Lifeline

Member Club Of: Chesapeake Bay Yacht Club Association (CBYCA) & Potomac River Yacht Club Association (PRYCA)

Welcome Spring!!!

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Less than two months to 2019 Opening Day!

2019 Change of Watch

A great time was had by all at this year’s COW! The evening started with being honored to have the USCG Honor Guard perform the presentation of colors, and included the swearing in of the 2019 Fleet Officers and Fleet Captains, presentation of the Steamboat Willy Award; along with great drinks, dinner and dancing.

And the award goes to .... The Steamboat Willy Award is at the same time unique, prestigious and dubious. It was taken home this year by Mike Manning, Captain of the Aquatini. The criteria for nominations are some humorous, wayward event that is contrary to good captainship, with no damage and no injuries...except to maybe the Captain’s pride. I personally was part of Captain Mike’s story, and thought it worthy of nomination. Here’s Captain Mike’s story....

It was the Sunday afternoon of our Pirates on the Hook weekend, and Robyn and I had returned to our slip, and were going about the usual routine of cleaning and buttoning up Buzzed Gobbler. I was on the bow tending to a few tasks when I saw a boat approaching the T on J dock. I noticed it was one of the boats that was at Pirates and recalled that the Captain did not have a 1st mate while at Pirates.

I shouted over asking the Captain if he needed some assistance docking. He waved me off, with his thanks. I continued with my chores and once more returned to the bow for another task or two when I noticed that the Captain was still attempting to dock. I shouted that I would be right there to assist.

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As I approached the J dock T, I found the boat was drifting away. I shouted for the Captain, which he responded to, but I could not see him. I walked back and forth on the T looking to see if the Captain was aboard, when I found him in the water on the end of the T. While shouting for some help from K dock, I attempted to assist the Captain out of the water to learn that he could only be lifted by 1 shoulder, due to recent surgery on the other. Struggling with one good arm, the Captain quickly devised a method by using one of the secured J dock ropes as a step while I lifted him with the rope.

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In the spirit of the PWYC and PWM community help quickly arrived, and our focus turned to securing the Captain’s drifting boat. With nothing on hand to grapple the boat, Skip Jones dove into the water and boarded the boat where we secured it to the T. Who said pump-out couldn’t be exciting?

I concluded the evening’s program with the following remarks, which I thought I would share with you.

The PWYC is our organization and it is up to all of us to make it inclusive and great. While our Fleet Officers, Captains, Dock Reps and volunteers work hard throughout the year so that we can enjoy a season full of activities and good times, it takes all of us to represent what is great about the PWYC family. So, I challenge everyone here to encourage your dock mates to participate in our events, bring their ideas and energy to our organization. Let’s see more of our family at our events this year.

By now you probably have seen our calendar of events (posted on our website). There are a number of new destinations and events this year. There are day trips, weekend trips and a bay trip. Also, we will be promoting Birds of a Feather activities where members can advertise an idea for a last-minute raft up or other activity.

Pirates Night On The Hook will be special this year – it is the 10th anniversary of this event and we want to celebrate the longstanding tradition which it has become. You may have noticed that we are extending a special invitation to our day boater members. To encourage those members of our family to join us, we will start the event earlier and will have a section of the raft up dedicated to boats that wish to return home before sunset. We are hoping this will make PN bigger and better than ever.

In closing, it’s all about having fun, enjoying time with friends and family on the beautiful Potomac and Chesapeake and practicing safe boating. And all we need is the weather to cooperate!

McHarg Great Loop Update

WARNING...You will be jealous reading this update! The McHarg’s are now experiencing warm, beautiful Florida weather, while we enjoy a beautiful, snowy, rainy mid-Atlantic winter! Last report from Captain McHarg had the Eagle One heading towards Marco Island along the Gulf Coast of Southern Florida.
What an awesome Change of Watch! If you didn’t have a great time it was because you weren’t there!

It takes a ton of folks to pull together an event like the CoW. Many thanks to Chris McCalla and Steve Harrison for performing emcee duties. Robyn Gastens gave a moving invocation. Hats off to Sherry Samar and Una Murphy for all their help setting up the event. There were many more folks who helped plan and execute the CoW, however, there are two people we definitely need to recognize: Denise Guess-Parsons and Sherri Connolly. The Change of Watch would not have happened without the efforts of Denise and Sherri. And if that wasn’t enough, the next week Denise pulled off a wonderful Prince William Marina employee appreciation dinner (complete with an Irish theme in honor of the upcoming St Patrick’s Day). Well done!

Here’s the list of our dock reps for this year. Please make sure you thank them for volunteering and help them coordinate PWYC events.

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<td>B</td>
<td>Pam Cressey</td>
<td>At Last</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>C</td>
<td>Tom &amp; Becky Parne</td>
<td>Common Sense</td>
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<td>D</td>
<td>Jason &amp; Kris Blanchette*</td>
<td>Lucky Paws</td>
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<td>E</td>
<td>Harold &amp; Lisa Jenkinson</td>
<td>April Fools</td>
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<td>F</td>
<td>Scott &amp; Denise Parsons</td>
<td>Finally Got It Right</td>
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<td>G</td>
<td>Ralph &amp; Pat Ocasio*</td>
<td>Seas The Moment</td>
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<tr>
<td>H</td>
<td>Laurie Ryan</td>
<td>Ryan’s Hope</td>
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<td>I</td>
<td>Lou Ward</td>
<td>Perfect Timing</td>
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<td>J</td>
<td>Sheldon &amp; Beth Lu*</td>
<td>Taiwan-On</td>
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<tr>
<td>K</td>
<td>Steve &amp; Kim Harrison*</td>
<td>Cool Runnings</td>
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The folks with an asterisk by their name are new dock representatives.

Please take the opportunity to thank our past dock reps: Eric & Teresa Vaughn, Debbie Eatherly, and Mark & Stacy Schumacher. We appreciate everything they’ve done to promote PWYC.

Opening day is 20 April! Please mark your calendars. Your PWYC Board of Directors has planned a full day of activities. You might as well plan on being at the marina for the entire day. It’s going to be mega-cool (by “cool,” I mean it’s going to “rock.” Let’s hope the temperature and the rest of the weather cooperates. Start getting psyched-up and watch for information on all of the events!!! I certainly hope that everybody is ready to burn their winter socks after we raise the Colors!

We’re still looking for champions for the Pig Roast or Crab Feast. The Pig Roast is scheduled for 27 July and the Crab Feast is 7 September. These are two of the biggest events for the club and they help define who we are. If you’re willing to step-up-to-the-plate for either event, please contact Denise Guess-Parsons or Sherri Connolly.

PWYC members are trying to make the most of the cold weather and our boats being locked up:

Here’s a picture of the Brunch Bunch’s get-together on 10 February.

It got a little cold during the first weeks of February. Even the geese had issues. The picture below demands captions:

“Something just ain’t right with this!”
“I told you we should have gone further south this winter!”
“Bubblers…we don’t need no stinkin’ bubblers!”
“I’m a big goose in a little pond!”
“So this is what Carlton does to us when we off-load on his docks!”

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“Maybe we should walk to Florida?!”
Even the boats had issues:

“Finally Got It Right” on F Dock is not enjoying the ice.

So who isn’t looking forward to Spring?

See you on the water (when it isn’t solid),

Mike Connolly  
Vice Commodore  
*Summer Daze, D-9*
GET UNDERWAY: “KNOW THE ROPES”

“...to promote safe, enjoyable, and responsible boating activities” PWYC Bylaws, Article II

Now is the time to start thinking about 2019 boating! Now’s a good time to:

1. **Check** all safety equipment & dock lines.

2. **Sign up** (by calling PWM) for the **US Coast Guard Safety Course** at PWM (April 23 or May 11), if you haven’t taken before or want a refresher.

3. **Sign up** as soon as signup sheets are available in Blue Bathhouse (~ 2 weeks prior) for a time-slot for (free!) **US Coast Guard Auxiliary Vessel Safety Check** (Safety Check dates: April 13, May 11).

4. Then **Sign up** for any/all of the 2019 PWYC cruises!

**Cast-off! Get underway**!

What’s more American than “Baseball, Hot Dogs, and Apple Pie”? What’s more Great Boating than “Baseball, Hot Dogs, and Cherry Pie”? We bring you ALL these this month!

- Baseball – Nats Game Cruise
- Hot Dogs – Practical Boating Seminar
- Cherry On Top – Cherry Blossom Cruise

**HOT DOG** (slang) – one who performs showy, dangerous stunts
Don’t be one on the water!

2018 was this you?: “Row, row, row your boat, gently down the stream; merrily, merrily, merrily, merrily, I can make you scream.”

In 2019: **KNOW THE ROPES**!

Be less anxious on the water. Learn practical boating tips from veteran PWYC captains

Sign up for the **Practical Boating Seminars**.

Five 1/2 hour seminars taught in a single morning. So you don’t have to learn the hard way. We’ll talk about everything we wish we had known when we first started boating.

THIS DOES NOT REPLACE THE USCG BOATING CLASS! See flyer for details.

**CHERRY PIE**: Well, Cherry Blossoms!

Our 1st cruise for 2019 is the **Cherry Blossom Cruise**. Celebrate the arrival of Spring (and start of boating season!) Join our flotilla upriver to the Tidal Basin to view the nation’s monuments set in a magical backdrop of unforgettable sea of pink and white.

Tom Payne, professional photographer, will be available to take photos of your boat amidst the blossoms.

Since peak bloom is unpredictable, the cruise is listed as one of two dates (TBD).

See flyer for details and sign up early for updates.

**BASEBALL**: Roll, Pitch, and Yaw-hoo! Boatgating – a new American tradition!

Join PWYC for a fun mix of baseball & boating on the **Nationals Ballgame Cruise**. Travel (by boat or car) to the Yards Marina by Nationals Park for a Saturday afternoon game. Lou Ward leads the cruise and has a limited number of tickets (50), which go fast. Must be paid for by Opening Day (April 20). See flyer for details.

**SNAG-A-SLIP**: This is a public service announcement. Don’t forget to snag yours for ALL 2019 cruises (full list to the left). Limited number of slips per trip. Email rearcommodore@pwyc.org to sign-up AND call the marina to snag a slip (marina contact info/prices/cancellation policies on pwyc website or I can email them to you). See enclosed flyer for 2019 marina contact info/prices/cancellation policies (page 7).

“**A ship is safe at harbor, but that’s not what ships are for.**” Rear Admiral Grace Murray Hopper

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Rear Commodore, Vicky Carr
rearcommodore@pwyc.org

**2019 PWYC On-Water Events**

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<tr>
<th>FEB 9: Night Boating Seminar</th>
<th>MAR 30-31: Cherry Blossom Cruise With Optional Alexandria destination (Alternate date: APR 6-7)</th>
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<td>MAY 4: On-Water Raft Up On T (12:00-3:00pm)</td>
<td>MAY 11: Spring Raft Up At Mattawoman Creek MAY 18: Blessing of the Fleet, Boat Photoshoot, Lunch</td>
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<td>MAY 25-27: Memorial Day Cruise To DC Wharf JUN 1: Night Boating Practice Trip (date to be confirmed)</td>
<td>JUN 8: Patriots Cruise and Salute JUN 15-16: Father’s Day Cruise to Colonial Beach</td>
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<td>JUN 23: Gals at the Helm (date to be confirmed)</td>
<td>JUL 3-4: Fireworks Cruise To Alexandria/National Harbor</td>
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<td>JUL 12-21: Southern Bay Cruise: Cape Charles, Portsmouth, Yorktown, Tides Inn Resort &amp; Marina JUL 27: Day Cruise To Alexandria AUG 3-4: Coles Point Cruise (PWM-sponsored) AUG 9-12: Commodores Cruise To Tides Inn Resort and Marina AUG 31-SEP 2: Labor Day Cruise To White Point SEP 21-22: Pirate’s Night on the Hook (With a Special Invitation For Day Boaters) SEP 28-29: National Harbor Cruise: Oyster and Wine Festival OCT 12-14: Solomons Island Cruise With Optional Annapolis Destination</td>
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Vicky Carr
Rear Commodore
CarRUISIN, H-40
# 2019 Marina Prices

If you use Snag-a-Slip for reservation, note in the Comments section that you will be with the Prince William Yacht Club group, or mention when you call. Also send email to 'rearcommodore@pwycc.com' for confirmation.

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<th>DATES</th>
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<th>RSVP another way</th>
<th>DATE you reserved slip</th>
<th>$ OF SLIPS &quot;HELD&quot;</th>
<th>$ PER NITE</th>
<th>ELECTRIC (per night)</th>
<th>CANCELLATION POLICY</th>
<th>GAS / DIESEL</th>
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<td>Yards Marina</td>
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<td>YES</td>
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<td>not needed</td>
<td>$2/ft</td>
<td>$10</td>
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<td>15</td>
<td>$2/ft</td>
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<td>Alexandria City Marina</td>
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<td>10$ Max 4/night</td>
<td>$2.50</td>
<td>$20 up to 4 hrs</td>
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<td>1 night minimum total weekend; 2 nights if you leave day after, 3 days if you leave day before; 5 nights if you leave anytime</td>
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<td>Coles Point</td>
<td>804-472-4011</td>
<td>AUG 3</td>
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<td>Tides Inn</td>
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<td>$100</td>
<td>$1.95/ft plus $15</td>
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<td>Required 1 night deposit; cancellations within 7 days of arrival result in loss of deposit</td>
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<td>2 night minimum for special events weekend</td>
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| SOUTHERN BAY TRIP               |              |             |                     |                  |                        |                  |           |                     |                     |              |                                  |
| White Point                     | 804-472-2977 | Fri, JUL 12 | NO                  |                  |                        |                  |           |                     |                     |              | didn’t need credit card           |
| Cape Charles Town Harbor        | 757-331-2357 | Sat 7/13-7/14 | NO                  |                  |                        |                  |           |                     |                     |              | didn’t need credit card           |
| Tidewater Yacht Marina          | 757-331-3510 | Mon 7/15-7/16 | NO                  |                  |                        |                  |           |                     |                     |              | didn’t need credit card           |
| York River Yacht Haven          | 804-542-2156 | Weds 7/17-7/18 | NO                  |                  |                        |                  |           |                     |                     |              | didn’t need credit card           |
Congratulations to Tim and Barbara Abel, ADVENTURESS, the big winners of the “Get Your Dues Back” drawing held at the PWM Slipholders party on February 3rd.

Please help me welcome new and renewing Prince William Yacht Club Members (between January 20, 2019 – February 20, 2019 - any membership payments received after this date will be listed in the April Lifeline)**:

- Randy & Terry Becker, Time 4 Recess, L-04
- Brent and Elaine Bogar, Coco’s Crew, Boatel
- Roberto and Yenis Claros, Marisol, I-11
- Jay and Jennifer Conley, Boatel
- Kathy Cordelli and Justin Cordelli
- Pam Cress ey & Gene Smith, At Last, B-21
- Mark & Chris Anne Evans, Boatel
- Bob and Jennifer Fertig, Knot Anchored, Colonial Beach Yacht Club
- Dave and Cheryl Gavitt, grabakoozy, K-28
- Richard and Janet Greene, Beats Workin, C-15
- David Hahn and Melinda Smith, Boatel
- Skip & Kris Jones, Truly Blessed III, I-29
- Jim and Judy Khoury, Judy Blue Eyes II, K-20
- Bob and Margaret Kirby, It’s 5 O’Clock Somewhere, I-22
- Joey & Kathy Legaspi, Monterey Bay, Boatel
- Durel and Alesia Lewis, Oneca, F-13
- Mike & Nicole Manning, Aquatini, E-15
- Pete and Michele Maravas, F-Dock
- Ed and Christine Mason, American Spirit, I-27
- Fred and Valerie Mihalo, My Halo, H-38
- John and April Moore, Boatel
- Tom and Rebecca Payne, Common Sense, C-12
- Mike & Debra Ferrelia, Boatel
- Tim and Tammy Pierce, F-09
- Kevin & Ann Rychlik, Coffee Break, G-30
- Fred & Claudia Sanborn, Just Relaxing, E-13
- Phil and Heidi Schoepflin, Boatel
- Mark and Mary Lou Sikorski, Shellback Too, E-10
- Michael Stauber and Laura Kibby, Knot Guilty, F-14
- Terry and Prudy Stefanik, Harvest Moon, K-06
- James Thomas, Sweet Indulgence, H-15
- Bill & Liliana Torres, Liliana, I-31
- Dave & Kathy Weekman, Slip Away, K-Dock
- Paul and Mary Ellen Wetmore, Boatel
- Mark and Linda Williams, Brizo, K-Dock

** If you have already renewed your membership and don’t see your name here, you may have been recognized in a previous issue of Lifeline. If you are not sure if you’ve renewed yet, email

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Ship’s Manifest

Make payments via PayPal at pwyc.org
(click on “Payments”)

OR
Send a $75.00 check made payable to: PWYC to
PWYC Membership Committee
c/o Prince William Marina
12849 Gordon Boulevard
Woodbridge, VA 22192-3240

Members who HAVE NOT RENEWED by March 23rd will be “de-activated” and will no longer have access to the members-only portion of the website or database (until you renew your membership). In addition, if you haven’t paid your dues by then your name and information will NOT be included in the 2019 PWYC Membership Directory! You can still renew your membership after that date but you won’t be in the printed directory. Please try to get your renewal in before the deadline!

ALSO, a reminder that DUES ARE INCREASING! Beginning opening day (April 20, 2019), PWYC membership dues will increase to $100 a year.

Finally, you will find a copy of the PWYC Membership Application in this issue of Lifeline. If you have any changes to your profile, fill it out and send it back via email or US mail or you can update your profile yourself at www.pwyc.org.

The information in the 2018 PWYC Directory will come from your online profile, so make sure your information is correct!

Membership Chair
Una Murphy
membership@pwyc.org
MEMBERSHIP DUES: $75.00

Last Name (Captain) ____________________________
First Name (Captain) ____________________________
Last Name (Co-Captain) ____________________________
First Name (Co-Captain) ____________________________
Address ____________________________
City ____________________________
State ____________________________
Postal Code ____________________________

Home Phone (Captain) ____________________________
Home Phone (Co-Captain) ____________________________
Work Phone (Captain) ____________________________
Work Phone (Co-Captain) ____________________________
Cell Phone (Captain) ____________________________
Cell Phone (Co-Captain) ____________________________
E-mail Address (Captain) ____________________________
E-mail Address (Co-Captain) ____________________________

Boat Name ____________________________
Dock ____________________________
Slip Number ____________________________

PAY ONLINE AT PWYC.ORG OR
Make Check Payable To: PWYC

New/Renewal Membership: $75.00

Return to:

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

E-mail: membership@pwyc.org
Bob Schwartz, Safety Officer
safety@pwyc.org

Boating Safety Dates:

**MARCH**
- 23 USCG Auxiliary Boating Safety Course (PWM)

**APRIL**
- 13 USCG Vessel Safety Checks

**MAY**
- 11 USCG Auxiliary Boating Safety Course (PWM)
- 11 USCG Vessel Safety Checks

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**A Good Captain/A Good Captain Gives Good Directions**

The Bridge has scheduled many on water activities for the coming season. In all likelihood, these events will require vessel captains to issue directions to crew members. In all likelihood also, some of the events planned or at least some part of the events planned are “first-timers” for many captains.

For the purposes of this piece, the term captain (with a small c) is an honorific term used to identify whoever is in charge of whichever boat. It is not to be confused with Captain (with a large C). Large C Captains have been licensed by an agency such as the Coast Guard upon completing exhaustive course work ending in certification exams.

Here are the sources used for this piece:

- [https://www.getmyboat.com/resources/tips-for-romantic-gifts-communicating-while-boating/](https://www.getmyboat.com/resources/tips-for-romantic-gifts-communicating-while-boating/)
- [http://currents.bluewatercruising.org/articles/effective-communication-board](http://currents.bluewatercruising.org/articles/effective-communication-board)
- [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1g1VheCyjg](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1g1VheCyjg)
- [https://fourstrainer.com/2014/08/active-listening-vs-passive-listening](https://fourstrainer.com/2014/08/active-listening-vs-passive-listening)

**A Good Captain**

Having great boat handling skills alone does not make a good captain. Good captains are good managers, have a stable nature, the ability to admit mistakes, are comfortable in their own skin, and are always learning. They avoid criticizing crew members and provide guidance for improvement.

Good captains listen to the way their stomach feels. They pay attention to weird feelings and act accordingly. They also understand that stretching their abilities is not the same as being reckless.

**A Good Captain Gives Good Directions**

Another thing a good captain does is give good directions to crew member(s). The suspicion is that there will be a lot of captain to crew direction giving during the many PWYC on water activities.

Giving good directions is not easy. A review of the above sources allows for the following things needed to provide clear directions:

1. Good captains come onto their vessel prepared. Everything they need for the end operation is ready to go before it is needed. Good captains do not direct their crew to climb around swim platforms and look through transom lockers at the last moment to remove lines and readers.
2. Good captains use words that leave no room for interpretation or confusion. There has to be a correlation between what the captain is thinking about and what the crew member is thinking about. Good captains use words in a consistent way. The first requirement for communication is a set of messages that are used consistently.
3. Good captains present directions in an organized and logical manner. They go slow, think, and stress key words. They eliminate unnecessary words and steps. Good captains give directions in positive statement form, not in the form of a question.
4. Good captains do not omit important information when they give directions. If directions have multiple steps, they consider having crew members follow them one or a few steps at a time, rather than all at once.

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5. Whenever possible good captains provide time for the crew to run through the steps to raft up, dock, anchor, etc. beforehand in order to prepare them for the real thing. Good captains understand that perfect practice makes for perfect performance.

6. Good captains have the ability to lower everyone’s stress level up to and during crunch time. They do not want emotions to start running high and possibly get out of hand.

7. Good captains are brief and to the point. They avoid verbal fillers. They do not ramble on about topics that have nothing to do with the subject at hand. Good captains understand that using the proper nautical word at the right time allows for briefness. However, good captains also understand that they must use crew friendly language. They make sure that the directions are comprehensible given the abilities of the crew member.

8. Good captains understand the other person’s situation or point of view. This means no yelling or screaming unless it is a dire emergency. Good captains have good touchy-feely people skills. They have positive body language. They know that people react to verbal and non-verbal cues.

9. Good captains allow for two-way communication by having the crew member repeat what she/he just said. Two-way communication enables the captain to comprehend whether or not the crew member has received and understood the request. Good captains work to get herself/himself on the same page as the crew. If the feedback is not what the captain wants, she/he must repeat the direction or clarify the direction.

10. Good captains force the crew to listen to what she/he is saying. She/he knows that only part of the direction may be received if the crew is not focused on what the captain is saying. Hearing is picking up sounds. Active listening as opposed to passive listening, gets a crew member inside the head of the captain. Crew members understand what to do from the point of view of the captain. They accept what is being said and take responsibility for following through on what the captain intends to be done.
Public Education Course Flyer: About Boating Safely

This beginner boating class will give you the knowledge needed to obtain a boat license or safety certification in many states. Many boat insurance companies will offer discounts on boating insurance to boaters who successfully complete About Boating Safely.

TOPICS INCLUDE:

Introduction to Boating - Types of power boats; sailboats; outboards; paddle boats; houseboats; different uses of boats; various power boating engines; jet drives; family boating basics.

Boating Law - Boat registration; boating regulation; hull identification number; required boat safety equipment; operating safely and reporting accidents; protecting the marine environment; Federal boat law; state boating laws; personal watercraft requirements.

Boat Safety Equipment - Personal flotation devices (‘life jackets’); fire extinguishers; sound-producing devices; visual-distress signals; dock lines and rope; first aid kit; anchors and anchor lines; other boating safety equipment. About Boating Safely

Safe Boating - Bow riding; alcohol and drug abuse; entering, loading, and trimming a boat; fueling portable and permanent tanks; steering with a tiller and a wheel; docking, undocking and mooring; knots; filing a float plan; checking equipment, fuel, weather and tides; using charts; choosing and using an anchor; safe PWC handling; general water safety.

Navigation - The U.S. Aids to Navigation system; types of buoys and beacons; navigation rules (sometimes referred to as right-of-way rules); avoiding collisions; sound signals; PWC "tunnel vision."

Boating Problems - Hypothermia; boating accidents and rescues; man overboard recovery; capsizing; running aground; river hazards; strikers: emergency radio calls; engine problems; equipment failures; carbon monoxide (CO); other boating and PWC problems.

Trailer, Storing and Protecting Your Boat - Types of trailers; trailer brakes, lights, hitches, tires, and bearings; loading, balancing, and towing a trailer; towing (and backing) a trailer; boat launching and retrieving; boat storage and theft protection; launching, retrieving and storing a PWC.

Hunting and Fishing, Water-skiing and River Boating - Carrying hunting gear and weapons in a boat; fishing from a boat; waterskiing safety guidelines and hand signals; water-skiing with a PWC; navigating rivers, and other boating tips.

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Occoquan - Fairfax, VA

Course: About Boating Safely
Date: Sat. 23 March 2019
Or
Date: Sat. 11 May 2019
Hours: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM
Duration: 8 Hours
Location: Prince William Marina
12849 Gordon Blvd.
Woodbridge, VA 22192
Contact: Kiara Perry
kperry@pwmarina.com
(703) 494-6611
Cost: $35
Comment: All course materials provided

Remember
To Operate a Motorboat In Virginia
You must complete a Boating Safety Course by July 1, 2016 - All Ages!

To Operate Personal Watercraft
A Boating Safety Course is required for all ages to operate
Cherry Blossom Cruise & Photo Shoot
Prince William Yacht Club

March 30-31, 2019 or April 6-7, 2019
Saturday and Sunday

Kick off the 2019 boating season by joining us on the annual Cherry Blossom Cruise and Photo Shoot!! Bring family and friends on this PWYC cruise up the Potomac River, to the tidal basin in Washington, DC.

Join the PWYC flotilla (following a lead boat) or travel on your own.

Have professional photographs taken of your boat and crew in front of the Washington Monument.

You might wish to reserve a slip, spend the afternoon and overnight at the Alexandria Marina.

Two weekend dates have been set aside for the cruise. Final selection of the date will depend upon weather conditions and peak bloom dates of the cherry blossoms.

CONTACT: Rear Commodore • Vicky Carr • rearcommodore@pwyc.org
Cherry Blossom
Photo Shoot Guidelines

March 30, 2019 or April 6, 2019

Photo Shoot: 12:00 - 2:00 p.m.

PHOTGRAPHER: Tom Payne (Payne Relief Artworx)
PHOTO BOAT: Sundancer 330
HAILING CHANNEL: 68
CELL PHONE: 410-458-0991

Navigation Guidelines
After passing under the 14th street bridge spans:
- locate and hail photo boat, “Common Sense” on Channel 68 (blue-hulled Sundancer 330).
- follow the approximate float path marked in yellow on the diagram.
- steer toward the Tidal Basin.
- close to shore, turn north and proceed slowly between the photo boat and the cherry trees.
- watch depth and avoid obstructions.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:
The yellow dot marks the location of the Photo Boat (Common Sense). The yellow oval marks the Photo Zone in which photos will be taken. The photographer will take several photos of your boat, to include the blossoms and the Washington Monument in the background. If you want a photo showing your boat name, stop at some point and rotate your boat, to make the name visible to the camera. Resume your pass. If another boat enters the Photo Zone while you are passing, slow down until they pass so they don’t “photo bomb” your pictures.

If there is rain, snow, or high winds, the shoot will be cancelled. Also, be prepared with all appropriate documentation should the Coast Guard decide to board your vessel.

The charge for 3 high resolution photographs is $25. Photographs of your boat will be emailed to you upon receipt of payment. Custom 8” x 10” prints with mats (suitable for framing) can be ordered and shipped for an additional cost of $15 per print. Contact Tom Payne (Payne Relief Artworx) at: 410-458-0991 or email: strumdrummer@yahoo.com
Do you have a boat at Prince William Marina? Want to be less anxious on the water?

Learn practical boating tips from veteran PWYC captains

PRACTICAL BOATING SEMINARS

Offered by Prince William Yacht Club (PWYC)

Sat, April 13, 8:00am-noon, Blue Bathhouse

FREE! to PWYC members (Not a PWYC member? You can join for $75/year if you sign up prior to 20 April 2019.)

THIS DOES NOT REPLACE THE USCG BOATING CLASS

So you don’t have to learn the hard way! We’ll discuss everything we wish we had known before we started boating on the Potomac River!

SIX ½ hour seminars taught in a single morning at the Blue Bathhouse by five PWYC captains

SEMINARS:
8 am: Gather/Group Address
8:30-9am: Knots
9-9:30am: Boat Handling: Float Plans, Line Handling, Docking Tips, How to Anchor, Potomac River Traveling Tips
9:30-10 am: Weather & Tides
10-10:15am: Break/Switch Classes
10:15-10:45am: GPS/Radar
10:45am-11am: Break to Switch Classes
11-11:30am: How to Raft Up
11:30am-noon: Storm & Bay Travel

[TABLE]: Maintenance Checklists (each trip, monthly, annually), Emergency Spare Parts Kit

To REGISTER, email rearcommodore@pwyc.org and list which seminars you’d like to attend.
Annual PWYC Baseball Game & Cruise

The Weekend of April 27 and 28

Join us for a day at Nationals Park as the Washington Nationals play the San Diego Padres! First Pitch is 4:05 PM on Saturday April 27.

- Cruise to The Yards Marina near Nationals Park, or travel by car/Metro. Anyone traveling by boat should make arrangements for an overnight slip directly with The Yards Marina, at Phone 202-484-0309. Web site: yardsmarina.com, or use Snap a Slip (link is on the Yards Marina web site).

- The Yards Marina is a short walk from Nationals Park and nearby restaurants.

- Pot luck breakfast on the dock on Sunday morning, weather permitting.

- Tickets cost $56.00 each (Discounted from $80.00 per ticket). Seating is in Section 111, Baseline Reserved Lower Level.

- We only have 50 seats reserved in this section, so sign up early! RSVP via email to the4wards@cox.net.

- Tickets must be paid for by Opening Day April 20th.

Optionally, you can choose another marina such as Gangplank, and ride Metro one stop to the game. For questions about the Nationals game and cruise, contact Lou Ward at the4wards@cox.net.
Finally Got It Right, F6

Monthly publications of Prince William Yacht Club
All articles, photographs, and announcements must be received by the 20th of each month
Submit via email to: densieguess77@gmail.com