

Yacht Clubs of Maryland's Bay Breeze

April 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.
To join, please contact R/C Steve Rockel who will guide you through the process.

Commodore's Report

By: *Commodore Dan Miller*
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It's here. That long a waited time to start getting ready to cruise. Now the real work begins...

Start planning the parties, clean-up the club houses, stock-up the galleys, pull-off the tarps, dust off the charts, tune-up the engines, unroll the sails, press the whites, try-on the whites, *let-out the whites*, press the whites again, fire the cannons... no wait not yet, there is still more work to do, call the DJs, order the raffle tickets, print the ad-books, contact your friends (we can help with that), pull-out the lawn furniture, folding chairs, rubber rafts and floats, wipe-out the coolers, fill-up the coolers. The balls are behind us, the Fleet Captains are plotting courses, the new Commodores are anxious to raise the flags and get underway. Now if you are ready... put your fingers in your ears and... fire those cannons. Yes it is that time and we are all looking forward to another fun filled successful and safe opening season.

With the new boating season comes a new Ship's Log. Many thanks go out to those that contributed to the production of the 2010 YCM Ship's Log. It gets better and better each year. Check it out when you get a chance.

Thanks again to those that helped get our voices heard in Annapolis. We are hearing encouraging news on the "No Discharge Zone" bills SB-513 and HB-1257.

Half way through the current YCM watch and all is well. It's hard to believe we are this far along. My, my how time flies when you are having fun. I am currently seeking a chairperson to head up our 4x500 raffle. Let

me know if you can help out.

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.

P.S. Please note my email address has changed to danandbonnie2@verizon.net

Stay safe.

Vice Commodore's Report

By: *V/C Charlie Downs*
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Our April meeting will be held on April 28th. It is a **Board Meeting** and will be held at **Middle River Yacht Club**. The meeting will start at 7PM.

Our May meeting will be held on May 26th. It is a **General Membership Meeting** and will be held at **Key Yacht Club**. Dinner will be at 6PM. The meeting will start at 7PM.

The dinner menu is Stuffed Pork Chop, vegetables, desert. The cost is \$ 15.00 per person

If you haven't already signed up for dinner, please e-mail your reservation to chardow@aol.com

The cutoff date for reservations is May 21th

The next Newsletter Deadline is May 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

PLEASE SEND US YOUR

OPENING INFORMATION! Check listings in this newsletter to see if we have your club listed yet!

Rear Commodore's Report

By: *R/C Steve Rockel*
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Happy to report that the Ship's Log 2010 has undergone final touches and is in the process of being printed. Our goal to have copies of the Ship's Log ready for all clubs at Marley's opening looks excellent at this time.

Once again, thanks to all who participated in the 2010 Ship's Log, this couldn't have been done without your help.

Boating, Waterways, and the Environment

By: *Legislative Affairs Officer Cliff Katzin*

This past month has been one that shook Maryland boaters to say the least. Batting Lead-Off is the State of Maryland Legislature, which has presented us with the identical House Bill #1257 and Senate Bill #513. For those that may be uninformed, these bills seek to make all Maryland waters a "No Discharge Zone.." This means no dumping of waste, treated or non- treated , as well as any oily discharge which has been on the books for as long as we can remember. The Bills further authorize routine inspections of all marine sewage systems, with a \$10,000 fine for violation occurrence. If you are a boater that has spent a considerable sum upgrading his sewage system, this is a real kick in the tail. On March 16, a committee hearing was held on the House Bill. The Hearing was well attended by both supporters and opponents of the bill. The boating community was well represented by such groups as the Marine Trades Association and CBYCA. Yacht Clubs of Maryland was privileged to be represented by P/C Joe Hellner, who in association with Commodore Dan Miller presented compelling testimony in opposition to the Bill. (This written Testimony has been posted on the YCM website at yachtclubsofmaryland.org) So compelling were

the arguments presented by the boating community, that several legislators went out of their way to privately assure the pro-boating community that changes would be forthcoming in the Bills to satisfy boater's concerns.

A new group has been formed in opposition to the proposed Liquid Natural Gas facility at Sparrow's Point. The "LNG Opposition Team" is presenting three public information meetings to keep interested parties abreast of recent developments of the project. (Dates and locations are listed below) The Federal Energy Commission (FERC) gave conditional approval to the project a year ago, but has not held a public information meeting since June of 2008.

As reported last month, developers of new projects and urban renewal projects have complained to legislators over new storm water run-off control regulations scheduled to take effect on May 4th. Their arguments are that many projects already in the planning stages would have to be re-configured to conform to the new laws, adding cost and time, while redevelopers point out that added costs to their projects would increase "urban sprawl," which would add to the urban run-off problem. Legislators seemed sympathetic to their arguments at the end of March, and were poised to "grandfather regulations of projects already on the books to pre-May 4th regulations, and flexibility would be shown to re-development projects, when a large group of Environmentalist protested the action. The new legislation was stalled at the time of this writing and a "political blood bath" has been predicted.

Governor O'Malley has proposed \$20 million in his budget for the 2010 Bay Trust Fund, but the Maryland General Assembly, which has the final say, is moving toward cutting the funding in half. The Chesapeake Bay Foundation is urging all boaters and interested parties to urge their Representatives not to cut the funding for Bay Restoration.

Finally, there is the case of Perdue Farms and the Phantom Pile of Sludge on the Eastern Shore. Several months ago it was reported here that state environmental agents were investigating a report of stream pollution on the farm owned by Alan and Kristin Hudson, who are suppliers of

chickens to Perdue Farms. It was implied that a pile of chicken manure's run-off was polluting a tributary of the Pocomoke River. The agents reported that no conclusive evidence of the pile could be found. Several months have gone by, and it is still being reported that agents have been investigating the farm. "State Officials announced in the end of March that they had fined the Hudsons \$4000 for "improperly piling sewage sludge near a drainage ditch." However, the Department of the Environment announced that its inspectors could not verify that the farm was responsible for the pollution found in the drainage ditches of the farm. They announced that wild life in the area could be the major sources of pollution. The Hudsons claim they could not afford to pay the \$4000 fine. Enter the University of Maryland's environmental law clinic, which has filed a federal law suit on behalf of two environmental groups, charging that the Hudsons and Perdue Farms have polluted the drainage ditches. The Hudson's lawyer has claimed that it is doubtful the Hudson's could afford to defend themselves against the law suit without losing their farm.

In response to the law suit, members of the State Senate and House respectively have threatened to freeze \$250,000 and \$500,000 respectively of funding for the clinic if it does not turn over a list of "clients." They feel embarrassed by the clinic's action, and feel this kind of thing could threaten the region's "fragile agricultural industry. Stay tuned.

P/C Joe Hellner, Commodore Dan Miller, and Terry Rockel have contributed to this report.

Cliff Katzin,
Legislative Affairs Officer

LNG Opposition Team Public Information Meetings:

Place: Fallston Public Library
1461 Fallston Road
Fallston, Maryland 21047
Date: Monday, April 19, 2010
Time: 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm

Place: East Brandywine Fire Company
2096 Bondsville Road
Downingtown, Pa. 19335
Date: Tuesday, April 20, 2010
Time: 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Place: Patapsco High School Auditorium
8100 Wise Avenue
Dundalk, Maryland 21222
Date: Wednesday, April 21, 2010
Time: 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Health & Welfare

By: P/C Jill Cashman
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A sympathy card was sent to Glenn Bowser's family on behalf of YCM Officers, Board and Members

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

Dates to Remember

Board Mtg. – Middle River YC – April 28th
General Mtg. – Key YC – May 26th
Board Mtg. – Sue Haven YC – June 30th
General Mtg. – Kent Island YC – July 28th
Board Mtg. – North East River YC – Aug 25th
General Mtg. – Eastern YC – September 29th
YCM Commodores' Night – October 22nd
Board Mtg. – Wellwood YC – October 27th

Scuttlebutt and Spindrift

By: *Salty Sam the Sea Dog*

Ahoy there, me hearties! The 2010 boating season is here with plenty of infamous adventurers who just can't wait to get out and win the Skunk Flag! Speaking of the Flag, it was recently passed at the March YCM General Membership Meeting between 2009 winners **Dennis "Docking Master Sans Souci" Taylor** and **Joe "Time to Switch Tanks" Hellner**. As is traditional, Joe will fly the flag from his boat until the next person "wins" it.

Skunk Flag Nominees are normally "ratted out" to Salty by Wharf Rats and Bilge Rats who witness or can testify to the deeds for which special recognition is deserved. A person need not be on the water to win the Flag. Any deed or mishap associated with a yacht club event or performed at a yacht club is also eligible. Honorable Mentions will be given for worthy nominees who do not "win" the Flag. All members of the yacht club community are eligible and may submit nominations, including Princesses and the Queen.

If not won by the Captain, the Skunk Flag must be flown by the Captain of the primary vessel of the winner.

The Flag is awarded by Salty after deep consultation with King Neptune, Davey Jones, and Captain Jack Sparrow. Bilge and Wharf Rats should know that Salty is always thirsty, especially when visiting yacht clubs or lurking around yacht club vessels, and may be easily influenced in his decision by offers of his favorite beverages.

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

Captain Protocol, IP/C Joe Hellner

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Since the club opening ceremonies are about to begin, this month's topic covers line-up of the Queen and of unique clubs and organizations.

The Queen of the Chesapeake is usually the most important GUEST. That means she is the last guest to be introduced, which is the guest position of highest honor. Unless there are unique circumstances (e.g. she has to make another event, she is representing at her home club, etc.), she must never be introduced in any other position and never with the host club officers or princess (The host club officials go after the guests have been introduced).

Yacht clubs that are planning events often ask about how to line up representatives from broad reaching organizations that are associations of yacht clubs at the state, regional, or higher levels, and/or involve multiple yacht clubs and their members, and/or are associations of Past Commodores. Broad reaching organizations should always be introduced after individual clubs but the order of the organizations is not a strict protocol and may be adjusted by the hosts.

In general, you go from clubs/organizations with individual members to organizations of clubs and from local to international. Sometimes you have an individual club with unique aspects. For example, Veterans Yacht Club Association is actually a Maryland yacht club and could be introduced with the individual clubs. However, if a host club wishes to honor veterans by singling this club out, that is OK. The Chesapeake Commodores Club (CCC) is also a bona fide Maryland yacht club but traditionally has been given special status because it is composed of honored members from all yacht clubs, their past commodores. Also, both CCC and Veterans YCA have members from all clubs all over the Chesapeake Bay region. The International Order of the Blue Gavel (IOBG) is a national/international club and its members are past commodores from all clubs so they should be last, even if the IOBG representative is from the District Board rather than the IOBG National Board.

YCM is state which precedes CBYCA, which is

regional (i.e. multi-state).

The hosts may change the line up as they see fit and also account for local traditions. Some may wish to honor one group or another and introduce them last. Personally, I have been introduced last lots of times as the YCM Representative.

CBYCA and CCC are often swapped in order plus CCC and IOBG could also be placed up with a club like Veterans since CCC and IOBG are clubs or organizations composed of individuals. In that case, because organizations of clubs always go after clubs/organizations with individual members, the strictest protocol order would be: Veterans YCA, CCC, IOBG, YCM, CBYCA

Since there is no absolutely right answer, my alternate line up below takes into account almost 20 years of experience with local ceremonies and traditions.

My alternate line up based on local Chesapeake Bay area traditions would be: YCM, CBYCA, CCC, IOBG. If you wish to add clubs like Veterans YCA, they would go before YCM.

As a final note, some clubs in our area like to place the CCC last in honor of the service the past commodores have provided and continue to provide to their clubs both individually and as members of

the CCC. I am sure the reps from IOBG, CBYCA, etc. would not mind if a host club elects to do this.

Till next time, see you around the Bay!

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

OPENINGS 2010

APRIL		
24	Marley Boat Club – American Legion Post 277-Contact Steve Kincer 443-995-4988	1400
25	Charlestown Yacht Club – At Bush River YC	1030
	Wellwood Yacht Club - In The Tent	1400
MAY		
1	Galloway Yacht Club – Middle River Y C-Contact V/C Sharon Winterling 410-299-7933	1200
	North East River Yacht Club – Club – Contact Joe Reynolds 443-553-0494	1600
2	Sue Haven Yacht Club – Club – Contact V/C Bud Parmer 410-485-0313	1400
8	Kent Island Yacht Club – Club – Contact Como Vince Fares 410-739-0389	1600
9	Crescent Yacht Club – Club – Contact F/C Lee Dregier 443-854-3400	1400
15	Middle River Yacht Club – Club - Contact P/C Sharon Garloff 717-733-1743	1300
	Belvedere Yacht Club – Club – Contact Liz Cingel 410-647-5184	1500
	Miles River Yacht Club – Club – Contact Harvey Burgoon 410-829-9687	1630
16	Riverside Yacht Club – Club – Contact V/C Allen Webb 410-288-3518	1200
16	Red Eye Yacht Club – Club – Contact V/C Jerry Selig 443-465-0973	1500
29	Great Oak Yacht Club – Club – Breakfast 0800	1000
	Otter Point Yacht Club – Club -	1400
30	Baltimore Yacht Club - Club	1400
JUNE		
5	Maryland Yacht Club – Club – Contact Bill Fischbein 410-729-1276	1300
6	Queen of the Chesapeake Pageant –Maryland YC – Contact Bill Fischbein 410-729-1276	1300
12	Ventnor Yacht Club –At Eastern YC	1100
	North Point Yacht Club – Club – Contact P/C Roger Lyons 410-282-0238	1400
	Bush River Yacht Club – Club – Contact P/C Jack Clark 410-838-1621	1600
13	Eastern Yacht Club – Contact V/V Terry Bowles 443-846-1054	1300
19	White Rocks Yacht Club – at Bodkin YC- Contact P/C Donald Monaghan 410-703-2038	1200
20	Bodkin Yacht Club – Club – Contact Bill Fairall 301-440-0639	1300
26	Outcast Yacht Club – at Crescent YC- Contact Como Tom Bredahl 410-275-2832	1300
	Amber Lighthouse Yacht Club – Club – Contact Liz Manns 443-829-5980	1600
27	Key Yacht Club – Club – Contact Kitty Sauer 410-371-6512	1400

SOCIAL EVENTS

APRIL		
17	Red Eye Yacht Club – Spring Fling - Club-Contact Karen Watsic	
24	Marley Boat Club – Shrimp Feast /Dance - American Legion Post 277 – Contact V/C Steve Kincer 443-995-4988	1800
	Baltimore Yacht Club – Basic Safety Boating Course – Club – Contact John Galleazzi 410-336-7734	0900
MAY		
14	Red Eye Yacht Club – Beer Bash -Club – Contact V/C Jerry Selig 410-879-7810	1700
15	Red Eys Yacht Club – Surf/Turf Party -Club – Contact V/C Jerry Selige 410-879-7810	1600
JUNE		
6	Queen of the Chesapeake Pageant – Maryland YC – Contact Bill Fischbein 410-729-1276	1300
25	Key Yacht Club – All You Can Eat Crab Night – Club – Contact Otts Cate 410-477-2578	1900
JULY		
17	Red Eye Yacht Club –Carboard Boat Regatta - Club – Contact Como Bill Hill 443-605-9833	0800

To List or Update Your Upcoming Club Activities for this newsletter and the YCM Web Site, Please email your information and flyers to **Webmaster Karen Anderson** at **webmaster@yachtclubsofmaryland.org**