiem, Let's Roll, I-Dock
- Phil & Vicki Kirby, No Vacancy, I-18
- Alan & Kristina Kosowiec, Boatel
- Shirl & Lisa Lakeway, Lothlorien II, I-35
- Laura Lee, Hat Trick II, K-Dock
- Jerry & Ranae Little, Sea Duction II, K-7
- Steve & Pam Martsters, Boatel
- Ted & Stephanie Miller, Czarina Anna, B-17
- Jonathan Murray & Desiree Van Welsum, Synergy 4
- Mo Nelson & Diane Patterson, Mo Fun, J-Dock
- Peter Pasek & Carol Gray, After All!, K-8
- David & Jennifer Ramirez, Ohana, I-13
- John & Liz Rankin, Good Idea, C-16
- Fred & Kathleen Roggero, Boatel
- Kevin & Laurie Ryan, Ryan's Hope, H-35

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Ship's Manifest

- Dave & Jill Sawyer, Rendezvous, G-25
- Carl & Debbie Schaefer, Tranquility Base
- Bob & Rosemary Schwartz, Alexandra, F-12
- Walt & Jeanne Seiberling, Jeanne Marie II, B-19
- Wayne & Linda Sharp, FUNDAY IV, D-15
- James & Quintina Smith, Express Yourself, H-41
- Eric & Lisa Stoltz, Star Keeper
- Dick & Nikki Thomas, Boatel
- Donald & Eileen Thornburg, North Star, D-11
- Luis & Cecelia Vasquez, Cecelia, I-Dock
- Robert & Paula Voith, Boatel
- John & Helene Whiteford, Let's Go, B-07
- Ray & Elena Zwack, Sea Ray II

If you are not sure if you've renewed yet, go ahead and drop me a line at membership@pwyc.org and I will be happy to check! If you know 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!

All current members, please make sure you check your record on pwyc.org to ensure your information is correct – the directory will be printed using the information from the website!

Have a happy and healthy 2019 everyone!!

Membership Chair
Una Murphy
membership@pwyc.org



Prince William Yacht Club

2019 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL



MEMBERSHIP DUES: \$75.00

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 _____

**PAY ONLINE AT PWYC.ORG OR
Make Check Payable To: PWYC**

New/Renewal Membership: \$75.00

Return to:

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

E-mail: membership@pwyc.org

Let's Use Our Off-Season Boating Time Wisely



Bob Schwartz, Safety Officer
safety@pwyc.org

Lay-up time is the perfect time for us to brush up on old knowledge and search for something new that will be helpful during the season. The hundred fifty or so days from when we put the boat away for the winter November 1 and get it ready again for the 2019 season April 1 is a perfect time for us to work on some of our knowledge shortcomings.

Each of us should have a ton of things for which we need answers. The adventures of Horatio Hornblower, Richard Bolitho, and Jack Aubrey kept them at sea for months or years at a time. Most of this time they were out of sight of land. Whatever the weather was it was. They were constantly learning about their ships, the weather, etc.

Here, for example, are some of the things we have scheduled or are actively working on scheduling:

- A CPR/AED/First Aid course to be held at the marina. We are actively trying to find out whether or not there is the requisite interest. Once we meet the interest level (to be determined by our prospective instructor) additional information will be forthcoming. Even if we do not make the minimum, there is always the Red Cross.
- A Boating Safety Course to be held at the marina. Two are scheduled for PWM. The dates are March 23, 2019 and May 11, 2019. There are also approved courses that can be taken online. Most of us need the certification.
- An attempt to find a way to deal with the proliferation of stand-up paddle boarders and kayakers on the river and at the entrances to PWM. We are presently doing our best to get all the stake holders together in an attempt to make things as safe as possible for all.

There are also many other opportunities to deal with individual interests. The Internet is a wonderful thing. YouTube especially can be useful. There are many, many people who have taken the time to help make the difficult clear.

The chances are good that Googling/Binging/Etc. any of a billion key words will scratch whatever interest itch we may have. Some are free of charge while others may cost.

- The old reliable BoatUS Foundation Courses are a great place to start (<https://www.boatus.org/courses/>). They offer a number of online options. Some are free while others may cost. There is a wide-range of opportunities to both brush up and learn something new.
- For straight no-frills questions and answers a good online source is US Coast Guard Questions (<https://www.uscgq.com/login.php>). They offer thousands of questions and answers relating to safe boating. The material is taken from past US Coast Guard licensing tests. There is a yearly fee. The Rules of the Road questions and answers are under the Deck drop down

If going online is not for you than there are face-to-face classroom type opportunities available. Here are some in no particular order and no particular statement of which is better than or worse than the other. There may be fees involved. Note that these sources may also offer online opportunities.

- The Chesapeake Area Professional Captain's Association (<https://capca.net>) offers an array of maritime-oriented classes that are open to the public. These range from marine electricity and radar operation to medical emergencies at sea and basic offshore safety and survival.
- The Annapolis School of Seamanship is another professional organization that offers a smorgasbord of courses designed to make everyone more knowledgeable, safer, and more confident on the water. (<http://www.annapolisschoolofseamanship.com/>). They offer both classroom and hands on instruction.
- U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary (<http://www.cgaux.org/boatinged/>) boating courses provide instruction to boaters at all levels, from the fundamental to the advanced. Classes are taught by experienced and knowledgeable instructors committed to the highest standards of the U.S. Coast Guard.
- The United States Power Squadron (<https://www.usps.org>) is an educational organization whose mission is to improve maritime safety and enjoyability through classes in seamanship, navigation, and related subjects.

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Let's Use Our Off-Season Boating Time Wisely

We all must realize that stuff happens even to the most experienced mariner. All the knowledge in the world may not help. For example, In April last year, the 148-tonne tugboat *Cerro Santiago* collided with the U.S. Coast Guard vessel *Tampa* while passing through the Panama Canal after the captain of the tug fell asleep (gCaptain News for 12/21/2018). No one was injured, but the repairs to the *Tampa* cost \$170,000, said a report by the U.S. National Transportation Safety Board.

Nevertheless, in most cases our increased knowledge can make us safer and those with whom we are sharing the water safer.

Bob Schwartz
Safety Officer

Prince William Yacht Club Change of Watch Gala

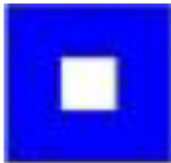
February 23, 2019

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

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Group Code: CWG

Price Per Person:

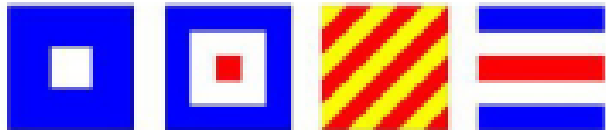
Members : \$95

Non Members: \$125

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

Sherri Connolly
8110 Deercreek Pl
Springfield, VA 22153

Or Through
Paypal via the PWYC Website Event Calendar Link



Prince William Yacht Club
Employee Appreciation Dinner
For The
Prince William Employees



**Join us March 16, 2019 in the Club House
at 6:00 PM**

The dinner theme will be Luck of the Irish



Please RSVP to Denise
Guess-Parsons at
deniseguess77@gmail.com



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.

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

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
 (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

Upcoming Events For the Yacht Club:

January

12 Board Meeting 10:00 a.m.

18-20 Fredericksburg EXPO

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Denise Guess-Parsons

Lifeline Editor

Finally Got It Right, F6

Monthly publications of Prince William Yacht Club

All articles, photographs, and announcements must be received by the 20th of each month

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