



2025 PRYCA FLOAT-IN SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, 25 July

TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION
Anytime	Vessels arrive. Guests are welcome to enjoy the town and beverages.	
1400 – 1800	Pick-up registration packets. Sign up for 2025 Vessel Safety Examinations (if needed).	Colonial Beach Community Center
1400 Friday- 1700 Saturday	Scavenger Hunt Scavenger Hunt lists will be handed out to all participants at the Colonial Beach Community Center with their welcome packet upon check-in. Keep your eyes open as you move through town.	Colonial Beach Community Center
1730 – 2200	Bar Crawl and Dinner in Colonial Beach Mix, mingle and meet other PRYCA members while enjoying the waterfront restaurants and live music throughout Colonial Beach! We will meet at High Tides on the Potomac at 1730 in the Tiki Bar area. We will then head to the Monroe Bay side of Colonial Beach around 1900, and you have your choice of going to either Los Hermanos Mexican Restaurant or Ice House Brewery . From there, we will depart for our final stop at Dockside Restaurant at 2045. Each of the stops has food that can be ordered and there will be live music at both High Tides on the Potomac and Dockside Restaurant . Feel free to join us at any or all of the stops at any point throughout the evening.	Colonial Beach

Saturday, 26 July

0800 – 1200	Sign up for 2025 Vessel Safety Examinations (if needed). Don't forget to bring cash to purchase the 2025 Raffle Tickets.	Colonial Beach Community Center
0900 – 0945	Seminar 1 – Knot Tying- Immediate Past Commodore Tony Ford	Colonial Beach Community Center

0945 – 1030	Seminar 2 – Proper Use of Flares and Fire Extinguishers – BoatMom Captain Myndi Harbin An informative conversation on Boat Safety requirements and a hands-on demonstration of Visual Distress Signals! This is a small sample of the knowledge that the ladies have gained in her excellent class Admirals in Action!	Outside Lawn at Colonial Beach Community Center
1030 – 1100	Captains Meeting Designated Captains of each club (or combination of clubs) participating in the competition meet to discuss the day's events.	Colonial Beach Community Center
LET THE GAMES BEGIN!!		
All game participants must be on hand beginning at 1115. Games, except for the Scavenger Hunt which is a multi-day event, will be held sequentially thereafter, and game times are estimated.		
1115 – 1215	Seamanship Team Trivia All Club Team members report to the Colonial Beach Community Center. <i>Show off your boating knowledge and win points for your club with team trivia.</i>	Colonial Beach Community Center
1215 - 1315	LUNCH Street Taco Bar with grilled chicken, inside skirt steak sliced beef, and vegetable filling (roasted peppers, onions, and mushrooms medley); Cheese Quesadillas; Guacamole, pico, cilantro, diced sweet onion, jalapeños, hot sauce, and sour cream; Cheese dip and tortilla chips. BYOB Adult Beverages	Colonial Beach Community Center
1315 – 1345	Life Jacket Switch All clubs report to the outside lawn of the Colonial Beach Yacht Center. <i>See how fast you can put on and take off a life jacket to save your life.</i>	Outside Lawn at Colonial Beach Community Center
1400 – 1430	Knot Tying All clubs report to the outside lawn of the Colonial Beach Yacht Center. <i>This is not your average competition. Check out the knot tying seminar to practice your skills.</i>	Outside Lawn at Colonial Beach Community Center

1445-1515	Blind Man/Captain's Direction All clubs report to the beach by Colonial Beach Yacht Center. <i>Communication is key, especially when you can't see.</i>	Beach by Colonial Beach Yacht Center
Free Time - Enjoy the beach on a hot summer day!		
1600-1800	Ingleside Winery Wine Tasting Come join us at the Community Center for a wine tasting of one of Colonial Beach's own wineries, Ingleside Winery. They will be pouring wine that you can purchase by the tasting, glass, or bottle. Please be sure to tip the staff who graciously volunteered to come join us and pour their wine for us!	Colonial Beach Community Center
1845 – 2045	DINNER Seasoned and Grilled Beef Tenderloin, with Horseradish sauce on the side; Grilled Chicken Breast Marsala; Shrimp Cocktail served with cocktail, Old Bay, and lemon; Yukon Gold mashed potato bar with bacon, sour cream, and shredded cheese; Seasoned squash/zucchini medley with grilled onion; Caesar salad; Yeast rolls with butter. <i>BYOB Adult Beverages</i>	Colonial Beach Community Center
1900 - 2100	Raffle Tickets and 50/50 Tickets Don't forget to bring cash! Prizes include dockage and gift certificates!	Colonial Beach Community Center
2100 – 2200	Awards Ceremony Welcome remarks from PRYCA Commodore Brian Dollinger, Introduction of Commodores of attending clubs. Recognition of PRYCA Past Commodores. Presentation of The PRYCA Cup to the winning club @ 2030! 50/50 prize winner selection follows.	Colonial Beach Community Center
2200 – 2400	Walk to Community, Enjoy live Music at one of the many Colonial Beach Restaurants, Visit the Marinas, and extend the party	Colonial Beach

Sunday, 27 July

0800 – 1200	SAY GOODBYES Until Next YEAR	
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Potomac River Yacht Clubs Association 2025 Float In Cup Competition Game Rules

Clubs may join together to form teams

The PRYCA Cup Competition will be based on four events, plus two team participation activities. Each team must have a Team Captain, and the Team Captain must report to the Community Center on Saturday for a kick-off/information meeting. This is the opportunity for Captains to ask any questions. The winner of the PRYCA Cup will be announced during the Saturday evening festivities.

EVENTS

1. SCAVENGER HUNT

- All attending members of each team join together to have fun visiting various businesses in town and gathering items any PRYCA boater might have on board or dig up in their surroundings.
- This event is open to all members of each participating team, but each team must designate a Captain for this event.
- The Scavenger Hunt list and Punch Card of Businesses to visit will be given out at the Community Center with your welcome packet. Time begins when you pick up your welcome packet to begin the hunt.
- Scavenger Hunt list items are allowed to be gathered up until 1700 on Saturday.
- The team Captain will present the collected items for judging. Teams may not add or change items after their Captain has deemed their hunt completed by entering the judging area (in the Community Center) and calling for a judge.
- Points go to the 5 teams with the most items found. In the event of a tie, the greatest number of Punch Card businesses completed plus the shortest elapsed time to complete the hunt for items will determine the winner of that place.

2. KNOT TYING

- Objective: To test members' seamanship and knot-tying skills in a fun, fast paced competition.
- Teams will draw to see who will go first.
- Each team will consist of four members from each participating club who will be tying all four knots.
- Each participant will receive a standard yacht line (3-4 feet of braided rope).
- Cell phones are allowed to assist in how to tie the knot if needed.
- This is a timed event, and time will begin when the official blows the whistle.
- Each participant must tie each knot correctly in the given order. When the participant believes that they have the knot completed, they will signal to the officials that the knot is complete by raising their hands.
- After receiving acknowledgement from the official that they have tied the correct knot, they may move on to the next knot.
- This same process will continue for knots 2-4.
- An additional 10 seconds will be added to the total time of the team for each incorrectly tied knot. An additional 5 seconds will be added to the total time of the team for knots tied in the incorrect order.
- Spectators may cheer but they must not call out any directions or do any coaching. Any attempt to cheat will result in event disqualification.
- Time ends when the official blows the whistle when all four knots have successfully been tied.
- Points go to the 5 teams with the best times

3. BLIND MAN/CAPTAIN'S DIRECTION

- Objective: To demonstrate the importance of communication between the Captain and the First Mate.
- Two people from each participating club, one male and one female, will register when the official calls for the participants. One participant will be designated as the Captain and other will be the First Mate.
- Each team of two will attempt to row a small inflatable dinghy out to a duck blind, around it, and back, while the Captain is blindfolded and guided only by the shouted directions of their First Mate.
- Before the official blows the whistle to start the event, both the Captain and the First Mate will enter the dinghy on the beach. The Captain will be blindfolded with their back facing the water and will have the oars outside of the boat ready to row. The First Mate will signal to the official that they are ready to begin by raising their hands in the air.
- This is a timed event, and time will begin when the official blows the whistle.
- The team will row straight out, approximately 20-25 feet to the duck blind. They can navigate either way around the duck blind, but they must compete one full rotation around it before returning to the beach.
- The Captain must remain blindfolded during the entire event and may not lift or adjust the blindfold once the First Mate signals to the official that they are ready to begin.
- If the blindfold comes off, the team will be disqualified.
- Time ends when the official blows the whistle when the team crosses the finish line.

- Points go to the 5 teams with the best times.

4. LIFE JACKET SWITCH

- Objective: To demonstrate the degree of difficulty in safely donning and/or removing a life jacket while under duress in the water.
- Two people from each participating club, one male and one female, will register when the official calls for participants.
- Both team members will stand on milk crates in the yard at the Community Center.
- Each will be tossed a type 1 life vest.
- Time begins when the official blows the whistle.
- Task 1: Without falling off of the milk crate, each team member will don the life vest and securely fasten all clips and straps.
- When both have completed Task 1, they signify by raising both hands in the air.
- After receiving acknowledgement from the official that Task 1 is completed, each team member may begin Task 2. (Note: unfastening of vests may not begin until signal from an official is given).
- Task 2: Each team member will unfasten all clips and straps, remove their life vest and exchange vests with their partner. They each then repeat the process of donning the vest and securing all clips and straps. When Task 2 is complete, each individual raises both hands in the air.
- Time ends when the official blows the whistle, upon noting that both individuals have successfully completed Task 2.
- Points go to the 5 teams with the best times.

PARTICIPATION

SEAMANSHIP TEAM TRIVIA

Team Members

- All members of all teams can participate, or a team can select individual members with a minimum of 2 people.

Objective:

- To have all team members complete the Trivia with the highest number of correct answers within the time limit of one hour.

Proceed:

- A PRYCA board member will be the host of the Trivia and read the question to the teams.
- Each team will discuss their answer and write the answer down to be submitted by their Team Captain. Each team has two (2) minutes to answer the question.
- Tests will be tabulated by board members.
- Participants will be given two minutes to answer each trivia question.

Rules:

- No shouting out answers out into the room. The team will be disqualified for that question.
- Keep your discussion at a low volume so that other teams do not hear your answer.

Winner:

- The highest score for each team will be tabulated. The scoring will be one (1) point for each correct answer. The team with three correct answers per round will be given a bonus point as follows; Round 1 (2 Bonus points); Round 2 (3 bonus points); and Round 3 (4 bonus points) If needed, a trivia question will be read as the tiebreaker for the teams.
- Points go to the 5 teams with the highest to the lowest scores.

VESSEL SAFETY EXAMINATION

Objective: To encourage all boaters to have an annual Vessel Safety Examination early in the boating season.

- This challenge is to determine which team has the highest percentage of its boats at the Float-In with a properly installed 2025 VSE decal*.
- We anticipate that a Coast Guard Auxiliary examiner will be present at the Float-In to perform VSEs on Saturday, but it is up to the individual boat owner to get his/her boat inspected. We will check for decals as boats arrive and until 1200 on Saturday, at which time percentages will be calculated.
- If a participating Team's guest(s) arrive on their own vessel, that vessel will be considered as part of the Team's flotilla for the Vessel Safety Inspection points. This is so, regardless of the affiliation of the vessel owner with the team.
- Points go to the 5 teams with the highest percentage of boats with properly installed 2025 VSE decals**.

*****Float-In Committee will review and decide all exceptions to the term "properly installed decal." Exceptions may include but are not limited to:***

- *Vessel owner is a current VSE examiner; vessel has met those stringent safety requirements.*
- *Vessel owner is in the process of obtaining documentation; has written proof that the vessel has passed 2025 VSE, but decal cannot be issued until documentation is finalized.*

POINT AWARDS

There are 4 opportunities to earn points, and 2 participatory percentage challenges, (the VSE and Seamanship Exam participation,) each equally weighted, for The Cup Award.

Each scoring opportunity will have 5 place awards: **5 points for 1st place; 4 points for 2nd place; 3 points for 3rd place; 2 points for 4th place; and 1 point for 5th place.**

No points will be awarded for 6th place or below.

In addition, two opportunities for Bonus Points are available:

1. One bonus point will be added to the score of any team whose registration and payment for at least two boats was received by the PRYCA Treasurer by June 1, 2025.
2. One bonus point will be added to the score of any team which has 100% of its participating boats arrive with the 2025 VSE decal properly in place**.

When each team's points from all scoring opportunities are added together, the competition team with the highest total score will win The Cup. In the case of a tie for

score in any event, points will be awarded to both teams for the position in which they are tied, e.g., if two teams are tied for 1st, they will both be awarded 5 points, and the next place team will be awarded 3 points. If two teams are tied for 4th, they will both be awarded two points, and the next place will be vacant.

If more than 5 teams have 100% participation in the VSE challenge, all teams that have 100% participation will be awarded 5 points.

In the event of a tie for The Cup award using the above point plan, the team with the best Seamanship Team Trivia team score will break the tie.

CLUB COALITIONS

The purpose of a club coalition is for smaller clubs to band together so that they have a fair chance at the games. Clubs may join with other clubs to compete for The Cup under the following guidelines:

1. Any clubs joining together for Cup competition may not have a combined total of more than 15 *** PARTICIPANTS

****These numbers will be determined by the number of participants/clubs registered. If necessary, a lottery system may be employed to ensure fairness.*

Final determination of Club Coalitions will be approved by PRYCA Rear Commodore and announced at the Captain's Meeting on Saturday.

Any game day disputes/discrepancies will be settled by the PYRCA Commodore, Vice Commodore, Rear Commodore, and Immediate Past Commodore.

GOOD LUCK TO ALL!



The History of the PRYCA Float-In and the PRYCA Cup

The first PRYCA Float-In was held in July 1986 at Aquia Harbour Yacht Club. Designed to foster camaraderie among member clubs, the Float-In quickly became a favorite annual event where boaters could gather in a relaxed, social setting.

From the very beginning, a highlight of the Float-In has been the friendly nautical competitions, which originally included the dinghy race up until 2008. In 1992, Aquia Harbour Yacht Club formalized the inter-club competition by introducing the Aquia Cup trophy, with Occoquan Yacht Club taking home the inaugural award. Five years later, in 1997, the Aquia Cup was retired and permanently housed at Aquia Harbour Yacht Club, giving way to the creation of the PRYCA Cup.

In 1993, PRYCA officially took over sponsorship of the Float-In, moving the event to Fort Washington Marina, where it remained until 2003. Unfortunately, growing participation and limited slip availability forced the cancellation of the event that year. During this Fort Washington period, National Potomac Yacht Club dominated the competition, capturing The Cup in 1998, 1999, 2001, and 2002, while Aquia Harbour Yacht Club earned the victory in 2000.

In 2004, the Float-In crossed Chesapeake Bay to Somers Cove Marina in Crisfield, Maryland. That year, National Potomac Yacht Club won its third consecutive Float-In, bringing PRYCA Cup #2 home to stay in their clubhouse. The 2005 Float-In featured several memorable moments, including the induction of Westmoreland Yachting Association as PRYCA's 25th Member Club and Landmark Yacht Club's victory on its 50th anniversary. Landmark and Occoquan Yacht Clubs tied for first place, with Landmark ultimately winning the tiebreaker based on best dinghy race time.

From 2006 through 2010, Port Kinsale Marina on the Yeocomico River hosted the Float-In. The 2006 competition saw another tie between Quantico and National Potomac, with Quantico winning the tiebreaker and proving that smaller clubs could rise to the top. In 2007, Mount Vernon Yacht Club captured The Cup for the first time, followed by a repeat victory in 2008. Occoquan Yacht Club returned to the podium in 2009, dominating the competition with 24 points — their first victory in 12 years.

In 2010, a combined team of smaller clubs, known as "The Misfits" — comprised of Quantico, Colonial, Swan Point, Cobb Island, and Port of Washington Yacht Clubs — claimed The Cup.

Coles Point Marina hosted the Float-In from 2011 through 2013. Occoquan Yacht Club reclaimed The Cup in 2011 and 2012, while Mount Vernon Yacht Club took it back in 2013.

The Float-In moved again in 2014 to Pt. Lookout Marina, where the popular Blind Dinghy Race returned. That year, Mount Vernon Yacht Club teamed with Port of Washington Yacht Club to secure the victory, followed by another win in 2015 — earning a "hat trick" that brought PRYCA Cup #3 permanently home to Mount Vernon Yacht Club. The Float-In remained at Pt. Lookout Marina through 2017. Fairfax Yacht Club regained the Cup in 2016 and would go on to win again in 2017, 2018, and 2019.

In 2018, the Float-In moved back to Coles Point with the theme, Beaches in Paradise. In 2019, the theme was Team Potomac. Unfortunately, COVID-19 ended up winning the Cup in 2020 when it was cancelled due to the global pandemic. However, in 2021, Mardi Gras on the Potomac was celebrated with Occoquan Yacht Club beginning their two-year win streak, repeating in 2022 with a win at Luau. 2023 brought a club that had just joined the PRYCA the year prior, Brethren of the Harbour, their first win during Let's Get Groovy on the Potomac. Westmoreland Yachting Association took The Cup back in

2024 during the Red Solo Cup theme. In 2025, the Float-In moved for the first time to Colonial Beach, continuing the long-standing tradition of friendly competition and fellowship among PRYCA's member clubs.