



Yacht Clubs of Maryland's *Bay Breeze*

October 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 (Bodkin Yacht Club)

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,

Rachel and I are excited about this coming year as Commodore and First Soft Crab of YCM. We are looking forward representing this great Organization for the next year. YCM is here to support everyone involved in the Yacht Club community. We look forward to a great Ball and Opening Season.

I want to thank IPC George Stromberg for the great job last year and wish him the best as he enjoys his retirement!

I would like to extend a special Thank you to Crescent Yacht Club for hosting the September change of watch meeting, your hospitality is well appreciated.

I strongly believe that YCM plays a supportive role in the Yacht Club community by providing a means for close frequent interaction and mutual support among Member Yacht Clubs. We are here for you! We would love to include your Club's events and flyers into our Bay Breeze publication and other communications with all our Member Clubs. We have made it easier this year to get YCM the information, so please send your flyers and events to YCMcommunications@gmail.com

I want to thank all who participated in the **Yacht Clubs of Maryland Golf Outing**. It was a beautiful day to play hooky from work with lots of fun, food, drinks, and Yacht Club camaraderie. It was great to see everyone enjoying themselves. Thank you to all who helped to make this event a success.

We look forward to seeing everyone at the Laurel Racetrack for YCM Day at the Races/Annual Christmas Party on December 17th. More information to follow...

Thank you for your support,

Tom Stevens, Commodore

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VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT

Hello Everyone,

With the change of watch and the golf outing real close in the rear view mirror I am trying to get into the rhythm of my new role so please understand that is why this article is running a little late this month.

I am really looking forward to a great year this year. The officers have already had two planning meetings so far on how we are going to better serve our member clubs this year. I am going to put out a complete list of meeting dates by the end of this week on our official Facebook page. I will also include them in the bay breeze for the rest of the year. Just a reminder that we have our YCM Christmas party coming up this December 17, 2022 at Laurel race track starting at 11:30am. The price includes a buffet of delicious food, Cash bar, and our personal teller for betting on the race. There is a race for YCM where we go down to the paddock and see the horses before the race. We then go to the winners circle to watch the race and get pictures of the winning jockey in the winners circle. Rumor has it that Mr. and Mrs. Clause will be there to help share the Christmas spirit.

Until then,

Stay Safe, Happy and Healthy

Ted Wooden, Vice Commodore

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REAR COMMODORE'S REPORT

Hello All,

First, I would like to thank our Nominating Committee for allowing me to "Go Up the Line" again to the Rear Commodore Position. Congratulations to Commodore Tom Stevens and to First Soft Crab Rachel and to now Vice Commodore Ted & Laura Wooden and to Secretary Anna Davis for stepping up the Line. I also would like to thank IPC George and Immediate Past First Soft Crab C.J Stromberg for their service & dedication to YCM and to the Yachting community. Thank You All!

I finally got the opportunity to" Play A round of Golf in the YCM Annual Golf Outing. I as well as other golfers had a great time and the camaraderie was awesome. Heartfelt appreciation goes out to Rocky Point and to Golf Pro Bob Mokros for supporting this event. A wonderful job well done to V/C Ted & Laura Wooden and for stepping "Out of The Box "for the four special Greens/holes, they were a lot of fun and I plan on using the same gameplay next year. My salute goes to the YCM Officers, & Board for all their help and a Big Thank you to all of our supporting Yacht Clubs & members who played and supported this great event.

Let's Enjoy our weather and the last months of our 2022 Boating season while we can this Fall season. Enjoy!

Sincerely,

Rickey Pope, Rear Commodore

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LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS OFFICER

No Report



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PROTOCOL MATTERS

We are now at a time of year where yacht club uniforms start to change. What uniform is worn depends on traditions of your club and those of the area in which your club is located. Local weather and climate often play a role as do the circumstance for which the uniform is being worn.

In most clubs, the Commodore makes the decision as to what uniform is worn for a specific occasion or event, with deference to club rules, traditions, and practices. If the Commodore will not be present, the next most senior club officer makes the call.

The general traditions followed by yacht clubs in the Chesapeake Bay region are:

- a. **Summer Season (Memorial Day to Labor Day):** All Whites all the time, except for funerals, memorials, weddings, and other very formal or solemn occasions where Salt and Pepper is worn instead. During this period, shorts may be worn with whites but only for the most informal circumstances.
- b. **Late Summer Season (Labor Day to Sept 30th):** Whites or Salt & Pepper
- c. **Fall Season (October):** Salt and Pepper or All Black
- d. **Winter Season (Nov 1st to March 31st):** All Black all the time.
- e. **Spring Season (April):** Salt and Pepper or All Black
- f. **Early Summer Season (May 1st to Labor Day):** Whites or Salt and Pepper

The above pattern follows along with the boating season, weather, and daylight hours in our area. Although many people in our area boat well into the colder months, what most folks see as the “boating season” around the Chesapeake Bay, (continued)



PROTOCOL MATTERS (continued)

for practical reasons, runs from April 1st to October 31st. These dates make sense for clubs in our area to declare it is the winter season and adopt the winter uniform, with October/November dedicated to Winterizing and March/April dedicated to Spring Commissioning.

The wearing of whites in summer is consistent with yacht club and non-yacht club traditions around the country that have, for many generations, used Memorial Day and Labor Day to define a special time of the year. If we lived in Michigan or New England, that would be it, but the summer boating season around the Chesapeake Bay, along with plenty of sun and heat, to our delight, runs much longer so we in the yacht club community allow the wearing of all whites from May 1st to Sept 30th or the seasonal uniform of Salt and Pepper, when appropriate.

Till next time, see you around the Bay!

Joe Hellner

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CHAPLAIN'S REPORT

Ladies, (and men) It is Fall!! It is about to get darker earlier so with that in mind:

- Fill up your gas tanks before dark.
- Keep an extra charger with you at all times (need to keep your phone always charged).
- Sign up for AAA (this is a very safe contact in any emergency).
- Check your tires and oil ... this prevents unnecessary "emergency stops" on dark roadways.
- **NO** ATM runs in the evening...
- Park in well-lit areas. After you park only unlock your doors if you are immediately getting out ...**PS** If your car has a setting that if you hit unlock, only the driver's side is unlocked, please use it.
- Pay attention to your surroundings which means put away that cellphone before you exit your car or a store.
- Have your keys in your hand so you can easily open your car door or even the door to your residence.

October is Breast Cancer Awareness month. There are many women and men in our Yacht Club Community who have been affected by this disease. Please get your annual mammogram.

Halloween and its festivities close out the month. Please be careful driving through neighborhoods during that weekend as Trick or Treaters will be out in their costumes.

November 8th is Election Day. Please exercise your right to vote for the candidate of your choice.

Take Care and Be Safe,

Anna Davis, Chaplain 2022-2023



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SCUTTLEBITT and SPINDRIFT

By Salty Sam

Arrrrghh, Ahoy there Mateys!

Do you know where the Clock of the Bay is? Salty has seen it, but, as always, must keep the secret because members of our yacht club community must hunt for and win it for their own club. Remember that it takes ten card carrying members (don't forget to bring your cards if you go on a clock raid) to take the Clock home to your club and you must buy a round from the club that holds it. Also, you may only do a "Clock Raid" when the club that holds it is open. If the club is closed, you must arrange for the host club and bar to be open when you come for the Clock. A host club officer must be present to hand over the Clock and certify you have 10 members with cards.

Meanwhile, the Salty has heard little lately about competitors for the Skunk Flag of the Bay. Salty doubts boating skills and other behaviors among our club members suddenly improved in 2022 and asks that you Wharf Rats out there please "rat out" your shipmates so we all may enjoy their moment of "glory".

Send Salty your Skunk Flag nominee reports and news about the latest happenings around the clubs and on the water to mi-ti-bear@comcast.net

Till next Port o' Call, always remember, "Those who don't make mistakes must not be doing anything."

Arrrrghhh!

Salty Sam, The Sea Dog

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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 business- and 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: YCMcommunications@gmail.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.



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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)



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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

October Board Meeting

Wednesday Oct. 26 @ Middle River Yacht Club
6pm Pizza provided for small donation, 7pm Meeting

November General Membership Meeting

Wednesday Nov. 30 Dinner @6pm, Meeting @ 7pm
Location and Menu TBD

YCM Day at the Races / Christmas Party

Saturday, Dec. 17 @ Laurel Racetrack 11:30am
Details to Follow

Fleet Captains Luncheon

Sunday, Jan. 22, 2023 @ Crescent Yacht Club
Details to Follow



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