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**Coming Soon ... November 7 ... the Change of Watch**

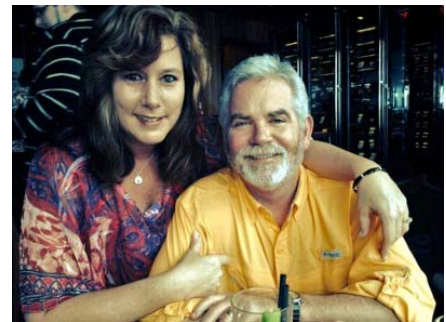
Here's a collage of pictures from past Changes of Watch. Details on this year's event is in this newsletter. You don't want to miss this one! 36+ attendees and growing! Put on your party dresses and dancing shoes and let's celebrate!



**Commodore's Corner**

Dear WYA Members:

For most of us, we are coming to the end of our boating/club season and we will be inaugurating our 2016 Bridge at our Change of Watch (**COW**) which will be on Saturday, November 7, 2015. If you have not sent in your RSVP, you still have time. Our **cutoff date for reservations is November 3, 2015.** We have 36 people registered for this event as of today. So if you can make it, come and enjoy the festivities with your fellow club members. Information on the COW is posted below in this newsletter.



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In October we had a very successful General Membership Meeting/ Roaring 20's party. Everyone in attendance partied hardy. I want to thank Bob and Gail Mayer for hosting this event at their home. The food was super, the drinks plentiful and cigars were enjoyed in the Tiki Bar.

At the meeting all motions before the membership were voted on and approved. 64% of the membership voted "yea" for both motions which included the 2016 Bridge and purchasing/special assessment of a WYA club trailer. Thanks to all members who voted on the motions. Once the new Bridge meets, we'll set up a committee for purchasing and retrofitting the trailer.

### 2015 Bridge

Commodore – Bill Bukevicz  
Vice Commodore – Shannon Ritter  
Rear Commodore – George Cajigal  
Secretary – Katherine Smith  
Treasurer – Anita Elmore  
Immediate Past Commodore – Bob Blunt  
PRYCA Delegate – Tom Carroll

In October, we had two new memberships and want to welcome aboard Glenn & Cathy Corbin and Ninette Powell to the Club. We will see them at the COW.

Remember, there will be activities going on in December and January. December, you have many Christmas Light boat shows at various ports on the Potomac River and *in January, the PRYCA COW will be held in Old Town Alexandria. This event is important to our club since the new Commodore of the PRYCA will be our own Phil Rogers. So as a club, we should show our support and plan on attending this event. Information will be forthcoming.*

If you have any suggestions, comments, or ideas for future events, Please do not hesitate to contact me at [wbude@aol.com](mailto:wbude@aol.com).

Signing Off,

Bill Bukevicz, Commodore

## New Members

Commodore Bill presented Cathy Corbin with the WYA burgee during the General Membership meeting. Ninette Powell will receive hers at a future event. Welcome aboard!





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Past Events

WYA General Membership Meeting.

Prize for best land party goes to Gail and Bob Mayer and, if you missed it, you really passed up a real wing-ding. ~40 members arrived at the Mayer's home on Maddox Creek for a Chicken Kabob dinner, the yearly membership meeting, and a parade of lively Roaring 20's costumes. Had a blast!

At the meeting we approved the 2016 Bridge slate of officers:

Commodore - Bill Bukevicz
Vice Commodore - Shannon Ritter
Rear Commodore - Steve Giles
Secretary - Andi Cirbee
Treasurer - Tom Carroll
IPC - Bob Blunt

We approved the purchase of a trailer to house all the inventory items we have scattered around at members' homes. A committee will be formed to handle the details of the purchase.

Commodore Bill introduced and thanked the 2015 Bridge and presented a burgee to one of two new members, Cathy Corbin and her husband.

After our fantastic meal, the frivolities began and even the windy cool weather didn't faze us. Rumor has it that the party finally ended as our hosts and members Bill, Donna, Jeff and Margo enjoyed the hot tub. To see pictures and party descriptions, please go to our web site, www.wya-va.com.



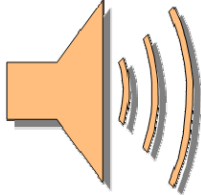


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Upcoming Events

WYA Change of Watch, Saturday, 7 November 2015



You really should attend the WYA Change of Watch. It's going to be another great party, held at The Riverboat, 301 Beach Terrace, in Colonial Beach, the same location as last year. Cocktails will start at 6:30 p.m. and dinner will be served at 7:30 p.m. Cocktail attire is the norm. However, your presence is much more important than what you wear.

A cash bar and light appetizers will be set up for the occasion. Music for dancing after dinner will be provided by a DJ.

You will have several choices for the meal with different prices for each item.

Please e-mail your reservations and choice of your meals to our Commodore, Bill Bukevicz at wbuke@aol.com. Regrets, if you are not able to attend, would be appreciated. **THE CUT OFF DATE FOR RESERVATIONS IS NOVEMBER 3, 2015.** Guests are welcome...just include their information, as well.

The meal choices and prices (including tax and tip) are as follows:

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|---------------------|---------|
| Chicken Masala | \$24.00 |
| Prime Rib | \$30.00 |
| Shipwreck (Seafood) | |
| Broiled | \$30.00 |
| Fried | \$30.00 |
| Vegetarian | \$21.00 |

Each of the choices will come with Baby Bakers, Green Beans, and Rolls.

Salad \$ 2.75 (The dinner does not come with a salad so this is an additional item)

The price of your dinner is the total cost of the event, with the exception of the cash bar.

Where can you get *a party and dinner, with music and great friends for this price???* We dare say you can't.

Please bring a check made out to the Westmoreland Yachting Association for the total amount of your menu choices and provide it to Bill when you arrive.

Please send your RSVP (to include regrets) to Bill Bukevicz at wbuke@aol.com by November 3.



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**Quarter Master Items**

# Buy Clothes with WYA Logo



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Remember the WYA apparel store web site. Many cool items for sale. Put it in your favorites tool bar! Order now to get yours.

**Here's the URL** → <http://wya.logosoftwear.com/>

**Birthdays & Anniversaries**

Happy birthday wishes go to: Alex Bory 11/4, Elaine Braud 11/7, Gary Ralston 11/14, Jayne Woolf 11/15, Pam Raymond 11/17, Dick Elmore 11/23, Bill Bukevicz and Gary Vineyard 11/24 and Pat Dates 11/25.



Happy Anniversary wishes go to: Shannon and Sue Ritter 11/9, Loyd and Beverly Alspaugh 11/4, Don and Rhonda Breer 11/21 and Bob and Gail Mayer 11/22.



**Boating Safety == Winterizing**

For the most complete, up-to-date boat winterizing information available, download the 16-page at [www.boatus.com/seaworthy/winter/winterizing](http://www.boatus.com/seaworthy/winter/winterizing).

**Boating Safety == FIRE! ... facts taken from a BOATUS article on boat safety!**

When it comes to fire, you don't want to carry just the minimum size or quantity, especially on a larger boat. A B-I extinguisher will last for only about 10 to 15 seconds before you'll be left holding an empty canister. You'll want an extinguisher within reach in the engine room, in the galley, and near a diesel or propane heater if you have one aboard. We'd also recommend having one in each sleeping compartment so you can escape if a fire breaks out in the main cabin. A fire blanket for a stove can also be an effective way to put out a small fire without having to spray corrosive powder all over the galley.



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Given the high incidence of fires in the engine area, the engine compartment should be fitted with a fire port so that you can suppress the fire without having to open the compartment, introducing more oxygen and further feeding the fire. Larger boats with real engine rooms should be equipped with automatic fire-suppression systems.

### Ten Takeaways

Fire prevention comes down, above all, to maintenance. Here are 10 things you can do to reduce your risk of fire aboard your inboard boat:

Inspect all electrical connections associated with the engine-starting and charging systems at least once a month during the boating season. Tighten loose connections, replace corroded wire ends and terminals, secure and support all wiring to protect it from chafe and vibration, and replace battery switches that are more than 15 years old.

Inspect battery wiring, switches, and terminals at least once a month during the boating season. Clean terminals and connectors at the beginning and end of the season.

If your boat is more than 25 years old and the wiring harness and starter are original, replace both, if possible.

Inspect shorepower cords, and replace them if pitting or corrosion is visible on the plug's blades or if the cord itself shows any signs of wear, including kinked or pinched areas. Replace cords that are over 10 years old. Black electrical tape is no substitute for intact insulation!

Inspect your boat's shore power inlet every five years, and address any corrosion in the terminal or the wires that attach to it. Replace the inlet every 10 years.

Never use an electric heater when no one is aboard.

Use only high-quality marine battery chargers on your boat.

Flush your cooling system annually.

Change your impeller every other year or anytime the engine has ingested debris.

Replace your exhaust manifold every five years or at the first sign of pinhole corrosion.

**If every inboard-powered boat owner checked off every item on this list, not only would the risk of fire on any given boat decrease by more than half, but every boat that spends time in a marina would be safer.** 🚢

**Signing off for another month .....**