

Bosun's Whistle

By Jerry Gray, Commodore



We hopped directly from Winter into Summer in April - within one week I went from scraping ice off my car windows to 90-degree weather. Things have moderated since, and the members are enjoying the outdoors and filling the marina with boats.

Mark you calendars! Commissioning day is May 5th. It is the one time of the year that MVYC opens its grounds to the public and celebrates the new season. Our Chair Person, Jacqui Knight, always does stellar job of putting on a great event with just the right amount of Pomp. Thank Jacqui and her team for putting this together again.

There were lots of other opportunities to volunteer and have fun in April. Cleanup Day was the 20th, and thanks go to John Galloway and his band of volunteers for sprucing up the grounds. The Power Fleet held the Annual Safety inspection on April 27th and even had some folks lighting off flares, something everyone on a boat should know how to do safely. The following day was the Brunch Cruise to Alexandria, always a nice time and an opportunity for non-boaters to see the river.

We also will be experiencing some turnover in our volunteer staff. Mike and Catalina Holland have teamed up for several years now to handle Communications for the club. This includes the handling the many emails that are distributed and upkeep of the Website. They have done a fantastic job and I while I am sorry to see them hand this off, I know that they want to spend some time pursuing other interests. Gene Diotalevi will taking over Communications and will work with Mike and Catalina on a smooth transition. I can't thank these folks enough for the commitment to keep our membership informed.



Announcing MVYC Distinguished Volunteers!

As we prepare for Commissioning Day and another great year on the water, we also celebrate the completion of some very major capital improvements to our docks and Marina that will benefit MVYC for many years to come. We want to thank the very willing hands of all of the many members who helped to bring the plans for those improvements to fruition and to give special recognition to three of those members: **Bill Gard, Jim Borches and Jeff Kirkland** - without whose particular dedication and countless volunteer hours the effort could not have become a reality.



L to R: Distinguished Volunteers Bill Gard, Jeff Kirkland, and Jim Borches

More than two years ago, Immediate Past Commodore Ron Reinsel set into motion an ambitious program to improve our Marina facilities including the dredging of our Marina basin, replacing our aging C and D docks, and bringing water and electrical service to essentially all of the slips in the Marina. The objective of the project was not only to revive the Marina by deepening the water under all of our keels, but also to assure that the slips of all of our members were of the same quality and service.

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Upcoming Meetings...



Membership Meetings

May 2
June 6
at 8:00 pm
1st Thurs of the month

Board Meetings

May 20
June 17
at 7:30 pm
3rd Mon of the month

Social Committee Meetings

May 13
June 10
at 7:30 pm
2nd Mon of the month

Membership

Submitted by Dan O'Keefe, Membership Chair



This month we have the distinct pleasure to welcome 5 new families to MVYC membership. This month I'll introduce two families and next month I'll introduce the Flesch, Ichter, and Nagel families. Remember, if you see new faces around the club introduce yourself and help make our new members feel welcome.

The Binette Family

John was born and raised in Sanford, Maine. He attended the University of Maine at Orono. He obtained his machinist journeyman certificate from the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard in New Hampshire. Joanne was born in Manhattan, New York and raised in Fairlawn, New Jersey. Joanne attended the University of Delaware she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Human Resources and Masters Degree in Public Administration. Joanne and John met in Virginia in September 1995 and married in September 1999. They moved to the Mount Vernon area in July of 2001. In January 2004, they had their first child, Diana, and in January 2006 had their second child, Sarah. Both girls attend Woodley Hills Elementary School. They are parishioners at Good Shepherd Catholic Church where Joanne and John both volunteer. Joanne works with the Children's Liturgy program and John teaches 3rd grade religious education. John works as a machinist for CTI, an engineering firm. Joanne is a senior researcher for AARP.

The Carter Family

Sam and Sharon Carter live in Ashburn, VA. Sam was born in Knoxville, TN, and Sharon was born in Baltimore, MD; they both grew up in the Winter Park/Maitland, FL area. They both have graduate degrees from the University of Tennessee in Knoxville, TN, where they lived for twelve years and their three children were born. Sam retired as IBM Global Financing's senior project financing executive for the Americas in 2007 after nearly 30 years with IBM. He has served in multiple volunteer capacities including church council president, yacht club commodore and is an AUXOP member of the US Coast Guard Auxiliary. Sharon's academic background is in philosophy and logic, but these days she's a piano teacher. She spends most of her "spare" time doing genealogical research and serving as volunteer group administrator for Family TreeDNA. They have been married for over 41 years and their grown children spouses and, nine grandchildren all live in the area.

Welcome to the Binette and Carter Families!

FINAL REMINDER: To those who opted to pay your 2013 dues and fees in two installments your final payment was due on April 30, 2013. Please feel free to contact me at (703)727-6781 or membership@mountvernonyachtclub.com if you have any questions about your membership or payments due.

MVYC Distinguished Volunteers continued...

The first issue - how to pay for it all without an excessive increase in dues or slip fees – was graciously and skillfully tackled by Past Commodore Stuart Matthews. Stuart, together with a group of his fellow past commodores including Jerry Skelly, Ted Pearsall and Jim Hamrick, devised a plan to fund the renovations through a combination of refinancing our existing mortgage loan, moderate use of our Line of Credit (together with budgeted future pay downs), and our ordinary operating budget. Past Commodore Jim Hamrick then took the laboring oar in negotiating and obtaining the refinancing from our bank. That refinancing would provide the bulk of the necessary funding with only a small increase to our regular monthly expenses. Now the serious work was ready to begin.

Drawing on his experience from the earlier renovations of A and B docks, Past Commodore, and then Chair of the Planning Committee, **Bill Gard** developed the first general plan and preliminary budget estimates for the overall project that were presented to and approved by the membership. Having developed the overall conceptual plan, for the next year and a half Bill concentrated on the tasks of the design and the construction contracting for the replacement docks as well as the upgrading of the electrical services. Bill followed through the design and contracting for both of these parts of the project from beginning to end.

Perhaps because his boat had spent so much time resting in the mud at the bottom of its slip, **Jim Borches** agreed to take on supervision of the planning for the dredging component of the project. Jim coordinated obtaining the initial engineering studies, developed the detailed scope of work for the dredging effort, explored potential dredging and disposal contractors, and charted our way through the seemingly endless permitting process.

When our dredging contractor (and our new docks) finally arrived at MVYC just after last Thanksgiving, **Jeff Kirkland** assumed the role of our on-site construction supervisor. For the better part of the next two months Jeff oversaw the entire construction effort, including the removal of more than 4,200 cubic yards of Marina dredge, the coming and (more importantly) going of nearly 400 truck loads of dredge spoils, and the placement of the new docks and pilings.

Without the many months of dedicated service by Bill, Jim and Jeff our vastly new and improved Marina would not have been possible and we proudly recognize them as MVYC Distinguished Volunteers.

In addition we also want to thank Past Marina Chair, now Commodore, Jerry Gray as well as current Marina Chairs Steve Donock and Alexi Stravropolous who also assisted in the dock design and who continue to work with many other MVYC volunteers to install the pedestals and hook up the water and electrical utilities on the new docks.

In the end, and thanks to the efforts of all who have labored so long and hard - particularly Bill, Jim and Jeff - the Marina improvement project is at long last complete, not only on time but under budget.

On Commission Day, while the Point may still be a bit rough in spots from the construction efforts, all of MVYC can take great pride our great new (and deeper) facilities.



Mark Your Calendars!

New Members Party

Saturday, June 22nd

Please plan on joining your fellow club members to meet and greet our newest members!

Dock Master Musings

HISTORY AND INSIGHTS FROM THE WHARF AT MOUNT VERNON ESTATES

By Marianne Ketels, a Friend of Mount Vernon

Farmer Washington

"Grandpapa is very well, and much pleased at being once more Farmer Washington." So said Nelly Custis, granddaughter of Martha Washington in a letter dated 1797, the year that Washington returned to Mount Vernon after serving two terms as President.

When Washington fully inherited Mount Vernon from his brother Lawrence's widow in 1761, it was an estate of 3,500 acres, which, over time, he increased to 8,000. Five separate farms were on that property, Mansion House, Dogue Run, Muddy Hole, River, and Union.

The trend among 18th century Virginia landowners was to grow tobacco for export, tobacco being the number one cash crop of the region. Washington broke from that tradition and started growing a variety of other crops, primarily grains and Indian corn. He knew that tobacco was hard on the soil and that crop rotations were needed to maintain fertility. Also, he wanted to get away from dependency on an uncertain market.

Power for farming came from animals. Washington had oxen, horses and eventually, mules, which he raised for farm work from breeding stock imported from Europe. He said that he hoped "to secure a race of extraordinary goodness that will stock the Country."

Hogs, sheep, cattle, and poultry were in abundance at Mount Vernon. His cattle were Devon, an all-purpose breed; good for draught work, meat, and milk. Washington built a large flock of sheep, 600 in total. Hogs were essential to a farm and it is noted that in 1785, 128 hogs were slaughtered, yielding 17,000 pounds of pork. Chickens, turkeys, ducks and geese were raised for their meat and eggs, and ran free on the plantation.

An interesting and perhaps not widely-known fact is that Washington was an avid dog breeder. He raised numerous dogs hoping to improve some of the breeds. He had a large kennel on the hillside below the main house overlooking the Potomac.

Washington also saw the value in animal manure as a fertilizer and built a stercorary which is actually a roofed "repository for dung." The Mount Vernon stercorary has been reconstructed and is in use today. It is located just south of the mansion, near the stables.

Washington was both an innovative and an inventive farmer. He actually devised a mechanical plow/planter and on a larger scale, he is credited with inventing a unique threshing barn which many know as the "16-sided barn." A reconstructed threshing barn can be seen at Mount Vernon today on the Pioneer Farm not far from the wharf.

Another facet of farming at Mount Vernon was the fishery operation. For several weeks in the spring, all hands worked on harvesting fish from the Potomac River. Large nets were used to harvest primarily shad and herring. According to some reports, over a million fish were harvested in a season.

Of course Farmer Washington is unlikely to have succeeded to the extent that he did without the approximately 300 slaves and numerous non-slave employees who worked the farms. Skilled workers who helped to make the plantation almost completely self-sufficient included blacksmiths, coopers, shoemakers and carpenters. They even made their own bricks at Mt. Vernon.

Finally, is it important to point out that Washington's success as a farmer was due in large part to the fact that when he was present at Mount Vernon, he was intimately involved in its everyday operations. He typically rose at 4:30 each morning and rode a 20 mile circuit among his farms to inspect crops, woodlands, fences and ditches. Indeed, when he was away serving his country, the profitability of the estate declined. His dedication to farming is exemplified in a remark to one of his overseers: "I shall begrudge no reasonable expense that will contribute to the improvement and neatness of my Farms – for nothing pleases me better than to see them in good order, and everything trim, handsome, and thriving about them."





Bring Friends and Neighbors to Commissioning Day!

By Jacque Knight



MVYC Commissioning Day plans are taking shape for Sunday, May 5 at 2 p.m.

Volunteers will be welcome earlier in the day - at 9 AM - at The Point to help set up, meet and greet at the ceremony and stay around for the take down. When the whole crew helps, we all have a lot of fun. Coffee cake and coffee will be waiting for the early helpers.

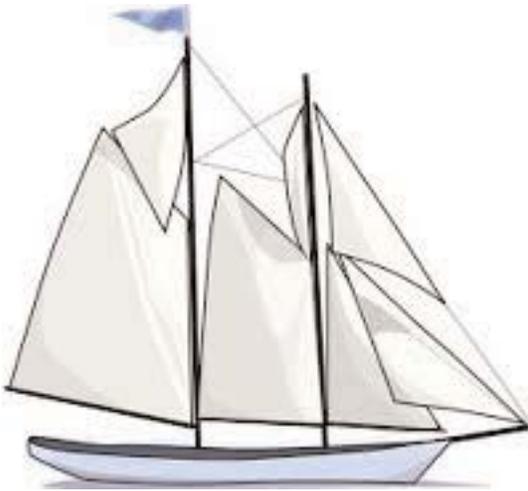
Flyers to invite to your friends and neighbors will be available at the club and in an e-mail from the web-master.



COMMISSIONING



DAY



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!

It's almost time for...

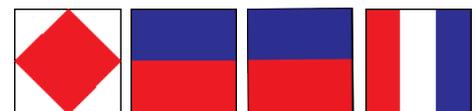
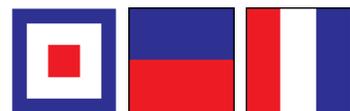


**...the Memorial Day Raft Up, y'All!
Saturday, May 25th
See you on the river!**

May Nautical Flag Riddle



What do you get
when you cross a
a stream and a brook?





On The Docks

by Steve Donock & Alexi Stavropoulos, Marina Co-Chairs
Email: marina@mountvermonyachtclub.com

The boating season is finally upon us and our marina project is complete. Over the past few weeks boats have been returning to deep water slips and our new C & D docks. This year we had quite a bit of turn over with boat slips throughout the marina. Fortunately we were able to assign slips to members that were on the wait list and also several new members that recently joined MVYC. Please join us in welcoming our new dock mates to our marina. The red channel marker and our no wake buoys are back in the creek.

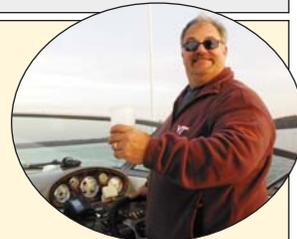
The gas dock is open and under new management. Mike Phelps has offered to take over the pumps this year and is ready to go with his group of volunteers. The hours of operation are the same, Saturday 10am-12pm and Sunday 10am-12pm. In order for things to run smoothly and for safety purposes we remind everyone that you must have lines and fenders in place before you approach the gas dock. While fueling your boat all passengers need to step off the boat and cabin doors as well as all hatches need to be closed. After taking on fuel the blowers need to be turned on for a few minutes prior to starting the engines.

From the beginning of this year until now a lot of work has been done to our marina. We have gone through the dredge, acquired and installed two new docks, installed new pedestals with electric and water, made repairs to electrical outlets and breakers on A dock as well as in and outer W, turned the water back on to all docks, deployed the red channel marker and the no wake buoys. We have said this before but it deserves to be repeated. All of this could not have been achieved without the efforts of numerous club members who have volunteered and continue to volunteer in order to keep our marina and our club running smoothly. Blair may shoot us if we listed everyone so we would like to thank the gentlemen that did all the leg work and managed the dredging and dock placement. We would also like to thank those of you that normally leave your boats in for the winter and were able to remove them this year in order to help the project run smoothly. Thanks to those that helped move boats throughout the duration of the project. Big thanks to the members that helped out with all of the work on C & D docks as well as the deployment of the buoy and channel markers.

Power Fleet

Submitted by Chris Bazel, Power Fleet Captain

Well, here we are – May. Boating season is upon us and from the look of the docks, many of you have already splashed your boats and are ready to get out there and enjoy the river.



By the time you read this, all captains, mates and crew should be up to date on safe boating operations and have brushed up on their knot tying skills. Our annual safety inspection day was held on April 27 and I want to offer a special thank you to the members of the Coast Guard Auxiliary who came and inspected boats. Also thank you to Gene Diotalevi, Roger Fuller and Bill Gard for pulling it all together. Knowing that your boat meets federal safety standards and that in an emergency you will have the necessary equipment to save lives and summon help should give all boaters peace of mind as we get this new season rolling.

I hope to see all of those safe and secure boats decorated for Commissioning Day on Sunday May 6. Remember, the best-dressed power and sail boat will receive a prize! Commissioning Day is always a wonderful celebration for the club so please consider inviting friends and neighbors and making a full day of it at the point. This year, we have the added benefit of showing off all the work that was done around the marina and grounds.

The Fleet's first outing on the river was the annual brunch cruise on April 28. Thank you to Mitchell Mutnick and Steve Donock for coordinating and thank you to all the captains who ferried our hungry travelers to Old Town's Chart House. This event never disappoints and if you missed it this year, put a note on your calendar for 2014.

Next up will be our annual photo shoot on the water on May 11 (weather permitting). If you would like to have a picture taken of your boat with Mount Vernon in the background keep an eye on your emails for details.

We will be wrapping up May and kicking off summer with the Memorial Day raft-up ...stay tuned for more. Happy boating!

WHY KNOT!

Submitted by Past Commodore, Bill Gard

Mooring Lines – Definitions and techniques for tying up:

The following discussion is adapted from the Yamaha Boater's Log Vol. 3 No. 15

Securing Your Boat to a Dock

After successfully maneuvering a boat alongside a dock or into a slip, we use dock lines – also called mooring lines – to secure the boat to the dock. To keep it simple, we're talking about tying up with no wind, no waves, and only minor fluctuations in water depth (tidal variations).

Figure 1 – Dock line definitions

You'll need four to six lines dock lines (lines with a permanent eye spliced on one end) to secure the boat to the dock. One or two of these are used at the bow and one or two are used at the stern and should each be about two-thirds the length of your boat. Spring lines limit the fore and aft movement of your craft and should be about the length of your boat. You should also have fenders to prevent the boat from banging into the pier.

It's possible (but not recommended) to tie up your boat with only two lines – one at the bow and another at the stern – with each line running at about a 90-degree angle from the boat to the dock. These two lines will secure the boat to the dock, but the boat may still drift forward or backward (fore and aft), potentially allowing the craft to bump into other boats, especially at a crowded pier.

A common method of making your vessel fast to the dock or slip is quick and easy, usually involving four mooring lines: a bow line and stern line to secure the ends of your boat to the dock; and two spring lines to keep the boat from moving fore and aft. (See Figure 1 above.)

Bow and stern lines' locations are self-explanatory; the bow line is at the front and the stern line is at the back of the boat. Spring lines hold the boat amidships (the middle), by running one spring line from a dock cleat situated near the center of the vessel to the bow, and then another spring line to the dock cleat from the stern.

Or, lacking a centrally-located dock cleat, if there's a cleat (or cleats) on the gunwale (the upper edge of the hull) close to the boat's center, you can rig spring lines from the amidships cleat(s) aft to where the stern line is tied to the dock, and forward to the bow line dock cleat.

If you are docking in a slip, instead of parallel-parking at a dock, you can rig two lines from the bow to the port and starboard pilings or cleats (see Figure 2 below), and crisscross the stern lines -- port line to starboard piling or cleat, starboard line to port piling or cleat. (See Figures 3 below and 4 next page) Where there are tide swings, crossed stern lines and longer spring lines allow the boat to rise and fall with the tide without causing undue strain on lines or boat deck hardware.

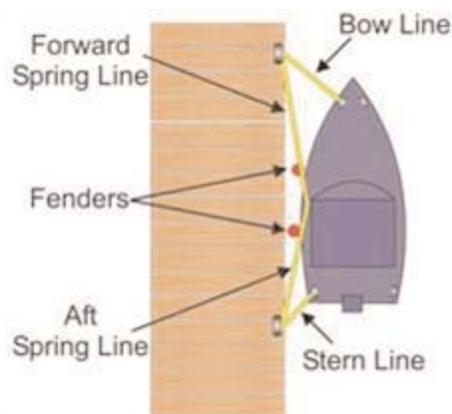


Figure 2 –
Bow lines to cleats on shore



Figure 3 –
Stern Lines crossed to piles on shore

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WHY KNOT! continued...



Figure 4 – Stern Lines crossed to cleats on a dock

Tying the Line to Your Boat

Most dock lines / mooring lines have an eye (loop) incorporated on one end; this is the end you'll tie to your boat. Push the eye of the dock line through the opening in the base of the cleat. Then loop the line's eye over both horns (the ends) of the cleat. Finally, pull the dock line snug. (See figure 5 below)



Figure 5 – Dock line secured to a cleat on a boat

Tying the Line to the dock

To tie the line to a standard dock cleat, take the mooring line in hand, wrap it around the base of the cleat, and pull the line over the top and around the opposite horns of the cleat to create a figure-eight with the line. Make two additional figure eights, if possible, and secure by tucking the line under the last wrap to form a half hitch. (See Figure 6 below)



Figure 6 Cleat Hitch

Use high quality dock lines and fenders (make sure the fenders are large enough for your boat); practice; be patient with yourself and your crew – and tying up your boat will soon be as easy as tying your shoes.

A Dinghy Situation

Submitted by Steve Donock

The Clean Up crew did a great job uncovering the dinghy racks last week and that work led us to notice that there were a lot more boats on/under/next to the racks than there are supposed to be. In fact, barely half of the boats found had been included in this year's renewal forms. We're pretty sure there will be others wanting to come back as the weather gets warmer so we're talking about more than just a few dollars of unpaid fees. So, please, if you have a boat on the rack either send in the \$80 fee (you can just attach a note since all renewal forms have been returned already) or remove your boat as soon as possible. **We will waive any late fees for payments that are received by Monday, May 20th.** We are in the process of trying to put names with boats and get in contact with owners as well. When the process is complete we will likely be removing some of the boats and disposing of them as some of them are in very poor condition.

In the past some boats were donated to the Club for teaching kids so if there's interest we will entertain keeping some for that purpose. The bottom line is that we need to get the racks in order and determine just how much rack space is needed since they do require maintenance.

As for storing your boats on the racks please make sure your boat is stored upside down. There are at least two boats that have significant damage to their hulls due to being filled with rain water and bending over the rails. This isn't great for the racks, either, and has led to one board collapsing already. Also, make sure you lash your boat to the rack to prevent it from being blown off in high winds. Finally, a reminder that if you have more than one boat and you cannot store them both properly in one space you will need to rent two spaces.

Thanks for your cooperation in this matter and hopefully we'll have the racks straightened up and in order with accessible storage for everyone who needs it, very soon.

On Your Mark!

By Sherry Catron, Swim Team Representative



Most people hate the thick yellow coating of pollen on their car, but it is one of my favorite reminders that swim season will begin soon. This is my first season as swim team representative, and I hope to continue the Dolphin tradition of being the team that has the most fun.

Though the pool is not open, a lot of planning has taken place to make this another great season. Coach Mark Murray is returning for his third season with our Dolphins and has made it his personal mission to see us win a meet.

Joining him will be Assistant Coach Alex Dona. Alex is in his third year at the U.S. Coast Guard Academy and competes on their swim team. Not only did he swim in high school at Thomas Jefferson High School but also he was a Dolphin at the Waynewood pool. He has promised to bring us some new Dolphin cheers!

Our Kick Off Banquet is May 4, 2013 at 6pm at the clubhouse. Our food theme this year is an Italian Feast, bring a dish to share. Desserts and non-alcoholic drinks will be provided. It is always great fun for the kids and parents to come together in anticipation of the coming season. Anyone interested in joining the team please join us at the Banquet to find out more from those that have been through a season or two (or ten). If you can't join us for the Banquet please check out our team website <http://www.teamunify.com/Home.jsp?team=recdcclmvlc> or contact me at sacatron@verizon.net for more information.



2013 MVYC Swim Team Schedule



Date	Time	Event	Location
Sat, May 4th	6 - 9 PM	Kick-Off Party and Movie	MVYC
Tues, May 28th	4:30 - 6:30PM	Afternoon Practice Begins	MVYC
		8 & Unders 4:30 - 5:30 PM	
		9 & Over 5:30 - 6:30 PM	
Fri, June 14th	6:30 PM	Swim Team TGIF	MVYC
Sat, June 15th	8:30 AM	Dual Meet 1 vs. Trump National	Away Meet
Wed, June 19th	9 -11 AM	Morning Practice Begins	MVYC
		8 & Unders 9 - 10 AM	
		9 & Overs 10 -11 AM	
	5 - 6 PM	Afternoon Practice Continues (M - Th)	MVYC
Sat, June 22nd	8 AM	Dual Meet 2 vs. CCF	MVYC
Sat, June 29th	8:30 AM	Dual Meet 3 vs. Springfield Golf and CC	Away Meet
Thur, July 4th	12 Noon	Fourth of July Party	MVYC
Sat, July 6th	8:30 AM	Dual Meet 4 vs. Hidden Creek	Away Meet
Sat, July 13th	8 AM	Dual Meet 5 vs. Evergreen	MVYC
Sun, July 14th	9 AM	Relay Carnival	Away Meet
Tues, July 16th	No Practice	DCCL King's Dominion Day	Off Site
Sat July 20th	8 AM	Dual Meet 6 vs. Mt. Vernon Country Club	MVYC
Sat, July 27th		All Star Qualifiers - AM – Girls, PM – Boys	Away Meet
Sun, July 28th	9 AM	All Star Finals	Away Meet
Sun, July 28th	6 PM	End of Season Awards Banquet	MVYC

Please note: Warm-ups are at 8:00 AM for home meets and 8:30 AM for away meets. All Meets Start at 9:00AM.
Fun Fridays begin after regular practice on Fridays.

Last Call...Kids of Mount Vernon Yacht Club!

Thanks a lot to the kids that I've heard from so far - Alex Gray, Katt Reissetter and Shelby and Carson Svulich. I decided to do one more letter in case any other kids want to help. Are there any other kids out there? please send an email with your phone number to my Mom, Blair Beggan, at bbeggan@aams.org. Be thinking of some cool ideas and I'll be calling all the kids that would like to help out. I'm excited to get to work on our first Kids' page starting in the June Beacon.

Sincerely,
Grace Kelly



PRYCA UPDATE

Submitted by Dan O'Keefe

In addition to all the events scheduled by our own Power and Sail Fleets, PRYCA provides MVYC Captains the opportunity meet, travel, and party with members of yacht clubs up and down the Potomac. The upcoming activities sponsored by PRYCA and it's other member clubs include:



Cobb Island Yacht Club's Summer Kick-Off --- June 14th to 16th Theme: "Cobbstock - The Summer of Love"

Scheduled events : Captains Hour, Friday Night Seafood Buffett, Saturday Scavenger Hunt, Nature Walk with the "Bird Man" of Charles County, Water Rescue Demonstration, Saturday Night Hippie Dippie Dinner, Best Dressed Hippie Contest, Best Dressed Boat Competition, Crab Cook-off, Dr. Shroom's Mycology Presentation, Psychedelic Art, Dr. Robert Band, 1960s Trivia Contest, and The Rivah's famous Sunday Hangover Omelette Bar.

Potomac River Yacht Clubs Association 2013 FLOAT-IN --- July 19th to 21st Theme: "Gilligan's Island"

Friday Night "PARTY ON THE BEACH"..... GILLIGAN'S ISLAND THEME!!! Saturday Morning Continental Breakfast, Saturday Night Buffet and Awards Banquet, Dancing to your favorite tunes!!!!!!!!!! PRYCA Cup Competition, Door Prize Raffles , Seminars and demonstrations. Sunday Brunch.

Aquia Harbor Dog Day's of August --- August 9th to 11th

Schedule changed from August 16th to 18th Details to follow...

End of Summer Party --- October 11th to 13th

Details Coming...

For additional information on any of these other PRYCA activities contact me at danokeefe711@msn.com.



CBYCA Update

Submitted by Jerry Nissley



This article is an introduction to the Chesapeake Bay Yacht Club Association (CBYCA). MVYC re-established its membership in 2013 and as the MVYC liaison to CBYCA, I have the distinct pleasure of traveling around to various member yacht clubs attending membership meetings, which are held every other month.

The CBYCA has a membership of over 130 Yacht Clubs with a collective membership of more than 60,000 recreational boaters who cruise the Chesapeake Bay area. The CBYCA charter includes yacht clubs from Maryland, Virginia, Pennsylvania, Delaware, New Jersey, and the District of Columbia.

The CBYCA was founded with three basic objectives:

1. To protect the interests of better boating in the Chesapeake Bay area through legislation;
2. To define and set up standards of recognition for Yacht Clubs in the Chesapeake Bay area so as to distinguish between those Yacht Clubs completely controlled by the members thereof and those wholly, or partly, controlled by commercial ventures;
3. To act as a liaison and coordinator between Yacht Clubs as to coming events, such as Opening Days and Commodore Balls, and as far as possible, prevent overlap of these type events.

The first meeting of the year was held at Baltimore Yacht club (see picture, top right) and the next meeting will be at Eastern Yacht Club.

CBYCA minutes are reported to the MVYC board at monthly meetings and to the MVYC membership via the Beacon starting this with this issue. Full meeting minutes can be found on the CBYCA website shown below; I will provide highlights via the Beacon as appropriate.

I have several copies of the CBYCA Roster book that lists all member yacht clubs, their services and points of contact. Please let me know if you want a copy of your very own. (jerry.nissley@verizon.net)

For more information on CBYCA, please visit their website: www.cbyca.org
CBYCA Newsletter - http://www.cbyca.org/Chartroom_Chatter.htm

All in a day's work play at the MVYC - Saturday, March 23rd...



Kids Easter Party

AND

Annual Sock Burning at the Point





May 2013

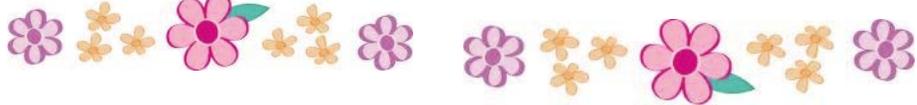


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12  Happy Mother's Day!	13 AM Closed for Cleaning 7:30pm Social Cmte Mtg	14 9 am Yoga Class	15	16 7 pm Coast Guard Auxiliary Mtg	17 9 am Yoga Class TGIF cancelled	18
19	20 AM Closed for Cleaning 7:30 pm MVYC Board Mtg	21 9 am Yoga Class	22	23	24 9 am Yoga Class 7:30 pm TGIF	25 11 am Memorial Day Raft Up / Spring Fling
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Save The Date
MVYC Mother's Day Tea!

Saturday, May 11th, 3:00 - 5:00 pm
MVYC Clubhouse



You are cordially invited for tea for WAY more than two!
Bring your Mom, bring your daughter, bring your sister,
bring your niece, bring your best friend. The more, the merrier!



Don't forget your tea hats!

Please RSVP to Pam Beggan at (703) 360-9016
or to Blair Beggan at bbeggan@aams.org.