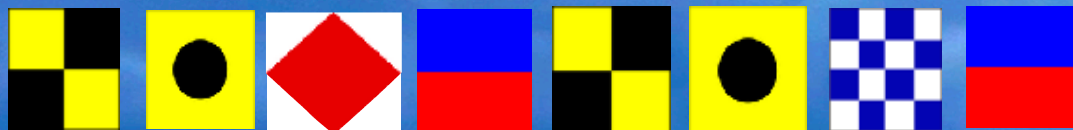


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THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE PRINCE WILLIAM YACHT CLUB

NOVEMBER 2023



We're not done yet

Sure it's chilly but our Commodores have some fun info to share and at least one more opportunity to take to the water with the club.

Time to Practice?

Winds are blowing and the temps are dropping, but don't close up too soon.

THE BRIDGE



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Commodore's Corner

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Greetings fellow Helmsmen and Women! We are well into October and the leaves are falling still and the temps are coming down with each passing front. You should be planning /scheduling your winterization with PWM service to make sure you get your desired date.

There are still boating opportunities left for day trips as well as those still nights on the hook... oh did someone mention "hook"?...As in CAPT Hook of pirate fame? Weren't we supposed to have a "Pirate's Night On the Hook" (PNOH) several weeks ago? Well yes, we were, but one of those aforementioned weather fronts spoiled the party. And it even turned into a full-fledged tropical storm! So

sorry about the decision to cancel Pirates Night, but we weren't gonna risk high winds and heavy seas. And as far as rescheduling we're gonna have to take a rain check I think.

Looking at the calendar does not provide a weekend before closing day. Look for a chance to don your Pirate Costume at the Halloween Party!

Moving on to another Cruise that we were able to have, 3 intrepid boats made it to Spring Cove Marina in Solomons, MD over the Columbus Day weekend for this year's Commodore's Cruise. The trip was 110 miles, about 5 ½ -6 hrs. EAGLE ONE, Aquatini, and Taiwan-On arrived on Friday afternoon, joining Rear Comm



Scott Parsons and Denise who had driven down for the weekend. We shared a potluck on Fri eve, attended the Annual Calvert Marine Museum Festival after the rain stopped, walked Sat afternoon, and had a group dinner at Boomerangs Rib house (mmm-mm!). Plans to leave on Sunday were thwarted by the high winds and waves on the Bay, with better conditions forecast for Monday. So, given the extra day on Sunday, we said farewell to Parsons, watched big screen Football after lunch, and walked for exercise in the winds. Sunday Dinner was at the C & D Café - their special Surf and Turf on Pasta was delicious. We left Monday at 7:30 AM and braved the seas and westerly winds on the bay and Potomac River Entrance, but it calmed down by Ragged Point, just North of Coles Point, and got better for the remainder of the trip, arriving back at PWM mid-afternoon.

Thanks to H Dock for their Octoberfest themed CAPTs Hour October 14. Great Food and drink in the Blue Bath House (BBH), so the weather could not dampen Spirits. Our “Last Cruise” is 20-22 October to National Harbor. Hanchó is Rear Commodore Scott Parsons and 13 Boats are signed up. Gonna be a good time! Sure hope they have good weather; see RC Scott’s Column.

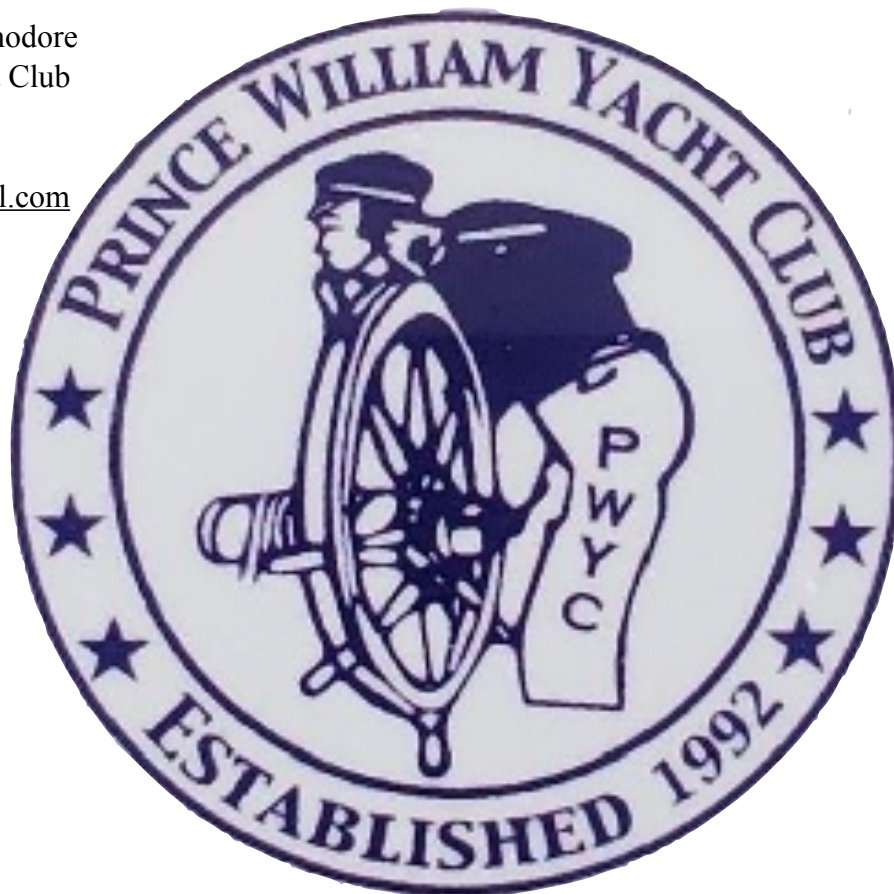
After that, Social Chair Denise has the Halloween party planned for Oct 28 in the BBH. November is a busy month with the start of the Holiday (eating) season. We have the General Membership Meeting on Closing day Nov 4, and Bob Schwartz, our Safety Officer, conducts the Occoquan River Safety Forum on Wed 9 Nov, 9 AM- Noon at the Electric Palm. Last is the Wine and Paint party on Nov 18. See VC Jim Khoury’s column for details.

Be sure to attend our General Membership Meeting at 4 PM in the Blue Bath House (BBH). During that Meeting we will vote to accept the proposed slate of Officers and Fleet Captains, the product of Elections Committee Chair IPC Mike Connelly and committee member Doug Burum. Thank you, gents! I have one addition to the slate for you all; Vicky Carr has volunteered for the one unfilled position of Lifeline Editor for the 2024-25 Club year. Thank you, Vicky! You are providing a sigh of relief for outgoing editor Robin Davis as he moves on.

Again, please attend the General Membership meeting at 4 PM on Closing Day. Don’t forget that closing day is also the Chili Cookoff and VC Jim will announce the winners of the Photo Contest.

And in closing, recently the Virginia Governor visited the Electric Palm. He was briefed by the 123 Coalition on their proposal for fixing the traffic on I-95 to Rt 123 and Old Bridge Rd. It was well received I hear and will help preserve 123 businesses and cost less than the VDOT plans. Let’s hope so, as we need Prince William Marina in its current state. Stay tuned!

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Thoughts from the Vice Commodore

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It's November and we are moving towards *closing day*!

Oh well... Let's switch gears and dig our heels in for the upcoming cooler weather. I'd say that we all had a fabulous season with more than enough activities, cruises, parties, ad-hoc gatherings, and even a few beach parties by the pool!

Our club still has a few activities scheduled on the upcoming agenda that should keep us occupied and soften the blow of the inevitable winter season soon to be upon us.

On November 4th beginning at 4:00 PM, PWYC will begin the process of closing out the season. We are going to have a general membership meeting which will include the election of Flag Officers for the 2024 season. Please mark your calendars and attend this important meeting.

Immediately following the meeting, we will be commencing the closing ceremony (5:00 PM) at the flag pole behind J Dock. The ceremony will include the lowering of the PWYC Flag and retirement of our flag.

At 6:00 PM we have our incredible Chili Cook-Off. This is an annual event not to be missed. Our Chili Specialists all participate and compete with the best Chili and Mac & Cheese for the win! This is sponsored by I Dock, K Dock, and members from the Boatel. If you plan to participate in the competition, please register on the events page of our website and indicate what you will be making. Attendees also should register.

6:45 PM will ring in the Photo Contest Results, along with the prizes and accolades for the best photography work by our amateur photographers... We have many truly artistic entries, so I am curious to see who takes home the "Gold"! There will also be a collage slideshow of many photos taken that were non-entrants, but beautiful photos to be enjoyed by all.

Finally, at 7:00 PM, the Chili/Mac & Cheese competition winners will be announced to close out the eventful evening.

On November 9th – 9AM-12PM Our own Bob Schwartz has put together the Fall Safety Forum – which will feature many businesses doing business on the river, USCG, Marine PD Agencies, Marina Operators and others representing activities on our local waterways. There will be enlightening discussions with respect to safety issues and what is being done to maintain safe use of the local waterways. This Forum is always a worthwhile venture and Bob does a great job moderating.

You should also note that the Social Committee has scheduled the Wine and Food Pairing with Art Lessons evening on November 18th at 5:00 PM. This event is well attended a every year, and seats are limited. So, get your "Bob Ross" on and register! Please see the events page of the website for registration details.

Now it's time to prepare to spend the holidays with friends and family. Thanksgiving is on 23 November, and the PWYC Bridge wishes you all Peace and Joy throughout the upcoming season.

December will follow through with the Prince William Marina's Christmas Boat Lighting, as well as the last Board of Directors' meeting for the 2023 season. Those details will follow in the next publication.

Thank you all, and I'll see you on the docks! Please refer to your Yacht Club's Website often: [PWYC](#) – there are updates and new additions frequently posted as they become available.

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Island Time G34



Can you believe Halloween is right around the corner? It has been one active year with only two on water events (planned cruises) cancelled the Mattawoman raft up and Pirates Night on the Hook both due to weather. That makes seven events completed, not bad for a summer. There is one last cruise and that is the final cruise for the yacht club to National Harbor on 20-22 October. There will be plenty of off-season activities like the Halloween Party, Wine and Paint night, and the Captain's hours. And the big activity, The Christmas Boat Lighting.

I have to say I have enjoyed being the Rear for the yacht club, but I am stepping down for a couple of years. Denise and I have been a part of the board since 2015 in some fashion or another and Dock reps for F and G docks for six years. I am not going anywhere so we will still see each other around the marina and at most of the activities and cruises. Not selling the boat and moving any time soon. We just need a break.



Three boats made it to Somons Island for the Commodore Cruise. Wish there could have been more, but the weather was up and down and some made the decision not to take the chance on the bay. The weather turned out to be suitable to travel. Denise and I had several other commitments, but drove up and stayed Friday and Saturday nights. Beth and Sheldon hosted a pot luck Friday night and I still say boaters are the best cooks with little luxuries. Saturday was a day of exploration with some taking in the Calvert Marine Museum and others walking the peninsula down to the Tiki bar. We all met at the pool for a few cocktails, yes Jim, our Grapefruit Crushes made with Basil Hayden. We should enlist this drink in our by-laws as the PWYC beverage.

Now the last cruise will be the PWYC Final Cruise for the year to the National Harbor. It will take place on 20-22 October 2023. We have thirteen boats signed up at the time I was writing this (11 Oct). Yes, we have some who don't mind a little chill. The temps are not bad, low 50s and highs around 73. Plans are to have a happy hour and that dinner somewhere on Friday, and subs delivered on Saturday early enough for those who wish to take in the Bobby McKeys dueling piano show or something else exciting that National Harbor has available.

Pirate Night on the Hook had to be cancelled due to high wind and scattered showers. We went through a rough time on the water a couple of years ago and did not want another raft up with waking up at 2am and battening down hatches and securing lines so we would not have any mishaps. Unfortunately, there is little opportunity to make this event up as we have other events taking place in October and November most plan to winterize.



For any of the land or on water events, they all will be posted to the Yacht Club website (PWYC.org).

Now is the time to speak up if there are any cruises you felt are worth repeating or if you think there needs to be changes to any of them. If you have suggestions for next year's cruises, please contact me or any of the Board members. Planning will be accomplished from November through January with a finished agenda in January 2024.

Be safe and we will see each other on the water or around the marina. And don't forget the land events, as we always need volunteers.

2023 UPCOMING PLANNED CRUISES:

20-22 Oct Final PWYC Cruise to the National Harbor (Scott Parsons Champion)

Is that a sub...in the Bay?

ROBIN D

Being a tour boat captain on the Chesapeake Bay can bring many challenges along with some really cool opportunities. Last night it presented me with both. I picked up a shift serving as deck hand for my favorite captain to do something called “The Sub Shuttle”. She was excited to share her past experience doing the shuttle and knew I’d love it. She was not wrong.

As we came out of the Back Creek in our 65’ steel hull catamaran, loaded with submariners and midshipmen from the USNA, the bay was beautiful but that lasted only for about 5 minutes, before the wind whipped up and the heavens opened up. But that didn’t dampen my excitement. Captain T pushed on in a blinding rain, midshipmen scurried about to get off of our open top deck, a handful found shelter in the wheelhouse.



As the rain came down in buckets, I tried to find shelter on the forepeak while still catching a glimpse of the sub. In the next moment, there we were, tied up along side the Los Angeles Class Fast Attack submarine USS Pasadena SSN 752. My mind raced between focusing on getting the sailors aboard and trying to take in and process what I was seeing and doing.

Atop the conning tower a lone sentry stood watch. As each man or woman came out onto the deck, they stopped, turned and saluted the flag. Although the bay was angry and our boat was moving about, the Pasadena remained motionless. I felt as if the ship herself, was standing watch over Annapolis and intently focusing on waters before her.

We spent the next 7 hours running between the Academy and the Pasadena and meeting the people who are really out there doing an amazing job to national security. I think the highlight of my trip was exchanging my Patriot Cruise Challenge coin with one of the boats Senior Chiefs.



2023 End of Season Cruise to National Harbor



20-22 October 2023

They use Snag-A-Slip to make reservations
[Snag-a-slip](#)

**Looking for someone to help out with this
event if you are interested please contact
PWYC Rear Commodore at**
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**This is always a great location as there are
many things to do. Marina Staff is great and
the scenery is fantastic.**

Treasurer

SHERRY SAMAR
IRISH HAWK, H-41



PWYC Treasurer's Report 09/01/2023 – 09/30/2023

INCOME

Burgee Sales	\$	30.00
Interest	\$	0.23
TOTAL INCOME	\$	30.20

EXPENSES

Founder's Day	\$	49.01
Seafood Boil	\$	515.34
Pool Party	\$	236.73
Wild Apricot Expense	\$	11.55
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$	812.63

Checking account balance 10/01/2023 \$ 24,029.15



Ships Manifest

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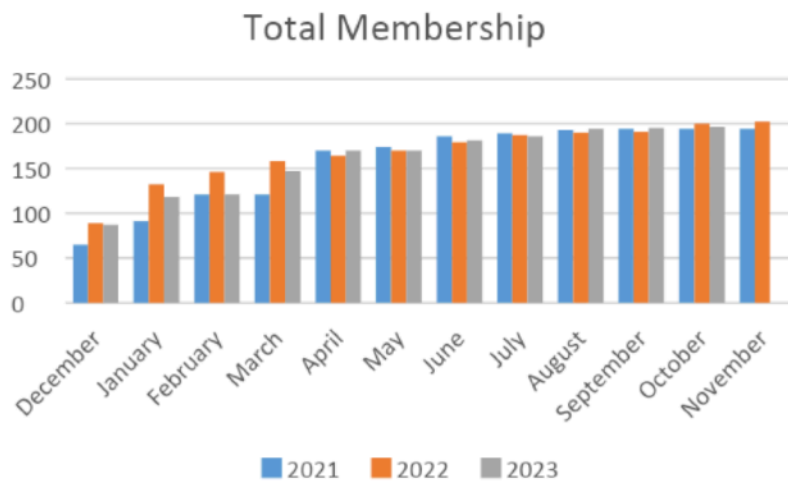
Welcome to all new and renewing members!

A special welcome to our newest PWYC members!
(From August 14 – October 10)

- Chris Bodtke and Erin McCormack, Rancho Relaxo, H-16
- Juan and Eileen Infantes, Boatel

Benchmarking: As our membership drive continues, it is important to benchmark where we are with our membership compared to previous years:

	2021	2022	2023
December	65	89	87
January	91	132	118
February	121	146	121
March	121	158	147
April	170	164	170
May	174	170	170
June	186	179	181
July	189	187	186
August	193	190	194
September	194	191	195
October	194	200	196
November	194	202	0



Looks like we are a smidge behind where we were at this time last year. I continue to urge you all to be the best ambassadors for the club that you can be so that our members renew their membership annually! Also, because Prince William Marina generously sponsors the first year of membership of the PWYC, when they have a good year, we have a good year.

Directories available in the blue bathhouse for those who indicated they wanted them on their records. Moving forward, please send an email to membership@pwyc.org if you want an email and one will be left in the blue bathhouse.

BURGEES FOR SALE \$30 IF YOU PICK UP AT MARINA AND \$40 IF YOU WANT IT MAILED TO YOU.

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:

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

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As always, one more reminder: 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!



Winds of change

Robin Davis

The time is upon us. A few weeks ago we were in bikinis and speedos (ok, maybe not Speedos) but we were a lot warmer. We were complaining about the hydrilla and enjoying the river and the bay. But someone had the bright idea to set the thermostat to Fall, that's exactly what the temps have been doing. And, don't forget the wind. The fan has been set to variable and often high. It's rather "blowy" out there.

But, with all the chilly temps and windy conditions, there's still some good boating to be had. It's also a great opportunity to get some wheel time in less than optimal conditions. There's much less boat traffic out there, so why not "fender up" and try docking for a bit? Go out and try to set the hook in the blow. See how it works. We all "think" we know but are we so skilled in challenging weather operations that we don't need to practice? No one likes to practice in season. During season we just want to race to our favorite spot and drop the hook.

If you're going to head out for some practice or just to do a beautiful Fall color run, don't forget to be a bit more prepared than normal. Know, without question where your emergency gear is. Make sure your VHF is charged up and ready to go. Have your PFD's in the cabin or cockpit for quick access. I say this, not because I think you're going to fall in the water but because after 37 years of public safety, I've learned it's impossible to schedule a mishap.

Fall boating is both fun and challenging and for me, I love the education it brings me with its crisp and cranky breezes. It makes me a better operator. It brings me greater confidence. And, some days, when the Fall weather is flat calm, there's nothing like going out there and I love to shut off the engine and listen to absolute silence. No constant drone of 100 boats zipping by. No anchor to recover from the stinky bottom. Not even my radio. Just Drifting. It's amazing.