



Lifeline

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

Approaching The Close

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FROM THE HELM



Mike Connolly
Commodore
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We have a ton of new club members! Carlton and the rest of the Prince William Marina staff have been working overtime selling boats. For you club members who have been around for a while, please make a special effort to meet-and-greet our new arrivals. If you've just joined the club, please attend one of our fantastic club events and keep in mind that we're a social club that just happens to be organized around boats!

Whether you've been a club member for years or you've just joined, please make sure you renew your membership! Your club dues are the primary funding source that we use to pay for the many outstanding events that PWYC hosts. 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 our Membership Chair, Kris Blanchette at membership@pwyc.org. Otherwise, all members can renew online at www.pwyc.org. If you are a new member that joined after 1 September, your dues are valid for this year and 2021! If you pay your dues prior to 31 December, you will automatically be entered into the "get your dues back" drawing that will happen at PWM's slip holder appreciation party that will occur early next year!

Hopefully, you were able to attend one of our big events in September. On 12 September, we had a great time at the PWYC Seafood Boil. This was different from our normal Crab Bake, and we owe a HUGE amount of **thanks to Steve and Kim Harrison, Sherman Vandevender, as well as Vice Commodore Rick McHarg and his wife Kris** for championing this well-attended event! We also need to **thank Carlton and the rest of the staff at Prince William Marina** for setting up the Pavilion! Based on the feedback from those who attended, your Board of Directors intends to make the Seafood Boil our new standard for this annual event.

PWYC BRIDGE

COMMODORE

Mike Connolly
"Summer Daze" (D-9)

VICE COMMODORE

Rick McHarg
"EAGLE ONE" (K-40)

REAR COMMODORE

James Smith
"Express Yourself" (H-41)

SECRETARY

Ralph Ocasio
"Seas the Moment" (G-36)

TREASURER

Sherry Samar
"Irish Hawk" (E-06)

IPC

J Gaston
"Patriot Dreams" (H-43)

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"Lucky Paws" (D-15)

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"Lucky Paws" (D-15)

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"Finally Got It Right" (F-6)

CO-SOCIAL CHAIR

Sherri Connolly
"Summer Daze" (D-9)

CO-SOCIAL CHAIR

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"Seas the Moment" (G-36)

SAFETY CHAIR

Bob Schwartz
"Alexandra" (F-12)

IT Services

Virginia Gaston
"Patriot Dreams" (H-43)

PRYCA DELEGATE

Sheldon Lu and Beth Lu

CBYCA DELEGATE

Tim Abel



Steve and Kim Harrison serve-up some awesome grub at the Seafood Boil.



Sherman Vandevender really enjoyed cooking for you at the Seafood Boil.

Due to COVID-19 social distancing concerns, between 18 – 20 September we celebrated our annual Pirates' Night on the "docks" instead of on the "hook." We do this event annually with Prince William Marina. Pirates' Night is one of our seminal events, so it's great that we were able to still do this while complying with social distancing and mask wearing guidelines. Please make sure you thank **Rear Commodore James Smith and his wife Tina, Social Chair Denise Parsons and her husband Scott, and Beth Lu** for all the effort they put into Pirate's Night! Also, please make sure you **thank PWM** for helping make Pirates' Night an outstanding event!



Prince William Yacht Club Pirates!!!



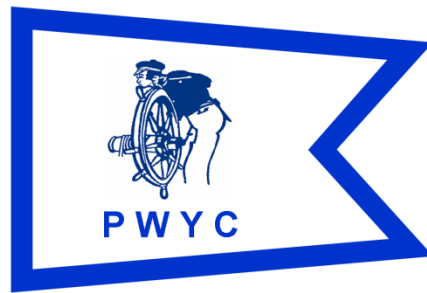
Congratulations to Durel Lewis for winning the best decorated boat prize!



Our Rear Commodore, James Smith and his wife Tina (along with the three-legged monkey) stole the show with their awesome pirate costumes!

If you haven't done so already, please complete the Coast Guard survey at this link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ShallowWaterWAMS>. The Coast Guard is conducting a Waterways Analysis and Management System (WAMS) study of the Shallow Draft Waterway Systems, which includes all navigable waterways of the United States less than 12 feet of depth. The assessment is part of the U.S. Coast Guard's effort to make navigable waterways of the United States safer, more efficient, and more resilient. This survey will have direct future impacts of our waterways, so it is imperative that they receive as much feedback as possible. Please go to the website to submit comments from now until November 1, 2020. The survey takes less than 10 minutes. Thanks to Vicky Carr for bringing this to our attention.

Please don't forget about **the contest to name the PWYC Mariner that appears on our burgee.** **Carlton has sweetened the pot by offering a \$100 gas coupon to the winner!** Please email me by 30 October with your ideas (commodore@pwyc.org). You may enter as many names as you wish. We'll announce the winner on Closing Day, 7 November. If we have a number of great entries, we'll conduct a club vote.



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

Vice Commodore

vicecommodore@pwyc.org

As I sit here on **EAGLE ONE** in my slip at Coles Point for the Commodore's Cruise, its now raining with the remnants of storm Delta passing through the mid-Atlantic. Prince William Marina agreed to sponsor PWYC here for the Columbus day weekend as a change to the planned Labor day cruise when the Marina at Coles Point was previously booked. The Marina has gone all out to make it a fun cruise with a Cornhole tourney, a Scavenger hunt, a Pot Luck Dinner on Friday and a fabulous dinner at Tim's on Saturday, Bingo and a Darts Tourney and Happy Hour..."Whew!" A big thanks to Michele Price, her husband Mike, and Randy Becker for coordinating and making it all happen.

We had 20 Boats make the trip down the 65 Miles of the Potomac on Friday and Saturday, both big boats and smaller boats. Some of our newer members won new confidence in their navigation, planning, and machines by going the distance. And the beauty of having PWM along is there is a qualified mechanic to assist with any boat issues. We will be looking for more new members next season when we can have many more on the water events. Which brings me to my shameless plug for you all to renew your membership for next year. Hopefully 2021 will be a banner year both weather-wise and pandemic-less. If you were part of the Pig roast, Seafood Boil, Pirates Nite at the Dock or Opening and Closing events, you know you get your \$100 dues worth of partying and camaraderie with these great ashore events. So renew early and often!

I need to also mention that our annual PWYC Photography Contest will wrap up on the 25th of October. Submissions must be in to me by midnite, 25th. Please check out the Flyer in the Back of the Lifeline and note the categories for submission. You submit your photos electronically to me, vicecommodore@PWYC.org following the guidelines. A panel of judges will decide the winners in each category and they will be announced at the Season closing Chili Cookoff on Sat Nov 7 in the Blue Bathhouse. There will be prizes! Please attend the Closing Ceremonies, the General membership meeting, and support the Duck Drop planned to kick it all off on Saturday afternoon at 2 PM.

Finally, there's a good month to month and a half left for cruising this fall before we all have to think about winterizing and wearing heavy jackets, so keep heading out there and be safe! But if you are done for the season, do a thorough job of getting ready for the winter...that last coat of wax, take the stuff out of the fridge, etc.

See you on the docks (still!)

Rick McHarg

EAGLE ONE K-40



James Smith

Rear Commodore

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REAR COMMODORE UPDATE

As I write this the club is heading out for our final planned group cruise of a very different kind of boating season. I trust we have taken all of the appropriate precautions and completed a safe boating season. Of course in 2020 there is always something lurking in the background. Hurricane Delta crossed the Louisiana coast as a Category 3 hurricane. Toward the end of the weekend we will have seen its impact on our area and the last part of the weekend expected to be rainy.

Seems like this is pretty much par for the course in 2020. We have been affected by the weather or the pandemic from the first planned trip of the season which was the photo shoot at the Tidal Basin. After that we had to deal with the closure of the Potomac waterways due to Covid-19 restrictions. Finally after the restrictions were lifted, our first club event was a short jaunt over to Mattawoman. Over 20 boats blasted their horns as a show of unity and to let the curious other boaters know that the Prince William Yacht Club was alive and well.

Colonial Beach was our next endeavour and the first time during the season where we were able to get just a bit closer to each other and enjoy the beautiful sunrises and sunsets away from home port with a large number of boats.

We managed to do smaller “at large” cruises as well and this may possibly be a trend going forward.

As we begin to pack up and winterize for the season we can all be rightly proud that despite all of the obstacles we managed to have fun and stay safe. We had to adapt and innovate. The good news is it can only get better from here (we hope).

James Smith

Ship's Manifest



Kris Blanchette
Membership Chair
membership@pwyc.org

Renew your \$100 annual membership by December 31, 2020 to be eligible for the "**Annual Get Your Dues Back Drawing**", held at the PWM Slip Holders Party. If you paid via PayPal, you may be subscribed for auto-renew, email membership@pwyc.org if you have questions.

Memberships paid from this point forward (new or renewing) will be counted towards the 2021 Boating Season!

Please help me welcome our new and renewing 2021 Prince William Yacht Club members (between September 1-30, 2020).

Doug Livesay and Holly Shenk, Boatel
John and Heather Ingram, B-2
Cathy Stultz and Mike Connors, Boatel
Michael and Diane Grimm, Boatel
John and Sara Fitzgerald, B-22
Bob and Donna Giesler, Eagle's Landing, E-13
Thomas and Mary Craig, Boatel
Nicholas and Melissa Durgin, F-8

Renew online at PWYC.org or mail a check with the renewal form.

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



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 09/01/2020:	\$ 15,258.44
Receipts (dues, Seafood boil, 50/50, interest)	\$ 1,444.14
Expenses (Seafood boil, Pirates Night)	\$ -2,910.56
New balance as of 10/01/2020	\$ 13,792.02

Cole's Point



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.



When: October 31st

Where: Blue Bath House

Time: 6PM

Please Bring A Dish To Share

Best Costume Wins A Prize!!!

Best Decorated Boat Wins a Prize!!!

Email social@pwyc.org if you have any questions



Prince William
Yacht Club

CLOSING DAY

NOVEMBER 7, 2020

AGENDA:

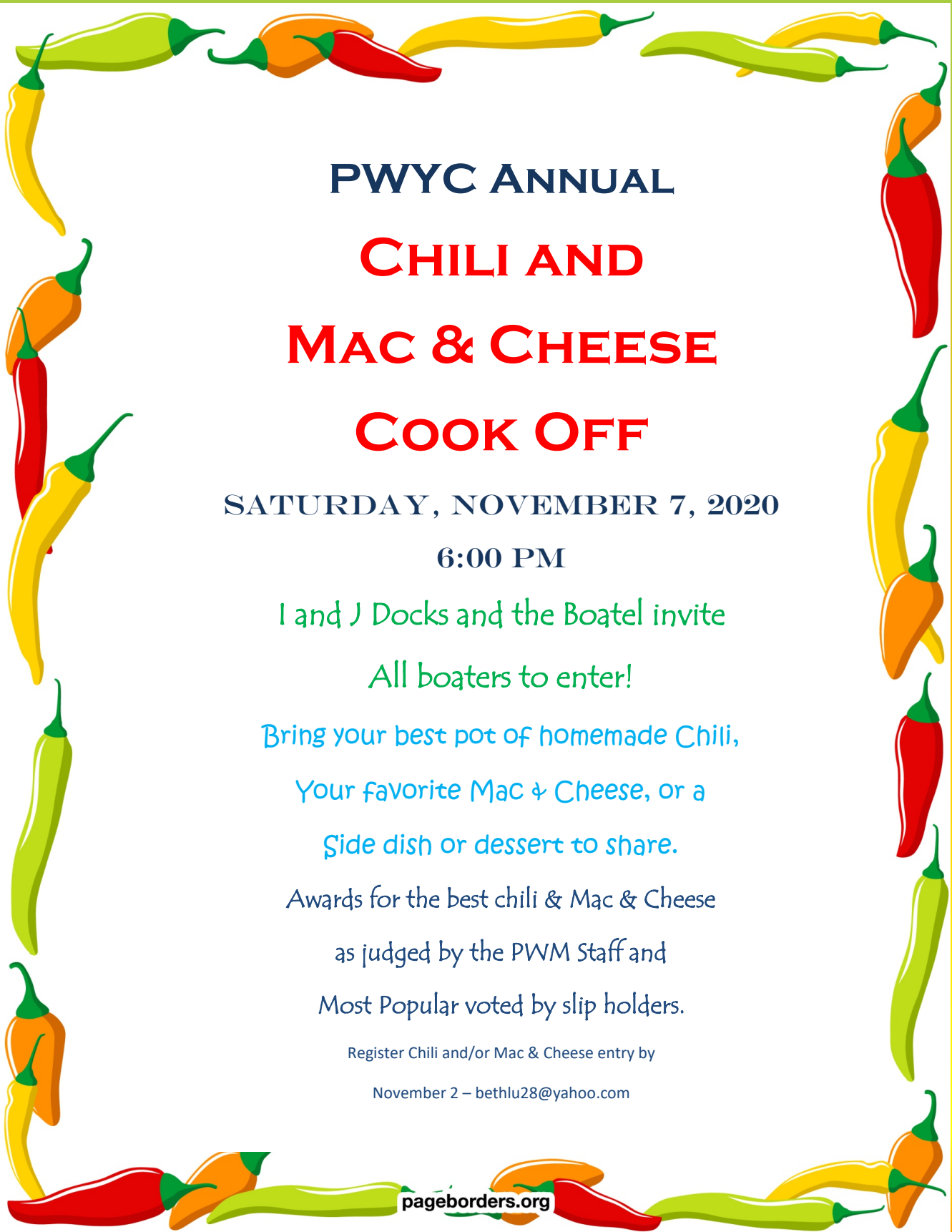
Duck Drop @ 2:00 pm

PWYC 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)

Email social@pwyc.org if you have any questions



**PWYC ANNUAL
CHILI AND
MAC & CHEESE
COOK OFF**

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2020

6:00 PM

I and J Docks and the Boatel invite
All boaters to enter!

Bring your best pot of homemade Chili,
Your favorite Mac & Cheese, or a
Side dish or dessert to share.

Awards for the best chili & Mac & Cheese
as judged by the PWM Staff and
Most Popular voted by slip holders.

Register Chili and/or Mac & Cheese entry by

November 2 – bethlu28@yahoo.com

pageborders.org

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

OCTOBER

31 Halloween Party

NOVEMBER

7 CLOSING DAY
Duck Drop @ 2:00 pm
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



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

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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 — well actually interesting factoid:

Mind your p's and q's. What does this actually mean? Well here ya go:

When in port, Sailors would get credit at the taverns until they were paid. The barman would keep a record of their drinks on a chalkboard behind the bar. A mark was made under "p" for pint or "q" for quart. On payday, a sailor was liable for each mark next to his name and forced to "mind his p's and q's."

Source: Nautical Fun on National Trivia Day by Norm Schultz

This issue is brought to you by the letter "T" - as in Thank you for an unusual yet wonderful boating season. The next issue of the Lifeline will be brought to you by the talented, better looking, and more funny Frank Murray. Cheers to you all and happy boating!