Yacht Clubs of Maryland



Bay Breeze

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- □ Joe Broseker (PC Chesapeake Commodores Club)

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□ Rear Commodore Rickey Pope (PC Eastern Yacht Club)



Commodore's Report

Hello everyone and thanks for tuning in again this month.

"Thank You" to everyone who made it to our Summer Cruise this year, fun was had by all and I'm sure if you were at the Saturday evening pitch in you know it was one to remember! Thank you for helping us make memories!

YCM has a new Bi-fold chocked full of information about who we are and why we're here, we would love to bring these around to your club and set some out for your membership's reading pleasure.

The "Dog Days" are behind us and summer will be drawing to a close soon. We have some pretty great boating weather coming up so please be careful out there, don't take chances, respect others and BE SAFE!

Please remember our golf outing is quickly approaching, please contact Ricky about your Foursome for golf and or hole sponsorship, the sooner the better.

YCM would love to hear from our member clubs as to how Yacht Clubs of Maryland can assist YOUR particular club; we need to hear from all of our member clubs so as to best serve everyone in our Yacht Club community. Please contact any YCM Officer or Board Member and let us know what we can do to help in all our member clubs continued success.

"THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT"

Till next Time, Happy Boating. *Commodore Ryan Peters*

I invite any comments, feedback or suggestions, please email them to YCMwebmaster@gmail.com or use the contact section of our website.

Remember; "Yacht Clubs need the support of other Yacht Clubs"
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



Vice Commodore's Report

Hello Everyone,

The summer boating season is winding down, but the wonderful fall season is almost here. So, continue to enjoy your boating activities as club's prepare for the Ball season. The first Ball is the North Point Yacht Club mini-ball on September 8. Their flyer is attached.

Flyers for several upcoming events are also attached, including the upcoming Chesapeake Commodores Club Lawn Party on September 10.

Based on all the photos and comments on the YCM Facebook, the annual YCM cruise to Rock Hall was a great success. Get your reservations in for next year to make sure you have a slip, campground spot, or room. We did get soaked during the Saturday cocktail hour as the rain came sideways through the pavilion. But, it didn't dampen pour spirits at all.

Also, the annual Wounded Warriors Day on the Bay event was once again a huge success. Many photos and comments are on the YCM page about this outstanding event. The volunteers who do so much work to make this happen sure deserve our heartfelt thanks.

Check out our Facebook page as over 550 folks from our member clubs now do. You'll see lots of information there, such as a new address for mail for Marley Boat club. That new address is Marley Boat Club, 4157 Mountain Road, PMB 255, Pasadena, MD 21122.

The next YCM General Membership meeting will be Wednesday, September 27 at Eastern Yacht Club. Dinner at 6 pm and the meeting is at 7. This is the YCM Change of Watch meeting also, so please come out to thank the outgoing bridge and to honor the new bridge.

Remember to sign up for the YCM Annual Golf Tournament. It's on October 9 at the Preserve @ Eisenhower Golf Course this year. Details are in the attached flyer.

Also, remember to post your club's Ball information on our Facebook page ASAP. Or, send the information to me at jbroseker@att.net

We'd like to assemble a Ball calendar ASAP.

Joe Broseker, Vice Commodore



Rear Commodore's Report

Hello all,

Hello to the month of Peaches and plentiful sunshine and for us to enjoy the long days of Summer while they last. I hope everyone has enjoyed their Cruises, Anchor Outs, and visits to other destinations.

The Yacht Clubs of Maryland July Summer Cruise was again a success. I don't know the exact count of members who attended over the weekend, but it was enough to almost fill North Point Marina, Rock Hall Landing Marina and other Marina's and Campgrounds also. The Saturday evening dinner time rainstorm that hit us, which was predicted by radar, would not have been a problem since we were under cover, but what was not predicted was the 70+ MPH winds that came, and the lightning that hit a sailboat in the Basin.

I know several members were frightened and all of us were drenched, and no injuries were had, I thank Anna for her Prayers, and a Lesson Learned! As always it is always fun to visit Rock Hall Township, the Bars (Maggie's and the VFW), and the Blue Heron Restaurant, as well as other restaurants. I would like to thank Lori at North Point Marina for Hosting the YCM Summer Cruise again this year.

Again, we had great participant singers for our karaoke night, Commodore Ryan and first Soft Crab Debbie brought along a few games that people enjoyed playing. Finally, I would like to say a big Heart Felt Thank You and appreciation to P/C George Stromberg and to past First Soft Crab C.J Stromberg for organizing, advertising, and bringing people to this great event this year as well as several years in the past, Thank You! We are looking forward to next year Cruise, Stay Tuned!

Coming up on Wednesday September 27th. will be Yacht Clubs of Maryland Change of Watch Ceremony Hosted by Eastern Yacht Club. Dinner menu and times will be posted on the YCM Website and Facebook page.

Yacht Clubs of Maryland Golf Outing will be held at The Preserve @ Eisenhower Golf Course on October 9th. This Beautiful course is near Annapolis. We NEED Golfers, Non-Golfers, Foursomes, singles and a few more Sponsors. Please contact me at golfycm23@gmail.com or rjpope60@gmail.com. You can also contact me @ 443-955-8687 with any questions.

Hope to see you all around the Yachting community, and throughout the Bay Area. And looking forward to seeing many of you at the Wounded Warriors Day Out.

Enjoy!

Rick Pope, Rear Commodore YCM.rear23@gmail.com



Legislative Affairs Officer's Report

Well, it is the time of year where one can get tangled with a Chrysaora chesapeakei. Better known as the sea nettle, the most common jellyfish in the Bay. There is the sketchy and remarkably robust underworld of Chesapeake folk remedies for jellyfish stings. Some recommend "splash seawater and apply meat tenderizer to the sore area".

Our local sea nettle delivers a moderately painful sting that doctors say is not usually dangerous unless the recipient develops a severe allergic reaction or a small child is stung over a large part of their body (in which case call 911 immediately). The pain from most sea nettle stings usually peaks within five minutes and dissipates over the next few hours.

There is evidence that Native Americans applied tobacco leaves directly to the body to alleviate pain and that a tobacco poultice was used prior to 1860 to treat insect stings, so this may be the oldest known recipe for relief from Chesapeake jellyfish stings.

The truth is that there is no firm consensus from the medical profession on the ideal treatment for sea nettle stings. The Seattle Children's Hospital provides the following care advice for stings from jellyfish in the Chesapeake:

- Rinse the area with seawater to remove large tentacles.
- Scrape the area with a credit card or blunt knife to remove small stingers.
- Rinse the area with a mixture of seawater and baking soda for 15 minutes (for Chesapeake jellyfish do not use vinegar, which may trigger the stingers).
- As needed, give the patient pain medicine such as acetaminophen, rub with an ice cube, and apply hydrocortisone cream.

But you can also always exercise the only 100% foolproof way of avoiding stings—grab a beer, sit high and dry on your boat or dock and watch the jellyfish enjoying their lives pulsing around in the beautiful Chesapeake Bay.

And finally food for thought. We all know as boat owners it is our responsibility to know our boats and to be prepared for emergencies. We must ask ourselves are we able to handle our boat in rough conditions? Do we know where all our thru hull valves are located? Are we able to make simple repairs to our boat's engine should the need arise? If a crew member were to fall overboard, would we be able to recover him or her? Do we know the location of essential items such as our boat's fire extinguisher, VHF radio, medical kit, light switches, hatches, tool kit and other items—and can we find these things in the dark?

Have a great boating summer! Dick Bruns Legislative Affairs Officer



Chaplain's Report

Get Well Wishes:

2020 CCC First Mate Dan Carroll, Key YC recently underwent surgery on his leg to remove some cancer cells. He is recovering, but will need follow-up visits to the wound doctor for the next couple of months. Get well wishes and a note of encouragement can be sent to him at 7326 Waldman Ave., Sparrows Point, MD 21219.

Condolences:

Often, I report the loss of a member's family member. This is the first time that I am reporting the following:

Larry McLamb, Marley Boat Club on the July 22nd passing of his sister, Geraldine Brown. **Karen McLamb, Marley Boat Club** on the July 24th passing of her brother, Jim Lunczynski. Expressions of Sympathy can be sent to them at 190 12th St. Pasadena, MD 21122.

Please keep Larry, Karen and their families in your thoughts and prayers.

Here are five tips from the nonprofit BoatUS Foundation for Boating Safety and Clean Water that can help ensure everyone's safety as temperatures climb during the **Hot**, **Hazy**, **Humid Days of August and September**. Take care and Be Safe.

- **"1. Create shade.** Direct sunlight can make the air feel 10- to 15 degrees warmer. Reduce the time you spend in it. If you don't have a cabin or bimini top that offers sun protection, widebrimmed hats; loose fitting, moisture-wicking clothing (try a UPF-rated long sleeve shirt); or fishing neck gaiters are next best. Of course, reef-friendly sunblock is a must for burn prevention.
- **2. Keep extra water aboard.** Yeah, that's a no-brainer. However, you'd be surprised how many boaters bring just enough water for a single day's outing. Crew and guests may want to consume water like out of a firehose on super-hot days! (Good boating housekeeping tip: Keep a supply of bottled water in a locker or dry bilge area next to the hull, below the waterline. The water will stay cooler than the air temperature, and it makes it easy to share or restock your cooler.)
- **3. Know how to stay cool, safely.** Of course, boaters can take advantage of the best way to stay cool: jump in! Just don't jump off a moving vessel. Find a safe, out-the-way anchorage, drop the hook, and enjoy!
- **4. Know the signs of heatstroke.** Heatstroke occurs when the body is unable to cool down. It can happen either gradually or suddenly. Telltale signs are heavy sweating, paleness, muscle cramps, tiredness, weakness, dizziness, headache, fainting, skin hot to the touch, nausea or vomiting. Infants and children are especially susceptible. Immediately moving the victim to a cooler environment and providing lots of fluids can help buy time for a heatstroke victim until you reach first responders.
- **5.** Have a way to communicate. If you have an unexpected breakdown or other issue, this is not the time of year to be stuck out on the water. Not only is the temperature a significant



stressor, atmospheric conditions, especially in the afternoon hours, can bring sudden and powerful storms. Ensure your VHF is operational, and bring your cellphone, keeping it dry and charged."

Although I am aware of others who are ill or have passed, I have not been notified by them or their family. If a member or a member's family asks you to notify me of an illness or passing, please indicate that when you email me at ccsw17@yahoo.com or call me at 410-440-2801. Please remember to keep all in your thoughts and prayers, especially those who have recently been diagnosed with cancer and /or have lost loved ones.

SCUTTLEBITT and SPINDRIFT By Salty Sam

Salty Sam is taking some well-deserved shore leave this month, but is still available to get your emails on any nautical embarrassments or other events you see happening.

Salty Sam, The Sea Dog mi-ti-bear@comcast.net



Protocol Matters By Joe Hellner

Official Change of Officers

As the summer winds down, most yacht clubs in our area are preparing to change their officers to lead their clubs and organizations for the next term. So, when does a Commodore Elect become the Commodore, at the ball or at the Change of Watch?

The Commodore-elect becomes Commodore when they are sworn in. The swearing in occasion where the new group (traditionally called "The Bridge" in yacht clubs) officially takes over from the old group is called Change of Watch (COW). In the nautical tradition, a sailor on official duty is said to be "On Watch". The oncoming group officially takes on their duties and responsibilities by relieving the current watch standers and assuming the watch.

The Commodores Ball is the official celebration of the Change of Watch and it is perfectly proper for the COW to occur at the Ball. The CCC Ball is a perfect example where the COW occurs at the Ball.

In typical yacht club fashion, where simple events often become great parties, Commodores Balls grew from the simple COW ceremony. People thought "why not have a dinner, a cocktail hour, and a band, etc.?" There is no need for a club to hold two separate parties for COW and the Commodores Ball as this is hammering the same nail twice.

For practical reasons, there is often a lot of time between the official COW, as called for in the club By-Laws, and the Commodores Ball. In such cases, clubs will hold a simple swearing-in, usually at the end of the annual meeting. At the Commodores Ball, even though people are already in office, the ceremony symbolically goes through the COW again, often including swearing in and handover of the gavel. That is why the outgoing Commodore "assumes the watch" for the final time and receives the visitor salutes. This practice also allows the guest of honor, the incoming commodore, to be introduced last, as is right and proper. Keep in mind that the new commodore and officers have already greeted their guests in the receiving line prior to the ceremony.

Till next time, see you around the Bay!



CLASSIFIED ADS

Place your classified ads in the Bay Breeze and reach all of our member clubs.

The cost is \$2.00 per month for personal ads, and \$3.00 per month for businessand business-related ads (4 lines or less) \$10.00 if you include pictures. We will soon have pricing for quarter page, half page and full-page ads.

Send you ads to: YCMwebmaster.com

SHOW YOUR YCM PRIDE

Available to order, YCM Member Burgee for only \$35 In stock now, YCM Delegates Flag for only \$20.00



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. (continued)

- 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. 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. (continued)



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 (continued)



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 online 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.

YCM IS GRATEFUL FOR THE SUPPORT WE RECEIVE FROM OUR MEMBER CLUBS

YCM MEETING SCHEDULE

Wednesday, September 27 at Eastern Yacht Club



BRYC ENTERTAINMENT

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END OF SUMMER PARTY GREAT FOOD, AWESOME MUSIC & THE BEST PEOPLE ON THE BAY!



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SATURDAY

AUGUST 26

4:00PM - II:00PM

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AND

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MOON BOUNCE
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DAUE OLIVER 443-783-6140 TICKETS \$35 (14 & UP) \$20 (CHILD) FREE - 5 & UNDER

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SWIMMING REQUIRES ADULT SUPERVISION AT ALL TIMES

ALL AGES ARE WELCOME TO PARTICIPATE

EVENT CONTACT INFO STEPHANIE COONEY 443-356-0984 CALL/TEXT



HONORING INCOMING COMMODORE

Duane Diven

Friday, September 8, 2023 6PM to 12AM 1700 Wharf Road, Sparrows Point, MD 21219

Catering by M&M and Sons Entertainment by DJ Frank Winterling



\$75 per person



Dress Code for Officers: White Uniform, No Hat All Others: Business Casual

For details, please contact Rear Commodore, Andy West Number: 410-365-0646 Email: slicklawn@aol.com

Limited seating available
Please respond by August 30, 2023



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Sunday, September 10th 1010 Oldham St, Baltimore, MD 21224 1pm to 5pm

Ticket Price:



Menu: Steamed Crabs, Pulled Pork, Hotdogs, Maryland Crab Soup, Corn on the Cob, Baked Beans, Potato Salad, Cole Slaw, Macaroni Salad, Fruit Salad, Fresh Vegetables, Dip and Dessert

Ticket Price includes Draft Beer, Sodas, Iced Tea, Coffee & Water

Mail check for tickets made pay	/able to: Chesapeake Commodores Club
Care of Paul Dolan 7003 Putter Court New Market, MD 21774	
CCC Member Name	
Guest Name	# of tickets
Phone NumberE	mail









Calling all Yacht clubs of Maryland...You are cordially invited to the

MARLEY BOAT CLUB **31ST**

KING OF THE CHESAPEAKE CONTEST AND SPAGHETTI DINNER

Show begins at 7pm and lasts until.....

We recommend 18 and over to attend the show as our contestants may get spicy!

WHERE: Red Eye Yacht Club 2222 Poplar Rd., Baltimore MD 21221

WHEN: Saturday September 16th, 2023 Spaghetti Dinner 4:30-6:30

\$20 per personIncludes: Spaghetti, homemade sauce, homemade meatballs, salad, bread and assorted desserts

WANT TO BE THE NEXT KING???

Contact R/C Lisa Young at 410-428-5626 or lisaslocketshop@yahoo.com for more information. Please contact REYC directly for docking information.







Raffle and Pull Boards SAVE THE DATE

For the 3rd Annual

September 9,

Sue Haven Yacht Club Luau Pig Roast

Saturday, September 16, 2023 at 6:00 P.M.

Ticket Price: \$35.00 per person

Ticket price includes roast pig, various sides, dessert,

draft beer and soda



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