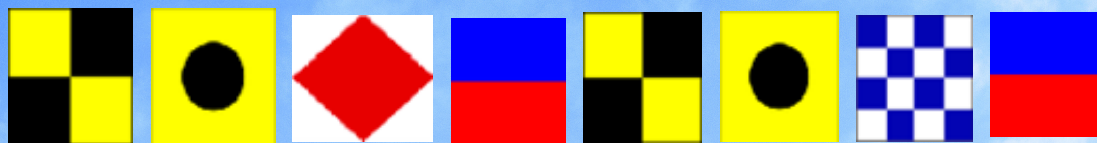


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THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE PRINCE WILLIAM YACHT CLUB

<https://www.pwyc.org>

FEBRUARY 2024

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Boatel: Joe Peruzzi
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 B Dock: Julie Finacchiaro & Keith Clouser
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 D Dock: Matt Shaw, David & Michelle Gordon
 E Dock: Nicholas Roper
 F Dock: **Vacant - seeking volunteer**
 G Dock: Charlotte Blane
 H Dock: Joy & Walt Heuer
 I Dock: Chris & Sabrina Salter
 J Dock: PWM Sales Dock
 K Dock: Jason & Shannon Leydig
 L Dock: **Vacant- seeking volunteer**

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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- 6 Vessel Safety Checks (VSC)
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COMMODORE'S CORNER

Jim Khoury, Commodore
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Happy New Year to All Friends and Families! I sincerely hope all had a joyous and exciting holiday and are ready to slide into the upcoming season with renewed vitality and anticipation of the fun activities in store for the upcoming 2024 Boating Season! As the weather continues to be moderate, the “winter blues” aren’t as severe as they normally would be, but we still feel the loss of our favorite pastime throughout the off-season.

So... your Board of Directors, Flag Officers, Fleet Captains, and others have been working in the background to put together an event-filled season to allow your club to hit the ground running while establishing a really fun-filled boating season for all to enjoy!

First, I would like to say that I am humbled by the trust and support given to me by this club to allow me to lead this organization along the same path that my predecessors have accomplished so well. You all have left the club a better place to be over the years, and my hopes are to move forward with the same mindset and success that we all have been afforded over the years. It is a wonderful group of welcoming and friendly people that have accepted both Judy and I as their own, and certainly will do the same for all newcomers that want to participate in the many activities of the organization.

The Social Committee, headed up by chair Shannon Leydig has been hard at work putting together a monthly calendar which will be filled with the normal activities the PWYC conducts throughout the season, while still permitting a few weekends available to enable us to be flexible in the event of bad weather or other conflicts in schedules. Please remember to consult our website events calendar frequently for new events, changes, and current scheduled activities. You will be able to register for, reserve space, or even pay for some events not included in dues. Go to <https://pwyc.org> for all active updates going on with our club. Our webmaster is always hard at work keeping the pages updated.



COMMODORE'S CORNER CONT.

Our editor of the Life Line Monthly Newsletter is working on some format changes and articles of interest to all. If you have anything you would like to see in print, if it's related to the club and its activities, or something going on and in the Potomac and its related waterways, please contact her at newsletter@pwyc.org.

Vice Commodore Mike Strano will be working on and presenting us with the plans for all land-based operations. So, when it's time to party on the docks or in the BBH... Mike is your "man of the hour"!

Rear Commodore Jason Leydig is currently laying out the water-based opportunities for the upcoming season. With plenty of local experience, Jason will certainly put together an excellent cruising itinerary for the season.

In the interest of space, I want to express gratitude to all Board members not individually mentioned here; your participation and assistance will certainly have a positive effect on the success of the club!

I would like to remind everyone that our annual Change of Watch (CoW) is coming up on February 3rd. The CoW is a premier event held by your Yacht Club that celebrates the installation of your new officers. This event has all the makings of a "town wedding". Open bar with top shelf liquors, DJ music by our own Kelly Behm, and an after-party bar-none sponsored by our Marina! It's only \$115 per person for members and their guests, and \$150 P/P for non-members – (another good reason to join the club!) If you'd like to arrange for an overnight stay at the Springfield Hilton, deeply discounted rates have been arranged for PWYC CoW attendees. I highly recommend that you join us– you will not be disappointed!

We have a new schedule for the upcoming season formulated and ready for your perusal. The social committee and our Rear Commodore have put together a robust schedule while still setting aside many weekends for the enjoyment of your boating adventures at your own comfort level. I'd say they balanced the time quite well, so please access the calendar on the PWYC website to see what's in store for the season. A downloadable version will be available, but always be sure to check the website in the event something forces a schedule change.

The club's Opening Day is right around the corner, so be on the lookout for that in the coming months, as well as the VSCs and BS&S training classes sponsored by the USCGAUX and PWM.



COMMODORE'S CORNER CONT.

Now my last plug for volunteers as the season is ramping up... The PWYC is powered by the active volunteerism and the generosity of the general membership. The huge success of all events, including dock parties, brunches, pool parties, dock crawls, etc., are the direct result of the efforts by the people of our boating community... Won't you please consider jumping in with both feet to make our club the amazing success it has always been – maybe your input will make it even better!

See you all on the docks!

All the best to you in the upcoming season,
Jim Houry
Commodore, Prince William Yacht Club



VICE COMMODORE THOUGHTS

Mike Strano, Vice Commodore
At Ease, G-21
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Happy and Healthy New Year 2024 to all! I hope all had a wonderful Holiday season!

While I believe most know me, for those who don't, please allow me to introduce myself. I'm Mike Strano. My wife Teresa and I have been members of the Prince William Yacht Club and have owned "At Ease" on G-Dock since April of 2020. We have been the G-Dock representatives since then.

I grew up around boats and saltwater fishing in Southern New Jersey, in the Great Bay and the ocean off Atlantic City and Long Beach Island. My interest in boats and ships led me to the Navy, where I was fortunate to attend the Naval Academy in Annapolis. My Navy career allowed me to sail and visit many places in and around the Caribbean, Mediterranean, Red and Arabian Seas, the Persian Gulf, and circumnavigate South America. Besides Destroyers and Frigates, I commanded a Mine Hunter, a Guided Missile Frigate, and a Destroyer Squadron of 11 ships. When not at sea, I was stationed at the Pentagon on different staffs in the Defense Budget world.

In 2018, we started boating on the Chesapeake Bay around Annapolis on our 20 foot Wellcraft. After two seasons, we were lucky to find our current boat at Prince William Marina. After meeting several of you, we wanted to join the Yacht Club, make trips and participate in the social activities. We look forward to many adventures with you.

I would like to start this article off with my appreciation and thanks for the previous PWYC leadership teams that introduced us to the Yacht Club, and guided us through learning about boating on the Potomac and taking longer trips, eventually to the Chesapeake Bay. Our previous Bridge of Commodore Rick McHarg, Vice Commodore Jim Khoury, and Rear Commodore Scott Parsons, they always made us feel welcome, and organized many trips over the past years that brought members together. To our previous Social Captain Denise Parsons, your tireless efforts over the years provided any great social events and activities that we all enjoyed. To our Immediate Past



VICE COMMODORE THOUGHTS (CONT.)

Commodores Mike Connolly and J. Gaston before him, you have my appreciation for your support and guidance throughout. From our first boat trip in 2020 to Colonial Beach where J. Gaston and Scott Parsons were on the dock helping guide me backing our boat into a large, long slip and tying up for the first time, through to the present, all have been instrumental in making this Yacht Club what it is today – a feeling of a second family and friendship.

It's a privilege and honor to serve as your Vice Commodore. I am humbled by the support everyone has given to me. I look forward to planning and bringing you our land-based Yacht Club activities and events, such as Opening Day, Captain's Hour(s), Dock Parties, the Seafood Boil, and assist the Dock Reps with their needs to be successful. In any organization, communication to all is important. I will work to ensure all information related to PWYC activities is properly disseminated – through our website, flyers posted, and through discussions on the docks. I am also happy to help wherever needed afloat and in small groups as well.

I look forward to serving under and supporting our new Commodore, Jim Khoury, and working with our new Rear Commodore Jason Leydig, Social Captain Shannon Leydig, and everyone to plan and help with exciting events. We have a great Flag Officer and Fleet Captain team working on your behalf. We hope to come up with events and activities that will not only continue to make the Club seem like family, but help encourage new participation and grow our boating community.

I want to thank all of the Dock Reps that have come forward as volunteers for their respective docks. Your volunteerism is crucial to the success of the Club.

As listed on the website, the following is a current list of active Dock Representatives for the upcoming season. Please let me know of any changes that are needed.

Dock Reps

A-Dock Vacant - Seeking Volunteer

B-Dock Julie Finocchiaio & Keith Clouser

C-Dock Vacant - Seeking Volunteer

D-Dock Matt Shaw, David and Michelle Gordon



VICE COMMODORE THOUGHTS (CONT.)

E-Dock	Nicholas Roper
F-Dock	Vacant - Seeking Volunteer
G-Dock	Charlotte Blane
H-Dock	Joy & Walt Heuer
I-Dock	Chris and Sabrina Salter
J-Dock	PWM Sales dock
K-Dock	Shannon and Jason Leydig
L-Dock	Vacant - Seeking Volunteer
Boatel	Joe Peruzzi

(Note: the PWYC email address for each rep is xdocrep@pwyc.org. The Boatel's Rep is boateldockrep@pwyc.org)

As you can see, we are short four Dock Representatives. If anyone would consider becoming the Dock Rep for A, C, F, or L Docks, please contact me and I will be happy to answer any questions you may have, and get the information you need to you.

The upcoming boating season schedule will be posted shortly, if it hasn't already. We have many upcoming events. Opening Day will be on April 20th, and will be here before you know it. We have our Change of Watch dinner scheduled for February 3rd (we still have room for more to sign up to attend), and our PWM Slip Holders Party is scheduled for February 11th to coincide with Super Bowl Sunday. This event is hosted by the Marina as appreciation to the Slip Holders. We have a USCG safe boating class scheduled as well as multiple opportunities to sign up for a USCG Vessel Safety Checks. We will put out specific dates as we get closer. There is a Chantilly Dulles Expo Boat Show scheduled for March 8th through the 10th, where the Marina will have boats and a booth, and the Yacht Club will have a table.

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.

I anticipate that 2024 will be a fantastic boating season, and look forward to spending time with many of you, both at the Marina and out on the water!

All the best,
Mike Strano
Vice Commodore PWYC



REAR COMMODORE

Jason Leydig, Rear Commodore
IV Nauti Pleasures, K-27
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Hello, happy new year from your Rear Commodore. My name is Jason Leydig and my wife is Shannon Leydig your Social Chair. We look forward to an eventful and exciting 2024 boating season.

As for me. I grew up in Woodbridge / Dale City area and spent my summers enjoying the Potomac River. Everything from swimming to fishing, boating, tubing, and some jet skiing. As a couple Shannon and I started boating back in 2007, we started out boating in a 246 Chaparral. Over the years our boating needs have changed, and we are currently on boat number 6. We are docked @ K-27 with a Sea Ray 510 (IV Nauti Pleasures) which we absolutely love. We have two kids Taylor, 23 and Brad, 27 and one beautiful granddaughter Rosalia. So yes... We are empty nesters. Living the best life. Just not retired. LOL

Most of our free time is spent at PWM. We have truly become part of the PWM family and embraced everything the marina has to offer. As I mentioned earlier, we are looking forward to an eventful and exciting 2024 boating season.

If you happen to see either one of us around the marina and we haven't met, please stop us, and introduce yourself. I can't wait to see everyone at the slip holder's party.

Jason Leydig
Rear Commodore
K-27
IV Nauti Pleasures



SAFETY OFFICER

Bob Schwartz, Safety Officer
Alexandra, F-12
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Your Checklists Really, Really Help

As normal, what follows are the thoughts of one person. Everyone is on their own out there.

Atul Gawande is a surgeon who wrote a great book titled, *The Checklist Manifesto How To Get Things Right*, Henry Holt & Co., 2009. He provides numerous examples of how operating room personnel use checklists to save lives.

According to Wikipedia, a checklist is an aid used to reduce the chances of failure or a poor performance by compensating for potential limits of human memory and attention. According to those who use checklists, one that is properly constructed can help to ensure consistency and completeness in carrying out a task.

People who make use of checklists vary from airline pilots, to surgeons, to those of us who use a grocery shopping list. Boaters at Prince William Marina certainly fall somewhere on this continuum.

Some questions on a checklist may appear to be obvious. For example, on YouTube is a 21 minute and 12 second video outlining a trip on an Air France 747 from Paris, France to Mexico City, Mexico.

At about the 10 minute and 38 second mark the plane is being brought in for the landing and the Captain asks the co-pilot to read to him out loud the landing checklist. It is a short checklist. One of the questions on the check list is whether or not the landing gear is down (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8JT-a02n_CQ).

Putting together unique checklists or Googling topics such as “Anchoring Checklist” or “How to Raft Up With Other Boats” is a great way to spend the non-boating months.



SAFETY OFFICER CONT.

Here Here is one way to start putting together a checklist. Remember that checklists even on the same type of vessel may vary depending on how the vessel is used. (<https://www.canva.com/learn/ultimate-guide-creating-check>).

Step 1—Do a brain dump by writing down everything thought to be important to complete the task. Don't hold back. Make the list as comprehensive as possible. Thoughts can be eliminated later on.

Step 2—Organize/prioritize. Figure out which items are the most important and or urgent. Eliminate items when necessary.

Step 3—Assemble the most important items into a checklist in order of priority.

Step 4--Continue to add, eliminate, and re-arrange items as needed to help an audience understand what is wanted.

Developing decent checklists for our purposes while not unreasonably difficult usually takes some thought. If one Googles the words “Making A Good Checklist,” a ton of helpful sources will pop up.

Checklists are especially valuable when we are forced outside of our comfort zone. For example, preparing to leave the slip on a beautiful summer day for a day on the water with guests aboard is a situation ripe for forgetting something important. And, we all know how distracting children can be.

There is no reason, for example, to attempt to exit a slip at Prince William Marina before dropping an aft spring line, travel the Potomac with fenders flapping in the wind, or neglecting to brief inexperienced guests on proper safety while on the water.

Here is a **SAMPLE** checklist to use when first entering a vessel until exiting a slip.

- Turn on the battery switches.
- Check oil, fluids, belts, batteries, generator oil, connections, clamps, etc. in the bilge.
- Turn on the blower switch. Let it run for at least 4 minutes.
- Take down and store the curtains. Make sure the clips are in place.
- Turn off all 120/12 volt switches and the shore power switch at the distribution box.
- Bring up PFDs, clothes, chart book, binoculars, flag, secure the refrigerator.
- Turn on the ignition keys. Start the engines. Wait until the operating temperature hits 170 degrees. During cold weather, push in the black buttons and advance the throttles.



SAFETY OFFICER CONT.

- Turn on any needed 12 volt appliances at the distribution box.
- Center and lock the helm seat and place the riser in front of the helm.
- Turn on the VHF/depth finder/GPS/set the 3500 shallow water depth alarm if desired/Make sure the AIS is turned on.
- Center the steering wheel in preparation for leaving the slip.
- Check on the throttle handle. Be sure that the stern drives are in and the bow is down. Check that the trim tabs on the dash are all the way bow up.
- Disconnect and store the yellow shore power cord.
- Check for floating debris around the boat and in the fairway.
- Take in the fenders and lines in the proper order after observing the wind, tide, etc.
- Turn off the blower.
- Put out the flag.
- Look both ways before leaving the slip.
- Give one prolonged 4 to 6 second blast of the horn before leaving the slip.
- Give one prolonged 4 to 6 second blast of the horn before exiting the fairway and entering the river.

Here is a SAMPLE guest(s) aboard checklist.

- We need to go over some things before we leave the dock.
 - ✓ Stop me if you have any question.
- The object for today is enjoyment.
 - ✓ No one has to go anywhere.
 - ✓ Let me know if you want to return to the dock and we will return
 - ✓ Let me know if you feel sick while on the boat and we will deal with it.
- Things can happen quickly due to wind, waves, swells, rain, other boats, etc.
 - ✓ When you move around there should be one hand for you and one for the boat.
 - ✓ Three points of contact.
 - ✓ Hold on, preferably with two hands, to something solid when standing.
- On this boat, it is illegal to ride on the bow.
- Run through putting on the life jackets.
 - ✓ There is nothing wrong with wearing a jacket full time.
 - ✓ On this vessel underway, children under 13 must wear an appropriate Coast Guard-approved PFD, unless they are below decks or in an enclosed cabin.
 - ✓ Keep the life jackets in a handy place if they are not being worn.
- No helping with anything unless asked.



SAFETY OFFICER CONT.

- Keep hands and feet inside the boat at all times.
- Stay seated when leaving the slip and docking.
- We want to take as much weight as possible when going on plane.
 - ✓ I will warn you when we are about to go on plane.
 - ✓ Move off the back bench, spread out, and remain sitting.
- Show location of emergency flares.
- Explain channel 16 on the radio.
- Explain how to give latitude and longitude if the chart plotter is on.
- Show the location of the first aid kit.
- Show the locations of the fire extinguishers.
 - ✓ Show how to use the fire extinguishers.
- Explain what to do if someone falls overboard.
 - ✓ Whoever first sees the person fall into the water yells “Man Overboard.”
- Whoever first sees the person fall overboard points and keeps pointing to the person.
- Whoever first sees the overboard person, NEVER takes their eye off the person and NEVER stop pointing at the person in the water.
- Someone else jettisons quickly anything that floats as close to the person as possible.
- Everyone else puts on their life jackets.
- Using the head.
 - ✓ We will use the on-board head when necessary.
 - ✓ Does anyone have to use the restroom before we leave the dock.
 - ✓ Only the special toilet paper.



NEWS FROM THE TREASURER

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



Happy New Year! I am beyond excited about the opportunity to be the new Treasurer for PWYC. I look forward to meeting everyone in person; in the meantime, here is a little about me:

My husband, David, and I are pretty new to boating and are going on our third year here at PW Marina and PWYC with our boat, Soggy Dollar. Yes, we spent some time down in the USVIs many moons ago and fell in love with the bar on Jost Van Dyke in the BVIs which was the inspiration. I was raised here in Northern Virginia, went to college at JMU (Go Dukes!) and have been a Realtor since 2012. David is a general contractor, so we always have a lot to talk about, aside from our kids and the boat, of course. It has been enjoyable working with Sherry Samar during this transition and I sincerely appreciate her endless support.

Looking forward to being a part of this amazing group and cannot wait for the events planned for the 2024 boating season. See you at the Change of Watch on Feb 3rd !

You can contact me directly at treasurer@PWYC.org or 703.489.1627.

PWYC TREASURER'S REPORT	
12/01/2023 - 12/31/2023	
INCOME	
Membership	\$ 3,400.00
Change of Watch	\$ 1,840.00
Burgee Sales	\$ 40.00
<u>Interest</u>	<u>\$ 0.24</u>
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 5,280.24
EXPENSES	
National Harbor	\$ 40.00
Closing Day	\$ 210.14
Change of Watch Deposit	\$ 500.00
Special Support Award	\$ 29.99
<u>Wild Apricot Expense</u>	<u>\$ 181.41</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 961.54
Checking account balance as of 12/29/2023 \$ 30,193.45	



SOCIAL CHAIR

Shannon Leydig, Social Committee Chair
IV Nauti Pleasures, K-27
social@pwyc.org

Jason and I began boating on the Potomac River in 2007 with our Chaparral 246, which was quickly traded in for a 250 and then onto a 350. As life happens we took a hiatus from boating in 2011-2018 while our daughter, Taylor, started a very hectic travel softball schedule. Taylor went onto play D-1 softball and now coaches her D-1 Alma Mater.

In 2018, we knew it was time to get back to the water and our 'happy place', so we purchased a Sea Ray 380 and became part of the PWM Family. As was the case with the 246 years ago, we quickly moved onto a Sea Ray 470, with a bit of encouragement from some great friends. The 470 was amazing and really opened the world of longer travel and nights on the hook. We quickly 'outgrew' the 470 and knew we wanted to extend our boating season and be done with the dreaded canvas, so we moved up to our Sea Ray 510 in the fall of 2022. While we didn't get to enjoy her much last summer due to our first granddaughter Rosalia Noel making her appearance in the world, we look forward to many trips and nights on the hook this summer. Don't worry, Rosalia LOVES boating. She was just a mere 3 weeks old when we had her out for her first adventure.

I'm truly looking forward to serving as your Social Committee Chair this year. I know I have some big shoes.



MEMBERSHIP

Welcome to all new and renewing members!

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

Note: Starting September 1, any new or renewing member will be active for the rest of the 2023 season and the full 2024 season.

2024 Membership (from 09/01/2023 – 01/05/2023)

112 members
109 renewals/new members
3 members paid by Prince William Marina

2023 Membership

118 members
106 renewals/new members
12 members paid by PWM

2022 (09/01/2021-1/06/2022)

132 members
120 renewals
12 paid by PWM

2021 (09/01/2020-1/06/2021)

91 members
84 renewals
7 paid by PWM

- 109 MEMBERS MAY BE ENTERED INTO GET YOUR DUES BACK DRAWING AT THE SLIPHOLDERS PARTY
- BURGEES FOR SALE: \$30 IF YOU PICK UP AT MARINA; \$40 IF YOU WANT IT MAILED TO YOU
- YOU CAN INDICATE IF YOU WANT A MEMBERSHIP PACKET OR NOT USING THE TICKBOX IN YOUR MEMBERSHIP RECORD IN WILD APRICOT



WEBMASTER

Mike Manning, Webmaster
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webmaster@pwyc.org

Happy New Year! It was great seeing everyone at the holiday lighting and so much participation! There are some pictures on the website and hopefully you walked away inspired for 2024.

I'm working the transition of legacy bridge to new bridge with respect to emails and archiving pictures/flyers etc. I'm archiving the last few years (e.g., 2022 and older) If you need/want copies from a specific event, please email me. It's my goal to have these administrative tasks completed before we dewinterize.

As soon as the Social Chair and Bridge agree to the 2024 boating season calendar, I'll start posting events. In the meanwhile, if you see any articles that would benefit the PWYC/PWM family, please let me know so I can make them available!



You are cordially invited to attend

*Annual Prince William Yacht Club
Change of Watch Gala*

to be held at:

The Springfield Hilton

6550 Loisdale Rd

Springfield VA 22150

Saturday, February 3, 2024

Seven O' Clock P.M.

Formal/Cocktail Attire

Cost \$115pp - Members

\$150pp - Non-Members

RSVP Required by January 15, 2024

For menu selections and RSVP please visit www.pwyc.org

For Non-Members or questions - please contact

Shannon Leydig at 703-675-9942 or via email at social@pwyc.org

Special room rates available at:

[PWYC CoW Hilton Reservation Link](#)

or by calling 800-774-1500 and use Code CWG24



EVENTS IN & AROUND THE MARINA



PRYCA COW INVITATION & REGISTRATION

Prince William Yacht Club (PWYC) is a member club of Potomac River Yacht Clubs Association (PRYCA). As a member club, all our members are invited to attend the PRYCA Change of Watch (COW). Below is the invitation, sign-up deadline: Jan 12 (however they often extend the deadline).

POTOMAC RIVER YACHT CLUB ASSOCIATION COW 2024, January 26-27, 2024

Please click the link below and register for the PRYCA 2024 COW.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2024-pryca-change-of-watch-tickets-782621841997>

The location is new and the event will be very exciting and new for the PRYCA! Looking forward to your attendance. Be sure to sign up soon. This event almost always sells out!!!

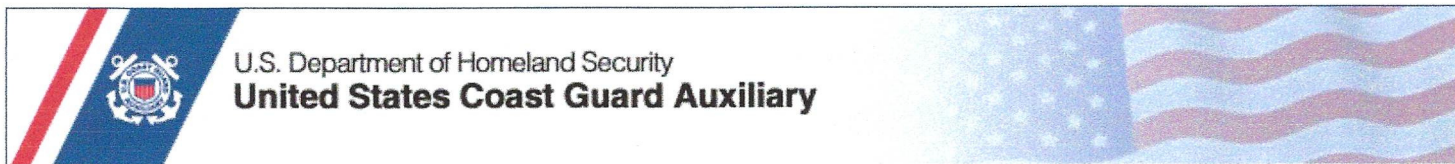
The link for the hotel will be sent to all registrants so that you may participate in the block of rooms that we have reserved for this event for that weekend!!!

Thanks!

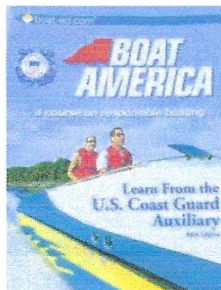
Sincerely,

Tony Ford

Vice Commodore, PRYCA



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:	1
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:	\$35
Register By:	Fri, 15 Mar 2024
Website:	Click for additional information.
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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

