



Yacht Clubs of Maryland

Bay Breeze



February 2024

Please Distribute to Your Members

YCM 2023-2024 Officers and Board Members

Commodore	Rickey Pope	Eastern Yacht Club
Vice Commodore	Kate Cramblett	Miles River Yacht Club
Rear Commodore	Steve Spicknall	Crescent Yacht Club
Legislative Affairs Officer	Dick Bruns	Baltimore Yacht Club
Treasurer	PC Faye Broseker	Riverside Yacht Club
Secretary	Sharon Winterling	Galloway Yacht Club
IPC Board Member	PC Ryan Peters	Crescent Yacht Club
Board Member	Joe Broseker	Chesapeake Commodores Club
Board Member	PC Barry Scott	Baltimore Yacht Club
Board Member	PC George Stromberg	Bodkin Yacht Club
Board Member	PC Janet Yodris	Key Yacht Club
Protocol Officer	PC Joe Hellner	Belvedere Yacht Club
Sick & Welfare	CJ Stromberg	Bodkin Yacht Club
Supply Officer	PC Faye Broseker	Riverside Yacht Club

YCM 2023-2024 Committee Chairs

Audit	Commodore Rick Pope
By-Law	HPC Jerry Cramblett
Finance	Commodore Rick Pope
Membership	RC Steve Spicknall
Nominating	IPC Ryan Peters
Ships Log	RC Steve Spicknall
Supply Officer	PC Faye Broseker
Webmaster	IPC Ryan Peters



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YCM MEETING SCHEDULE

Board Meeting	Wednesday, February 28, 2024	ZOOM
General Membership Meeting	Wednesday, March 27, 2024	North Point YC
Board Meeting	Wednesday, April 24, 2024	ZOOM
General Membership Meeting	Wednesday, May 29, 2024	TBD
Board Meeting	Wednesday, June 26, 2024,	ZOOM
General Membership Meeting	Saturday, July 27, 2024	Summer Cruise
Board Meeting	Wednesday, August 28, 2024	ZOOM

2023-2024 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

Greetings,

I hope all is well with you and your family. Recently Suenette and I treated our children and grandkids to a three-hour trip to the Kalahari Resort in the Poconos to escape the winter Blues for three days. They have the largest indoor swimming park for everyone and with a maintained indoor temperature of 84 degrees. My favorite of course was the Paxton Grotto swim up Bar and Spa, it was what the Doctor ordered.

Just a reminder of the **TiPS** Alcohol Awareness Training class at Bush River Yacht Club on Saturday March 2nd from 10AM to 1PM. The cost is \$50.00 pp, cash or check made payable to **Jean McCracken**. If you have not already done so, please email me the names of the people who are attending.

YCM has Bay Breeze, Facebook and the YCM website, to keep you updated with current information and events. We are excited to share a new way to promote your club events, we have added TWO new windows under the "**EVENTS**" tab of the YCM Website. We have added "**Club Float Plans**" and "**Club Calendar**". This will provide easy access to your Club events, dates, and cruises just as we did at the recent Fleet Captain Meeting. Thank you, IPC Ryan, for spearheading this additional communication avenue.

Speaking of which, we had a great turn out at our Annual YCM Fleet Captains Meeting. A lot of good information-packed material was shared. All the Fleet Captains did a wonderful job representing their individual clubs and giving out all their information. Also, please be sure to send any updates and changes for your club to RC Steve Spicknall (stevescyc@gmail.com) so that we can have the correct information for this year's Ships Log.

As you may know, YCM submitted written testimony voicing our opposition to HB 239. The Maryland DNR created this bill to change a few regulations but most importantly to increase our registration fee by several hundred percent on a tiered level according to boat size and adding registration fees for kayaks and canoes. Our members can be most effective and helpful by writing or calling the members of this committee and to our Senators and Delegates. I would like to thank PC Joe Hellner and PC Joe Broseker for their infinite wisdom and know-how and showing me the who, what, when and where working with the House Committee. Thanks!

Finally, I have appointed CJ Stromberg as our Sick and Welfare Officer. CJ will be our point of contact for information relating to you or your immediate family being sick, hospitalized or someone who has crossed over the Bar. This information will be respectfully submitted with permission by you or your immediate family. Please contact C.J with information by email at cjstromberg1024@gmail.com .

As you know, February is the shortest month and Spring is right around the corner. Balls will be ending, and Openings will be here before you know it. I am proud to say this is our Heritage and our tradition amongst our Yacht Club community. Enjoy

Rick Pope
Commodore
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Vice Commodore's Report

Punxsutawney Phil's predicted we will be having an early Spring, which truly makes us all incredibly happy, if in fact that is true. But those of us who live in Maryland know that is not always the case. Just like today, some people got rain---some got snow. Either way, we can only hope Phil was right. I know there are a lot of people itching to get back out on our beautiful Chesapeake Bay and according to what I heard at our recent Fleet Captains Meeting some even further destinations.

I always thought it was important for YCM to have informative General Membership Meetings. I know we all have attended meetings where it is blah, blah, blah. That is not YCM. We are here to share helpful information, such as what is happening in Annapolis that might affect those who are boaters or when is your Opening Day and Commodore's Ball or invitations to all the wonderful events our member clubs hold. We are also here to listen to our members. Whether it is trying to figure out how to recruit members to "go up the line" or what can be done to keep the cost down for balls or any number of things. Whatever issues or concerns your club may have, we are here to help. Recently, we had some members come together and prepare formal testimony against Maryland House Bill 239 regarding an increase in boater registrations fees (see LAO report below). Also, recently Commodore Rick Pope established a Sick & Welfare position so we can share with our YCM family if you have a sick club member, or a member has passed.

You may have noticed last month I added a new topic: **BUY IT---SELL IT---FIND IT** If you have any items you are looking to buy, sell or find, shoot me an email and I will include in the next Bay Breeze.

In closing, I am happy to report that Donna Seymour, Boating Safety Coordinator for MD DNR Police will be speaking at our March 27th meeting at North Point YC. I will be sending out a separate email with menu and cost shortly.

Kate Cramblett
Vice Commodore
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Rear Commodore's Report

Happy Snowy February Everyone!!

As I type this month's Bay Breeze Article, I am reflecting on the recently held YCM Fleet Captain's Meeting. The turnout was fantastic and hopefully all that attended went home a little wiser as to sister club events and a little more at-ease behind the microphone. Thanks again to Crescent Yacht Club for allowing us to use their facility for this event. And an even bigger shout out to Danny Carroll and his kitchen crew for the tasty food.

Next task for completion for me is the Ship's Log. We collected a fair amount of info at the Fleet Captain's shindig, but I still need updated information for your Ship's Log page, including officers/delegate information, as well as Opening Day & Commodore's ball dates, from many of you. Please email or text them to me as soon as possible, so as not to delay the publishing process.

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I am starting my search for golf outing sponsors early this year. If you or your company would like some inexpensive advertising, please let me know. Again, the date of the annual outing is October 14th at The Preserve at Eisenhower. Please pass the word along and join us for a fun day chasing the elusive little white golf ball.....

Wishing you all great health and happy thoughts as we inch closer to spring.

Steve Spicknall
Rear Commodore
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Legislative Affairs Officer's Report



MEMBER CLUBS

- BALTIMORE YACHT CLUB
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- BELVEDERE YACHT CLUB
AIRCOLD
- BODEN YACHT CLUB
PASADENA
- BONE SHIRE YACHT CLUB
- BONLEY'S POINT YACHT CLUB
BALTIMORE
- BONE RIVER YACHT CLUB
ABINGDON
- CHESAPEAKE COMMODORE CLUB
- CLASSIC YACHT CLUB
- CROCKET YACHT CLUB
BALTIMORE
- EASTERN YACHT CLUB
BALTIMORE
- GALLOWAY YACHT CLUB
BALTIMORE
- GOOSE BARON YACHT CLUB
CRANE
- GREAT OAK YACHT CLUB
CHESTERTON
- KENT ISLAND YACHT CLUB
CHESTER
- MALEY BOAT CLUB
PASADENA
- MARYLAND YACHT CLUB
PASADENA
- MIDDLE RIVER YACHT CLUB
BALTIMORE
- MILES RIVER YACHT CLUB
ST. MICHAELS
- NEPTUNE YACHT CLUB
BALTIMORE
- NORTH EAST RIVER YACHT CLUB
NORTH EAST
- NORTH POINT YACHT CLUB
SPARROW'S POINT
- OTTIE POINT YACHT CLUB
ABINGDON
- PLEASANT YACHT CLUB
SPARROW'S POINT
- RED KEY YACHT CLUB
BALTIMORE
- RIVERSIDE YACHT CLUB
BALTIMORE
- SUE RIVER YACHT CLUB
BALTIMORE
- VENTNOR YACHT CLUB
PASADENA
- VETERANS YACHT CLUB ASSOCIATION

Yacht Clubs of Maryland ...to provide a means for close and frequent interaction and mutual support among member Yacht Clubs...

February 7, 2024

Testimony to the Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee (By Request – Departmental – Natural Resources (DNR))

Why we OPPOSE HB 239: The proposed fee increases are excessive and unreasonable, place DNR costs entirely on boaters despite benefits to the state and many others, and promote perception Maryland is unfriendly to boats and boaters

- ✓ Boaters understand the need for a **REASONABLE** fee increase given fees have remained low for decades. **Increases in the hundreds of percent are unacceptable and unjustified.**
- ✓ Although we would welcome amendments to reduce the fees in this bill, **we can support no amendment or fee increases that varies rates based on size of the vessel.**
- ✓ **Data shows small boats cause more demand on DNR resources especially police.** Coast Guard data shows more drownings occur from small boats. Drownings from large boats are rare.
- ✓ Bigger boats do not mean the owners can or should pay more. **There are small boats loaded to the gills with electronics and 3 or more engines that cost more than many houses.**
- ✓ Fees should correlate to services provided such as titling registration expenses. Boaters already pay the full Maryland tax on every gallon of gasoline, which doesn't provide any direct benefits to boaters.
- ✓ **Proposed renewal fees do not compare well with nearby states.** Examples: VA \$32-\$50 for 3 years; PA \$26-\$52 for 2 years.
- ✓ Proposed graduated registration fees are unfair to people of modest means who happen to own large older boats of relatively low market value.
- ✓ The State and its citizens benefit from a \$3.5 billion boating industry, commercial fishing, tourism, and thousands of full-time jobs.
- ✓ Fees at this level enhance the **perception that boating is unaffordable** to the average person and will have negative effects on this vital Maryland industry.
- ✓ Fees at this level enhance the **perception Maryland is a high tax and fee state** to be avoided if you can live in or keep a boat in another state.
- ✓ Such high fees add to the incentives for retirees with boats to leave Maryland.
- ✓ Fees at this level **discourage multiple boat owners** who are among the most **active** in the industry. The pursuit of multiple forms of water recreation (e.g. fishing, sailing, cruising, water skiing, trailering, lake boating, classic boat restoration & shows, etc.) supports the MD economy.

Sincerely,

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Commodore, Yacht Clubs of Maryland

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PROTOCOL MATTERS

Joe Hellner

Pointers for Meeting Chairs

This time of year, there are a lot of new Commodores at our Member Clubs, which means they have to chair formal meetings. A very useful parliamentary bit of advice to new Commodores who have limited experience as Chairs of formal meetings is: “If you see that the Board or General Membership clearly agrees with a request or action, you say “Without objection, the Board approves/directs/agrees _____.” (If there is an objection, you state, “May I have a motion?”) Most routine business and requests by members can be disposed of this way. **It speeds the meeting along!** The Secretary records the decision by writing “The Board (or Membership) agreed/approved/directed that _____”

Another useful thing to keep in mind is that as Chair, it is your duty to remain impartial. That is why you do not voice or hand vote except to break ties. You do vote on all ballot votes (General Membership - because you are a member of the organization, Board because you are a voting member of the Board). You should not hold your ballot but instead cast it in with all the others. You should never argue for or against a motion while you sit as Chair. If you want to be in on the debate, you may hand over the Gavel to another that has no position for the duration of discussion on the motion. On most matters and motions, some leeway is tolerated in clubs because people usually want to hear the position of the club Commodore or President.

Till next time, see you around the Bay!



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SICK & WELFARE

C J Stromberg

Crossing Over the Bar

Sandra Puhl, sister of Crescent YC Commodore Reese Williamson III and a Crescent YC member crossed over the bar on Saturday, February 10, 2024. Expressions of Sympathy can be sent to Reese and his family at 1612 Samantha Drive, Forest Hill, MD 21050.

Sick & Welfare:

Janet Yodris, PC YCM 2012, and Current Secretary for CCC's, is having knee replacement surgery on February 27th, 2024. Get Well wishes can be sent to 8434 Cove Road, Baltimore, Maryland 21222

IPC Chester Davis, Pleasant Yacht Club is in Rehab recovering from a recent illness. Get Well wishes can be sent to his home: 4054 Carthage Road, Randallstown, Maryland 21113

Fred Harden, PC of Trojan Harbor YC, Veterans YC and CCC's, has been diagnosed with Alzheimer's and is currently at the Future Care Facility. Please keep Fred and his family in your thoughts and prayers. Please send cards of encouragement to: Fred Harden, c/o Future Care, 1046 North Point Road, Room 107, Baltimore, MD 21224.

Should you hear of any of our members who are ill or have departed, please share this information with me at cjstromberg1024@gmail.com.

CJ Stromberg
Sick & Welfare
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You're Cordially Invited To Attend

Crescent Yacht Club's
71st Commodore's Ball

"A Formal Gala Affair"

Honoring

Commodore Reese Williamson & First Lady Karen

and

Princess Emilie

Saturday February 17, 2024

1-6pm

Registration & Cocktails: 1-2 / Ceremony: 2- Dinner to Follow

Entertainment Provided

By

DJ Gill Lookingland

**Maryland Golf and Country Club
1335 E Macphail Rd, Bel Air, MD 21015**

Cost: \$100 per person / Princesses \$50

RSVP by February 2, 2023 for Club Members

Vince Greco

410-916-0400

affordablerefinishingllc@comcast.net

Outside Tickets

P/C Andy Socha

Email: sochafamily882@msn.com

Chesapeake Bay Yacht Clubs Association Commodore's Ball

Saturday, February 24, 2024

6:30 pm ~ 9:30 pm

Baltimore Inner Harbor, Maryland



Come Sail Away...

You are cordially invited to the CBYCA Commodore's Ball aboard the City Cruises "Majesty", sailing out of Baltimore Inner Harbor, Maryland, Saturday, February 24, 2024, boarding at 6:30 pm, and cruising from 7-9:30 pm. Boarding is at 561 Light St, Baltimore, Maryland.

The Majesty offers 2 interior dining decks and an incredible rooftop deck for photos and featuring the best views of Baltimore. The ship will only be for our event and will have a buffet dinner on the lower interior level, premium hor d'oeuvres, open bar before dinner, champagne toast, dessert as well as DJ entertainment and dancing.

Attendance will be limited to only 125 people (waiting list will be maintained), so please register early here: <https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/b2da6a5e-3d3a-4e28-ad6c-ef1daf128412> We have a discounted block of hotel rooms at the Royal Sonesta Harbor Court Baltimore, 550 Light Street, Baltimore, MD. The discount code is: "CBYCA" for that weekend, or use this direct link: <https://book.passkey.com/event/50675588/owner/294/home>

***** Tickets: \$145 per person Princesses: \$70 per person *****





HOORAY FOR THE RED, WHITE, AND BLUE

**YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO
MARLEY BOAT CLUB'S COMMODORE'S BALL
HONORING COMMODORE OTIS LAYTON
AND FIRST LADY DR. CINDY**

**SATURDAY MARCH 2, 2024 5PM TO 11 PM
CRESCENT YACHT CLUB
1840 CAPE MAY ROAD
ESSEX. MD 21221**

**REGISTRATION 5 PM CEREMONY 6 PM
APPETIZERS, OPEN BAR, DINNER
AND DANCING TO "DON'T STOP"**

COST: \$110 PP PRINCESS \$55

**RSVP BY FEBRUARY 17, 2024
TO IPC DR. CINDY LAYTON
443-223-6475 OR CNLAYTON@VERIZON.NET**



IT'S A FUNDRAISER

**JOIN THE NEPTUNE YACHT CLUB AT OUR 1ST ANNUAL.
SHRIMP OYSTER AND BULL ROAST.**

TO BE HELD

SATURDAY, MARCH 23, 2023

7:00 PM-11:00 PM

SUPERIOR CATERING HALL-IMPERIAL ROOM

1010 OLDHAM STREET-BALTIMORE, MD 21224

7:00 PM-11:00 PM

Tickets \$70

MENU

Steamed Shrimp

Raw Oysters on the Half- Shell

Top Round Beef on the Pit

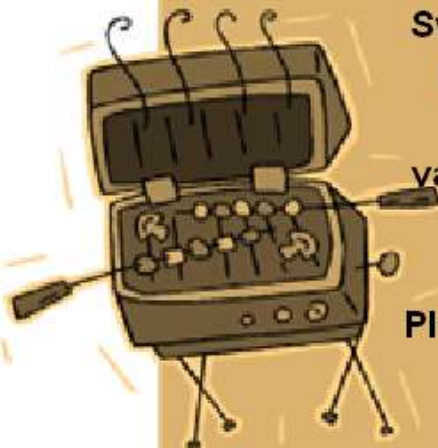
Roasted Turkey Breast on the Pit

Sweet Italian Sausage on the Pit

Maryland Famous Crab Soup

Jumbo meatball marinara

variety of sides and much more!



Please contact the following for more info:

Cmdr.-Charles White 410-241-0490

Vice Cmdr. Capt. Speed-410-967-9886

YACHT CLUBS OF MARYLAND 2023/2024 BALL SCHEDULE FEBRUARY 15, 2024 UPDATE									
DATE	CLUB	LOCATION	TIME	BAND	COST	PRINCESS	CONTACT	PHONE	EMAIL
Friday, September 8	North Point Yacht Club	North Point Yacht Club 1700 Wharf Road Sparrows Point, MD 21219	REG: 6:00 PM CER: 7:00 PM	More Cow Bell	\$75.00	TBA	RC Andrew West	410-365-0646	slicklawn@aol.com
Saturday, October 7	Sue Haven Yacht Club	Sue Haven Yacht Club 542 Edgar Avenue Baltimore, MD 21221	REG: 5:00 PM CER: 6:00 PM	Code Red	\$105.00	\$55.00	PC Steve Reed	410-294-5543	reeduu38@gmail.com
Saturday, October 14	Red Eye Yacht Club	Eastern Yacht Club 2330 Seneca Road Essex, MD 21221	REG: 6:00 PM CER: 7:00 PM	The Uncommitted	\$100.00	\$55.00	Emi Heiser	410-404-4066	dwheiser@verion.net
Saturday, October 21	Baltimore Yacht Club	Boumi Shriners Temple 5050 King Avenue Rosedale, MD 21237	REG: 5:00 PM CER: 6:00 PM	Don't Stop	\$110.00	\$70.00	Barry Scott	443-807-9870	bycball2023@gmail.com
Saturday, November 4	North East River Yacht Club	North East River Yacht Club 80 Bayside Dr North East, MD 21901	6:00PM	TBA	\$90	\$60	Dick Martin	410-920-3357	Richardmartin88@comcast.net
Saturday, November 11	Pleasant Yacht Club	M&M Catering Oldham Street Baltimore MD 21224	1PM-5PM		\$60		Herb Barnes	443-956-0586	
Saturday, November 18	Maryland Yacht Club	Maryland Yacht Club 1500 Fairview Beach Road Pasadena, MD 21122	REG: 10:45 BRUNCH 11:00 CER: 12:00PM		\$80.00	\$40.00	Carl Treff	410-627-3093	on-line registration @ www.mdyc.org/events
Saturday, December 2	Eastern Yacht Club	Eastern Yacht Club 2330 Seneca Road Essex, MD 21221	REG: 6:00PM	Sound Storm	\$110	\$60	Sharon Winterling by Nov. 17th		sharonwinterling@gmail.com
Saturday, December 2	Kent Island Yacht Club	Kent Island Yacht Club 117 Yacht Club Drive Chester, MD 21619	REG : 5:00PM CER: 6:00PM	Sharon and the Edge Band	\$90	\$60	KIYC Office	410-640-4101	kiyc@kiyc.org
Friday, December 8 POSTPONED	Otter Point Yacht Club	Otter Point Yacht Club 600 Otter Point Road Abingdon, MD 21009	Reg: 8:00PM Dinner 7:00PM Cer: 8:15PM	TBA	\$100	\$50	Nathan Summers Pamela Morris	410-382-8961 443-752-9807	natosummers@gmail.com pamelamorris@icloud.com
Friday - Sunday January 5-7	Chesapeake Commodores Club	Princess Royale 9100 Coastal Highway Ocean City, MD 21842	FRIDAY REG: 1:00 PM		VARIES	N/A	E/O Janet Yodris	410-979-9699	zianet47@gmail.com
Saturday, January 20	Bush River Yacht Club	MD Golf & Country Club 1335 E MacPhail Road Bel Air, MD 21015	Cocktail Hour 5:00PM	Vertigo Red	\$110	\$75	Dave Oliver	443-783-6440	
Saturday, January 27	Galloway Yacht Club	Boumi Shriners Temple 5050 King Avenue Rosedale, MD 21237	REG: 5:00 PM CER: 6:00 PM	Don't Stop	\$110.00	\$70.00	Bob Truax		711Truman@comcast.net
Saturday, February 3	Middle River Yacht Club	Sparrows Point Country Club 919 Wise Avenue Dundalk, MD 21222	5:30 Reg 6:00 Dinner	Oracle	\$115	\$75	Mary Phillips	410-491-9054	philmary@aol.com
Saturday, February 10	Bodkin Yacht Club	Turf Valley Resort 2700 Turf Valley Road Ellicott City, MD 21042	REG: 5:00 PM CER: 6:00 PM		\$105	\$555			bodkinycball@gmail.com
Saturday, February 17	Crescent Yacht Club	MD Golf & Country Club 1335 E MacPhail Road Bel Air, MD 21015	REG: 1:00PM CER: 2:00PM	DJ	\$100	\$50	Andy Socha		sochafamily882@msn.com
Saturday, February 17	Great Oak Yacht Club	Eden Resort 222 Eden Road Lancaster, PA 17601	6:00PM		\$85.00				GOYC.org/COW2024
Saturday, February 24	CBYCA	Majesty Ship Baltimore Inner Harbor	Boarding 6:30PM Sailing 7-9:30PM	DJ	\$145	\$70			
Saturday, March 2	Marley Boat Club	Crescent Yacht Club 1840 Cape May Road Baltimore MD 21221	REG: 5:00 PM CER: 6:00 PM	Don't Stop	\$110	\$55	Dr. Cindy Layton	443-223-6475	cnlayton@verizon.net
Sunday, April 21	Yacht Clubs of Maryland	Baltimore Yacht Club 800 Baltimore Yacht Club Road Baltimore MD 21221			TBA	\$70	\$		TBA

NOTE: Riverside Yacht Club will not be holding a ball this year.