

Yacht Clubs of Maryland's Bay Breeze February 2022

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COMMODORE'S REPORT

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Commodores Report

Hello to all in our Yacht Club Community. Is everyone ready for Spring? I don't buy into the Punxsutawney Phil's six more weeks of winter. Let's all think Spring and sure enough it will be here soon. The Ball season is winding down and even with a few being pushed out due to covid we are looking to a March wind up and just in time for my favorite time of year. The Club Openings. Warmer weather and boating season will have begun. What more could you ask for?

It looks as though it will be challenging for the 2022 Fleet Captains to book slips for their Club Cruises this year. Record sales of boats in the last two years has filled many Marinas with little or no transient slips. The small privately owned Marinas we have all come to enjoy with that personal touch are being gobbled up by huge corporations and slip fees are going through the roof on weekends and holidays. All this makes the Fleet Captain's job a tough one for sure. All the more reason to have the YCM Fleet Captains Orientation and Dinner Meeting each and every year.

I had the privilege of being invited to Belvedere Yacht Clubs Bridge and Board Meeting Via Zoom on February 7th. Many thanks to Commodore Mark Hagerty for the invitation and to our very own YCM Chaplain and Board Member Anna Davis (Vice Commodore Belvedere and PC White Rocks YC) for arranging it. Commodore Hagerty reports his Club is alive and well. They are playing it safe and for the most part staying to Zoom Meetings as many are and limiting their Club for now to few visitors. They will be back in full force when this Covid mess is put to bed. For those that do not know, Belvedere is 70 years old and was the 13th member of CBYCA. They were also one of the Founding Clubs of Yacht Clubs of Maryland. Commodore Mark promises to put photos of their Club activities in our newly established Yacht Clubs of Maryland Facebook Page. It was a great opportunity to catch them up on events and points of interest within YCM and its Member Clubs. Also, nice to lay an eyeball on my friend PC John Snyder who was at many Balls and Openings Representing Belvedere over the years. Best of luck to them this year.

If you haven't done so, please book your reservation for the YCM Commodores Day Out on March 27th hosted this year by Baltimore Yacht Club. The Commodore's Day Out is held every year to Honor the Commodore and First Lady (First SoftCrab) of YCM. It is a Sunday Brunch in lieu of a Ball. Please see flyer for details.



Also, be sure to book your reservation ASAP for the 2022 Yacht Clubs of Maryland Summer Cruise to North Point Marina in Rockhall, Maryland July 29th, 30th and 31st. Marina Owner, Lori Campbell is waiting to hear from you. Last year there were 18 clubs represented and 48 boats. Bodkin Yacht Club had the most boats for 2021 but the gauntlet has been thrown down by Galloway YC Commodore Dave Majerowicz and his Infamous Fleet of Floating Merry-makers that this year's award will go to them! Any other Clubs up for the challenge? Dockage has been discounted for this event by North Point Marina Owner Lori especially for YCM and its Member Clubs. How's that for some good old Eastern Shore Hospitality! Thanks Lori!

Well that just about does it for this month so let's all ignore the Groundhog and get our boats ready to sail and have fun. Stay warm and be safe.

“The true meaning of **BOAT** is Best of All Times”

(A quote from PC Bill Tabilio, MC, 2022 Galloway Yacht Club Ball)

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Vice Commodore's Report

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

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Ahoy my fellow Boaters!

It will not be much longer until we are all back on the water enjoying our beautiful Chesapeake Bay. That means it's almost time to unwrap our boats and begin the spring cleaning. I for one can not wait to "splash". Enough with all this cold weather and ice.

Our next GMM meeting will be March 30th held at Eastern Yacht Club. Please make sure to sign up for the dinner.

As always, make sure you follow Facebook for the most up to date information on the happenings around the bay. Ball season is almost over and we will be into opening weekends. There will be a lot of information on Facebook.

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

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Please note the new YCM Rear Commodore email address.

Ahoy Fellow Members, here we are in February one month closer to boating season. I have received a bunch of positive feedback from all who attended the Fleet Captains orientation / meeting. I have taken notes and will pass them on to next years rear commodore to make next year's orientation / meeting even better. Just a quick update on the ships log I have been working with Stephine Gaff to put the log together. She has most of everyone's updated club page and will be contacting anyone that she still needs it from. I am collecting pictures of different events from around the bay to also put in this year's ships log. I f you have any pictures that you would like to see in the log please email them to me at ycm.rear@gmail.com so I can add them into it. I am limited to how many pages I can have so please do not get upset if I can't fit them all in. I am hoping to have it all put together and sent to the printer no later than March 14 th , 2022. Let's hope that the rodent was wrong, and we do not have 6 more weeks of winter. I personally am getting the boating itch and can't wait till warm summer day spending time out on the boat with friends.

Yours in service,

Ted Wooden

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Legislative Affairs Officer's Report

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Plans to restore two vanishing Chesapeake Bay islands are on firmer ground now. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has allocated \$37.5 million for the upcoming year to launch reconstruction of James and Barren islands in Maryland.

Maryland Sen. Ben Cardin had previously succeeded in including that amount for the islands' restoration in fiscal year 2022 spending legislation, but Congress has yet to approve a budget. The Corps allocation, included in its supplemental work plan, improves prospects for the long-planned \$1.9 billion project, advocates say. The Corps tends to keep funding such work once it begins.

The Mid-Chesapeake Bay Island Ecosystem Restoration project aims to create 2,100 acres of new wildlife habitat on the two islands and help protect shorelines in Dorchester County from erosion and storm surges.

The project also aids the Port of Baltimore because the islands are to be restored using sand and silt dredged from shipping channels in the Bay. Dredged material has been used to rebuild Poplar Island, another Bay island that had nearly washed away. The Mid-Bay project is expected to begin by the time the Poplar restoration is completed in 2032.

Initial restoration around Barren Island is expected to begin in September, while the more extensive work at James Island is projected to start in 2024.

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Protocol Matters

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By P/C Joe Hellner

Spring and boating season are coming soon. Meanwhile, here are some yacht club pointers and traditions.

Commodores Pointers: Your most important duty is to be a bridge builder among the membership. A consensus resolution on a matter for the good of the club is always your objective, regardless of your personal position. As Chair of meetings, must make sure all discussion and issue resolution occur in a respectful and professional manner. You must make sure all are heard and feel they had a chance to have their say. People must take turns but, in most clubs, some free flow discussion and debate is tolerated. No one person should monopolize discussion. When discussion bogs down and it looks like a matter needs more work, the Commodore will call for follow up action after the meeting to ensure all the business of the meeting is completed within the planned time

Talking at Meetings: All persons should address and speak to the Chair – this Robert's Rule helps keep the discussion from being or seeming personal. For the same reason, people should refer to the officer's title not the person's name. For example, "Commodore, I disagree with the Vice Commodores position" or "Commodore, I request the Treasurer, repeat the part of his report citing checks written". When referring to fellow members, "Captain _____", "Member _____", "the member" or "my fellow member" may be used. For example, you might say "I agree with Member Smith's proposal" or "I would add to the member's comments on the budget as follows". Within most clubs, some direct conversation is tolerated for practical reasons but the Chair should keep this under control.

Fleet Captain Insignia: Tradition has the Fleet Captain anchor on its side and the Sail Fleet Captain anchor vertical. For the Fleet Captain, on either jacket sleeve when the jacket sleeve is hanging down at the person's side, the top on the anchor points forward (i.e. flukes aft). Interestingly, when the arms are crossed or bent the anchor flukes are on the bottom as is proper for anchoring a vessel. For Sail Fleet Captains, bending the arm will place the anchor in its side, which is still OK. Displaying an anchor upside down is nautical bad luck and should be avoided.

Fleet Captain: "Fleet Captain" is the title for the fourth officer in the yacht club line, whether they are a sail boater or power boater, with responsibility for the whole club fleet (including the activities of the Sail Fleet and/or Power Fleet Captain) and often the club pier(s) as well. The Fleet Captain is usually a voting member of the Board of Governors (or Directors), whereas Sail and Power Fleet Captains (depicted by propeller insignia) usually are not.

Till next time, see you around the Bay!



Chaplain's Report

Anna Davis

YCM Chaplain, 2021

Condolences to:

Chesapeake Commodores' Club Commodore Jerry Selig and First Lady Liz and to CCC AE/O Randy Hamilton, Red Eye Yacht Club, on the recent passing of Jerry's mom and Randy's grandmother, Ruth Selig. For more info visit Evans Funeral home Website.

Glenn Whaley, Belvedere Yacht Club on the recent passing of his mother, Barbara Whaley. A Celebration of Life was held in California on Sunday , February 6th.

Nicholas (Nick) Noderer, Delaware River Yacht Club, on the passing of his wife Dottie on February 10th. Dottie was the Director of State Legislation, New Jersey and Supply Officer as well as a member of the Budget Committee for the Chesapeake Bay Yacht Clubs Association. For Obituary and service information, visit the Lownes Family Funeral Home website.

Please keep Jerry, Liz, Randy, Glenn, Nick and their families in your thoughts and prayers.

Good News:

2006 CCC First Lady Nancy Discher:

I received the following email from P/C Dennis on February 13th. "After nearly five years , I'm happy to say that Nancy is getting her kidney transplant on Feb 24th . Please keep her in your prayers . I will update after . Thanks to all for your support ." Nancy is the Energizer Bunny at Crescent Yacht Club and if you have attended any Meetings there, she, with help sometimes, was sure to be the one who prepared your meal.

Reminder:

The Celebration of Life for YCM 2012-2013 First Crab Jim Wilson, Key Yacht Club and Veterans Yacht Club Assn., will be held Sunday 2/27/22 at the American Legion Post 38 in Dundalk from 1:00 till 4:00PM. A Chesapeake Commodores Club Service will be held at 1:30PM. If planning to attend, please RSVP to CCC P/C Kitty Sauer. Uniform of the Day is black - men -long tie . Please remember to bring your Cover for the salute.

In Case No One Told You Today

You're Beautiful. You're Loved. You're Needed.

for a Reason. You're Stronger Than You Think.

Get Through This.

I'm Glad You're Alive.

You're Alive

You're Going to

Don't Give Up.

"Lilac and Lavender"



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Send you ads to: bodkincrabber@gmail.com

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

March 30, 2022 – YCM GMM meeting will be held at Eastern Yacht Club.

