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Commodore's Corner

Dear WYA Members:

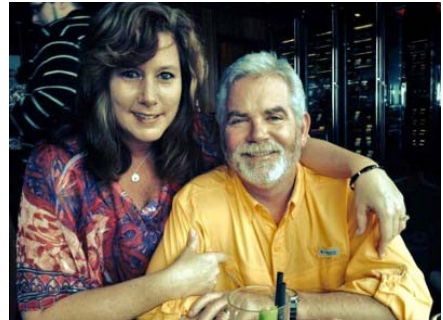
We are coming into the end of the year and it has been a great year for the WYA. Our membership has grown, our activities have been well attended and our new Bridge was sworn in at the 2015 COW. Everyone that attended this event had a great time. In November, we organized a fishing trip which was attended by 8 WYA members and 4 guests. We took out 2 boats (PRIME TIME & RHAPSODY) and I would like to thank Steve Andrews for hosting members on his boat. The day started out windy but it turned out to be a nice day. However, we did not take many

pictures but I think next year, we may add this event into our planning meeting. Also, in November, I would like to welcome Mike & Marie Murphy and their first mate Neska into the club. They keep their boat at Bayside Marina. Welcome aboard and I hope to meet both of you in person at a club function

soon and present you with your burgee. To close out November, Donna and I hope that you all had a great Thanksgiving holiday with family and friends! On behalf of the club, we wish Andi Cirbee, who was involved in an auto accident, a speedy and healthy recovery.

In December, there are no planned club functions but there are many boat parades scheduled up and down the river. Donna and I would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New year!!!

In the coming year, the club will see some new things happening. We will have a club trailer to transport and store our club's inventory for all of our club activities. Also, Phil Bolin and Donna Bukevicz have been working on our website to make it user friendly for members using blogging and other features to help us in communicating with each other. Donna will be taking over the web page and newsletter which Phil has been running for the past several years. I want to thank Phil for his years as our webmaster and Newsletter editor. You have done a great job! Also, I want to thank Donna for volunteering her time to take over this task. For members who have a Facebook account, Donna has set up a "WYA- A Virtual Yacht Club" Page for posting club events and other items of interest by club members. Check it out!! Once on Facebook you can find it by searching for the terms in the quotes above.



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2016 Bridge

Commodore – Bill Bukevicz
Vice Commodore – Shannon Ritter
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Secretary – Andi Cirbee
Treasurer – Tom Carroll
Immediate Past Commodore – Bob Blunt



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In closing, **the PRYCA COW will be held in Old Town Alexandria on January 17, 2016. 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.**

The WYA will be hosting the hospitality suite this year. The PRYCA will be sending out the information on the 2016 COW soon. For the guys that will be wearing a tuxedo to the COW, here is information on getting a teal cummerbund & bow tie from KRISAR Clothing. Their website is www.krisarclothing.com, item CB0140. Check it out.

If you have any suggestions, comments, or ideas for future events, Please do not hesitate to contact me at wbuke@aol.com.

Signing Off,

Bill Bukevicz, Commodore

New Members

Mike and Marie Murphy joined the club this past month. They hail from Boston, Virginia and have a 21' Sea Swirl Striper with Cuddy Cabin named Sea Salt. They keep their boat at Bayside Marina and have a dog named Neska. Mike is celebrating a birthday this month on the 7th. So Happy Birthday Mike. They are presently in Vieques, PR fixing up a vacation home and will not be back until it starts snowing.

And Ninette Powell, a new member from the previous month was given her burgee at the WYA COW on the 7th.



Past Events

WYA Rockfish Fishing Adventure

On November 21, Bill Bukevicz and Steve Andrews hosted a fishing day on the Potomac/Bay on their boats PRIME TIME & RHAPSODY. We pulled out on Saturday morning around 6:45 AM. As you can see by the picture, the Cole's Point flag was stiff in the NE wind at 15 knots. The waves were between 1 to 2 feet. As we approached the River's edge and the bay, we set our lines out and began the task of praising the FISH GODS! The fish finders were lit up and the hunt for rockfish began. The area was loaded with fishing boats. At one point





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within a two mile radius, I counted about 100 boats fishing in the same area as us. The RHAPSODY kept over on the Virginia side between Markers 3 and 5 and the PRIME TIME was trolling along the Maryland side by Point Lookout. As the morning dragged on, there was not much chatter on the radio about anyone catching any decent size rockfish. As RHAPSODY ran the river and bay edge, PRIME TIME started to head up river to Piney Point. By 11:30AM, the winds shifted from the SW and the river laid down. As we came out of the 60 foot channel into the 50 foot range, the lines started to pop and we landed our first 28" rockfish around 12:45 PM. By 1:00 PM, another line popped and we landed the 30" rockfish. You can see Pat holding the fish on PRIME TIME. We radioed RHAPSODY and gave them our location. They headed up and caught two rockfish on their boat. As fast as the bite came on, it was over by 2:20PM. Even though, we did not catch many fish on the boats, everyone had a great time. Thanks to Dan Lubkowski for preparing our hot lunch which was venison stew on PRIME TIME. Members attending this fishing event were Patrick Flynn, Mike Enos, Steve Andrews, Mary Ann Andrews, Bob Mayer, Pete Salter and Mike Rowzee. Our guests were Rodney Wentz, Mark Mitchell, Dan Lubkowski and Stacey Walsh. We finished up the day having homemade vegetable soup at Mike's house and a few cocktails and cigars. Hope that we can organize this event next year and get a few more boats and members involved.



WYA Change of Watch, Saturday, 7 November 2015

Forty WYA members and guests attended the COW at the Riverboat. All had a good time. The head table included our past and current Bridge.

We wished Elaine a Happy Birthday and partied hardy.

The rest of the evening consisted of welcoming our newest member Ninette, eating a pretty good meal prepared by the Riverboat staff and then enjoying the local DJ Joe Head as he talked us into dancing the night away.

We have no more WYA scheduled events this year as we prepare for the upcoming





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winter. So far we have had a very nice fall.

Please use it to get ready for the 2016 boating season. More pictures at our web site archive files: www.wya-va.com/2015files or by going to the ALBUMS tab at our flickr account: www.flickr.com/photos/wyaclub. No password required if you use this URL.

Future Events

The first event for 2016 will be the Plan Fest where the calendar of events for the New Year is discussed and planned. More information on that event will be coming to you soon.

WEB Site and Newsletter

As Commodore Bill mentioned in his remarks Donna Bukevicz has agreed to take over the web site and newsletter. She already has control of the web site and will update you along the way about some changes; most notably the site has a BLOG format on the main page that is designed to improve our ability to communicate. There are still the semi-fixed pages that allow you to get information such as the newsletters, our bylaws and other necessary information. An archive page will also allow you to call up all the old files we've had since the start of the web site in 2011.

Donna will kick off the New Year as the Newsletter editor by publishing the January 2016 edition.

Quarter Master Items

Buy Clothes with WYA Logo



Share & Sell(TM) - LogoSportswear.com

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

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



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Birthdays & Anniversaries

Happy birthday wishes go to: Bonita McClenny 12/5, Mike Murphy 12/7, Jay Nex 12/10, Wes Horn 12/12, Stan Raymond 12/13, Sue Ritter 12/18, Dan Braud 12/21, Jeff Fiehler 12/25 and Phil Rogers 12/28.



Happy Anniversary wishes go to: Gary and Pat Ralston 12/5, Tim and Pat Fields 12/20, Chris and Mary Jane Smith 12/19 and Ross Jebson and Kathy Dow 12/20.



Cold Weather Boating Requires Caution and Preparation

Source: U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Public Affairs

WASHINGTON – While many boaters in colder parts of the country have winterized their boats or put them into storage until spring, many still use their vessels for hunting, fishing or transportation. Unfortunately, the risk of a deadly accident is increased with cold weather. Extra caution and preparation should be taken before heading out on the water in winter.

The importance of wearing a life jacket becomes even more critical when the danger for hypothermia is added to other concerns. Sudden immersion in cold water can have severe physiological consequences, including cardiac arrest, quick loss of body heat (the body loses heat 25 times faster in cold water than in cold air) and involuntary inhalation of water (gasping) that results in drowning. Wearing a life jacket can keep the boaters head above water, keep the person warm, and provide a chance for rescue.

Wearing the right clothing also contributes to more enjoyable and safer cold weather boating. Consider layering clothing, and including a wet suit or dry suit, to help ward off hypothermia.

Here are some additional tips for safe winter boating:

- ~ Assess the risks – think what can go wrong and be fully equipped and prepared.
- ~ Leave a float plan with a responsible individual who knows your intentions, location, and who to call if you fail to return as scheduled.
- ~ Carry a VHF radio and an EPIRB (Emergency Position Indicating Radio Beacon), signal flares and other means to draw attention to your location.
- ~ Be aware of and prepared for the shock of sudden immersion and incapacitating effects of cold water – dress to get wet and carry a change of clothing in a waterproof container.
- ~ Be aware of activity around your vessel and potential for fast-changing weather.



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- ~ Boat safe and sober – save the alcohol for when you’ve safely returned.
- ~ Be sure your vessel is in good operating condition and has the necessary safety equipment on board before you leave the dock.
- ~ Refresh your seamanship skills - take a boating safety course offered by your local Coast Guard Auxiliary flotilla.

**Signing off**