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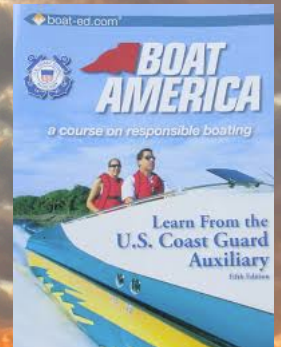


***THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE
PRINCE WILLIAM YACHT CLUB***

***DWYC.org
MARCH 2023***

SAFE BOATING

Spring is approaching and it's time to get your boater safety on!! Brush up or first time! SIGN UP TODAY!!



FLEET CAPTAINS

It takes a lot of work to keep things moving, meet your Fleet Captains.

THE BRIDGE



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G-Dock	Mike Strano
H-Dock	Joy & Walt Heuer
I-Dock	Chris & Sabrina Salter
J-Dock	PWM - Sales Dock
K-Dock	Jason and Shannon Leydig
L-Dock	Vacant - Seeking Volunteer
Boatel	Joe Peruzzi

DELEGATES

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



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Here we are in March '23 & marking the Meteorological start to Spring (Mar 1) and only 6 weeks til Opening Day! Rumor has it Cherry Blossoms are already opening, and before you know it, we will be de-winterizing. You can receive updates on the Cherry Blossoms by signing up for the e-newsletter at: [National Cherry Blossom Festival](#) It's time to start making your lists for unwrapping that big toy.

How about that great Slip Holders Party that PWM put on at the Palm!... Takes just a bit of the sting of Slip Fees out. I saw many of you enjoying the food drinks and door prizes. While it's clear that reduced risk to COVID has made life easier for most, we must continue to accept and protect the most vulnerable.

There are still quite a few of you who haven't renewed your PWYC Membership. I still don't know where else you can get such a deal for \$100. Numerous social gatherings and camaraderie with fellow boat owners... So if you want to be listed in the 2023 Directory, do not delay and head to the Website to sign up and pay your dues. You have until March 1st. While on the website, sign up for the CoW Gala. You only have until the March 4 deadline. The Gala is Saturday March 11. Hope to see you there!

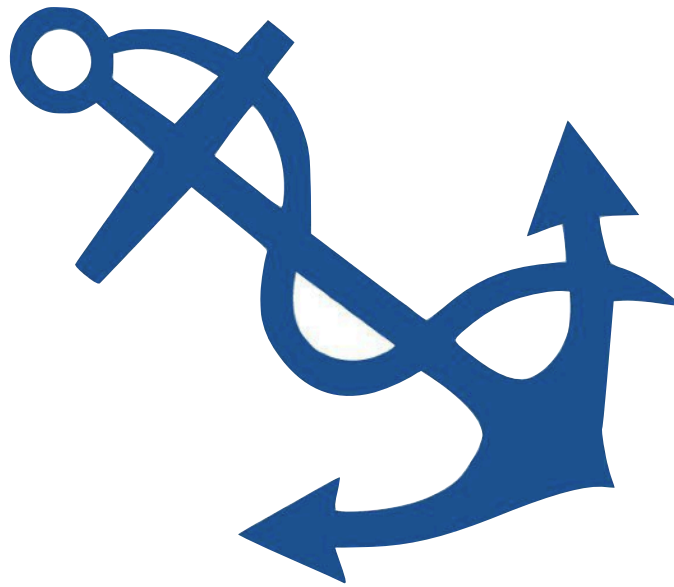
While our 2023 season calendar is pretty well finalized, there are still a couple of pending changes. The first is that we can add a Progressive Dinner to June 24, courtesy of Phil and Heidi Schoepfin. They graciously volunteered to Captain the event, which is always fun for the participants. You get to dine on different owner boats with different Yacht Club members...Look for info upcoming. We still are without a replacement Dockrep for L Dock. If you are on L Dock and looking to become part of the PWYC Bridge, please let us know. Contact me or Vice Commodore Jim Khoury.

Other events happening in March include the Spring Safety Forum March 21, a Boating Safety Course on March 18, 9 am-5 pm at the Blue Bath House (Contact Teresa Allen, PW Marina to register), and of course the Annual Employee Appreciation Pot Luck Dinner on March 25. Look for info on the Employee Appreciation event from the Social committee for food sign ups. Check out the Rear's Column for Cruises to sign-up for. Favorites included the Mother's Day and Father's day Cruises.

As many of you know, We are members of the Potomac River Yacht Club Association (PRYCA), and Beth Lu has been our PRYCA delegate for several years. Well, they had their Change of Watch Ball last month in Alexandria, and one of our own Captains was recognized for her efforts to improve boating on the Potomac. Vicky Carr, of Carruisin' and a former PRYCA Bridge Member, was designated a "Captain of the Potomac" for having performed notable and outstanding service to the PRYCA member clubs while a bridge member. As many of you know, Vicky worked very hard on the response to the Dahlgren Middle Range expansion response for all of us and got the range schedule posted on the 5th CG District Notice to Mariners. Bravo Vicky! And Thank you!

LET'S MEET THE FLEET CAPTAINS

*The Fleet Captains of PWYC do so much behind
the scenes to keep our Club alive and connected.*





Membership Chair

UNA MURPHY
MURPHYS LAW

Una and Her husband Steve Levenson have been members of Prince William Yacht Club since purchasing their first boat from Prince William Marina (a bowrider) in 2014. Two boats later, they are now in their forever boat - a 340 Sundancer – and enjoy boating with friends and family. While Steve is happily retired, Una (his child bride) still has a few years to go. Until that time, they are weekend boaters but look forward to a time that they, along with their First Mate Louie the Golden Doodle, can go on a long- term boating adventure!



Social Committee Chair

Denise Parsons
ISLAND TIME G34

Denise and Scott have been members of the Prince William Yacht Club since 2015. Denise served as the F-Dock Representative from 2017-2020, Lifeline Editor from 2017-2019, and Social Chair from 2018-present.

Denise and Scott enjoy spending time with their marina family, four daughters, and four grandchildren.



Safety Officer

Bob Swartz

Rosemary Phillips and I have owned the Alexandra since 2003. We both live in Washington, DC. Alexandra lives in F-12. The three of us have been members of Prince William Yacht Club (PWYC) from the day the boat was purchased. Alexandra is the only craft Rosemary and I have ever owned.

Rosemary, Alexandra, and I have been up and down the Potomac River hundreds of times. Additionally, we have dozens and dozens of stints on the Chesapeake Bay. We are as excited about boating today as the day we bought the boat.

I have been the Safety Officer of PWYC since 2017. Over the years, I have never claimed to be the marina expert on safe boating. My main objective since accepting the position has been to keep the topic front and center for those who are based at Prince William Marina.

No matter the size of their vessel, the people at Prince William are smart, intelligent people. Conditions on the water are always changing. I believe that if you keep hammering them on boating safely, they will make the wise choices.



Webmaster

Mike Manning *Aquatini, E-dock*

Hi, I'm a long time power boater (I learned to drive a boat before a car in 1986). I am on boat number 6, in 23 seasons, with 4 of them at Prince William, starting with a 19' in the Boatel, moving to a 240 Sundancer on A dock, a different 24' at a different marina and then a 350 Sundancer back at Prince William on J dock when they were fixed. My current boat, new to me in 2022, is back to a 240 Sundancer, Aquatini on E dock.

I cruised the bay in the 350 and trailered the 24' to Annapolis for about a month or so so I could bring it to Ego alley. This year, I joined as many cruises as I could and shook down a couple issues (luckily close to PWM). It was great hanging out with other PWM boaters on their large boats and then going back to mine to sleep. My return to PWM brought me back to friends on E dock with Aquatini, as well as long time friends throughout the marina. I think I only missed Patriot Cruise and Salute during Covid-2020.

I'm looking forward to meeting more club members and I know I can point to my boating mentors and I'm happy to help newer members, especially when they are wondering if they can take a 45 mile cruise to

Colonial Beach or 70 mile cruise to Coles Point. Plus the opportunities in DC Wharf or National Harbor or rafting up in Three Sisters.

I did win the 2019 Steamboat Willie Award for a solo boating man overboard situation at the pump out. Luckily, there were PWM friends around to help.

I have two kids in college, my daughter is a senior at West Virginia University and my son is a freshman at Virginia Military Institute in the Army ROTC program. Some of you might remember them from when they were much younger.

I'm honored to take the torch from Ginger Gaston, who did a wonderful job as Webmaster for so many years. I think since 2002. Thank you Ginger!!

I'm open to suggestions from membership about how to make our website a dynamic place to give and get information, beyond social calendar and newsletters.



LifeLine

ROBIN DAVIS

Blessed, Belmont Bay Harbor Marina

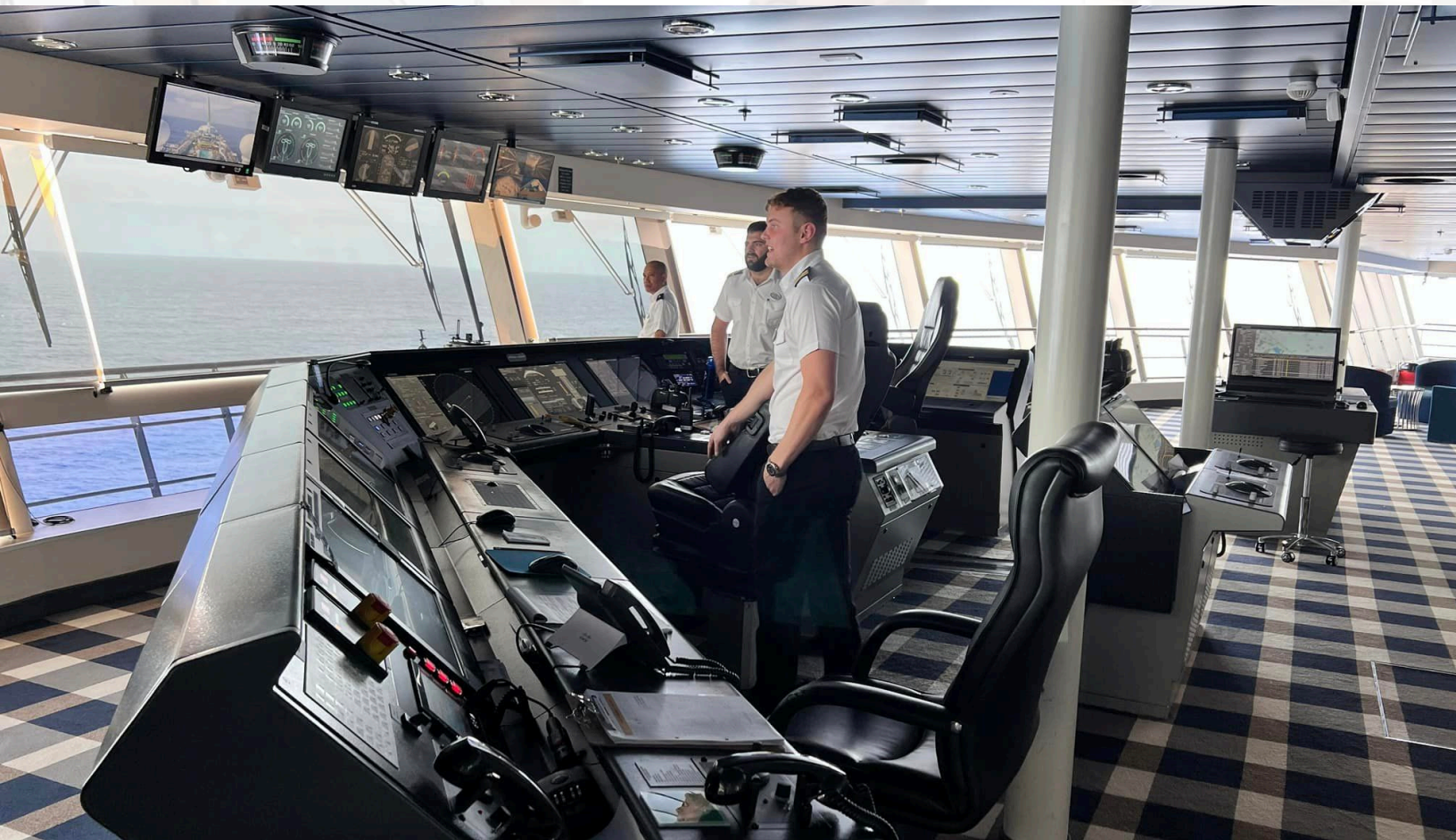
Bernadette and I live right here on the river, moving from Leesburg in 2019. Together, we've been boating for over 15 years, starting in a local boat club. In 2010, we purchased our first boat and for reasons I still don't understand have had 6 boats and a jet ski since then. In late summer of 2022, we finally found our dream boat, a Fleming 55 named 'Blessed'. We spent nearly a month bringing her home from the Great Lakes, an unbelievable journey thru the Great Lakes and the New York Canal system. After some love and updating, we can't wait to start our serious cruising in late 2023.

Bernadette and I learned to "boat" together, taking many classes along the way. Because she's a brainiac, she always out performed me in plotting courses and she's a very good operator. I went on to ultimately become a 100T Credentialed Master Captain, working at PWM as a delivery captain and trainer. Last year, I began another new adventure in Annapolis as Crew on much larger boats. This season I will take the wheelhouse as Captain of a large tour boat.

I am a lifelong public servant. I began public safety as a volunteer firefighter /EMT back in 1986 and went on to become a nationally registered flight paramedic and aviation commander, doing helicopter medevac, law enforcement and search and rescue here in the NCR. While I am still actively engaged as a field paramedic, I retired from Fairfax County Police after 28 years in law enforcement.

As I begin my second year as editor for LifeLine, I'm hoping to bring more engaging content to our club.

NEWS FROM THE BRIDGE



Thoughts from the Vice Commodore

Jim Khoury
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Pegasus K-21



With the change in the winter weather patterns quite early this year, an early spring is in the forward vision of this boating enthusiast! I hope the current warmer weather isn't just a tease by mother nature!

Punxsutawney Phil, Pennsylvania's resident groundhog, says that we have six more weeks of winter... I'm thinking that he is way off base this year. Last reports this week are showing the cherry blossoms already beginning to bloom in some places... So, I am not all that sure that his predictions are going to be accurate this season.

Membership is busy gathering the information needed for the distribution of our annual directory, and to make it as accurate possible, please login to our membership website and adjust your profile to bring all your data up to date. You will find a checkbox at the bottom of your profile indicating whether or not you want a printed copy of the membership roster. This is a new option, and it starts out as blank (no). If you require a PRINTED copy, please check the "YES" box, otherwise the default "NO" will be your selection. This new feature will help your club to save on paper and expenses that can be used elsewhere.

Rear Commodore Scott Parsons has a bunch of cruises in the planning stages, while our social committee is busy planning events and parties to keep us all entertained throughout the upcoming season. Please consult the Events Calendar REGULARLY to stay on top of upcoming events. There are changes being made all the time, so don't rely on what you saw last month. Many new ideas come up and plans change from time to time, so the best way to stay in the know is to periodically browse our website.

Your club holds monthly Board Meetings that are open to all members in good standing. The dates and times are posted on the events calendar. Attending these meetings will give you a feel for how your club operates and what we do to make every season enjoyable. Please attend!

The Dulles Boat Show is scheduled for March 10th through the 12th. Mark your calendars and check it out! You always find that much needed item that your boat (or you) desperately needs at a boat show. It's inevitable, and the opportunity is right at your back door.

THE PWYC Change of Watch is scheduled for March 11th. This is the premier event sponsored by your Yacht Club. Please consider attending – it's always a great time for all! Registration is available on the website's event calendar.

The Prince William Marina is also sponsoring a USCGAUX Boating Safety & Seamanship class on March 18th, from 9AM-5PM. If you haven't already earned your safety certificate, this is your opportunity to fulfill the requirement. Check the website for the email link to register.

Before we officially open for the season, and because the weather may lead to an early bloom, we are holding our Cherry Blossom Cruise on April 1st. Please see the website calendar to register.

The Prince William Yacht Club's opening day is scheduled for April 15th. This day is loaded with activities for all in attendance! Stay tuned for the events schedule in next month's Lifeline! Please visit the PWYC Website often – there's changes & updates posted almost daily!

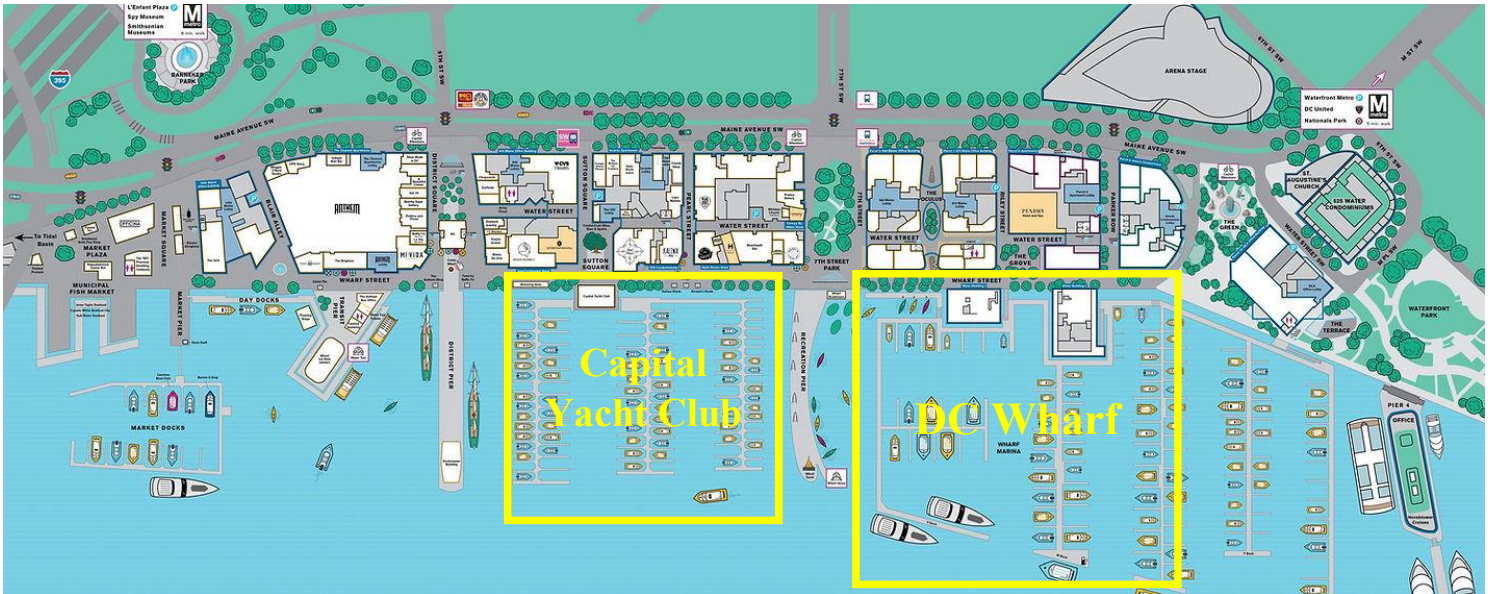


<https://pwyc.org>

- Jim Khoury
Vice Commodore PWYC
Pegasus – K21

Mother's Day Cruise to the DC Wharf

6 and 7 May 2023



Register via the event page at <https://pwyc.org>

We will be using the Wharf DC Marina as the primary location.

They use Snag-A-Slip to make reservations

<https://www.snag-a-slip.com/chesapeake-bay-marinas/potomac-marinas/wharf-marina>

\$4 per foot (Example: 38 Ft x \$4 = \$152)

N 38°52'36.6" W 77°01'21.0"

650 Wharf Street SW

Washington DC 20024

<https://www.wharfdcmarina.com>

dockmaster@wharfdcmarina.com

Marina Office phone: 202-595-5165

The other option is the Capital Yacht Club.

Some like to stay here as they have long time boating friends.

65ft LOA or less

\$3 per foot per day (Example: 38 Ft x \$3 = \$114)

Over 65ft

\$6 per foot per day (Example: 38 Ft x \$6 = \$390)

Reservations: <https://www.capitalyachtclub.com/reservations/>

Cruise Plan and details will be forthcoming to those who are registered.

Rear Commodore

Scott Parsons
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Island Time G34



So here we are in March already. Time if flying by and I am hoping Punxsutawney Phill is losing his eye sight and never saw his shadow. All forecasts I have been hearing are calling for an early Spring. Some of the days we have had in February had been wondering if I could open the petcocks at start up the boat for a cruise. You know has that goes, as soon as you do that, we would get a deep freeze and my boat would be hard down for the year. So, using better judgement and keeping it winterized was the best choice.

The first cruise we have coming up is the Cherry Blossom Cruise on the 1st of April and we need a champion for this one. This should allow plenty of time to do all your check outs and have at least made your pre-season run. The backup date is the 2nd. This is always a tough one to plan for so early, and we do our best to use lessons learned and the history for the best time for pictures. Second will be the Mother's Day cruise the weekend of 6 and 7 May. This will be to the Wharf. A change from last year, as there is a on water boat show happening that same weekend at National Harbor. I will be contacting the Capital Yacht Club (CYC) early March to see how many slips they may have during that weekend. Some like to use their facility and have longtime friends there. The other location to be used for this cruise is the Wharf DC Marina, the newest of the Wharf marinas with floating concrete docks. Snag-A-Slip is the application for making reservation for this marina. Check out the flyers for these two in the Life Line or on the PWYC website. Hopefully weather will cooperate this year.

We have a few cruises in need of Champions (List Below). This isn't a difficult task and there is a cruise planning checklist under the resource section on the PWYC website and I stress that you will get plenty of assistance from others who will be part of the flotilla. If you are interested or have questions you can contact me at rearcommodore@pwyc.org.

Registering for the cruises is critical for all planners. Each cruise will have a registration button on the event calendar on the PWYC website and emails will be sent for all events. Registrations for the cruises will close a week prior to the cruise date so please register early.

Now don't forget about all the on-land events coming up. There is the Change of Watch on March 11th and I hope to see all of you there. I look forward to this event as you will see your dock mates all dressed up. The employee appreciation Dinner in honor of the Prince William Staff and their dedication to keep us on the water. That is on the 25 of March and we will need a bunch of volunteers to help with this event. And on April 15 is Opening day with the general membership meeting, traditional ceremonies like the flag raising, and various seminars and boating knowledge presentations.

Happy March and good luck with your de-winterization. Can't wait to hear the rumble of engines running and horns sounding signaling the start of boating season.

Be safe and we will see each other soon. Don't hesitate to contact any of your Bridge members with questions or ideas you think could improve how we do things. As always volunteers are needed for all the events. So don't be shy!

Your Rear Commodore

2023 Planned Cruises

- 01 April The Cherry Blossom Cruise (**Need a Champion**) Backup date is 2 April
- 06-07 May PWYC Mother's Day Cruise to the Wharf DC (Scott Parsons Championing)
- 26-28 May Memorial Day Raft up in Mattawoman Creek (**Need a Champion**)
- 16-18 June Father's Day Cruise Colonial Beach Yacht Center (PWM and PWYC) Still working details
- 15-21 July Bay Cruise (Rich McHarg Championing)
- 28-30 July PRYCA Float In at Coles Point
- 18-20 Aug Three Sister's Raft Up (Rick McHarg Championing) Backup date 1-3 September (Labor Day)
- 16 Sept Patriot Cruise and Salute (PCS Championing)
- 22-24 Sept Pirates Night on the Hook at Mattawoman Creek (Joint PWM and PWYC) (A Team Effort)
- 06-08 Oct Commodore Cruise to Destination TBD (Rick McHarg's)
- 21-23 Oct Final PWYC Cruise to the National Harbor (**Need a Champion**)



CHERRY BLOSSOM CRUISE & PHOTO SHOOT PRINCE WILLIAM YACHT CLUB

Saturday, April 1, 2023
Inclement Weather/Wind Date – Sunday, April 2, 2023

Start your boating season by joining the PWYC for the Annual
Cherry Blossom Cruise & Photo Shoot!

Bring your family and friends on this cruise up the Potomac River, to
the tidal basin in Washington, DC.



Looking for a Champion for this event

Register at <https://pwyc.org>

Treasurer

SHERRY SAMAR
IRISH HAWK, H-41



PWYC Treasurer's Report 01/01/2023- -1/31/2023

INCOME

Dues	\$ 3,200.00
Change of Watch Reservations	\$ 3,380.00
PWM Donation for CoW After Party	\$ 800.00
PWM Donation for 2022 Captain's Hours	\$ 250.00
Interest	\$ 0.27
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 7,630.27

EXPENSES

CBYCA Dues	\$ 75.00
Membership cards, brochures, name tags	\$ 493.11
2022 Commodore's Cruise	\$ 300.00
Wine & Painting Party (2022)	\$ 150.00
Officer Flags and PWYC large burgee	\$ 561.41
Wild Apricot expense	\$ 123.16
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 1,654.52

Checking account balance \$ 35,003.35



Ships Manifest

Membership Chair

Una Murphy

membership@pwyc.org



IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT TO ALL MEMBERS

MARCH 1 is the DEADLINE!

By March 1, you MUST indicate in your online record whether you want a membership packet for the 2023 season. *If you do not check Yes on your record, a membership packet – including the hard copy directory - will NOT be printed for you.*

In addition, by March 1, please be sure to check your information in the online membership directory to ensure it is correct. This is what we use to populate the hard copy directory.

The 2023 PWYC Membership Drive Continues!!

Please help me welcome new and renewing Prince William Yacht Club Members (from November 10, 2022 – February 9, 2023 – any membership payments received after this date will be listed in the next Lifeline):

Brad and Katherine Anderson
Frank Beatty and Deborah Lee James
Randy and Theresa Becker
James and Dawn Brady
Corey Brown
Shawn and Stephanie Burget
Michael and Amy Burke
Ryan and Ashley Carmen
Scott and Carolyn Cassar
Keith and Julie Clouser
Mike and Sherri Connolly
Michael Cozad and Katrin Saghafi
Victor and Kyle Crawford
Pam Cressey
Robin and Bernadette Davis
Dianna and David Dix
Peter and Veronica Ewald
Jimmy and Sandra Falcon
Robert and Jennifer Fertig
David and Robin Fouse

Pete and Claire Giambastiani
David and Michelle Gordon
Thomas and Kathi Griffin
Lori and Larry Hall
Fred and Nancy Hanscom
Giancarlo Hermoza Montes
Walt and Joy Heuer
Bruce and Jan Hill
Jodie Hyre
John and Heather Ingram
Tito and Frances Irizarry
Christopher Johnson and Patricia Kelly
Pam Juelharte and Nilou Tavassoli
Rich and Christine Jones
Rose Marie Kileen
David and Katherine Kimmel
Werner Knapp and Charlotte Bline
Sean Lam and Anna Le
Jeffrey Lett
Jason and Shannon Leydig

Michael and Susan Loman
William Loughlin
Mike Manning
Stefano Marzano and Evelyn Aleman
Chris McCalla
Christopher and Amanda Ogden
Billy and Brandy Oldridge
Peter and Carol Pasek
Peter and Stephanie Perhach
Michael and Debra Perrella
Keith Phelps and Maria Manno
DJ and Natalia Phillips
Nicholas Roper and Jodie Young
Kevin and Ann Rychlik
Chris and Sabrina Salter
Bob Schwartz and Rosemary Phillips
Walt and Jeanne Seiberling
Matt and Lisa Shaw
Mike Shelkin

James and Tina Smith
Brian and Sara Snyder
Sal and Gina Speziale
Skylar Stegall and Becky Dunklee
Myles and Lisa Stover
Kevin Stroble
Cathy Stultz and Mike Connors
Phil and Brandy Suchyta
David and Jillian Szczepaneck
James and Caroline Thomas
Bill Thompson and Elise Rosenthal
Jim and Sabrina Vant
Carol and Rod Vasquez
Robert and Paula Voith
John and Jennifer Wagner
Dave and Kathy Weekman
Nathaniel and Kelly Wheeler
Jessica Wood and Daniel Martin
Greg Yadzinski and Amy Czelusniak

Best of luck to the 95 members who renewed prior to December 31 and are eligible for the "Annual Get Your Dues Back Drawing," held at the PWM Slip Holders Party in February! The winner will be announced in next month's newsletter.

Download the Wild Apricot Mobile App to help you stay connected to PWYC:



Don't forget that you can use the **Wild Apricot Member App** to stay connected to the Prince William Yacht Club even in the off-season.

Download the app, sign in with the same email address and password for your **PWYC** account and start using it!

This app helps you:

- Interact with fellow members anywhere from your mobile device
- Register and make payments for events
- View all existing event registrations
- Update your member profile, including your address, phone and email
- View your membership card

Scan the QR Code above OR download the app from the Apple App Store or Google Play!

Renew Your Membership Today:

If you haven't renewed your membership for the 2023 season and want to do so now, you have options!

Renew via **Credit Card** in the Wild Apricot App or on pwyc.org

Or

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

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

Thanks everyone!!



SAFETY OFFICER

BOB SWARTZ



The Pecking Order

In Rule 18 of the Navigation Rules of the Road (aka the COLREGS) is described what may be called the “Pecking Order of Rights of Way” (The Pecking Order). The Pecking Order seeks to establish order out of potential chaos by designating a hierarchy of privilege.

The Pecking Order sets out the responsibilities between vessels except where Rules 9, 10, and 13 otherwise require. Rule 9 deals with the Pecking Order and narrow channels, Rule 10 deals with the Pecking Order and traffic separation schemes, and Rule 13 deals with the Pecking Order and passing situations. These three Rules take precedence over the Pecking Order as listed in Rule 18.

Because most of us boat primarily on the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries (particularly the Occoquan and Potomac Rivers) what follows references primarily the Inland portion of the Navigation Rules of the Road. As always everyone should be doing their own reading to gain adequate insight as to any exceptions to any referenced Rules. The sources used for this piece are at the end.

A good way for recalling the Pecking Order is the mnemonic: New Reels Catch Fish So Purchase Some. The first letter in each of these words represents the function of a vessel. A vessel should be displaying the proper night lights and day shapes so other vessels operating nearby can easily identify an entitlement. Each of the vessel types listed below are assigned specific combinations of night lights and day shapes. These are identified in Rules 20 through 31 of the Navigation Rules. For those interested, they require either prior memorization or a handy reference guide that can be quickly used.

All definitions are from Rule 3 of the Rules of the Road. As written in this Rule, the word vessel includes every description of water craft, including non-displacement craft, WIG craft and seaplanes, used or capable of being used as a means of transportation on water. The Coast Guard is the decider-in-chief of what is and what is not a vessel.

- New = A vessel not under command (NUC). This means a vessel which through some exceptional circumstance is unable to maneuver as required by the Rules and is therefore unable to keep out of the way of another vessel.
- Reels = A vessel restricted in her ability to maneuver (RAM). This means a vessel which from the nature of her work is restricted in her ability to maneuver as required by the Rules and is therefore unable to keep out of the way of another vessel.
- Catch = A vessel constrained by her draft (CBD) This means a power-driven vessel which, because of her draft in relation to the available depth and width of navigable water is severely restricted in her ability to deviate from the course she is following. CBD vessels normally only are found in international waters. They are not included in the Inland Rules. However, although the Potomac, Occoquan, and Chesapeake Bay are considered to be inland waters, many large vessels must follow a channel dug deep enough to satisfy their drafts.
- Fish = This is any vessel fishing with nets, lines, trawls or other fishing apparatus which restrict maneuverability. This does not include a vessel fishing with rods and reels or any other fishing apparatus, which do not restrict its maneuverability.
- So = A vessel sailing means any vessel under sail provided that propelling machinery, if fitted, is not being used to propel the vessel whether or not a sail drawing wind is being used.
- Purchase = A power-driven vessel means any vessel propelled by machinery.

- Some = This is any seaplane designed to maneuver on the water and should stay out of everyone's way.

Another way to look at it, and except where Rules 9, 10, and 13 otherwise require:

- A power-driven vessel underway shall keep out of the way of: a vessel not under command; a vessel restricted in her ability to maneuver; a vessel engaged in fishing; and a sailing vessel.
- A sailing vessel underway shall keep out of the way of: a vessel not under command; a vessel restricted in her ability to maneuver; and a vessel engaged in fishing.
- A vessel engaged in fishing when underway shall, so far as possible, keep out of the way of: a vessel not under command; and a vessel restricted in her ability to maneuver.
- A seaplane on the water shall, in general, keep well clear of all vessels and avoid impeding their navigation. In circumstances, however, where risk of collision exists, she shall comply with the appropriate Rule.

Not Mentioned In The Pecking Order: Kayaks, stand-up paddle boards, canoes, or anything powered by oars, roughly can be grouped as Human Powered Vessels (HPVs). These types of vessels are not accounted for in the Pecking Order. Remember that ALL vessels should be following the rules of the road. However, yadda, yadda, yadda.

HPVs when assessing any liabilities as a result of an accident might be governed by Rule 2 which provides that “due regard shall be had to all dangers of navigation and collision and to any special circumstances, including the limitations of the vessels involved, which may make a departure from these Rules necessary to avoid immediate danger.” Specific Rules of the Road cannot be read in a vacuum. Each encounter at sea brings its own set of circumstances. A solid understanding of all of the Rules is critical to the safety of everyone who operates a vessel.

HPVs will experience different limitations under different conditions, and the evaluation of the respective rights of each vessel will require that their respective operators consider those limitations. Many times, any final decision comes down in any given encounter to an evaluation of which is the more maneuverable vessel.

Hydrofoils are also not mentioned in the Pecking Order. They are increasing in popularity and might start popping up on the Potomac. There are hydrofoil sail boats, hydrofoil kite boards, hydrofoil power boats, and (perhaps) hydrofoil other stuff.

A full accounting of the manner in which foils work is included in the list of sources at the end. In a nutshell, hydrofoils are vessels with specially designed under the water foils (wings) that are attached to the vessel. As the vessel is propelled faster and faster, water starts to move faster over the top of the foil than it does under the foil. As the water speeds up over the top of the foil, the pressure on top of the foil drops. The pressure differential between water passing over the foil compared to the pressure of the water passing below the foil eventually creates sufficient lift and the hull of the vessel is pushed up out of the water. As water drag on the hull decreases the potential for speed increases.

Re hydrofoil sailboats: Are they still sailboats when up on their foils? One BoatUS source says that a sailboat functioning out of the water and up on foils is still to be treated as a sailboat owing to a rudder and or a keel that is/are still in contact with the water. It makes no difference how fast it is moving.

<https://www.navcen.uscg.gov/sites/default/files/pdf/navRules/navrules.pdf>

Captain Robert L. Figular, *Navigational Rules Of The Road*, Mariners Learning System, Princeton, NJ, Second Edition, 2015.

<https://www.boatus.org/study-guide/navigation/rules/>

<https://www.thelog.com/ask-the-attorney/rules-of-the-road-part-iii/>

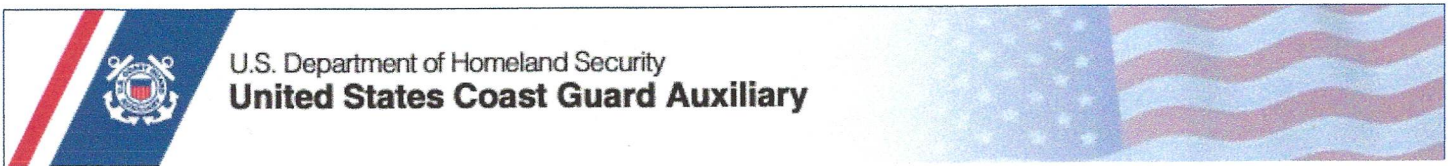
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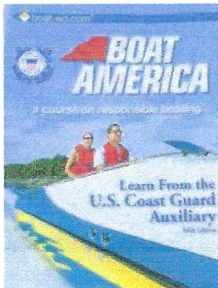
Boating Certificate Class

Public Education Course Flyer: Boat America

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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.

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Course:	Boat America
Start Date:	Sat, 18 Mar 2023
Hours:	9:00 AM – 5:00 PM
Duration:	8 Hours
Lessons:	1
Location:	Prince William Marina / Electric Palm 12745 Sea Ray Lane Blue Bath House By River Woodbridge, VA 22192
Contact:	Teresa Allen tallen@pwmarina.com (703) 494-6611
Course Cost:	\$35
Register By:	Fri, 17 Mar 2023
Comments:	Take Sea Ray Lane down the hill to the bottom & at the stop sign turn left to bathhouse #2 on your right hand side. Class is in big blue bldg next to the pool.

SLIP HOLDER PARTY

The amazing leadership and team from Prince William Marina treated us to a wonderful party on Super Bowl Sunday. The theme was Mardi Gras and a wonderful time was had by everyone. Lots of great food, gifts, and of course, the bar was open.

Carlton, Doug, Debbie, Michele, Jeff, DJ and Steve thank you all for a fantastic time!!



SAVE THE DATE



CHANGE OF WATCH GALA

March 11, 2023

Embassy Suites
Springfield, VA

\$130pp/ member
\$150pp/non-member
7:00-11:30 p.m.



Formal/Cocktail attire

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



View from the Quarter Decks

By Michele Price, PWM



What an amazing time we all had at the annual Slip holder Appreciation Party. Surely, it was the best Mardi Gras ever! Thanks to Steve for, once again serving as our Prize MC and to DJ for setting everything up.

But, the biggest thanks of all goes to all of you. We thank you for your trust in us and for allowing Prince William Marine to be a part of your boating experience.



Ask A Tech

We're bringing back our "Ask A Tech" column. We get a lot of questions about how to do this or that, so we thought we'd answer some of the more commonly asked questions. If there's something you're curious about, drop a note to MPrice@pwmarina.com

Upcoming Dates of Interest:

Chantilly Family Boat Show March 10-12

Maintenance Classes—currently being scheduled. Watch for details next month

USCG Auxiliary Safety Classes—currently being scheduled.

April 1st Boatel Opens!!

