

Bay Breeze December 2025

Special Holiday Edition!



(Please Distribute to Your Members)

YCM 2025-2026 Officers and Board Members

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Finance PC Faye Broseker

Membership RC Andy West

Nominating IPC Kate Cramblett

Ships Log RC Andy West

Supply Officer PC Jeff Underland

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2026 YCM MEETING SCHEDULE

January 28, 2026	General Membership Meeting
February 25, 2026	BOG Meeting Zoom
March 25, 2026	General Membership Meeting
April 29, 2026	BOG Meeting Zoom
May 27, 2026	General Membership Meeting
June 24, 2026	BOG Meeting Zoom
July 25, 2026	General Membership Meeting
August 26, 2026	BOG Meeting Zoom
September 30, 2026	General Membership Meeting and Change of Watch





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

As winter sets in and the holidays near, I wanted to extend wishes for a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, Happy Kwanzaa, AND since your next Bay Breeze will not arrive until mid January, HAPPY NEW YEAR to each and every one of you!! 1st Lady (Soft Crab as it may be) Melissa, Lillian, Anniston, Buster the Bulldog and I consider the yachting community our extended family and thank you immensely for being in our lives. May the season bring you joy, comfort, and a sense of peace.

Now onto business - Galloway P/C Dave Majerowicz and I are looking for a club to host our Officer Training Course on Friday, January 16th. We spend plenty of money and expect a crew of 20-30 people. Please reach out to me if your club is interested in having us. Uniform protocol, spouse orientation into the world of being an officer's significant other, and general yacht club procedures will be the topics of the evening. Those that are new to the uniform, old to the uniform and need a quick reminder, or thinking of running up the line are all encouraged to attend. Commodores - bring your newbies and oldbies so we can all look and know the roles we have accepted. Thanks in advance for your support of this informative and fun evening.

From the bottom of my heart, a huge shoutout of thanks goes to P/C (of just about everything) Cheryl Blakie for putting together another fantastic YCM Christmas Party @ Laurel Park. In case you haven't heard about the fudge she donated to the event, it was to die for. I even won a little change betting the ponies, which surely added to my happiness that day! Thanks again, Cheryl. Your efforts are greatly appreciated.

Please take the time to read the messages from the YCM officers and committee members below. They dedicate their time to keep you informed. They are also amazing friends that do their all to make YCM shine.

Until next month.....

Steve Spicknall
Commodore
Yacht Clubs of Maryland
(443) 398-5633
stevescyc@gmail.com



Vice Commodore's Report

Greetings Yacht Club family. On behalf of the entire DiCara family, we wish you a blessed Christmas and Holiday Season and a wonderful New Year. It won't be long before the sun starts to set later in the day and we look forward to warmer days. Hang in there! Mark your calendars now for all the exciting events that YCM has planned for 2026. Also, please continue to share your Club's activities with us on our dedicated YCM Facebook Page. This is the best way for us to keep in touch and advertise our events.

It's hard to think about opening season when there is a chill in the air, but many of us are already planning our 2026 opening events. Just a reminder that we at YCM are helping to coordinate opening schedules in an effort to minimize conflicts and maximize the fun. For those of you with flexible opening dates this may be an opportunity to increase participation in your clubs' opening ceremony and festivities.

Yours in service,
V/C Tony DiCara



Rear Commodore's Report

Wishing Everyone a Happy Holiday Season

As we approach the end of the year, the Maryland yacht club community comes together to celebrate our shared passion for boating and camaraderie. This monthly report highlights activities, upcoming events, and important reminders for all members.

Season's Greetings

On behalf of all Maryland yacht clubs, we would like to wish every member and their families a happy and healthy holiday season. May this time bring you joy, relaxation, and memorable moments on and off the water. We appreciate your enthusiasm and commitment throughout the year, making our clubs vibrant communities.

Upcoming Events

- **Fleet Captains' Meeting:** Please mark your calendar for our upcoming Fleet Captains Meeting to be held on February 1st. Further details will be communicated soon. It is crucial for all fleet captains to attend, as we will discuss plans for the upcoming boating season, review safety procedures, and coordinate inter-club events. Don't forget to mark your calendars and reach out to your fellow captains to confirm attendance.
- **Holiday Gatherings:** Many clubs host holiday parties and dinners. Be sure to check your club's event calendar and RSVP to join in the festivities.

Officer's Information Request

- An information sheet is available on the following page. We kindly ask that you fill out this form with your current Bridge information. This process is essential for us to update our Ships Log accurately. Timely and complete responses from each club will help ensure our records are up to date and our communications remain effective.

YCM to Rock Hall, Maryland

- Don't forget about our Yacht Club Meeting (YCM) scheduled to take place in Rock Hall, Maryland. Further details, including the agenda and activities, will follow in our upcoming communications. We look forward to your enthusiastic participation.

Golf Tournament Reminders

- As I will be coordinating the upcoming golf tournament, please expect a reminder every month. Stay tuned for more information regarding registration, teams, and event details. Your involvement will make this event a memorable one for all.

As we wrap up another wonderful year, let's celebrate our achievements and the friendships built through Maryland's yacht clubs. Have a happy holiday, and we look forward to seeing everyone at the Fleet Captains' Meeting and future events!

Rear Commodore
Andrew West Jr
(410) 365-0646



2026 Ship's Log Data Form

Club Name _____
Address _____

Phone Number _____
Web Site _____
Commodore's Ball: _____
Princess: _____

Officers:

Commodore: _____

Mate: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Email address: _____

Vice Commodore: _____

Mate: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Email address: _____

Rear Commodore: _____

Mate: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Email address: _____

Fleet Captain: _____

Mate: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Email address: _____

Secretary: _____

Mate: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Email address: _____

Treasurer: _____

Mate: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Email address: _____





Legislative Affairs Officer Report

As of December 1, there is no legislation available for the 2026 Legislative Session of the Maryland General Assembly. I'm sure that will change next month, so YCM will be looking out for any proposed bills that impact the boating community. Stay tuned.

We did check on the status of Maryland's pending action on the Days Cove Discharge Permit application. The State has made no decision yet and there is no timetable yet for a decision. Once again, we will continue to monitor this.

Some of you may recall a discussion of the Chesapeake Bay National Recreation Area Act that was proposed by Maryland's Senator Van Hollen. The Senator's website is not showing any progress on this proposal since 2024. In today's political environment in Washington, it seems unlikely this proposal has any current priority.

Thanks,
Joe Broseker
LCB Solutions, LLC
913 Ridgebrook Road, Suite 101
Sparks, MD 21152
410-472-9707 (MD Office)
717-235-3540 (PA Office)
410-456-3313 (Cell)
717-235-6082 (Fax)

Protocol Matters

By P/C Joe Hellner

People often ask about the positions of people when they are introduced at a yacht club event, ball, or Change of Watch.

The rule is very simple. The person being introduced is always placed on the right, regardless of rank, club position, or title held. Each introduction is unique and intended to convey honor to the person in a certain role or capacity and to officially welcome them. Common examples include the representing official for a club or organization, a person giving or receiving an award, or a person performing a duty such as giving the invocation.

Examples of how the rule works: If a princess is being introduced, she goes on the right, no matter who is escorting her. If the father of the princess is being introduced, his daughter would escort him on her right. Speaking of yacht club royalty, a princess may be escorted by a queen and vice versa - as always, the person being introduced stands to the right.

A local tradition in our area that appears to be an exception is for a club commodore (or ranking officer) to escort his/her club princess while in turn being escorted by their mate or a friend. This often creates a 3 person group where the two persons to the right are being announced simultaneously. This is acceptable protocol because, it is the visiting club that is being introduced so it is proper for the ranking officer to escort their princess aboard as a practical step that avoids announcing the club twice. As for the princess being rightmost when it is technically the ranking officer who officially represents the club, this follows an old tradition of princesses being to the right when announced and has been widely accepted by area clubs.



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YCM SICK & WELFARE December 2025

Sick and Welfare-

2007 3Cs F/L Susan Cromwell had surgery on November 11th, to replace the Aortic valve in her heart. Please keep her and P/C John on your thoughts and prayers today. Get well wishes can be sent to [308 W. Casurina PLace, Beverly Hills, FL 34465](#).

Crossed Over the Bar:

Condolences to IPC Jeff Mitchell, Galloway Yacht Club on the December 3rd passing of his father George Mitchell, 77years old. Expressions of Sympathy can be sent to 12 Wendy Road, Esses, Maryland 21221. Please Keep IPC Jeff, PFL Aimee and their family in your prayers.

2025 VC Veterans Yacht Club, King of the Chesapeake, and Father of Erica Scarcella, 2024 Queen of the Chesapeake. John Scarcella passed away on December 3rd. Please respect the wishes of the family and allow them their private time during this difficult period. Further information will be provided at a later time from the family concerning arrangements. Expressions of Sympathy can be sent to 322 Worton Road, Essex, Maryland 21221 Please keep Erna and her family in your prayers.

2020 First Mate Danny Carroll, Key YC. crossed over the Bar on October 27th. A Celebration of Life was held on November 9th.at Crescent Yacht Club. A tribute by the Chesapeake Commodores Club and Veterans Yacht Club was held during the Celebration of Lif. Please keep P/C Kitty and their family in your thoughts and prayers. Expressions of Sympathy can be sent to 7326 Waldman Avenue, Sparrows Point, MD 21219-2031.

2001/2007 Crescent Yacht Club Past Commodore Frank Chiofolo passed over the Bar on November 9, 2025 Frank F. Chiofolo passed away. Services were held on November 14th with internment on November 15th.

2009 Past First Lady of Crescent Yacht Club and a former Cressmate, Pat Button passed away recently from a long illness. PFL Pat Button was also a past Commodore of Galloway

Yacht Club. Please keep her family in your prayers.

Condolences to 2011 P/C Scott Tennyson on the November 15th passing of his father, Richard Tennyson. Visitation will be on Thursday 11/20/25 from 5 to 8 pm. The Funeral Service will be on Friday 11/21/25 at 11am at the funeral home with internment at Gardens of Faith Cemetery. His obituary can be found on the Lassahn Funeral Home, Overlea webpage. Expression of Sympathy can be sent to Scott and his family at [1722 B Middleborough Road, Baltimore, MD 21221](https://www.lassahnfuneralhome.com)

There are some of our members out there suffering in silence. Please Keep all of the members of the Yacht Club Community in your prayers.

If you are aware of someone in the Yacht Club Community you would like mentioned in the BayBreeze or in need of our prayers, please feel free to contact me. Your privacy will be respected.

Wishing all our Member Clubs and their families a Very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Respectfully Submitted
CJ Stromberg
YCM Sick & Welfare
410-746-5315 – cjstromberg1024@gmail.com



Yacht Clubs of Maryland General Membership Meeting

Wednesday, January 28th, 2026

Bodkin Yacht Club

8091 Bellhaven Ave. Pasadena, MD 21122

Dinner at 6PM, Meeting at 7PM

Menu TBA



BALTIMORE YACHT CLUB'S



Sister Club Dinner



6PM-8PM
FRIDAY



23RD
JANUARY

Taco Bar \$22++

Carnitas, Birria, Chicken Asada,
Grilled Vegetables, Beans, Red Rice,
Chips, Salsa, Corn Elote Salad, Shrimp
Cocktail, Dulce Leche & Flan

Join us for an evening of camaraderie,
great food, and Chesapeake Bay hospitality.

DJ and Dancing from 5pm-9pm.

We invite members of our sister yacht clubs,
BYC members, and their guests to enjoy a
relaxed night of dining and fun at the club.

To register for dinner, please
call the Club at 410-682-2310.

\$5 Margaritas / \$5 Mexican Mules

Regular Menu also Available.

800 BALTIMORE YACHT CLUB ESSEX, MD 21221

CBYCA

Commodore's Ball

Join us in celebration as we honor 69th

*Commodore Gosia Studnicki
and
First Gentleman Robert*

6pm-7pm Registration & Cocktail Hour
Ceremony with Dinner Following
Until 11pm - Music by P/C Frank Winterling

February
28
2026

Hilton Garden Inn
5015 Campbell Blvd.
White Marsh, MD 21236

RSVP by Feb 21st
2026Ball@CBYCA.org

At
6 PM

\$125 / \$70 Princess

You are cordially invited to
Crescent Yacht Club's 74th Commodore's Ball
"Magical Moonlit Night"

Honoring
Commodore Joey Adamski & First Lady Amanda
&
Princess Moira

Saturday, February 21, 2026

6 pm Registration & Cocktails
6:45pm Ceremony
Dinner & Dancing to Follow

Turf Valley Resort
2700 Turf Valley Road
Ellicott City, Maryland 21042

Entertainment Provided By:
Party Fowl

Cost: \$150 per person
Princesses \$75

RSVP to:
Club Members: Jeff Freeman
443-562-8121
jefreeman@aol.com

Outside Tickets: P/C Jake Conn
Jake@barlinconstruction.com

Reserve your room : Turf Valley Resort/ Group Code: 28J9TY

GALLOWAY YACHT CLUB

PRESENTS A

GRAND *Old Fashioned* TIME



Honoring
COMMODORE WAYNE ALLEN
& FIRST LADY WENDE

HELD AT THE SHERATON TOWSON

903 DULANEY VALLEY ROAD, TOWSON MD 21204

TICKETS: \$130 PER PERSON

PRINCESS PRICE: \$70

Please arrive in FORMAL ATTIRE

Enjoy
A ROOM
DISCOUNT



5-6^{pm} REGISTRATION &
COCKTAIL HOUR

6-7^{pm} CEREMONY

7-8^{30pm} DINNER BUFFET & OPEN BAR

8-11^{pm} DANCING TO *VS* UNCOMMITTED

JANUARY

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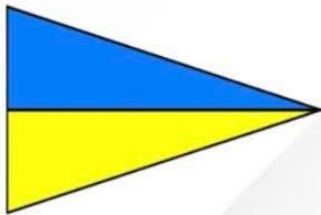
PLEASE RSVP BY JANUARY 10
to Secretary Bob Truax

✉ 711TRUMAN@COMCAST.NET

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO GYC

& Mail to Wayne Allen
503 FREYS RD, EDGEWOOD,
MARYLAND 21040

STAND UP COMEDY



**MIDDLE RIVER
YACHT CLUB**

**JANUARY 17TH 2026
6PM**

**OPEN MIC +
4-5 COMEDIANS**

\$15 PER PERSON

TICKET INCLUDE:

1 Drink Ticket & Light Fare
RSVP to Lonnie (410) 245-4979
or Kyle (443) 324-1997

You are cordially invited to
BODKIN YACHT CLUB
68th Commodore's Ball
"UNDER THE STARS"

Honoring Commodore Michael Pritchett
and First Lady Vicki
&
Princess Kylie McGlothin
and Junior Princess Gabriella Ferrante

February 14th 2026

Tickets: \$125 | Princess \$70

5pm Registration & Cocktails

6pm Ceremony followed by

Dinner and open bar

Dancing to CRUSH

Formal Dress

Hospitality Room
11pm

Bar closed during
ceremony

Turf Valley Resort | Ellicott City, MD
RSVP to BodkinYCBall2026@gmail.com

To Reserve a room call 410-463-1500
Reference Bodkin Yacht Club. Limited
room are available so book early

Chesapeake Commodores Club

Skit Awards

- Best Overall Skit
- Most Original Skit

Villainy, the things that villains do

Costume Awards

- Best Individual Costume – In a Skit
- Best Individual Costume – Not in a Skit
- Best Couple Costume – In a Skit
- Best Couple Costume – Not in a Skit
- Best Group Costume – In a Skit
- Best Group Costumer – Not in a Skit

Room Awards and Judging Guidelines (1 award per room)

- Most Original – creative, unique
- Best Use of Theme – all-encompassing room (costumes, specialty drink, food, decorations) tied to Villainy theme
- Best Decorated – room design, use of space, coordination with room theme
- Best Hospitality – room friendliness, enthusiasm, welcoming, cordial, cheer

Registration Information

Registration will take place on Friday from 1:00pm – 5:00pm. The registration area will be in the atrium by the band stage. All attendees must be register in person. Enjoy music and photo backdrop in the registration area this year. Late registration information will be available at the hotel.

The more you know...

- Skit rehearsals will be on Friday from approximately 10:30am – 5:30pm. Skits will start at 7:30pm in the atrium after dinner service. Rehearsal times will be assigned for each club performing a skit.
- Hospitality room judging will occur after the skits from 8:30pm – 11:00pm on Friday night.
- Ice will be delivered to the hospitality suites on Friday at 4pm and Saturday at 2pm (2x 13 lbs bags each delivery. We are looking into additional ice delivery options.

Princess Royale does not permit the affixing of any material to any surface in the room. Do not apply any substances that will cause damage to the walls. The use of nails is not permitted. The use of confetti, loose glitter, rice, fog machines, incense, and real candles or other lit materials are not permitted. Battery operated candles are permitted. No outside alcohol beverage is allowed to be brought into the Atrium from anywhere other than the hospitality rooms. During the ball, guests may bring unopened soda cans into the atrium. No alcohol beverages may be brought into the atrium during the ball. This is a liquor board rule. You can be removed from the hotel if not followed. All hospitality rooms will be closed during the ceremony (6:30pm – end of ceremony). The hotel does not permit smoking of tobacco, marijuana, illegal drugs, e-cigarettes, vape pens, vaping, cartridges containing the liquid of nicotine, hookahs, incense, cigars or candle burning in the facility, including the outside area, sundeck, atrium, meeting rooms, restaurant or bar, lobby, suites, condominiums and balconies. The atrium will be closed all day on Saturday until 6:30pm. Hospitality rooms can be accessed thru their hallway entrances.

Let's Have A Ball!

YACHT CLUBS OF MARYLAND			2025-2026 BALL SCHEDULE				December 9, 2025			
DATE		CLUB	LOCATION	TIME	BAND	COST	PRINCESS	CONTACT	PHONE	EMAIL
2026	Friday - Sunday January 9-11	CCC	Princess Royale 9100 Coastal Highway Ocean City, MD 21842					Mark Maust	410-350-9038	hemi1500@comcast.net
	Saturday, January 17	Otter Point Yacht Club Business Casual	Otter Point Yacht Club 600 Otter Point Rd Abingdon MD 21009	6PM	Diamond Dave Hepler	\$100.00	\$50	Nathan Summers	410-382-8961	
	Saturday, January 24	Galloway Yacht Club	Sheraton Inn-Towson 903 Dulaney Valley Rd Towson MD 21204	5-11PM	The Uncom- mitted	\$130.00	\$70.00	Bob Truax	711truman@comcast.net	
	Saturday, January 31	Neptune Yacht Club	TBD							
	Saturday, February 7	Middle River Yacht Club	Hilton Garden Inn 5015 Campbell Blvd White Marsh MD 21236	6-11PM	Chris Sachs Band	\$125.00	\$70.00	Mary Philip	410-491-9054	philipmary1952@aol.com
	Saturday, February 14	Bodkin Yacht Club	Turf Valley Resort 2700 Turf Valley Rd Ellicott City MD 21042	5PM	Crush Party	\$125.00	\$70	bodkinycball2026@gmail.com		
	Saturday, February 21	Crescent Yacht Club	Turf Valley Resort 2700 Turf Valley Rd Ellicott City MD 21042	6PM	Party Fowl	\$150.00	\$75	PC Jake Conn	jake@barlinconstruction.com	
	Saturday, February 28	CBYCA	Hilton Garden Inn 5015 Campbell Blvd White Marsh MD 21236	6PM	DJ Frank Winterling	\$125.00	\$70	2026Ball@CBYCA.org		
	Saturday, March 7	Marley Boat Club	TBD							
	Saturday, March 14	Bush River Yacht Club	Bel Air Armory 37 N Main Street BEL AIR MD 21014	5-11PM	Denim N Lace	TBD		Dave Oliver	443-783-6140	Ollieocmd1117@gmail.com
Sunday, March 29, 2026	Yacht Clubs of Maryland	Crescent Yacht Club								



MIDDLE RIVER YACHT CLUB

Commodore's Ball

Honoring Commodore Brett Kulikowski
& First Lady Tara Kulikowski

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 7TH, 2026
HILTON GARDEN INN WHITE MARSH

6pm-7pm Registration & Cocktail Hour

7pm Ceremony with Dinner Following

8:30pm-11pm Music by Chris Sacks Band

Tickets- \$125 per person (\$70 Princesses)

RSVP by 1/23/26 to

Mary Philip 410-491-9054 philipmary1952@aol.com

Rooms @ \$109 available Friday/Saturday

Hilton Garden Inn White Marsh

5015 Campbell Blvd • (410)931-7304

Booking Link: www.hilton.com/en/attend-my-event/middle-river-yacht-club/

*Attire is formal, however feel free to change into
flip flops or island-wear after the ceremony!*



A special message from Chaplain Anna Davis

My Wish for You at Christmas

My wish for you this Christmas, From deep within my heart, Is for all good and happy things Such Holidays impart.

I wish you peace, and hope and love, And health and happiness, Prosperity, and close to you, The ones you love the best.

My wish for you this Christmas Is most sincere and true, And it has special meaning Because it's just for you. You'll always be remembered For the Friendship that you give In all my prayers at Christmastime And every day I live.

Adapted from a poem by Grace E. Easley

