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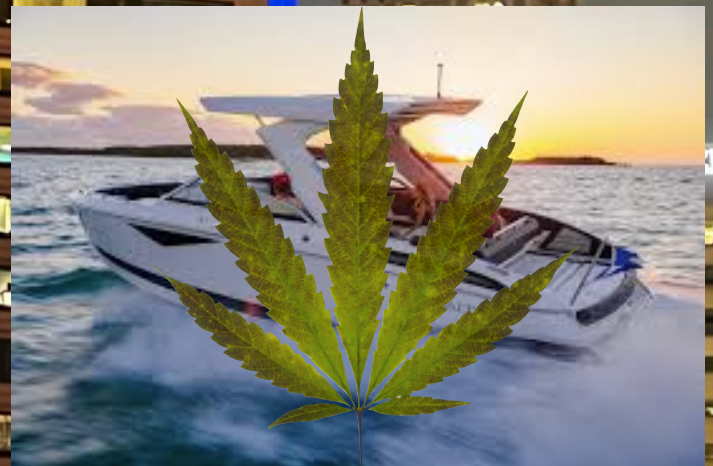


*THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE PRINCE WILLIAM YACHT CLUB*

*SEPTEMBER 2023*

## Harbor Lights

The Chesapeake Bay offers some amazing boating opportunities. Baltimore Inner Harbor steals the show



**IT'S JUST A LITTLE WEED!!**

Just how legal is legal weed? Our Safety Officer shines some light on a confusing topic.

# THE BRIDGE



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D-Dock	Matt & Lisa Shaw and Michele Gordon
E-Dock	Nicholas Roper
<b>F-Dock</b>	<b>Vacant - Seeking Volunteer</b>
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
<b>L-Dock</b>	<b>Vacant - Seeking Volunteer</b>
Boatel	Joe Peruzzi

## DELEGATES

**PRYCA** ~ Beth & Sheldon Lu  
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Member Club of Chesapeake Bay Yacht Clubs Association (CBYCA) & Potomac River Yacht Clubs Association (PRYCA)



# Commodore's Corner

Rick McHarg  
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Late Summer Greetings! As I write the Back-to-School sales tax holiday sales are in full speed ahead! Where did the time go? It's still mid August and we still have months more left in the boating season. The weather has been up and down with heat, humidity, and afternoon-evening thunderstorms and more to come, but to those of you new boat owners / Members – Welcome! There's plenty of time and holiday weekends to get in good boating days in Belmont Bay, Mattawoman Creek, Wades Bay or at Tims 2 in Fairview Beach. So keep those Coolers packed, Sunscreen handy and your fuel tanks full.

As July turned to August, we had a great Founders Day celebration with a treasure hunt, pool party, pulled pork lunch and cornhole tournament put on by Denise and Scott Parsons and the Club Social Committee. Thanks to all! And that was followed by an E/F/G Dock Captains Hour that couldn't be beat. Hope you all had a chance to party with those folks! Then to top off three weeks of great land-based celebrations, VComm Jim Khoury and his Staff of volunteers put on the best Seafood boil this Club has ever had for 180 members and guests. Thanks to Jim and Judy and their crew for a signature event, and PWM for facilities and assistance. We had a 50/50 raffle honchoed by DJ Kelly and Membership Chair Uma Murphy, and it raised \$1000! So the prize was \$500, and it was won by member and volunteer Shannon Leydig...Shannon promptly gave it back to PWYC and we quickly regifted it to Doug Burum, Director of PCS, to support this year's Patriot Cruise budget. Thank you, Shannon!

By the time you read this our annual cruise to 3 Sisters will have happened and so far the weather looks good and the dozen or so boats signed up should look forward to a great weekend north of Key Bridge on the Potomac. And, at the end of the month on Aug 26, our sponsors at PW Marina hold their annual Poker Run. If you are a Sport Boater (trailable), sign up with the Marina for this fun competition on the Potomac that ends here with a picnic and awards ceremony.

And as we get into September, it's time to think about the 16th annual Patriot Cruise and Salute (PCS). At PWYC we do all we can to honor our Wounded Warriors, Veterans, Gold Star Families, First Responders, and Lifesaving Medical Personnel for a day, and we want you to help. New this year is a day of Service on Sep 8 where you can help a disabled Vet by helping with household improvements. Look elsewhere in this issue for instructions on how to sign up. Our next big day is Sept 16th, the day of the Cruise, picnic and ceremony at PWM and the Electric Palm.

Following the Patriot Cruise is our annual Pirates Nite on the Hook (PNOH) over in Mattawoman Creek. Look for details on how to join in RCOMM Scott Parsons blurb and flyer. Be sure to get your best Pirate and Wench costumes ready, as prizes are awarded for the best!

Three final reminders: I am still seeking a volunteer to take over the Lifeline Editor role from Robin Davis. He will be happy to train any candidate. Just needs a volunteer.

The second reminder is that several good ideas/thoughts were brought forward at the August Board Meeting regarding the idea of a Mentor program for new boaters/ PWYC members. One in particular is to include

several member names and phone numbers/e-mail addresses on the welcome aboard letter of experienced boaters who want to be contacted as a reference and/or “mentor”. Let’s keep this discussion going.

And Finally, be sure to review the Club Home Page a couple of times per week, as new info is added all the time... See you around the docks or at the pool...

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# NEWS FROM THE BRIDGE



# Thoughts from the Vice Commodore

Jim Khoury  
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Pegasus K-33



So... My last trip to Home Depot and what did I see?? Halloween Decorations! Last I checked, it's still August... Late August, but STILL AUGUST.

Sadly, it's time to look towards indoors fun and activities, but we'll all go out kicking and screaming!

Soon, the holidays will be upon us and in the blink of an eye, we will be preparing our boats for next season.

Having said that, I would like to take the time to thank the Social Committee, and especially Scott, Denise and all the folks that assisted with the Founders' Day Celebration. Starting early with the scavenger hunt... We had a room full of members enjoying the festivities, and to end it all – A Corn Hole tournament that lasted until 7:30PM! Over 5 hours tossing that bag back and forth! So, who are the champs?? Judy Khoury (first time player) and Abigail Webster (an old pro from the Parsons clan) took first place. Of course, we should not forget to thank our resident DJ – Kelly for again donating her time and equipment for the cause!

Kudos to the folks from E, F, and G Docks for sponsoring our "Captain's Hour/Beach Party" at poolside. The food in the BBH was excellent, thanks to those that brought a dish to share, followed by a relaxing gathering at the pool that carried well into the evening.

As is always the case, the Seafood Boil was a huge success under the pavilion! Almost 200 were in attendance. Every year is gets better and better! We had an amazing turnout! Thanks to all for making it a success again! I want to thank all our volunteers for their time and effort to make this another "well-oiled machine", proving it takes a village of folks to make things like this a success! And again, thanks to DJ Kelly for donating her time and equipment to keep the party going.

September promises to be a full month as well...

Saturday, September 9, the Board will be holding its September meeting at the BBH 2nd Floor. This meeting is open to all members in good standing.

Early that same afternoon, PWYC is holding another "Pool Party" at 2:00 PM. There will be a BBQ going with Burgers & Franks... Please bring your beverages of choice and a side to share.

This event is open to all marina patrons! Come check us out – a good time is always on the menu!

In preparation for the Patriots Cruise & Salute, there will be a Pre-Captain's (primary) meeting on 9/11 (see the events page on the website). If you are participating (and you should!) please attend these meetings so you are up to date with the policies and procedures for the upcoming event.

Stick around for the "Patriot Day Fireworks Display at dusk. September 11th at dusk. (weather permitting)

Finally, in preparation for the Patriots Cruise, meeting #2 will be held on 9/15 in the BBH (all captains & crew must attend). Please see the events page for details.

Immediately following the meeting, PWYC will be sponsoring a Captain's Hour for all in attendance.



On September 16th, the 17th Annual Patriot Cruise & Salute event will be taking place. This is always a rewarding experience for those that volunteer, and an awesome treat for our Patriots and First Responders. If you haven't already done so, please consider volunteering for any of the many tasks associated with this event. Your boat doesn't need to leave the marina – there's plenty to do on land. Check out the event on the PWYC website (PCS Cruise Event) or contact Doug & Jenna Burum for more information. <https://www.patriotcruise.org/>

During the weekend of September 23-24, the PWYC, and Prince William Marina are sponsoring the Pirates Night on the Hook (PNOH) cruise event. Please see the flyers placed throughout the marina and the events page to register.

One final note... As you may know, the new regime for the PWYC is being developed for the upcoming year. Most of the candidates to fill the open positions have been identified... Except for one. The Editor of the Lifeline. Robin Davis has been instrumental in developing the Lifeline to the quality publication it has become today. We all enjoy the publication, as it keeps us informed and entertained with respect to our club and various outside activities/news.

Sadly, Robin has moved from the immediate area and cannot continue to provide our club with the quality publication he has provided for the past two years. We need a new editor who can pick up where Robin left off. It's hard work, but you will get support from all of us involved. If you have the talent, and the desire to make a difference, won't you please consider volunteering for the position of Lifeline Editor for the upcoming season?

Please refer to your Yacht Club's Website often: [PWYC](#) – there are updates and new additions frequently posted as they become available.

**Jim Khoury**

Vice Commodore PWYC

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# Rear Commodore

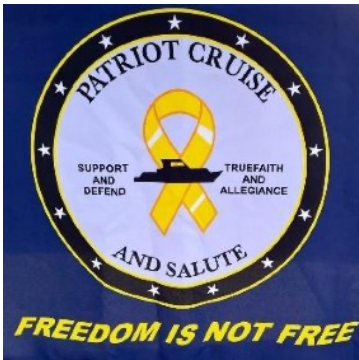
Scott Parsons  
rearcommodore@pwyc.org  
Island Time G34



Can you believe it's almost September already. Most will be winterizing your boats in the last part of October or in November. Seems like there is never enough time to get everything you want to do accomplished during the warmer months.

Thank you, Jim and Judy Khoury, for everything you did to make the seafood boil such a success. And to all those who volunteered their time to cook, serve, set up and tare down, and check in all who attended. And to DJ Kelly for the entertainment throughout the event.

As I am writing this the Three Sisters Raft up is coming up. As Denise and I missed last years Raft up I am looking forward to this one. Again, Rick McHarg is championing this cruise. I saw the pictures from last year and it looked like a blast. I can't wait as this is a great place to enjoy the cooler water of the Potomac. There are 13 boats signed up so it should be a good time.



Coming up on the 16<sup>th</sup> of September is the Patriot Cruise and Salute. There are two meetings that need to be attended for those that have volunteered their boat for this event, the first one is on 11<sup>th</sup> of September. This is the initial overview of the activities on the 16<sup>th</sup>. The second is a MANDATORY meeting for all supporting. This will be a more detailed on what is required for the Captains, First Mates, Escorts, and those supporting the on-land activities. There will also be rough assignments for each boat taking out patriots.

ARRRGGG! 23-24 September is Pirates Night On the Hook (or PNOH) sponsored by PWYC and PWM. This is always an energetic event with Pirates and Wenches dressed up for all of Mattawoman Creek to see. There are currently 20 vessels signed up at the writing of this article. PWM will send out the barge that we raft up to on Friday. We will need a champion for this event. If you are interested, please contact me. This is the last event for September, can you believe that?

Coming up in October we have the Commodore cruise to Spring Cove Marina at Solomon Island from 06 to 09 October. The flyer is on the website and is attached to this Lifeline. There are currently only four boats signed up. If you are interested register on the PWYC website. If you have questions or would just like to know more talk to Rick McHarg or anyone on the Bridge.

We also have the final planned cruise of the year to National Harbor. This will be from 20-22 October for those that don't mind a little cooler cruise. Planning has begun and there will be more information in the next Lifeline and it will also be posted on the PWYC website. The flyer is forthcoming and will be posted to the PWYC Website (pwyc.org)

For any of the land or on water event they all will be posted to the Yacht Club website ([PWYC.org](http://PWYC.org)).



Below is the list of upcoming cruises, with the person coordinating that cruise. If you would like to help on any of the cruises, please contact the Champion for that cruise or you can contact me at rearcommodore@pwyc.org and I will assist getting you in touch with 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:

16 Sept Patriot Cruise and Salute (PCS Championing)

23-24 Sept Pirates Night on the Hook at Mattawoman Creek (Joint PWM and PWYC) (**Looking for a Champion**)

06-08 Oct Commodore Cruise to Spring Cove Marina, Solomon Island (Rick McHarg's) **This is a change made as there are more options and amenities offered at this time of year.**

21-23 Oct Final PWYC Cruise to the National Harbor (Scott Parsons Champion)

# 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 [rearcommodore@pwyc.org](mailto:rearcommodore@pwyc.org)**

**This is always a great location as there are many things to do. Marina Staff is great and the scenery is fantastic.**



# THE PATRIOT CRUISE

## *Needs Your Help*

It's hard to believe we are less than **1 month** away from Patriot Cruise and Salute 2023!! We're so excited for this opportunity to celebrate and honor those who protect our country at home and abroad, in so many different ways. The men and women in the armed forces and public safety give so much of themselves to ensure we can live free and secure. To make our own decisions. As we celebrate our 17th anniversary of the Patriot Cruise & Salute, we are seeking your assistance in identifying exceptional individuals who have shown remarkable bravery and selflessness in saving the lives of others, often at great risk to themselves. Our mission is to pay tribute to our heroes from the US Armed Forces, Gold Star Families, First Responders, Law Enforcement, and Firefighters.

If you know of someone who deserves to be recognized, we invite you to recommend them for our upcoming event on **9/16/2023**. We want to express our gratitude to them and their loved ones by providing a day of relaxation and appreciation, which includes a boat ride with volunteers who wish to show their appreciation. Following the boat ride, we will gather everyone at Prince William Marina for a meal and coin ceremony to honor each hero.

We are also seeking volunteers to serve as boat captains, first mates, and guides to assist our honorees throughout the event. Additionally, we need ground crew members to help with setup, teardown, and assisting honorees on and off the boats. We are also accepting donations of any kind to create thank-you bags for each honoree. To fund the event, we are selling raffle tickets and sponsorships.

The day's activities will start at 11 am and conclude around 6 pm, with some volunteers starting as early as 8:00 am. We welcome your recommendations and appreciate any support you can offer to help us find and honor these deserving individuals.

If you know someone who deserves recognition or would like to learn more about how you can support our cause, please visit our website at <https://www.patriotcruise.org/> and contact us.



# Safety Officer

Bob Swartz



## One Person's Thoughts On Cannabis and A Day On The Water



According to Wikipedia, the recreational use of cannabis has been legalized in Maryland (MD), Virginia (VA), and The District of Columbia (DC). These are the waters used by most boaters at Prince William Marina (PWM). For our long-distance travelers who will remain within the jurisdictional waters of the United States (US), Wikipedia -- Legality Of Cannabis By U.S. Jurisdiction, contains a state/inhabited territory/tribal nation review of which jurisdiction allows what. Other commonly accepted names for cannabis are marijuana, pot, Mary Jane, or weed. In a US Drug Enforcement Administration publication are listed some 300 names that have been used instead of cannabis.

An essential factor boaters should consider before traveling internationally is researching local cannabis laws regarding its possession and use. Many destinations have different attitudes towards cannabis than the US has. Visitors who assume that they can possess cannabis in locations outside US borders might face severe criminal charges.

VA, MD, DC and The Coast Guard. Even though cannabis is legal in a state or DC, the federal government still considers it a Schedule I drug under the Federal Controlled Substances Act of 1970. This means that for the Federals cannabis has the potential for abuse and has no accepted medical use. This is important, because on any water (or land) under federal jurisdiction, it's illegal to possess cannabis even though a state or DC may have legalized it.

In some cities it pays to know where you are and the law. In DC, for example, one step to the left or right either puts you onto federally controlled land or off federally controlled land. The Park Police enforce federal law. The DC police enforce DC law. The penalties between the two can be mighty.

There is a lot of water under Federal/Coast Guard (CG) jurisdiction. The CG follows federal law with regard to cannabis usage. This is irrespective of whatever state they are in or whose water they patrol. They may be found on any water that the federal government deems navigable whether it is fresh water, salt water, or any combination of the two.

Most of us who boat on the Potomac know that the CG doesn't need to have a warrant or reasonable suspicion to board a vessel. They have the authority, for example, to board a vessel at any time and on any waterway they patrol to conduct a safety check. If they board a vessel and find the operator in possession of any drug considered to be illegal under federal law or who is under the influence of cannabis (or alcohol or any other intoxicant), that person may become entangled in federal law.

Need To Do Your Own /Research. There are too many moving parts in tracking down the most up-to-date VA/MD/DC, laws, codes, etc. to include them in this piece. The codes and penalties for each can be Googled and compared. The following is copied from page 200 of the Rules of the Road, which the CG follows. § 2302 Penalties for negligent operations.





Fairfax County Marine Patrol

(a) A person operating a vessel in a negligent manner that endangers the life, limb, or property of a person is liable to the United States Government for a civil penalty of not more than \$1,000.

(b) A person operating a vessel in a grossly negligent manner that endangers the life, limb, or property of a person shall be fined not more than \$5,000, imprisoned for not more than one year, or both.

(c) An individual who is under the influence of alcohol, or a dangerous drug in violation of a law of the United States when

operating a vessel, as determined under standards prescribed by the Secretary by regulation— (1) is liable to the United States Government for a civil penalty of not more than \$1,000 for a first violation and not more than \$5,000 for a subsequent violation; or (2) commits a class A misdemeanor.

**Boating Under The Influence Of.** According to the National Institute on Drug Abuse, cannabis significantly impairs judgment, motor coordination, and reaction time. A review of the studies have found a direct relationship between blood tetrahydrocannabinol; the chemical compound in cannabis responsible for the "high" (THC), concentration and impaired driving ability.

In all states, boating under the influence (BUI) laws are the same whether it's alcohol, cannabis, or any other intoxicant. Just as with a BUI conviction for alcohol, fines and jail time may be on the table. Some states may consider BUI convictions the same as driving under the influence (DUI), which means if you have one DUI and are arrested for a BUI, it's a second offense with possible loss of vehicular driving privileges.

Boat drivers leaving PWM mostly use VA, MD, and DC waters. The Occoquan is VA water. The Potomac primarily is MD water. And, the DC Harbor Patrol (DCHP) is responsible for patrolling DC water plus most of the water north of the Wilson Bridge. There is a tiny sliver just north of the bridge that the DCHP does not patrol. That is four sets of codes (VA, MD, DC, and Federal) that have the potential of affecting a boating day.

Each of the four entities patrolling these waterways will follow the codes of their respective departments. How each handles what they find as a result of a boarding depends on what happens next and the reactions and attitudes of those aboard the vessel stopped. For example, if a legal stop is made and a determination is made that the single boat driver aboard is operating under the influence of cannabis, each may only take the vessel off the water for safety reasons and perhaps give a citation. Each boarding situation has the potential of being different from a previous boarding.

There could be an escalation leading to an arrest. In Fairfax County water, for example, operating under VA code 29.1-738, subsection iii, which has to do with a person safely operating a watercraft or motorboat, if there is reasonable suspicion that someone is operating a vessel under the influence of cannabis to a point that they are in violation of the law the officers will interview them. If she/he is assessed as being impaired and/or if there is probable cause that a criminal violation exists an arrest would be made and the vessel taken off the water. If there is no probable cause and no safety concerns the boater would be sent on her/his way

Complexities may occur if the CG makes the initial stop and draws in either VA, MD, or DC authorities. For example, the CG may make a routine inspection stop within Fairfax County's jurisdiction, find something, and for whatever reason decide to get Fairfax County police involved instead of keeping things wholly within the federal system. If Fairfax County decides to effect the arrest under VA law, their policies and procedures will play a large role in the final result.

Not every boat being driven by an impaired captain gets boarded. However, a maritime accident that occurs during a day of boating may lead to a drug screening. Cannabis can stay in the body for days or weeks after use. The mere presence of THC in a boater's system can lead to an arrest for operating a vessel while under the influence, even if the driver wasn't high at the time of the accident. THC is considered to be impairing or mind-altering. If fatalities are attached to the accident, the operator risks facing severe criminal penalties.

As Always. As always, everyone is on their own out there. Everyone makes their own decisions. A review of the Recreational Boating Statistics shows that alcohol use is the leading known contributing factor in fatal boating accidents; where the primary cause was known. It was listed as the leading factor in 16% of the deaths. Hopefully, deaths from cannabis impairment will not reach the same level.

Perhaps it might be best to treat cannabis and alcohol the same by making careful use of both while on the water. Any celebrating can wait until we are in a safe place for ourselves and the innocent people around us before celebrating our wonderful day on the water.



Wikipedia -- Legality of cannabis by U.S. jurisdiction

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# WANTED

## NEWSLETTER EDITOR

The Prince William Yacht Club is in search of an Editor for the LifeLine! This Board position is vital in sharing information to the membership. Don't miss this great opportunity to be engaged in YOUR yacht club!!

Any questions, please contact the current Editor, Robin Davis.

**\$ 100,000\***

**REWARD**

*\*This may be false advertising*

# Treasurer

SHERRY SAMAR  
IRISH HAWK, H-41



## PWYC Treasurer's Report 07/01/2023 – 07/31/2023

### INCOME

50/50	\$	236.00
Founder's Day Pork Sold	\$	20.00
Seafood Boil Guests	\$	435.00
<u>Interest</u>	\$	<u>0.23</u>
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>691.23</b>

### EXPENSES

Father's Day Cruise	\$	135.00
PWM ice for A-D Dock Captain's Hour	\$	30.02
Founder's Day	\$	195.00
<u>Wild Apricot Expense</u>	\$	<u>6.36</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>352.25</b>

**Checking account balance 08/01/2023**                      **\$ 29,419.05**





# Ships Manifest

Membership Chair

Una Murphy

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**Welcome to all new and renewing members!**

192 members

161 renewals/new members

31 members paid by Prince William Marina

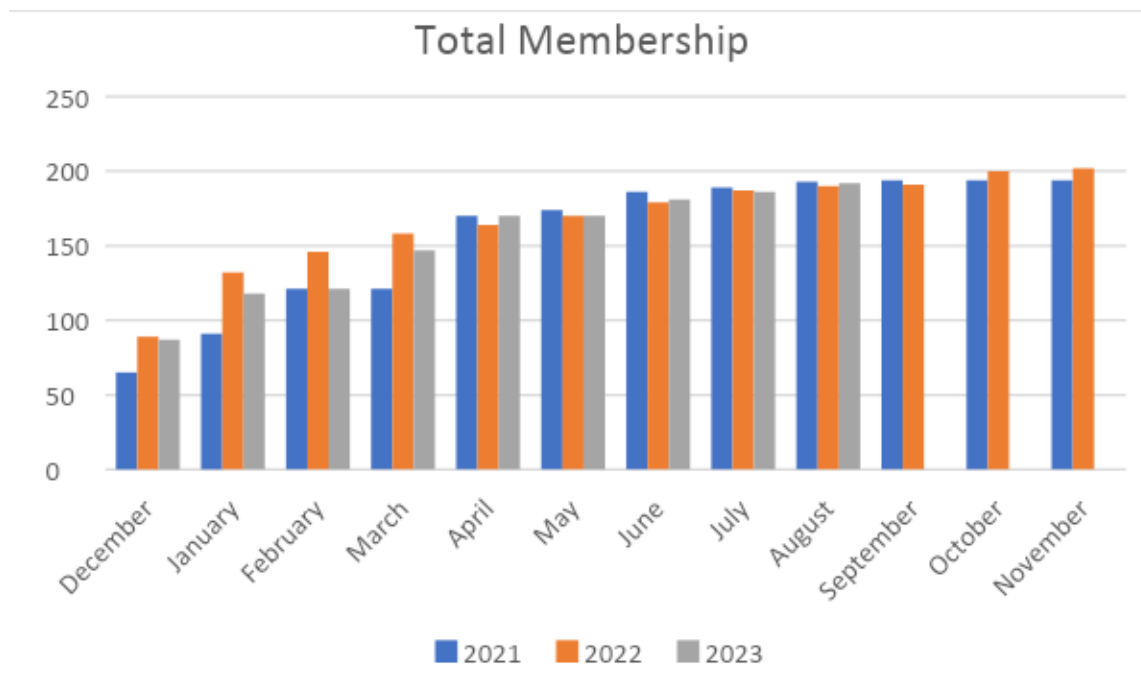
**For Comparison:**

**2022 Membership (as of 08/02/2022)**

190 members

158 renewals/new members

32 members paid by Prince William Marina



**For comparison:**

**2021 Membership (as of 08/02/2021)**

193 members

163 renewals

30 members paid by Prince William Marina

**Don't forget that member Packets are available for those who request one.** Please indicate on your online membership record that you want a membership packet, and send an email to [membership@pwyc.org](mailto:membership@pwyc.org) with your request.

**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](http://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

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!

# Webmaster

**Mike Manning**  
*Aquatini, E-dock*



From Billy Oldridge and I on the grill, we hope everyone enjoyed the hot dogs and really applaud and appreciate Jim Khoury's leadership (vice commodore) for the Annual Seafood Boil.

The website has all the upcoming August, September, and October events-including pool party, Patriot Cruise and Salute (PCS) including Day of Service and prep meetings (with 9/11 fireworks on Monday and Captain's Hour on Friday). Please consider volunteering!

Other events like Pirates Night, Commodore's Cruise to Solomon's Island, and Season's Final cruise to National Harbor are listed also.

One other link on the home page is about VDOT proposed expansion of 123/old bridge expansion, which will have significant detrimental effects on the Prince William Marina facility. Please review and consider reaching out to VDOT voicing a negative opinion.

I also put articles that might be of interest to the club, and if you find an article for other people, or suggestions for cruises, please share it with me at [webmaster@pwyc.org](mailto:webmaster@pwyc.org)

Fair winds and following seas,  
Mike Manning  
PWYC Webmaster @  
Aquatini E-3





# **2023 PWYC Commodore's Cruise**

**Friday Oct 6 to Monday Oct 9**

**Spring Cove Marina, Solomons Island, MD**

**Open to PWYC Members & Their Guests**

**Make your own Slip Reservations on the Website.**

**Be sure to note you are part of the PWYC.**

**Slip Fees: \$2.50/Ft/night plus electric \$14-16/night.**

**LMK when you are confirmed on Dockwa. The Pool and Pool Bar will be open if weather supports. Plan on a Pot Luck in one of the Covered Picnic areas Fri Nite, a Group Happy Hour and dinner at a nice restaurant on Saturday, and on your own Sunday. Several Museums and walking trails nearby, and SCM has bikes to borrow.**

➤ **Cruise to SCM on Fri (110 mi, 4.5 hrs. at 24 mph)**

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# *Glistening Serenity*



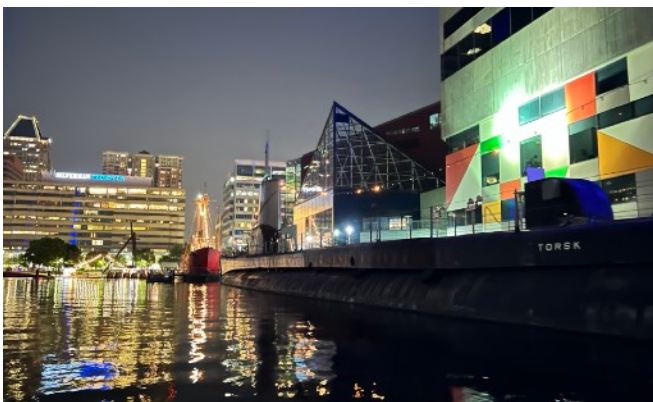
By Robin Davis

**O**n any given day, a trip on the Chesapeake Bay can reveal wonderful sights and sounds. You may find yourself watching a pod of dolphin or being approached by a southbound freighter with a wake nearly as big as your boat. But, there's something very special about coming into Baltimore's Inner Harbor. Last month, several PWYC members ventured out of the Potomac and up the Bay. I caught up with the group in my new home port of Annapolis and cruised up the Bay (much slower than most) to Maryland's largest city and busiest port, Baltimore.

Coming under the Francis Scott Key Memorial Bridge, Blessed and Crew Lounge stopped for a quick photo op at the Francis Scott Key buoy. It was inspiring, in a way, to be sitting at the very spot where Francis Scott Key watched the battle at Fort McHenry during the War of 1812 unfold before his eyes. The British and the American's slugged it out thru the night and Key knew that if the flag were not present in the morning, the Fort would have fallen to the Brits. As the sun rose he could see the American flag and was inspired to write the poem, "The Star Spangled Banner."



From there we continued to the marina and joined the rest of the group. We all laughed and enjoyed cocktails under the shade of a giant tent. Jim Khoury cooked enough food for the Baltimore Ravens Defensive line. A wonderful time was had by all, but as the sun began to fall, David Astle and I decided it was time to go exploring. We fired up the dinghies, loaded a handful of brave souls and headed out into the darkness.



The air was soft on my face. The gentlest of breezes brought a coolness to the night that was refreshing and a stark



contrast to the humidity of daytime. Our two little boats glided effortlessly thru the absolute calm of the harbor. The city before us was transformed into a spectacular and wondrous showplace. We'd seen these buildings all day, but in the darkness, we couldn't take our eyes off of them. The cityscape came alive with a symphony of lights, dancing and shimmering like stars that have fallen from the heavens to grace the earth. The buildings seemed to compete for our attention, each with their own unique beauty. Lights and patterns, unseen during the day, transform each to its own masterpiece.

As we found our way into previously unexplored alleys, it was easy to forget the normal worries and concerns associated with a large city. I watched lovers and friends take pictures on the shore, as many of them looked upon us with dreams in their eyes. I turned my own eyes into our boat and felt my heart swell as Kris, Judy and Bernadette were taking it in. There was an innocence in their faces that is only seen when one is gazing upon something for the first time. Something that sparked imagination and connected them to the city in a way not possible during the day.



As we made our way towards the Domino Sugar refinery, its great sign shone like fire upon the water. The loud drone of machinery inside sounded like the building, itself, was alive. These sounds have been coming from this building for over 100 years. During the day, when the ships are loading sugar, the very air of the harbor smells like a candy store. Ok, maybe not exactly like a candy store but it certainly smells sweet.

At last the time came, when Dave and his crew pulled along side and announced they were turning back to marina. It was time to go home. Baltimore, with its nightclubs and busy streets only hundreds of yards away, had shared with us her softer side. This, I felt, was her soul. Gentle and beautiful. The antithesis of her interior. We had all found a deeper connection with the city. Something she only reveals to those who accept her invitation. Those who set out in small boats after dark and dare to explore.

