



# Yacht Clubs of Maryland's *Bay Breeze*

November 2022

## YCM 2022-2023 Officers and Board Members

Commodore – Tom Stevens (Crescent Yacht Club)

Vice Commodore – Ted Wooden (Middle River Yacht Club)

Rear Commodore – Ricky Pope (Eastern Yacht Club)

Legislative Affairs Officer – TBD

Treasurer – Faye Broseker (Riverside Yacht Club)

Secretary/Chaplain – Anna Davis (White Rocks Yacht Club)

IPC Board Member – George Stromberg

Board Member – Kate Cramblett (Miles River Yacht Club)

Board Member- Bret Kulikowski (Middle River Yacht Club)

Board Member – Scott Gundaker (Wellwood Yacht Club)

Board Member – Joe Broseker (CCC's)

Protocol Officer – Joe Hellner (Belvedere Yacht Club)

Supply Officer – Mike Gaff (Red Eye Yacht Club)



## YCM COMMITTEES

### Audit Committee

- TBD

### By-Law Committee

- Mike Gaff (PC Red Eye Yacht Club, PC YCM)

### Finance Committee

- Commodore Tom Stevens (PC Crescent Yacht Club) – Chair
- Vice Commodore Ted Wooden (PC Middle River Yacht Club)
- Treasurer Faye Brosecker (PC Riverside Yacht Club)

### Membership Committee

- Rear Commodore Rickey Pope (PC Eastern Yacht Club)

### Nominating Committee

- George Stromberg (PC Bodkin Yacht Club, IPC YCM)
- Barry Scott (PC Otter Point Yacht Club, PC YCM)

### Ships Log Committee

- Rear Commodore Rickey Pope (PC Eastern Yacht Club)



## COMMODORE'S REPORT

Ahoy!

It's hard to believe that boating season is pretty much over, and that the holiday season is among us. I would like to take the opportunity to wish everyone a Safe and Happy Holiday Season!

First Soft Crab Rachel and I are looking forward to the YCM Day at the Races. We look forward to this event every year and it never disappoints. Come on December 17<sup>th</sup>... If you haven't signed up yet, please do so now so we can save your spot. Speaking of saving a spot, this year we are having round trip school bus transportation from Crescent Yacht Club to Laurel Racetrack (and back). Currently, there are only 9 spots left so please RSVP to me NOW.

**A reminder to please send us your Club's event flyers to [YCMcommunications@gmail.com](mailto:YCMcommunications@gmail.com) so that we can include them in our distribution.**

Happy Thanksgiving Everyone

See you soon...

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## VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT

Hello Everyone,

It is hard to believe that the boating season is over for me this year. The weather is starting to turn cold, the days are getting shorter, and my joints are starting to ache. That could only mean one thing. It is time to go to Laurel Park Racetrack and have a great time with all my Yacht Club family and of course Mr. and Mrs. Santa Clause. If you have not already made your arrangements to go you need to. This event is filled with great cheer, food, entertainment, and of course people. The Date is December 17<sup>th</sup> starting at 11:30am. I hear there are still a few seats on the bus that will be leaving from Crescent Yacht Club. For seating information contact Commodore Tom. I hear that it costs a few dollars but hey doesn't everything nowadays.

Next GMM meeting will be held at Sue Haven Yacht Club on 11-30-22 due to Thanksgiving. Dinner will start at 6pm and the meeting will start soon after dinner is done. They will be serving Spaghetti and meatballs with garlic bread and a garden salad. Desert to follow, all of this for only \$15.00.

Until next time please stay safe and have a great Thanksgiving.

**Ted Wooden, Vice Commodore**

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## REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT

Hello Everyone,

I wish everyone well after all, it is flu season and COVID is still popping its ugly head up from time to time, so PLEASE, PLEASE take care and stay healthy. There are still a couple of weeks left in our 2022 Boating season, so get out and enjoy the Fall season on the Chesapeake.

Our Commodores and First Ladies of our sister Yacht Clubs are enjoying their Ball events and attending other Yacht Club Balls, enjoy it my friends, you deserve it. To our IPC'S and Past First Ladies, thank you for your dedication and serving as an Officer at our Yacht Clubs.

Yes, it's that time again, Our Annual Yacht Clubs of Maryland Fleet Captains Orientation meeting. This event will be held on February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at Crescent Yacht Club. Fleet Captains Orientation meeting Flyers will be posted on our YCM web page and on YCM Facebook for more information on this traditional event.

We encourage all Fleet Captains & Fleetresses, Commodores & First Ladies, YCM Delegate, Officers, and guests to attend. Also Yacht Clubs of Maryland will also take this opportunity to update your Yacht Club Page in the YCM Ships Log. Please bring your updated & current Officer & Mate Roster and contact information. Also, we would like to have the name & contact email for your Princess for formal invites to Club events. You can also send this information to [YCM.shipslog23@gmail.com](mailto:YCM.shipslog23@gmail.com)

Also, please bring along your Clubs Tri-Folds – Bi-Folds, Fleet Schedules, Flyers and any information that you would like to give to other Clubs. Remember, this is a new Chapter, you will meet Fleet Captain's & Fleetresses from other Clubs and gain new & Lifelong Friendships throughout the Yachting community.

Rick Pope,  
Rear Commodore  
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## LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS OFFICER

Not much happening on the legislative front as the Maryland legislature isn't in session and they were busy with the election in any event.

Now the election is over and there will be a new Administration in January for Maryland. I did take a look at the policy portions of Governor-Elect Wes Moore's website. Regarding the Bay, his policy is to "Preserve the Chesapeake Bay and protect our waterways by fully funding the Bay Restoration Fund, fighting to hold neighboring states accountable to reduce pollution, investing in storm and wastewater treatment upgrades, and partnering with industries to reduce pollutants and emissions. Combat sea level rise and recurrent flooding by constructing and replacing sea walls, creating buffers with natural infrastructure, and piloting programs to inject water underground to prevent land subsidence."

We'll keep an eye on this to see how this policy goal plays out.

In case you missed it, Yahoo.com reports that Tippetty Wichity, a private 5-acre island in a sheltered cove near the Chesapeake Bay (above St. Mary's City), is on the market for \$2.1 million. It has a nice house, inground pool, and a pier for those interested.

For those following the Maryland Waterways Foundation activity, note that the Foundation will be at the Chesapeake Bay Boat Show this January at the Timonium Fairgrounds. They invite us to visit their booth, view the showcasing of new boats, and enjoy the entertainment, food/beverage, and educational seminars. The Boat Show will be at the Timonium Fairgrounds January 20-23, 2023.



# PROTOCOL MATTERS

## **Protocol Matters**

By P/C Joe Hellner

### **“Role of the Commodore”**

Ahoy there! This time of year finds many of our member clubs swearing in a fellow member as their new Commodore to serve in the upcoming year. So, what is the function of this role in a yacht club?

The Commodore, during their term, is responsible for everything that happens in the club and for ensuring the club operates successfully as defined in the club bylaws. Most people are aware of the administrative and executive functions of the Commodore, such as chairing meetings and serving as the elected president of the organization. What is less apparent is that, unlike other club officers, the Commodore usually does not have a major club job (e.g. clubhouse chairman, social affairs, cruises, etc.). The reason for this is the Commodore’s major job is to represent and act on behalf of the club and its members.

Your Commodore stands in for all the members as the club greeter, host, and goodwill ambassador to friends, guests, and other yacht clubs and organizations. Often, while you are fishing, cruising, sailing, partying or just enjoying your club, your Commodore is investing his or her time to ensure their club and members are a welcome part of the Maryland boating and yacht club community, both by land and sea. Also, by keeping your club “out there”, your Commodore generates interest and awareness among folks who could be prospective members.

Your Commodore is also your principal line of communication to help your club and members to network and organize with other people and organizations of like interests or who share concerns about legislative, regulatory, waterway, or environmental issues.

When at the club, the Commodore is coach, cheerleader, morale officer, and model member. The Commodore should be at every major club event and tries to attend all club events not only because he or she is responsible, but also to show by example that strong commitment and involvement with the club is the way to success. Enthusiasm is infectious, especially when it comes from the top. A good Commodore always has a “great day at the club” or is on the “best club cruise ever”.

The role of “being the club” as Commodore is a well earned honor for years of work and dedication. The duties and responsibilities of Commodore can be demanding and inconvenient, but they will provide a wealth of experiences, memories, and friends to last a lifetime. If you are a Commodore or may become one someday, please give it all you have. You will never regret it.

Till next time, see you around the Bay.



## CHAPLAIN'S REPORT

2006-2007 Past Commodore Faye Broseker recently underwent back surgery. She is home and is recovering after spending the night in the hospital. Get well wishes can be sent to her at 11 Country Manor Lane, New Freedom, PA 17349.

Take care and Be SAFE 😊  
2022 Chaplain Anna

## SCUTTLEBITT and SPINDRIFT

By Salty Sam

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## 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.

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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. (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 THAT WE RECEIVE FROM OUR MEMBER CLUBS**

## **YCM MEETING SCHEDULE**

### **November General Membership Meeting**

Wednesday Nov. 30 Dinner @6pm, Meeting @ 7pm

Location Sue Haven Yacht Club

Menu: Spaghetti and Meatballs with garlic bread

Salad and desert

Cost \$15.00



# Reminder...

If you would like to advertise your Club's events, Balls, and Openings; please send your flyers to [YCMcommunications@gmail.com](mailto:YCMcommunications@gmail.com) .

Please send files in one of the following formats...pdf, jpeg, jpg, gif, or png.

