



Lifeline

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

Welcome to the Dog Days of Summer

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I hope everybody enjoyed the Fourth of July celebration!

Per the Prince William Yacht Club By-Laws, we should have conducted a General Membership meeting on Opening Day. Unfortunately, the COVID-19 virus does not adhere to our By-Laws and elected to make executing a General Membership meeting too difficult. Now that your Board of Directors has gained some familiarity with virtual meetings, we want to conduct a General Membership meeting to kick-off our Founders’ Day celebration on 2 August. We’re still working on scheduled events for Founders’ Day, but please mark your calendars now: **we’ll have a General Membership meeting on 2 August starting at 1:00 pm. Since we still need to consider COVID-19 impacts, we’ll set-up a means to attend virtually.** Please look for additional information in the near future.

Another issue your Board of Directors needs to bring to your attention is unwanted visitors actually boarding our boats in the marina while the boat owners aren’t aboard. Several club members report instances of this occurring since Prince William Marina fielded the new gates with locks on the south end of the marina. We’ve not heard of any boat damage or violent confrontations. Your Board of Directors will address this with Prince William Marina. In the meantime, please be aware that we’ve experienced these events, don’t make a bad situation worse if you notice a similar event, call the police if necessary, and report the occurrence to your Dock Representative or any PWYC Officer (my email is commodore@pwyc.org). Please provide as much detail of the event as possible...who, what, when, and where.

It was great seeing so many of you at the Father’s Day Cruise! Despite COVID-19 impacts, it was a great first major water event of the boating season. Please thank Rear Commodore James Smith for a wonderful time!



Saturday's Pot Luck with our friends from Colonial Beach Yacht Club.



Here's Matt Shaw fishing from the docks at Colonial Beach...which he frequently does at Prince William Marina. Maybe now that Lisa is home, we won't see him fishing so much!



Colonial Beach, with Prince William Yacht Club in attendance, on 20 June.



A foggy morning on 21 June.

Another first for this COVID-19 boating season was the Captains Hour on 11 July, hosted by A,B,C and D Docks. Please thank Jason & Kris Blanchette for pulling this social event together!

As we look forward to more club events and hang around the docks more frequently, please keep in mind that COVID-19 is still with us. Although we're in Phase Two and may shortly move to Phase Three, this pandemic persists. Like you, I know of people who are still contracting this virus. Please remember that some of us are more at risk than others. For that matter, some of us must be cautious about bringing this virus into our homes where other family members may be susceptible. Please practice social distancing around the docks, and please keep a mask handy for times when social distancing becomes problematic.

After our Father's Day Cruise, I sent an email to the entire club about how boating requires an extra level of civility to all boaters and fraternity to our fellow club members. A number of you expressed your appreciation for the thoughts I articulated in the email. With this in mind, I offer again the list of basic principles that we should follow in order to make our on-water club events more enjoyable:

- As part of your planning efforts make sure you ask who else is leaving at the same time so that you can travel as a PWYC group.
- Please make a concerted effort to look after new boaters that may not be familiar with the destination (remember what it was like when you started boating...sometimes people are embarrassed to ask for help.).
- When you arrive at the club's destination, please adhere to the planned docking arrangements by not swapping slip assignments without first checking with the event's Cruise Captain.

- If you have issues with the destination marina, please bring it to the attention of the Cruise Captain and attending PWYC Flag Officers.

- Be extra vigilant while club members are arriving and offer assistance. Be ready to catch lines and help with hook-ups (...but ultimately when providing assistance, keep in mind that the individual at the helm is the Captain and you are a dockhand!).

- Don't start the party until all PWYC boats are in their slips or accounted for! Be prepared to get underway again if one of our dock mates requires assistance on the water.

- At the end of the club's on-water event, check on others before you cast-off. Before everybody leaves, we should make an effort to determine the sea-worthiness of all club vessels and offer appropriate assistance if anybody has boat issues.

These are just some of the principles that define the **fraternal nature of the Prince William Yacht Club**. Our club's published 2020 values of providing for a 'welcoming environment for all PWYC members' and 'fostering a safe and informed boating experience' support these principles. Let's all make an effort to examine our adherence to these principles. By doing so, everybody will be proud to fly our club burgee on the Potomac and around the Chesapeake!

Here are PWYC's upcoming events...please mark your calendars, look for additional information in this edition of the Lifeline, and get psyched-up for more fun!

25 July Pig Roast

2 August Founder's Day with a General Membership Meeting

14 – 16 August Three Sister's Raft-up

22 August E, F, G Docks Captains Hour

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

Let's keep praying for each other...

See you on the water,

Mike Connolly
Summer Daze, D-9

...AND FROM THE VICE



Rick McHarg

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I hope you all have had enough great weather recently to get out on the water. From my end of the marina (K&L Docks), I have seen the empty slips filling up like crazy as new members of the Prince William Marina take delivery of their crafts. We have had 35 new members to the Yacht club in the last 2 months! So you should be seeing many new faces around the docks and the Boatel. Many of them are new to boating, so you have a chance to offer to help out, answer a question, or grab a line.

As we are a social club, please introduce yourself, invite them to the next Captain's Hour or to join the next on the water event. While no one wishes a thing like a global pandemic to spur the sales of pleasure boats, it has brought a boon to the Marina. Michelle tells me they had about 6 new boats left in inventory last week. Incoming orders are being sold sight unseen!

So this leads me to my next observation, and that is that there is only 2 hours of on-the-water training provided by the Prince William Captains when a boat is purchased. The rest is on the water experience, and knowledge gained from the basic boating safety courses online. If you are new to boating, you must have a Virginia Boating Operators license if you are over 14 and operate a craft with over 10 hp. To get one, you have to take the online course, and the only free site is "www.boatus.org/virginia" for a course that satisfies this requirement. There are many other courses for \$29.95 or 34.95 that get you the same info but for a fee. I suggest you complete this free BoatUS course (and join BoatUS) as soon as possible to be in compliance when you launch with your family down the Occoquan river for your first adventure. Welcome the wonderful world of recreational boating!

One of the services the Marina provides when you purchase a boat is a class on servicing your boat. Service manager Doug and his crew usually do a once a month class for gasoline powered craft and one for diesel powered boats. Due to the pandemic, they suspended those classes so far, but there is talk that they will start them up again as we emerge from phase 3 restrictions. New boat owners Please take the class to save you time, \$\$, and prevent trouble out on the water.

In addition to the continued social distancing that the Commodore mentioned in his column, more boaters means more people around the marina, and that means more cars. So the parking lots are fuller and as the Electric Palm gets more activity, we all need to be aware of non-boat owners in the marina. Please be vigilant when going to and from your boat and dock. Make sure the dock gate is closed if you have a gate. **If you see unfamiliar folks on your dock, tell someone – call Carlton.** Call the onsite security guard at (703) 499-7802 or call 911, if needed. There have been incidents of intruders recently boarding boats without permission, startling their owners and occupants. Unauthorized folks have tied up at the empty T-docks to go to the restaurant. Keep your eyes open and to borrow a phrase from Homeland Security, "if you see something, say something".

Lets all be safe out there. See you on the docks. Look for the flyer on the 3-Sisters Raft up August 14-16. I'll be the Cruise Captain.

See you on the Docks!

Rick McHarg "EAGLE ONE" K-40



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REAR COMMODORE UPDATE

“These are the times that try men’s souls”

Author: Thomas Paine....English born American political activist, philosopher, theorist, revolutionary

“They say the bigger the headache, the bigger the pill”

Author: George Clinton....dealer of funky music, founder of Parliament/Funkadelic

No matter how you put, we are experiencing trying times. Yet through it all we continue to function and enjoy our chosen pastime. Obviously we are having to adjust our Summer boating schedule due to the continued onslaught of Covid-19 on our nation and our communities. Although in Virginia we are fortunate enough to be in a state where the infection rate has leveled off, we don’t have to look very far to see places where the disease is literally out of control. Covid-19 does not recognize state borders, age, race, gender or sexual orientation. It is the epitome of an equal opportunity facilitator and any one of us can be a cough away from being infected.

We were finally able to enjoy our first club cruise outing to Colonial Beach. Clearly the facility had difficulties handling the large number of boats arriving at the same time and did not provide us with the level of service we expect as a large group willing to contribute a sizable amount of money to their yacht center and the local economy. Club leadership has addressed this issue with the owner.

Going forward we are making the following adjustments to club cruise activities. Shore activities will be addressed separately.

August 14-16 Three Sisters Raft Up/Yards Marina Rick McHarg

September 4-7 Labor Day Cruise (Joint PWM event) **Need a lead**

Point Lookout or Cole’s Point)

September 18-20 Pirates Night on the Hook (Joint PWM) **Need a lead**

October 9-12 Commodores Cruise Mike Connolly

We need leads for our two September cruises. Please step up if you can. There are enough experienced boaters in our group to provide an event lead with plenty of assistance in coordinating the events.

I have previously discussed doing **At Large Cruise events**. Again these are cruises coordinated and planned by individual members. The club supports these events by passing the information on them through club communications. These can be single day activities (National Harbor, Tim's, Mattawoman) or multi-day events.

So far there are a few these events planned that I am aware of. Frank and Debbie Beatty are heading down to the Tides Inn Marina in Irvington, VA from July 31st to August 3rd. If you are interested in accompanying Frank and Debbie they can be reached at fjbeatty@gmail.com. Captain Jay Dowling has organized a cruise with the following schedule:

Marina	Arrive	Depart	Nights
Herrington Harbor South	Saturday August 22 nd	Monday August 24 th	2
Rock Hall Landing	Monday August 24 th	Wednesday August 26 th	2
Safe Harbor Oxford	Wednesday August 26 th	Friday August 28 th	2
Hyatt River Marsh	Friday August 28 th	Saturday August 29 th	1
Solomons Yachting Center	Saturday August 29 th	Sunday August 30 th	1
Prince William Marina	Sunday August 30 th		

If you are interested in cruising with Jay contact him at jay.dowling@comcast.net. I am also considering taking a cruise in late August to Elizabeth City, NC. If I go for it I tentatively plan on cruising down the Great Dismal Swamp portion on the Intercoastal Waterway. I'm told that this is a great experience which will include maneuvering through locks and dealing with scheduled bridge openings. Looking at Day 1 to Coles Point, Day 2 to Norfolk and Day 3,4 in Elizabeth City. Looking at a 2 day trip on the return. Let me know if anyone is interested. Expressyourself.h41@gmail.com

We also enjoyed the fireworks on the 4th of July from the Potomac River near the Tidal Basin. Figured it was a great time to practice my night boating skills on the return trip since the conditions were forecast to be ideal. Smooth water and a full moon. It was planned thoroughly and it really ended up being a very pleasant experience. **Takeaways:** let the big crowd leave first, have a lookout on the boat looking fore and aft, wear your lifevest with a glow stick attached, and have lighting available. I kept my speed at 10-11 knots all the way down which enabled us to see any obstacles in the water (like those pesky, unlit buoys). A route study, chart plotter and radar use is imperative. Bottom line is my comfort level shot way up. I recommend that you give it a try before you get caught out due to an unforeseen event.

Stay safe everyone and we'll see you on the water.

Ship's Manifest



Kris Blanchette

Membership Chair

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If you have not picked up your membership packet and would still like it, please contact membership@pwyc.org.

We have lots of new members joining this year, so please, as you are on your dock and around the marina, introduce yourself to unfamiliar faces and let's make everyone feel welcome, as we all know, the members of Prince William Yacht Club are the friendliest boaters on the water.

Happy Boating!

Please help me welcome our new and renewing Prince William Yacht Club members (between June 1 and June 30, 2020).

David Tyler, X T Sea II, L-7
 Brian Miller and Tonya Markowicz, Boatel
 Steven and Renee Kesner, Bella Vita, E-9
 Zachary Walton, Boatel
 Joshua and Emily Brown, Boatel
 Kent Renk, H-14
 Mike and Teresa Strano, At Ease, G-21
 Martin and Kerry Bowling, Boatel
 Martin and Natalie Harris, Boatel
 Donald and Michelle Anderson, G-6

If you know someone that hasn't renewed their membership for the 2020 season, renewal forms are available in the Blue Bathhouse by the pool or email membership@pwyc.org to have a form sent to you.

Renewal forms can be mailed with \$100 payment by check made payable to "PWYC" to:

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

Need a new PWYC burgee, they are available for \$30, contact membership@pwyc.org to place your order.

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Mike and Teresa Strano



Teresa and I are excited to be new members of the Prince William Yacht Club. While Teresa is about two years into boating, 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. I was fortunate to attend the Naval Academy in Annapolis, and subsequently complete a 30 year career in Surface Ships. Teresa, who is from Ellicott City, Maryland, and I met while I was finishing my second year there. Our son Joseph lives in Rockville, Maryland and our daughter Stephanie lives in Pittsburgh, PA. Most of you have met or seen our small Shih Tzu/Bichon Sophie.

When I joined the Navy, most training on east coast ships was conducted in the Caribbean Sea. During this time, I visited the Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico, Jamaica, Curacao, and Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. My overseas deployments allowed me to visit the Mediterranean, Red and Arabian Seas, the Persian Gulf, and sail around South America. During those times, I visited ports in France (St. Tropez, Cannes, Villefranche, Marseille, and Toulon), Rhodes Greece, Italy, Israel and the Middle East (Bahrain, Dubai, Fujairah, and Jeddah, Saudi Arabia). During my first deployment in 1986, my Destroyer was involved in the operation against Libya. Later on that deployment, Teresa and other wives flew over to meet us in St. Tropez and we spent a week exploring the French coastal towns.

I was fortunate to have three commands at sea (a Mine Hunter, a Guided Missile Frigate, and was the Commodore of a Destroyer Squadron of 11 ships). When I commanded the Frigate, we conducted counter-drug operations in the Eastern Pacific, transited the Panama Canal three times, and sailed around South America through the Strait of Magellan, visiting many places including Cartagena Colombia, Valparaiso Chile, Argentina, Montevideo Uruguay, and Rio de Janeiro Brazil. When I was not on sea duty, I worked in the Pentagon in Program and Budgeting.

For almost 15 years, up until the end of March, Teresa worked at Fairfax Radiology Ultrasound Center. After retiring from the Navy, I've worked for Honeywell Aerospace in support of the Navy and Marine Corps. I traveled mostly in the United States and to Canada (Ottawa and Halifax) for the past three years to grow the business. During this time, Teresa and I started boating on the Chesapeake Bay around the Annapolis/Edgewater area on our 20.5 ft Wellcraft. After two seasons, we both realized we wanted a boat where we could spend the night, travel, and take our family and friends out. We were fortunate to find our current boat, *At Ease*, here at Prince William Marina. After meeting some of you, we wanted to join the Yacht Club to meet everyone, make trips, and participate in activities. We enjoyed our trip to Colonial Beach and look forward to our next adventure.

Sneaky Little Buggers/Self Safety Checks



Bob Schwartz
Safety Officer

Kayaks, stand up paddle boards, and motor driven fishing boats are sneaky little buggers. They frequently move quietly and can pop up anywhere without warning. They have been seen in our fairways, under the bows of boats in their slips, and closely around vessels pumping out or fueling up.

Rule 2 Inland places responsibility on everyone to do all they can to avoid or prevent collisions with another vessel by following all the appropriate United States Coast Guard Navigation Rules.

For example, Rule 5 Inland requires that every vessel shall at all times maintain a proper look-out by sight and hearing as well as by all available means appropriate in the prevailing circumstances and conditions so as to make a full appraisal of the situation and of the risk of collision.

According to Rule 34 Inland, when a power-driven vessel is leaving any dock or berth, she shall sound one prolonged blast. If reversing out from any dock or slip, the blasts are one prolonged and three short. Please review Rule 32 for the definitions of prolonged and short.

Three short blasts indicate that a vessel is operating in reverse propulsion. It does not, however, necessarily mean that the vessel is moving backwards.

Vessel Self-Safety Check

Owing to the coronavirus, the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary (USCG Aux) remains on stand down as of the date this piece is being written. It is anyone's guess as to when the stand down will end and the Vessel Safety Checks (VSCs) will commence. Most of them would have been completed by now under normal conditions.

It probably would be best to do a self-check. At least this will ensure that our basics are tickity-poo; that the proper number and type of personal floatation devices (PFDs) are aboard, our navigation lights and anchor lights are in working order, all our registration/documentation paperwork is okay, day and night visual distress signals have not expired, etc.

A quick word on PFDs: it is not sufficient to have enough PFDs of the proper type on board and readily available. They serve no purpose if they are not worn. Each year the U.S. Coast Guard publishes Recreational Boating Statistics.

Where cause of death was known, 79% of fatal boating accident victims drowned. Of those drowning victims with reported life jacket usage, 86% were not wearing a life jacket.

Back to the VSCs: for those of us who had a safety check in 2019. it shouldn't be a problem. We can analyze our copy of the VSC the examiner left with us when we were reviewed and awarded a 2019 safety sticker.

It might be a bit more complicated than that for new boaters, boaters with a larger/smaller vessel than last year, haven't had a VSC in a while, or lost/didn't keep the copy of the results of the VSC.

One option is to find someone with a similar-sized/type vessel who had a 2019 VSC and use their copy as a guide as to what probably we will need on our vessel also. The operational words are similar-sized/type. Different length boats have different requirements as to what they must have onboard.

Another option is to research the requirements specific to the boat we have. [A Boater's Guide To The Federal Requirements For Recreational Boats And Safety Tips](#) and the forever mentioned [Navigation Rules and Regulations Handbook](#) are two good sources.

Jerry Little, our USCG Aux/VSC coordinator, forwarded me a blank copy of the form used by his examiners. See page 14 for the form.

Here are the links and sources used.

<https://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/text-idx?SID=60f7ef15d7bc311987dacdfcd7a1dd4a&mc=true&node=pt33.2.175&rgn=div5#sp33.2.175.b>

<https://www.navcen.uscg.gov/pdf/navrules/navrules.pdf>

<https://www.boatus.org/study-guide/navigation/sounds/>

<https://www.uscgboating.org/library/accident-statistics/Recreational-Boating-Statistics-2019.pdf>

<https://www.uscgboating.org/images/420.PDF>



VESSEL SAFETY CHECK (VSC)

To be completed by a U.S. Coast Guard approved Vessel examiner.
See the back of this form for a brief explanation of required items.
A Federal Requirements pamphlet is also available.

Date of VSC: _____

Decal Awarded:
Yes No

Owner/Operator Name:

Owner/Operator has attended Safe Boating Class: Yes No

Location of VSC – County: _____ State: _____

Replaced decal was: Last Year Outdated First Time

VESSEL INFORMATION:

Registration or Documentation Number: _____

HIN: _____

Length: <16 16-25 26-39 40-65

Powered by: Gas Diesel Sail Other

Area of Operations: Inland Coastal

Type: PWC Open Cabin Other

VESSEL SAFETY CHECK DECAL REQUIREMENTS

Item	Yes	No	N/A
1. Display of Numbers			
2. Registration/Documentation			
3. Personal Flotation Devices (PFD)			
4. Visual Distress Signals (VDS)			
5. Fire Extinguishers			
6. Ventilation			
7. Backfire Flame Control			
8. Sound Producing Devices			
9. Navigation Lights			
10. Pollution Placard			
11. MARPOL Trash Placard			
12. Marine Sanitation Devices			
13. Navigation Rules			
14. State and/or Local Requirements			
15. Overall Vessel Condition: as applies			
a. Deck Free of Hazards / Clean Bilge			
b. Electrical Systems			
c. Fuel Systems			
d. Galley / Heating Systems			

RECOMMENDED AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

(While encouraged, items below are not VSC requirements)

Item	Yes	No
I. Marine Radio		
II. Dewatering Device & Backup		
III. Mounted Fire Extinguishers		
IV. Anchor & Line for Area		
V. First Aid and PIW Kits (** over)		
VI. Inland Visual Distress Signals		
VII. Capacity/Certificate of Compliance		
VIII. Discussion Items, as applies:		
a. Accident Reporting-Owner Responsibility		
b. Offshore Operations		
c. Carbon Monoxide-Dangers and Prevention		
d. Nautical Charts/Navigation Aids		
e. Fuel/Fuel management		
f. Float Plan/Weather & Sea Conditions		
g. Boating Check List		
h. Survival Tips & First Aid		
i. Safe Boating Classes		
j. Marine Domain Awareness		
k. Insurance Considerations		

Remarks: _____

I certify that I have personally examined this vessel and find it meets the above requirements at the time of the Vessel Safety Check. I am a qualified Vessel Examiner of the: CGAUX , USPS , State of _____ , or _____

Printed Name of the Examiner _____ Examiner Number _____

Examiner Signature _____ Telephone/Mobile Number _____

Additional Comments: *This is not an official boarding for law enforcement purposes. It is recommended that you correct any deficiencies noted. This checklist is furnished for your information. There is no assumption of liability of any kind for advice given or opinions expressed in connection to this examination. By accepting the Vessel Safety Check decal, you are pledging to maintain your boat and equipment to the standard of safety exhibited during this examination. Please remove the Vessel Safety Check decal if the boat is sold or no longer meets the requirements.*

I am consenting to this Vessel Safety Check of my watercraft with full knowledge that it is provided to me as a public service on a volunteer basis without cost, and I understand and agree that my receipt of a Vessel Safety Check shall not constitute or construed as a warranty or guarantee as to either the qualification, knowledge, or skills of the operator, the seaworthiness of the vessel, or the serviceability or adequacy of any equipment on board.

Owner/Operator Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Original - Examiner

Brief Explanation of VSC Required Items:

1. NUMBERING: The boat's registration number must be permanently attached to each side of the forward half of the boat. Characters must be plain, vertical, block style, not less than three (3) inches high, and in a color contrasting with the background. A space or hyphen must separate the letters from the numbers. Place State validation sticker according to State policy. (e.g. FL 1234 AH or FL-4234-AB)

2. REGISTRATION/DOCUMENTATION: Registration or Documentation papers must be on board and available. Documentation numbers must be permanently marked on a visible part of the interior structure. The documented boat's name and Hailing Port must be displayed on the exterior hull in letters not less than 4 inches in height.

3. PERSONAL FLOTATION DEVICES (PFDs): Acceptable PFDs (as known as Life Jackets) must be U.S. Coast Guard approved and in good, serviceable condition. A wearable PFD of suitable size is required for each person on the boat. Children must have properly fitted PFDs designed for children. Wearable PFDs shall be "readily accessible" Boats/rowboats 16 feet or longer, (except canoes and kayaks) must have one Type IV (throwable) device, which shall be "immediately available". PFDs shall NOT be stored in unopened plastic packaging. For Personal Watercraft riders, the PFD must be worn. An impact rating is recommended, but not required.

4. VISUAL DISTRESS SIGNALS: Recreational boats 16 feet and over used on coast waters of Great Lakes are required to carry a minimum of either 1) three day and three night pyrotechnic devices., 2) one day non-pyrotechnic device (flag) and one night non-pyrotechnic device (auto SOS light) or 3) a combination of 1) and 2). Recreational boats less than 16 feet on coastal waters or the Great Lakes need only carry night visual distress signals when operating from sunset to sunrise.

It is recommended, but not required, that boats operating on inland waters should have some means of signaling a suitable day and night distress signal. The number and type of signals is best judged by considering conditions under which the boat will be operating.

5. FIRE EXTINGUISHERS: Fire extinguishers are required if one of the following conditions exist: 1) Inboard engine(s); 2) Double bottom hulls not completely sealed or not completely filled with flotation materials; 3) Closed living space; 4) Closed stowage compartments that contain flammable materials; or 5) Permanently installed fuel tanks. Recreational boats less than 26 feet, and propelled by outboard motors are NOT required to have fire extinguishers unless one or more of the conditions (2-5) listed above applies. *NOTE: Fire extinguishers must be readily accessible and verified as serviceable.*

Minimum number of extinguishers required		
Boat Length	No Fixed System	With Fixed System
Less than 26'	one B-1	0
26' to less than 40'	two B-1 or one B-2	one B-1
40' to 65'	three B-1 or One B-1 & one B-2	two B-1 or one B-2

6. VENTILATION: Boats with gasoline engines in closed compartments, built after 1 August 1980 must have a powered ventilation system. Those built prior to that date must have neutral or powered ventilation. Boats with closed fuel tank compartments built after 1 August 1978 must meet requirements by displaying a "certificate of compliance." Boats built before that date must have either natural or powered ventilation in the fuel tank compartment.

7. BACKFIRE FLAME ARRESTER: All gasoline powered inboard/outboard or inboard motor boats must be equipped with an approved backfire flame control device.

8. SOUND PRODUCING DEVICES: To comply with Navigation Rules and for distress signaling purposes all boats must carry a sound producing device (whistle, horn, siren, etc.) capable of a 4-second blast audible for 1/2 mile.

9. NAVIGATION LIGHTS: All boats must be able to display navigation lights between sunset and sunrise and in conditions of reduced visibility. Boats 16 feet or more in length must have properly installed, working navigation lights and an all-around anchor light capable of being lit independently from the red/green/white "running lights."

10. POLLUTION PLACARD: Boats 26 feet and over with a machinery compartment must display an oily waste "pollution" placard.

11. MARPOL TRASH PLACARD: Boats 26 feet and over in length, operating in U.S. navigable waters, must display a "MARPOL" trash placard. Ongoing boats 40 feet and over must also have a written trash disposal plan available.

12. MARINE SANITATION DEVICE: Any installed toilet must be a Coast Guard approved device. Overboard discharge outlets must be capable of being sealed.

13. NAVIGATION RULES: Boats 39.4 feet and over must have on board a current copy of Navigation Rules. An electronic version of the Navigation Rules is acceptable.

14. STATE AND LOCAL REQUIREMENTS: These requirements must be met before the "Vessel Safety Check" decal can be awarded. A boat must meet the requirements of the state in which it is being examined.

15. OVERALL BOAT CONDITION: As it applies to this vessel. Including, but not limited to:

a. Deck free of hazards and clean bilge – The boat must be free from fire hazards, in good overall condition, with bilges reasonably clean and visible hull structure generally sound. The use of automobile parts on boat engines is not acceptable. The engine horsepower must not exceed that shown on the capacity plate.

b. Electrical Systems – The electrical system must be protected by fuses or manual circuit breakers. Switches and fuse panels must be protected from rain or water spray. Wiring must be in good condition, properly installed and with no exposed areas or deteriorated insulation. Batteries must be secured and the positive terminal (some states require both) covered to prevent accidental arcing. Boats with outboard engine(s) are exempt from this requirement. If installed, self-circling or kill switch mechanism must be in proper working order. All PWCs require an operating self-circling or kill switch mechanism.

c. Fuel Systems – Portable fuel tanks (normally 7 gallon capacity or less) must be constructed of non-breakable material and free of corrosion and leaks. All vents must be capable of being closed. The tank must be secured and have a vapor-tight, leak-proof cap. Each permanent fuel tank must be properly vented.

d. Galley and Heating Systems – System and fuel tanks must be properly secured with no flammable materials nearby.

VIII. RECOMMENDED AND DISCUSSION ITEMS: (Not required for the award of the "Vessel Safety Check" decal). For the very best boaters, we recommend those additional items. Meeting these requirements reflects your concern for Boating Safety.

**** Person in the Water (PIW) kit** consists of one extra wearable PFD and a throwable Type IV PFD with line.

For more information: Ask your Vessel Examiner and/or visit:



<http://SafetySeal.net>

ANSC 7012 (09-18) Previous edition may be used

Treasurer's Report



Sherry Samar
Treasurer

Balance as of 06/01/2020:	\$ 14,911.91
Receipts (dues, burgee purchase, interest)	\$ 776.80
Expenses (Father's Day Cruise, Pig Roast, burgee order)	\$ -1,546.40
New balance as of 07/01/2020	\$ 14,142.41



Pig Roast

— THE LOW-DOWN —

When: July 25, 2020 @ 6 PM

Where: Food will be served at the Blue Bath House

Seating will be along the boardwalk

What: Bring a dish to share

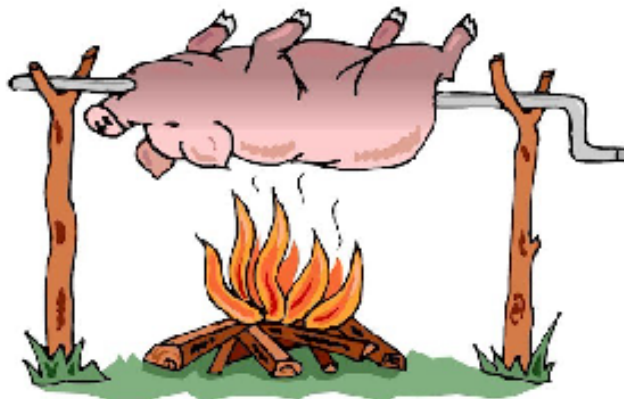
How: Mandatory RSVP by COB 7/21/20 via the PWYC Website

Cost: Free for members

Guest \$10 per person, limit 4 per boat member

Non-members who are eligible to join, PWYC Cost \$20 per person

*Payments can be made via PayPal through the PWYC Website





Founder's Day



What: Come celebrate our Yacht Club's Founder's Day

When: August 2, 2020

Where: Food will be served at the Blue Bath House

Due to COVID facial coverings are to be worn around the food and six feet social distancing is being requested

Agenda: 1:00 PM Virtual General Membership Meeting (Stay tuned for participation instructions)
4:00 PM Serving of the food

There will be corn hole, pool volleyball, and lawn darts to play during the day

*Prizes will be given out at the end of the day to the winning teams !!!

The theme for the day will be Cheeseburgers in Paradise so please wear Hawaiian attire if you have it. Best dressed will win a prize!!!

Prince William Yacht Club **SEAFOOD BOIL**

SEPT SATURDAY : **5:00**
12th : **P.M.**
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P.W. Marina Boat Pavillion

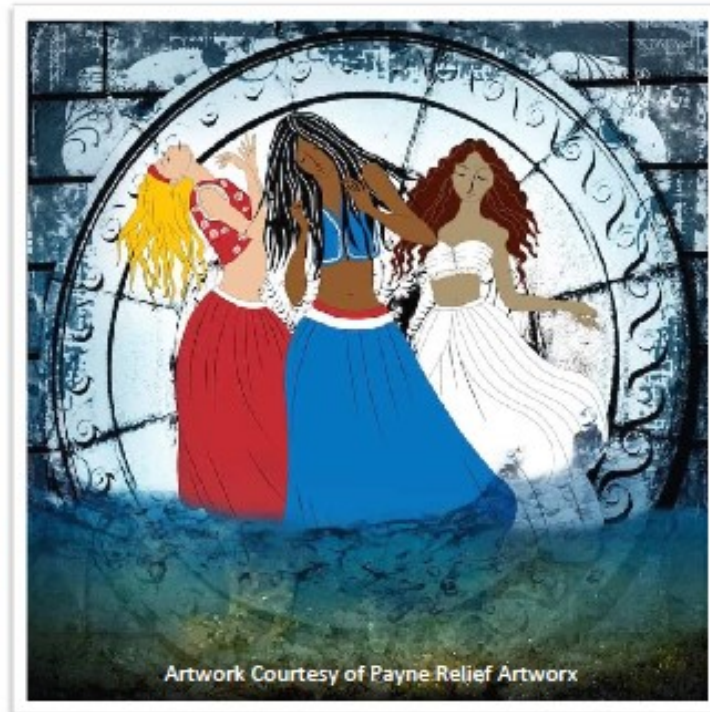
PRICES:

FREE - PWYC Members
\$25 - PWYC member guests
(limit 4 per boat member)
\$10 PWYC Member guests
(ages 5-12 yrs)
\$35 PWM Boaters (non
members)

MENU:

Shrimp & Crab Legs
Potatoes
Corn On The Cob
Hot Dogs
Chips & Cookies
Beer & Wine
Soft Drinks & Water





PWYC Three Sisters Raft-Up

When: August 14-16, 2020

Where: Potomac River North of Key Bridge in Calm waters

Come join our raft-up for 2 days of fun in the peaceful N Potomac R. *(You'll think you are in a National Park, but we'll be anchored in clean water just NW of Georgetown/Rosslyn.)*

Cruise CAPT – Rick McHarg

Please RSVP on the PWYC Website or send an email to vicecommandore@pwyc.org

****Please note:** Your boat must have an air draft of less than 18' to clear the 14th St. RR Bridge.



PRINCE WILLIAM YACHT CLUB

2020 PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

Contest Rules

There will be FIVE (5) categories of contest entries based on the MAIN SUBJECT of each photo:

Boats Places Humor People Wildlife

Photographs must be taken in the Chesapeake Bay, Potomac River, Occoquan River region.

Email photos (high resolution), with the following information to Mike Connolly at vicecommandore@pwyc.org.

- **photographer's name**
- **boat name**
- **category entered**
- **camera used**
- **title of each photograph**
- **brief description of photograph**

Sample submission:
 Photographer: John Doe
 Boat Name: Goin' Down Slow
 Camera used: Canon, Nikon, Sony, Cell phone, etc...
 Title: "The Good Life"
 Description: photo taken of Mt. Vernon on trip to DC

Entries must be submitted by **October 23, 2020**.

There is no limit to the number of photographs you may enter. Professional photographers are not eligible to participate in the contest. By entering the contest, you automatically convey PWYC and its affiliated publications and websites, unlimited, nonexclusive publishing rights, to each photograph submitted.

Judging and Prizes

Judging Criteria:

1) Image clarity & quality 2) artistic impression 3) color, lighting, exposure, focus 4) adherence to category
 Grand Prize and winners in each Category will receive a prize and will be published in the LIFELINE newsletter.

Winning photos will be enlarged, framed, and exhibited in the Blue Bathhouse at the marina. Winners will be announced at the 2020 Closing Day Ceremonies on November 6th, 2020.

Colonial Beach



Photos by Rick McHarg

Colonial Beach



Photos by Mike Connolly

Mt. Vernon Fireworks



Photos by Skyler Stegall

DC Fireworks



Photos by Skyler Stegall

CAPTAIN'S HOUR—FLOCK THE DOCK



Photos by Kris Blanchette

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

2020 PWYC CALENDAR

Contact **Denise Guess-Parsons, Pat Ocasio, or Sherri Connolly** social@pwyc.org, to help

JULY

25 Pig Roast (Welcome home from the annual cruise)

AUGUST

2 Board Meeting/General Membership (1 pm)—Founders Day, Cook Out

14-16 Three sisters raft up

22 Captain's Hour (Host: E/F/G Docks)

SEPTEMBER

3 Board Meeting @ 6:00pm (Thursday at EP)

4-7 Labor Day Cruise (Joint PWM event) (Point Lookout or Cole's Point)

11 *Patriot Day Fireworks (Friday) (PWM event)*

12 Seafood Boil @ 5:00 pm

18-20 Norfolk Boat Show (PWM event)

19 Captain's Hour (Host: H Dock)

25-27 Pirates Night on the Hook (Joint PWM event) AAAAAARGH!!!

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OCTOBER

- 2 Gainesville-Haymarket Rotary Club Friday Night Golf
- 3 Board Meeting @ TBD
- 9-12 Commodore's Cruise
- 31 Halloween Party

NOVEMBER

- 7 CLOSING DAY
General Membership Meeting @ 4:00 pm
Closing Ceremony @ 5:00 pm (including flag retirement)
Chili Cook-off and Photo Contest @ 6:00 pm (Host: I/J/Boatel)

DECEMBER

- 5 Board Meeting @ 10:00 am/PWYC Board Brunch/2021 Calendar Build
- 5 *Christmas Boat Lighting (PWM event)*
- 12 *Wreaths Across America at Arlington National Cemetery*

2020 DOCK REPRESENTATIVES

A	Vacant			adockrep@pwyc.org
B	Vacant			bdockrep@pwyc.org
C	Tom Payne			cdockrep@pwyc.org
D	Kris Blanchette	“Lucky Paws”	D-15	ddockrep@pwyc.org
E	Harold Jenkinson	“April Fools”	E-8	edockrep@pwyc.org
F	Scott Parsons			fdockrep@pwyc.org
G	Pat Ocasio	“Seas the Moment”	G-36	gdockrep@pwyc.org
H	Laurie Ryan/Lou Ward	“Ryans Hope” / “Perfect Timing”	H-35/H30	hdockrep@pwyc.org
I	Sheldon Lu	“Taiwan-On”	I Dock	idockrep@pwyc.org
J	Vacant			jdockrep@pwyc.org
K	John Khoury	“Judy Blue Eyes”	K-20	kdockrep@pwyc.org
L	Lawrence Botts	“Brown Eyed Girl”	L-24	ldockrep@pwyc.org
Boatel	Joe Peruzzi	“Out of the Blue”		boatelrep@pwyc.org



Monthly publications of Prince William Yacht Club



Jason Blanchette
Lifeline Editor and
all around nice guy
Lucky Paws (D-15)

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.

This month's Chump chuckle:

This one is called 'Small Change'

A thirsty sailor runs from his boat to the nearest bar and shouts "Give me twenty shots of your best Whiskey—quick!"

The bartender pours the shots and the sailor drinks them as quickly as he could.

The bartender says, "Wow! That is impressive! I never saw anyone drink so fast!"

The sailor replies, "Well, you'd drink that fast too if you had what I have."

Bartender says, "Oh—what do you have?"

Sailor replies—"Fifty Cents!"

-by Jamey Bergman

This issue is brought to you by the letter 'D' - "Stay cool — especially the dogs!"