

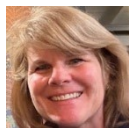
Breton Bay Yacht Club

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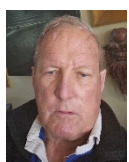
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Commodore's Report



The BBYC Annual Membership meeting was held on Sept. 12 at the Breton Bay Estates Pool house; we

had a good turn out and updated the membership on all the board had covered so far in 2026. We also announced the members who have volunteered to fill the vacant positions on the board next year. The End of Season Pool Party was a great time even under cloudy skies. Thank you to our Breton Bay Estates member hosts, this is a gathering I look forward to each year!

Scott Harsha and John Ryan answered the call of the St. Mary's Ryken Sailing Team and served as the



"mark boat" for the regatta held on Sept. 26. If you are interested in supporting the sailing

team, there are two more regattas this season 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 capsized. Please let me know if you are able and willing to help.

September 26 also marked the first Breton Bay Brew at Everyday Saint Brewhouse. *The Bitter End* is an



Extra Special Bitter that was a crowd favorite. We had over 30 members come and enjoy this special brew. A big thank you to Tyler

and Michelle for the beer and a wonderful party – the rain couldn't dampen the spirits of this group. If you missed the party or if you would like to taste *The Bitter End*, it is on tap at ESB. We have custom growlers, pint glasses, and



coasters available for purchase, please contact our Quartermaster if you would like to add some to your BBYC collection.

We have a fantastic entry into Leonardtown's Scarecrow Stroll! Big thank you to Jon Voigtlander



and Bill Hayes for constructing the helm and mast, and Jen Casolaro, Kim Voigtlander, and Sue Taylor for painting the helm and mast and properly attiring our skeleton. Voting started 10.6 and runs until 10.26. Come

visit the BBYC entry at the light pole in front of The Front Porch!



Here is our QR code to vote or you can vote on

visitleonardtownmd.com/scarecrowstroll. One vote per email (if you have more than one email please vote from each).



Welcome to our newest members, we are thrilled to have you aboard!

Vicki & Tom Lydon

Cathy & Wes Brubacher

BBYC Outings and Gatherings Calendar:



October 10: Annual Sock Donning Party, Comb's Creek Tiki Bar (JA & Bill's house), 4 pm



December 19: Annual Christmas Party, Olde Breton Inn, 6 pm



Vice Commodore's Report

Happy Autumn, BBYCers.

We still have a month or two (three??) of boating weather, but

that cold air is going to be here soon.

Besides using the frigid months to embellish stories we've already told a thousand times, I found this link that will give you some ideas for what to do with your boat in the coming blustery times.

<https://youtu.be/C1KaZQz40Ok?si=DYa75Mhn8zIUZ7bY>

But please remember, BBYC is not responsible for any bone headed things you do on your own volition.



Rear Commodore's Report

Ryken Sailing still needs some volunteers for home regattas on 10/17 and 10/24.

They will take all willing hands. It is not a ton of work at all and they feed you! Big shout out to **John Ryan** who has volunteered again for both upcoming dates. I was on the water with him for the first regatta and he was very knowledgeable on the techniques.

Save the Date! The BBYC Christmas Party will be on 12/19 at 6 pm at Olde Breton Inn.

Formal invitation and rsvp requests will be going out later this month.



Fleet Captain's Report

Well, the boating season of 2026 is truly winding down. While we didn't accomplish a number of our outings this year, we did do a fair bit and had a lot of fun.

Recently, I was happy to assist BBYC member Pete Fleury with another boat outing to assist the Friends of St. Clement's Bay with their ongoing Oyster Restoration Project. With the help of a couple of restoration personnel, we filled about 30 cages with oyster spat on shells and suspended them from 10 owners' docks on Breton Bay. Thanks, member Pete! BBYC has helped the Foundation plant 5 Million oysters in our treasured Breton Bay!



Also recently, I enjoyed assisting BBYC member Tom Fleury with giving boat rides to 16 Sisters of Charity from Nazareth, Kentucky who were visiting their mission property at Camp Maria for a week of vacation. They were so appreciative of the BBYC for giving them enjoyable rides out



around St. Clement's Island and to see the large cross at the site of the 1st Mass in the original 13 colonies. Thanks, member Tom!



Members Scott Harsha and John Ryan braved the tricky forecast on September 25th to be out on the water in their boats assisting St. Mary's Ryken High School with their Fall Regatta. They assisted regatta organizers and the young sailors with race prep, including setting course buoys, and being the committee boat. Well done, John and Scott!

As we look to 2027, we hope to:

- Plan a BBYC party at the Leonardtown Wharf
 - Early in Spring so members can come by car or boat
- Schedule a Spring commissioning gathering
 - Include Coast Guard Auxiliary for Vessel Safety Checks our boats and give us Courtesy Inspection stickers
 - Include a Blessing of our Fleet for a safe coming year on the water
- Plan a group outing to Smith Island aboard *Twister* out of Point Lookout
- Make a fleet outing to Colonial Beach
- Head back to Cobb Island and, perhaps, the Ruddy Duck or Salt
- Plan a full BBYC gathering at Fitzie's
- Try for more raft-ups, maybe on weekends so more members can join in



Treasurer's Report

Annual Dues collections are largely complete for 2026 and we currently have 47 active family memberships (comprised of 88 individual adult members). The Yacht Club currently has assets of \$5,446 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 the purchase of burgees, 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. The Brew Launch Party at Everyday Saints was a great gathering with two new families joining the Club (the Lydons and the Brubachers).



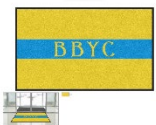
Quartermaster's Report

We have two unique offerings for BBYC members this month!

The first is a BBYC burgee made with aluminum panels. They are simply gorgeous. Manufactured the same size as the burgee. Perfect for a dock, boat house, pool house or tiki bar. \$55 each.



These would make a great holiday gift!



Second, we can now order door mats from our burgee manufacturer. Pricing would be approx \$160 for a medium traffic indoor mat.

We also have Breton Bay Brew coasters, pint glasses and Growlers available!



Finally, now is the time to begin thinking about your holiday and cool weather apparel orders!



Simply scan the QRC to place your order.



Secretary's Report

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 web-

site: bbyachtclub.com/membership-information

To get the Signal app:

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



Signal Private Messenger

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..."
5. At the bottom of your screen, make sure "Chats" is selected.
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!



Past Commodore's Report

On September 26th BBYC held a very special beer tasting event at Everyday Saint Brewhouse. Owners and BBYC members Tyler and Michelle hosted us while introducing BBYC's beer, *The Bitter End*, a British-Style Extra Special Bitter (ESB). We created our own logo for Breton Bay Brew, which keeps it generic and allows us to introduce different types of beer in the future. This logo can be found on the BBYC growlers, which Everyday Saint will be glad to fill with your favorite beer! We also have the popular



BBYC coasters, pint glasses and growlers. Please see Quartermaster Jen if you're interested in buying this merchandise.

Bitter End is actually a nautical term, as follows:

Another term for the working end. In its original meaning, and still today in strict nautical meaning, the bitter end was the **opposite** end of a rope or cable, from the working end, and not the same. The name comes from the "bitts" or "cable bitts", which were fixtures comprising a pair of strongly fixed posts used on wooden sailing ships to attach the inboard end of the anchor cable. The outboard end of a rope or cable, on the contrary, is the "working end". The phrase "to reach the bitter end" is a metaphor for reaching the end of the anchor cable; paying it out until there is no more left.



Member Spotlight



**Mike and Debbie Mummaugh–
(BBYC Member #13)** *(interview
by Treasurer Jack Fleury)*

Mike and Debbie Mummaugh joined BBYC right after it was established in 2024 and possess lucky Member #13. While these membership numbers are assigned based strictly on the order each family joins the Club, the number 13 does hold particular significance for Mike Mummaugh. Each week, Mike collects cash from several upstanding citizens of Leonardtown (myself included), and places Keno bets in hopes of someday hitting a big payday for all of us lads in the group. In the years I have been involved with this scheme, I cannot remember one instance where Mike has won us any money. Without a doubt, number 13 does seem to fit Mike quite well.

In order to prepare this Member Spotlight, Andrea and I asked Mike and Debbie if they could meet us for a night on the town so that we could learn more about their life story. We met for cocktails and dinner and had a great evening telling and listening to all kinds of tales. Mike told us of his youth in Carroll County, Maryland growing up near the town of Westminster. Mike's grandfather owned a farm there

and his father was in commercial construction and worked for the Marriot Company, so it was no surprise that Mike was drawn to construction. Mike worked in the DC suburbs and then moved to St. Mary's County to work on a commercial construction project at the Patuxent Naval Base. Not long after arriving, Mike met Debbie and they eventually settled down and made Leonardtown home. We asked about their honeymoon and Debbie kind of rolled her eyes and said Mike would only take the weekend off for their honeymoon. Mike has always been a hard worker.

Debbie (Breck) was born in a small town in Massachusetts and her family decided to move to Leonardtown when she was about 12 years old. They joined their cousins who already lived here and after some initial trepidation, Debbie found she loved living in a "bigger town". She attended the old St. Mary's Academy (now College of Southern Maryland). I didn't realize that Leonardtown had two separate Catholic high schools until St. Mary's merged with Ryken to become the sole Catholic high school in town, renamed St. Mary's Ryken. Debbie joined the family construction business (Paragon Properties) and before long, Mike joined the company as well. I asked Debbie what it was like working with both Mike and her Dad together back in the day, and she kind of rolled her eyes again and said they both always seemed to think they were always right.

Mike and Debbie made their home on Paw Paw Hollow Lane and raised a family of five kids (now all grown) and have a dozen or so grandchildren and still growing. Some of the grandkids are nearby and some are as far away as Japan. Mike and Debbie love travelling to see them all and I think I even heard Mike mumbling some Japanese phrases during our dinner. Mike and Debbie along with Keith Hammett, (a master craftsman married to Debbie's sister Cindy), continue to operate Paragon Properties and build and renovate many of the most beautiful homes in Southern Maryland. They also built and opened Sweetbay Restaurant in Leonardtown which is owned and operated with a group of St. Mary's County friends. If you have not visited, you need to

go celebrate your next special occasion at Sweetbay Restaurant & Bar.

After getting to know Mike, I quickly learned that he is not too talkative on the telephone. We asked Debbie if her phone conversations with him were any different and she did a quick imitation in which Mike's side of the conversation goes something like this: "Hello.....No.....Ok....."click and then all you hear is dial tone. If you're a little bored one day and just want to shoot the breeze with someone on the phone, I don't recommend you call Mike. But, if you need to talk to a really solid construction guy with extensive local knowledge, you'll definitely want to give Mike a call.

Mike and Debbie are a really fun (and funny) couple that we're fortunate to have in the Yacht Club. If you haven't met them, go introduce yourself at our next gathering (or I guess you could just give Mike a quick call)?

BBYC Annual Sock Donning Party

**One last barefoot afternoon before the socks
come out**

Join us for BBYC's annual tradition: reluctantly
putting our socks back on for winter and marking
the end of boating season together.

Saturday, October 10, 2026 · 4:00 p.m.

Tiki Bar on Combs Creek
40021 Ben Morgan Rd.

Come celebrate another season on the water—
and give your bare feet a proper send-off.

RSVP: Julie-Anne and Bill at roseja@verizon.net

