



### Bosun's Whistle

By Jerry Gray, Commodore



I was optimistic last month when I said that March would make you think about getting outdoors. This March was windy, cold, wet, and at times snowy. Maybe April will allow for some nautical outdoor activity.

The first big event in March was the Lobster Fest, and even it was moved indoors due to the wind and cold. I just want to say what a great event this was. The clubhouse was packed with members and guests from early afternoon until late evening. The "A Team" prepared about 160 lobsters and tons of side dishes that everyone enjoyed.

Next up, a very well done St. Patrick's Day TGIF followed by the Kids Easter egg hunt and the annual Sock Burning. A good start and end to a cold month. Thanks go out to Social Chair Harriet Singleton and Power Fleet Captain Chris Bazel for making these events happen.

The Club House is in great shape thanks to our House Chairman Pat McCarthy. Pat has fixed the furnaces, cleaned carpet stains, replaced locks and will be installing another new icemaker in the Crow's nest. The House is open to all of our members and it gets a lot of use.

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### On The Docks

by Steve Donock & Alexi Stavropoulos, Marina Co-Chairs  
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Spring has sprung and the Marina is coming back to life! There's good news on all fronts:

The dredging project is complete and came in under budget! We will all benefit from this work and we appreciate everyone's patience and cooperation while we did the "Boat Shuffle" over the winter. It's amazing some of the stuff that was pulled out of the lagoon (sorry, no diamond earrings, tennis bracelets or Rolex watches were found) and now we have a nice, even depth throughout the lagoon that will extend the boating day for all.

By the time you read this the C and D dock replacements should be complete as well. The docks are in place and a crew of volunteers (well, we are offering libations as payment so....) will be down in the next few days to work on power pedestals and water lines. This work is giving us more slips with power and water than we've ever had and will allow us to use the marina to the best advantage for everyone.

Slip assignments have been made and the great news is that with the new configurations on C and D dock and a few strategic moves, everyone who asked for a slip got one and we were able to eliminate the waiting list for the first time in a long time! Some boats have already begun moving in so please check your slip before you bring your boat back just in case there's somebody in it from the winter projects. We will make the necessary notifications and get everyone in and settled as quickly as possible. We split notifications between regular mail and email this year so if you did not receive your notification please let us know. We got nothing back from the Post Office and no delivery failures on emails so I think we got everyone.

Chris Ruckman is in the process of getting us a tide sensor system that will allow folks to quickly check the tide before leaving (even from home) or returning to the marina. While tide tables are a great help, this sensor will provide real time water height measurements via a web interface that can be viewed from any computer or smart phone. It will also provide air temperature so you know how much ice to bring for the cooler! The tide sensor is a small device mounted on an arm that extends out over the water from a discreet position on a protected piling. Thanks, Chris for this extra tool for our tool box.

We've got a lot going on and now it's time to move back to the docks for a great season!

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## Membership

*Submitted by Dan O'Keefe, Membership Chair*



Please join me in extending the welcome mat to David and Kathy Pascoe our newest members. David is Senior Vice President of the Liberian International Ship & Corporate Registry (LISCR). He has over 39 years of professional experience in maritime safety, security and environmental protection, including 26 years with the U.S. Coast Guard. Kathy works for the Fairfax County School System as an administrator at Washington Mill Elementary School. They are recently arrived Yacht Haven residents that what to be active community citizens.



David and Kathy Pascoe

## Upcoming Meetings...



### **Membership Meetings**

April 4  
May 2  
at 8:00 pm  
1st Thurs of the month

### **Board Meetings**

April 15  
May 20  
at 7:30 pm  
3rd Mon of the month

### **Social Committee Meetings**

April 8  
May 13  
at 7:30 pm  
2nd Mon of the month

With the addition of the Pascoes, our membership now stands at 214 families, 211 active and 3 honorary. We have extended offers of membership to an additional 5 families and have 2 others awaiting approval. Despite these additions we are still well-below our cap of 230, so if you know of friends or neighbors who might be interested in joining MVMYC encourage them to spend time at the club and consider putting in an application. The upcoming Commissioning Day celebration, May 5th, is an ideal opportunity to open up our doors and show our neighbors what the Mount Vernon Yacht Club has to offer. Those of you who live in the community please make an effort to publicize the event and invite your friends.

### **Final 2013 Payments are Due April 30**

To those who opted to pay their 2013 dues and fees in two installments your final payment is due on April 30, 2013. All payments that are received by midnight on the 30th are timely. If you miss the deadline, you will be subject to late fees. Please feel free to contact me at (703)727-6781 or [membership@mountvernonyachtclub.com](mailto:membership@mountvernonyachtclub.com) if you have any questions about your membership or payments due.

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If you see something out of place or dirty, grab a broom, mop or wet cloth and help keep it clean and neat. Help Pat out by reporting anything that is broken and try to leave the club a little better than you found it.

Grounds is the other area that is going to take center stage as the weather warms, and our Grounds Chairman, John Galloway, is working to ensure it's ready. After the dredging this winter the grounds need some extra TLC. John has scheduled the Spring Clean-up Day for April 20th. This is one of the times that everyone can volunteer and make a difference. Just show up and John will put you to work. In addition, the MVYC Dolphins Swim team will be doing a Lunchtime fundraiser so you can support two good causes that day. See Sherry Catron if you are interested in helping out the swim team.

Our Marina Chairmen, Alexi and Steve, have done a great job assigning slips. They still have few open slips available. It is also pretty likely that the new C and D docks will have power and running water by the time you read this. Thanks to both of them for all they do.

The Dredging and Dock installation was completed and our contractor, Docks of the Bay, departed in mid-March. Very special thanks go to Ron Reinsel, Jeff Kirkland, Bill Gard, and Jim Borches for working for nearly two years to make this happen.

Membership Chairman Dan O'Keefe continues to work to attract new members. We just accepted six new families into MVYC in March. So while we have had some turnover in membership this year, Dan is keeping pace. If you know someone that would make a good addition to our club, please invite them to one of the many functions we have and introduce them to the club.

Do you have background supporting and maintaining websites?

The MVYC website was resurrected from the ashes by Mike and Catalina Holland about six years ago and they are ready to take a break. Mike and Catalina have done a great job making the site easy to use, keeping it updated and adding improvements as time went by. The website is an important communication tool. If you have an interest in being a part of our web presence see Mike or me and we can arrange an overview of the site.

## HOUSE REPORT

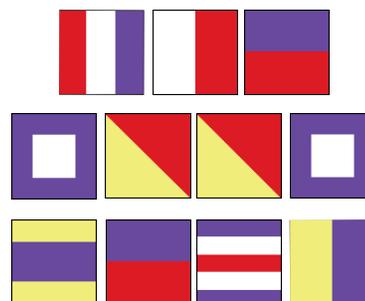
*From the House Guy, Pat McCarthy*

This past month the Clubhouse has required just a few minor repairs. These items include replacing: a broken sliding glass door handle; a damaged hasp and lock on the piano; and a broken end cap on the front door push bar opener. For the convenience of the ladies I've installed several towel hooks next to the showers in their locker room. I also discovered that there was no hot water in either of the first floor bathrooms due to the thermostat on the water heater servicing them having been turned off. The hot water is now restored! Once again I ask all members to please take care when using the Clubhouse and treat it as kindly as you do your own home.

House Rules Revisited: The Clubhouse shall be rented only to members of MVYC in good standing, who must be present during such rentals. All facilities must be treated with respect and left clean and in proper working order. A charge will be made for any damage or cleanup required. Rental of the Club is for the benefit of members and their families. Rental of the Club on behalf of a third party non-member for any purposes is not permitted. Rental by a non-member is not permitted. The Club will not be made available for commercial purposes and no admission or attendance fees may be collected, prior to, during or after any event held on MVYC premises. This restriction does not apply to officially Club sponsored activities that are open to all members.

## Nautical flag riddle of the month!

### Where can you find a pirate's bathroom?



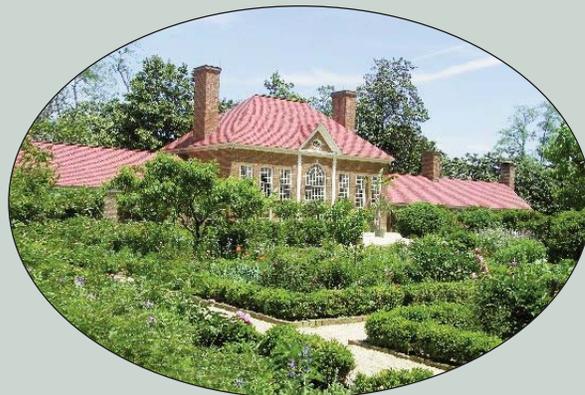
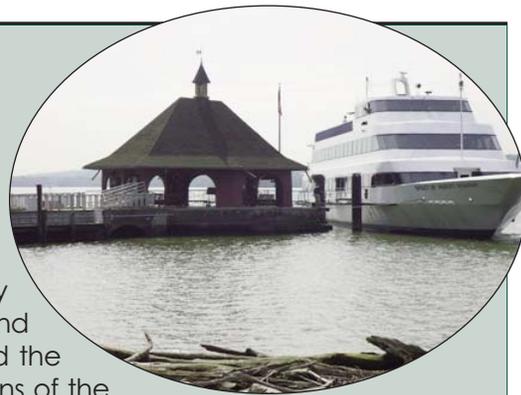
## Dock Master Musings

**HISTORY AND INSIGHTS FROM THE WHARF AT MOUNT VERNON ESTATES**

By David Curry

### Mount Vernon Estate and Gardens

George Washington wrote "No Estate in United America is more pleasantly situated than this.." It has been documented that he personally worked extremely hard for over 50 years on his plantation of gardens and grounds. His influence can be seen all over Mount Vernon; he studied the gardens of the great European palaces, and especially the observations of the 18th century American farmer and plant collector, John Bartram. Both George Washington and Thomas Jefferson ordered plants from Bartram for Mount Vernon and Monticello, including non-native plants and vegetables which he had discovered. The ornamental landscape, including the planting of trees, gardens with exotic plants and vegetables, including tobacco, which became a mainstay of his economic well-being, can be seen all over the land, including his final resting place. Washington was known as a landscape designer, and he carefully staged his house within the grounds at Mount Vernon to take advantage of the long vista toward the west and views across the Potomac in the east. The Washington family continued to live on the estate well after his death. In 1858, the estate and 200 acres were purchased by the Mount Vernon Ladies' Association. For the past 150 years, the private not-for-profit organization, has maintained and operated Mount Vernon for the benefit of admirers of George Washington the world over.



Washington acquired Mount Vernon in 1774 and worked personally overseeing every detail of design, construction, and decoration – even when away at war. The colors used in the mansion as well as the furnishings are indicative of the Washingtons' wealth and style. Tours of the Estate include the Mansion, the Outbuildings, Washington's Tomb, the Forest Trail the Gardens and the Slave Memorial and Burial Grounds.

Of special interest to Mount Vernon Yacht Club members is Washington's River Waterfront and Wharf. Washington's farming and fishing businesses required a wharf to transport goods by boat to Alexandria. The present-day wharf was built in the 19th century and restored in 1991. Many of our members take advantage of motoring and sailing on the Potomac and stop to chat with our Wharf Masters who are all members of the Club. It is certainly an honor for us, Jack O'Malley, Bill Gard, Bob Beggan and me, to have a part in maintaining and protecting a part of this National treasure.

In related Mt. Vernon Estate & Gardens news...

Say it with me now...**AWWWWWW!** Spring lambs!

Born at Mt. Vernon earlier this month, these lil' darlings are now on display just in time for Easter. Head on over to check them out before they're all grown up!



# Commissioning Day To Launch 2013 Boating Season

By Jacque Knight



Traditional Mount Vernon Yacht Club Commissioning Day festivities will get underway at 2 p.m. on Sunday, May 5.

A pastor of a local church will offer the blessing of the fleet for the ceremony on the Point, and, according to MVYC custom, a former commodore will emcee the 57th annual event.

Another yearly must is the wearing of the nautical blue and white—casual, but not too casual. Check out the [web page](#) for color picture ideas on what to buy or get out of your closets. You'll be glad you did when you see how great we all look when we try!

Long-time member Mike Wetzel remembers that in the 60's everyone showed up in style but that the tradition kind of, pardon the pun, "watered down" for a few years. Since the 90's we have really been "looking like a yacht club" again.

Other traditions include music by the Mount Vernon Community Band, a race by the Mount Vernon High School Crew Team, speeches by the local politicians, and toasts to the crews, the officers, each other. The Coast Guard Color Guard and Drill Team is always invited to perform and we hope the federal budget permits a performance this year.

Interested volunteers are invited to attend a short planning meeting on Thursday, April 25 at 7:30 p.m. at the club. On May 5, volunteers traditionally turn out early for coffee and cake at 9 a.m. on the Point before setting up chairs for guests and the band.

As usual, we will need a couple of pickup trucks to help bring items down from the club.

And, we will appreciate help in serving the champagne for the toasts at the close of the ceremony. Sailing and Power fleets will decorate their vessels and compete for prizes to start off the season. In the meantime, pray for a beautiful, sunny day. That's another tradition! Only twice in 57 years has MVYC commissioned in the club house!



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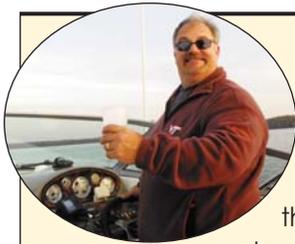


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**SUNDAY, MAY 5, 1400H (2 PM)**

GUESTS WELCOME  
US COAST GUARD, COMMUNITY BAND  
CONGRESSIONAL, STATE, COUNTY REPRESENTATIVES  
CREW TEAM RACE

**BLUE AND WHITE NAUTICAL DRESS--LOOK LIKE A YACHT CLUB!**



## Power Fleet

Submitted by Chris Bazel, Power Fleet Captain

Hopefully as you read this article the warm weather of spring has arrived. The sun is shining, the birds are chirping and everyone is prepping and de-winterizing. I would like to thank all the folks that came out to sizzle their winter socks at the annual Sock Burning Party! Good times and always a great start to another boating season.

So, as the weather starts to heat up so do the activities around the docks. With all the improvements done over the winter it should be terrific and more accessible boating. This month we have two major events on the same weekend. The all-important and informative Safety Inspection by the Coast Guard Auxiliary will be held on Saturday April 27th from 10am until around 2pm. Please see the list printed her in the Beacon for required items or you can go to: <http://forms.cgaux.org/archive/a7012.pdf> to see the actual form. There will also be a terrific opportunity for people to have valuable practice lighting and shooting emergency flares. Always nice to have done this at least once prior to you actually having to do it in a critical situation. Please make sure you check the dates on your safety flares and bring any expired ones you may have as this is the best way to dispose of them. In addition there will be instruction on knots and it will be a great chance to have any other safety concerns discussed and addressed. There will be burgers, dogs and beverages to accompany this educational and important event so please come out and participate. I would like to thank Roger Fuller and Gene Diotalevi in advance for the efforts coordinating and conducting this event.

Also on the subject of safety - I have been informed that the DC Harbor Patrol will be dutifully enforcing the required completion of the boating safety course. So, if any of you have not yet completed it please go to : [http://wow.uscgaux.info/pe\\_class\\_flyer.php?unit=054&course=9972](http://wow.uscgaux.info/pe_class_flyer.php?unit=054&course=9972) for info on how you can take it at the clubhouse on April 20th.

The following day - Sunday April 28th - we will have the Brunch Cruise! It's a great way for some of our non-boaters to go for a ride on one of your fellow members yachts. This year's details are still being coordinated as this goes to print, but plan on being down on the point around 9am. We will then disembark for a ride up river and a scrumptious brunch meal at one of the areas fine restaurants. Usually an all-inclusive event in the \$40 per person range (kids less). More details will be emailed out as they become available. POC's on this event are Steve Donock and Mitchell Mutchnick. Please feel free to contact them or me if you wish to attend. Thanks and looking forward to another marvelous month.

And don't forget Commissioning Day is only about a month away- MAY 5th. So get those vessels shined, polished and dressed to show!



## Important Items for Vessel Safety Inspection Saturday April 27, 10am - 2pm

- |                                     |                                     |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1. Display of Numbers               | 9. Navigation Lights                |
| 2. Registration/Documentation       | 10. Pollution Placard               |
| 3. Personal Flotation Devices (PFD) | 11. MARPOL Trash Placard            |
| 4. Visual Distress Signals (VDS)    | 12. Marine Sanitation Devices       |
| 5. Fire Extinguishers               | 13. Navigation Rules                |
| 6. Ventilation                      | 14. State and/or Local Requirements |
| 7. Backfire Flame Control           | 15. Overall Vessel Condition        |
| 8. Sound Producing Devices/Bell     |                                     |

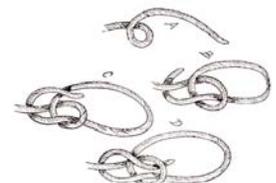
More info at: [wow.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=V-DEPT&category=virtual-safety-check](http://wow.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=V-DEPT&category=virtual-safety-check)

### Safety Flare Demonstration and Training



Don't forget to check and bring your old flares.

**Knot Tying  
instruction and  
advice.**



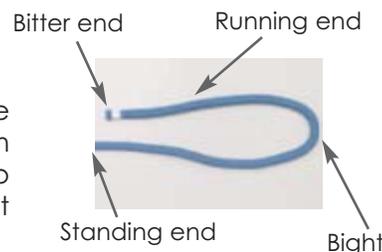
# WHY KNOT!

Submitted by Past Commodore, Bill Gard

In the last Why Knot we discussed terms and definitions. Here's a term that has a particular resonance at MVYC:

**Bight** – A curved section, slack part, or loop between the ends of a line.

Those of you who know long-time MVYC member Bob Beggan may be aware that one of Bob's favorite remarks sounds like he is saying "Bite me!" And when you hear Bob say it you probably think he is being scatological. In reality Bob, who is a seasoned boater, sailor and all-around salty guy, is actually saying "Bight me!", or "Give me some slack!"



So next time Bob says "Bight me!" let's all give him some slack.

## Lumps in a line

Even though in most cases we like to keep lines free of extraneous knots there are times we want to put some kind of lump in a line. It could be a knot to mark a particular spot in a line, a knot to provide a grabbing surface or it could be a stopper knot. Stopper knots are used to keep lines from passing entirely through pulleys, blocks, cam cleats and other tight spots. A stopper knot can also be used to keep the ends of lines from fraying. One stopper knot is the Overhand knot (Figure 1). The Overhand knot is not often recommended since pressure applied to a line with an Overhand knot can keep tightening the knot to the point where it cannot be easily undone.

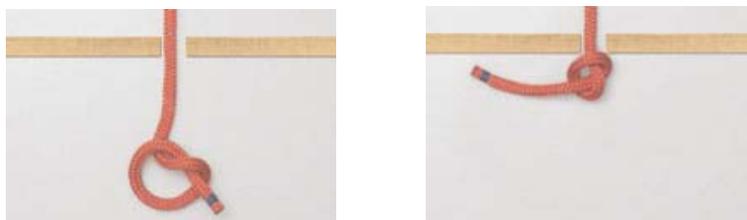


Figure 1. Overhand Knot

## Figure Eight Knot

A quick and convenient alternative Stopper knot is the Figure Eight knot (Figure 2). The Figure Eight knot stops lines from passing through blocks and cam cleats but doesn't bind up when tightened or jammed, and it can be easily undone.



Figure 2 Figure Eight Knot

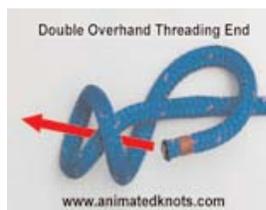
If you need more bulk in a stopper knot than you get with a conventional Figure Eight, you can use the Ashley Stopper knot or the Double Overhand knot.



Ashley Stopper Knot



Ashley Stopper Knot



Double Overhand Knot



Double Overhand knot

See these stopper knots tied in animation on the website: <http://www.animatedknots.com/>

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# WHY KNOT! continued...

## The Bowline



The Bowline (Figure 3), pronounced bō-lin, is probably the most important and most useful knot you can learn to tie. It doesn't come loose under strain but usually is easily untied. (Exception --if the standing end is under significant load the Bowline can be almost impossible to undo.) The Bowline is a loop knot that can be used to:

Figure 3 The Bowline

- Secure a line to a pile, to a cleat, to a ring or to a bitt.
- Tie two lines together securely with interlocking bowline loops.
- Fasten a line to a fender securely.

You can learn to tie a bowline in several ways and, for the adventurous, you can even tie it one-handed. (See [www.animatedknots.com](http://www.animatedknots.com) , one-handed bowline)

Figures 3.1 to 3.4 show the sequence of steps necessary to tie a Bowline. There's a short verse, easy to memorize, that helps remember the sequence of moves for the Bowline.

First, you have to form a loop in the line with the standing part of the line under the running part. Figure 3.1 That's the rabbit hole in the verse. Then:

- A rabbit comes out of his hole (Figure 3.2)
- The rabbit goes around the tree (Figure 3.3)
- He goes back into his hole (Figure 3.4)



Figure 3.1 Rabbit Hole:  
Running end looped  
over Standing end



Figure 3.2 Rabbit  
comes out of hole



Figure 3.3 Rabbit goes  
around the tree



Figure 3.4 Back into the  
hole

## Knot Tying Demonstrations

Remember, on Saturday April 27 the MVYC Power Fleet will host the annual U.S. Coast Guard boat safety inspection. At that event, we will set up a table or two to provide demonstrations of knot tying, complete with hands-on instruction. Please join us and learn marlinspike seamanship from our salty experts.

## Next month – Mooring Lines – definitions and how to tie a boat to a dock

Please send comments and suggestions to [bkgard123@aol.com](mailto:bkgard123@aol.com).

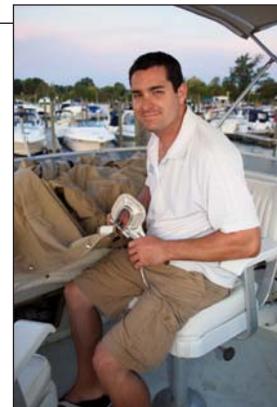
What say you, Bob Beggan?

# Pssst....do you know this guy?

Many Club members do!

Check out a feature piece on Inventor/Canvas Maker, John Gregal, in a recent issue of BoatU.S. magazine! Scroll about halfway down the page and look on the right side.

<http://www.boatus.com/magazine/2012/december/American-Boater-Its-Just-My-Day-Job.asp>



Our very own MVYC Member, Dick McCormack recently celebrated his 85th birthday. Happy Birthday, Dick! That's a whole lotta livin'!



### And Then It Is Winter

*Submitted by Dick McCormack*

You know. . . time has a way of moving quickly and catching you unaware of the passing years. It seems just yesterday that I was young, just married and embarking on my new life with my mate. Yet in a way, it seems like eons ago, and I wonder where all the years went. I know that I lived them all. I have glimpses of how it was back then and of all my hopes and dreams.

But, here it is... the winter of my life and it catches me by surprise...How did I get here so fast? Where did the years go and where did my youth go? I remember well seeing older people through the years and thinking that those older people were years away from me and that winter was so far off that I could not fathom it or imagine fully what it would be like.

But, here it is...my friends are retired and getting grey...they move slower and I see an older person now. Some are in better and some worse shape than me...but, I see the great change...Not like the ones that I remember who were young and vibrant...but, like me, their age is beginning to show and we are now those older folks that we used to see and never thought we'd be. Each day now, I find that just getting a shower is a real target for the day! And taking a nap is not a treat anymore... it's mandatory! Cause if I don't nap on my own free will... I just fall asleep where I sit!

And so...now I enter into this new season of my life unprepared for all the aches and pains and the loss of strength and ability to go and do things that I wish I had done but never did!! But, at least I know, that though the winter has come, and I'm not sure how long it will last...this I know, that when it's over on this earth...it's over. A new adventure will begin!

Yes, I have regrets. There are things I wish I hadn't done...things I should have done, but indeed, there are many things I'm happy to have done. It's all in a lifetime.

So, if you're not in your winter yet...let me remind you, that it will be here faster than you think. So, whatever you would like to accomplish in your life please do it quickly! Don't put things off too long!! Life goes by quickly. So, do what you can today, as you can never be sure whether this is your winter or not! You have no promise that you will see all the seasons of your life...so, live for today and say all the things that you want to your loved ones. Most importantly, thank God for your life here on earth and for all He has given to you.

*Also submitted by  
Dick McCormack*

Now that I'm older here's what I've discovered:

1. I started out with nothing, and I still have most of it.
2. My wild oats are mostly enjoyed with prunes and all-bran.
3. I finally got my head together, and now my body is falling apart.
4. Funny, I don't remember being absent-minded.
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6. If all is not lost, then where the heck is it?
7. It was a whole lot easier to get older, than to get wiser.
8. Some days, you're the top dog; some days you're the hydrant.
9. I wish the buck really did stop here; I sure could use a few of them.
10. Kids in the back seat cause accidents.
11. Accidents in the back seat cause kids.
12. It's hard to make a comeback when you haven't been anywhere.
13. The world only beats a path to your door when you're in the bathroom.
14. If God wanted me to touch my toes, he'd have put them on my knees.
15. When I'm finally holding all the right cards, everyone wants to play chess.
16. It's not hard to meet expenses . . . they're everywhere.
17. The only difference between a rut and a grave is the depth.
18. These days, I spend a lot of time thinking about the hereafter . . .  
I go somewhere to get something, and then wonder what I'm "here after".
19. Funny, I don't remember being absent-minded.
20. HAVE I POSTED THIS MESSAGE IN THE BEACON BEFORE...??????



Dear Kids of Mount Vernon Yacht Club,

My name is Grace, and my Mom, Blair Beggan, is the editor of the Beacon. I had an idea to have a Kids' page in the Beacon this summer. All the stuff on this page would come from us kids! We could have puzzles, jokes and riddles. We could have information on how the swim team is doing. We could have information on different events for kids at the Club. We could have artwork, like photos taken by kids or drawings (pssst...Virginia Walker!). If you think this is a good idea, and you would like to help, please send a quick email to my Mom at [bbeggan@aams.org](mailto:bbeggan@aams.org). If enough kids have good ideas, we can have the first page in the May issue next month!

Sincerely,  
Grace Kelly



## PRYCA Update

*Submitted by Dan O'Keefe*

It's a sure sign that the "Boating Season" is upon us. PRYCA has begun taking reservations for this year's Float-In. Scheduled for the weekend of **19 July through 21 July**. Like last year the event will be at the **Coles Point Marina, Coles Point, VA.**

<http://www.colespointmarina.com>

### Registration includes:

Friday Night **"PARTY ON THE BEACH" .....**GILLIGAN'S ISLAND THEME!!!

Saturday Morning Continental Breakfast

Saturday Night Buffet and Awards Banquet, Dancing under the stars to your favorite tunes!!!!!!!!!!

PRYCA Cup Competition

Door Prize Raffles

Sunday Brunch

### T-Shirt Contest!!!

Not **THAT** kind of contest. PRYCA is challenging clubs to provide entrees in the competition to design the 2013 Float-In T-Shirt. Prizes will be awarded. Deadline is May 1st. Contact Dan O'Keefe 703 727-6781 for details. We can also use designs for a MVYC Float-In shirt.





# April 2013



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 AM Closed for Cleaning 6-10 pm PRYCA Meeting (hosted by MVYC)	2 9 am Yoga Class	3	4 8:30 am Yacht Haven Garden Club 8 pm Membership Mtg	5 9 am Yoga Class 7:30 pm TGIF	6
7	8 AM Closed for Cleaning 7:30pm Social Cmte Mtg	9 9 am Yoga Class	10	11	12 9 am Yoga Class 7:30 pm TGIF	13
14	15 AM Closed for Cleaning 7:30 pm MVYC Board Mtg	16 9 am Yoga Class	17	18 7 pm Coast Guard Auxiliary Mtg	19 9 am Yoga Class TGIF cancelled	20 9 am Spring Clean Up Day Coast Guard Auxilliary Boating Course
21	22 AM Closed for Cleaning	23 9 am Yoga Class	24	25	26 9 am Yoga Class 7:30 pm TGIF	27 Boat Safety Inspections
28 Brunch Cruise	29 AM Closed for Cleaning	30 9 am Yoga Class	<b>April Boat Shows</b> Bay Bridge Boat Show Bay Bridge Marina, Stevensville, MD 4/18/2013 - 4/21/2013 Annapolis Spring Sailboat Show Annapolis City Dock and Harbor 4/26/2013 - 4/28/2013			



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## Save the Date!

Spring Clean-Up Day  
Saturday, April 20 9 AM - noon

Come join other members for our best chance to get the club facilities spruced up for a busy spring and summer. All levels of ability and effort are needed (mark your tools with ID)



**\*\*This spring we need a few chain saws for driftwood\*\***

Rakes – lawn or garden (lots of these)  
Shovels/spades  
Hoes  
Weed trimmers

Wheelbarrows/garden carts (need several)  
Pitchforks  
Trowels  
Miscellaneous other tools

**Support our very own MVYC Dolphins!** The swim team will be selling lunch (BBQ sandwich, slaw, chips and drink for \$8) at the Club Spring Cleanup April 20 from 11am-1pm.

All proceeds benefit the mighty Dolphins!