





THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE PRINCE WILLIAM YACHT CLUB

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K Dock: Jason & Shannon Leydig
L Dock: Vacant- seeking voluntee

DELEGATES

PRYCA: Beth & Sheldon Lu CBYCA: Mike Connolly





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

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APRIL

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COMMODORE'S MESSAGE

Jim Khoury, Commodore Pegasus, K-33 commodore@pwyc.org 718.494.3365

As I write this note, I am looking out my office window noticing how green the yard has suddenly become! Yes... It's Spring, and with great anticipation, our boating season has re-emerged as quickly as the winter suppressed our desire to be out on the water!

It's time to get ready for another great season with friends and family with our favorite pastime. Unwrap, clean, wax, repair... do whatever it takes to be in top shape for a safe and enjoyable boating season!

March was a pretty busy month for our members with the BS&S safety seminars, Cherry blossom cruise (rescheduled from the original April date, and the assorted social committee sponsored events this early in our season – especially our annual PWM Employee Appreciation Dinner.

I want to take a moment to thank our Vice Commodore Mike Strano for filling in for me while I take some time off to handle some medical issues.

April is going to be the official launch of our season with many events in the works – including our Opening Day Ceremony on 20 April!

Be on the lookout for the "Admirals in Action" class put together by Mike Strano on 6 April. This is a class for the ladies only (sorry gents) designed to bring those that may not be fully aware of handling some situations and problems which may come up while out on the water. Highly recommended, even for those with experience. See the events calendar for registration details.

On the same day, our USCGAUX will be doing its VSCs throughout the marina. Be sure to put your name on the list on the bulletin board in the blue bath house. There will be another on 13 April and then again in May.



COMMODORE'S MESSAGE CONT.

And finally, getting back to our Opening Day ceremonies... on 20 April, the club will again be raising our flag(s) along with Old Glory to kick off the season! PWM will have its annual clean-up of the shoreline, followed by the general membership meeting and lunch. At 1:00PM, we will have our flag raising ceremony, and then we will burn our socks to commemorate the warmer weather that is upon us!

Many seminars are on the slate along with an instructional meeting for our Photo Contest targeting our many amateur photographers... There are some nice prizes in final event of the year. Better be ready!

Finally, at the end of the day, there will be our Commodore's Happy Hour (#1 for the season). Bring a Potluck dish to share – wine and beer will be provided by the club. The day promises to be a good time for all!

Hope to see you all soon! Jim Khoury - Commodore



BRUNCH



LIFELINE



VICE COMMODORE THOUGHTS

Mike Strano, Vice Commodore At Ease, G-21 vicecommodore@pwyc.org

As I write this, the weather will approach 75 degrees this coming week and dewinterizations are being scheduled for later this month. While there will still be chilly days mixed in, it's clear we are fast approaching Spring and April.

We have a USCG Boat Safety Class being offered on Saturday, March 16th upstairs at the Blue Bath House by the pool. Register for this course through Prince William Marina:

Teresa Allen Email: tallen@pwmarina.com. The cost is \$35.

In addition, we have USCG Vessel Safety Checks scheduled for April 6th and 13th, as well as May 11th. Individual boat signups will be available a couple of weeks prior on the bulletin board on the lower level of the Blue Bath House.

The PWYC is sponsoring the "Employee Appreciation Dinner" for the members of the staff of Prince William Marina. This is scheduled for March 23rd @ 6pm. The folks at PWM are an integral part of our well-being during the summer. They really go above and beyond to keep us afloat and mobile on the water. Please show your support, and sign-up on the website.

Before we officially open for the season, and because it is predicted there will be an early peak bloom, we are holding our Cherry Blossom Cruise on March 23rd. Please see the website calendar for details and to register.

On April 6th at 10am, we have Captain Myndi Harbin, a 100-ton vessel licensed Master, coming in to provide a two-to-three-hour class for the ladies of the Yacht Club. In the past, this has been well received and no matter what your level of boating experience, everyone has enjoyed it. The class is kept to about 15-20 ladies, to aid in conversation and participation. Topics include safety equipment, basic navigation, and how to summon help. Please sign up on our website. Payment of \$25 per person will be collected at the door.



LIFELINE

VICE COMMODORE THOUGHTS (CONT.)

One of the area's premier boat shows, the Bay Bridge Boat Show, is scheduled for April 12th through the 14th in Stevensville, MD.

PWYC's opening day is scheduled for April 20th. This day is loaded with activities for all in attendance! Here's the schedule planned for the day, with more details coming:

- 11:00 AM PWYC Board Meeting (blue bathhouse/top)
- 11:30 AM PWYC General Membership Meeting/Lunch (blue bathhouse)
 - all members in good standing. Lunch will be provided.
- 1:00 PM Opening Ceremony/Flag Raising (flagpole by boat ramp)
- 2:30 PM Dock Rep meeting (blue bathhouse)
- 3:00 PM Boating Seminars/Boating Navigation Apps (blue bathhouse)
 Stay tuned Check the Website for details.
- 4:00 PM Photo Contest Tips Presentation (blue bathhouse)
- 5:30 PM Commodore's Happy Hour #1 (blue bathhouse/top)
 - please bring a dish to share (wine and beer provided)

That's it for this edition. Check with the PWYC Website Events Calendar frequently to stay on top of the upcoming events. (https://pwyc.org). Sometimes, an added event may appear that wasn't in the original plan – so check often!

If you have any questions, please contact me either by email at vicecommodore@pwyc.org, or you can text my cell phone at (703) 598-4976.

Looking forward to the Employee Appreciation Dinner, hope to see many of you there!

All the best, Mike Strano Vice Commodore PWYC







REAR COMMODORE

Jason Leydig, Rear Commodore IV Nauti Pleasures, K-27 rearcommodore@pwyc.org

II think Spring has finally sprung and hope its here to stay. Life is starting to come to the docks and if you haven't heard the water is on and the PWM mechanics are starting to dewinterize.

We will officially start our boating season with the first cruise next weekend, March 23rd, which will be the Cherry Blossom Cruise. Mike Connolly has graciously agreed to Champion this for us and Lou Ward will be handling the photographer duties. I can't thank them both enough for agreeing to help.

If you haven't done so already, be sure to check out the calendar of events on the website and also further down in the LifeLine. We have a lot of great events both on and off the water.

Our next on water event will be our raft up at Mattawoman on Memorial Day weekend and then our Father's Day Cruise to Colonial Beach.

Remember, the cruises and raft ups are for all boats, whether you are in the boatel or in a water slip.

Whether you're a seasoned boater or just starting out, the cruises and raft ups can be a little daunting if you've never done it before. Don't worry, that is what we are all here for. We will guide you and make sure you're comfortable and more importantly safe.

Keep an eye out for the emails for all upcoming events. Looking forward to seeing everyone at the marina and on the water soon!!

Happy Spring and Happy Boating





SAFETY OFFICER

Bob Schwartz, Safety Officer Alexandra, F-12 safety@pwyc.org

Anchoring—(Continued from March Lifeline article)

Prince William (PW) mariners spend a fair amount of time anchored. What follows assumes that the anchor being used is appropriate for the boat and that the weather, water conditions, and bottom are within the capability of the particular anchor. We are not going to get involved in anchoring techniques using dual anchors, triple anchors or kellets. We are going to stick with a single anchor being used correctly.

As always, this piece is the thoughts of one person. Everyone is on their own out there and making their own decisions.

The common locations used as anchorages by many PW boaters such as Mattawoman Creek usually are problem-free. The bottoms usually are mud and free of rocks and/or below-water entanglements. However, knowledge gained from talking to others and using charts helps. Just because bottoms usually are rock-free does not mean that they are always rock-free.

Dropping The Anchor:

Please be sure that the anchor line is attached to the boat before dropping it. Other than that the process is pretty much cut and dried assuming that the bottom is either mud or sand and the proper anchor is being used. Basically:

- 1. Let nature do as much of the work as possible. This means approaching the anchorage from the same direction as other bows are pointing and taking advantage of the direction of the current and/or wind whichever is strongest.
- 2. Make sure the anchor line has no tangles or knots. Agree on a set of signals if a helper will be either in the bow or at the helm.

SAFETY (CONT.)

- 3. The vessel should be moving slowly backwards before the anchor is lowered. Forward motion can cause the boat to run over the rode, possibly fouling the rudder and/or prop.
- 4. (The height of the bow above the water) + (the depth of the water to be anchored in) + (any rise in the tide) X five = the amount of rode initially to pay out in calm conditions.
- 5. If it's windy or going ashore, pay out at least a 7-to-1 scope. If you're spending the night on the hook, pay out at least an 8-to-1 scope. The windier it gets or the stronger the current, the scope might be 10-to-1 or greater.
- 6. Keep checking to be sure of adequate swing room in every direction, what is behind when in reverse, & where the vessel will settle once the selected scope is let out.
- 7. Anchors dig in and hold best when the load on it is horizontal. The benefit of chain is that the weight of the chain keeps an anchor from going vertical. Chain and/or adequate scope act to keep an anchor flat on the water bed.
- 8. Once the proper amount of rode is let out, let the wind/current or a touch of the reverse throttle straighten out the rode. A touch more reverse throttle will set the anchor and make the anchor line taut.
- 9. An anchor is set when the reverse movement of the vessel is brought up short. The anchor is dragging if the vessel continues to move astern. The anchoring process may have to be repeated or additional rode let out.
- 10. Note your position relative to other fixed objects to be sure that the anchor is not dragging. Some chart plotters have alarms to identify when there is anchor drag. Noting the latitude and longitude may also help.

Here are sources to review. There are also many "How to anchor" YouTube videos. <a href="https://www.boatus.com/expert-advice/expert-advice-archive/2021/june/how-to-anchor-https://www.boatus.com/expert-advice/seamanship/anchors-and-anchoring-https://www.boatus.com/expert-advice/expert-advice-archive/2023/august/more-advanced-anchoring-

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NEWS FROM THE TREASURER

Michelle Gordon, Treasurer Soggy Dollar, D-16 treasurer@pwyc.org

PWYC TREASURER'S REPORT 02/01/2024 - 02/29/2024

INCOME

 Membership
 \$ 1,850.00

 Change of Watch
 \$ 1,495.00

 Interest
 \$ 0.28

 TOTAL INCOME
 \$ 3,345.28

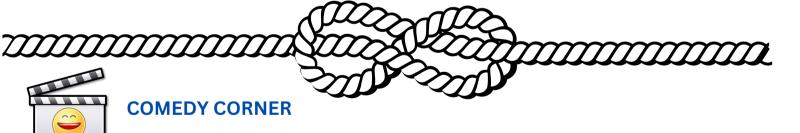
EXPENSES

2024 CoW Reimbursement Costs \$ 9,734.05

Wild Apricot Expense \$ 212.02

TOTAL EXPENSES \$ 9,946.07

Checking account balance as of 02/29/2024 \$ 31,634.510



Two Irishmen, Patrick & Michael, were lost at sea, adrift in a lifeboat. Rummaging thru the boat, Patrick found an old lamp & began rubbing it, secretly hoping a genie would appear. Amazingly, a genie did appear, and said he could grant just one wish.

Without giving much thought, Patrick blurted out, <u>"Turn the entire ocean into Guinness Beer!"</u> The genie clapped his hands, and the entire sea turned into the finest brew ever tasted by mortals! Then the genie vanished.

The gentle lapping of Guinness against the hull broke the silence as the two men considered their circumstances. Michael disgustedly looked at Patrick, "Nice going, now we're going to have to pee in the boat."





SHIPS WANIFEST

Beth Lu. Membership
Taiwan-On, I-23
membership@pwyc.org

Welcome to our newest PWYC members!

The 2024 Membership Directory will be available on Opening Day only for those who request one in advance. Please mark the box on the Wild Apricot site or email membership@pwyc.org if you would like a printed packet.

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 all year long. Download the app, sign in with 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 Apple App Store or Google Play!

Renew Your Membership Today via <u>Credit Card</u> 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

As always, if you know marina friends or dock mates who are not members, please recruit them for membership or volunteer to help the club!



2024 EVENTS

YACHI CLUB		
JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
20 - Brunch	3 - Change of Watch 11 -PWYC Board Meeting 17 - Brunch	2- PWYC Board Meeting 2 - Brunch 14 - Occoquan Safety Forum 16 -USCG Boating Safety Class 23 - Cherry Blossom Cruise 23 - Employee Appreciation Dinner
APRIL	MAY	JUNE
6 - Admirals in Action Class 6 - USCG Vessel Safety Check 13 -USCG Vessel Safety Check 20 - Opening Day Ceremonies	11 - PWYC Board Meeting 11 - Dock Crawl 11 - USCG Vessel Safety Check 11 -USCG Boating Safety Class 18 - Blessing of the Fleet 18 - Progressive Dinner 25-27 - Mattawoman Raft Up	1 - PWYC Board Meeting 1 - Captains Hour 14-16 - Father's Day Cruise Colonial Beach 28-30 - PRYCA Float In - Coles Point
JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
5-7 - Three Sisters Raft Up 13 - PWYC Board Meeting 13 - Dock Rep Meeting 13 -Commodore's Happy Hour 18-21- Cruise to St. Michaels 27 - Founder's Day Celebration	3 - PWYC Board Meeting 3 - Captain's Hour 10 - Seafood Boil 16-19 -Solomon's Island Cruise 24 - PWM Poker Run	5 -PWYC Board Meeting - Zoon 9 - PCS Meeting 11 - PCS Meeting 11 - PWM Fireworks 13 - PCS Meeting 14 - Patriot Cruise Day 21-22 - Pirate's Night 22 - World Rivers Day
OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
5 - Captain's Hour	2 -Closing Day Ceremonies 2 - Chili Cook-Off 16 - Wine & Paint Night	7 - PWYC Board Meeting 14 -PWM Christmas Boat Lightin



HOW-TO BOAT TRAINING VIDEOS

by Vicky Carr, Lifeline Editor

A series of how-to boat training videos by BoatUS to review boating basics, including docking, handling lines, anchoring, navigation, and more!

DOCKING TWIN ENGINE BOATS (tune in next month for 'Handle Docklines Like a Pro'):

- 1.How to Dock a Twin Engine Boat AT A FUEL DOCK in 3 Simple Steps https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ajWEwu7d70A
- 2. Backing Into a SLIP with a Twin Outboards https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uLd9U7rbRpg
- 3. How to Dock a Twin Engine Boat in a REALLY Tight Slip https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XuqjOK_MlEA
- 4. How to Dock a Boat the Best Way in Close Quarters https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=19qnwbdvUd4



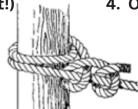
by Vicky Carr, Lifeline Editor

Welcome to Knot's Landing! How to Secure Lines to Pilings

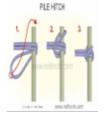
- 1. Tying to a Piling (I like his 2nd knot best...secure and quick to untie) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NgVdKg3M_g
- 2. Tie a Clove Hitch to a Piling (I would add 2 half hitches after to make it more secure) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d_CSNOU-2Jg
- 3. OR Round Turn with Two Half Hitches (fast!)

5. OR Lasso the Piling (if piling far away)





4. OR Pile Hitch (if can reach top of piling)







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.
- Trailering 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. 16 Mar 2024

End Date:

Sat, 16 Mar 2024

Days:

Saturday

Hours:

9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Duration:

8 Hours

Lessons:

Location: Prince William Marina / Electric

Palm

12745 Sea Ray Lane Blue Bath House By River

(second Floor)

Woodbridge, VA 22192

Contact:

Teresa Allen

tallen@pwmarina.com

(703) 494-6611

Matt Ballard

(703) 472-7695

Course Cost:

Register By:

Fri, 15 Mar 2024

Website:

Click for additional information.

Register:

Click to visit registration site

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.

Posted: Tue, 26 Dec 2023



PWM EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION DINNER MARCH 23RD @ 6PM

Join us to celebrate and THANK the employees of PWM for all they do for us throughout the year!

We are asking for you to sign up to bring a dish to share.

This year's theme is ITALIAN
A few suggestions Antipasto Salad
Salad
Garlic Bread/Rolls
Lasagna
Pasta/Ziti
Meat Sauce/Pasta Sauce

Meatballs
Sausage & Peppers
Garlic Bread/Rolls
Cookies
Cannoli Dip

Tiramisu

Please email Shannon at social@pwyc.org or call/text 703-675-9942 with any questions.

CHERRY BLOSSOM CRUISE & PHOTO SHOOT

PRINCE WILLIAM YACHT CLUB
Saturday, 23 March 2024

(inclement weather date is following Sunday 24 March 2024)



The 2024 Cherry Blossom Cruise will be Championed by CBYCA Delegate and Past Commodore Mike Connolly "Summer Daze" and photographer Captain Lou Ward.

Cost: \$25 to Lou Ward for up to 4 edited photos

Contact: Cruise Champion, Mike Connolly, cbyca@pwyc.org

Kick off the 2024 boating season by joining us on the Annual Cherry Blossom Cruise and Photo Shoot!

Bring family and friends on the PWYC cruise up the Potomac River, to the tidal basin in Washington, D.C.

Boats should plan to arrive at the DC Tidal Basin between 1200-1400. Remember it is about 2 hour cruise to get to the Tidal Basin from PWM with the Occoquan, Old Towne, and Tidal Basin no wake zones.

Also, if you need Prince William Marina to de-winterize your boat, please contact Austin Tues-Sat at 703.494.6611 to get onto the list and let him know you plan to participate in the Cruise.

https://www.pwmarina.com/servicereq

Cherry Blossom Cruise Photo Shoot Guidelines

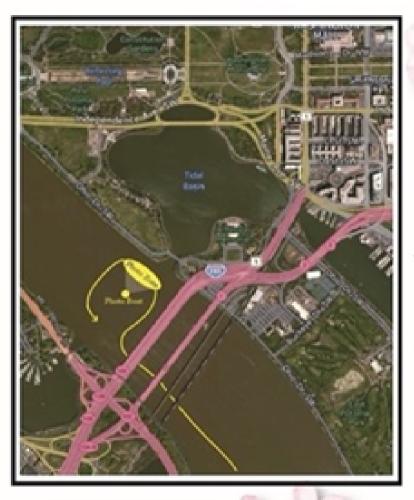


Photo Shoot Time: 12:00 - 2:00 p.m.

PHOTO BOAT: Summer Daze

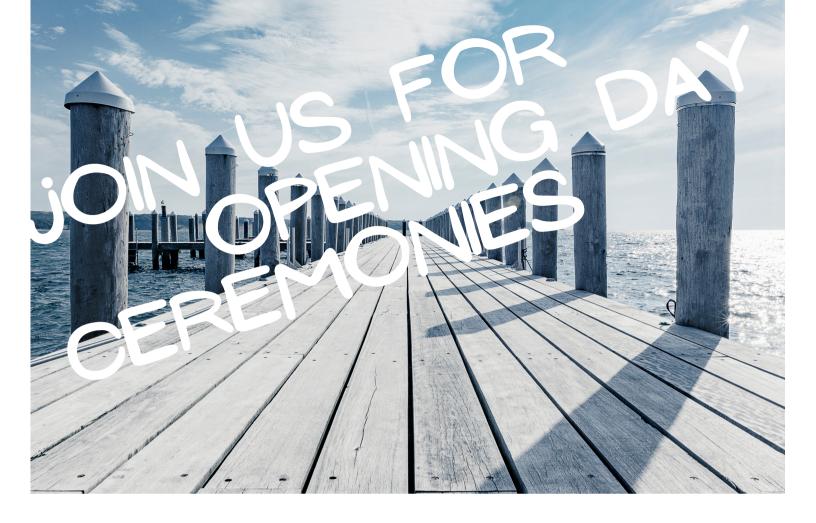
HAILING CHANNEL: 68

CELL PHONE: 703-955-0868

NAVIGATION GUIDELINES

After passing under the 14th street bridge spans:

- locate and hail photo boat, "Summer Daze" on Channel 68.
- follow the approximate float path marked in yellow on the diagram.
- steer toward the Tidal Basin.
- close to shore, turn north and proceed slowly between the photo boat and the cherry trees.
- · watch depth and avoid obstructions.



April 20, 2024

Festivities start at 11am

Check website for list of activities and to RSVP

Lunch will be provided and the day will end with our Commodore's Happy Hour

WE HOPE YOU CAN JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF FOOD, FUN AND FRIENDSHIP

+ PUTYC +
PROGRESSIVE DINNER



WHEN: MAY 18, 2024 @ 5PM (SHARP)
WHERE: VARIOUS BOATS ON PWM DOCKS

CONTACT VICKY CARR TO RSVP AND W/ QUESTIONS
VICKYCARRHOME@GMAIL.COM
MUST RSVP NO LATER THAN APRIL 30

** SEE ALL DETAILS IN THE LIFELINE AND AT WWW.PWYC.ORG *