

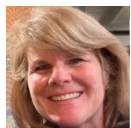
Breton Bay Yacht Club

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August 2026

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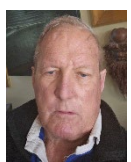


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Commodore's Report

Grab a seat and your reading glasses, I wrote a long column this edition! 😊



Hope that everyone is enjoying a fun and boating filled summer! I cannot believe that August is already here, where did the summer go?!?

Please join me in welcoming our newest BBYC members:

Jennifer Young-Tomechko & John Tomechko

Alina & Josh Lancaster

Nancy Waddle

The BBYC Annual Membership meeting will be on **Sept 12** at 1 pm at the Breton Bay Estates Pool house. The End of Season Pool Party will follow. At the meeting we will be collecting votes for the 4 board positions which are up for election – Treasurer, Vice Commodore, Rear Commodore, and Communications Officer, *see Past Commodore report for more detail.*

This morning Quartermaster Jen and I attended the Leondardtwn Business Association monthly meeting, BBYC is a member of LBA. From that

meeting there are a few items that I wanted to share with the club. The End of Summer Bash is scheduled for September 5 at the Wharf. They will have two bands, the first starting at 5 pm. And the fireworks are scheduled for the evening as well; this is a fantastic display that the town puts on (Bill and I have rafted up in year's past to watch). Watch Signal for BBYC raft up info for this event.

Calling all creative members! I signed us up for a Scarecrow in the Scarecrow Stroll that starts 10.2, and for a Gingerbread man in the Gingerbread Lane starting on 12.4. Please let me know if you are interested in assisting with the decorating of the Scarecrow and/or Gingerbread man.

In the spring I spoke with Tom Hane, Sailing Team Coach at St Mary's Ryken, and shared with him that we would be interested in supporting our local sailing team in their regattas. He has gotten the dates to me for the Fall Regattas: Sept 26, Oct 17 and Oct 24. There are two requests of us to support the sailors - a small runabout, RIB, boat to move marks during the day, and possibly rescue a boat struggling after a capsizes.

He will look at the weather on Wed before and decide if he will bring his sailboat. However, it is ~3 hours trip for me. If he does not bring the sailboat, then he requests a "comfortable boat" to anchor and be the race committee. Aka - Sit in one place on anchor and do the starts and finishes. Tom will be onboard to be RC.

Please let me know if you are willing and able to support these regattas. We are encouraged to wear our BBYC attire and proudly fly the BBYC burgees!

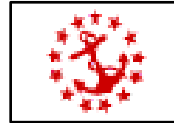
BBYC Outings and Gatherings Calendar:

-  **August 15:** Ruddy Duck, St George's Island
-  **September 12:** Annual BBYC Membership Meeting, 1 pm
-  **September 12:** End of Season Pool Party, 2 pm
-  **September 19:** Dockside Restaurant & Tiki Bar, Colonial Beach
-  **October 10:** Annual Sock Donning Party, Comb's Creek Tiki Bar (JA & Bill's house)



December 19: Annual Christmas Party, Olde Breton Inn

Thursday Sundowner Raft Ups – every Thursday (weather permitting) at 5:30 pm off Protestant Point in Breton Bay.



Rear Commodore's Report

Save the Date! The BBYC Christmas Party will be on 12/19 and will be at Olde Breton Inn.

Formal invitation and rsvp requests will be going out in October.



Treasurer's Report

Annual Dues collections are largely complete for 2026 and we currently have 42 active members with dues paid through the 2026 calendar year. The Yacht Club currently has assets of \$6,685 and liabilities of \$0. The assets consist of cash in two deposit accounts. Expenses for the club are primarily for costs relating to events and purchase of members' first burgee, with the Christmas Party being the single largest expense. The Club has minor administrative expenses for items like the PO Box rental, website fees, etc. BBYC is in good financial condition with a growing membership base.



Quartermaster's Report

Your Quartermaster is working on the Fall and Holiday BBYC apparel and gifts.

In the meantime, we have made ordering easy with the addition of a QR code that links to an order form. Just point your camera and scan!

This month's featured items (both NEW!) are visors, available in navy blue or white for \$20. Also, a Sport-tek lightweight, wind resistant, water repellent, zip front jacket with BBYC burgee logo on left chest. \$48

Both items can be ordered using the QR code. If you order in advance your items can be picked up at the end of the year pool party on Sept 12. Other merchandise will also be available to purchase.



2. Install the app.
3. Create an account:
 - a. Choose your notification settings or select “Not Now” to choose them later (they can be changed any time).
 - b. Create a pin.
 - c. Confirm your pin.
4. Enter your first and last name.
At this point you should be on the home page with a message that states “No chats yet...”
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6. Android Users: In the bottom right, tap on the pen.
iPhone Users: In the upper right, tap on the pen
In the “Search name or number” area, enter my Jon Voigtlander’s phone number: (808) 778-4892
7. Next to the looking glass, tap on his number.
8. Send the message “Join BBYC.”
9. Wait for Jon to respond with a link (it may take me time to get to it – please be patient).
10. When you receive the link, select it and then select “Request to join.”
11. You will then be added to the group and the BBYC chat will appear on your homepage.
12. Start messaging!



Secretary’s Report

Membership Cards: By now, members (and spouses) should have received new membership cards. Big *Thank You* to Rear Commodore Scott Harsha, who printed and laminated all the cards, and to Commodore Julie-Anne Rose, who mailed (or hand-delivered) all the cards. (Note that your cards were delivered to the address that BBYC has on file for you, some are out of the area.) If you haven’t received your new card(s), email crew@bbyachtclub.com (or contact me at 1-203-981-8171).

Invite Your Friends!! The Club is open to new members, so tell your friends! (You don’t even need a boat, just an interest in boating and fun and fellowship :-)

Membership application available at our website: bbyachtclub.com/membership-information



Communication’s Report

This board position is currently vacant, it will be on the ballot in Oct.

To get the Signal app:

1. Download the Signal app to you phone via the applicable store



Past Commodore’s Report

The most important function of my duties is the handling of nominations for vacancies on the Board of Directors. This fall there are four positions that have reached the 2-year term of the board member or are vacant: Vice Commodore, Rear Commodore, Treasurer, and Communications Officer. Per the BBYC By-laws below is a description of the duties of these positions. The Vice Commodore shall perform the following duties:

2.1 Assist the Commodore in the discharge of his/her duties and officiate in his/her absence.

The Rear Commodore shall perform the following duties:

3.1 Assume responsibility for planning and oversight of all Club social functions.

3.2 Manage and maintain the Entertainment account, and report at least monthly to the Treasurer.

The Treasurer is responsible for the oversight of all financial matters of the club and may delegate certain responsibilities to others, while retaining oversight of any activities or products. The treasurer shall perform the following duties:

6.1 Receive and receipt for all money paid to the Club and keep an accurate account thereof.

6.2 Keep an individual account of each member.

6.3 Expend Club funds as ordered by the Board of Trustees in payment of Club contractual responsibilities, including but not necessarily limited to the purchase of all materials, services and incidental expenses for the maintenance and regular management of the Club and Club property.

6.4 Deposit the Club funds in a bank previously approved by the Board of Trustees.

6.5 Present a detailed report at the monthly membership meeting and the annual meeting and provide a detailed report of the finances of the Club with a projection to the end of the Calendar year.

6.6 Report to the Board of Trustees and the membership, the names of all members who are in arrears in dues or other charges and the amount. The membership may grant an extension as recommended by the Board of Trustees

6.7 Convey the necessary books and papers to the place of meeting; and the Commodore or other senior presiding member at such meeting shall designate a member of the Board of Trustees to substitute for the Treasurer in the discharge of his/her duties at the meeting, in case of inability of the treasurer to attend a meeting.

Please contact me to let me know if you are interested in any of these positions prior to the next membership meeting.

The Communications Officer shall perform the following duties:

7.1 Serve on the Board to assist in communicating to membership.

7.2 Create and maintain the Club's website.

7.3 Create and disseminate a quarterly Newsletter. Solicit input from Board Members and membership for inclusion.

7.4 Oversee and manage the Club's social media presence (e.g., Facebook).

Cheers! BBYC has entered into an agreement with fellow members Tyler and Michelle Radez of Everyday Saint Brewhouse to create our very own BBYC beer, which we are calling *Breton Brew*, it will be an English Extra Special Bitter (ESB). Watch the website and Signal for news that it is ready, we will schedule a tasting at Everyday Saint and have BBYC pint glasses and growlers available for purchase.

This edition's interesting nautical terminology:



The Gin Pennant (sometimes gin flag or drinking pennant) is a maritime flag. When flown aboard ship, it indicates an open invitation to other ships' officers to come aboard for drinks. The gin pennant appeared at least as early as the 1940s, and possibly long before. Flying the gin pennant was an invitation (generally aimed at officers) to come aboard for a (free) drink in the ship's wardroom. (Consequently, junior officers would sometimes compete and conspire to fly the gin pennant aboard other ships.) Gin pennants likely originated in, and remain in use today, in the Commonwealth navies. Purpose-made gin pennants often take the form of a starboard pennant defaced with a wine, cocktail, or martini glass (typically green, sometimes gray or black) on the field. It may be wise to keep a gin pennant handy on your boat or dock to signal to fellow members that it's cocktail hour!

CAPTAIN GARY'S FISHING REPORT **SUMMER 2026**



Bluefish are the name of the game right now. One to two pound fish are on the edge of Jones' shore to the "Rack" at the mouth of the Potomac River. Trolling small spoons or 3/16 surgical tubes and inline #1 & 2 planners or the Spoonbrella rig with smaller spoons should yield your 5 per person limit in a short time at 4 knots. Spanish mackerel are also beginning to show up using the same rigs at a faster speed will entice them.

Many people have not had good experiences eating blues. They find that the fish is fishy not mild. I prefer them over many other species especially the size of the ones we are now catching. Filleted, skinned soaked in Italian or Vedralia Onion salad dressing on the grill for two minutes per side make a quick easy dinner.

Freezing bluefish for extended periods of time is a **NO NO UNLESS** using your favorite crab cake recipe substitute blue for the crab. If you ever forget to take something out for dinner resort to the fish cakes!

To make a delicious bluefish dip, follow these simple steps:

- Prepare the Bluefish: Cook 1 pound of bluefish fillets by grilling or baking until flaky.
- Flake the Fish: Allow the fish to cool, then flake it into small pieces in a mixing bowl.
- Mix Ingredients: Combine the flaked fish with 8 oz of cream cheese, 1/4 cup sour cream, and 2 tablespoons mayonnaise.
- Add Flavor: Stir in 1 tablespoon lemon juice, 1 teaspoon Dijon mustard, and season with salt and pepper to taste.
- Incorporate Herbs: Mix in 2 tablespoons chopped fresh dill or parsley for added freshness.
- Chill and Serve: Refrigerate the dip for at least 30 minutes before serving with crackers or vegetables.

Being an oily fish Blue is also a great fish for those of you that enjoy smoked foods.

The Southwest middle grounds have been disappointing the past several trips. We did have 3-to-7-pound bluefish before the heat and now it is rare to reach your limit. Red drum and Cobia are

frequenting the same area but the puppy drum (17 to 27) are too big to keep and the cobia (43 minimum) too small.

The bottom fishin' at Cole's Point has slowed down, my guess the heat, dolphins have had a significant impact.

The striper season in the River is closed until August 21 and while the Bay is open until its closing 1 August thru 31 August I have not seen nor heard of any in our area.

The water temperature remains in the low 80's about average and the salinity remains high.

As always since these critters have tails and are constantly moving do not hesitate to contact me for updated information.

Good fishin'

Capt. Gary

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