

# *Yacht Clubs of Maryland's Bay Breeze*

June 2010

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If your club is not already a member of Yacht Clubs of Maryland, we would love to have you join us.  
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## **Commodore's Report**

By: *Commodore Dan Miller*  
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Congratulations to our new Queen of the Chesapeake, **Queen Caitlin Campbell** of Middle River Yacht Club. This year's pageant, as usual, was tough on the judges as all the Princesses did an excellent job. Please see the attached announcement.

The openings are moving along with only a hand full to go and as mentioned before they have been a great time to enjoy the hospitality of our fellow clubs. With that said there has been much discussion lately on better coordination between the member club opening dates & start-times so that they can be enjoyed in a much more relaxed and safer manner. Some clubs have agreed to consider some adjustment for next season and hopefully others will join in to make this a win-win campaign. If there is more time to get to your opening then it means more guests will attend your opening. More time to get to the next opening mean more guests will stay a little longer to enjoy your hospitality. It is that simple.

Our "four by five hundred" raffle is off to a great start. A couple of clubs have already turned in their tickets. The drawing will be held at our annual Christmas Party at Laurel Park Race Track. Galloway Yacht Club was the first to return their share of tickets followed by Riverside Yacht Club. This year we have a gift for the club that returns the most tickets. In case of a tie, the first club to return the most tickets will win the honor and the prize. Just like the Discovery Channel TV series "Deadliest Catch" please see the attached official "YCM Crab 4 x 500 Ticket Count". If you wish to take part in this raffle please contact your Commodore or contact a YCM officer. If more tickets are needed please contact me. Thank you for your support and good luck.

An upcoming YCM event needs your consideration so don't wait for the "club" over the head to get started on gathering your "FOUR"-some. That's right, the 6<sup>th</sup> annual YCM golf outing is around the corner, so let's get together and start swinging away at lining up for the August 30, 2010 YCM Golf Outing. This will be the second YCM golf outing for me as Commodore because this season we are playing in August instead of October. Maybe this year I can swing a club once with each group and call it the "Commodore handicap". Believe me; I can swing a camera much better than a club.

Yacht Clubs of Maryland is looking for a few good P/Cs. That's right, we need your help and this is the time of the year that we ask those that wish to join our ranks and become YCM officers and/or Board Members for the good of the club. Our nominating committee is actively seeking volunteers. Our club, is your club, times the number of member clubs. We are the means for interaction and we need you to help us carry on that mission.

There is an update on the Eastern Yacht Club 2009 "Parrot-Napping" later in this newsletter. Please review and if you know anything that will help in the investigation or return of Polly the Parrot, please contact the proper authorities.

Don't forget to check out the other articles in this newsletter and our website to find out what else is going on in our club and the member clubs around our bay. I will see you soon at one of the upcoming event or an upcoming meeting.

Stay safe.

P.S. Please note my email address has changed to [danandbonnie2@verizon.net](mailto:danandbonnie2@verizon.net)

## Vice Commodore's Report

By: *V/C Charlie Downs*  
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Our June meeting will be held on June 30<sup>th</sup>. It is a **Board Meeting** and will be held at **Sue Haven Yacht Club**. The meeting will start at 7PM.

Our July meeting will be held on July 28<sup>th</sup>. It is a **General Membership** and will be held at **Kent Island Yacht Club**. Dinner will be served at 6 PM. And the meeting will start at 7PM.

The menu for dinner is Chicken Parmesean, Pasta bar ( 2 pastas, 2 sauces ), salad, rolls & butter, desert, coffee, tea & iced tea. The cost is \$ 15.25 per person.

Please contact me to make a dinner reservation. The cutoff date for reservations is July 23, 2010.

**The next Newsletter Deadline is July 12th.** As always, all member clubs and guest writers from our yachting community are welcome to provide articles. Please send articles to Editor Charlie Downs at [chardow@aol.com](mailto:chardow@aol.com)

## Rear Commodore's Report

By: *R/C Steve Rockel*  
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If you know of a club which is not a member of YCM but wishes to join, please let me know so I may contact them.

## Boating, Waterways, and the Environment

By: *Legislative Affairs Officer Cliff Katzin*

Hello Everyone,

“June is Bustin Out All Over!” Here’s hoping you’ve been out on the water already. Nothing rejuvenates a boater’s spirit more than running out on the “Open Water.” Especially if it’s

been more than a year since you’ve been out there! You don’t get the same thrill riding down I- 95 in a “Land Cruiser!”

The month of May started out slowly, legislatively speaking. However, by the second week of the month, things started to happen. On May 11<sup>th</sup>, “The Chesapeake Bay Foundation announced the “Settlement” of its suit against the Environmental Protection Agency for its failure in Bay Clean-Up efforts. That “Suite” was put on “hold” while the EPA developed a “restoration strategy.” “Bay Foundation president Will Baker predicted that the “Settlement” would lead to pollution reduction in the Bay. If not, he warned, they would be back in Court.

One day later, the Environmental Protection Agency announced “Sweeping Actions” to be taken. The strategy developed under President Obama’s “Executive Order of May 2009, promised that the Federal Government would dedicate “unprecedented” resources to target actions where they would have the greatest impact. These actions would see the Federal Government and its facilities lead by example in “environmental stewardship.” Support would be given to local government and volunteer clean up efforts. The Federal Government would mark milestones reached every two years, mirroring the example of the six Bay States and the District of Columbia.

The Environmental Protection Agency would;  
establish a “Maximum Daily Load (of pollutants) for the Bay and it’s tributaries  
Expand regulations for animal, agricultural, and storm water run-off  
Increase enforcement activities and the funding of state regulatory programs

The United States Department of Agriculture will;  
Provide farmers and forest owners with resources to prevent soil erosion and keep nutrients out of local waters  
Target funding where it will have maximum impact of reducing pollution  
Insure that the Depart of Agriculture’s efforts at reducing pollution are accurately reported  
Lead Federal initiative to develop watershed wide environmental service market to generate tradable water quality credits in return for

conservation practices

Finally, the National Oceans and Atmosphere Department and the United States Army Corps of Engineers will work closely together with the states of Maryland and Virginia toward bay wide oyster restoration. This to be accomplished by focusing on 20 priority tributaries, expanding commercial aquaculture of oysters and an expansion of research on habitat and restoration progress.

A request was made for information re Maryland Fishing Licenses. Here is what was learned. Maryland sport fishing and crabbing licenses are available through "sport license agents," Internet License Sales, by telephone or by the DNR by mail or in person.

A "National Saltwater Angler Registration License is available through the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. Requests can be made via the internet or by calling their 800 phone number. The License is Free.

Individuals under the age of 16 are not required to obtain a license to sport fish or crab. A Senior Consolidated License for residents 65 or older is available for \$5.00 per year.

Non-Tidal Freshwater Licenses allow an angler to fish in the fresh water of Maryland from January 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31. The fee is \$20.50 for residents and \$30.50 for non-residents or reciprocal for state of residence, whichever is greater/

Tidal/Bay Sport Fishing Licenses, good from January 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup> are available to residents and non-residents for \$15.00 annually. Temporary Licenses are also available. The "Consolidated Bay Sport Boat License allows everyone on board a "pleasure boat" to fish "recreationally" in the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries, including crabbing. A "Bay Sport Charter Boat License allows individuals on a chartered vessel operated by a Maryland Licensed fishing guide to fish to fish in the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries. The fee is \$240 for 6 passengers or less and \$290.00 for more than six passengers.

Recreational Crabbers may crab from April

1<sup>st</sup> to December 15<sup>th</sup>, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. They may crab from docks, piers, bridges and boats using shore lines or dip nets and "any number of hand lines. A property owner may set 2 crab pots per privately owned pier.

A "Recreational Crabbing License is required of for persons using a "trotline" not to exceed 1200 feet, 11 to 30 collapsible traps or rings, or up to 10 eel pots for catching their own bait. The Resident's fee is \$5.00 and non-resident's \$10. A similar "Recreational Crabbing Boat License, allowing everyone on board a vessel to crab is available for \$15.00 for residents and non-residents.

We hope this helps. Enjoy the Summer!

## Dates to Remember

Board Mtg. – Sue Haven YC – June 30<sup>th</sup>  
General Mtg – Kent Island YC – July 28<sup>th</sup>  
Board Mtg. – North East River YC- Aug 25<sup>th</sup>  
General Mtg. – Eastern YC – September 29<sup>th</sup>  
YCM Commodores' Night – October 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Board Mtg – Wellwood YC – October 27<sup>th</sup>

## Scuttlebutt and Spindrift

*By: Salty Sam the Sea Dog*

Ahoy there, me hearties! No Skunk Flag stories yet. Perhaps Salty needs to buy a few rounds to loosen some tongues. Meanwhile the **Clock of the Bay** has made its **5<sup>th</sup> port change** in 2010 having been fairly won from **Belvedere YC**. After getting "the call", **Commodore Jim Force** was able to round up **Gloria Miceli** to help tend bar for a very thirsty crew of pirates. After much fun by all, the clock was taken to its new home to be proudly displayed. Salty is sworn to secrecy about what yacht club holds it because clock tradition requires that would be clock pirates hunt for it.

Another Commodore Kidnapping occurred on May 22<sup>nd</sup>! If your club gets "the call", your club must quickly form a rescue party and go to the club holding your Commodore.

Polly the Parrot update.

There was a recent occurrence in the “Polly the Parrot” Eastern Yacht Club bird napping of 2009. A delivery on YCM’s doorstep was conveyed to Eastern Yacht Club during their opening day ceremony. It seems a box was delivered with a note attached which read:

*“To whom it may concern,  
Here you will find the parrot known as Polly the parrot. You must take it to Eastern Yacht Club and give it back. We found this parrot when traveling north on route 5 in San Diego. This parrot is the **most unruly creature on the bay**. We gave it crackers and it said “I want a Burrito”. We gave it water and it said “I want tequila”. We asked it to hurry up and finish and it said “Ondalay – ondalay”. It smells like a cigar and we think it was south of the boarder and picked up some bad habits. Please return to Eastern Yacht Club for some much needed reprogramming. We have enclosed 50 bucks for your trouble.  
Watch your fingers.  
Lefty*

When the box was opened it was discovered that yet another ~~kid~~ bird-napping had taken place as all that was found, along with a few feathers and some bird-seed was a note which read:

*I have your parrot and your 50 bucks... Apparently the last guy didn't know how to handle a Mexican Parrot. Anytime they become board they start acting up. All you have to do is feed them some jumping beans and it keeps them occupied for hours.*

*The tequila helps too but that's for the guy watching the bird.*

*We will be in touch ...*

It gives us much hope that Polly is alive and ... can we say well?

Please send yacht club gossip, news, and stories of ignominious yachting fame (on land or sea) to **mi-ti-bear@comcast.net**

Till next Port o' Call, always remember, “Those who don't make mistakes must not be doing anything.”

## Protocol Matters

Two items this month

*Captain Protocol, IP/C Joe Hellner*  
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### Commodore's Role:

Ahoy there! The start of the 2010 boating season has been fantastic with some nice weather for most openings so far. **Congratulations to 2010 Queen of the Chesapeake Caitlin Campbell and a Big Thank You to 2009 Queen Kimberly Samm for a job very well done!!**

**This month's topic is the role of the Commodore** and the traditional role this office plays in the life of a yacht club. Most people are well aware of the administrative and executive functions of the Commodore, such as chairing meetings and acting as the elected president of the organization. What is not always so apparent is that, unlike other club officers, the Commodore does not have a major club job (e.g. clubhouse chairman, social affairs, cruises, etc.). The reason for this is the Commodore's job is to represent and act on behalf of the club and its members. Your Commodore stands in for you as the club greeter, host, and goodwill ambassador to friends, guests, and other yacht clubs and organizations. While you are fishing, cruising, sailing, partying or just enjoying your club, your Commodore is investing his or her time making sure things go well both at the club and away from the club.

When away from the Club at a ceremony, meeting, or social occasion, your Commodore is ensuring your club is known and its views and interests are shared with others. This paves the way for friendship, cooperation, and fun around the water by land or sea. Your Commodore takes the lead to ensure you and your fellow members will be very welcome at neighboring yacht clubs and members of those clubs will be equally welcome at your club. Also, by keeping your club “out there” your Commodore sustains communications channels for your club and members to network and organize with other people of like interests or who share concerns about legislative, regulatory, waterway, or environmental issues.

When at the club, the Commodore is coach,

cheerleader, morale officer, and model member. The Commodore tries to attend every club event not only because he or she is responsible but to show by example that strong commitment and involvement with the club is the way to success. Enthusiasm is infectious, especially when it comes from the top. Lack of enthusiasm by the leader of the club can be devastating so it is a traditional duty for Commodores to attend all major club events and, in cases where they would rather not be there, keep that thought to themselves.

The role of “being the club” as Commodore is a well earned honor for years of work and dedication. Your duties and responsibilities will be demanding of your time and not always convenient but they will give you a wealth of experiences, memories, and friends to last a lifetime. A Commodore’s “work” to attend parties and have fun is intended to be a reward. If you are a Commodore or become one some day, please give it all you have. You will never regret it.

Till next time, see you around the Bay.

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### **Board Member Introductions:**

A question was asked regarding the proper protocol to follow regarding the introduction of a Board Member representing their club and what is the appropriate attire, if any, to be worn by the Board Member.

The question covers several protocols. Sometimes, the fact that a person is in uniform causes confusion. Although it is not often seen today, any yacht club member may wear a uniform. It is the insignia worn on the cap and uniform that denotes the position of the member. In some clubs, Board Members and other officials and junior officers wear uniforms. It depends on the club. That said, formal honors normally are rendered by a senior club officer or Past Commodore of the visiting club. In areas where gold insignia are worn, senior officers are the ones who wear

gold. Members and junior officers such as Pier Captains, Dockmasters, chairpersons, etc. wear black braid, limited or no insignia, and regular buttons on the white uniform. Senior officers are otherwise widely known by tradition and by the bylaws and rules of each club. Protocol wise, the six line officers are the most senior. Examples of widely accepted senior officers ranking below the line officers are Chaplain, Fleet Surgeon, Sail Fleet Captain, and Corresponding Secretary.

At the club level, Board Members are not normally considered officers of the club. However, they are club officials and it would not be incorrect to consider them equivalent to junior officers. Baltimore YC is a good example where Board Members wear traditional uniforms properly.

At the association level, such as YCM, they are officers at large. In areas like ours where gold insignia are worn, association Board Members, as officers at large representing multiple clubs, wear the gold insignia and formally render honors at yacht clubs. At the club level, if a traditional uniform is worn, gold is not used and black braid is worn on the hat.

As for introductions, honors should normally be rendered by club officers and Past Commodores of the Club. If none are available, the Club Princess may represent since one of her duties is as an official representative and ambassador for her club.

At the club level, as with other junior officials such as Pier Captains, Dockmasters, chairpersons, etc., Board Members are not VIP guests and should not normally be introduced as part of the visiting group. If they are introduced, they should not be counted as officers for plaques and awards and should be limited in number so as not to drag out the host club ceremony. If introduced, Board Members and other junior officials should be in uniform or appropriate club related attire if the office is a non-uniform one, preferably club related attire. A blazer and slacks is ideal.

If a Board Member or similar official has been sent in good faith by their Commodore because no one else is available, allowing them to represent in the ceremony is a judgment call by the host and really should be discussed ahead of time with the host club. The Board Member should say a few words of explanation when at the mike.

A Board Member may escort a Princess and the M/C should note that the escort is a Board Member; however, to clarify, the princess is the ranking official for club representation. She is not a club officer, does not outrank officers or Board Members for club official business, and normally lacks privileges related to the operation of the club such as voting and making motions that are afforded regular club members. Most princesses have the status (or equivalent) and associated privileges of club social members.

## **Golf Report**

*By: H P/C Jerry Cramblett, Chesapeake Commodores Club, Miles River YC, Ventnor YC*

**Please see the enclosed flyer. Get these out to all the golfers you know.**

## **Health & Welfare**

*By: P/C Jill Cashman  
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If you know of anyone who is in need of a card from YCM, please let me know. You can email me at Jillcashman2@aol.com

## **YCM Ship's Store**

YCM has a stock of silver cap cords and silver cap buttons. A package of one silver cord and two silver cap buttons can be purchased at a cost of \$15.00. If you wish to purchase this package, please contact IP/C Joe Hellner or any YCM officer.

## **Princess Corner**

Send Princess articles to chardow@aol.com

Yacht Clubs of Maryland wishes to congratulate the  
**2010 Queen of the Chesapeake**  
**Queen Caitlin Campbell of *Middle River Yacht Club***



We would also like to congratulate

Princess Shaina Yourik *Red Eye Yacht Club* 1<sup>st</sup> Runner up.

Princess Lara Prettyman *Miles River Yacht Club* 2<sup>nd</sup>

Runner up.

Princess Lauren Rierson *Bush River Yacht Club* 3rd Runner up.

Princess Paris Coleman *Crescent Yacht Club* 4th

Runner up.

Princess Meghan Burns *Baltimore Yacht Club* Miss Congeniality.



To all the Princesses, you are indeed the stars of your clubs. We hope you will enjoy the gifts and hope to see you soon. And now... Bay Fact # 987, actually this is Bay Fact # 1. Queen Kimberly has done an outstanding job as the 2009 Queen of the Chesapeake and we thank you for all that you have done. We wish you the best of luck and success in your next endeavor.

*Commodore Dan*

<b>YCM 2010 4-by-500 Ticket Count</b>		
<b>MEMBER CLUB NAME</b>	<b>Tickets</b>	<b>Date</b>
<b>Amber Lighthouse Yacht Club</b>	0	
<b>Baltimore Yacht Club</b>	0	
<b>Belvedere Yacht Club</b>	0	
<b>Bodkin Yacht Club</b>	0	
<b>Boumi Shrine Yacht Club</b>	0	
<b>Bowleys Point Yacht Club</b>	0	
<b>Bush River Yacht Club</b>	0	
<b>Charlestown Yacht Club</b>	0	
<b>Chesapeake Commodores Club</b>	0	
<b>Crescent Yacht Club</b>	0	
<b>Eastern Yacht Club</b>	0	
<b>Galloway Yacht Club</b>	6	5/16/2010
<b>Glenmar Sailing Association</b>	0	
<b>Goose Harbor Yacht Club</b>	0	
<b>Great Oak Yacht Club</b>	0	
<b>Kent Island Yacht Club</b>	0	
<b>Key Yacht Club</b>	0	
<b>Marley Boat Club</b>	0	
<b>Maryland Cruising Club</b>	0	
<b>Maryland Yacht Club</b>	0	
<b>Middle River Yacht Club</b>	0	
<b>Miles River Yacht Club</b>	0	
<b>North East River Yacht Club</b>	0	
<b>North Point Yacht Club</b>	0	
<b>Otter Point Yacht Club</b>	0	
<b>Outcast Yacht Club</b>	0	
<b>Red Eye Yacht Club</b>	0	
<b>Riverside Yacht Club of MD</b>	6	5/29/2010
<b>Sue Haven Yacht Club</b>	0	
<b>Ventnor Yacht Club</b>	0	
<b>Veterans Yacht Club Association</b>	0	
<b>Wellwood Yacht Club</b>	0	
<b>White Rocks Yacht Club</b>	0	

# OPENINGS 2010

<b>JUNE</b>		
<b>19</b>	<b>White Rocks Yacht Club</b> – at Bodkin YC- Contact P/C Donald Monaghan 410-703-2038	1200
<b>20</b>	<b>Bodkin Yacht Club</b> – Club – Contact Bill Fairall 301-440-0639	1300
<b>26</b>	<b>Outcast Yacht Club</b> – at Crescent YC- Contact Como Tom Bredahl 410-275-2832	1300
	<b>Amber Lighthouse Yacht Club</b> – Club – Contact Liz Manns 443-829-5980	1600
<b>27</b>	<b>Key Yacht Club</b> – Club – Contact Kitty Sauer 410-371-6512	1400

# SOCIAL EVENTS

<b>JUNE</b>		
<b>25</b>	<b>Key Yacht Club</b> – All You Can Eat Crab Night – Club – Contact Otts Cate 410-477-2578	1900
<b>JULY</b>		
<b>16</b>	<b>Wellwood Yacht Club</b> – Cocktail Party & Social Mixer	1830-2030
<b>17</b>	<b>Red Eye Yacht Club</b> –Carboard Boat Regatta - Club – Contact Como Bill Hill 443-605-9833	0800
	<b>Wellwood Yacht Club</b> – Dinghy Poker Run- Charlestown Beach Contact 215-275-3910	0900
	<b>Wellwood Yacht Club</b> – Pig Roast & Shrimp Feast at the Wellwood Contact 215-275-3910 Note the Wellwood has a Carribean Night starting 2000 to 2400	1300-1700
<b>AUGUST</b>		
<b>28</b>	<b>Sue Haven Yacht Club-</b> Annual Crab Feast – Contact 410-574-8230 \$40 pp	1300-1800
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>		
<b>11-12</b>	<b>Wellwood Yacht Club</b> – Riverfest at Charlestown – Contact 215-275-3910	

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