



Lifeline

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

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PWYC

FROM THE HELM



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Mike Connolly
"Summer Daze" (D-9)

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The 2021 boating season is over. Although COVID restrictions weren't as bad as last year, they still impacted our boating experience. Nevertheless, we still had ample opportunity for memorable times on the water and around the docks. Our club membership is at all-time highs and so is the club's treasury.

It's always a bummer this time of year when we have to winterize our boats, but we have plenty reason to look forward to getting back out on the water next spring with our PWYC family!

On Saturday, 13 November, during the General Membership meeting, our club's election committee consisting of J Gaston and Doug Burum presented next year's Flag Officer nominees for PWYC approval. A quorum of club members was present and unanimously approved the slate. Please make a point of congratulating next year's Prince William Yacht Club Flag Officers!

Commodore: Rick McHarg
Vice Commodore: Jim Khoury
Rear Commodore: Scott Parsons
Secretary: Shannon Leydig
Treasurer: Sherry Samar

Next year's slate will assume their positions at the 4 December Board of Directors meeting that will start at 10:00 am in the Blue Bath House. One of the first duties of the newly-minted flag officers will be to seat the club's fleet captains (i.e the Chairs for Membership, Newsletter, Social, Safety, and Information Technology Services) and CBYCA and PRYCA delegates. All club members are invited to attend (for that matter, all club members are invited to attend every Board of Directors meeting...which is a great way to gain an understanding of how your club operates and look for ways that you can become more active!). I hope to see you there to participate in this changing of the guard and indicator that our club continues to be very active and is in great shape!



In addition to the General Membership meeting on 13 November, the club held its annual Closing Day festivities. There were a lot of folks who made this happen, but I'd like to specifically thank Vice Commodore Rick McHarg for being the overall champion of pulling everything together. Rick did an outstanding job of carrying on this annual tradition, and even expanded it by including a new version of the ceremony to retire old and weathered U.S. flags. Bravo Zulu Vice Commodore!!!

Please keep in mind that, before the year ends, we still have the annual Christmas Boat Lighting competition on 11 December. Due to COVID, we really haven't had the opportunity to celebrate this club tradition for the past couple of years. Hopefully, the whole club will get in the spirit of the season and make our marina look super festive. Please see your dock representative with questions. Also, please thank Prince William Marina for sponsoring the prizes that will be awarded for best decorated docks and boats!

If you haven't done so all ready, please pay your annual club dues. This is truly the best \$100 you'll spend all year! We have a relatively unique partnership with our host marina whereby the marina provides fuel docks, club house, pool, etc. If other clubs want these amenities, they must find a way to fund them. Therefore, our club can use membership dues to fund all of the social events that we have over the course of the year like dock crawls, captains' hours, and various holiday parties. Our dues fund the prizes for things like the annual photo and various costume contests, as well as other events that help build our unique club identity and esprit de corps. Our dues help reduce the costs for big events like the pig roast and seafood boil. Also, since our club is a member of the Chesapeake Bay Yacht Club Association and Potomac River Yacht Club Association, your PWYC dues enable you to take advantage of any reciprocity agreements that other clubs have with these associations. To pay your dues, please see our Wild Apricot site or contact our membership chair at membership@pwyc.org.



This is my last Lifeline article as commodore. These past couple of years have been a labor of love. Sherri and I have enjoyed boating for years, but the unique qualities of PWYC have enabled friendships that will last forever...which is much more valuable to us. I'd especially like to thank all of the board members that have served with me during my tenure as commodore:

Vice Commodore: Rick McHarg
Rear Commodore: James Smith and Jim Khoury
Secretary: Ralph Ocasio and Jenna Burum
Treasurer: Sherry Samar
Immediate Past Commodore: J Gaston
Membership: Kris Blanchette and Amy Marshall
Newsletter: Jason Blanchette and Frank Murray
Social: Denise Guess-Parsons, Pat Ocasio, Carol Vasquez, Jenna Burum, Beth Lu, and Sherri Connolly
Safety: Bob Schwartz
IT Services: Ginger Gaston
PRYCA Delegates: Beth and Sheldon Lu
CBYCA: Tim Abel

Sherri and I also want to thank the entire club. Again, boating is fun, but PWYC friendships last forever. Thankfully, we'll still have opportunity to be active in the club.

OBTW...for those of you who've been following my drone drama, I finally got my new drone to work:



Our marina, 14 November 2021



Our marina, 14 November 2021

Please be safe, remain healthy, continue to check on each other, and stay flexible.

See you (next year) on the water,
Mike Connolly
Summer Daze, D-9

...AND FROM THE VICE

Rick McHarg

Vice Commodore

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And from the Vice -- As the 2021 Season comes to a close, let me echo the Commodore's comments and thank him for his leadership and thoughtfulness in steering the Club through the Pandemic during the last 2 years. It has been an unprecedented challenge for all -- From the unique interpretation of family boating to what constitutes a "social gathering " that could unnecessarily place some of us that are more vulnerable at risk. A Big "Thank you" to Mike Connolly and Sherri.

Next, there are two groups of the membership outside the Board that I'd like to recognize: the Dock Reps and the Event Captains. We are a "Social club centered around boats" by definition, but that only goes as far as the wonderful volunteers that make things happen... From the Dock Captains hours and Dock Crawl to the Raft ups and Cruise Captains, from the Barkeep making Mint Juleps for our Kentucky Derby party to the grill chef manning the grill on the barge at Mattawoman for Pirates night.... And I would be remiss if I didn't mention the Seafood Boil wizards Kim Harrison and Sherman Vandevender. My purpose is to cultivate interest in volunteering if you haven't, because that is how we make things work...and as there is turnover in the Yacht Club, we will be looking for capable replacements to take over, just as Your new Board will be taking over next week.

The first task of the new board will be to establish the 2022 Calendar, which we will do in December and early January. I can spill the beans on known dates: The Prince William Marina Slipholder Party is scheduled for Super Bowl Sunday, February 13 and The Change of Watch (CoW) Ball is Sat February 26 at the Springfield Embassy Suites. Save the dates, and plan to attend both. They are great Mid-winter events to remind you all why we have boats! I also heard the Social Committee has a plan to continue with impromptu monthly Pot Luck Sunday brunches in the BBH. Be on the look out for announcements.

The second task will be to develop a budget for the year, headed by our Treasurer Sherry Samar. We do this in the month of January while everyone is hibernating.

We had a great Closing Day and Flag retirement Ceremony a couple of weeks ago, and although chilly, a coupla dozen brave souls joined me and the Commodore at the Flagpole. I Dock and the Boatel held the Chili Cook-off afterward, and there were 9 Chili entrants and 4 Mac'n Chese Entrants. Winners were announced as well as Peoples choice awards presented. And then we announced the winners of the PWYC 2021 Photo Contest. Results Below, and you can see the photos later in this issue.

Boats: Vicky Carr – Sailboat Serenity

Places: Vicky Carr – Water Painting

Wildlife: Vicky Carr – Blue Heron

People: Kris McHarg – Commodore Pirates

Humor: Vicky Carr – Nap Time

Grand Prize: Stephanie Burget – DC Fireworks

This is my final blurb as the Vice, and it has been a pleasure serving with the current Board. I am happy to have Jim Khoury again to work with and welcome Scott Parsons as the Rear, and Shannon Leydig as the secretary going forward. Thanks to you both for Stepping up. Additionally, the other fleet Captains are: Social – Denise Guess, Membership – Una Murphy (back for an encore tour), Safety – Bob Schwartz, and Info Systems (former Webmaster) – Ginger Gaston, again, back for more.

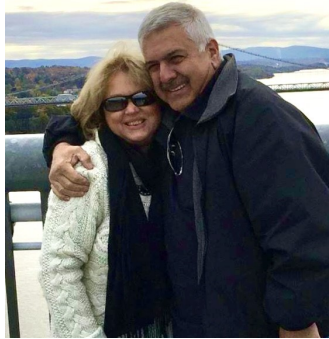
Lastly – If you have any suggestions, ideas, or other thoughts about what we are doing or how to make it better, please drop me a line (at my new email address) or call me with a voicemail.

Rick McHarg,

Vice Commodore, PWYC

EAGLE ONE, K-40

...AND FROM THE REAR



James Khoury
Rear Commodore
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As this is my final report as the Rear Commodore of the PWYC, it is my privilege to hand over the position of RC to my successor – Scott Parsons!

Scott has been a yacht club member for much longer than I, and as such I am sure he will lead all of us on some of the best cruise experiences ever.

Scott has already been thinking of the adventures in the works, so I am confident that under his guidance, we will all have a great time in the upcoming years.

Again, I want to thank all that supported us during the 2021 season, and all that spent time with the club on the many trips of the past. We are a club that's hard to beat!

I want to wish all a Very Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, and a wonderful and prosperous New Year!

Jim Khoury

IPRC

[PWYC Immediate Past Rear Commodore] - LOL!

Safety Bob



Bob Schwartz
Safety Officer
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Been There Done That/A Quick Way To Make A Buck

I Know Exactly How He Felt. One word came out of Captain Krishnan Kanthavel's mouth when he realized that his ship, the *Ever Given*, was heading toward its grounding in the Suez Canal: "S**t."

There was nothing in the article stating whether it came out in English or his native language. Captain Kanthavel is from India. However, the language used between the Egyptian pilots who were guiding the vessel through the Canal and the Captain was English. The *Ever Given* is 1,312 feet long, 194 feet wide, and able to carry up to 20,000 TEU containers. The *Alexandra* is about 31'1" long, about 9'5" wide, and not big enough to carry even a single 20-foot container unit.

Captain Kanthavel holds a license that allows him to be in charge of one of the largest container ships presently sailing. He is licensed to command any vessel on any ocean in the world. He is capable enough to wisely handle his vessel in all but the most serious wave heights. His vessel can travel thousands of miles without refueling.

The Captain of the *Alexandra* holds the lowest license available from the Coast Guard. He will not go onto the Potomac and will not travel the Chesapeake Bay if the weather report calls for more than two-foot waves. The *Alexandra's* single tank carries only 100 gallons of gas which permits about 82 miles of travel before needing to be replenished.

Nevertheless, the Captains of the *Ever Given* and the *Alexandra* have shared the following experiences: We have both run aground. We both saw it coming. And, we both could do nothing to prevent what was about to happen.

We both used the same "S**t word when we saw it coming. And, might have had the same last thoughts just before grinding to a halt.

- "I hope that nothing serious is going to happen."
- "Why me?"

What The H**l Was That? A Seawolf class nuclear attack submarine, the *USS Connecticut*, while submerged hit something on October 2, 2021. [Investigators have determined](#) that the sub struck an underwater mountain called a seamount. And, that the submarine grounded on the seamount damaging the hull.

It reportedly happened in the South China Sea. The sea mount was not on any of the charts in the area.

[The Captain, Executive officer and the Chief of the Boat were all relieved following the incident. The reason was a loss of confidence in their ability to command.](#) Vice Adm. Karl Thomas, commander of US 7th Fleet, determined that "sound judgment, prudent decision-making and adherence to required procedures in navigation planning, watch team

execution and risk management could have prevented the incident."

Two retired Navy friends at the marina, both of whom held significant sea commands, say that the finding of the Admiral was most likely a career-ender for all who were fired as a result of the mishap.

While nothing happens until it does and based on what has been reported so far neither retired Navy friend held much hope that these three individuals will be able to continue a normal career.

Just because we at Prince William do not drive [vessels](#) that are 40 feet wide, 353 feet long, cost [3.1 billion dollars](#), carry the latest electronic gear, and are able to travel safely (theoretically) underwater for months at a time does not mean that we may not have had the same immediate reactions as did the Captain of the *Connecticut*.

As a matter of fact, the Captain in charge of the *Alexandra* has also struck underwater hazards that were uncharted while driving a vessel that was decidedly smaller, cheaper, and without the latest electronic gear.

The Captain of the *Alexandra* also would be willing to bet that the first thoughts/words and feeling of each commander were virtually the same.

- "What the h**l was that?" or maybe "S**t."
- A sinking feeling in the pit of his stomach with the hope that nothing serious had just happened.

No Matter The Size. All it takes is a little research to find out that no matter if it is a very large ship, an ultra-hi-tech boat, or a little bitty vessel. Or, if the boat is commanded by individuals with the best training in the world and with years of experience. Or, if it is in the charge of a driver with little formal training and only a tiny, tiny fraction of their hours afloat. The same dangers are lurking for all.

To quote the late Michael Conrad who played [Sgt. Phil Esterhaus](#) in *Hill Street Blues*, "**Let's be careful out there.**"

A Quick Way To Make A Buck. Here is an interesting tidbit in which some of you might be [interested](#): Maersk shipping is chartering on a sub-lease from Yang Ming a 10,114 TEU capacity container ship for a period of 12-14 months. The vessel is named the *Express Berlin*.

Maersk is paying the Taiwanese carrier an average of \$126,000 a day. The vessel originally was leased by Yang Ming at a daily rate hire of \$27,750. Yang Ming stands to make around 41 million dollars on this deal. All US\$. Not a bad return on investment.

Maersk is happy pay up. The Maersk CEO says that they are doing everything they can to increase capacity in order to cope with the ultra-strong demand and current supply chain problems. This means chartering any container bottom it can find not already committed. It also includes raising the average speed of its current vessels.

Ship's Manifest



Amy Marshall
Membership Chair
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Happy Holidays to you and yours and may 2022 be the best year yet!

Renew your \$100 annual membership by December 31, 2021 to be eligible for the "Annual Get Your Dues Back Drawing", held at the PWM Slip Holders Party. If you paid via PayPal, you may be subscribed for auto-renew.

Memberships paid from this point forward (new or renewing) will be counted towards the 2022 Boating Season! Now is also the time to update your record if you moved slips, bought a new boat, changed your email address or anything else that changed in 2021.

We are excited to have implemented a new more streamlined process with the installation of the app Wild Apricot!

Not only can you keep up with all the events going on in Wild Apricot, but you can also find all your boating friends, update your profile and pay your dues! So convenient!

If you are a new member that joined after Sept 1, your dues are valid for this year and 2022!

You can also mail a check to:

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



Prince William Yacht Club

2021 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL



MEMBERSHIP DUES: \$100.00

Last Name (Captain) _____ Home Phone (Captain) _____

First Name (Captain) _____ Home Phone (Co-Captain) _____

Last Name (Co-Captain) _____ Work Phone (Captain) _____

First Name (Co-Captain) _____ Work Phone (Co-Captain) _____

Cell Phone (Captain) _____

Address _____ Cell Phone (Co-Captain) _____

City _____

State _____

Postal Code _____ E-mail Address (Captain) _____

Boat Name _____ E-mail Address (Co-Captain) _____

Dock _____ Slip Number _____

PWYC Burgee's are available for \$30 and payment can be submitted with your membership renewal. Burgee's will be delivered to your boat unless other arrangements are made.

**PAY ONLINE AT PWYC.ORG OR
Make Check Payable To: PWYC**

New/Renewal Membership: \$100.00

Return to:

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Treasurer’s Report



Sherry Samar
Treasurer

Treasurer’s Report

Opening Balance (checking and PayPal) on 10/01/2021:	\$ 18,879.76
Receipts (Dues, PWM Captain’s Hour contribution, interest):	\$ 2,586.48
Expenses (Seafood Boil Ice):	\$-99.22
Final balance (checking and PayPal) on 11/01/2021:	\$ 21,351.49

Years ago, we set up PayPal as a means to pay your dues electronically and when you used this option, it was set up as a subscription and your dues were automatically paid on the same date each following year unless you cancelled this automatic payment.

With the inception of Wild Apricot, you are now able to pay your dues for 2022 through Wild Apricot and we thank those of you who have used this option. As a result, the board has decided that we will cancel our PayPal account on December 4th.

Going forward we will then be able to use Wild Apricot not only for dues but for any other activities where we require payments such as the Change of Watch.

Important Note: *Check the PWYC.org website for updates or changes to the calendar.*

2021 PWYC CALENDAR

Contact Denise Guess-Parsons, Beth Lu, Carol Vasquez, Jenna Burum, or Sherri Connolly social@pwyc.org, to help with an event or captain a new one.

DECEMBER

- 11 Christmas Boat Lighting @ 5pm
- 18 Wreaths Across America at Arlington National Cemetery

Photo Contest Winners



Boats Category Winner—Sailboat Serenity

Vicky Carr

Photo Contest Winners



Places—Water Painting

Vicky Carr

Photo Contest Winners



Wildlife — Blue Heron

Vicky Carr

Photo Contest Winners



People — Commodore Pirates

Kris McHarg

Photo Contest Winners



Humor — Nap Time

Vicky Carr

Photo Contest Winners



Grand Prize — DC Fireworks

Stephanie Burget

2021 DOCK REPRESENTATIVES

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H	Lou & Pat Ward	“Perfect Timing”	H-30	hdockrep@pwyc.org
I	Chris & Sabrina Salter	“Salty Breeze”	I-29	idockrep@pwyc.org
J	Vacant			jdockrep@pwyc.org
K	Jim & Judy Khoury	“Judy Blue Eyes”	K-20	kdockrep@pwyc.org
L	Arthur & Rebecca Fernandes	“The Getaway”	L-17	ldockrep@pwyc.org
Boatel	Joe Peruzzi	“Out of the Blue”	Boatel	boatelrep@pwyc.org



Frank Murray

Lifeline Editor

Coming in Hot!!! (G-27)

Monthly publications of Prince William Yacht Club

All articles, photographs, and announcements must be received by the 10th of each month. The Lifeline will be published on or around the 20th of each month.

Happy Holidays from our Shmoo to yours!

