



Lifeline

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

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FROM THE HELM



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Mike Connolly
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Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! I hope that you and yours had a wonderful Holiday Season!

Your 2021 PWYC Board of Directors is seated and doing what it can to finalize the club's 2021 plan in light of the pandemic. In addition to myself, the other flag officers are:

Vice Commodore: Rick McHarg
Rear Commodore: Jim Khoury
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 fleet captains:

Membership: Amy Marshall
Social: Denise Parsons (Social Committee Members: Beth Lu, Carol Vasquez, Jenna Burum, Sherri Connolly)
Safety: Bob Schwartz
IT Services: Ginger Gaston
Newsletter: Frank Murray

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 Lu

On 12 December, the club hosted its last official event of the year...the Hot Toddy Crawl. Despite the cold and necessity to social distance and wear masks, the event was well attended. It was great to see everybody who could make it just before COVID cases started to increase and renewed restrictions took effect. Please thank Denise Parsons and her husband Scott, as well as Carol Vasquez for all of their efforts in making the Hot Toddy Crawl such a success.

Your PWYC Officers are finalizing our various calendars for the year. At the 9 January Board of Directors' Meeting, we approved the overall calendar for the club. Nevertheless, we still need volunteers to lead our on-water events. **Please see Rear Commodore Jim Khoury's Lifeline article in this month's edition. If you are willing to lead one of our cruises, please contact Rear Commodore Jim as soon as possible. This is important...if folks don't step-up to the plate and lead our events, we won't execute them.**

As I discussed in my December email to the club, PWYC must contend with the recent nation-wide spike in COVID cases, as well as the Commonwealth's renewed restrictions on social gatherings. We are forced into canceling our traditional Change of Watch Gala...we'll keep our options open for having some type of celebration later in the year if the situation improves, but we're not making any definitive plans. The current situation has also made it necessary for the club to cancel all other in-person events that we traditionally do during the winter. This means that we won't be conducting things like the Pot Luck Sunday Brunches that we do in the Blue Bath House during this time of year. Additionally, we will postpone the annual Prince William Marina Employee Appreciation Dinner that the club hosts in early March, and the January, February, and March Board meetings will be completely virtual. For planning purposes, we will maintain this posture until at least Opening Day, which we've scheduled for 10 April. Let's hope and pray that things will improve so that we'll be able to make Opening Day a big event where we can be more social!!!



Also, please remember that the PWYC 2021 Membership Renewal Campaign is in full swing! If you paid last year via PayPal please note that you are set up for auto-renewal. If you don't remember or want to know what your annual renewal date is, please email membership@pwyc.org. Otherwise, all members can renew online at www.pwyc.org. If you are a new member that joined after 1 September 2020, your dues are valid for 2021!

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

Let's keep praying for each other...



2 January above the marina.

See you on the water,

Mike Connolly
Summer Daze, D-9

...AND FROM THE VICE

Rick McHarg

Vice Commodore

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...And from the Vice”

Happy New Year! I hope you are all looking forward to a much better 2021 Boating year than last. Since we are a “Social club that just happens to be organized around boats” as the Commodore likes to say, your Board has been hard at work finalizing the social calendar and meshing it with the on the water cruise schedule. You’ll find that calendar later in this issue, so copy and paste it, write it down, and put it in your phones so you can attend. There are Opening and Closing events, Monthly CAPTs Hours hosted by the docks and Board, Safety Classes and Inspections, Boating Seminars, a Kentucky Derby Party, a Dock Crawl, Dinners, a Pig Roast, a Seafood Boil, Boat Lighting events, a Chili Cook-off, a Photo Contest, and more.

This all depends on release from the monster known as COVID19 that has held us captive for the last year. We are still in the middle of the fight as the Commodore has pointed out, so until we have herd immunity, we must continue to abide by the guidelines we have been accustomed to. Looking at June for a relaxation in the social distancing, and maybe earlier. So, get your shot when you’re eligible, especially those on the front lines in the hospitals, First responders, Essential workers, Teachers, and the elderly!

So, our organization depends on getting the word out, as I’ve said before, and we use Lifeline, e-mail and the Dock Representatives to do that. But we have had a turnover in Dock reps and with fewer people on the docks this past year it has been hard to have the friendships and interactions between dockmates. So we are Still lacking in Reps for A, B, C, and J Docks. It only requires that you be a friendly, helpful person who is normally on the dock weekends during the season (presumably to use your boat), and yes, you help hancho the dock sponsored CAPT Hours. If you can do that, let me know at: vicecommodore@pwyc.org . I can fill you in on how to be a good dock rep and a great boater. Now Boatel members, I haven’t forgotten you. We have scheduled several “Boatel Specific” events for you. Look for a Boatel only meeting sometime when conditions allow; perhaps it should be a CAPTs Hour event, like a meet and greet or maybe we could have a seminar on minimum essential equipment and safe boating in the local area and then have a meet and greet. LMK

To summarize, we have volunteers to champion (lead) the big on-land Social Events like the Kentucky Derby party, the Pig Roast, The Seafood Boil, and opening and closing days. Patriot Cruise and Salute (PCS) is a huge effort led by the Masons, so please volunteer to help out there in June. If you can help out with any scheduled event on the calendar, contact me or your Social Chair, Denise Guess-Parsons, at social@pwyc.org.

Here’s to a great 2021 Boating Season...See you on the docks soon, I hope!

Rick McHarg
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EAGLE ONE K-40
SR 450 EB
Gold Loop 2018-19

...AND FROM THE REAR

James Khoury

Rear Commodore

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Happy and healthy 2021 to all!

Please allow me to introduce myself. My name is Jim Khoury, a NY transplant to this great area! My wife Judy and I have been members of this club for two years now, and when asked if I would be interested in getting more involved with the operations and activities of the PWYC, it didn't take me long to make a decision in the positive.

Judy and I have been the Dock Reps. for K dock last season, and as such we have experienced the true need for involvement in a functional club with the high caliber of the PWYC. Organizations such as this rely heavily on the volunteers involved to make the activities and recreational fun to be experienced by all.

Without the membership contributing to the day-to-day necessities of the club, the social aspects of the club will cease to exist. If you enjoy participating in the activities of the PWYC, then I ask that you please consider getting more involved. If everyone does just a little, the whole organization will benefit and we will all have an absolutely wonderful season to enjoy our boats and the friendship we have developed here all because we have a common interest and passion.

The chart below is a schedule of "On-Water" Cruises we have put together for the upcoming season. It is with great hope and anticipation that we can follow through with these plans this season and not be held back by Covid-19. It is fairly comprehensive and demanding. Those who participate are sure to have a pleasant experience. Please look it over and make your season's plans accordingly. If you want to participate, please contact the Lead Captain or let me know. Some of these events will require advanced reservations at the various facilities, and some will need to be setup in concert with others going on the same trip.

If you are going to participate, please consider taking on the Lead or Co-Lead positions as these trips won't be successful without your help. Some have already volunteered to take on the responsibility, but you can be of great assistance if you take on the Co-Lead to alleviate any possible shortfalls which may arise. Please think about it!

You can contact me directly by email: rearcommodore@pwyc.org or by Cell Phone (718)494-3365

PWYC 2021 Cruising Schedule

Cruise	Location	Date(s)	Lead	CO-Lead	Confirmed ?
Cherry Blossom/ Photoshoot	Washington Tidal Basin	4/3/2021	Mike Connolly		X
Early Spring Raft-Up	Mattawoman	4/24/2021	Steve Levenson		X
Boatel/Small Vessel Lunch- eon Cruise	Alexandria or Tim's River Shore Dum- fries	5/8 or 5/15	Phil & Heidi Schoepflin	Jim/Judy Khoury	X
	Nat's Stadium	5/22/2021	Lou Ward		WAITING SCHED
Memorial Day Cruise	DC Warf	5/29-5/31	Vicky Carr		X
Patriot Cruise	Captain's Choice	6/12/2021	Ed/Christine Mason	Doug/Jenna Burum	X
Father's Day Cruise	Coles Point Marina or Pt. Lookout	6/18-6/20	Jim/Judy Khoury	PWM	X
Nationals Baseball by Sea/Land					
Tim's River Shore	Tim's River Shore	6/25/2021			?
July 4th Weekend	Yards Marina	7/3-7/5			X
Boatel/Small Vessel Raft- UP	Mattawoman	7/17/2021	Phil & Heidi Schoepflin		X
Chesapeake Bay Cruise		7/18-7/24			?
Three Sisters Raft-Up		8/13-8/15	Rick McHarg		X
Labor Day	Kent Island	9/3-9/6	James Smith		X
Pirate's Night OTH		9/25-9/26		PWM	X
Commodore's Cruise		10/9-10/11	Mike Connolly		X

Ship's Manifest



Bob Schwartz
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This Brings Us to Decor Lighting

Question: We are returning to the marina after a great day on the water. The sun has gone down and we have turned on our navigation lights. We see flashing blue lights in the distance. Could it be:

- The Coast Guard, the Fairfax or Prince William County Marine Patrol?
- A vessel on a cocktail cruise being bounced around by normal wave action with hi-intensity blue LED lights installed below their swim platform?
- Any of the above?

Boating during the day and in good weather is one thing. Boating at night or when the weather is bad and our vision is restricted is something else.

At night or in poor daylight hour visibility the lights used by a vessel in Part C, Rules 20 through 31 (Lights and Shapes) allows the operator of one vessel to recognize that another vessel is in the vicinity, whether it is underway or not, the direction it is heading, what that vessel is doing, and the size of the vessel.

Identifying the day shape displayed on a vessel during daylight hours and in good weather allows us to determine the same things. Usually, however, the weather is good enough for us to identify these things before getting close enough to see the shape.

The ability to recognize and identify lights and shapes is necessary to apply the Rules of the Road. The rules concerning lights and shapes also apply when a vessel drops anchor for the evening. The lighting rules for a vessel at anchor are specific. Read Rule 30 in the Coast Guard Navigation Rules listed below.

The rules of lights and shapes shall be complied with in all weathers. The rules concerning lights shall be followed from sunrise to sunset and in conditions of restricted visibility. No other lights shall be exhibited during such times, except such lights as cannot be mistaken for the lights specified in these rules or do not impair their visibility or distinctive character, or interfere with the keeping of a proper look-out.

Owner Installed or bright lights of any color can reduce night vision and hamper an ability to safely navigate. This goes against Rule 5 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 in order to make a full appraisal of any situation and of any risk of collision.

The information in the sources at the end allow for a review of the lights and shapes rules. When boating in the dark, for example, we should at least be able to recognize:

- That a vessel is coming right at us.
- When we are overtaking a vessel.
- If are the stand on or give way vessel as a power boat crosses our bow.
- That there is a boat under sail in the vicinity.
- *When Night Falcon* is pushing a barge either at us or away from us.
- Whether a vessel is anchored or underway.

This brings us to the desire of some vessel owners to personalize their craft by installing décor lighting. Rope lights, underwater lights, and courtesy lights are some examples. Take a look at the *pdb* magazine article listed below. Interested parties can Google “Décor Lighting”.

Generally speaking, and perhaps subject to local, state, and/or federal requirements, anyone can use any lighting they want to use while tied up at the dock. It is a different story if a vessel drops its lines and leaves its berth with decor lights lit for a run-of-the-mill night time cruise.

The [BoatUS Foundation for Boating Safety and Clean Water](#) suggests that when installing décor lighting think about [running wiring](#) to a single master switch. This would allow an operator to easily turn off all nonessential lights before leaving the dock.

While it is not rare for the authorities to give permission for vessels outfitted with all manner of lighting to make, for example, a Christmas Cruise on the Potomac, they take a dim view of lighting that will cause safety issues with other boaters. Officers manning the Prince William and Fairfax County Marine Patrol boats opine that, taking into account interpretation and discretion, they would almost guarantee an education stop if any décor lights distorted, distracted from, blocked, etc. the proper red, green, and white navigation lights.

One Coast Guard person emails that the Coast Guard typically does not get involved or issue any violations unless the lights are so egregious they obscure or block standard boat light configuration as per the Navigation Rules of the Road manual.

He added that every year there are events all over the country where boaters like to add additional lighting to their boats. The Coast Guard will usually leave well enough alone unless the event gets big enough to need their attendance and help to manage traffic patterns.

Nav Lights & Shapes Quiz 1 – Lights - Safe Skipper
 Nav+Lights+%26+Shapes+Quiz+1
 Test on day shapes

<http://www.sailtrain.co.uk/lrpcs/shapes.test/test.partc.rules24to31.htm>

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

<https://www.pdbmagazine.com/2014/01/are-you-legal>

<https://www.boatus.com/news-room/Images/Releases/Found Decorative Lighting Safety PHOTO 1 CREDIT Shannon Carrithers 11 18 20.jpg>

Ship's Manifest



Amy Marshall
 Membership Chair
membership@pwyc.org

Please help me welcome our new and renewing members for the 2021 Boating Season! These are the members who renewed from 11/1/2020-1/1/2021.

The winner of the dues reimbursement for paying their dues before January 1st 2021 will be announced in the next issue of the Lifeline!

Those of you who have paid with PayPal in the past and set up reoccurring payments will be automatically renewed for this season. If you have any questions regarding your renewals please reach out to us at pwycmembership@gmail.com

We hope that you are having a happy and healthy start to 2021 and that you enjoyed the 2020 holiday season! Cheers to the New Year!

Please help me welcome our new and renewing 2021 Prince William Yacht Club members

(between November 1-31 and January 1, 2021).

Brian Miller and Tonya Markowicz, , Boatel

Peter Perbach and Stephanie Perbach, , Boatel

Fred Hanscom and Nancy Hanscom, 401(k), C-19

John Williamson and Anne Williamson, , Boatel

Greg Fletcher and Sandy Fletcher, , Boatel

J Gaston and Ginger Gaston, Patriot Dreams, H-43

Philip Kirby and Victoria Kirby, No Vacancy, I-18

Walter Seiberling and Jeanne Seiberling, Jeanne Marie II

Mike Strano and Teresa Strano, At Ease, G-21

Ted Miller and Stephanie Miller, Czarina Anna, B-17

Thomas Griffin and Kathleen Griffin, , Boatel

Scott Parsons and Denise Guess-Parsons, Island Time , G-34

Harold Jenkinson and Lisa Jenkinson, April Fools, E-8

Rick McHarg and Kris McHarg, EAGLE ONE, K-40

Walt Heuer and Joy Heuer, Slice of Paradise, H-19

Fred Hauck and Michele Kennedy, Any Particular Harbor

Laura Lee, Hat Trick II, K
Pete Maravas and Michele Maravas, Lucky Dog, F-15
Joseph Peruzzi and Han Peruzzi, Out Of the Blue, Boatel
Joan Lam and BC Lam
James Ross and Tuula Ross, Sea Breeze N, C-11
Stephen Levenson and Una Murphy, Murphy's Law 2.0, H-39
Durel Lewis, Sea Duke, L-19
Ralph Ocasio and Patricia (Pat) Ocasio, Seas the Moment, G-36
Heidi Schoepflin and Philip Schoepflin, Liberty Call, Boatel-G-3F
Peter Pasek and Carol Gray, AFTER ALL!, K-8
Doug Burum and Jenna Burum, Another Sunday Morning, E-1
Arthur Fernandes and Rebecca Fernandes, The Getaway, L-17
Billy Oldridge and Brandy Oldridge, Caroline, Boatel
Pamela Sessoms and , Anahita, K-16
Pam Cressey and , At Last, B-21
Edward Angle and Laura Angle, Sparkling Star, K-26
Lou Ward and Pat Ward, Perfect Timing, H-30
Pete Giambastiani and Claire Giambastiani, , H-13
Bruce Haynes and Catherine Haynes, , Boatel
Chris Borner and Eve Borner, Kiwi Magic, H-17
Frank Murray and Amy Marshall, Coming in Hot!!!, G-13
Jason Leydig and Shannon Leydig, Nauti Pleasures, K-25
John McCauley and Marcie McCauley, Pay it Forward, D-7
Shawn Burget and Stephanie Burget, Nordica, K-34
Mark Sikorski and Mary Lou Sikorski, Shellback Too, E-10
Karl Walther and Peyton Oaks, , Boatel

Steve Harrison and Kim Harrison, Cool Runnings, K-13

Fred Roggero and Kathleen Roggero, General Fun II, Boatel-

Robert Schwartz and Rosemary Phillips, Alexandra, F-12

James Smith and Quintina Smith, Express Yourself, H-41

William Embrey and Shirley Embrey, Chief Six, Boatel



Prince William Yacht Club

2021 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL



MEMBERSHIP DUES: \$100.00

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

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

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

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

Cell Phone (Captain) _____

Address _____ Cell Phone (Co-Captain) _____

City _____

State _____

Postal Code _____ E-mail Address (Captain) _____

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

Dock _____ Slip Number _____

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

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

New/Renewal Membership: \$100.00

Return to:

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

E-mail: membership@pwyc.org

Treasurer's Report



Sherry Samar
Treasurer

Balance as of 12/01/2020:	\$ 17,813.03
Receipts (dues, interest)	\$ 3,700.15
Expenses (PNOD, Closing Day, PayPal refunds)	\$ -441.58
 New balance as of 01/01/2021	 \$ 21,071.60

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

2020 PWYC CALENDAR

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

JANUARY

9 Board Meeting @ 10am (Virtual)

FEBRUARY

6 Board Meeting @ 10am (Virtual)

12 Virtual Club Event

MARCH

6 Board Meeting 10am (Virtual)

19 Virtual Club Event

27 Boating Safety Class #1

APRIL

3 Cherry Blossom Cruise

10 OPENING DAY! Board Meeting @10am; General Membership Meeting and Lunch

noon; Opening Ceremony 1:30pm; Boating Seminar TBD(Blue Bath House)@ 2:30

-5:00pm; Captain's Hour #1@ 6pm

17 PWM Employee Appreciation Dinner @6pm

24 Raft Up at Mattawoman, Safety Inspection #1

MAY

- 1 Board Meeting 9am; Kentucky Derby Party 5pm
- 8 USCG Vessel Safety Checks #2; USCG Auxiliary Boating Safety Course #2?
Small Craft Luncheon Cruise for Boatel
- 15 Dock Crawl @ 6pm
Blessing of the Fleet (ORMA event)
- 22 Nationals Baseball Game Cruise (to be confirmed by Lou)
- 29-31 Memorial Day Cruise (DC Wharf)

JUNE

- 11 Board Meeting @ 5pm, Patriot Cruise Volunteer Briefing @6pm, Captain's Hour #2 @ 7 pm (Host: K Dock)
- 12 Patriot Cruise and Salute
- 18-20 Father's Day Cruise (Joint PWM Event)
- 25 Not on the 4th Fireworks (Tim's Rivershore)

JULY

- 3-5 Cruise to the Yards
- 10 Board Meeting 9am; Christmas Boat Lighting meeting with Dock Reps @ 5pm;
Captain's Hour #3 @ 6pm (Host: A-D Docks)
- 17 Small Vessel Raft-Up Matawoman
- 18-24 Chesapeake Bay Cruise ??

AUGUST

- 7 Board Meeting 9am, Founders Day, Pig Roast (Joint PWM Event)
- 13-15 Three Sisters Raft Up
- 28 Captain's Hour #4 @6pm (Host: E/F/G Docks), Poker Run (PWM event) ??

SEPTEMBER

- 3-6 Labor Day @ Kent Island
- 11 Board Meeting 10am; Seafood Boil 5pm, Patriot Day Fireworks (PWM event)
- 17-19 Norfolk Boat Show ??, Start of Pirate's Week
- 25-26 Pirates Night on the Hook (Joint PWM Event)

OCTOBER

- 2 Board Meeting 9am, Captain's Hour #5 @ 6pm(Host: H Dock)
- 9-11 Commodore's Cruise
- 30 Halloween Party

NOVEMBER

- 6 CLOSING DAY General Membership Meeting 4pm, Closing Ceremony 5pm, Chili
Cook-off and Photo Contest 6pm (Captain Hours #6) (Host: I/J/Boatel)

DECEMBER

- 4 Board Meeting 10am; Christmas Boat Lighting (PWM event)
- 18 Wreaths Across America at Arlington National Cemetery

2020 DOCK REPRESENTATIVES

A	Vacant			adockrep@pwyc.org
B	Vacant			bdockrep@pwyc.org
C	Vacant			cdockrep@pwyc.org
D	Matt Shaw	“Land Escape 4”	D-13	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	Jim Houry	“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



Frank Murray

Lifeline Editor

Coming in Hot!!! (G-13)

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.

This month's Chump chuckle:

Q: How many boaters does it take to change a lightbulb?

A: None, because the right size bulb isn't on board, the local marine-supply store doesn't carry that brand, and the mail-order house has them on back-order.