

Yacht Clubs of Maryland's Bay Breeze August 2022

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COMMODORE'S REPORT
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Commodores Report

Greetings to all in our YCM Member Clubs. Summer has a about six weeks left and it's my favorite time of year, Fall. Best time for boating and camping. Most all of our Clubs have had a productive year and have been able to have all of their planned events. Our passion for boating and Chesapeake Bay related activities is alive and well thanks to dedicated Officers and Members in our YCM Member Clubs. We had a terrific turn out at our second annual Summer Cruise held at Northpoint Marina. The final count was 45 boats at the Marina, 10 at nearby Marinas, all 6 Motel rooms filled and some folks camped at a nearby campground. And Brett Kulikowski anchored out in the Basin. We had around 160 members From 15 Member Clubs. Lori Campbell, the owner of North Point Marina, was a wonderful host who gave us the total use of the pavilion on Saturday evening, a discounted rate per foot for dockage, coffee and donuts in the morning and free DJ and Karaoke. She also kept a waiting list which came in handy as we has a few Boats cancel. She arranged dockage for some larger boats at nearby marinas that she could not dock due to the shortage of transit slips which is a problem all over the Bay. Many Thanks for her helping this be another Success. There will be a another Summer Cruise. Place to be determined by slip cost, number of slips available and distance from Middle River area which is where most of the boats Came from and would be a cost of fuel factor. Wouldn't want to go too far as we will lose boaters for sure.

There are still many Member Club events happening and I urge all to attend as many as possible to support the Member Clubs. Ball Season is just a short month



away with North Point leading off. It's a fun time there so get your reservations in as soon as you see the flyers on Yacht Clubs of Maryland Facebook page or Website. It's the Official YCM method of communication. Well until next month Be safe on the water. Be a sober skipper and bring them back to port safe.

Commodore George Stromberg
Yacht Clubs of Maryland 2022



Vice Commodore's Report

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Please note there is a NEW Email Address for Vice Commodore.....

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Ahoy!

I hope that you are all getting in your last moments of summer! The weather has been perfect to enjoy our Chesapeake Bay with fellow boaters.

YCM Summer cruise was a great success again this year. We had many boats and even a few RV's attend. Thank you to everyone who brought a dish to share! As always there was a ton of food and it was delicious. Stay tuned for Location and information regarding next year's YCM Summer Cruise. We welcome any input that you may have from the years past to make this year better than ever!

On September 23rd Rachel and I will be hosting a INCOMING Commodore and First Lady / Gent get together and charm exchange. This is something that we have done in the past and it is always a great time to kick off your Commodore year! It will be at Crescent Yacht Club. We will have a flyer out to all of the clubs within the week.

The Golf Tournament is just around the corner! Please make sure that you contact our Rear Commodore Ted Wooden to sign up you foursome. It is so important to let us know in advance if you will be participating. This year's event will be a little different than years past. **Everyone** is welcome to play no matter what your skill level is. Even if you have never held a golf club before, we welcome you to come out and join in the fun. There will be some fun things to do at a few of the holes. Please refer to our Rear Commodores article for further explanations.

Ball season is going to be here before you know it! This is a great way to come out and support all the Yacht Clubs in the community. Please keep an eye out for emails and postings on Facebook for the most up to date information about each ball. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to ask.

Until then,
Stay Safe, Happy and Healthy
V/C Tom Stevens
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Rear Commodore's Report

Ted Wooden

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Please note the new YCM Rear Commodore email address.

Ahoy once again all YCM members,

I had a great time at the Commodore's annule cruise. If you missed it you missed a great time. I will let the V/C comment on how many clubs, boats, and people were there but I will tell you it was a lot. Well, here we are starting to get ready for fall (yes I know most of us will hopefully still be using our boat till late in the fall) but it is also time for our annual fall Golf Outing. I am starting to ramp up the flyers for this outing. Please get a 4-some or two together for this day of fun. It is being held October 10th at Rocky Point Golf Course start time 9 am with a shot gun start. This year there will be 4 different holes where we will have games or things to do to help lower your scores.

The different holes will have the following games or activities as follows:

- At one hole there will be two corn hole boards where each bag you get through the hole will take a stroke off your game.
- At one hole you can put on a women's dress and tee off for the women's pins to help your score.
- At one hole the cup will be 2 foot in diameter. There will be a string tied to the flag and if your ball is with in the string it is counted as a sunk ball.
- At one hole you will only be able to use one club out of your bag from tee off all the way thru putting.
- We will also have our normal commodore's hole where you can buy the 50/50 tickets also.

This event is going to be different from any other you have been to so you do not want to miss it. We will have breakfast in the morning, hot dogs at the turn, and a great meal after all the teams come in from the day. There are going to be prizes to be given out for different achievements and we will have door prizes so do not throw away your mulligan tickets. We will have a refreshment cart running around the course supplying you with alcoholic drinks and nonalcoholic drinks. We will also have some baskets that we will be raffling off so don't forget to bring cash with you.

We are also looking for sponsors to help us out on the cost of the event. If you sponsored in the past, please do so again it is a great way to get your name out in front of a bunch of perspective clients. Keep a look out for the sponsor applications and flyers. They will have all the info on them as to how you can register to play and how to sponsor a hole. If you need more information, you can email me at ycm.rear@gmail.com.

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Officer's Report

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On the heels of a 35-year high in Maryland's wild oyster harvest, the state Department of Natural Resources has announced catch regulations will remain unchanged when the 2022–23 season begins Oct. 1.

About 1,200 watermen landed 542,000 bushels of bivalves last season, the biggest haul since the 1986–87 season, according to DNR. It was worth about \$21 million dockside.

That was a remarkable rebound for the wild oyster fishery. Just three years earlier, record rains flushed so much freshwater into the Chesapeake Bay that it was hard for oysters to reproduce or grow. Their harvest was about one-fourth as large, and the state for a couple of years reduced harvesting from five days a week to four.

Now, with surveys finding above-average crops of juvenile oysters on Bay and river bottoms, some harvesters wanted to see the daily bushel limits increased a little. Others urged the state to keep the same rules as last season.

Legislative Affairs Officer, YCM

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Protocol Matters

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By Joe Hellner

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Chaplain's Report

Anna Davis

YCM Chaplain, 2021

08.22 Chaplain BayBreeze Article

As I was recently going through some old papers, I found this and thought how appropriate it is for today's world.

"A lecturer, when explaining stress management to an audience, raised a glass of water and asked, "How heavy is this glass of water?" Answers called out ranged from 20g to 500g. The lecturer replied, "The absolute weight doesn't matter. It depends on how long you try to hold it. If I hold it for a minute, that's not a problem. If I hold it for an hour, I'll have an ache in my right arm. If I hold it for a day, you'll have to call an ambulance. In each case, it's the same weight, but the longer I hold it, the heavier it becomes." He continued, "And that's the way it is with stress management. If we carry our burdens all the time, sooner or later, as the burden becomes increasingly heavy, we won't be able to carry on." "As with the glass of water, you have to put it down for a while and rest before holding it again. When we're refreshed, we can carry on with the burden. So, before you return home tonight, put the burden of work down. Don't carry it home. You can pick it up tomorrow. Whatever burdens you're carrying now, let them down for a moment if you can. Relax; pick them up later after you've rested. Life is short. Enjoy it!" And then he shared some ways of dealing with the burdens of life:

Accept that some days you're the pigeon, and some days you're the statue.

Always keep your words soft and sweet, just in case you have to eat them.

Drive carefully. It's not only cars that can be recalled by their maker.

If you can't be kind, at least have the decency to be vague."

The 2022 and 50th DRYL Queen is Serenity Rudzinski - Anchor Yacht Club. She was also voted, by her fellow Princesses, to receive "The Candyce Holmstrup Award for Congeniality". This award is named for the late DRYL Photographer who passed in 2019.

If you were at this or last year's Queen of the Chesapeake Pageant, you may have seen her since she was one of the visiting DRYL Princesses.



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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



YCM Meeting Schedule 2022

Change of watch September 28th at 7:00pm Crescent Yacht Club

