

Lifeline

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

Happy Holidays

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FROM THE HELM

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Mike Connolly
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Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

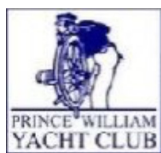


Your 2020 PWYC Board of Directors is in-place and enthusiastically working on the club’s 2020 activities. If you missed the November General Membership meeting, the club voted to accept the 2020 Flag Officers. In addition to me as commodore, the other flag officers are:

- Vice Commodore: Rick McHarg
- Rear Commodore: James Smith
- Secretary: Ralph Ocasio
- Treasurer: Sherry Samar
- Immediate Past Commodore: J Gaston

At the December Board of Directors meeting, the new flag officers voted to approve the following fleet captains:

- Membership: Kris Blanchette
- Social: Denise Guess-Parsons
- Safety: Bob Schwartz
- IT Services: Ginger Gaston
- Newsletter: Jason Blanchette



Additionally at the December board meeting, our representatives to the Chesapeake Yacht Club Association and Potomac River Yacht Club Association were seated:

CBYCA Delegate: Tim Abel

PRYCA Delegate: Sheldon & Beth Lui

By next month, we hope to finalize the 2020 Dock Representatives and provide you with their information.

For now, please congratulate the new board and thank them for volunteering their time and efforts to making our club the outstanding organization that it is!

Speaking of thanks, I'd like to recognize the outstanding contributions of our outgoing 2019 board members who won't be returning this year. Eric Stoltz did an awesome job keeping our IT Services alive after our website service provider went out of business. Una Murphy performed wonderfully as our Membership Chair making new club members feel welcome and managing the entire club's membership rolls. Vicky Carr did an outstanding job as our Rear Commodore, championing the development of a number of novel boating educational events and new cruises around the Potomac River and Chesapeake Bay.



Vicky Carr gets into the Christmas Spirit while Sugar Plum Fairy Bob does a big-time photo-bomb.

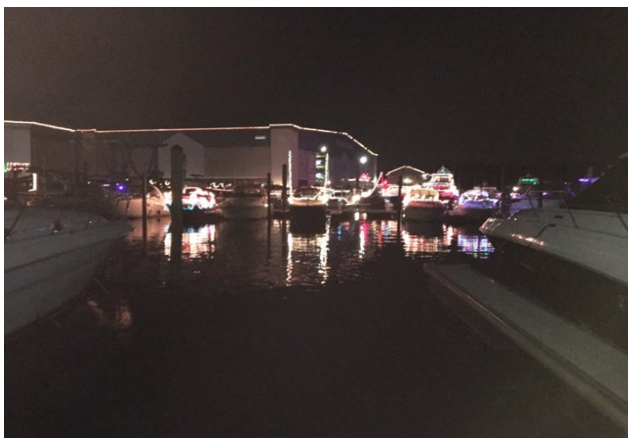
The board plans to complete the calendar of events shortly and send it out to the club in the next few weeks. However, one thing we know for sure is that **the Change of Watch (the "CoW") will be on February 29, 2020. As always, the 2020 CoW will be a blast and the party will continue with an AFTER PARTY PARTY! Look for more information on how to sign-up later in the Lifeline. Our Social Chair, Denise Guess-Parsons (social@pwyc.org) is already accepting checks!**

One final plug...if you haven't paid your 2020 dues, please do so as soon as you can. It really helps the club develop its annual budget if all of our members pay their dues as early as possible. Please see our Membership Chair, Kris Blanchette (membership@pwyc.org) to renew your membership.

See you on the water,

Mike Connolly

Summer Daze, D-3



WELCOME ABOARD!



Rick McHarg

Vice Commodore

vicecommodore@pwyc.org

My wife Kris McHarg and I are both retired Navy and long time Prince William boaters, having joined the Marina in 2000 with the first EAGLE ONE on L dock. We moved to K dock in 2018 before departing on the Great Loop adventure in May 18 and we returned to slip K-40 in May 2019. The blog is located at:

www.wordpress.eagleoneadventures.com

EAGLE ONE IS A 2000 SeaRay 450 EB. I look forward to a robust dock representative corps and seeing many of you on the docks and on the water, at Captains hours, and at the Change of Watch (CoW) Celebration Feb 29. Look for information on safety classes, a new 2020 calendar, and the upcoming events at the end of this and the next Lifeline newsletter.

I look forward to serving as your Vice Commodore.



James Smith

Rear Commodore

rearcommodore@pwyc.org

WELCOME ABOARD!

James Smith “Express Yourself, H-41” hails from the Bronx, New York. After graduating from the New York Institute of Technology with a Bachelor’s degree in Mechanical Engineering in 1975 Captain Smith became a United States Marine Corps Officer. While on active duty Captain Smith attended the University of Southern California and in 1984 he was awarded a Master of Science Degree in Systems Management. In 1990 James deployed to the Persian Gulf in support of in Operation Desert Storm. Where he flew more than 30 combat missions and received Combat Action Medals as well as a number of other awards. In 1995 he was appointed the Squadron Commander of Marine Attack Helicopter Squadron 773 in Atlanta, Georgia, just the 3rd African American in the history of the Marine Corps to achieve that position. He retired from the Marine Corps in 1999 after achieving the rank of Colonel.

James started flying for United Airlines in 1992. In his airline career he has amassed over 10000 hours flying the B727, B737, B777 and the Airbus A320. At United Airlines he has also filled positions as an Interview Captain, Flight Operations Duty Manager where during his shift he was responsible for the carriers worldwide operations, and the Assistant Chief Pilot for the Washington DC pilot base.

James became a member of the PWYC in 2018. With the assistance of other yacht club members his experience has grown exponentially although he realizes that just like flying, Captaining a boat is a constant learning process. He accepted the offer to become Rear Commodore so as to utilize his organization skills in planning fun, safe and exciting ground and sea events for the 2020 boating season

Captain Smith is married to the former Quintina Hall and has 3 sons, Jamaal, Shawonn and James III.

Ship's Manifest



Kris Blanchette

Membership Chair

membership@pwyc.org

The 2020 PWYC Membership Drive is here!! Help us make it a record year, if you know marina friends or dockmates who have not yet renewed, please give them a reminder. If you know marina friends or dockmates who are not members, please recruit them for membership!

Renew early and you could win!! Anyone who renews their membership before December 31, 2019 will be eligible for the "**Annual Get Your Dues Back Drawing**", held at the PWM Slip Holders Party in February!

Please help me welcome new and renewing Prince William Yacht Club Members (from October 8, 2019 – December 1, 2019 – any membership payments received after this date will be listed in the February Lifeline):

John Whiteford, *Let's Go*, B-7
 Bob and Vicky Carr, *Carruisin'*, H -40
 Oscar "Mac" McNeil, *Vino Veritas*
 Sherman and Ling Vandevender, *Dream On*, K-31
 Skip Jones, *Truly Blessed III*
 Al Gross, *Gross Weinstube III*. K-21
 Greg Fletcher, *Boatel*
 Wayne Sharp, *FUNDAY IV*
 Jim Khoury, *Judy Blue Eyes II*, K-20
 Raul Rivas, *Boatel*
 Harold and Lisa Jenkinson, *April Fools*, E-8
 Walter and Jeanne Seiberling, *Jeanne Marie II*, Trailer/Home
 Skyler Stegall, *Anger Management*, D-12
 Ted & Stephanie Miller, *Czarina Anna*, B-17
 Jerry Little, *Sea Duction*, Tyme n' Tyde

If you haven't renewed your membership for the 2020 season and want to do so now, you have options!

Subscribe via PayPal or Credit Card at pwyc.org
 (click on "Payments")

Or

Send a \$100.00 check made payable to: PWYC to
 PWYC Membership Committee
 c/o Prince William Marina
 12849 Gordon Boulevard
 Woodbridge, VA 22192-3240

Thanks everyone, see you on the docks!!



Prince William Yacht Club



2019 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/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 _____	

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

New/Renewal Membership: \$100.00

Return to:

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

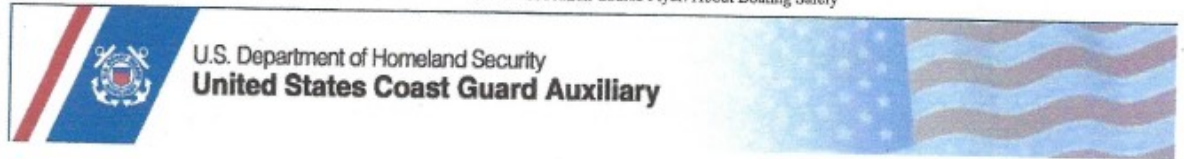
E-mail: membership@pwyc.org

About Boating Safety Training

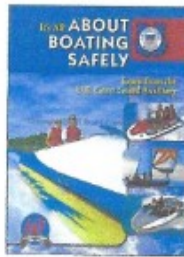


Bob Schwartz
Safety Officer

Public Education Course Flyer: About Boating Safety



Public Education Course Flyer: About Boating Safety



If you are interested in an exciting, in-depth boating safety course, check out the in classroom (seminar) version of our popular online boating course.

This beginner boating class will give you the knowledge needed to obtain a boat license or safety certification in many states. Many boat insurance companies will offer discounts on boating insurance to boaters who successfully complete *About Boating Safety*.

TOPICS INCLUDE:

Introduction to Boating - Types of power boats; sailboats; outboards; paddle boats; houseboats; different uses of boats; various power boating engines; jet drives; family boating basics.

Boating Law - Boat registration; boating regulation; hull identification number; required boat safety equipment; operating safely and reporting accidents; protecting the marine environment; Federal boat law; state boating laws; personal watercraft requirements.

Boat Safety Equipment - Personal flotation devices ("life jackets"); fire extinguishers; sound-producing devices; visual-distress signals; dock lines and rope; first aid kit; anchors and anchor lines; other boating safety equipment. *About Boating Safety*

Safe Boating - Bow riding; alcohol and drug abuse; entering, loading, and trimming a boat; fueling portable and permanent tanks; steering with a tiller and a wheel; docking, undocking and mooring; knots; filing a float plan; checking equipment, fuel, weather and tides; using charts; choosing and using an anchor; safe PWC handling; general water safety.

Navigation - The U.S. Aids to Navigation system; types of buoys and beacons; navigation rules (sometimes referred to as right-of-way rules); avoiding collisions; sound signals; PWC "tunnel vision."

Boating Problems - Hypothermia; boating accidents and rescues; man overboard recovery; capsizing; running aground; river hazards; strainers; emergency radio calls; engine problems; equipment failures; carbon monoxide (CO); other boating and PWC problems.

Trailer, Storing and Protecting Your Boat - Types of trailers; trailer brakes, lights, hitches, tires, and bearings; loading, balancing, and towing a trailer; towing (and backing) a trailer; boat launching and retrieving; boat storage and theft protection; launching, retrieving and storing a PWC.

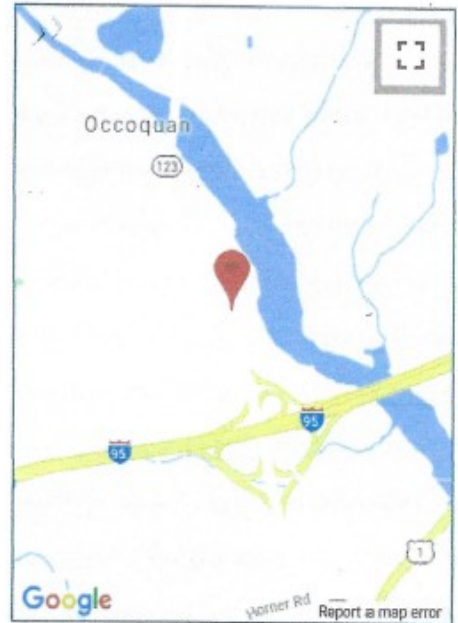
Hunting and Fishing, Water-skiing and River Boating - Carrying hunting gear and weapons in a boat; fishing from a boat; water-skiing safety guidelines and hand signals; water-skiing with a PWC; navigating rivers, and other boating tips.

Presented by Flotilla 054-25-06
Occoquan - Fairfax, VA

Course: About Boating Safety
Start Date: Sat, 28 Mar 2020
Hours: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM
Duration: 8 Hours
Lessons: 1
Location: Prince William Marina
 12849 Gordon Blvd
 Blue Bath House By River
 Woodbridge, VA 22192
Contact: Teresa Allen
 tallen@pwmarina.com
 (703) 494-6611

Course Cost: \$35
Register By: Wed, 25 Mar 2020

Posted: Fri, 04 Oct 2019



Marker location may be approximate; verify location before travel.

Treasurer's Report

Sherry Samar
Treasurer

Balance as of 11/01/2019:	\$ 8003.75
Receipts (dues, interest)	\$ 1093.60
Expenses (Halloween Party, Oct Captains' Hour, COW deposit)	\$ -855.74
New balance as of 12/01/2019	\$ 8241.67

I've included a copy of the form for submitting expenses and hard copies can be found in the blue bathhouse.

PWYC Expense Reimbursement Request

Date of Request:		
Name:		
Mailing address if needed		
Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:

Boat Name:
Dock & Slip:
Indicate Activity or Function for which expense was incurred
Activity/Function:

Please list each individual receipt (Not Item) and attach receipts

Description	Amount
Total	

If mailing this form, please send to:

Sherry Samar – PWYC Treasurer
 15404 Bald Eagle Ln
 Woodbridge. VA 22191

PWM HOLIDAY BOAT LIGHTING

Congratulations to the winners of the holiday boat lighting! Also a huge thank you to Prince William Marina and all those who attended. It was a wonderful event!



2nd Place - Bob and Vicky Carr
(Carruisin')



1st Place - Tim Weston
(Giddy Up)



3rd Place - Michael Southard
(Nied-A-Break)

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Santa is always thinking 'Safety First' while on the water!

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Photos 1-4 courtesy of Lou Ward

Photo 5 courtesy of Jason Blanchette



Prince William Yacht Club Change of Watch Gala

February 29, 2020

Embassy Suites Springfield, VA

7:00-11:30 p.m.

Formal/Cocktail attire

Dinner and Dancing

Garden Salad with Mixed Field Greens, Grape Tomatoes, Sliced Cucumbers and Shaved Carrots, Served with Ranch and Balsamic Dressing Freshly Baked Rolls with Butter

Entrée 1 Sauteed Ravioli Stuffed with Wild Mushrooms, Tossed in a Truffle Cream Sauce, Served with Chef's Mixed Vegetable Medley

Entrée 2 Tuscan Chicken~Pan Seared Chicken Breast Stuffed with Artichoke and Basil Butter, topped with White Wine Cream Sauce, Served with Tuscan Herb Risotto and Roasted Asparagus

Entrée 3 Grilled Strip Steak topped with Merlot Shallot Demi Glace, Served with Garlic Mashed Potatoes **This Dish is Served Medium Rare**

Key Lime Pie Freshly Brewed Coffee, Decaffeinated Coffee and a Selection of Hot Teas

Reserve your room today! Use the link below

https://embassysuites.hilton.com/en/es/groups/personalized/D/DCASVES-CWG-20200229/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG

Group Code: CWG

Price Per Person:

Members in Good Standing: \$100

Non Member: \$130

Please RSVP dinner choice with your check to:

Denise Guess-Parsons
4111 Londonderry Drive
Jefferson, Maryland 21755



CHESAPEAKE BAY YACHT CLUB
PRESENTS A

DECEMBER 14, 2019

MIRACLE
ON 34th STREET
Ball

6-10 pm
\$95 / \$45

COMMODORE Kyle Gray
FIRST Lady Michelle

Registration & Cocktails with Hors D'oeuvres
6 pm

Swedish Meatballs, Chicken Pot Stickers, Raspberry & Brie Pastries,
Vegetable Spring Rolls, Assorted Fruits, Cheeses, and Vegetables

Menu

Garden Salad with choice of Ranch or Italian dressing
Prime Rib and Ham Carving Stations, Cheese Ravioli, and Chef's
Choice Vegetables
Assorted Desserts

Top of the Bay
30 Plum Point Loop
Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD 21005

Hotel Information:
IHG Swan Creek Inn (410) 278-5148
Group Name: YACHT CLUB \$89 per night

RSVP Deb Noon (410) 676-1122 debsom917@gmail.com

Follow I-95 to exit 80 (Rt. 543) to Rt. 40 E off ramp. Follow Rt.40/Pulaski Hwy to exit for MD 715 S to Aberdeen Proving Ground. Take MD 715 South/APG Visitors Entrance ramp and continue straight ahead until you reach the Main Gate Entrance. All persons in your vehicle must show their driver's licenses or other picture ID, such as a passport, to be scanned to gain entry to APG. Please tell the guard you are there to attend the Ball at Top of the Bay. Once approved, follow Maryland Blvd straight then bear right onto Aberdeen Blvd. Continue through 3 lights, after 3rd light stay in the left lane onto Plum Point Loop. Follow past the old golf course on the left until you come to the Top of the Bay.



Where will your club be in 20 years?





Potomac River Yacht Clubs Association



PRYCA Pub Crawl

Meet fellow Yacht Club Members and the PRYCA Board!

Change of Watch Pub Crawl, Friday, January 24th.

Join us for Happy Hour to begin your crawl up King Street, at 5:30 p.m.

Old Dominion Boat Club (ODBC)

200 The Strand St., Alexandria, VA 22314

Lat: 38° 48' 10.4" N; Long: 77° 2' 21.8" W

(Enter North side of Club on Prince St., a block South of King St.)

Be sure to bring your photo ID and yacht club membership card; sign the ODBC guest book as you come in and use the Coat Room on the first floor. Don't have yacht club ID? Just say you're with the PRYCA Change of Watch group. Complimentary mixed drinks (whiskey, scotch and vodka) will be available for a limited time. Ask for "Gail Livingston bottles." Beer, wine and other call drinks available on a cash bar basis. Snacks and light fare will be served (**TIPPING** suggested). Call Joe Livingston (703) 505-8313, if questions.

Following ODBC, move on to your choice of Pub stops. Our favorites include Chadwick's (across from ODBC), Union Street Pub (on S Union St.), O'Connell's Irish Pub (on King St.), Murphy's Pub (on King near N Washington St.), O'Shaugnessy's (on King & S West St.), and CXIII Rex (cigar lounge at 113 King St., next to Landini Bro's) – there are so many options along King Street! Think about dinner reservations at a favorite restaurant with your group!

The King Street Trolley travels between the King St. Metro Station and Union St. every 10-15 minutes with stops every couple of blocks – between 11:00a.m. and 10:30p.m.





Potomac River Yacht Clubs Association



www.pryca.us

Potomac River Yacht Clubs Association
2020 Change of Watch - Dinner Dance
Saturday, 25 January 2020

at

Hilton Alexandria Old Town
1767 King St, Alexandria, VA 22314

Hospitality Suite Open: 1645 – 1745

Photographer: 1745- 1845

Cocktails: 1800

Dinner: 1900

Change of Watch Ceremony: 2000

Dancing to follow with "Fringe Benefits" til 2300

Winter Uniform / Black Tie Optional or Business Suit

\$95.00 per person

Menu

Starter: Market Salad with Candied Nuts, Dried Cranberries and Goat Cheese

Dry Rub Grilled Ribeye Steak with Fried Sweet Potato Garnish, Maytag Blue Cheese Butter and Mashed Potatoes

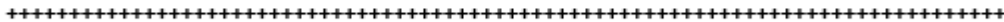
Seared Herb de Provence Chicken Breast with Red Pepper Coulis, Roasted Rosemary Potatoes and Baby Carrots

Twin Portabella Mushroom Caps stuffed with quinoa, black beans, corn and balsamic drizzle, and wild rice

Dessert is Chef's selection

Iced Tea, Freshly Brewed Coffee and Tea

Cash Bar



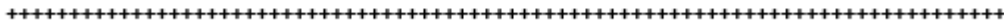
A block of rooms for Friday, January 24 and Saturday, January 25, has been reserved at the rate of \$109 per night (+taxes). Rates within the block are guaranteed until December 25, 2019. Rooms may sell out before this date, so please book early. Guest Parking: \$12 per car per night, or \$24 per car per day.

Reservations by Phone: 703-837-0440

To receive discounted rates, reference PYRCA or Group Code: JPY

Reservations Online: https://www.hilton.com/en/hi/groups/personalized/D/DCAOTHF-JPY-20200124/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG

Take advantage of these great rates and make this a weekend to remember!!!



MEAL SELECTION

Grilled Ribeye Steak # _____

Seared Chicken Breast # _____

Portabella Mushroom Caps # _____

Name: _____ Guest Name(s): _____ Titles: _____

Email Address: _____ Yacht Club: _____ Amount Enclosed: _____

Please make checks payable to PRYCA and mail to Dan O'Keefe, 13709 Northbourne Drive, Centreville, VA 20120



**Patriot Cruise & Salute (PCS)
is sponsoring Wreaths Across America (WAA).
WAA supports National Cemeteries across the
country so share with family and friends.**

PCS is sponsoring wreath purchases. When you purchase a wreath (\$15 each), \$5 comes back to PCS assisting Wounded Veterans and their families throughout the year. Last day to purchase wreaths for 2019 is 10 December.

**Go to www.wreathscrossamerica.org
Under banner “Sponsor Wreaths”, click on “Local Fundraising Group”;
Select number of wreaths,
Type in code **VA0051P** for Patriot Cruise then begin checkout.
Continue following instructions
**Donations of 3 or more wreaths will be entered in a drawing to win a
Patriot Cruise gift basket.****



2019/2020 Upcoming Social Calendar

DECEMBER

- 14 Wreaths Across America at Arlington National Cemetery
- 14 CBYC Event (see pg. 14)

JANUARY

- 11 PWYC Monthly Board Meeting
- 24 PRYCA Pub Crawl (see pg. 15)
- 25 PRYCA Change of Watch (see pg. 16)

FEBRUARY

- 2 PWYC Monthly Board Meeting/PWM Slipholders Appreciation Party
- 29 PWYC Change of Watch (see pg. 13)

MARCH

- 28 Boating Safety Classes (see pg. 8)

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Jason Blanchette
Lifeline Editor
Lucky Paws (D-15)

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.

Submit via email to: jasonblanch@gmail.com