



Lifeline

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

Happy Birthday America!

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FROM THE HELM



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Summer is here! COVID-19 restrictions are becoming less restrictive, we can go out on the Potomac and Chesapeake, other marinas are opening up, and PWM has de-winterized the pool... things are getting better!

By the time this article is published, it looks like Northern Virginia will be in Phase Two of easing COVID-19 restrictions. Obviously, this is awesome; however, we still need to be aware that some of us are more susceptible than others. Please continue to adhere to the published COVID-19 restrictions and be respectful of our dock mates. The good news is that your Board of Directors will begin planning for social events that allow for more of us to see each other in person.

Virginia COVID-19 restrictions: <https://www.virginia.gov/coronavirus/>

Maryland COVID-19 boating restrictions: <https://news.maryland.gov/dnr/2020/05/06/frequently-asked-questions-about-governor-hogans-stay-at-home-order/>

Through all of this, your Board of Directors is pleased to report that your club is in good shape. Membership is near historical norms and our treasury is healthy. We have an outstanding organization that’s weathering this pandemic as well as we could have hoped. All we need now is for this pandemic to go away so that PWYC can get back to partying like we’ve done in the past!



PWYC assembles for the 16 May non-raft up gathering in Mattawoman Creek. Many thanks to Rear Commodore James Smith for championing the event.

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I'm looking forward to seeing everybody on the Father's Day Cruise to Colonial Beach, 19 – 21 June! Once again, please thank our Rear Commodore James Smith for pulling everything together. Also thank our Social Committee for their help...Denise Guess, Pat Ocasio, and Sherri Connolly. Since Prince William Marina contributes to our festivities while we're at Colonial Beach, please make sure you thank them as well. And finally, when we get together for our Saturday Pot Luck with Colonial Beach Yacht Club, please thank them for hosting us...they're a great bunch of folks. Being able to mingle with other Potomac and Chesapeake yacht clubs is yet another reason why it pays to be a member of PWYC!



For everybody that's going to Colonial Beach, you'll come down the Potomac from the top right side of the photo. This is looking from Fairview Beach towards Quantico. Potomac Creek and Aquia Creek are the two inlets on the left.



This is looking northeast from Fairview Beach toward Mathias Point in the distance. Once you round the Point and head southeast, you'll see the 301 Bridge.

Now that it looks like we can be more social while ashore at PWM, your Board of Directors will begin executing our social events as originally planned. With that in mind, please mark your calendar and plan to attend the 25 July Pig Roast and our first ever PWYC Founder's Day celebration on 2 August! Stay tuned for more information!

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

Let's keep praying for each other...



View from above the marina on 6 June.

See you on the water,

Mike Connolly
Summer Daze, D-9

...AND FROM THE VICE

Rick McHarg

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Ahoy Prince William boaters! Summer is here and I hope you have had a chance to get out on the rivers; we have had some marvelous weather so far and by the looks of Belmont Bay last weekend, there are hundreds of you that did just that. As a club, we were able to muster an ear-shattering horn salute over in Mattawoman Creek several weekends ago. Thanks to all who participated! I just have a couple of reminders that I want to mention.

The first is to keep in mind the navigational “chokepoint” on the Occoquan as you make the turn at Conrad Island either to head for the Potomac or returning from Belmont Bay or the Potomac. Many boats are coming and going in the late morning and late afternoon timeframes, so a proper lookout and wake awareness is appropriate. There are big boats, small boats, jetskis, and everyone’s responsibility to play it on the safe side. If you should see a Boat US towboat (red boat with flashing lights) actively towing another disabled craft, please give them the right of way and mind your wake.

Speaking of wakes, I have witnessed a number of smaller craft and fisherman passing by PWM at a “greater than no wake” speed usually in a hurry to get to their anchorage or fishing hole.. and there was a presumably “new” Jetskier running too fast and creating a wake. We (your PWYC Bridge) will endeavor to communicate to the Occoquan regional park folks about emphasizing the rules on the river.

I’m excited about COVID-19 Phase 2 expanding rules for business openings and recreation, but as the Commodore, please respect those who do not wish to “get closer”. There are many vulnerable folks out there, so playing by the distancing rules at the pool and restaurants, using the hand sanitizer, and being careful cannot be underemphasized. Pleasure Boating is one of the best ways to social distance, and yes, you can raft up sensibly.

With our first 2020 Cruise to Colonial Beach coming up and talk of Pig Roast, Founders Day, and Crab Feast, there might be an opportunity for a good old fashioned Captain’s Hour soon. Please don’t forget to submit your best Photos for the Annual Contest, and please vote for naming the Prince William Logo Sailor

Finally, please order food from the Electric Palm, either sitting outside or for carry out. They, like all restaurants shut down due to COVID-19, need your business, and we need them at our resort. Lastly, Ain’t it great the pool is open during these 90 degree days!

See you on the Docks!

Rick McHarg “*EAGLE ONE*” K-40



James Smith

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REAR COMMODORE UPDATE

Greetings to all of you intrepid Prince William Yacht Club boaters. We are hoping that by the time you read this the Weather Channel gods have smiled on us and we will soon be enroute to Colonial Beach to celebrate our first big cruise event of the season. Father's Day, 19-21 June! My latest count is 24 boats signed up for the roughly 2:30 minute cruise down the Potomac where we will be welcomed by the Colonial Beach Yacht Center and the local club members. Colonial Beach is now in Virginia Phase II which will allow us a bit more freedom to move around and gather. Reminder, social distancing rules and masks worn indoors are still encouraged.

Looking ahead the Coast Guard is still awaiting release to do their annual safety inspections. Don't wait for them. Do your own safety inspections before you head out. If you have any questions contact Bob Schwartz, our Safety Manager.

We have made adjustments to our Annual Calendar due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Our next scheduled event after Father's Day is the Annual Bay Cruise from 17-24 July. The PYRCA Float In has been cancelled.

August should be a full month with our Founders Day Cook Out and the Three Sisters on water event and possibly a Nationals – Padres baseball game. There are also a group of boaters who are planning a Northern Bay Cruise from August 22-30. For more information contact Jay Dowling at jay.dowling@comcast.net

Please take plenty of pictures during our activities and submit them to your bridge team for inclusion in future Lifelines.

We really appreciate how you have adjusted to the uncertainty that we've dealt with this season. It is certainly without precedent. Watch out for yourself and each other.

See you at the marina!

James Smith

Ship's Manifest



Kris Blanchette

Membership Chair

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Pick up your membership packet by July 5 to get your BoatUS discount Code!

Your membership packets are available now in the #2 Blue Bathhouse (beside the pool). Your membership packet includes a hard copy of the 2020 PWYC Membership Directory, 2 membership cards. Your BoatUS discount code is on your membership card. Please email membership@pwyc.org if you do not want a hard copy of the directory or membership cards this year. We are aiming for 100% pick up this year, please help us reach our goal!

If you ordered a Burgee this year, it has either been dropped off on your boat or is in your member package at the Bathhouse. Please let me know if you have paid for one and not received it.

Please help me welcome our new and renewing Prince William Yacht Club members (between May 1 and May 31, 2020).

Nick and Erin Marvel, Boatel
 Michael and Barbara Kropp, Boatel
 Sean and Misty Hagerty, Selu Maeve, A-1
 Jose Castillo, C-12
 Eric and Shawna Armstong, F-13
 Cheryl Robeck
 Bill Thompson and Elise Rosenthal, Fur Elise, I-25
 Mike Manning
 Lopez Gustavo, Boatel

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 renew by credit card.

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.

Safety on the Water



Bob Schwartz
Safety Officer

Some Housekeeping: As of the time that this piece is being written, the Coast Guard Auxiliary remains on stand down. This means no Vessel Safety Checks (VSCs).

The Auxiliary has said that they will notify us when the stand down ends. We can start up the VSCs when this happens.

The Water Is Getting Full (Sources at the end)

It really is getting crowded out there with lots of paddle powered or foot powered vessels using the Occoquan waters from the area immediately around Prince William Marina (PWM) towards the end (or the beginning) of the no wake zone.

Despite the nuisance factor to those of us entering and leaving PWM in power boats, there is no doubt that the day renters, kayak fisher people, and assorted others are enjoying their time on the water as much as those of us who call PWM home.

And, make no mistake, PADDLE POWERED BOATERS HAVE AT LEAST AS MUCH RIGHT TO BE ON THE OCCOQUAN AS DO ANY OF US. Rule 2, Inland, might be paraphrased to emphasize that "Might does not necessarily make right!" This rule may even provide more protection for paddle powered craft than it does for motorized vessels.

Reinforcement of this right from the Coast Guard: *On occasion, State law enforcement agencies, manufacturers or other interested parties will ask the Coast Guard what laws and regulations apply to a particular device being used, or considered for use, on the water. The Coast Guard's first step is to determine whether or not the particular device in question is a "vessel". The process begins with the definition of the word vessel found in 1 USC 3, which is: "The word "vessel" includes every description of watercraft or other artificial contrivance used, or capable of being used, as a means of transportation on water."*

The following have been determined to be vessels by the Coast Guard.

*Gold Dredges
Paddleboard
Argo-Amphibious ATV
Kiteboard
Float Tubes*

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This determination is limited to the application of regulations administered by the U.S. Coast Guard and does not reflect the opinion of any other department or agency of the federal government. You are encouraged to seek the advice of private counsel and/or the agency administering the particular program(s) with which you are concerned.

Once the Coast Guard deems something a vessel, the vessel so deemed is as responsible for following the Nav Rules and Regulations as any other vessel. However, then again, we have that pesky wording in Rule 2.

It is a certainty that most us have a war story or two to tell about either a paddle boarder or a kayaker being some place where they probably should not have been and yadda, yadda, yadda.

From the standpoint of those leaving PWM more and more boats leaving the marina are doing their part by following Rule 34, Inland. They are giving at least some version of a prolonged blast of their whistle as they hit a blind spot(s) coming out of the marina fairways and on to the Occoquan.

Remember that a prolonged blast is somewhere between four and six seconds. Or, one Mississippi, etc. up until at least five Mississippi. Don't be afraid to go for it. One second too long is better than one second too short.

Although, the language in the Rule requires an answering prolonged blast by any approaching vessel that may be within hearing behind a blind spot, we should not count on it.

We all need to be cognizant of the definition of safe speed while being in the vicinity of the paddle boarders and kayakers. Rule 6, Inland, does not provide a number as to what is a safe speed.

However, it is made clear that we need to be at a speed that allows for a proper and effective action to avoid a collision and that will allow stopping within a distance appropriate to the prevailing circumstances and conditions.

Finally, let's review the danger signal. This is to be used when one even thinks that a close call, which might lead to a collision with either a paddle boarder or a kayaker is going to happen, Rule 34, Inland.

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The vessel in doubt shall immediately indicate such doubt by giving at least five short and rapid blasts on the whistle. The vessel in doubt probably will be the power-driven boat.

One more final thing, there is no Inland whistle signal that tells another vessel to look out because I am coming through. If we are caught in a gaggle of paddle boarders or kayakers, we may just have to live with it until it becomes safe to break out. There is a whistle signal for this.

<https://www.uscgboating.org/regulations/vessel-determinations.php#:~:text=The%20process%20begins%20with%20the,vessels%20by%20the%20Coast%20Guard.>

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



Treasurer's Report

Sherry Samar
Treasurer

Balance as of 05/01/2020:	\$ 13,311.41
Receipts (dues, CoW, interest)	\$ 1,600.50
Expenses	\$ 0.00
 New balance as of 06/01/2020	 \$ 14,911.91

Flock The Dock

**Captains Hour with
A, B, C and D Docks**

July 11, 2020 @ 5:30PM

**Please bring a side and
beverage of choice to share**

Details will be provide closer to event via email and flyers



**Yes we know what it means, and we don't care,
Flamingos are cool!**



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

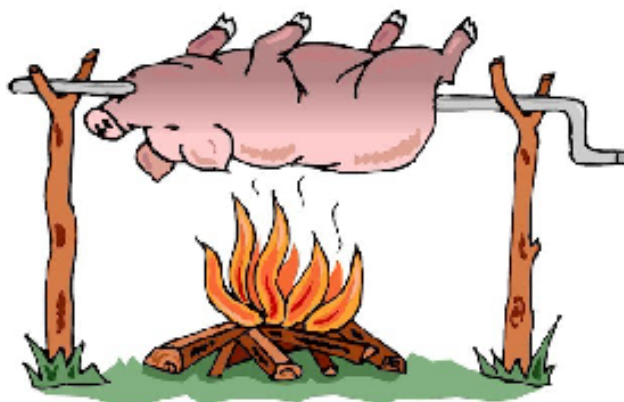
How: Mandatory RSVP by COB 7/21/20 via the PWYC Website

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



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.

Mattawoman Float In



Ray and Erin Toczyłowski



Doug and Jenna Buram

Mattawoman Float In



Rick and Kris McHarg



Walt and Joy Heuer

Mattawoman Float In



Jack and Sherry Samar



Al and Diana Gross



Jim and Judy Khoury

Mattawoman Float In



Scott and Denise Parsons



Ralph and Pat Ocasio



Harold and Lisa Jenkinson

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

JUNE

19-21 Father's Day Cruise to Colonial Beach (Joint PWM event)

JULY

11 Board Meeting @ TBD

11 Captain's Hour @ 6:00 pm (Host: A-D Docks) - FLOCK THE DOCK!

18 PRYCA Float In

17-24 Annual Bay Cruise

25 Pig Roast (Welcome home from the annual cruise)

AUGUST

1 Board Meeting @ 9:00 am

2 Founders Day, Cook Out

14-16 Three sisters raft up/DC Wharf/Yard's Marina (HOME GAME: Nationals versus Padres)

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

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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 Crab Feast @ 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) AAAAARGH!!!

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

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D	Kris Blanchette	“Lucky Paws”	D-15	ddockrep@pwyc.org
E	Harold Jenkinson	“April Fools”	E-8	edockrep@pwyc.org
F	Scott Parsons	“Finally Got it Right”	F-6	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			idockrep@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

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Prince William Yacht Club (PWYC)

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 chuckle by Chump Scallywag:

Question— Okay kiddos, what was General Washington's favorite tree?

Answer—Infantry.

This issue is brought to you by the letter 'H' - "Happy Birthday America!"