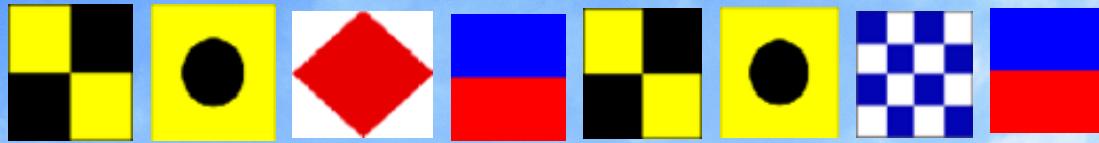


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 K Dock: Jason & Shannon Leydig
 L Dock: **Vacant- seeking volunteer**

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 CBYCA: Mike Connolly



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 & Chesapeake Bay Yacht Clubs Association (CBYCA)

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COMMODORE'S MESSAGE

Jim Khoury, Commodore
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Well ladies and gentlemen... Looks like the season is off to a good start! The temperatures are quite inviting, and the marina has been feverishly working toward getting all of us back on the water for the 2024 season.

As the month of May is soon upon us, and PWYC's opening day is next week, we are ready to get the season rolling with lots of water-time and fun with fellow Yacht Club members. To kick off Opening Day, please join Prince William Marina in the river clean-up around the docks, as we and other volunteers from our community spruce things up before the season really gets under way. After that will be our annual ceremonies, seminars, flag-raising, and Commodore's Hour. A huge thanks in advance to our Social Committee, Rear Commodore, and Vice Commodore who is filling in for me during my absence. I hope the event will be informative and put you all in a "Boaters" state of mind!

Some of the happenings about the marina and elsewhere during the month of May include the following:

- **National Harbor Boat Show - May 3-5 (PWYC will be manning the booth with PWM)**
- **USCGAUX VE (Vessel Examinations) – May 11 (see website for registration details)**
- **USCG BS&S Class – May 11 (Registration through PWM – See website for details)**
- **PWYC Board Meeting – May 11 @ 4PM (All members in good standing are invited)**
- **PWYC Annual Dock Crawl – May 11 - ALWAYS a crowd pleaser!**
- **A new event – May 18 - Coffee & Doughnuts @ the Boatel – Participation for all!**
- **ORMA Blessing of the Fleet – May 18 – Prizes for the best decorated vessel!**
- **Progressive Dinner - May 18 – If you haven't done this yet... Do try to attend!**
- **Memorial Day Weekend Cruise to Mattawoman – May 25-27**



COMMODORE'S MESSAGE CONT.

As you can see, the month of May is certainly going to be busy all around... Please check the website often for any changes or additions that may occur from time to time.

I am hoping to resume my duties and get back to normal by mid-June, so with any luck I will see you all in June!

If you have any questions, or need anything from your club, please do not hesitate to contact me or anyone on the Board/Bridge for further information.

**Kind Regards,
Jim Khoury Commodore, PWYC
Pegasus K-33
(718)494-3365**



VICE COMMODORE THOUGHTS

Mike Strano, Vice Commodore
At Ease, G-21
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As I write this, I was at the Marina today for the Admirals in Action class by Captain Myndi Harbin. We had a great turnout and feedback from the ladies who attended was very positive – all appeared to enjoy the class. While it was a windy and chilly day, many, including me, completed their USCG Vessel Safety Check for 2024.

We have USCG Vessel Safety Checks also scheduled for April 13th, as well as May 11th. Individual boat signups are available prior on the bulletin board on the lower level of the Blue Bath House.

The March 23 “Employee Appreciation Dinner” for the Prince William Marina staff was a fun time, and we had a tremendous turnout of about 110 people. The Marina employees and their families were very appreciative of all we did to show our support.

One of the area’s premier boat shows, the Bay Bridge Boat Show, is scheduled for April 12th through the 14th in Stevensville, MD.

My focus now is on the detailed planning for PWYC’s Opening Day, which is scheduled for April 20th. This day is loaded with activities for all in attendance! Here’s the schedule planned for the day:

9:00 AM – Potomac River Cleanup (Docks)

11:00 AM – PWYC Board Meeting (blue bathhouse/top)

11:30 AM – PWYC General Membership Meeting/Lunch (blue bathhouse) - all members in good standing. Lunch will be provided.

1:00 PM – Opening Ceremony/Flag Raising (flagpole by boat ramp)

2:30 PM – Dock Rep meeting hosted by Mike Strano (blue bathhouse)

3:00 PM – Boating Seminar on Navigation/Boating Navigation Apps (blue bathhouse).

Mike Strano will provide an overview of cruising on the Potomac, Navigation, and Boating Apps (Navionics, Anchor App, Weather/Tides Apps, Nebo, What Three Words.



VICE COMMODORE THOUGHTS (CONT.)

What Three Words is an app that can locate you/your phone within 10 square feet (3 meters). It is used by first responders to locate you in an emergency. I will tailor the presentation based on who is in the audience, but it will be geared towards newer boaters.

4:00 PM – Photo Contest Tips Presentation, hosted by Lou Ward (blue bathhouse)

5:30 PM – Commodore’s Happy Hour #1 (blue bathhouse/top) - please bring a dish to share (wine and beer provided)

On May 11th, we will have the annual Dock Crawl. Your Dock Reps will be providing details and there will be more information on the website as we get closer.

That’s it for this edition. Check with the PWYC Website Events Calendar frequently to stay on top of the upcoming events. (<https://pwyc.org>). Sometimes, an added event may appear that wasn’t in the original plan – so check often!

If you have any questions, please contact me either by email at vicecommodore@pwyc.org, or you can text my cell phone at (703) 598-4976.

Looking forward to seeing you all on Opening Day!

All the best,
Mike Strano

Vice Commodore PWYC
At Ease – G21



REAR COMMODORE

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Finally, Spring has Sprung and most, if not all of us, are officially de-winterized. Hoping the warm weather is here to stay.

Now is the time to start looking at the calendar and deciding what your boating plans are for the summer. We have some great cruises and raft-ups coming up and we hope you will all be able to make it out.

Our first will be the Memorial Day Raft-Up at Mattawoman. We will be out from Saturday to Monday. Plan to come out daily or stay for the weekend. The beauty is that we will be close enough for our day boaters to come back and forth, but still be able to enjoy the festivities.

After that will be our Father's Day Cruise to Colonial Beach. Please be sure to check the website for all details. Mike Manning has graciously agreed to co-champion this one with me and is already putting together a couple events. PWM will also be joining us and sponsoring a Happy Hour on Friday evening for us.

As always, please reach out via cell or email if you have any questions or would like to discuss any of the 'on water' events throughout the season.

Happy Boating!



SAFETY OFFICER

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WEIGHING ANCHOR/BREAKING FREE

As normal these are the thoughts of one person. Things can change rapidly out there. Everyone must react to what is happening in real time.

Weighing Anchor: Weighing anchor is relatively simple with the mud bottoms normally encountered on the Occoquan and Potomac. Assuming, of course that there is nothing under the surface in that particular spot at that particular time.

1. It is best to avoid problems. Therefore before dropping the anchor, take notice of whether or not there are any signs warning of underwater obstacles such as cables or any “Do not anchor here.” signs. If other vessels are not anchored at a targeted location, why not? Check a chart beforehand, especially if anchoring solo in a new location.
2. It is a good idea to start the engine before weighing anchor. Drifting with a dead engine is something to avoid.
3. Using either human muscle or mechanical power, follow the rode and slowly move the bow of the boat toward the anchor. It is recommended not to use a windless to pull the boat toward the anchor. Gather as much rode aboard as possible via human muscle before applying any mechanical power. Vessels with chain need to use their windless more than vessels with line.
4. Be careful to move slowly enough toward the anchor that there is no danger of getting anchor rode tangled in the prop and/or rudder.
5. The idea is apply a vertical load to the anchor to break it free. A taut rode which goes straight up and down from a vessel is a good indication that there is a vertical load factor being applied.



SAFETY (CONT.)

6. Assuming a lack of chain, it may be possible to take a turn or two around a cleat and slowly move the boat forward. The anchor should break free. Apply a bit more throttle if it doesn't. Go back to neutral and bring the anchor and remaining rode onboard.
7. Dunk the anchor once or twice to get as much mud off as possible before storage. This should be done with the boat either in neutral or moving slowly in reverse. Anchors and gelcoat/fiberglass do not mix. Be alert to any vessel behind or whether or not the water is becoming dangerously shallow.

The Anchor Will Not Break Free: Here are some things to try. Most are stay-out-of-the-water options. Read the source at the end for some other thoughts.

1. Try to use the buoyancy of the vessel and the action of the water. Position the anchor rode as vertical as possible. With each up and down motion of the boat either wrap a bit more of the rode around a bow cleat or incrementally shorten the chain. Perhaps the action of the bow will break the anchor free.
2. A second thing to try is to let out a scope of 2-to-1 and slowly motor forward in an effort to back the hook out.
3. A third option is to circle the anchor while keeping the rode tight. Keep alert not to tangle anything in the prop, rudder, or damage anything hanging from the keel.
4. A fourth option is to evaluate the risks, then jump into the water and dive down. Or, attach some sort of float to a line, cut it, head home, and come back later for a dive to salvage the anchor. An anchor with chain that won't break free is a problem. Good luck.

Here are some thoughts on weighing anchor and breaking an anchor free.

[How To Weigh Anchor BoatUS](#)

<https://youtu.be/Z5Q9f5zLYoA?si=FqYiVAGPPEujXGFc>



OCCOQUAN SAFETY FORUM RE-CAP

by Rick McHarg, PWYC Immediate Past Commodore

More attendees than ever from law enforcement and fire/rescue organizations. Also 3 yacht clubs, 2 boat rental clubs, 3 paddling organizations, ORMA, BoatUS, and PWM & Belmont Bay Marinas, but no Vulcan.

After introductions, all were asked to address their single most important river safety issue in 2 minutes apiece. A side product was coordination between first responders for combined training exercises.

Other tidbits that apply to all:

1. Expect increased enforcement on “Operating under the Influence” OUI & night patrols on the water.
2. In an emergency, always call 9-1-1 first & then make your radio call. This is a change in paradigm brought on by reliability of the cell phone networks. Why first? To get the first responders moving. Some need to launch boats to get to you. Of course the corollary to this is you must know your location, and the best way for this is the phone app “what 3 words”. All first responders use this nowadays...
(Lifeline editor note: PWYC will share more about the ‘What 3 Words’ app on Opening Day.)
3. Occoquan Paddlefest is the morning of May 18 (same day as Blessing of the Fleet from noon to 2pm). Need same cautions to all PWYC Captains.
4. ORMA got traction on a media campaign for “Wake Awareness Week” the first week in June.



NEWS FROM THE TREASURER



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PWYC TREASURER'S REPORT 03/01/2024 - 03/29/2024

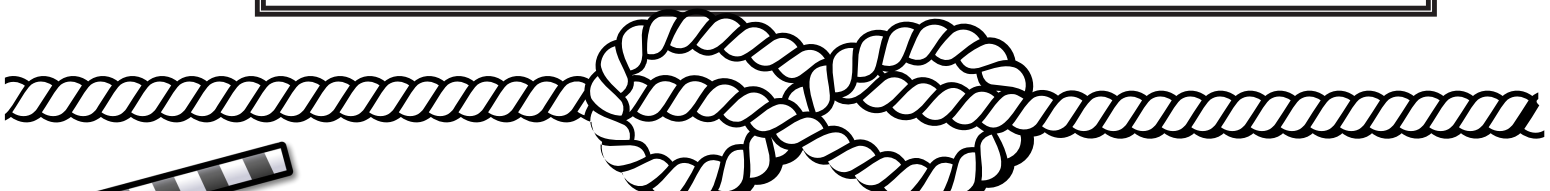
INCOME

Membership	\$ 100.00
<u>Interest</u>	<u>\$ 0.26</u>
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 100.26

EXPENSES

CoW, Brochures, Blanks for Opening Day	\$ 388.69
Name Tags for New Officers	\$ 66.71
PWYC Banner	\$ 128.25
CBYCA - Full Page Ad	\$ 200.00
Zoho Email Annual Fee	\$ 156.00
<u>Wild Apricot Expense</u>	<u>\$ 37.21</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 976.86

Checking account balance as of 02/29/2024 \$ 30,807.91

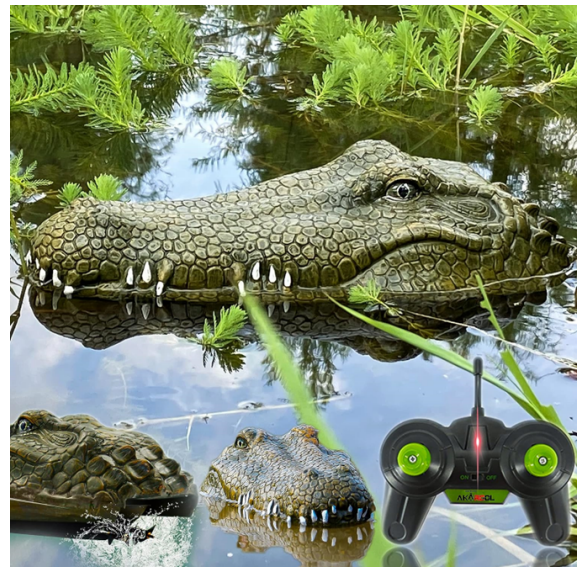


COMEDY CORNER



Boater's April Fool's Joke:

Buy a remote controlled Alligator Head
(see Amazon),
and launch near your friend's boat!





SHIPS MANIFEST

Beth Lu. Membership

Taiwan-On, I-23

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Welcome to our newest PWYC members!

Please invite your boat neighbors to join our club!

The 2024 Membership Directory will be available on Opening Day only for those who request one in advance. Please mark the box on the Wild Apricot site or email membership@pwyc.org if you would like a printed packet.

Download the Wild Apricot Mobile App to help you stay connected to PWYC:



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Don't forget that you can use the **Wild Apricot Member App** to stay connected to the Prince William Yacht Club all year long. Download the app, sign in with same email address and password for your **PWYC** account and start using it!

This app helps you:

- Interact with fellow members anywhere from your mobile device
- Register and make payments for events
- View all existing event registrations
- Update your member profile, including your address, phone and email
- View your membership card

Scan the QR Code above OR download the app from Apple App Store or Google Play!

Renew Your Membership Today via Credit Card in the Wild Apricot App or on pwyc.org

Or

Send a \$100.00 **Check** made payable to: PWYC to:

PWYC Membership Renewal
c/o Prince William Marina
12849 Gordon Boulevard
Woodbridge, VA 22192-3240

As always, if you know marina friends or dock mates who are not members, please recruit them for membership or volunteer to help the club!



2024 EVENTS

JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
<p>6 -PWYC Board Meeting 20 - Brunch</p>	<p>3 - Change of Watch 11 -PWYC Board Meeting 17 - Brunch</p>	<p>2- PWYC Board Meeting 2 - Brunch 14 - Occoquan Safety Forum 16 -USCG Boating Safety Class 23 - Cherry Blossom Cruise 23 - Employee Appreciation Dinner</p>
APRIL	MAY	JUNE
<p>6 - Admirals in Action Class 6 - USCG Vessel Safety Check 13 -USCG Vessel Safety Check 20 - Opening Day Ceremonies</p>	<p>11 - PWYC Board Meeting 11 - Dock Crawl 11 - USCG Vessel Safety Check 11 -USCG Boating Safety Class 18 - Blessing of the Fleet 18 - Progressive Dinner 25-27 - Mattawoman Raft Up</p>	<p>1 - PWYC Board Meeting 1 - Captains Hour 14-16 - Father's Day Cruise Colonial Beach 28-30 - PRYCA Float In - Coles Point</p>
JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
<p>5-7 - Three Sisters Raft Up 13 - PWYC Board Meeting 13 - Dock Rep Meeting 13 -Commodore's Happy Hour 18-21- Cruise to St. Michaels 27 - Founder's Day Celebration</p>	<p>3 - PWYC Board Meeting 3 - Captain's Hour 10 - Seafood Boil 16-19 -Solomon's Island Cruise 24 - PWM Poker Run</p>	<p>5 -PWYC Board Meeting - Zoom 9 - PCS Meeting 11 - PCS Meeting 11 - PWM Fireworks 13 - PCS Meeting 14 - Patriot Cruise Day 21-22 - Pirate's Night 22 - World Rivers Day</p>
OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
<p>5 -PWYC Board Meeting 5 - Captain's Hour</p>	<p>2 -Closing Day Ceremonies 2 - Chili Cook-Off 16 - Wine & Paint Night</p>	<p>7 - PWYC Board Meeting 14 -PWM Christmas Boat Lighting</p>

HOW-TO BOAT TRAINING VIDEOS



by Vicky Carr, Lifeline Editor

A series of how-to boat training videos by BoatUS to review boating basics, including docking, handling lines, anchoring, navigation, and more!

HANDLE DOCKLINES LIKE A PRO (tune in next month for 'Anchoring Made Simple'):

1. How to Handle Dock Lines Like a Seasoned Crew Member

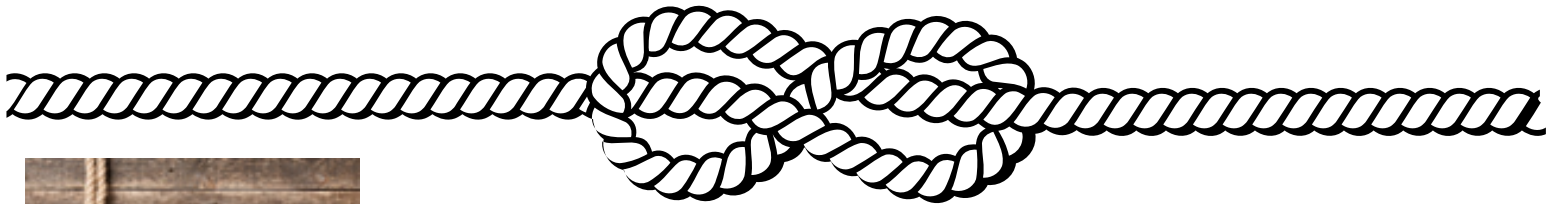
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ajWEwu7d70A>

2. 3 Essential Dockline Handling Skills (Coiling, Tossing, Looping)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BRla55_62og

3. How to Properly Hang Your Excess Dock Lines

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LNav2agjHrA>



by Vicky Carr, Lifeline Editor

**Welcome to Knot's Landing!
How to Tie Boat Fenders**



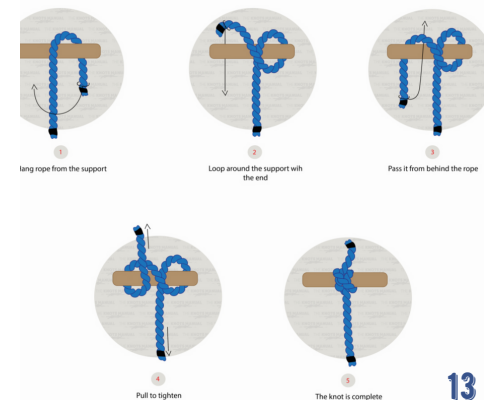
1. Tie a Boat Fender using a Clove Hitch

<https://www.youtube.com//shorts/a8fj22KkbpY>

BUT...clove hitches can slip, so ALSO need a HALF HITCH at the end if you don't want to loose your fender....watch #2 below.

2. Clove Hitch with a Half Hitch

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yH9sGuJnU-4>



“Prop Talk” article featuring PWYC’s Dave & Sonia Astle’s Great Loop adventure

(from: https://proptalk.com/chesapeake-bay-boaters-complete-americas-great-loop?fbclid=IwAR0awcPRHXWZ2-ji57b212W_Eqb5b3sTriFhw_6lRb1dHawdOG3VP8sbw4g_aem_AON0Y8SaL6sRjkk5rFOWn2SHgE00-BwoEx1Duhe6Rg13WmTgbrlqj11nRkx2yMZBhtw)

Chesapeake Bay Boaters Complete America's Great Loop

Monday, January 29, 2024

Chesapeake Bay boaters Dave and Sonia Astle recently completed America's Great Loop in their Ranger Tug.



“Crew Lounge” is a Ranger Tug R43 CB.

THE BOAT:

Crew Lounge, so named because Dave is retired from American Airlines, and also because he’s noticed a tendency for some guests and crew to lounge while boating. Crew Lounge, a Ranger Tug R43 CB, is their sixth boat and follows a Ranger 31, which they enjoyed greatly. However, they thought a little more room would be ideal for completing the Loop, so they made the purchase in the fall of 2020 with America’s Great Loop specifically in mind.

ROUTE AND ITINERARY:

In early June 2022 Dave and Sonia departed their home slip on Dyer Creek in Whitestone, VA, on Virginia’s Northern Neck for an expedition expected to take one year. They would travel counterclockwise around America’s Great Loop, a mega adventure that began humbly enough—motoring north on the Bay and transiting the C&D Canal to Cape May, NJ. There, they slipped “outside” to the Atlantic Ocean before making their way inland to the Hudson River, the St. Lawrence Seaway, Lakes Erie and Ontario, and the Thousand Islands, which straddle the US-Canada border. The passage through the Trent-Severn Waterway, constructed between 1833 and 1920, brought the couple to the beautiful Georgian Bay and Lake Huron, the North Channel, and eventually back into the States.



The St. Louis Arch

Navigating Lake Michigan, they chose, for a couple of reasons, to head south along the western shore of the lake, hugging Wisconsin. Storms often build as they cross the lake west to east, but equally importantly, they wanted to stop in Green Bay, WI, and visit some of Sonia’s extended family. Dave and Sonia made their way through downtown Chicago and entered the river system, which carried them to the Gulf of Mexico and Florida. Instead of continuing to the Keys on the west coast, they crossed to the east coast through Lake Okeechobee and then down the ICW to the Keys for almost a month. Heading toward home, they took a side trip to the Bahamas from West Palm Beach. They returned home to the Bay in early June 2023, having earned their Golden Looper status for completing the entire Loop.

DID THEY SELL THEIR HOME AND BELONGINGS?:

While some Loopers choose to sell or rent their homes, Sonia and Dave did not. In fact, every two months they returned home for a two-week stint. Sonia explains, “We had family at home that we wanted to spend time with and who sometimes needed our help. This way, we didn’t miss special milestones, such as birthdays. The visits helped me feel more grounded and connected to our ‘regular’ life.”

ASTLES' GREAT LOOP ADVENTURE (cont).

BEST PART OF THE TRIP?

Dave: The whole thing! But if I had to narrow it down, I'd say Georgian Bay.

Sonia: Completing the Loop was the adventure of a lifetime, and the whole thing was beyond words. A few things that stand out in my mind are the wonderful people we met, the friendships we formed, waking up every day to a new adventure, the little towns in Canada that were all unique, and the natural elements: the flowers, the wildlife, the clear beautiful water.

BUDDY BOATING:

Dave: You can be with another boat for several days, and then one of you might take a side trip and you split up, but you notice that you keep bumping into the same boats. You form relationships with the other boaters doing the Loop. The America's Great Loop Cruisers Association (AGLCA) boaters are the politest boaters you will come across. They really look out for one another. We found other Loopers by looking for the AGLCA burgee and using the Nebo app, which tracks movements of other boats. We jokingly referred to it as the Great Loop stalking app!

Crew Lounge with buddy boat True North, an Aspen C120 with a Herrington Harbour North home marina, in a lock in Canada - tight fit!

Sonia: One of the best parts of the adventure is meeting all the people. Buddy boats help you feel safe. They understand the kinds of problems you run into and know how to help. Afterward you either keep in contact or have fond memories of them. For us, in September, just three months after completing the Loop, we traveled to England with six other people from three boats that we had met on the Loop and chartered Narrow Boats on the English canals. We also had several AGLCA boats cruising the Bay last season stop at our home dock.

THEY'RE NOT DONE YET!

In December, Dave and Sonia took Crew Lounge to the Exumas, a part of the Bahamas that they didn't get to during their loop. What is next? They're not sure, but they agree that they would enjoy returning to the Georgian Bay and perhaps Lake Champlain and the Rideau Canal in Canada.

On the bow the day we completed the Loop with our not-yet-complete white burgee and the gold burgee, which indicates we have completed the Loop.

ADVICE FOR THOSE CONSIDERING THE LOOP:

- If you have a feeling you might like it, just go do it! You won't regret it. It's spectacular-beyond words.
- AGLCA seminars are a nice way to learn what to expect. It may take several years of planning.
- When barge captains hail you with directions, listen. They'll tell you what they want you to do.
- Respect the weather and do your homework. Be ready to change your plans on a dime.
- Harbor Hosts will make themselves known. They are an amazing resource: don't be afraid to call.
- Consider if you'd like to anchor more or slip your boat at a marina. We stayed mostly in marinas because we wanted to get off the boat to exercise and walk. It was a good way to meet locals and shop locally, and it was a great way to meet other Loopers. Every evening we would all find one another and gather around 5 p.m.
- Consider how you will eat. We ate healthy, sit-down dinners. Provisioning was not difficult. Most of the time we were really only three days from a Walmart.
- You don't have to be retired. We met couples with one or both working online from their boat.
- Get creative with using your space. A freezer can double as a coffee table for more storage.
- AIS is really important. We were often with no cell service. Pay the nominal fee to be capable of both transmitting and receiving.



Prince William Yacht Club

PWYC Annual Dock Crawl

SATURDAY, MAY 11TH @ 6PM

Location:

Sea Ray Boulevard @ the Gates to Each Dock Head

**It's party time sponsored by PWYC
&
All PWM Slipholders**

Please check with your Dock Rep. for details.

**Won't you please participate with your favorite
beverage(s) – both mixed and straight up!
Snacks, hors d'oeuvres, finger foods, etc.
Setup begins by 5:30... Hope to see you there!**



Blessing of the Fleet

Saturday May 18, 2024

RAIN DATE MAY 19, 2024

12 - 2 P.M.

Blessing Boat Will Be Located at
Belmont Bay Harbor Marina Fuel Dock

Occoquan River Maritime Association proudly presents the
2024 Blessing of the Fleet.

This is a centuries-old tradition where receiving a blessing from the local Clergy was meant to ensure a safe and bountiful season.

This is a **FREE EVENT** for all area boaters!

Private, Commercial, Power, Sail, Big or Small!

Each boat will be blessed by Clergy as they pass the Blessing Boat located at Belmont Bay Marina Fuel Dock.

Boats must be registered to win FREE PRIZES!

LEARN MORE & ENTER TO WIN

www.facebook.com/ORMAblessing

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WE HOPE YOU CAN JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF
FOOD, FUN AND FRIENDSHIP

+- PWYC +-
PROGRESSIVE DINNER



WHEN: MAY 18, 2024 @ 5PM (SHARP)
WHERE: VARIOUS BOATS ON PWM DOCKS

CONTACT VICKY CARR TO RSVP AND W/ QUESTIONS

VICKYCARRHOME@GMAIL.COM

MUST RSVP NO LATER THAN APRIL 30

** SEE ALL DETAILS IN THE LIFELINE AND AT WWW.PWYC.ORG **



Prince William Yacht Club

2024 Memorial Day Weekend Cruise & Raft-Up

Mattawoman Creek

May 25th - 27th

Please join us for a fun weekend trip cruising a short trip to the Mattawoman Creek.

It's a great way to get the summer rolling while enjoying the holiday weekend with your friends!

Cruise Champions - Jason & Shannon Leydig

Please RSVP on the PWYC Website or send an email to rearcommodore@pwyc.org

Don't want to spend a weekend out? Come for the day!

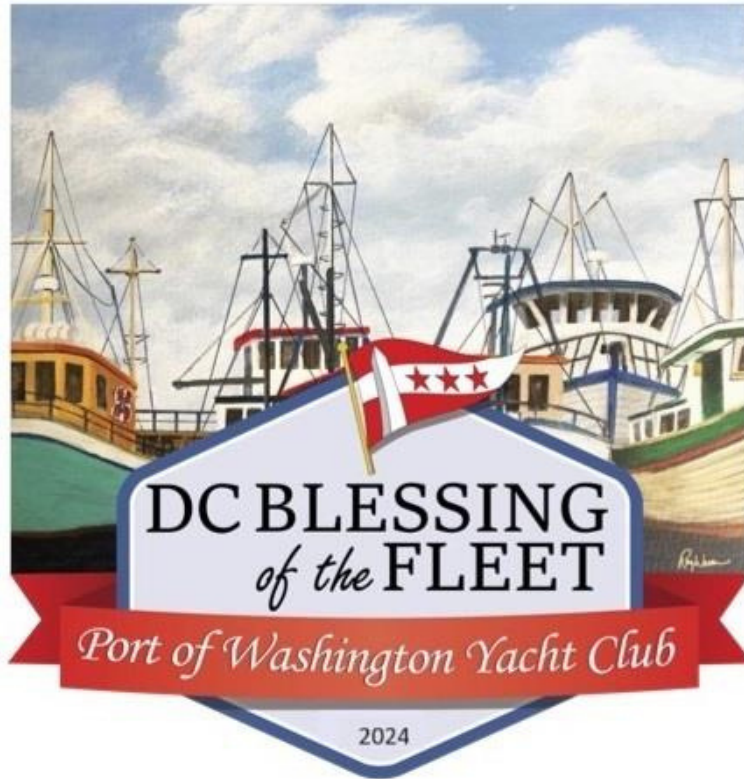
We can accomodate "Day Boaters" and any boaters that cannot stay all weekend!

Scan QR Code to register.
PWYC Login Required.



Hailing all boaters in the DC Area –
Make your 2024 boating season a blessed one.

Join area boaters in the DC Channel
for a parade past The Wharf 7th St Recreation Pier
to receive your blessing.



Saturday – May 18, 2024

The Wharf Waterfront 7 St Recreation Pier

CAPTAINS – Register at



Spectator Viewing on The Wharf 7th St Recreation Pier

11 AM – Program Begins with Guest Speakers

12 PM – Blessing of the Fleet Parade Commences

Contact cruising@powyc.org for additional information.



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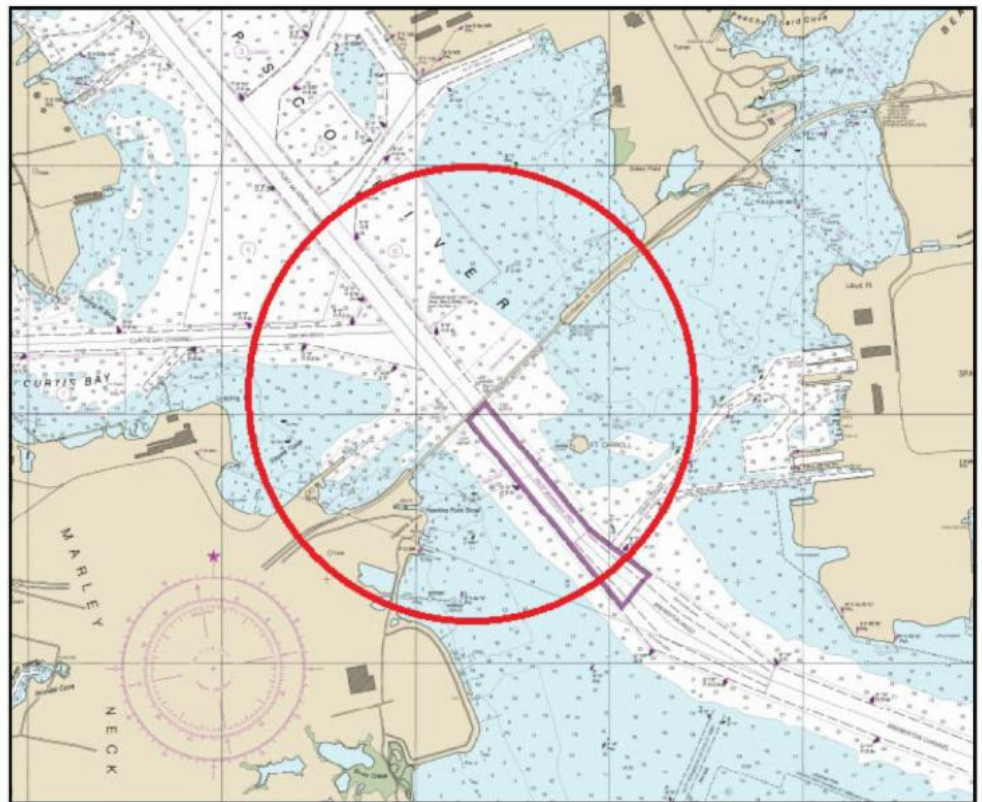
March 26, 2024

Port of Baltimore Safety Zone – Francis Scott Key Bridge Marine Casualty

Effective immediately a safety zone is established for all navigable waters of the Chesapeake Bay within a 2000-yard radius of the Francis Scott Key Bridge. The 948-foot Singapore-flagged vessel DALI struck the Francis Scott Key Bridge on March 26, 2024.

The safety zone is intended to protect personnel, vessels, and the marine environment in these navigable waters. No vessel or person will be permitted to enter the safety zone without obtaining permission from the COTP or a designated representative. The COTP is currently issuing a Broadcast Notice to Mariners (BNM) via VHF-FM marine channel 16. Mariners are requested to monitor the VHF channel 16 for the latest information.

You may not enter the safety zone described above unless authorized by the COTP or the COTP's designated representative. To seek permission to enter, contact the COTP or the COTP's representative by telephone at (410) 576-2525 or on Marine Band Radio VHF-FM channel 16 (156.8 MHz). Those in the safety zone must comply with all lawful orders or directions given to them by the COTP or the COTP's designated representative. The U.S. Coast Guard may be assisted in the patrol and enforcement of the safety zone by Federal, State, and local agencies.



If you have any questions regarding the contents of this bulletin, please contact the Command Center at (410) 576-2525, or via email at d05-smb-sectormd-ncr-ssc@uscg.mil.

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From: Boating United <boatingunited@nmma.org>

Date: April 2, 2024 at 10:25:50 AM EDT

Subject: Action Needed: Save Recreational Boating and Coastal Economies

We need your voice NOW [to stop the harmful speed restrictions](https://www.boatingunited.org/take-action/congress-protect-boaters-speed-restrictions/?eid=33450) and protect recreational boating.

ACT NOW

LINK TO ONLINE FORM TO SUBMIT (*easy to do- I just did!-vlc*):

<https://www.boatingunited.org/take-action/congress-protect-boaters-speed-restrictions/?eid=33450>

A proposed regulation that would decimate recreational boating and devastate coastal economies along the East Coast is making its way through the federal rulemaking process, and we need your help to stop it. The rule could become law at any moment – we must act NOW.

Tell Congress to Urge the Administration to Withdraw the Harmful Vessel Speed Restriction Rule

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) has proposed expanding its North Atlantic Right Whale Vessel Strike Reduction Rule **to limit the speed of recreational boats 35 ft. and greater to 10 knots (11 mph) in areas up to 90 miles offshore for a good portion of the year.** This would severely limit access to the Atlantic Ocean in the fall, winter and spring, putting lives at risk, as small boats cannot safely travel at these slow speeds in the open ocean. The rule was developed without any input from the recreational boating industry, which supports 812,000 jobs and 36,000 small businesses. The rule ignores existing and emerging technologies that could be deployed to reduce vessel strike risk and save marine mammals.

Make your voice heard – tell your members of Congress to write the Biden administration and urge them to withdraw this harmful rule. Instead of a blanket speed restriction, NOAA must engage with the industry to develop and implement balanced, technology-focused solutions to protect both marine life and the boating economy.

ACT NOW

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Boating United is the grassroots platform of the recreational boating industry. It is comprised of boating manufacturers, businesses and supporters who share the common goal of protecting and promoting the industry. Take action, learn about the issues, and more at [boatingunited.org](https://www.boatingunited.org).