

Lifeline

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

2019 Memories !!!

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FROM THE HELM

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“Summer Daze” (D-9)

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Commodore, Dennis R. Gatens
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Thank you. Thank you for your support these last two years as your Commodore. Just as the boating seasons always go by quickly, so has these last two years. Thank you to my Bridge and Fleet Captains, these last two years, for all their time, energy and commitment to continue to make PWYC great. Thank you to the Dock Captains and Event Captains that gave us a season full of events to spend time together on the hook and on land. And, finally, thank you to Prince William Marina for their extraordinary support of PWYC, which I am sure will continue for seasons to come. Thank you.

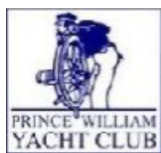
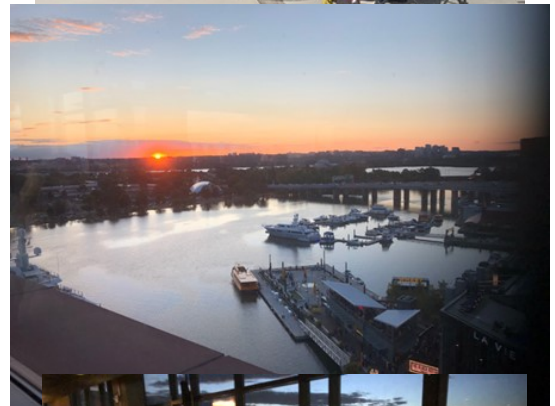
My mission as your Commodore was to promote Inclusivity, Safety and Budget Discipline. I believe we accomplished this with a number of events for all types and size of boaters, new safety initiatives for both our boating family and our surrounding community, and managing the PWYC budget that made best use of membership treasury. Not to mention the resurrection and upgrade of our website and email system from a long unsupported platform and unreliable service provider that disappeared overnight (thank you Sarah and Eric).

My last cruise as your Commodore was a trip to the DC Wharf with Cool Runnings, Eagle One and Dream On over the Columbus Day weekend ... perfect weather and great company! I think everyone on our cruise would recommend a visit to the 12 Stories bar for a sunset cocktail where the 180 degree view to the north, west and south is spectacular! 12 Stories welcomes yacht clubs who visit the DC Wharf area.

Again, Robyn and I appreciate your support these past two years and hope to see you underway in the boating seasons to come.

Safe Boating!

Dennis R. Gatens
Commodore, PWYC
Buzzed Gobbler



THE DECK LOG



Vice Commodore, Mike Connolly
vicecommodore@pwyc.org

Wow!!! What a wonderful end to the 2019 boating season! If you didn't have fun, it's because you weren't there. To top it off, the Nats finished the fight and won the World Series!!!

H Dock hosted our 2019 Oktoberfest celebration on 19 October. Quite a number of folks showed up in their best lederhosen. Please thank Lou & Pat Ward and Kevin & Laurie Ryan and the rest of H dock for a great time.

One week after our Oktoberfest, we had our Halloween party on 26 October. Many thanks to our Social Chair, Denise Guess-Parsons and her husband Scott for pulling this together.

We had our Closing Day ceremonies on 2 November. We began with our last General Membership meeting of the year. Next, we had our flag lowering ceremony. Finally, we enjoyed our annual Chili and Mac & Cheese cook-off. As always, it takes a lot of folks to pull together an event like this. For the flag lowering ceremony, please thank Tim Abel for providing his sound system, Harold Jenkinson for the invocation, and J Gaston & Scott Parsons for performing flag duties. For the cook-off, please thank Beth Lu for championing the event and Debbie Eatherly for her expert help...as well as Carlton and Prince William Marina for providing Chili and Mac & Cheese judges. We also need to thank the folks who led our annual photo contest: Tom Payne and Lou Ward were our judges for the contest, and many thanks go to our Treasurer, Sherry Samar who put together the slide show.

Here are the winners for our competitions!

Chili

Judges' awards:

1st Place – Christine Mason (that's a repeat!)

2nd Place – Judy Khoury

3rd Place – Ginger Gaston

...and the People's Choice: Scott Parsons

Mac & Cheese

Judges' awards:

1st Place – Kim Harrison

2nd Place – Una Murphy (another routine winner!)

3rd Place – Sandy Fletcher

...and the People's Choice: Mike Connolly (that's a repeat!)

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Photo Contest Winners!

Category Boats: Chris Borner, “Prop Wash”



Category Humor: Kris Blanchette “Reach for the Sky”



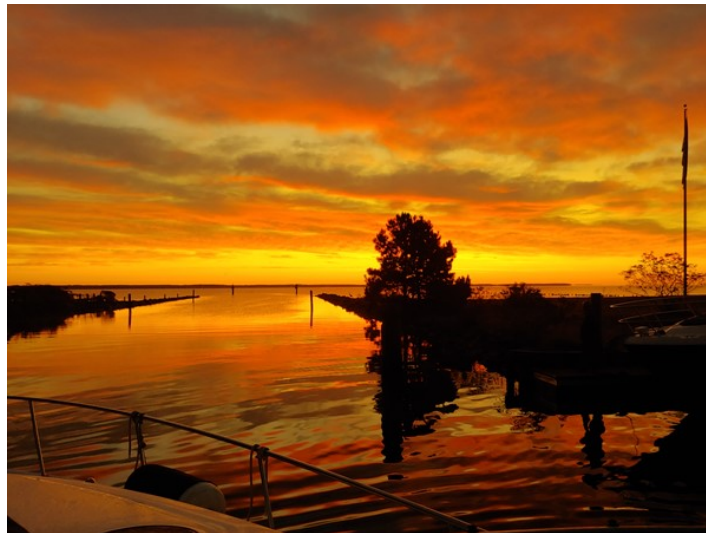
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Category People: Philip Schoepfin, “Grog at Sundown”



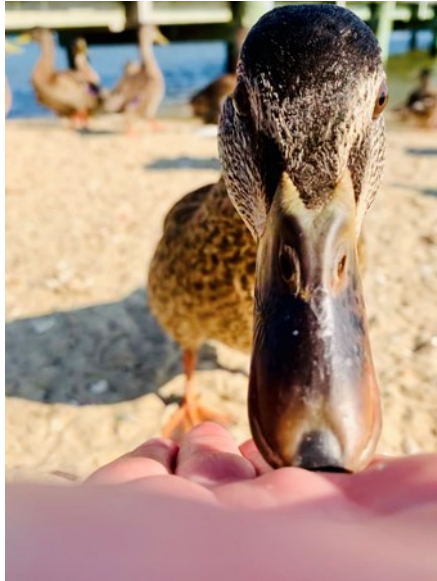
Category Places: Bob Carr, “Amazing First Light”



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Category Wildlife: Stephanie Burget, “Nordica”



...and the Grand Prize Winner is: Jay Dowling, “Early Morning”



Although the boating season is over, that doesn't mean that there are no more 2019 PWYC events. Don't forget about the Boat Lighting, sponsored by PWM, on 7 December. Also, the annual “Wreaths Across America” event is scheduled for 14 December...championed by our distinguish club members, Ed & Christine Mason. Look for additional information on these PWYC traditions around the marina and via electronic messages.

See you (next year) on the water.

Mike Connolly
Summer Daze, D-9

“...to promote safe, enjoyable, and responsible boating activities” PWYC Bylaws, Article II

GET UNDERWAY



Rear Commodore, Vicky Carr
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2019 PWYC On-Water Events

- FEB 9: Night Boating Seminar
- APR 6: Cherry Blossom Cruise With Optional Alexandria destination
- APR 13: Practical Boating Seminars
- APR 20: Opening Day!
- APR 27-28: Nationals Baseball Game Cruise
- MAY 4: On-Water Raft Up On T (12:00-3:00pm)
- MAY 11: Spring Raft Up At Mattawoman Creek
- MAY 18: Blessing of the Fleet, Boat Photoshoot, Lunch Cruise
- MAY 25-27: Memorial Day Cruise To DC Wharf
- JUN 1: Night Boating Practice Trip (date to be confirmed)
- JUN 8: Patriots Cruise and Salute
- JUN 15-16: Father's Day Cruise to Colonial Beach
- JUN 19 -20 (rain date JUN 25-26) : Gals at the Helm
- JUL 4-7: Fireworks Cruise To Alexandria/National Harbor
- JUL 12-21: Southern Bay Cruise: Cape Charles, Portsmouth, Yorktown, Tides Inn Resort & Marina
- JUL 19-21 PRYCA Float-In (Coles Point)
- JUL 27: Day Cruise To Alexandria
- AUG 3-4: Coles Point Cruise (PWM-sponsored)
- AUG 9-12: Commodores Cruise To Tides Inn Resort and Marina
- AUG 31-SEP 2: Labor Day Cruise To Yards Marina/3 Sisters
- SEP 21-22: Pirate's Night on the Hook (With a Special Invitation For Day Boaters)
- SEP 28-29: National Harbor Cruise
- OCT 12-14: Solomons Island Cruise With Optional Annapolis Destination

“The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands.”....”He is the Maker of heaven and earth, and sea, and everything in them - He remains faithful forever.” (Psalm 19:1, Psalm 146:6)

What a fantastic boating season 2019 was! The biggest factor was the fabulous boating weather God blessed us with all season long!

As the season draws to a close, I look back fondly at all the fun boating memories from PWYC cruises and on-water events this past year. We had 18 club cruises scheduled, 10 of them ‘new’, plus 4 new on-water educational events (Practical Boating Seminar Saturday, Night Boating Seminar and practice trips, On-Water Raft-Up Lessons, and Gals at the Helm). Twenty percent of our membership attended at least one educational event, and 40% joined at least one cruise. Only one cruise was cancelled (Fireworks Cruise cancelled for weather), and one other cruise became a land-only event (Nats Game, due to high winds), all others went as planned. The most popular were Pirates’ Night on the Hook (30 boats), Patriot Cruise (20 boats), Colonial Beach (19 boats), Yards/3 Sisters (15 boats), Coles Point Cruise (14 boats), Cherry Blossom Cruise (12 boats), Blessing of Fleet Day Lunch Cruise (11 boats)...and the Practical Boating Seminars (15 boats) and Gals at the Helm (13 boats).

As Rear Commodore, I had 3 goals: Encourage each PWYC member to learn at least one new safety best practice, meet and get to know at least one PWYC member they don’t know, and stretch their boating ‘wings’ by boating (with less anxiety) to a new destination (farther, new marina/overnight/on the hook/rafting up with another boat, etc.). It was such fun all year to see all of you venturing out! As a math major, I collected stats (of course), and am delighted to report that 33 boats joined a PWYC Cruise to a place they’d never been before! That’s 20%! Many others I saw venture to new destinations on other weekends. Well done!

As Rear Commodore, I also had 9 priorities: a Fall Survey and Listening Tour, creating a Cruise Calendar based on survey feedback, Increase Communication, Plan Cruises for Diverse Boaters, Establish policy for Lead Boats for all cruises (or new members (or new to destination) to follow), Increase Early Cruise RSVPs, Add Educational Programs, Add Resources for New Boaters, and Increase Boatel Participation. The metrics show we were successful in all but one (increase early cruise RSVPs)...and maybe that’s just not attainable in metro DC with everyone’s demanding job and family life schedules.

So my hat’s off in salute to all of you for making this such a great boating season!

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GET UNDERWAY

To close, since we're starting to think about buttoning up our boats for the winter, I'm replacing my 'Anchors Up! signoff with my favorite toast to all of you:

“There are tall **Ships** and small **Ships**,
And **Ships** that sail the sea,
But the **Best Ships are FriendShips**,
And May they always be!”

I treasure your friendship!
Over the winter and until the 2020 boating season.....stay safe in harbor!
Smooth Seas,
Vicky Carr, Rear Commodore

Ship's Manifest



Membership Chair, Una Murphy
membership@pwyc.org

Please help me welcome new and renewing Prince William Yacht Club members (between September 17 and October 20).

Edward “Ted” and Laura Angle, Sparkling Star, K-26

Heidi Copeland and Randall Murley, B-20

If you renewed your membership on or after October 20, your name will appear in the December issue of Lifeline.

Please note that any membership dues collected as of September 1st will be counted towards your 2020 dues, so you can renew your membership for your 2020 Membership right now!!

Closing day for the 2019 season will be Saturday, November 2nd. If you are planning to come to closing day you can renew your membership at that time through cash or check.

You may also:

- Make payments via PayPal at pwyc.org (click on “Payments”)

OR

- Send a \$100 check made payable to: PWYC to:

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

If you know marina friends or dockmates who are not yet PWYC members, please recruit them for membership in 2020! Also, don't forget to encourage all of our current members to renew!

PWYC burgees are available for \$25. If you would like one, please email me at membership@pwyc.org.

Una Murphy
Membership Chair
membership@pwyc.org



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

Be Aware Out There...You Never Know



Bob Schwartz, Safety Officer
safety@pwy.org

A while back the Bridge suggested that in the *Lifeline* we highlight stories where members of Prince William Marina have gone above and beyond to help fellow boaters who were in distress.

If you are interested in describing your event, please send a note to:
Robert.schwartz20009@gmail.com. Please include the following information:

- Date of occurrence
- Name of your boat
- Location of the event
- Description of what happened
- What action you took
- Outcome

This was the first one submitted. We have one or two additional that will appear next month. The report is presented with no changes other than running it through Spell Check and making alterations which made sense to me.

Please note that the Skipper of the Taiwan-On, Sheldon D. Lu, was able to offer the assistance he did because:

- He had a VHF on board attuned to Channel 16.
- He had the situational awareness to know where he was when the original distress notification was broadcast by the Coast Guard.
- He understood his responsibilities under the Good Samaritan rule (<https://www.dco.uscg.mil/Portals/9/CG-5R/MassRescueOps/MRO-GoodSamaritanAlaskaGuide.pdf>). https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Good_Samaritan_Law
- He understood that his reporting went through the Coast Guard.
- His VHF was his first choice to contact the Coast Guard, not his cell phone.
- He was able to save time by reporting the proper latitude and longitude to the Coast Guard and the first responders coming to the scene.

After Action Report: USS Taiwan-On, Sea Ray Sundancer 44.

On 8 June 2019, at approx. 1500 EST, after a successful day-ops waterborne recon mission supporting DV (Distinguished Visitor) observers to MCB Quantico I was proceeding en route northbound to my RTB destination PWM.

Just north of Mattawoman Bay I received a broadcast transmission on guard channel 16 from the USCG indicating a Maroon topped 24ft Maxum cruiser was taking on water and in distress.

Using my expert skills as a former USMC trained intelligence officer, I immediately scanned the environment external to my vessel and noticed a stationary craft approximately 1/2 mile south east of my position, off the starboard stern. I slowed my rate of advance and commenced a slow starboard turn in order to more clearly identify the stationary craft. Upon additional careful observation I assessed the craft did match the description provided by the USCG.

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I immediately contact the USCG via a broadcast transmission in the clear, on guard to so advise them of my observation. The USCG promptly responded requesting I transmit my location, which I did via channel 16, utilizing my onboard navigation systems to provide GPS Lat/Long coordinates. During these communications I continued to approach and then circle the target craft, further observing the craft contained two persons. One person appeared to be using a small cottage cheese container and some rags to bail water out of the aft portion of their vessel.

The USCG again requested that I broadcast my Lat/Long coordinates which I immediately complied with. Once within verbal hailing distance to the distressed craft I asked if I could do anything to render assistance and indicated the USCG was inbound.....the occupants just waved and smiled.

Approximately 15 minutes after radio voice contact with the USCG, I was hailed by an unknown police boat which I saw approaching from a distance of approx. 1 mile. Soon after that a fireboat also hailed me....again on channel 16 asking for a point out from their approach via Mattawoman Bay. Approx. 1-2 mile distance I was able to ID the fireboat and provided further guidance to my posit.

As the police boat arrived on-scene I advised USCG of the situation, whereby the USCG indicated that I was relieved as the "Good Samaritan" on-scene commander.

I confirmed both police and fireboats were in the vicinity and could render aid to the distressed vessel, I then departed the scene at a slow rate of speed to reduce wake and turbulence in surrounding waters.

Outcome of the situation is assumed to have been positive as multiple emergency and rescue craft where in the vicinity of the distressed vessel. I did see a BOAT US Tow craft headed in the direction of the scene as I transited the Occoquan towards PWM.

Signed:

Skipper of the Taiwan-On, Sheldon D. Lu (call sign Hadji).

Bob Schwartz
Safety Officer

Treasurer's Report

Balance as of 10/01/2019: \$ 8982.96

Receipts (dues, PHOTH t-shirts): \$ 260.00

Expenses (Pig Roast keg, Gen Membership mtg, R.Como) \$ 1487.26

New balance as of 10/20/2019 \$ 7755.70

Sherry Samar
Treasurer

A Note of Thanks

Hello PWYC,

I wanted to say thank you to everyone that help out this year with the Gainesville Haymarket Rotary 9th annual night golf and bingo event to help raise money for our very own patriot cruise and salute , plus WAAAG , Peyton's project and our Rotary foundation. It truly takes a village, from buying cruise raffle ticket, donating items like Lisa Jenkins did with her Discover bag with a \$50 gift card inside and live item auction like a day on the water with Jay & Ginger did.. What a great response from our golfers and bingo players. That we got a 2nd trip offered up from Vicky and Bob We raised \$1350 on that alone PWYC you step up big like I knew you would Thank you all for everything you did , because of you we raised \$4400 for each Charity.

Best,
Doug Burum



**Prince William
Yacht Club
Change of Watch
Gala**

Hold the Date !!!

February 29, 2020

Embassy Suites

Springfield, VA

7:00-11:30 p.m.

2019 Social Calendar

DECEMBER

- 7 Board Meeting @ 10:00 am
- Christmas Boat Lighting (PWM hosted event) @ 5:00 PM
- 14 Wreaths Across America at Arlington National Cemetery

Upcoming 2020 Boating Safety Classes:

MARCH

- 28 POC Bob Schwartz

MAY

- 9 POC Bob Schwartz

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Denise Guess-Parsons
Lifeline Editor
Finally Got It Right, F6

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All articles, photographs, and announcements must be received by the 20th of each month

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