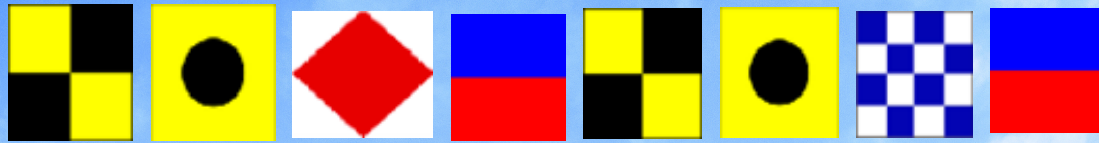


# LIFELINE



THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE PRINCE WILLIAM YACHT CLUB

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B Dock: Julie Finacchiaro & Keith Clouser  
C Dock: **Vacant - seeking volunteer**  
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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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### FEBRUARY

17 PWYC Brunch

### MARCH

- 2 PWYC Board Meeting
- 2 Brunch, Pot-Luck
- 14 Occoquan River Safety Forum
- 16 USCG Boating Safety Course
- 23 Employee Appreciation Dinner



## COMEDY CORNER

How Midwesterners cope with the fact that there are 72 more days until spring





## COMMODORE'S MESSAGE

**Jim Khoury, Commodore  
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**I cannot believe I am writing about March already! Still looking back on the Christmas Holidays like it was last week... Anyhow, the weather patterns have been fairly forgiving this off-season with 70-to-80-degree days in January and February. I'll take that anytime – thank you!**

**Your Yacht Club had a marvelous Change of Watch Celebration in early February. The planning and roll out went flawlessly. Everyone, including yours truly, had a great time. Our Social Chair and team did a great job orchestrating a terrific event. PWYC Webmaster Mike Manning has posted some pictures on the website. If you weren't there, there's always next year!**

**With Spring just around the corner, thoughts of getting your vessel ready for the upcoming season are sure to be haunting you regularly... Me too!**

**We have several events on the docket for this month as we approach the season opener – mostly related to safety, training, and preparation for the boating season – which will be upon us before we know it.**

**The first weekend of March has a Board Meeting, (open to all members in good standing), followed by a Potluck Brunch to help stave off the winter boating blues!**

**The Safety Committee, headed up by Bob Schwartz, is having its bi-annual meeting with the various authorities and businesses related to the river and related cruising areas to discuss planning and safety resolutions. This forum will be held on 14 March at the EP. See the website for details. The USCG Aux is having a BS&S class (Boating Safety & Seamanship) on 16 March, sponsored by Prince William Marina. Training and a certificate of completion is MANDATORY, so if you don't have your safety training card yet, now is the time to get it done. See the website for information and register with Teresa Allen from PWM.**



## COMMODORE'S MESSAGE CONT.

Our marina has again held an amazing Slipholders Appreciation event with food and drink at the Electric Palm. Once again, a special thank you to Carlton and family for your support! We always look forward to Superball Sunday, and PWM's Slipholders Party in February!

On 23 March, PWYC is sponsoring the annual PWM Employee Appreciation Dinner. We hold this event annually to show appreciation to the folks at PWM that dedicate their work to keeping us up and running during the season. These folks really do care about our members, so we take great pleasure in giving something back in return. It's a pot-luck style event, usually with a theme for food items. We ask that all members attending bring a dish to share. Look to the website for planning.

The "Spring Equinox" is Tuesday, March 19th. Even though most meteorologists feel that the first day of Spring should be on March 1st... The Equinox is really the official 1st day of Spring.

Our Cherry Blossom Cruise is coming up in early April but stay tuned for any possible date shift as a result of the current temperatures. We'll try to actually see some blossoms this year.

Also... PWYC Opening Day is coming up in mid-April... Check out our website for dates and registrations. More information for April in the next publication of Lifeline.

If you have any questions or need to speak with any of us, please feel free to email or call any Board Member.

Stay tuned to communications from our Flag Officers & Fleet Captains for events, cruises, educational seminars, and social gatherings. If you aren't receiving regular notifications from your club, notify the Webmaster to assist you with the mailings. Webmaster Mike Manning also encourages you if you see articles that would be beneficial to the club, please send him links so he can post them.

Hoping to see you all soon...





## VICE COMMODORE THOUGHTS

**Mike Strano, Vice Commodore**  
**At Ease, G-21**  
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**As I write this, we are approaching Super Bowl Weekend and the Prince William Marina Slipholders' Party. It's 61 degrees out now, heading to 63 this weekend! Even though Winter isn't over, this is the time of year that all thoughts seem to focus on how many days until we can dewinterize our boats and get out on the water.**

**Last weekend we held the traditional "Change of Watch" gala at the Springfield Hilton Hotel, and officially installed the 2024 Bridge. It was a fabulous evening of recognition, thank "you's", dinner and dancing well into the night, followed by a pajama after-party in the hotel bar/restaurant. I want to personally thank PWYC Social Chair Shannon Leydig and her committee for the tremendous planning of changing venues and executing this year's CoW. Additionally, thanks to MC Doug Burum, who kept things on schedule, and finally, thanks to PWM for the after-party food and drink.**

**Now that the CoW and soon-to-be Slipholders' party are complete, planning will begin for opening day on April 20th. The details for that day will be out in the next edition of the Lifeline.**

**The Dulles Expo/Chantilly Boat Show is scheduled for March 8th through the 10th. Mark your calendars and check it out. PWM will have a booth there and the Yacht Club will have a table with information as well. You always find that much needed item that your boat (or you) needs at a boat show.**

**We have a USCG Boat Safety Class being offered on Saturday, March 16th upstairs at the Blue Bath House by the pool. In addition, we have USCG Vessel Safety Checks scheduled for April 6th and 13th. Information on how to sign-up will be published as we get closer.**

**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**



## **VICE COMMODORE THOUGHTS (CONT.)**

past, this has been well received and no matter the 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. As we get closer, we will announce details on how to sign up. There will be a minimal cost of \$25 per person. Depending on the response and feedback, we can offer more classes later in the year.

Socially, we have brunches scheduled for February 17th and March 2nd upstairs in the Blue Bath House (check the website for times and sign-up).

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 by attending.

I again want to thank all the Dock Reps that have come forward as volunteers for their respective docks. Your volunteerism is crucial to the success of the Club. Their names are listed on the website. We still need volunteers for A, C, F, and L Docks. Dock Reps are important for greeting new members of their dock, answering questions about the Yacht Club and events, the Marina, or boating on the Occoquan and Potomac Rivers in general. If you have a boat on those docks, please consider volunteering. It would be greatly appreciated. I was a dock rep for four seasons and am happy to answer any questions if you are considering it.

That’s it for this edition. Please remember to checkout the Social and Cruise Calendar that is on the PWYC website (<https://pwyc.org>). Check it frequently to stay on top of the upcoming events. 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](mailto:vicecommodore@pwyc.org), or you can text my cell phone at (703) 598-4976.

Looking forward to the Slipholders’ Party, hope to see many of you there!

# CHANGE OF WATCH PHOTOS





## REAR COMMODORE

Jason Leydig, Rear Commodore  
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It's hard to believe that we are already half way through February. Before we know it we'll be dewinterizing our boats and heading out on the open waters.

Speaking of open waters, be sure to keep an eye on the calendar, which will be published this week for the list of all events for the season. Being your Rear Commodore means that I am in charge of planning all of the on water events. I think we have put together a great mix of both land and water events for this season. We hope you can make it to some or all as your schedules allow. Keep in mind, the raft-ups and cruises aren't just for the larger 'cruisers'. We invite and encourage all day boaters to join us! For the further cruises that you may not be able to or want to bring your boat, we will be putting information out about local hotels so you can join us and partake in the festivities of the weekend.

A quick glance at the upcoming water events:

- 4/6 – Cherry Blossom Cruise (\*subject to change dates due to 'peak' blossoms)
- 5/25-5/27 – Mattawoman Raft-Up
- 6/14-6/16 – Father's Day Cruise to Colonial Beach
- 7/4 – DC Fireworks
- 7/5-7/7 – Three Sisters Raft-Up
- 7/18-7/21 – Cruise to St. Michael's
- 8/16-8/19 – Cruise to Soloman's Island
- 9/14 – Patriot Cruise \*\*

While Patriot Cruise is not specifically a PWYC event, this is a great organization we are proud to support. If you haven't heard of Patriot Cruise, please reach out so we can discuss. Keep an eye out for more information about upcoming meetings and events.

We will be finalizing all cruise and raft-up details in the next couple weeks and will be getting all information out on the website – so be sure to keep an eye on the calendar.

Feel free to call, email or text me if you have any questions, suggestions or just to chat.



# SAFETY OFFICER

Bob Schwartz, Safety Officer  
Alexandra, F-12  
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## Your Anchorage Etiquette

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

Most people keeping their vessels at Prince William Marina (PWM) will spend a fair amount of time during the boating season with their anchor dropped or “on the hook.” Believe it or not, there is an etiquette to follow while entering, when dropping the hook, or while leaving any anchorage.

Popular locations, such as Mattawoman Creek or Three Sisters in Georgetown can get crowded on a nice summer weekend. Finding a safe spot and following anchorage etiquette can be challenging.

**Anchorage Etiquette:** If planning to anchor out for the day, it is wise to arrive early at the chosen spot. It is way better to be among the earliest arrivals than among the latest.

Proper anchorage etiquette is that the first vessel into an anchorage sets the precedent with respect to the length of rode out and swing for those arriving afterwards. This does not mean that one should be using a scope of 12-to-1 when a scope of half that is appropriate. It does mean that we should be leaving adequate scope out if we are overnighting or going ashore.

Estimating the swing of a nearby vessel is difficult especially if the anchored vessel is not moving. Under normal conditions, the amount of rode let out is from five to seven times the present depth of the water, plus any tidal change, plus the height of the deck above the water line. There is nothing wrong with hailing a vessel on 16 and asking them how much rode they have out before you settle in.





## **SAFETY (CONT.)**

The amount of rode needed can easily change depending on water and weather conditions. For peace of mind and safety it probably is wise to avoid any problems and either move if an arriving vessel is perceived to be anchored too close or look for a Plan B location before dropping the hook. The information in this BoatUS link does a good job describing scopes.<https://www.boatus.com/expert-advice/expert-advice-archive/2021/june/how-to-anchor>

Excessive sound from a vessel, excessive cooking smell from a vessel, excessive wake upon entering an anchorage, lights that are too bright emanating from a vessel, and dropping the hook too close to a boat already anchored are five things that effect anchorage etiquette no matter the size of a boat. Dare we check the one(s) of which we have been guilty in the past.

Here are a couple of sources on anchorage etiquette.

Blackwell, Happy Hooking-The Art of Anchoring, Barnes and Noble, October 2011.

<http://cruising.coastalboating.net/Seamanship/Anchoring/Etiquette.html>

<https://www.boatus.com/expert-advice/expert-advice-archive/2017/december/anchoring-etiquette>

**Plan B:** Sometimes, there is no room for us in the place we want to anchor. We need to find another place. This is what we should look for in a Plan B location.

- 1.Shelter from all wind directions.
- 2.Flat water.
- 3.Good holding such as sand or mud.
- 4.Room to swing through a 360-degree arc without hitting anything on top of or under the water.
- 5.Tidal effects to be sure that there will be enough water under the keel.
- 6.Being sure we are always outside the channel.

Here are a couple of sources for review.

<https://www.rya.org.uk/e-news/inbrief/the-perfect-anchorage>

<https://sailingwizard.com/perfect-anchorage/>



## NEWS FROM THE TREASURER

Michelle Gordon, Treasurer  
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### PWYC TREASURER'S REPORT 01/01-2024 - 01/31/2024

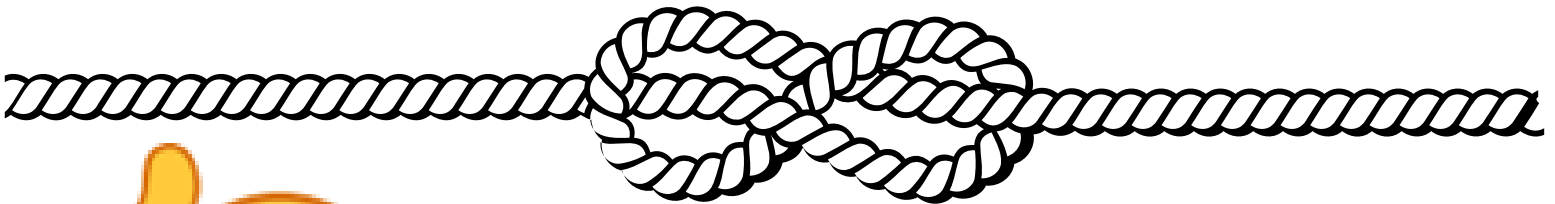
#### INCOME

Membership	\$ 4,000.00
Change of Watch	\$ 3,910.00
PWM for CoW After Party	\$ 700.00
Interest	\$ 0.30
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 8,610.30</b>

#### EXPENSES

2023 Closing Day/Chili Cookoff	\$ 95.02
2023 Nov Occoquan River Safety	\$ 100.00
2024 CBYA Membership Dues	\$ 150.00
<u>Wild Apricot Expense</u>	<u>\$ 173.43</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 518.45</b>

Checking account balance as of 01/31/2024 \$ 38,285.30



### ASK THE EXPERTS (YOUR FELLOW BOATERS):

#### Survey question #1:

What is your favorite place to anchor/raft-up for the day? Overnite?  
Favorite place to pull a tube?

[Please email your response to newsletter@pwyc.org NLT 10 Mar 2022]  
(See the April Lifeline for tallied results)



## SHIPS MANIFEST

**Beth Lu. Membership**

Taiwan-On, I-23

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Welcome to our newest PWYC members!

**The deadline for our 2024 Membership Directory is 29 February 2024!**

Please renew your membership and make sure your information is correct on the Wild Apricot site. Mark the box if you want a membership packet or send an email to [membership@pwyc.org](mailto:membership@pwyc.org) with your request. New packets will be available on Opening Day only for those who request one in advance.

Download the Wild Apricot Mobile App to stay connected to PWYC:



Sign in with same email address & password as 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 now for the 2024 season! 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, 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

JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
<p>6 - PWYC Board Meeting 20 - Brunch</p>	<p>3 - Change of Watch 11 - PWYC Board Meeting 17 - Brunch</p>	<p>2 - PWYC Board Meeting 2 - Brunch 14 - Occoquan Safety Forum 16 - USCG Boating Safety Class 23 - Employee Appreciation Dinner</p>
APRIL	MAY	JUNE
<p>6 - Admirals in Action Class 6 - USCG Vessel Safety Check 6 - Cherry Blossom Cruise 13 - USCG Vessel Safety Check 20 - Opening Day Ceremonies</p>	<p>11 - PWYC Board Meeting 11 - Dock Crawl 11 - USCG Vessel Safety Check 11 - USCG Boating Safety Class 18 - Blessing of the Fleet 25-27 - Mattawoman Raft Up</p>	<p>1 - PWYC Board Meeting 1 - Captains Hour 14-16 - Father's Day Cruise Colonial Beach</p>
JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
<p>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</p>	<p>3 - PWYC Board Meeting 3 - Captain's Hour 10 - Seafood Boil 16-19 - Cruise to Solomon's Island 24 - PWM Poker Run</p>	<p>5 - PWYC Board Meeting - Zoom 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</p>
OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
<p>5 - PWYC Board Meeting 5 - Captain's Hour</p>	<p>2 - Closing Day Ceremonies 2 - Chili Cook-Off 16 - Wine &amp; Paint Night</p>	<p>7 - PWYC Board Meeting 14 - PWM Christmas Boat Lighting</p>



# HOW-TO BOAT TRAINING VIDEOS

by Vicky Carr, Lifeline Editor

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

**DOCKING SINGLE ENGINE BOATS** (tune in next month for Twin Engine Docking):

**1. Dock a Single Engine Boat in 4 Simple Steps**

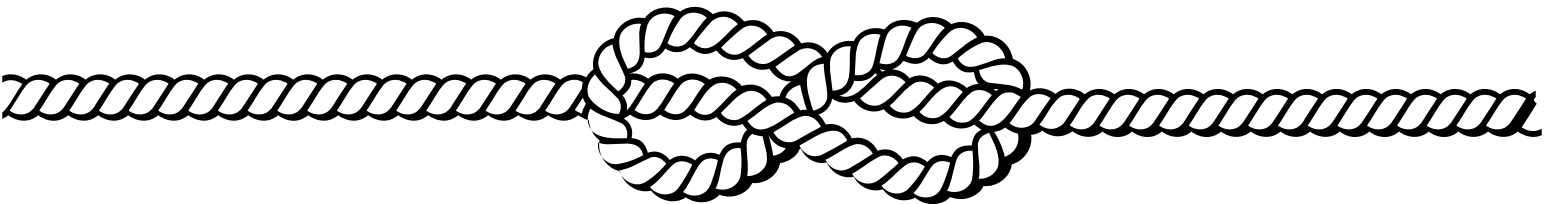
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DKc7ApaJCzQ>

**2. Back Into a Slip (Single Engine Boat)**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XWs4PNQRZMI&t=11s>

**3. Master the Pivot Turn (Single Engine Boat)**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HyhTPRXwYBQ>



by Vicky Carr, Lifeline Editor

Welcome to Knot's Landing! Each month we'll provide a link to useful videos on knot tying. This month we cast off with some basics on securing dock lines to a cleat.

[How to Cleat a Line: Three Ways | Expert Advice \(youtube.com\)](#)



# 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@pwy.org](mailto:social@pwy.org) or call/text 703-675-9942 with any questions.