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JUNE 2025

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Supply Officer	PC Jeff Underland
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2025

YCM MEETING SCHEDULE

June 25, 2025

BOG Meeting Zoom

July 26, 2025

General Membership Meeting

August 27, 2025

BOG Meeting Zoom

YCM SPONSORED EVENTS

YCM Commodore & Mates MEET & GREET

Fleet Captains Orientation & Luncheon

Commodores Day Out

YCM Summer Cruise

YCM Golf Outing

YCM Christmas Party



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Commodore's Report

WOW is it really June already - what happened to May – it truly just flew right on by. The good thing is most boats are in the water and ready to do some serious cruising. If you have not already done so, please make your reservations for YCM's Summer Cruise on July 25-26 at North Point Marina.

A huge "THANK YOU" to all those who sold and/or purchased our 3-Digit Lottery Tickets. We sold a total of 450 tickets and had a total of 13 winners, most of which were yacht club members.

While unable to attend many openings, I heard there has been a lot of concern expressed about the scheduling of club openings in relation to their locations. Presently, we have clubs that are in Anne Arundel, Baltimore City, Baltimore, Cecil, Harford, Kent, and Talbot Counties. That is a lot of territory to cover, especially when it is rare that we are in the same county on the same day. This was brought up at our May General Membership Meeting and it was decided that, while we know it won't happen overnight, let's reach out to clubs and see what we can do to try and minimize distance traveled while at the same time allowing everyone to participate equally in all clubs. To that end, I have appointed RC Tony DiCara to chair a committee to begin working on a solution. Anyone wishing to serve on this committee should contact Tony directly. I have also emailed each Commodore to enlist their help by starting a dialog with their clubs to see if we can all work together to produce an amiable resolution.

Just a reminder, the Queen of the Chesapeake Pageant will take place on Saturday, June 28th at 3PM at Maryland Yacht Club. Please come out and support these young ladies.

See you all soon!

Kate Cramblett
Commodore



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Vice Commodore's Report

Greetings Yacht Clubbers!!! I hope this message finds you in great spirits and limited life drama.....

This month's Bay Breeze release was held longer than usual so we could OFFICIALLY congratulate the officers and members from our sister clubs on successfully making it through another OPENING SEASON!!!

A bit of reality hit me at the close of Bodkin Yacht Club's ceremony this past Sunday – That was the last opening before I become Commodore of YCM. Ah, the feeling of nerves and excitedness all intertwined..... I am looking forward to the task!

Please see the event below and do your best to attend. This is a very fun weekend and YCM's hope is to see you all there!

YCM Summer Cruise – Flyer Attached Below

July 25-27 @ Northpoint Marina in Rock Hall, MD

RSVP with Marshall – info@northpointmarina.net and/or call him @ (410) 708-5382

- Standard Friday late day arrival/pool time.
- Brief YCM GMM on Saturday @ 10:00am.
- Saturday Pitch Dinner in the pavilion followed by music and fun.
- Sunday morning – Donuts and shaking off the cobwebs before returning to the real world.

If possible, please shoot me a quick message so I know you are joining us – stevescyc@gmail.com or (443) 398-5633.

Thanks for your support!

Steve Spicknall
Vice Commodore



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Rear Commodore's Report

Greetings Yacht Club Community.

The YCM Golf Outing will be held at Sparrows Point Country Club on October 13th. We need a sizable turnout to show this new partner we can fill the course!!! SPCC is typically closed on Mondays, so they are pulling some strings for YCM and our sister clubs to open on their day off.

REMINDER - Don't forget to post your clubs' activities on our Facebook page, "**Yacht Clubs of Maryland**". This page is a great way to share information among clubs. If you need any help planning your ceremonies or figuring out protocol concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out. YCM is all about supporting you.

Yours in Service,

Tony DiCara, Rear Commodore



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LAO REPORT

While YCM saw success in getting legislation we favored passed by the Maryland legislature in their 2025 session, Governor Moore ended up vetoing SB0168. This was the bill that placed a 4-year moratorium on Confined Aquatic Disposal (CAD) Construction in the Chesapeake. I've heard a couple unofficial thoughts on why the Bill was vetoed. One is there may have been concern that the legislation might have an adverse impact on the Key Bridge rebuild. Another thought is the Governor may have relied on a prior commitment from the Maryland Port Authority to have a 4-year CAD moratorium preempted the need for the legislation. In any event, we'll be watching to see what happens next year on this issue, especially as the Key Bridge rebuild is underway.

Regarding the legislation increasing the fee to \$70 every 2 years, I got the following from YCM PC Joe Hellner, who is a member of the Maryland Boat Act Advisory Committee. Joe reports: "At a recent meeting of the MD Boat Act Advisory Committee, the fact that the registration waiver for powered small vessels with 7.5 HP was removed by recent legislation was discussed. This will result in thousands of dinghies, punts, inflatables, skiffs, jon boats, etc who use a motor of any size needing to be registered. Also, the fee will be the same (\$70 for two-year renewal) as bigger boats. It was mentioned that other states continue to waiver such vessels.

The committee felt this would be unwelcome news for all types of users such as larger boat owners sail and power who carry dinghies, fishermen, trot-liners and other watermen and speculated that the elimination of the waiver was due to an oversight when editing existing statute to create the bill language. It was also felt the requirement would add a large administrative burden to the DNR. The committee recommended to the DNR that a correction bill be considered as they prepare next year's legislation requests. DNR agreed to look into it."

We'll monitor this to see how DNR handles it. I would point out that when we testified against the tiered fee approach that DNR proposed in the 2024 legislation, we pointed out that more DNR resources on the water were likely due to these smaller vessels rather than larger boats. Hopefully, DNR will come up with a proposal to soften the fee or waive it on these small boats. However, since the legislation is now law, it could be problematic for DNR to change this next year, especially given the tight budget situation that Maryland faces, which likely will get worse next year with cuts in Federal resources.

Meantime, **have a great 2025 boating season.**

Joe Broseker
LAO – Yacht Clubs of Maryland



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Protocol Matters

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By Joe Hellner

Now that the openings are done, we launch into the best part of the yacht club year, boating season! The yacht club world goes into a much more casual mode. Until Labor Day, for informal situations, shorts may be worn with the white uniform. Formal events are rare, and ceremonies are brief.

The Fleet Captain (F/C) has a big role this time of year. During an official club cruise, the F/C should lead the fleet and prominently display a large club burgee on their boat, in addition to the regular club burgee at the bow or mast.

Traditionally, the F/C is normally the first to get underway and last to dock, unless circumstances require the F/C to be ashore to work with the marina, help dock boats, etc. The F/C is responsible for planning and details of the cruise, the cruise supplies, boat reservations and marina coordination, and most or all the decisions during the cruise. While on a cruise, all boat captains should work through the F/C and not directly with the marina or club being visited. Captains should also keep the F/C informed of their activities and those of their guests. Good communication is the key to a successful and safe cruise.

Other than the F/C being in front, there is no traditional order for the boats. After all, a cruise is about fun and informality. However, an experienced captain, often called the "Rear Fleet Captain (RF/C)" will bring up the rear. The RF/C is prepared to assist, stay with a vessel having problems, or tow as needed.

Upon arrival in port, the Commodore usually is allowed to dock first, or, if not near the front of the line, whenever his/her boat arrives.

Boats can string out over many miles as faster boats run ahead of slower boats. Trawlers and Sailboats usually leave early with an agreed upon rendezvous time and place to rejoin the fleet. Another good idea is to break the fleet into groups that run comfortably together at a certain speed. For example, your cruise might have an advanced docking fleet (very fast boats & early departing fast boats), fast fleet (22 kts), medium fleet (17 kts), slow fleet (14 Kts), & Slow Trawler/Sail fleet

The F/C should provide an agenda for in-port activities such as dock parties and dinner gatherings.

The use of VHF Channel 68 is a custom widely observed among the clubs of the Chesapeake Bay. Use of a common channel comes in handy by increasing awareness of what is going on among friends and fellow yacht clubs. The F/C will usually choose this channel for fleet communications. It is good practice to also monitor VHF Hailing Channels 9 and 16.

For back-up communications, club cruise boats should all have a list of cell phone contact numbers on board.

Finally, fly your burgees and office flags. It is a nautical tradition that shows pride in your boat and club, helps people identify a boat and who is aboard, and lets other boaters know there is something going on that they may want to be a part of. More than a few friendships and new club memberships started with the question, "What do those flags on your boat mean?"



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Till next time, see you around the Bay!

Joe Hellner

Scuttlebutt and Sandrift by Salty Sam

ARRRRGH! We have our first Skunk Flag winner of 2025. Below is the official proclamation. The "winner" must fly the flag for the rest of the season. Please advise your YCM officers about the adventures and mishaps of other potential "winners". They will make sure I get the word. I am also looking to report on the latest travels of "the clock of the bay".

Members of the Yacht Club Community,

We have today a tale of peril on the high seas.

As most of you know, a boat trip means being ready for anything and knowing sometimes the wind and waves won't be working in your favor, especially on long trips in big waters. The Chesapeake Bay can get real cranky and many of you have been out on the ocean and have stories of being tossed, twisted, and rolled miles from land.

Well, it turns out a certain brave and salty Captain and 1st Mate from Bodkin were on the return leg on one of those big scary trips not on a puny runabout, but in a 40 foot Sea Ray. On what challenging run did they go?, you ask. St. Michaels? Solomons? Havre De Grace? Tangier Island, Norfolk? Naw, this trip was the always frightening run up the mighty Patapsco River from Bodkin to Harbor East. With 27 other boats on the annual Bodkin Frostbite Cruise, what could go wrong? Except, this Captain chose to leave alone long after the Bodkin Fleet just in time for wicked weather on the wild Patapsco!

Suddenly, BANG!! What was that? OMG! throttle back and shut down the engines!! No longer underway, the boat bobbed and rocked violently. The Captain and first Mate searched for the trouble but found nothing. No water coming in, no smoke, engines seemed fine, No water in the Bilge. . . So, you may ask ... Start the engines and see how they run? See if there are any vibrations in gear? Maybe go back home slowly and carefully?

BUT, THE BANG WAS SO LOUD! Could they have hit remains of the Key Bridge? An Iceberg? A swarm of locusts? Who knows? "Time to Panic", cried this Captain., and Call the Tow Boat! So, instead of driving on to not that far away Bodkin Creek, this captain chose the always pleasurable option of bobbing and rolling helplessly for an hour. The tow boat eventually did arrive and took them quickly from Ft Carroll to Bodkin in about half an hour.

Once back in the slip, it was discovered that the source of the BIG NOISE was the Anchor Light pedestal coming loose and striking the hard top. The engines and the boat checked out fine.

BTW, Salty hears the name of the boat is A WAKE'N (as in when a boat goes), but I think you all would agree the name needs to be changed to "A TOW'N".

So, by order of Good King Neptune and the Wharf Rats who ratted him out, a **Skunk Flag** is hereby awarded to the **Captain "Big Bang" Byron Biggs , member of Bodkin Yacht Club.**

Till next Port o' Call, always remember, "Those who don't make mistakes must not be doing anything."

On behalf of King Neptune, the **Yacht Clubs of Maryland**, and in the spirit of yacht clubs everywhere, yours truly,

Salty Sam the Sea Dog

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Chaplain

Prayer for June – Chaplain Sharon

Dear Gracious God, as June is often associated with warmth and growth, we pray for a deeper understanding of Your divine warmth in our lives. May Your love be the foundation of all our relationships and may it guide us in our interactions with others.

WE pray for our family, friends, and those we hold dear. Strengthen our bonds, heal any wounds, and allow us to grow closer to one another. May our love for one another reflect Your love for us.

Watch over our Nation's leaders as they navigate these changing times. Guide them in decisions that are pleasing to you. Comfort our Yacht Club members that are facing difficulties of many varieties. Supply each with what they need to cope. We ask these things in Your Name, Amen.



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Sick and Welfare



Sick and Welfare- Nothing to report

Crossing Over the Bar

Veterans Yacht Club First Lady Diane Pepper passed over the bar on Saturday May 31st.

First Lady Diane was also Past First Lady of Eastern Yacht Club. Please keep Commodore Ron and his family in your prayers. Expressions of sympathy can be sent to: 2300 Lewisberry Road, York Haven, PA 17370 When we know the date of a Memorial Service, you will be informed.

If you are aware of someone in the Yacht Club Community you would like mentioned in the BayBreeze or in need of our prayers, please feel free to contact me. Your privacy will be respected.

Wishing all the Yacht Clubs a safe boating Season.

Respectfully Submitted,
CJ Stromberg
YCM Sick & Welfare
410-746-5315 – cjstromberg1024@gmail.com



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Keep Scrolling



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Summer Vacation Cruise

FRIDAY JULY 25 -Boats Arrive - Free Time - Pool available all weekend

SATURADAY JULY 26 - Morning Coffee & Donuts provided by North Point Marina - 10 am YCM General Membership meeting in the Paviion - 5 PM Cocktail Hour, UGLY Hawaiian Shirt Theme. Wear your ugliest Hawaian Theme Attire - Bring an Appetizer or Dish to share and your own Beverages. - Plaque awarded to Club with the most Boats , 6-8 pm - DJ Outside Marina Office.
SUNDAY JULY 27 - Morning coffee & Donuts provided by North Point Marina



UGLY HAWAIIAN SHIRT
July 25,26, 27 North
Point Marina



5639 Walnut St.. Rock Hall Md, 21661

**CONTACT Marshall - 410-708-5382 or
info@northpointmarina.net**

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78TH QUEEN OF THE CHESAPEAKE PAGEANT JUNE 27-28, 2025

FRIDAY

5:00 PM – 9:00 PM

QUEEN ERIKA'S FAREWELL POOL PARTY

FOOD AVAILABLE – CASH BAR

SATURDAY

9:00 AM – 10:30 AM
BREAKFAST MYC CLUBHOUSE PATIO

11:00AM

BOAT DECORATING JUDGING
*** EVERYONE IS INVITED TO PARTICIPATE ***

3:00 PM

78TH QOTC PAGEANT

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING PAGEANT
TRADITIONAL POOL SPLASH
CAKE CUTTING RECEPTION



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MONDAYS AT

Middle River Yacht Club

Every Monday
(Memorial Day – Labor Day)
6pm @ the Tiki

**LIVE MUSIC
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General Info:
Lonnie Martin (410) 245-4979
Slips:
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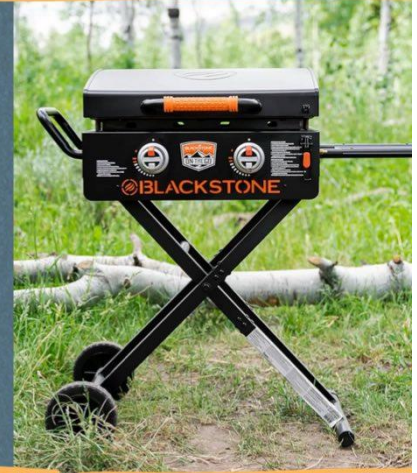
SUMMER RAFFLE

Middle River Yacht Club



22" Blackstone (Flex Legs)
Blackstone Accessory Pack
80 Qt Retro Beverage Cart
12 Pack Of Beer*
Pack Of Seltzers*
1 Bottle Of Liquor*
Assorted Wine

* beer, seltzer and liquor may be switched out for a comparably priced alternative



**DRAWING WILL BE ON
SUNDAY, JULY 6TH, 2025 5PM**



Tickets \$5 each, or 5 for \$20
Drawing to be held at MRYC
Winners do not need to be
present to win!





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Sue Haven Yacht Club Crab Cake/Chicken Dinner



**Saturday, June 21st
5pm-7pm**

Menu:

Crab Cake
or Roasted Chicken Breast
Salad
Potato
Green Beans
Dessert
Additional Crab Cake \$7 each

\$20_{pp}
Donation

**YOU MUST SIGN UP TO BE SERVED
RSVP by no later than 6/18/2025**

Call Chuck Worthington at 609-610-7069
or Beth Worthington at 215-962-6225





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Marley Boat Club

proudly presents the

31st King of the Chesapeake Contest Dinner & Show 2025



Where: **Red Eye Yacht Club**
2222 Poplar Rd, Baltimore, MD

When: **Friday, September 26, 2025**

Spaghetti Dinner for \$15.00

Includes: Spaghetti, Homemade Sauce, Homemade Meatballs,
Salad, Bread and an array of various Desserts

Dinner served: **5:30p - 7:30p**



King Contest & Show

Start Time: **8:00 p - Until**



Marley Boat Club invites all Yacht clubs to attend the King's Contest.
Come join us in a day of fun and seeing friends from all over the Bay
We recommend **18 and over to attend** the show as our Contestants may be a little **racy!!**

Contact P/C Karen McLamb at 410-437-4113 or spunkyrose77@verizon.net to enter the contest or for more information. Please contact Red Eye YC directly for docking information.



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ALL DONE

Thanks for taking the time to read this.....

Have a great day!!!!



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