



Lifeline

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

Water is Open!

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FROM THE HELM



Mike Connolly
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Now that Maryland has lifted its prohibition on recreational boating in Maryland waters, things are starting to look up...at least as it applies to getting out on the water! Before you cast off for the Potomac and Chesapeake, please see the website below for Maryland recreational boating restrictions that will remain in effect:

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



This picture epitomizes everything that's wrong with 2020... that's a Roadrunner in the Coyote's mouth.

It was great seeing so many of you at the marina on Saturday, 2 May! We are a social club that just happens to be organized around boats. Pandemics are not conducive to being social, but we proved that we can still have fun while social distancing. I'm not aware of any problems, but your Board of Directors asks that as we get more comfortable around the docks exercising social distancing while socializing, please keep in mind that COVID-19 is still an issue and some of us are more susceptible than others.

Please thank Vice Commodore Rick McHarg for his virtual Great Loop presentation on 15 May, as well as Treasurer Sherry Samar and Social Chair Denise Guess for setting up the Captain's Hour. We also need to thank Rear Commodore James Smith for his outstanding leadership putting together the club's 16 May non-raft up gathering in Mattawoman Creek on such short-notice. Well done all!

PWYC BRIDGE

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"Summer Daze" (D-9)

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CBYCA DELEGATE
Tim Abel



It's awesome to be flying our Colors again!

Your Prince William Yacht Club Board of Directors is continuing to do what we can to adjust our club's schedule given all the uncertainties. The latest big change that we're forced to make is to postpone the Patriot Cruise and Salute scheduled for 13 June. Obviously, this one is tough...the PCS is one of PWYC's biggest events of the year. Your Board of Directors will work with Ed & Christine Mason on the possibility of rescheduling the PCS in the fall. Please don't hesitate to contact me (commodore@pwyc.org) or any Board Member with questions.

If you recall, at the Change of Watch I announced the start of a club competition to give a name to the PWYC Mariner that appears on our burgee. The PWYC Mariner is a unique symbol that easily stands-out amongst other Potomac River and Chesapeake Bay club burgees. By naming the mariner, we'll make him a more enduring symbol that will give us a better sense of pride that we can rally around. If you have any ideas for the PWYC Mariner's name, please email them to me at commodore@pwyc.org. Depending on how many responses I receive, I'll either announce the winner at our Closing Day General Membership Meeting on 7 November, or we'll conduct a vote of the top names at this meeting.



If you haven't already, please pick up your Membership Directory and Card that Membership Chair Kris Blanchette placed in the Blue Bath House and thank her for the hard work.

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

Let's keep praying for each other.



2 May and Spring has sprung.

See you on the water,

Mike Connolly
Summer Daze, D-9

P.S. Please keep Bob Carr's mother and the rest of their family in your thoughts and prayers. Bob's mom passed away of natural causes. She was 98 years young.

...AND FROM THE VICE

Rick McHarg

Vice Commodore

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Greetings to all PWYC members...With the best news recently that we can once again cruise the waters of the Potomac and Chesapeake Bay, we can begin to make plans for a great summer cruising season.

What this means regarding the PWYC Calendar is that beginning with this weekend, 16-17 May, as long as weather is kind, we can make plans to get out there and cruise! And as Virginia and Maryland shore establishments slowly open to support our visits (marinas, crab restaurants, harbors), we can anticipate a gradual return to normal cruising. Although we won't have a "Blessing of the Fleet" or Dock Crawl, last Friday we offered a presentation of my Great Loop brief before the virtual CAPTs Hour. We had about 20 folks tune in including a half dozen CAPTs seriously interested in starting to plan their Loop and several who want my slides. A great showing!

Your Dock Rep should be informing you that the Bay and rivers were open. They should also be encouraging a dock get together soon, of course abiding by social distancing rules. We expect to get news from USCG Auxiliary on being able to conduct Safety inspections again soon. Check Safety Officer Bob Schwartz's column for status on that.

See you on the Docks!

Rick McHarg "*EAGLE ONE*" K-40



James Smith

Rear Commodore

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REAR COMMODORE UPDATE

With the opening of the Maryland waters we are slowly beginning to expand into our “new normal”. One thing is certain, for our immediate futures boating will not look like it has in the past. Following the CDC guidelines for Social Distancing and wearing face covers will keep us all safer. Bringing friends on board, rafting up, pot lucks will probably not be an option this summer. None-the-less, within these limitations we can still enjoy a robust boating season that is relaxing, invigorating and refreshing.

With that in mind the next planned event will be the Fathers Day Cruise to Colonial Beach. The Colonial Beach Yacht Center, who is our host for the event are still advertising as being closed through the end of May. I did contact the Dockmaster and they are unsure with how the month of June is going to line-up. We are on a “hold” until we get information regarding their expected status. I don’t expect any update from them until early June so we are looking at a last minute fire drill in any case. What we can anticipate according to the Virginia governor, and barring any further extensions is for “Phase I” to become effective on May 15th. Phase 1 of easing restrictions will involve Virginia residents continuing working from home and social distancing, wearing face coverings in public, and not gathering in groups of more than 10 people.

However, phase 1 would ease limits on businesses and faith communities and would transition from a stay at home directive to a "safer at home" guideline, especially for those in vulnerable positions.

Businesses will have to follow phase 1 guidelines, which include physical distancing, enhanced cleaning and disinfection, and enhanced workplace safety. Hopefully this will provide some access to our favorite Potomac restaurants. Stay tuned and be flexible.

With new found freedom many of us will venture out solo or in small groups. Have fun and above all be safe. File a Float Plan with the Marina or let a pal know where you are going to be and when you expect to return.

If any late breaking club activities or news comes up, we will send it to you via email.

Ship's Manifest



Kris Blanchette
 Membership Chair
membership@pwyc.org

Pick up your membership packet to get 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 and other materials. 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.

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

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

Joe and Heather Messina, H-21

If you know someone that hasn't renewed their membership for the 2020 season, renewal forms are available in the Blue Boat House 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

Safety Officer Update and Quiz



Bob Schwartz
Safety Officer

Maryland Is Open For Recreational Boating

Below is the link to the most recent decision regarding recreational boating from the Governor of Maryland. Effective Thursday, May 7, at 7 a.m., recreational boating activities, including motorized and non-motorized vessels and personal watercraft, are permitted, however:

- Boaters must be with immediate family members or people with which they reside.
- No more than 10 people can be on a boat at one time, including captain and crew.
- Boats must be distanced from each other by at least 10 feet and are prohibited from rafting up, beaching, or having rendezvous events.
- Boats are prohibited from docking at restaurants or bars.
- Vessel and boat races remain prohibited.
- Marinas can reopen to recreational boaters, but must adhere to Maryland Departments of Commerce and Health guidelines.
- Pump-out stations and boats may resume operations under the Departments of Commerce and Health guidelines.
- Local jurisdictions may choose to open public boat ramps, but must ensure social distancing guidelines.

All normal boating rules and regulations are in effect and must be followed.

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

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Anchoring

There probably will be lots of anchoring out. Here are some things to think about. The answers are at the end. In addition to the usual Googling, the following were used.

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

Captain Robert L. Figular, Mariners Learning System, Navigation for the Mariner, 2nd edition, 2015, pp 151-154.

Bonus question. TRUE OR FALSE? BEFORE DROPPING AN ANCHOR, BE SURE THAT THE ANCHOR LINE IS SECURED TO THE BOAT.

1. Which of the following may show disrespect when entering or in an anchorage:
 - A. Anchoring too close to a vessel that arrived before you did
 - B. Shouting above engine noise
 - C. Anchoring with a different configuration than other vessels in the anchorage
 - D. Creating a wake in an anchorage
 - E. Playing loud music in proximity to others
 - F. Shining a spotlight directly at an anchored vessel
 - G. Allowing a dog to continue barking for prolonged periods
 - H. Incessant cell phone ringing
2. When selecting an anchorage and before dropping the anchor:
 - A. Check the charts to determine the holding potential of the bottom
 - B. Approach the anchorage into the wind or current whichever is greater
 - C. Observe the swing of the boats already anchored
 - D. Point your bow in the same direction as those already anchored
3. There must be sufficient scope to safely anchor. Scope is the ratio of the:
 - A. Weight of the anchor line to the weight of the vessel
 - B. Weight of the anchor line to the weight of the anchor
 - C. Length of the anchor to the depth of the water
 - D. Length of the anchor line or chain to the depth of the water including any rise in the tide and the height of the bow chocks above the water
4. We must consider when anchoring for the evening:
 - A. The force of any current
 - B. The weather forecast
 - C. The rise and fall of the tide
 - D. That we are showing the proper anchor lights
5. As we enter an anchorage after dark, we see a vessel with one forward masthead light and two sidelights. We should assume that:
 - A. We are seeing a boat leaving the anchorage
 - B. A vessel is coming right at us
 - C. A boat that is aground in the anchorage
 - D. They are tucked in for the night

6. Unless in an area specially designated by the authorities, a 65 ft or less vessel when anchored at night must show:
 - A. One all-around white light and a stern light
 - B. One all-around white light
 - C. One all-around white light and side lights
 - D. Two all-around white lights
7. Of the following, the best type of holding anchor, generally speaking, is:
 - A. A mushroom-type anchor
 - B. A grappling hook-type anchor
 - C. A plow-type anchor
 - D. A pontoon-type anchor
8. Which is true when anchoring:
 - A. Avoid anchoring in the channel especially when the channel is narrow
 - B. The side of the river heading upstream is the preferred side on which to anchor
 - C. Instead of dropping the anchor, it is okay to tie up to either the red or green lateral marker
 - D. We can only tie up to the red lateral marker if we are traveling towards the head of the river.
9. The most favorable bottom for anchoring is:
 - A. Very soft mud
 - B. Rocky
 - C. A mixture of mud and clay
 - D. Loose sand
10. It is best be doing the following as we drop the anchor:
 - A. Be dead in the water
 - B. Moving slowly astern
 - C. Moving fast ahead
 - D. Moving fast astern
11. Letting out additional anchor line when the wind picks up will:
 - A. Increase the holding power of the anchor
 - B. Decrease the holding power of the anchor
 - C. Not make any difference
 - D. Increase the swing of the vessel
12. An anchor works because it:
 - A. Is heavy
 - B. Is digging into the bottom
 - C. Slides along the bottom until it grabs hold of something
 - D. Holds best when the angle of pull is 60 degrees

13. The way to determine if the anchor is dragging is to:
 - A. Periodically check latitude and longitude
 - B. Take a bearing on two or more landmarks
 - C. Eyeball whether or not another boat is getting closer
 - D. Check whether or not the anchor line is jerking or vibrating
14. Setting an anchor means that:
 - A. We are sure we are dropping it in the right place
 - B. We tie the anchor line off on a cleat and slowly backdown to be sure it is holding
 - C. We observe the boats around us to be sure we are not too close
 - D. Setting is not important because once the anchor is down it is doing its job
15. We wake up in the night and see that someone has anchored too close to us:
 - A. We should shine our light on them to wake them up and tell them to move
 - B. Call them on the VHF and tell them to move
 - C. Get in our dingy and bang on their hull and tell them to move
 - D. Re-evaluate our situation to determine wither or not we should up anchor and re-anchor somewhere safer
16. Which should we do if the anchor is stuck on the bottom and will not come up:
 - A. Move the vessel directly over the anchor while pulling in the line
 - B. Move the boat directly over the anchor, wrap the line around a cleat, and give wave action raising the bow an opportunity to break the anchor free
 - C. Slowly drive the boat around in a wide circle to change the angle of pull
 - D. Cut the line and pay Neptune his due
17. The advantage of adding 20 feet of chain to the end of the line is that:
 - A. Chain helps prevent chafing of the line as it rubs along the bottom
 - B. The weight of the chain helps lower the angle of pull on the anchor
 - C. There is no advantage
 - D. Lessens sand from penetrating the higher up nylon
18. Generally speaking, when entering an anchorage:
 - A. The first vessel in sets the rule as far as scope is concerned
 - B. Every person drops anchor as they see fit
 - C. Point the bow of the vessel as the others face
 - D. Give everyone a prolonged blast of the whistle to announce your arrival
19. Anchoring off the stern:
 - A. Generally speaking, should only be done in sheltered water
 - B. Stern into the wind is acceptable practice
 - C. For the stern anchor to be effective, it must have adequate size for the conditions, and be of an appropriate design for the bottom
 - D. Depending on the conditions, either the bow anchor or the stern anchor can be set first

20. It is a common rule of thumb when anchoring to use a length of cable:
- A. Twice the depth of water, any tide rise, and the height of the bow chocks above the water
 - B. Seven to ten times the depth of water, any tide rise, and the height of the bow chocks above the water
 - C. Twice the depth of the water and any tide rise
 - D. Five to seven times the depth of water, any tide rise, and the height of the bow chocks above the water

Answers:

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| 1. All | 7. C | 14. B |
| 2. All | 8. A | 15. D |
| 3. D | 9. C | 16. A, B, and C |
| 4. All | 10. B | 17. A, B, and D |
| 5. A and B | 11. A and D | 18. A and C |
| 6. B | 12. B | 19. A, C, and D |
| | 13. All | 20. D |

Treasurer's Report

Sherry Samar
Treasurer

Balance as of 04/01/2020:	\$ 15,069.02
Receipts (dues, <u>CoW</u> , burgee sales, interest)	\$ 0.10
Expenses (Membership supplies, flag purchase)	\$ -1,757.71
New balance as of 05/01/2020	\$ 13,311.41

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.

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

- 6 Board Meeting @ TBD
- 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)
- 18 PRYCA Float In
- 17-24 Annual Bay Cruise
- 25 Pig Roast (Welcome home from the annual cruise)

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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)

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) AAAAAARGH!!!

OCTOBER

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

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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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E	Harold Jenkinson	“April Fools”	E-8	edockrep@pwyc.org
F	Scott Parsons	“Finally Got it Right”	F-6	fdockrep@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:

Quarantine question—Is it me, or does everyone else feel we've been sent to our room by mother nature for acting out of line?

This issue is brought to you by the letter 'O' - as in "The waterways are open!"