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

Happy 4th of July!!!!

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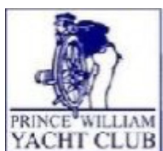
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"Finally Got It Right" (F-6)



Commodore, Dennis R. Gatens
commodore@pwyc.org

Looks like the rainy season is over and the weather finally suits our clothing! Happy July everyone! June was a great month to be underway.

This year's Patriot's Cruise and Salute was another great event; and Robyn, Cheryl, Dave and I were honored to host two warriors and their guests aboard the Buzzed Gobbler. Congratulations and thank you to Ed and Christine Mason for their commitment to this event. I'm confident I speak for the PWYC membership by saying we are honored for the opportunity to give back to our warriors in our unique way.



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FROM THE HELM

I thought I would provide a monthly update of the McHarg's and their Great Loop adventure. Rick and Chris are officially "loopers" and are well underway. Their last update finds them at Port Trent Marina in Trenton, Ontario in the Bay of Quinte. In the coming days they'll be traversing forty four lock of the Trent Severn Canal, making their way to Lake Huron. Along the way Rick discovered one of Canada's finest! We wish them continued safe travels as they enjoy their adventure.

A few quick updates:

PWYC website: Our volunteer team is back to finishing up the upgraded website and expects to have it back online in July. Please continue to visit the PWYC FaceBook page and watch for emails for updates and news. And don't hesitate to email any of the bridge members with questions and news.

L Dock: While Prince William Marina continues to make progress towards opening L Dock, there is not an official date yet. Both Michelle and I will be sure to inform everyone by email once there is an update. In the mean time gas is available at the boatel as many of you know. But keep in mind the boatel slip is a very busy place on Saturday and Sunday, so it is strongly advised that you try to gas up during the week, and call ahead to see if they can accommodate your boat. The number is 703-929-5800.

Safe boating everyone..and stay cool!



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

THE DECK LOG



Vice Commodore, Mike Connolly
vicecommadore@pwyc.org

The boating season is in full swing. I hope you've been able to get out and enjoy the water (while avoiding all the debris from the recent storms).

Thanks again to Ed and Christine Mason for once again championing the Patriot Cruise and Salute. The PCS gets better every year.

Thanks also to Dave Gavitt who is championing the Pig Roast this year. It's scheduled for Saturday, 14 July.

On Saturday, 28 July, A/B/C/D Docks will host the monthly Captain's Hour.

The Father's Day Cruise to Colonial Beach was a great success. We had a large turnout and a good time was had by all. Thanks to Steve Levenson & Una Murphy for setting this up and ensuring it was a great event.

Here are some pictures I took with my drone during the Father's Day Cruise.



Sunset on Friday, 15 June.

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THE DECK LOG



Same time as the first picture, looking the other direction.



Appetizers on Friday evening.

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THE DECK LOG



Another picture of Friday night appetizers.



Lounging on the beach, Saturday afternoon.

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THE DECK LOG



We couldn't have asked for better weather.



See you on the water.

Mike Connolly
Summer Daze, D-9

ANCHORS AWEIGH!!!



Rear Commodore, Steve Levenson
Rearcommadore@pwyc.org

What a great event the PWYC-organized Father’s Day Cruise to Colonial Beach became. Lots of good weather and good company. For the almost fifty members that attended this year we were welcomed by the Colonial Beach Yacht Club with a surprise dock side welcome party, followed Friday night by heavy hor d’ouvres and beer on the beach and (for those who dared) a challenging trivia event. Thanks to Mike Munnis for organizing the group for a 5K Fun Run/Walk and Prince William Marina for a great afternoon on the beach. Yes there was live music and dancing later that night at the dockside restaurant and a great sendoff breakfast on Sunday morning.

Summer is here and there are lots of fun events on the water that we can enjoy, For example, to celebrate our Nation’s birthday, the following events are planned and easily accessible by boat:

- Alexandria City will have a celebration Sat Jul 7, 2018 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM Oronoco Bay Park, featuring entertainment, cannon salute during the 1812 Overture, food and beverage sales, and grand Finale fireworks at 9:30. See <https://www.alexandriava.gov/Marina#Docking> for docking information.
- (DC) For those who wish to venture downtown check out marinas that let you view the DC fireworks. Two are James Creek <http://boatingindc.com/marinas/james-creek-marina/> and the Gangplank <http://www.gangplank.com/> . Check with these Marinas soon because they have minimum stays and fill up quickly.

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ANCHORS AWEIGH!!!

We are looking forward to seeing a new event championed by Vickie Carr and Frank Beatty that will take a one week trip around the Bay. See other articles in earlier publications of Lifeline for destination details. This event has been planned for months and we wish these boaters good weather and smooth seas for what we hope will become an annual event.

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.

This has been a slow start on the boating season this year with the rain issues putting so much debris in the river. Hopefully now that summer is here we can get back to cruising, tubing and swimming again in the river.

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
membership@pwyc.org

Hi everyone – I hope the summer has been treating you well and you have had some fun out on the water and back at the docks. I have noticed that we still have a LOT of membership packets still at the boathouse. 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 1 and June 25, 2018 - any membership payments received after this date will be listed in the August Lifeline)**:

- Robert & Kirsten Jolly, Boatel
- James "Jimmy" Lindsey, Baby Kai, G-28
- Sheldon and Beth Lu, Taiwan-On, I-12
- Bill & Elise Thompson, Fur Elise, I-25

** 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 blutone@gmail.com. Burgees are \$25.00 each. I can take a check or cash!

Membership Chair
Una Murphy
membership@pwyc.org

The Same Old Same Old – It Should Never Get Old



Bob Schwartz, Safety Officer
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2017 Coast Guard Recreational Boating Statistics

This is the link to the USCG 2017 Recreational Boating Statistics.

<http://uscgboating.org/library/accident-statistics/Recreational-Boating-Statistics-2017.pdf>

There is a lot of information contained in the report. Take a look at the 2017 Executive Summary on pages 6 and 7. A not very close reading contained in this Summary leads to lots of conclusions among which are:

- Most of the top five primary accident types are within our control.
- Drowning (449 individuals) is ranked as the number one known cause of death on the water.
- 84.5% of the drowning victims were not wearing a life jacket ($449 \times .845 = 379$).

From the *Coming Back Alive* people: As far as the youngsters/youngest are concerned: It can take less than a minute for a child to drown. The *Coming Back Alive* people believe that children between birth and five years should wear Coast Guard approved PFDs on beaches, docks and in boats.

Children between the 6 and 11 years should wear approved PFDs on docks, boats, inner tubes and riverbanks. Teens and adults should wear PFDs on boats or inner tubes. See the water safety pages.

(<http://comingbackalive.com/boatingsafety.html>).

- Most of the top ten known primary contributing factors of accidents are within our control.
- Alcohol use was the number five known primary contributing factor in the number of accidents on the water.
- Alcohol use was the leading contributing factor (19% of 102 fatalities) in fatal boating accidents; where the primary cause was known.

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Avoiding Distracted Driving—Situational Awareness

Spit balling some 2017 Coast Guard numbers:

Top Five Primary Accident Types	Accidents	Deaths	Injuries
Collision with recreational vessels	1145	49	721
Collision with fixed objects	470	63	327
Flooding / swamping	435	76	132
Grounding	368	17	224
Falls overboard	306	179	126
Totals	2724	384	1530
Collision with recreational vessels, collision with fixed objects, grounding	1983	129	1272
% of total	73%	34%	83%

Collision with recreational vessels, collision with fixed objects, and grounding can be reasonably considered associated with a lack of situational awareness. A lack of situational awareness can reasonably be considered responsible for 73% of the top five primary accident types, 34% of the deaths, and 83% of the injuries.

Note the disproportionate number of deaths, 179, as a result of falling overboard. Might it be out of line to suppose that most of these people were not wearing a life jacket?

On page 40 of the June/July issue of *BoatUS Magazine*, is a nice article on an attempt to develop a training system that will lead to improved vessel driver situational awareness. The BoatUS Foundation for Boating Safety and Clean Water, the US Coast Guard, and the National Safe Boating Council are working on together on something called SCAN.

SCAN stands for:

- **Search** the area all around our craft. This is a 360-degree examination of everything on the water around our boat. The faster we are moving the farther out we will need to search. The faster the observed vessel or object we are observing the further out we will need to search.
- **Concentrate** on what we are seeing. Is it a boat? If so, what type of boat is it? What is it doing? Is it drifting or anchored? If it is moving, what is its relative speed? If it is an object, is it stationary or moving? Things can happen fast out there. These are questions we must consider while searching.

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Analyze what we are watching. Is it coming closer or moving away? If it is moving toward us, how fast is it closing? If the driver of the other vessel is closing with us, are they taking correction action?

If it's another boater, do we believe he or she sees us? We should never assume that we are being seen. The other operator may be distracted. Is the driver of the other vessel providing any indication that they see us?

Remember, if the object we are observing is at a constant bearing with decreasing range (meaning we are getting closer to it, and its relative position to us is not changing), we are on a collision course.

Negotiate. What does good seamanship tell us to do in our observed situation? Should we slow down, turn away from the other boat or object, or head in another direction? Review the Navigation Rules. They will tell us the proper action to take when meeting head on, crossing, or overtaking another craft.

Bob Schwartz
Safety Officer



JAMMIN IN AQUIA

Sponsored by Aquia Harbour Yacht Club

and PRYCA August 3-5, 2018

Come visit our secluded marina featuring floating docks, free Wi-Fi internet access, and pool passes. Also enjoy golf and dining at the Clubhouse Restaurant.

Boat slips are available for only \$1.00/foot!

Come join us for a weekend of great food, music, and games, all with a reggae theme.

**It's gonna be cool runnin' in the
DOG DAYS of AUGUST.**

Schedule Follows:

Fri. Aug 3 6:30 Yachters Arrive/Registration at Clubhouse

Fri. Aug 3 7:00 Meet & Drink at the Clubhouse

(wear your **BEST ISLAND ATTIRE**)

Sat. Aug 4 8:00 Continental Breakfast at the Clubhouse (PJs optional)

Sat. Aug 4 1:00 Crab, Shrimp & BBQ Feast-\$29/person

Sat. Aug 4 4:30 Reggae trivia and games followed by Heavy

Appetizers Sat. Aug 4 7:30 Drinks and Jammin' under the Stars**Live Music**

Sun. Aug 5 8:00 Mi gaan Brunch

Registration Fee: \$55/person

Contact secretary@ahyc.org to make a reservation. Provide names of those in your party/ Boat Name/Club Name/Beam/Length Overall/50 or 2x30 Amp needs, Number that plan to participate in the Crab Feast. Registration payment is due in full upon arrival. Slip fee is due prior to departure.

Trip Itinerary PWYC Chesapeake Bay Cruise - July 14 - 22, 2018

Trip Co-Leads: Vicky Carr - CarRUISIN (vickycarrhome@gmail.com) and
Frank Beatty - Uptown Girl (fibeatty@gmail.com)

Overview: Approx. total trip miles - 400 miles - 160 miles on Potomac, 240 miles on the Chesapeake Bay / tributaries to/from noted marinas.

Ports-of-Call

Sat 7/14	SOLOMONS PWM to Zahnhisers Marina
Sun 7/15	SOLOMONS
Mon 7/16	ANNAPOLIS Solomon's to Annapolis City Dock Marina
Tue 7/17	ANNAPOLIS
Wed 7/18	BALTIMORE Annapolis to Baltimore Marine Centers at Inner Harbor
Thu 7/19	ST MICHAELS Baltimore to St Michael's Marina
Fri 7/20	ST MICHAELS
Sat 7/21	WHITE POINT MARINA St. Michael's to White Point Marina
Sun 7/22	PWM WhitePoint to PWM

Each boat needs to make their own reservations at the noted marina. Be sure to mention you are traveling as a part of the PWYC group. You will need to tell the marina the length and beam (width) and draft of your boat and the power requirements – either 50 amp service, 2-30 amp connections, or single 30 amp.

Each boats' email and cellphone contact information will be shared by entire travel group. Advise trip leaders as to your preference of traveling with another boat(s) and your comfortable cruising speed, e.g., (20-24 mph; 25-29 mph; or 30+ mph). Less seasoned travelers may want to travel with another boat within sight (1/4 mile) in the event of mechanical glitch. Others may prefer to "do their own thing" or go at their own pace. That is fine as well. You are also welcome to participate in any part of the cruise as you see fit or would like to join due to other time commitments.

Saturday July 14

Captain's Choice No. 1 – Plan to cruise from PWM to Coles Point Marina (CPM). Distance of 64 miles. Estimated transit time of 3 hours, at approx. 25 mph and factoring in no-wake zone. Gas and diesel are available at Coles Point. Spend night at CPM.

Coles Point Marina
190 Plantation Drive
Hague, VA 22442
804 472-4011, talk with Teresa
Cost is \$1.50/foot and \$10 electric, no need for advance deposit
VHF- 16/68
www.colespointmarina.com

Trip Itinerary
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Captain's Choice No. 2 – Cruise from PWM to Solomon's Island, MD, Zahnisers Yachting Center Marina. Distance of 125 miles. Estimated transit time of 5-1/2 hours, not including lunch or fuel stops. Gasoline and diesel are available at several marinas adjacent to Zahnisers. Spend nights of Saturday 7/14 and Sunday July 15 at Zahnisers.

Zahnisers Yachting Center
 245 C Street
 Solomon's, MD 20688
 410 326-2166 – Terry Walters, Dockmaster
 Cost is \$2.50/foot for Sat. night / \$2.25/foot for Sunday plus \$12 electric
 Cancellation - \$25 with 48-hour before arrival notice. If weather related, they will work with us. VHF - 16/9/69

Sunday July 15

Captain's Choice No. 1 continued – Cruise from Coles Point Marina to Solomon's Island, MD to Zahnisers Marina. Distance of 61 miles, estimated travel time of 3 hours. Minimal no-wake zones. Spend night at Zahnisers. Gasoline and diesel are available at several marinas adjacent to Zahnisers.

Zahnisers Yachting Center
 245 C Street
 Solomon's, MD 20688
 410 326-2166 - Terry Walters, Dock master
 VHF - 16/9/69
 Cost - see above.

Captain's Choice No. 2, continued – Spend the day relaxing and exploring Solomon's Island. Town is a short walk / bike ride away. Spend 2nd night at marina.

Monday July 16

Depart Solomon's Island in the morning and cruise to Annapolis, MD. Distance of 45 miles, estimated travel time of 2-1/2 hours. We will dock for 2 nights (7/16 and 7/17) at the Annapolis City Dock Marina. Gasoline and diesel are available at Back Creek, close proximity to City Dock Marina.

Annapolis City Dock Marina
 1 Dock Street, Annapolis, MD 21401
 410 263-7973 Beth Bellis Harbormaster
 VHF 9/17 www.annapolis.gov/165/harbormaster
 Need to fill out a form on their website to make reservation. Be sure to mention you are with PWYC group.
 Cost - \$3.25/foot + \$15 electric.
 Cancellation - 3 days before is full refund; 1-2 days is 1/2 refund; within 24 hours is \$0 refund.

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Tuesday July 17

Relax and explore Annapolis. City Dock Marina is right in the center of the action in Annapolis and short walk to shops, restaurants, Naval Academy.

Wednesday July 18

Depart Annapolis and cruise to Baltimore, MD. Distance of 28 miles, with estimated travel time of 2-1/2 hours. Will dock for 2 nights at Baltimore Marine Centers at Inner Harbor. Easy walk, bike or cab to aquarium, Inner Harbor, restaurants, Little Italy section. There are no home "Baltimore Orioles" games on 7/18 or 7/19 – All Star game break.

Gasoline and diesel are available at adjacent marinas, however, if you fill-up in Annapolis, no need to refuel in Baltimore – short distances from Annapolis-Baltimore-St. Michaels for next refuel.

Baltimore Marine Centers - Inner Harbor
 400 Key Highway, Baltimore, MD 21230
 410 837-5339 - Ben Ayres
 VHF - 16/69 www.BMCMarinas.com
 Cost is \$2.50/foot + \$18 electric. Group discount of \$0.50/foot if we have 10 boat nights.
 Cancellation - Requires 1 night deposit. Full refund for 48 hour notice.

Thursday July 19

Depart Baltimore to cruise to St. Michael's, MD. Distance of 45 miles, approx. travel time of 2-1/2 to 3 hours). Will dock overnight at St. Michael's Marina. Gasoline and diesel are available (discount if you are at marina). Marina is in the center of St. Michaels. Close-by shops and restaurants. Can explore Friday afternoon and Saturday morning in St. Michaels.

St. Michaels Marina LLC
 305 Mulberry St.
 St. Michaels, MD 21663
 410 745-2400 Anne Gatrell
 VHF - 16
www.stmichaelsmarina.com
 Cost - \$3.65/foot + \$24 electric
 Cancellation - Full refund with 48 hours notice

Friday July 20

Relax and explore St Michaels.

Trip Itinerary
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Saturday July 21

Depart St. Michael's, MD. To cruise to White Point Marina, Kinsale, VA. (10 miles from the mouth of Potomac from bay). Cruise distance is 70 miles from St. Michaels to Kinsale, with estimated cruise time of 3-1/2 hours. Will dock overnight at White Point Marina, Kinsale, VA. Marina has gasoline and diesel available.

White Point Marina
175 Marina Drive
Kinsale, VA 22488
804 472-2977 Rob Redfeary
VHF – 16/68
[www .whitepointmarina.com](http://www.whitepointmarina.com)
Cost - \$2/foot + \$8 electric - no need to made a deposit

Sunday July 22

Depart at your leisure for return leg of trip from White Point Marina, Kinsale, VA back to PWM. Distance of 72 miles, all on the Potomac. Estimated cruise time of 3-1/2 to 4 hours back to PWM.



Pig Roast

— THE LOW-DOWN —

When: Saturday, July 14, 2018; 6:00 pm

Where: E Dock Platform area

What: Bring a dish to share

How: Mandatory RSVP by July 10 via the
PWYC website (<http://pwyc.org>)

Cost: Free for members

Guest \$10.00 per person; limit 4 per Boat
member

Non-members who are eligible to join
PWYC cost \$20 per person



Rain Location will be Provided at
a Later Date if Needed

Upcoming Events:

JULY

8 Board Meeting 9:00 a.m.

14 Pig Roast

15-22 Week-Long Chesapeake Bay Cruise (TBD)

28 Captain's Hour 6:00 p.m. (A/B/C/D)

AUGUST

4 Board Meeting 9:00 a.m.

11-12 Three Sisters Raft-Up

17-19 Point Lookout Marina Cruise (PWM)

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

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