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The Bosun's Whistle

Submitted by Ron Reinsel, Commodore

IT'S SHIVERY FE'BURR'Y

The winter is upon us. The pool is blanketed. Our boats are nestled on trailers or tucked into their icy slips. Spring seems like it is a year away. But now is the time to begin to think and plan for a new boating year and a great new season.

While we await the thaw, hearty souls will fill the Point for the Frostbite Feast. The Super Bowl and Chili Cook-Off Party will warm our bodies. And an Overland to Tim's and Valentine's Day cannot be far behind. It is also time for the annual ritual of dues statements and slip applications and, most importantly, time to pick your volunteer activities for the new year. Whether it's joining one of the standing committees, hosting a Friday night TGIF, or working on a Club party or other activity, MVYC depends on the time and commitment of each and every one of you to keep our Club the wonderful place that it is. Volunteering is also the chance to share your ideas and better get to know other Club members. Through volunteering we are both stronger and richer and receive much more than we give, so start this year's membership renewal process with your choices for the activities in which you want to participate.

Speaking of volunteers, our thanks and congratulations to our newest Distinguished volunteer – Blair Beggan. Also, great thanks to member Jim Nelson who in January graciously brought his crew to do a major clean up of our Out Lot on Neptune Drive, much to the appreciation of the Club and its neighbors.

Update on the Capital Improvements Program

First, as reported last month, in mid-December we received preliminary bids for dredging the Marina, and our permit application is now pending for approval. That said, and conditioned on receiving permit approval, given the logistical issues involved in relocating boats to accommodate the effort, we believe that the most appropriate time to actually commence the dredging work will be at the end of this coming boating season.

While we may need to wait just a bit to get to "deeper," we can still use this part of the off-season to get to "better." The other major part of the program - the re-construction of "C" and "D" Docks and expansion of utility services can be undertaken now with minimal disruption while most of the boats on those docks are out of the Marina for the winter. The objectives will be to have all of our floating docks of equal quality, to maintain the at least the same number of slips, and to have the construction effort completed in advance of Commissioning Day.

At last month's membership meeting we approved this year's operating budget. Now that planning and budgeting numbers for these long term enhancements to our facilities have firmed up, at the February membership meeting we will present and request approval for the separate Capital Improvements Budget.

In the meanwhile, stay warm and keep the thoughts of a great new season dancing in your heads.



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From the House Guy

by Don Basham, House Chair

It appears that our Christmas Tree will remain set up until next Christmas. Don't take me wrong, I love Christmas Trees but, it is time for it to be stowed away for the next event. My message here is: if you set up for an event, you are also responsible for the take down.

The damage to the water reservoir tray in the main level ice machine has been repaired. A new water reservoir tray was procured without having to pay the \$135 price tag. But, diligence is required to keep the tray from undergoing another round with the terrible scoop, which is much stronger when the power of an elbow is behind it. Scoop from side to side and not from front to rear. This can prevent the scoop from slipping and doing damage to the reservoir.

Lights burning when nobody is present remains a problem. Take a look around when you are departing the club and turn off unnecessary lights. This should not be a never-ending dilemma and we should not accept this careless practice which costs us extra money.

As always, if you see something that needs attention that I have missed, or if you have recommendations to improve on the quality of the House, please do not hesitate to contact me. I WILL take your comment under consideration, and will probably fix the problem before you have time to take a second look.

Happy New Year, and have a safe boating season.



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Don Basham, bashamd@ix.netcom.com or 703-799-7777.

Upcoming Meetings...



Membership Meetings

February 2
March 1
1st Thurs of the month

Board Meetings

February 20
March 19
at 7:30 pm
3rd Mon of the month

Social Committee Meetings

February 13
March 12
at 7:30 pm
2nd Mon of the month

MVYC Distinguished Volunteer - Blair Beggan

By Ron Reinsel, Commodore

With great delight, we recognize the distinguished service of member Blair Beggan for her many contributions to the Mount Vernon Yacht Club. Blair is not only a long time member of the Club, but as one of the ubiquitous Beggan Clan, she is a second generation member who literally grew up in the Club.

Early on, Blair was an outstanding member of the MVYC Swim Team who set many long-standing records and served as the consistent annual "ice-breaker" to inaugurate the pool with its first splash on Opening Day – an apparently hereditary position recently assumed by Blair's daughter Grace. More recently, however, Blair has put in countless hours as the Production Editor of our monthly newsletter, The Beacon. While Bart Hewitt may snap the deadline whip at the many contributing writers and diligently correct their prose, it is Blair's quiet and artistic efforts that puts the articles to into vivid existence and creates the wonderful publication that we look forward to each month.

More than just a monthly newsletter to our members, with its posting on our web site the Beacon serves as the Club's face and its voice to the public and potential new members. Each month, Blair creates that personality and breathes life into the words and pictures that make us who we are to the world and to each other. Whether you hold the Beacon in your hand or read it on your computer, it is the result of Blair's tireless and magical efforts. For this and all else that she does, and has done, to make MVYC such a wonderful place to be a part of, our greatest thanks and appreciation to Distinguished Volunteer Blair Beggan.

*Oooooo....Ahhhhh...
a spectacular sunset at the Point*



Photo courtesy of Russell Poe

On The Docks

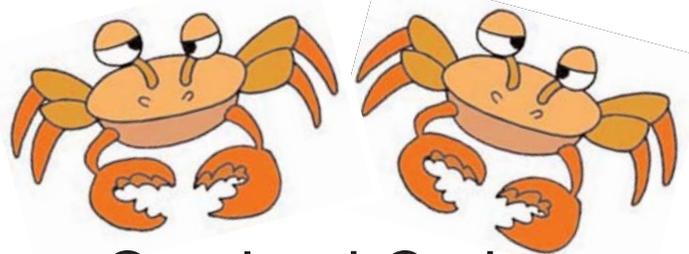
By Jerry Gray and Steve Donock, Marina Co-Chairs
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The marina has been in shutdown mode for nearly two months now, but warmer than average weather has kept some boaters active in December and January. Before the winter is over we will surely have that cold snap and/or snowstorm, so for those of you with boats in the water over the winter: please check on them regularly to ensure lines and electrical connections are in good shape and secure and that water is not collecting in your boat.

We want to extend a "Thank You" to the group of volunteers that helped winterize the marina water systems and the lawn sprinklers. Rick Mullins supplied an air compressor. Ernie Dauray, Alexi Stavropoulos, Joe Castor, and Jerry's grandson Blane Hornung along with Steve and Jerry got the job done.

Please make sure you get your slip requests completed accurately when you pay your dues this month. If you have multiple boats, be sure to indicate which is the primary boat, because all primary boats are assigned slips before any secondary boat slips are assigned. If you have a boat on the dinghy rack please give us as much information as possible to assist us in identification. Slip assignments will be in the mail the first week in March. The new marina year begins March 15th.

Hoping for a mild remainder to the winter.



Overland Cruise to Tim's Rivershore

Who is invited? Everyone

Where? Tim's Rivershore

When? Saturday, Feb. 11th

Time? Noon

How? By Car (overland)

Cost? \$10-\$30, depending on what you order.



Power Fleet Events Calendar 2012

Events		Point of Contact	Tides (if applicable)
Frostbite	28-Jan	Team Frostbite	
Tim's Overland	11-Feb	Christine Stavropoulos	
Brunch Cruise	29-Apr	Tracy G. / Brian A.	L:8am/H:2:08
Safety Inspection	21-Apr	Jerry Gray	
Commissioning Day	6-May	Power Fleet Best Dressed Boats	
Photo Shoot	12-May <i>Rain date TBD</i>	Poe / Alexi	L:7:55/H 2:06
Memorial Day Raft Up/Spring Fling	26-May	Dave Miskimens / Fred Brown	H 12:04pm/L 6:37
MVYC 10th Annual Parade of Lights	3-Jul	Team Miskimens	H 8:34 pm
PRYCA Float In	21-22-Jul?	Dan O'Keefe	
St. Mary's Cruise Red Brown Mem. Cruise	17-19-Aug	Alexi Stavropoulos	
Labor Day Raft Up	1 or 2-Sep	TBD	1st H 9:08/L 3:23pm 2nd H 9:52/L 4:02
Wounded Warriors Power / Sail Social Event	8-Sep	Bill Gard	L 8:14am/H 2:26pm
Fall Cruise Party	22-Sep	Team Bazel	H 1:45pm
Alexandria Overnight	20-Oct	Team Stavropoulos	L 6:39am/H 12:28 pm

Toon Fleet News

By Bart Hewitt, Little Olde Shorte Guy

This month your Toon Fleet Captain wrote an inspired Tune Fleet News article for the Beacon. But, as luck would have it, by the time it reached Blair Beggan, the Beacon Mega-Expert Production Bombshell (BMEPB), it was unreadable. So this month the thousands - nay, millions of Toon Fleet afficianadi who eagerly salivate in anticipation of a new Toon Fleet News article will just have to sublimate (which is Latin for "weep uncontrollably"). I feel your pain.

Russell Poe, an inspired Self-Portrait!



SuperBowl Party
Sunday, February 5th
4:30 pm
MVYC Clubhouse



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 8:30 am Yacht Haven Garden Club 8 pm Membership Mtg	3 9 am Yoga Class 7:30 pm TGIF	4
5 4:30 pm Superbowl Party 	6 AM Closed for Cleaning	7 9 am Yoga Class	8	9	10 9 am Yoga Class 7:30 pm TGIF	11 12pm Overland Cruise to Tim's Rivershore 
12	13 AM Closed for Cleaning 7:30pm Social Cmte Mtg	14 9 am Yoga Class 	15	16 7:30 pm Coast Guard Auxiliary Mtg	17 9 am Yoga Class 7:30 pm TGIF	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
26	27 AM Closed for Cleaning	28 9 am Yoga Class	29 			



U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Boating Safety Training Schedule
February 4 and 18 March 3 and 17



March 2012



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18	19 AM Closed for Cleaning 7:30 pm MVYC Board Mtg	20 9 am Yoga Class	21	22	23 9 am Yoga Class 7:30 pm TGIF	24 5 pm Annual Sock Burning 
25	26 AM Closed for Cleaning	27 9 am Yoga Class	28	29	30 9 am Yoga Class 7:30 pm TGIF	31



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