

Yacht Clubs of Maryland's Bay Breeze April 2020



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**YCM April Board Meeting will be online
April 22nd
Be Safe and Healthy**

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- Debbie Penczek (PC Golden Anchor YC) Chairperson
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- Janet Yodris (PC Key YC, PC YCM)
- Joe Broseker (PC 3C's)



COMMODORE'S REPORT

Barry Scott

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Ahoy Mates, I hope all is safe and well with everyone!!

I've been in touch with a lot of 2020 Commodores recently and it looks like many of this year's Openings are on hold or won't be happening at all. It's a shame because, we all have put the effort forward to make the year a success for our Club. But I know the effort will not go unrecognized. We all know how much work is involved in every ranking position as you go up the line. Each year is more rewarding than the last, especially the Commodore Year. Commodores have a special bond with each other in sharing the unique privilege of being on top and saying we made it.

To All the Commodores and First Ladies of 2020

Your Commodore year is full of so many exciting and rewarding events. You get to attend all the Commodore Balls, which is recognition in itself, and **very rewarding!!**

Getting dressed up in our uniform and being introduced along with your first Lady to everyone in the room. **That's pretty rewarding!!** You have attended all the Openings in past years. **That's pretty rewarding!!** You have partied with the best Commodores on the Chesapeake Bay and shared stories of the sea!! **That's pretty rewarding!!** You have met the most interesting people of your lifetime. **That's pretty rewarding!!** You have established the most absolute everlasting relationships of any group of people. **That's pretty rewarding!!** In some cases, we have been more involved in our Commodore year and doing Club business than we have at our regular occupation!! **That's just Hard Work!!**

But the most rewarding part of being Commodore, is at the end of the year and our term is complete, we can all share the title of P/C. We've done our job; we've been successful in keeping our Club together and hopefully made our members happy!! Your picture goes on the wall and you can now wear your silver with pride and have the honor of being a Past Commodore. **That's Pretty Damned Rewarding!!**

Congratulations to all the 2020 Commodores and First Ladies for a great job in a quite unusual year!!

See you around the Bay!!!!

Barry Scott

Commodore YCM

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Vice Commodore's Report

Mike Gaff

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Hello everyone. I hope everyone is staying safe and doing well! Things have been pretty much at a standstill almost everywhere. We have been busy working on the finishing touches for this year's Ship's Log. Thanks to Karen Davis for her assistance with getting a proof together for the book. The final proof is forthcoming and will be off to print. Normally, we would distribute the books at the first Opening of the year, which typically is Marley Boat Club. However, unless you've been living under a rock, we're in the midst of a global pandemic and currently quarantined. So far, I have heard from Marley Boat Club and Galloway Yacht Club confirming they have cancelled this year's events. I know the Commodores have been doing virtual meetings to discuss the current climate, so I believe more cancellations are in the future. As far as the book, once it is back from the printers, YCM will make a decision on the logistics of distribution. Hopefully, things will go back to normal, but I fear it will be well beyond this summer. Remember, listen to your government officials and doctors. Abide by the current laws and restrictions. Before you know it, we'll be able to start to get back to life as "new" normal.

Thank you,

Mike Gaff

V/C Commodore YCM

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Rear Commodore's Report

George Stromberg

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Hello to all in our Yacht Club Community. Wow, what a turn of events we have had in the past month. These are very challenging and unsettled times for Officers and Members of Yacht Clubs. Every Club has had to postpone or cancel at least one event so far this Year. For those where these events are the main source of revenue other than dues it is becoming a very serious matter. Having to readjust the budget to keep it in the black has become the norm for many. Communicating to achieve this has been another problem. Many Club Boards are using Zoom or Tele meeting to accomplish this. At times like these the importance of frequent communication between Officers, Boards, Members and other Clubs is imperative for success. Proper and frequent communication can and will help with the morale and well-being of all. Being positive in difficult situations also fosters hope of future success which is just what we need at the moment. Some of the things we can do to keep morale up is to stay as busy as possible with anything we can do to improve our Clubs and keep them moving forward while still staying within the Social Distance Guidelines. Grounds improvement and beautification help to give all a sense of accomplishment and pride at a time when it is really needed. Keeping the docks open for returning boats is another morale booster and allows Members to get their maintenance done on their boats. Officers can keep in touch with other Clubs to get some ideas and spread goodwill. I understand that the Class of 2020 Commodores are doing just that and kudos to them for doing so.

This will not last forever and we will all emerge stronger and wiser from it because of our passion for boating and our Care and Respect for All in our Yacht Club Community and its traditions. May God Bless and keep you and your family safe during this health crisis.

Be Safe

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Legislative Affairs Officer's Report

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WHAT MARYLAND'S STAY AT HOME ORDER MEANS FOR RECREATIONAL BOATING

Governor Larry Hogan has issued a Stay at Home order for Marylanders in response to the [Coronavirus](#) pandemic, but the big question for most boaters is, what does this mean for recreational boating?

The directive states that:

"No Maryland resident should be leaving their home unless it is for an essential job or for an essential reason, such as obtaining food or medicine, seeking urgent medical attention, or for other necessary purposes."

OUTDOOR RECREATION

The Maryland Department of Natural Resources states that while the order does allow for outdoor exercise recreation, the DNR is reaffirming the need for members of the public who engage in outdoor recreation to follow all rules and guidelines in place to prevent the spread of the [COVID-19 pandemic](#).

Governor Hogan has stressed that safely practiced outdoor recreation time is essential to health and well-being. Most Maryland state parks and other public lands remain open, and residents may engage in safe, isolated activities.

Some key guidelines include:

- Only individuals, immediate family members, and people who reside together should engage in outdoor activities. These groups should be limited to 10 people or fewer, and distance of at least six feet from others should be maintained.
- Extra soap or hand sanitizer should be packed for any activity.
- Anyone who is sick or has been sick the past two weeks should stay home.

RECREATIONAL BOATING

According to the Maryland DNR, recreational boating is prohibited until the governor lifts the executive order or until the State of Emergency has ended. However, if an individual is boating to seek food for them or their family, boating is permitted. Boats used to transport essential employees or goods as defined in the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency's Guidance on the Essential Critical Infrastructure Workforce are also permitted.

LIVEBOARDS

If your boat serves as your residence, you can remain on the vessel.

PADDLING

Since kayaking and paddle boarding are a form of exercise, they are permitted under the executive order. Guidance on social distancing and the prohibition on social gatherings must be strictly followed.

FISHING

Limited recreational fishing and crabbing is allowed if you are seeking food for you or your family, but social distancing guidelines and the prohibition on social gatherings must be strictly followed.

*For more information, be sure to read the Maryland DNR's **Frequently Asked Questions** post regarding the Stay at Home Order.*

Thank You
Legislative Affairs Officer
Scott Gundaker

Protocol Matters

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As we wait, mostly stuck at home, for better days ahead, I thought our members might enjoy the history behind why yacht clubs post an "Honor Guard" at Openings.

For formal ceremonies, yacht clubs will often post an "Honor Guard", typically consisting of four, six, or eight people standing two, three or four on each side, respectively. Most formal yacht club ceremonies reflect a symbolic "coming aboard" where the VIP exchanges salutes, passes through the honor guard, salutes the ensign (national flag), and then exchanges salutes with the "Officer-of-the-Watch" (also known as the "Officer of the Deck" or "Duty Officer").

The yacht club honor guard protocol is based on the nautical tradition of "side-boys" and is similar to the protocols still used by navies around the world. In the old sailing days, the tradition of **Piping the Side** originated in the method of arrival onboard of visiting captains and admirals, frequently portly gentlemen, who were often hoisted onboard from a small boat while the boatswain passed orders to the men with his boatswain's call. In those days, coming aboard a ship meant either climbing up a rope ladder or being hoisted aboard in a boatswain's chair.

In response to the call, designated crew would assemble to form a side party to provide help as needed. The number of "side-boys" needed was a factor of the weight of the person being hoisted in and, not unusual for higher ranks, more side-boys would be needed as ranks increased. When the VIP was safely hoisted aboard, the side-boys would salute the visitor, who would return their salute prior to greeting the Officer-of-the-Deck. If the hoist was not needed, the side-boys would salute as soon as the visitor's head appeared above the quarter deck. The side-boys and the visitor hold their salutes until the visitor completely passes through the side-boy ranks.

The number persons in yacht club honor guards often depends on available uniformed volunteers and/or assisting uniformed groups such as Power Squadron, Sea Scouts, Coast Guard Auxiliary, JROTC, etc. Strictly speaking, the higher the number of "side-boys" the higher the honor. The US Navy, for example, maintains strict protocols as to how many side boys are stationed, depending on the situation. In all cases, there should never be more than eight or less than four.

Until next time, see you (at least six feet apart for now) around the Bay!

Thank You
Protocol Matters
Joe Hellner



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Arrrrghh, Ahoy there Mateys!

Old Salty hopes you are all well and stayin' safe. As you would expect, not much fun and nonsense to report on these days, but, hopefully, better days are coming.

Meanwhile, there are still two worthy captains who earned high honors in 2019, but have still not been awarded their Skunk Flags. Fear not, these flags (which they must fly for the rest of the 2020 boating season) will be presented at an appropriate time and place in front of shipmates from clubs around the Bay.

Finally, a Skunk Flag Honorable Mention goes to P/C Karen McLamb of Marley BC, who, in 2019 when Marley briefly held the Clock of the Bay, dropped and broke it. As many of you who have seen in recently are aware, the clock, repaired but somewhat worse for wear, is OK.

Till Next Time, ARRRRGHHH!

Salty Sam the Sea Dog

Sick & Welfare

Anna Davis

Sick and Welfare Report – April 2020:

CHAPLAIN'S THOUGHT FOR APRIL 2020 YCM BAY BREEZE

Sometimes the best
Thing you can do
Not think, not wonder
Not obsess
Just breathe
And
Have faith
That everything will
Work out for the best.

***POSITIVE THINGS*

GET WELL WISHES:

Tom Kenavan, 2015 P/C of CBYCA had successful neck surgery in March. Tom and wife Sally, also PC of CBYCA, have been following the Virginia safe-distance directive and staying in their home since February. Get well wishes can be sent to him at 1108 Potomac Drive, Stafford, VA 22554.

Bob Parsons, 2012 P/C of CBYCA had spinal surgery on March 19th and is recovering at home with the help of wife Jacki, Visiting Nurses and in home Physical Therapy. Get well wishes can be sent to him at 2950 Sunderland Court, Abingdon, MD 21009.

Bill Corun IP/C of Chesapeake Commodores Club fell off a ladder on March 21st, shattering his elbow. He had emergency surgery at Shock Trauma to repair the damage. He is also recovering at home with help of his wife Karen. Get well wishes can be sent to 4413 Danbury Square, Belcamp, MD 21017.

Dawn Dregier, 2013 First Lady of Crescent was diagnosed in March with COVID 19. She is in Florida and has self-quarantined in her home there. She has had 2 follow-up tests that were still positive and is hoping that the test taken Tuesday, April 14th comes back negative. She is hoping to come back to Maryland in early May and plans to participate in a study for post COVID 19 patients at Johns Hopkins Bayview. Get well wishes and thinking of you cards can be sent to her Maryland address: 4502 Dunton Terrace, Unit D, Perry Hall, MD 21128. Her phone number is 443-722-4555.

UPDATE:

Darlene Terzigni, 2003 First Lady of CCC and P/C of Ventnor Yacht Club has moved from the Rehab Center to the Assisted Living Center to continue her recovery from hip replacement surgery. Her new address is Harbor Chase of Naples -Attention Assisted Living -Darlene Terzigni Room 204 -7801 Airport-Pulling Rd - Naples, FL 3410

CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY OF:

Louise Beaver, Galloway YC, passed over the bar on Wednesday, March 25th. Expressions of Sympathy can be sent to her granddaughter, Karen Bowser, 1010 Walters Mill Rd., Forrest Hill, MD 21050.

Elnora Fenlock, 2001 F/L North Point YC, wife of the late Milton Fenlock passed away March 27th. Expressions of Sympathy can be sent to her daughter, Linda Aires, 716 Margo Road, Dundalk, MD 21222.

Judy Downs, 2005 FL Outcast YC, 2011 FL YCM and 2019 FL Riverside of MD passed over the bar March 31. Expressions of Sympathy can be sent to Charlie at 103 Michael Lane, Bear, DE 19701.

Charles (Charlie) Niemeyer, 2005 P/C White Rocks YC also passed over the bar on March 31st. Expressions of Sympathy can be sent to Charlie's wife Janet and his family at 7651 Turnbrook Drive, Glen Burnie, MD 21060

Sadly, with the COVID 19 restrictions, these families were unable to have viewing and / or services for their loved one. Many are planning to have a Celebration of Life once the all clear is given. Please keep these families in your thoughts and prayers.

I am quite sure that there are more of our shipmates out there who are ill or who have lost ones. If you would like your fellow shipmates know , please contact me at 410-544-6950 or pcbob98@yahoo.com. Take care and be safe,

**Thank you,
Anna Davis
Sick and Welfare**



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Show some YCM pride!

Available now, **YCM Member Burgees and YCM Delegates Flags for only \$20.**

Please contact Joe Hellner at mi-ti-bear@comcast.net.

YCM Burgee: Can be flown by any member of a club that belongs to YCM. It is not to fly in place of the club burgee at the bow but may be flown on a portside hoist or attachment point or a separate rail mount flag post aft of the bow post.

YCM Delegates Flag: Can be flown by any Current Club Delegate to YCM. Flown as a club office on the Starboard side or on the port side under the club burgee for which the person is a delegate. As a current office, is flown above the P/C Flag and below any higher-ranking current club office.



What Yacht Clubs of Maryland provides for its member Clubs;

Below is a summary:

1. Legislative and Regulatory Representation: Because we are focused only on Maryland and rely on directly affected local volunteers, we are usually ahead of other organizations in knowing and acting on issues of concern to Maryland yacht clubs and their members. If you have been following our publications or getting meeting reports from your representatives, you know that the 2015 legislation session held no significant problems for clubs and boaters. Other years have been a different story. Recent efforts have included, YCM submitting written testimony in opposition to the Boating Fees Bill (HB 1307) and the Luxury Tax Bill (HB 1345), contacted legislators, and had YCM reps attend the hearings on behalf of the clubs. At one of the hearings, with Cheryl Blakey and Joe Hellner (attending on behalf of YCM) noted committee members hitting points right off our written testimony. We worked collaboratively with CBYCA and kept them in the loop. We also investigated and then contacted officials and other organizations on the large gathering permit bill, which, once amended in response to feedback from the marine trades, YCM, and boating groups, had no effect on normal yacht club activities. Throughout the year, coordinated by our Legislative Director, volunteers looked into waterway and boating issues brought to us by our members. We also dug to find useful Maryland boating and waterway information so our members wouldn't have to. In 2015, YCM P/C Joe Hellner was appointed by the DNR Secretary to the Maryland Boat Act Advisory Committee as a representative from the yacht club community.

2. Support of Maryland yacht club interaction, communication, and promotion of activities of mutual interest.

- a. Hold the **Annual Fleet Captains Meeting** to allow these (usually new) officers to meet and discuss plans for the upcoming season, collect information about club activities, and collect and publish that information back to the Fleet Captains and member clubs. These folks form the foundation for our clubs futures and will be working with each other for the next four years. This is the venue that the Rear Commodore uses to introduce the Fleet Captains to the Ship's Log and passes out prior year information that will need to be updated.
- b. **Maintain the YCM web site**, which serves as the Maryland yacht club community bulletin board and is full of information and event news and links. By working with the webmaster, **all clubs are welcome to use** the website. The past three YCM Monthly Newsletters are always available by link from the website.
- c. **Publish a Monthly Newsletter** covering news of interest, protocol tips, and upcoming activities. By working with the Newsletter Editor, **this forum is open to all members**. The newsletter is emailed to member club representatives and commodores to pass on to members and a paper copy sent the club address. Those who would like to get the newsletter directly are welcome to contact the Editor.
- d. Meet Monthly with alternating Board and General Membership Meetings as a **"Local Community Association" to discuss and work on issues of interests to the members**. Each club designates a Representative and Alternate to attend the meetings and provide communication between their club, the YCM, and fellow member clubs around the Bay. These meetings are open to all and lively frank discussion is the norm.
- e. **Annual SHIP'S LOG**: Published each year at the start of boating season contains information provided by each member club intended to be useful to the average club member who wants to know more about other yacht clubs, what they have, and how to visit them. This publication also serves as the annual yearbook capturing people and events of our local yachting community. This is not an ad book as it is intended to and be an informational Service to the Member Clubs. Due to funding limits, printed copies given to each club are limited. The pdf file of SHIP'S LOG is available to any member who would like to download the file for club or personal use.
- f. **Skunk Flag of the Bay Award**: Recognizes at least one, sometimes several, members of the yacht club community each year for getting out there and doing something with their boats or with their clubs, leading to outstanding humorous and amusing mishaps and adventures. The Awards are given by YCM's own

Salty Sam the Sea Dog, who always notes that "Those who don't make mistakes must not be doing anything". Salty also serves as gossip columnist.

g. Regular Email Notification: Each year the YCM Vice Commodore maintains an email distribution list to provide breaking news or information of immediate interest to the members. Examples include "All Hands" notices, flyers from member clubs, Opening and Ball schedules and updates, Sick and Welfare Notices, and Funeral Information. Chances are your officers or club first "heard about it" from us.

h. Protocol Guidance: Each year, YCM receives and responds numerous questions about why and how we do things in the traditional ways followed by yacht clubs, especially the local practices that evolved in Maryland over many generations. YCM appoints a qualified volunteer called "Captain Protocol" to do the research, be the keeper of the knowledge, and find ways to help the member clubs. Often questions become the genesis for regular articles in the newsletter. Recently, "Captain Protocol" provided Pleasant YC with the details of conducting an Opening Day Ceremony as practiced by Maryland clubs around the Northern Chesapeake Bay and distributed a one page guide to placement of buttons, pins, and nameplates on yacht club uniforms.

3. Organize and Lead the Annual Yacht Club Golf Tournament to get together in a different type of activity that is popular among many club members in addition to their boating hobby. This event is darn hard to do so great credit goes to the Chairpersons and army of volunteers who create this special opportunity for the golfers and would be golfers in our clubs.

4. Organize and Lead the Annual Christmas and Holiday Party open to members and friends of all Maryland Clubs. This event is held at Laurel Park as a unique event, different from regular club activities, which celebrates Maryland's proud heritage of Thoroughbred Horse Racing while providing a centrally located venue where a large number of folks from all the clubs together can gather to celebrate the holiday season.

5. General Support of Member Clubs:

a. Our goal is be there when Clubs are stuck on something. One area that has been well received has been our pursuit and stocking of hard to find silver buttons for club Past Commodores, especially since local tailors and on line companies willing to carry these items are few. We were able to find the company that makes buttons, which provides us with wholesale bulk orders of all the types. We also keep a stock of silver hat braids and hat buttons.

b. **Harnessing the power of many:** YCM is the place to come if a member club has an idea or a problem that can be acted upon by finding and pulling together people of like mind and who have the passion and interest to pursue it.

Not bad for only a \$60.00 annual membership fee and a group of volunteers trying to help their fellow Maryland yacht club friends



Tentative Meeting Schedule

February 26th - Board Meeting - North Point Yacht Club

March 25th - Membership Mtg - Bush River Yacht Club

April 22nd - Board Meeting - Online

May 27th - Membership Mtg - TBA

June 24th - Board Meeting - Middle River Yacht Club

July 29th - Membership Mtg - Eastern Yacht Club

August 26th - Board Meeting - Otter Point Yacht Club

September 30th - Membership Mtg & Change of Watch - Red Eye Yacht Club