

# LIFELINE



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The official newsletter of the Prince William Yacht Club

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

*Let it snow! Let it snow!  
Let it snow! Let it snow!*



Courtesy of [www.americanboating.org](http://www.americanboating.org)

*"When will you admit the boating season is over?"*

January found us blanketed in 12" of snow. All 3 major airports set new daily records. We're one storm closer to boating season!!



## THE BRIDGE

### FLAG OFFICERS

**Commodore** ~ Rick McHarg ~ [commodore@pwyc.org](mailto:commodore@pwyc.org)  
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### DOCK REPRESENTATIVES

A-Dock	<b>Vacant - Seeking Volunteer</b>
B-Dock	Julie Finocchiaio & Keith Clouser
C-Dock	James & Dawn Brady
D-Dock	Matt & Lisa Shaw
E-Dock	Craig & Lisa Chuba
F-Dock	Charlotte Blane
G-Dock	Mike Strano
H-Dock	Joy & Walt Heuer
I-Dock	Chris & Sabrina Salter
J-Dock	PWM - Sales Dock
K-Dock	Laura Lee
L-Dock	Arthur & Rebecca Fernandes
Boatel	Joe Peruzzi

### DELEGATES

**PRYCA** ~ Beth & Sheldon Lu  
**CBYCA** ~ Mike Connolly, Tim Abel





# Commodores Corner

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**EAGLE ONE K-40**  
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**H**appy New Year to all you club members. May we have a productive and less hectic 2022 with lots of great boating weather. As your new Commodore, I am optimistic that we can continue the great legacy of PWYC in our 30th year! But first let me thank Immediate Past Commodore (IPC) Mike Connolly and his lovely wife Sherri for their great leadership during the last two years of Pandemic. He deftly handled difficult decisions to keep us all healthy and happy, all the while protecting our most vulnerable. I intend to carry on that policy of checking the CDC guidelines for COVID-19 ahead of all our events and using them to make a go-no go decision to protect members.

So, another year and a new Board of Directors for your Club was announced at the November Closing day festivities. We all “took the Gavel” at the December Board meeting and got right to work building a calendar of activities that you will find exciting and fun! Let me also thank those members who volunteered to step into new Board positions and those who agreed to continue working for you. Big applause. Please consider volunteering yourself to help our club be the best on the Potomac. And let me state up front: you are invited to our monthly Board meetings, normally the first Saturday of the month at the Blue Bathhouse at 9 am.

We have nearly completed our transition to the organization software package called “Wild Apricot” (WA). As many of you found out with your 2022 Club dues, you may now pay for activities and your dues by credit card with WA. We have severed ties with Paypal. You can also register for events, use the member database to connect with other members, and generally use the new website for a boatload (no pun intended) of other information. We also have a new newsletter editor for Lifeline – Robin Davis. Many of you recent boat owners may know him as CAPT Robin, one of the marina’s delivery captains and instructors for new boat owners. Robin has created a fresh look to the Lifeline for 2022 and as part of that is a section that

introduces the “Flag” Officers of your club with a mini-bio and photo. Hopefully, this will help you to recognize us as we are strolling the docks.

The upcoming February events where I look forward to seeing you are the **PWM Slipholders Party on February 13** (Super Bowl Sunday) 1-5 pm - COVID Permitting. This is all sponsored by Prince William Marina and is a great way to signal the start of a new boating year. And then there is the **PWYC Change Of Watch Gala** (the COW), a formal affair on **Feb 26** at the Springfield Embassy Suites Hotel. Dress for this event is Semi-Formal (Suit and Tie for men and Cocktail Dress for ladies). Formal Attire is optional but encouraged (Tux/Black Tie for men or Formal Dress for ladies). There is an open bar, dinner, recognition and installment ceremony, dancing with a DJ (Kelly), and an afterparty. Get your hotel rooms now!

The last point I want to make is a plug for volunteering to champion one of our events, either afloat or ashore. The Vice and Rear Commodores will cover this in detail, but please consider getting more involved. We need you help to make them successful and fun. Please stay in touch with your Dock Reps – valuable information is passed thru that network.

I’m always available by e-mail, text or Cell, so if you have a good idea, don’t hesitate to pass it on to me.



# Meet our Flag Officers...



**...but first, how about a bit of history on the flags flown, etiquette and traditions?**

Boats and yacht clubs are great users of flags. They are colorful, festive and informative. We should be familiar with the customs that apply to all the types of flags typically flown on a vessel.

A boat has a limited number of places from which to fly flags, and forcing the owner to be selective in the flags flown. A yacht or boat will ordinarily display three flags: one announcing her nationality, one announcing her owner's club affiliation, and one announcing her owner's status (private signal or club officer's flag).

## **National Ensign (50-Star US flag)**

The familiar 50 star "stars and stripes" flag is also known as the National Ensign afloat. It is the most important flag on board and identifies her national character. A ship's national ensign is immediately recognizable because it flies farthest aft (the place of honor), but not necessarily from the highest point in the rig. With the possible exception of battle flags, and hopefully we won't be seeing much battle on the Occoquan, it should be the vessel's largest flag.

Normally the national ensign is flown from a staff on the vessel's stern. No other flag may be flown from this position. There are rules that require the flag to be lowered at sunset.

## **Club Burgee**

Most yacht club burgees are pennant (three sided) shaped like the PWYC burgee, but a few clubs use swallow-tailed flags, while a very few use rectangular flags.

Flying the burgee is an important part of belonging to a yacht club and members of PWYC should fly our burgee with pride.

The burgee is flown from the bow staff on a powerboat, while most sailboats fly the burgee from the starboard spreader. Normally a vessel displays only one burgee at a time. Exceptions are made for opening day and other special occasions when owners will string together all burgees of clubs to which they belong, with the PWYC burgee at the top of the string for PWYC functions.

## **Officers Flags**

The yacht ensign's circle of 13 stars surrounding an anchor forms the basis for the officer flags. The 13 stars represent the original 13 colonies found on the "Betsy Ross" flag with a fouled anchor in the union. The medallion configuration, was entered into official use in 1848, following an act of Congress that made it the official signal for U.S. pleasure sailing vessels. On powerboats, the officer flag is flown from the mast, with the club burgee keeping its place flown at the bow staff. Officer flags are flown only when the officer is aboard.

PWYC has 5 Flag Officers; Commodore, Vice Commodore, Rear Commodore, Secretary and Treasurer, each of which has their own flag of designation.

There is a lot more information about the history and use of nautical flags. As a recreational boater, you may never need to use the majority of these as you come and go



US Yacht Ensign

along the waterway. But knowing what they mean can be helpful out on the water, such as if you were to need assistance. Flying flags, especially the National Ensign, is actually more serious than most of us realize. You can find more information about our club flags in our PWYC Bylaws Article XI.

*Some information in this article was borrowed from the Houston Yacht Club website, <http://www.houstonyachtclub.com/>.*



# Commodore

RICK MCHARG  
EAGLE ONE K-40



Rick and Kris McHarg are Navy Vets. Rick was a Navy Flyer and Kris was a Navy Nurse turned Nurse Practitioner. They have been members of PWYC for 20 Years and 3 Boats. They started in a vintage 340 Sundancer and moved to the re-design in 06. Once the dream of the Great Loop became a bucket list item, they moved up to a 2000 450 Express Bridge and completed the Loop 2018-19. They live in Fairfax Station and have two adult kids and 3 grandchildren who love to boat. His vision is to see more PWYC families out on the water cruising to DC, The Potomac and the Bay.

# Vice Commodore

JIM KHOURY  
PEGASUS K-7



Jim and Judy Khoury are originally from NYC – Brooklyn to be specific! Normal migration patterns in NYC start in Brooklyn (or another Borough near-by), generally go to Staten Island, and almost entirely wind up in New Jersey. They only transitioned to Staten Island along the way.

Jim and Judy skipped the New Jersey migration stop and travelled directly to Aldie, VA in 2018 - Where they have an adult son living in Sterling, VA working for the US Government.

Jim has over forty years' experience in the Electronic Security Industry, running a business in NY since the late 1970's. Judy's employment career has been exclusively in a law firm in Midtown Manhattan.

Jim has been boating since the mid 1970's, and currently on boat number 7. "There's nothing like the sense of freedom once you hit the open water".

This is the fourth year for Jim & Judy at the Prince William Marina, and the atmosphere of family and good friendship at the marina far surpasses any previous marina they've been to in the past.

Jim's outlook for the PWYC is to get as many people involved in activities, cruises, and events sponsored by both the Yacht Club and the Marina. "You've made the investment... Get out and enjoy it!"

# Rear Commodore

SCOTT PARSONS  
"ISLAND TIME" G-34



Scott and Denise have been members and very active with the Prince William Yacht Club since buying their first boat at Prince William Marina in 2015. They started their cruising experience with a 280 Sundancer and moved up to a 340 Sundancer in 2020 during the COVID Pandemic. Scott is a retired Air Force veteran of 24 years. Serving in Dessert Storm, Operation Enduring Freedom (AFG) twice, and Operation Iraqi Freedom. Scott loves the navigation part of boating and is willing to share with anyone.

Scott and Denise recently moved from Maryland to Woodbridge to be closer to the marina and the friends and Family of PWYC and PW Marina. They have Four Daughters and Four grandchildren.

Scott will support PWYC families interested in opportunities that the Potomac and Chesapeake Bay offers to the boating community.

# Secretary

Shannon Leydig  
IV NAUTI PLEASURES K21



Jason and I began boating on the Potomac River in 2007 with our Chaparral 246, which was quickly traded in for a 250 and then onto a 350. As life happens, we took a hiatus from boating in 2011-2018 while our daughter, Taylor, started a very hectic travel softball schedule. Taylor continues to play D-1 softball as she completes her senior year in college.

In 2018, we knew it was time to get back to water and our happy place, so we purchased a Sea Ray 380 and became a part of the PWM family. As was the case with the 246 years ago, we quickly moved to a Sea Ray 470, with a little encouragement from some great friends. The 470 was amazing and really opened up the world of longer travel and nights on the hook, not to mention our best friends had the sister ship, which made nights out and travel that much better.

We just took delivery of our Sea Ray 510 and cannot wait to be more involved in upcoming cruises and simply enjoying the freedom you have on the water. In fact, we love it so much, we've purchased land and are in the process of building our dream home overlooking the juncture of the Aquia Creek and Potomac River.

I'm truly looking forward to serving on the PWYC Board and becoming more engaged with the marina, the yacht club and making new friends.

# Treasurer

SHERRY SAMAR  
IRISH HAWK, E-6



Jack and I have been members of PWYC for 16 years. We both grew up in Indiana, met in college (Jack at Notre Dame and Sherry at St. Mary's College). Jack spent 30 years on active duty in the Navy flying the A-6 Intruder and as captain of two ships. Sherry worked as a medical technologist in various hospitals during those years. We came to northern Virginia in 1999 and Sherry began working for the American Red Cross in biomedical services until her retirement in February 2020. We live in Woodbridge and have two adult daughters, one adult son, and eight grandchildren. We enjoy the many friends we have made at the marina and attending or watching all Notre Dame sports.



A serene sunset over a vast body of water. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a warm, golden glow across the sky and reflecting on the water's surface. The sky is filled with soft, wispy clouds, and the water shows gentle ripples. The overall mood is peaceful and contemplative.

# **Officer Reports**

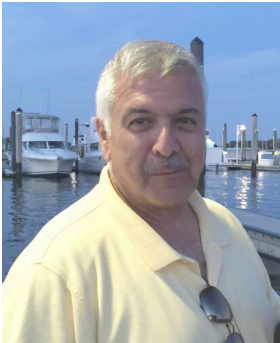
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# Vice Commodore

Jim Khoury

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Pegasus K-7



From your VC:  
Happy New Year to all PWYC members! I anticipate that 2022 will be a fantastic boating season. With any luck and hopefully the reduction of the spread of Covid 19, we should all be looking forward to another season filled with the enjoyment we all subscribe to by owning a watercraft!

Having had the privilege of serving as your past Rear Commodore, I had the distinct honor of serving the club under the auspices of our Immediate Past Commodore and Vice Commodore. Mike Connolly and Rick McHarg... You guys rock! Great work pulling the club through the ups and downs throughout 2020 and 2021.

The 2022 season will be here in the blink of an eye, so I would like to hit the ground running.

Some of my duties as the Vice are to maintain and oversee land-based activities and events that are held throughout the season such as the Captain's Hour(s), Dock Parties, assist the Dock Reps with their needs to be successful, provide communications to the membership by ensuring that flyers and other message related to the PWYC's activities are properly disseminated.

My first order of business is to thank all the Dock Reps that have come forward as new volunteers for their respective docks as well as the folks that have chosen to return for yet another season representing your fellow dock mates. Also, a "Thank You!" is in order for those reps that have taken on the task in previous seasons. Your volunteerism is crucial to the success of the club. Kudos to all of you!

On another note, we have many upcoming events that early preparation will assure success for the club.

There are several safety seminars, as well as USCG AUC BS&S safe boating classes coming up over the next few months. Remember that you must have a Safety Certificate to legally run a water vessel on the local waters – and it's not a

bad idea to learn what you already may not know. The BS&S Courses are offered through PWM. Please consult the website calendar for the link to the registration with Teresa Allen.

Don't forget the Dulles Boat Show – March 11th – 13th.

Opening Day on April 9th will be a day full of activities for all. Seminars, meetings, food and the Commodore's happy hour. We will open the season with the raising of our colors, and of course all the celebration that goes along with it. Please be on the lookout for the Nautical Flea Market being held on the ground floor of the Blue Bath House!

There is so much activity coming up over the next several months – you will certainly have a stellar season if you participate!

If you have any questions, please contact me either by email @ vicecommodore@pwyc.org, or you can call or text my cell phone @ 718-494-3365.

I am looking forward to a terrific season ahead!

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## Dock Reps

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<b>A-Dock</b>	<b>Vacant - Seeking Volunteer</b>
B-Dock	Julie Finocchiaio & Keith Clouser
<b>C-Dock</b>	<b>Vacant - Seeking Volunteer</b>
D-Dock	Matt & Lisa Shaw
E-Dock	Craig & Lisa Chuba
F-Dock	Charlotte Blane
G-Dock	Mike Strano
H-Dock	Joy & Walt Heuer
I-Dock	Chris and Sabrina Salter
J-Dock	<i>PWM Sales dock</i>
K-Dock	Laura Lee
L-Dock	Arthur & Rebecca Fernandes
Boatel	Joe Peruzzi

Note: the PWYC email address each rep is (X)docrep@pwyc.org. The Boatel's Rep is boateldockrep@pwyc.org.



# Rear Commodore

Scott Parsons  
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Island Time G34



First of all, Happy 2022. I am optimistic that this will be an exciting boating season. As we battle through the next few months Spring will be here in no time. I can't wait until I throw the first seacock to de-winterize and drain the pink juice from the fresh water tank.

I am excited to represent the PWYC as the Rear Commodore. As we are still struggling with the COVID Pandemic I have put together what I believe will be some excellent excursions. I have been a Prince William Yacht Club member since 2015, and have experienced many of the previous years on water events. I look forward to guiding and assisting in this year's adventures that are in the works. The PWYC Board has approved the event calendar for 2022 and all the cruises I have submitted are listed on the social calendar and below.

One thing that is great about our club is the experienced captains we have. From cruising or just knowledge of boating. I have learned a lot from past and current captains so take advantage of that, we all are happy and willing to talk about anything. Most of my experience has come from the many cruises of the past. We have twelve cruises between the Commodore, Vice Commodore, and I and some need Captains to champion them. You don't have to be the sole champion, you can share the duties. Our club relies heavily on volunteers, but volunteering does not mean you're alone. Those that participate are more than happy to assist where needed, from planning the route to setup and tear down at the destination. For those that are willing to champion a cruise please get with either myself, Rick McHarg, or Jim Khoury for details or if you just have questions.

Again, I look forward to taking on the responsibilities as the PWYC Rear Commodore, I have some big deck shoes to fill.

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## Upcoming Cruises

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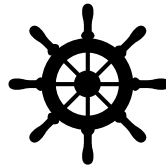
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| 02 April          | The Cherry Blossom Cruise (Rick McHarg Championing) Backup date is 3 April                 |
| 23-24 April       | PWYC Colonial Beach Cruise (Scott Parsons Championing)                                     |
| 06-08 May         | PWYC Mother's Day Cruise to National Harbor (Scott Parsons Championing)                    |
| <b>28-30 May</b>  | <b><i>Memorial Day Cruise to DC Wharf (Need a Champion)</i></b>                            |
| 17-20 June        | Father's Day Cruise Location TBD (PWM and PWYC) Still working details with PWM             |
| <b>01-03 July</b> | <b><i>Cruise to the Yards Marina (Need a Champion Nats are in town)</i></b>                |
| 17-23 July        | Bay Cruise (Commodore/Vice Commodore)  |
| <b>23-24 July</b> | <b><i>PRYCA Float In at Coles Point (Need a Champion)</i></b>                              |
| 12-15 Aug         | Solomons Island Cruise (Scott Parsons Championing Would like some help)                    |
| <b>26-28 Aug</b>  | <b><i>Three Sister's Raft Up (Need Champion)</i></b> Backup date 3-5 September (Labor Day) |
| 23-25 Sept        | Pirates Night on the Hook (Joint PWM and PWYC) (Need a Team Effort)                        |
| 07-10 Oct         | Commodore Cruise to Tides Inn (Rick McHarg's)  |
| 21-23 Oct         | Final PWYC Cruise to Colonial Beach (Scott Parsons Championing)                            |

# Treasurer

SHERRY SAMAR  
IRISH HAWK, E-6



Balance as of 12/01/2021	\$ 24,973.82
Receipts (dues, interest, transfer from PayPal balance)	\$ 2174.92
Expenses (Closing Day, COW deposit, WA credit card charge)	\$ -864.89
New balance as of 01/01/2022	\$ 26,283.85



# Safety Officer

Bob Swartz  
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WOW!! Looks like our Safety Officer has lined up some really great events for the first half of the year. Regardless of your boat size or your

experience, there's something for everyone. Check it out and prep now to ensure you have a safe and fun boating season.

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## Upcoming Safety Activities

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### January 26, 2022

Captain Elisabeth Christman, Chesapeake Bay Pilot. **Zoom call** from 7:30 pm to 8:30 pm. Contact Sherry Samar for the link. [sherry.samar@gmail.com](mailto:sherry.samar@gmail.com)

### February 9, 2022

Mario Vittone, On-water safety expert. Pre-planning goes a long way to eliminating issues. **Zoom call** from 7:30 pm to 8:30 pm. Contact Sherry Samar for the link. [sherry.samar@gmail.com](mailto:sherry.samar@gmail.com)

### March 22, 2022

Occoquan River Safety Forum. Location TBD. Either at the Electric Palm or via Zoom depending on the Virus from 10:30 am until 12:30 pm. Contact Bob Schwartz for information. [Safety@pwyc.org](mailto:Safety@pwyc.org)

### March 26, 2022

Boating Safety Class needed for the required license. In the Blue Bath House by F Dock. In person. 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. Contact Teresa Allen. [tallen@pwmarina.com](mailto:tallen@pwmarina.com)



**April 9, 2022**

Opening Day seminars. In the Blue Bath House by F Dock. **In person.** 2:30 pm – 6:00 pm. Various seminar leaders.

**April 9, 2022**

Vessel Safety Checks conducted by the USCG Auxiliary. All day. Sign-up sheets will go up approximately 14 days beforehand. Contact Bob Schwartz for information. [Safety@pwyc.org](mailto:Safety@pwyc.org)

**April 16, 2022**

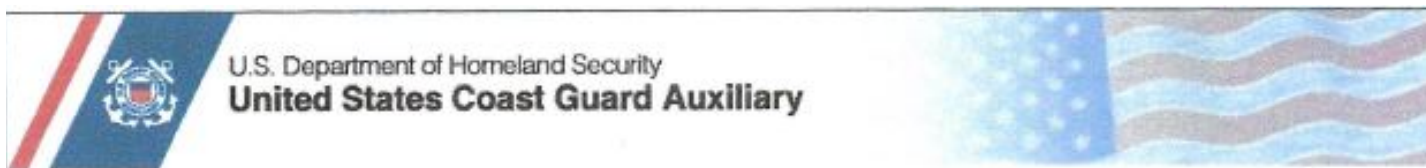
Vessel Safety Checks conducted by the USCG Auxiliary. All day. Sign-up sheets will go up approximately 14 days beforehand. Contact Bob Schwartz for information. [Safety@pwyc.org](mailto:Safety@pwyc.org)

**May 14, 2022**

Boating Safety Class needed for the required license. In the Blue Bath House by F Dock. In person. 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. Contact Teresa Allen. [tallen@pwmarina.com](mailto:tallen@pwmarina.com)

**May 14, 2022**

Vessel Safety Checks conducted by the USCG Auxiliary. All day. Sign-up sheets will go up approximately 14 days beforehand. Contact Bob Schwartz for information. [Safety@pwyc.org](mailto:Safety@pwyc.org)



**Public Education Course Flyer: Boat America**



**Boat America** is a boating certificate class that offers an in-depth and interesting boating safety course, and provides the knowledge needed to obtain a boating certificate.

Some insurance companies will also offer discounts on boating insurance to boaters who successfully complete this course.

**TOPICS INCLUDE**

- **Introduction to Boating** – Types of power boats, boating vocabulary, sailboats, paddle boats, powering boats, and engine types.
- **Boating Law** – Boat registration, regulations, hull identification numbers, required safety equipment, Federal boating law, state boating law, and reporting accidents.
- **Safety Equipment** – Life jackets, fire extinguishers, sound-producing devices, visual distress signals, anchors, and other safety equipment.
- **Safe Operation and Navigation** – Buoys and beacons, aids to navigation, navigation rules, docking, and the dangers of alcohol on the water.
- **Boating Emergencies** – Hypothermia, boating accidents, man overboard, capsizing, emergency radio calls, carbon monoxide dangers, and weather.
- **Trailer** – Types of trailers, lights, hitches, towing a trailer.
- **Sports and Boating** – Water-skiing, hunting and hunting gear, PWC operation, and other boating tips.

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

**Course:** Boat America  
**Start Date:** Sat, 26 Mar 2022  
**Hours:** 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM  
**Duration:** 8 Hours  
**Lessons:** 1  
**Location:** Prince William Marina  
12849 Gordon Blvd  
Woodbridge, VA 22192  
**Contact:** Teresa Allen  
[tallen@pwmarina.com](mailto:tallen@pwmarina.com)  
(703) 494-6611  
**Course Cost:** \$35  
**Register By:** Sun, 20 Mar 2022  
**Comments:** street address is the show room. 1/4 mile south, is Sea Ray Lane, follow to bottom of hill turn left. Class is in blue bldg next to pool.



# Ships Manifest

Membership Chair

Una Murphy

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## WELCOME PWYC MEMBERS!

Best of luck to the **97** members that paid their PWYC Membership dues by December 31, 2021 and are eligible for the "**Annual Get Your Dues Back Drawing**", which will be held at the PWM Slip Holders Appreciation Party on February 13<sup>th</sup>!

Please help me welcome new and renewing Prince William Yacht Club Members for the 2022 season (*as of January 9, 2022 – any membership payments received after this date will be listed in the March Lifeline*)\*\*:

- Donald Anderson and Michelle Anderson, G-6
- Eric Armstrong and Shawna Armstrong, Steppinstone, F-13
- David Astle and Sonia Astle, Crew Lounge
- Frank Beatty and Deborah James, Uptown Girl, H-42
- Randy Becker and Theresa Becker
- Jason Belinski and Marion Belinski, F-8
- Hunter Bell, F-9
- Troy Black and Arewynn Black, Scarlet & Gold, H-27
- Brad Boston and Karen Knutson, Star Cruiser, I-28
- Barry Braden Jr and Carrie Braden, This Side Up, H-20
- James Brady and Dawn Brady, In Spite Of, C-16
- Corey Brown, Sinisterque96, H-9
- Steve Bruck and Kristin Bruck, Bluebird, Boatel
- Marla Brunell and Eric Gustafson, Fly Me, G-30
- Shawn Burget and Stephanie Burget, Nordica, K-42
- Doug Burum and Jenna Burum, Another Sunday Morning, E-1
- Ryan Carmen and Carmen Ashley, Boatel
- Vicky Carr and Bob Carr, CarRUISIN' II, H-44
- Scott Cassar and Carolyn Cassar, F-7
- Craig Chuba and Lisa Chuba, Buckeye Nation, E-12
- Keith Clouser and Julie Finocchiaro, B-5
- Michael Connolly and Sherri Connolly, Summer Daze, D-9
- Kathy Cordelli and Justin Cordelli
- Tom Cornbrooks and Julie Cornbrooks, Divine Intervention, D-8
- Michael Cozad and Katrin Saghafi, Boatel
- Thomas Craig and Mary Craig, Boatel
- Victor Crawford and Kyle Crawford, The Tahoe, K-13



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- Pam Cressey, At Last, B-21
- Steven D'Antuono and Gina D'Antuono, Oyster Time, L-30
- Robin Davis and Bernadette Davis, Nauta Yacht
- Ana Domingues, SeaRay, C-12
- Jay Dowling and Casey Dowling, Naught On Call, I-16
- Nicholas Durgin and Heather Durgin, Off Ice, G-22
- William Embrey and Shirley Embrey, Chief Six, Boatel
- Rob Evers and Sarah Evers, The Swear Jar, G-20
- Peter Ewald and Veronica Ewald, Boatel
- Arthur Fernandes and Rebecca Fernandes, The Getaway, L-17
- Robert Fertig and Jennifer Fertig, Knot Anchored
- Chistopher Feucht A-4
- Brian Fitzpatrick and Kathleen Fitzpatrick, Boatel
- Greg Fletcher and Sandy Fletcher, Boatel
- David Fouse and Robin Fouse, Send Me, L-29
- J. Gaston and Ginger Gaston, Patriot Dreams, H-43
- Pete Giambastiani and Claire Giambastiani, H-13
- Bob Giesler and Donna Giesler, Eagle's Landing, E-13
- Thomas Griffin and Kathleen Griffin, Boatel
- Michael Hahn and Michael Harmon, Boatel
- Fred Hanscom and Nancy Hanscom, 401(K), G-Dock
- Martin Harris and Natalie Harris Boatel
- Steve Harrison and Kim Harrison
- Bruce Haynes, Jr. and Catherine Haynes, Boatel
- Giancarlo Hermoza Montes, I'll Call You Later, D-4
- Walt Heuer and Joy Heuer, Slice of Paradise II, H-33
- Bruce Hill and Jan Hill, Hawaii Kai, E-8
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\*\* If you think you renewed your membership prior to January 9 and don't see your name here, check your profile on Wild Apricot or send an email at [membership@pwyc.org](mailto:membership@pwyc.org) and I will be happy to check! If you haven't renewed your membership for the 2022 season it's not too late, and we've got lots of options.

#### **Renew Online**

Use the Quick link on the PWYC homepage ([pwyc.org](http://pwyc.org)) to link to your membership profile

#### **By Check**

Send a \$100.00 check payable to PWYC to

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

#### **Renew In Person**

Come to the PWM Slipholders Party on February 13!

We will have a membership table at the PWM Slip Holders Appreciation Party. Bring a check or cash and make your payment there. While you are at it, pick up a replacement PWYC Burgee (or two) for the low, low price of \$30 each!



## **BURGEES FOR SALE!**

Start the season off with a brand new burgee! Get your replacement PWYC burgees for only \$30. If you would like one, please email [membership@pwyc.org](mailto:membership@pwyc.org).

## **UPDATE YOUR PROFILE ON WILD APRICOT**

A reminder that the information in the hard copy PWYC Directory comes directly from your membership profile in Wild Apricot – please go in prior to February 28 and check the following information and update as necessary:

Main Email

First name

Last name

Secondary Email

Secondary Member First Name

Secondary Member Last Name

Mailing Address

City

State

Zip Code

Home Phone

Cell Phone 1

Cell Phone 2

Boat Name

Dock

Slip Number

Boat Manufacturer

Boat Model

Boat Year

Membership Packets (including the hardcopy directory) will be provided for all active members on Opening Day (April 9, 2022)

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# Check out the Social Scene

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We've got a lot of things coming up this quarter. Boat shows! Safety Seminars! So many parties! Don't miss out on all of the fun and education opportunities. Friends on and off the water.

Contact our social team – Denise Guess-Parsons, Beth Lu, Carol Vasquez, Jenna Burum or Sherri Connolly– [social@pwyc.org](mailto:social@pwyc.org) if you would like to champion an event, assist or have suggestions for new events.

Date	Event
<b>January</b>	
6	PWC Board mtg @ Electric Palm 7PM
9	PWYC Brunch, Blue Bathhouse, Potluck, all invited @ 10:00 AM (register on website event list)
26	Safety Seminar Zoom mtg @ 7 PM with CAPT Elizabeth Christman. (POC Safety Bob)
<b>February</b>	
6	PWYC Brunch, Blue Bathhouse, Potluck, all invited @ 10:00 AM (register on website event list)
9	Safety Seminar Zoom mtg @ 7 PM with Mario Vittone (POC Safety Bob)
13	PWYC Board Meeting @ 11AM
13	Slip Holders Party - sponsored by PWM
26	PWYC Change of Watch Party
<b>March</b>	
5	PWYC Board Meeting @ 9AM
6	PWYC Brunch, Blue Bathhouse, Potluck, all invited @ 10:00 AM (register on website event list)
11-13	Dulles Boat Show
22	Occoquan River Safety Forum, Electric Palm @ 10:30AM
26	USCG Boater Safety Class
26	PWM Employee Appreciation Dinner @6PM, Blue bathhouse



# Winter Boating

By Captain Robin



**S**oaking in the sun and relaxing on the hook, or maybe towing the kids and getting in some skiing. We just can't wait for winter to be over. I know I occasionally suffer from the lack of water time, that's for sure.

Living at a marina, with a beautiful view of the Occoquan and Belmont Bay, hardly a day passes that I don't see a few hearty souls out there enjoying their boats as the temperature plummets. Interestingly enough, the vast majority are smaller boats with open cockpits and outboard motors. As a delivery captain myself, I've had the opportunity to run many boats in winter.

Cold weather boating requires a bit more planning and caution than during the warm summer days. Here are just a few tips to help you enjoy some cold weather time on your baby.

## **BUNDLE UP**

The layered look is in for winter boating. Modern tech clothing fabrics are lightweight and provide more warmth than cotton. Start with a base layer of underwear that wicks sweat off your skin. Middle layers retain body heat to protect you from the cold. Trap the heat with polyester fleece, puffy insulated jacket or synthetic jacket. Top off your wardrobe with an outer layer to shield your body from the wind. Water-resistant and breathable shells are perfect for the job.

I purchased a "float coat" that I use when I do winter surveys and deliveries. It's a Type III PFD and is VERY warm. I got the safety yellow because I certainly want to be seen if something were to

happen to you.

Remember, we lose a great deal of heat through the top of our head. As I've grown more "follicley" challenged, I'm learning to appreciate the value of a good hat. Function over fashion. Good socks are a must for the feet. Wear those with lightweight, comfortable boots with gripping soles. Add a pair of insulated gloves or mittens and you are dressed for the trip.

A towel, blanket and maybe a change of clothes in a dry sack isn't a bad idea either. I carry a couple granola bars and a bottle of water. There's usually something in every pocket.

## **DOUBLE CHECK YOUR SAFETY GEAR**

Having the river all to yourself is wonderful, but don't count on passing boater to stop and lend a hand. Ensure you've got working flares, tow lines, anchor, and a fire extinguisher. One other, often missed item especially on smaller boats is a working VHF radio. On all of the boats I've ever owned, I've installed a radio and had a floating portable as back up. Everyone says, "Oh, I've got my cell", but it may not work if wet and you're not able to communicate directly with those who may come to your rescue.

## **FUEL UP**

Make sure that tank is topped off before heading out. Marina hours change during the off season, so you may find your usual favorite fuel stop has become a ghost town.



## FILE A FLOAT PLAN

"I don't need to do that, I'm just going out to the power lines." I've heard it a million times but the truth is, it's really important to make sure that one or two people on land know you're out there and when you plan to return. They need to know the identifying information about the boat, number of people on board, phone numbers etc. Make sure they know that if they don't hear from you or can't get in contact with you by 'X' time, call the authorities because you're overdue.

As a professional rescuer, I've spent many hours flying over the river searching for lost and missing boaters. It's no easy task and for the search teams. Our stress levels do rise as the clock ticks by. Trust me, we want nothing more than to celebrate a successful mission with everyone safely back on the dock. The more information we have, the more timely that information is, the greater the chance for success. Oh, and you're not bothering us, call. If you're located before we get there, BONUS!

I get it!! No one believes it will happen to them, but after nearly 36 years in public safety, I can tell you it can happen to any of us, so stack the deck in your favor. There's a link to filing a Float Plan on the PWYC Resources page. Check it out!

## KNOW THE WEATHER

Make sure you have checked your favorite marine weather app or web service. A splash of the winter

Potomac is far less comfortable than a kiss from the summer Occoquan. Don't get caught in the cold winter blow.

## WEAR A LIFEJACKET

If you've got a float coat like I do, you're fine. But, please, make sure you're wearing some sort of floatation device. If it's an automatic inflator, double check the cartridge and settings to ensure its working.

Remember, if you fall in, the shock from the cold will likely confuse you and prevent you from pulling the inflation handle.

**W**inter boating can truly be very enjoyable. It just takes a little more preparation and focus. Bundle up! Pack the Yeti with some nice warm drink and hot soup. Slow down! And simply enjoy the peace and calm. Oh, leave the flip flops at home.



*A cold December delivery coming out of Annapolis*

### WATER TEMP (DEGREES F)

0 to 32  
33 to 40  
41 to 50  
51 to 60  
61 to 70  
71 to 80  
80+

### EXHAUSTION OR UNCONSCIOUSNESS

Under 15 minutes  
15 to 30 minutes  
30 to 60 minutes  
1 to 2 hours  
2 to 7 hours  
3 to 12 hours  
Indefinite

### SURVIVAL TIME

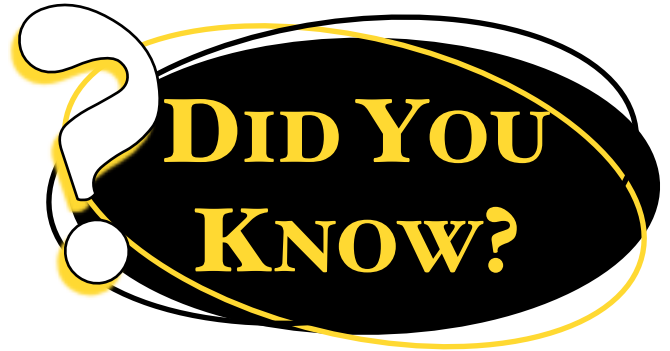
15 to 45 minutes  
30 to 90 minutes  
1 to 3 hours  
1 to 6 hours  
2 to 36 hours  
Indefinite  
Indefinite

Expected Cold-Water Survival Times *Boating Magazine*

Don't miss it!

Stay up to date with all of the latest news and information on our official Prince William Yacht Club website. It's chock full of great information, so check it out.

[PWYC.ORG](http://PWYC.ORG)



Thomas Mason, son of George Mason IV, built a ferry that was located two miles west of the mouth of the Occoquan River? It's exact location remains unclear, but it is believed to have been adjacent to an existing sanitary pump station near the RF&P railroad bridge, east of Routes 1 and I-95. Virginia Law set the ferry rates at 4 cents a man, 4 cents a horse.

His competition was another ferry started in 1791 by Col. John Hooe of Prince William County located in Occoquan.

In July, 1796, Mason commissioned Theodore Burr to build a wooden bridge to cross 105 yards of water. It was completed before June, 1797. Little more is known about the bridge itself but Mason was able charge 6 cents a man, 6 cents a horse. Mason died suddenly 5 years after the bridges completion. A flood in 1807 destroyed the bridge and the family had no interest in rebuilding..

And yup, that, in part, is how this area became known as Woodbridge.



Similar to the wooden bridge crossing the Occoquan in late 1700's



### What do YOU want to see in the newsletter?

As we look to evolve and expand our newsletter, we want to hear from you! Some of the ideas we have in the works include more information about opportunities for small boats to get the most out of the waterway; understanding member benefits when dealing with our other yacht clubs; boating at night etc.

So, please let us know. Also, if you're interested in writing an article for the club, don't hesitate. There's so much knowledge in the club and the experience varies so, the newsletter is a great place to get involved.

Send your ideas to [newsletter@pwyc.org](mailto:newsletter@pwyc.org)



# Prince William Yacht Club Change of Watch Gala

February 26, 2022 Embassy Suites Springfield, VA

7:00-11:30 p.m.

Formal/Cocktail attire

Dinner, Dancing, Open Bar, and After the Party Party!



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

**Entrée 1** Sautéed Ravioli Stuffed with Wild Mushrooms, tossed in a Truffle Cream Sauce, Served with Chef's Mixed Vegetable Medley.

**Entrée 2** Balsamic Glazed Chicken Breast Pan Seared Chicken Breast with Cajun Sauce

**Entrée 3** Flank Steak with Merlot Reduction Served with Fingerling Potatoes and Chef mixed vegetable medley  
\*\*This Dish is Served Medium Rare\*\*

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

**If you would like to reserve a room, please use the link below:**

**[Click Here to Reserve a Room!](#)**



Scan Here

**Deadline to reserve a room and RSVP for the event is 2/1/22**

Event Reservations:

Members in Good Standing: \$100

Non-Member: \$130

**[Please Register Online on the PWYC Website.](#)**



Please RSVP dinner choice with your payment

