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Bosun's Whistle

By Ron Reinsel, Commodore

Where did the summer go?

It seems like only last week that we were welcoming summer and a new boating season with Commissioning Day. Didn't we just have a great Romanesque bacchanal of a New Members Party? Wasn't the Fourth of July only a few days ago? Now the season is beginning to wind down. Vacations are coming to an end and a new school year is ready to start. Such is the annual turn of the seasons that take us inexorably into the future. But while the Swim Team season may have ended and (hopefully) the worst of the summer heat is behind us, there are still plenty of great days and evenings on the water to look forward to and a busy social season about to begin.

In addition to the usual fun around the Club, over the summer months we also accomplished a great deal of work to the benefit of the Club over the coming years.

First, we are very pleased to report that our planned marina improvements are continuing on track. We completed the installation of the new electrical service that will provide power for most of the slips on C, D and E Docks. The distribution points have been installed at the end of C and D and are awaiting the installation of the new docks. Service has also been extended to power up the majority of the slips on E Dock and power pedestals on that dock have already been installed and are in use.

The C and D dock replacements are also well underway. Over the summer we contracted with the same company that previously built our "new" A and B docks to manufacture the C and D dock replacements. As a result, not only will be getting the same quality and materials on all of our floating docks, but more importantly, by taking advantage of the company's otherwise slow summer months, we obtained their construction at a savings of about \$3,000.00 and the manufacturer will store the completed docks...

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Nominating Committee Slate for the 2013 MVYC Board of Directors

Submitted by Bill Gard, Nominating Committee Chair

As required by the MVYC Bylaws, the MVYC Nominating Committee has developed a slate of candidates to be nominated for the 2013 MVYC Board of Trustees at the November 2012 MVYC Membership meeting. The Nominating Committee consists of Immediate Past Commodore Bill Gard, Past Commodore Jim Hamrick, BEACON Publishing Editor Blair Beggan, Jim Borches, and Chuck Manka. Thanks to all for their participation in this effort and thank you to those of you who have agreed to serve on the board.

The following names will be presented to the membership for the November 1, 2012 election of officers:

- Commodore -- Jerry Gray
- Vice Commodore -- Steve Donock
- Rear Commodore -- Alexi Stavropoulos
- Secretary -- Lauren Bazel
- Treasurer -- Holly Evans
- Director -- Perry "Bear" Baker
- Director -- Pat McCarthy
- Director -- Dan O'Keefe



Director -- John Galloway to fill the second year of a two year term vacated by Director Holly Evans who is running for Treasurer.

Returning Directors: Mike Holland and Harriet Singleton



MVYC's Newest Baby Osprey
Photo by Bill Gard

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Upcoming Meetings...



Membership Meetings

September 6
October 4
at 8:00 pm
1st Thurs of the month

Board Meetings

September 17
October 15
at 7:30 pm
3rd Mon of the month

Social Committee Meetings

September 10
October 8
at 7:30 pm
2nd Mon of the month

An Open Letter to the MVYC Membership



Dear Friends,

We are participating in our 10th (!) Leukemia Cup Regatta the week-end of September 8th 2012 to help raise funds for research and patient care for those suffering from blood cancers.

Through your generous donations Team Aphrodite has raised over \$95,000 since we began participating in 2003 and were the highest fundraising boat (out of 100) in the National Capital Area regatta in 2010 and 2011!

While we have a lot of fun participating both on and off the water, this cause is near and dear to our hearts; we began raising funds in memory of Tony Wassell and Ron Mlinarchik; along the way we have met many wonderful people that are currently undergoing treatment or are in remission, thanks to the research and development of new drugs directly funded through the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. We raise a sail in memory of those that are gone and in honor of those still fighting.

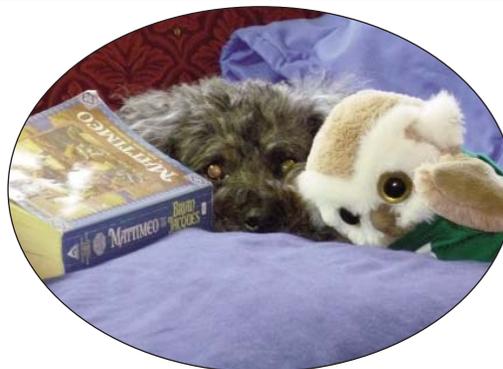
Please support our fundraising efforts for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society by visiting our fund raising web page through this link: <http://nca.lcr.llsevent.org/JOHNLEARY>

If you would prefer to donate offline, you may send a check made out to LLS to:

Andrea Steierman/John Leary
8700 Yardley Drive
Alexandria, VA 22308

If you have already donated, we appreciate your generosity and ask that you pass this link along to 10 additional friends, family and associates. Every little bit helps, be it \$5, \$10, or several hundred dollars.

As always, thank you for your cheers, love and support.
Andrea and (Pirate) John



Bart and Evelyn Hewitt mourn the passing of Misty, their beloved puppy of 15 years...

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...at their factory at no cost to us until we are ready for their delivery and installation later this year.

After many months of bureaucratic rigmarole, we also finally received permit approval from both the Virginia Marine Resources Commission and the Corps of Engineers for our planned dredging project. With these required permits in hand, we have finalized the contract scope of work and, as this article is being written, are soliciting contractors both to perform the Big Dig and to install the new C and D Docks after the end of the boating season. Bids should be received at about the time you receive this edition of the Beacon and we hope to have a more detailed report at the September Membership Meeting.

Many thanks to Jim Borches, Jeff Kirkland, Bill Gard and Marina Co-Chairs Jerry Gray and Steve Donock for all of the time and effort they have contributed to these efforts.

We are sad to report that over the summer our House Director, Don Basham found it necessary to step down from that position due to medical issues. Over the past two years Don has done a tremendous, and largely unsung, job as the "House Guy". He has our greatest gratitude and very best wishes for dealing with his health concerns. On a brighter note, however, we are very pleased that Pat McCarthy has graciously agreed to serve as Don's interim replacement. Please join me in thanking Pat for his service.

Speaking of service to the Club, the end of summer is also the time when we begin the process of selecting new officers and directors to lead the Club over the coming years. This fall the terms of a number of the Club's officers and directors (including that of yours truly) will come to an end. Willing and able replacements are always needed. As reported separately in this issue, our official Nominating Committee has cast a broad net and has proposed a fine slate of such willing and able volunteers. We thank both the Committee and the proposed nominees for their agreement to serve the Club. In accordance with the Club's bylaws, other nominations (if any) for these offices may be made from the floor at our regular membership meeting in October. The election will occur at our regular meeting in November.

Beer lockers may be accessed only by adult Club Members and Club Members may not disseminate the combinations to the beer lockers to dependents or non-members.

The House may not be accessed from the pool area through the second floor sliding glass doors and those doors should remain locked when no adult Club Members are present on the balcony.

MVYC Dolphins Swim Team

CONGRATS on a great season!



Thank you, Juliette, for all the years of hard work on behalf of the MVYC Dolphins!



Quote Of The Month...

“Some ideas are vast. Others are half-vast. Be careful.”

Ruminations from your Beacon Editor, Bart Hewitt....

And for those of you who thought that your Beacon Editor has no capacity for vast ideas (more adept with half-vast ones, you chortle), consider the following:

You know how restful it is to drive on Route 1 during the day. I know I do, especially in daytime. Today, though, I had a thought (“beginners luck, my friends would remark). Two wonderful ideas popped into my head, each of which is guaranteed to help you relax in traffic. They are as follows:

1. At each stoplight, preferably when you are actually stopped, close your eyes for a few moments and take a few long, deep breaths. Be sure to breathe deeply, and exhale as slowly as you can. Savor the moment.



2. Stop for squirrels. You know how they dart across the road. But if you get into the habit of stopping to let them pass, I guarantee that (1) you will feel better because you took action to save the life of one of God’s most hysterical creatures, and (2) you will find yourself generally more alert while driving, and may even reward yourself by taking the time to drive a bit more slowly.

Of course, be alert for tailgaters behind you. I have been doing these things for some time, and it has made a HUGE difference in my enjoyment of each driving experience. Betcha it will for you, as well.

We will address the issue of tailgaters in a subsequent piece.

MORE Ruminations from your Beacon Editor: ANAGRAMS CAN BE ENLIGHTENING

I googled “Anagrams” and found some websites that will create phrases from the letters of words, phrases, names that you provide to them. I found that, if you rearrange the letters in “Ron Reinsel”, you get “ONLINE ERRS” (explaining some of his Emails to me). If you rearrange the letters in “Mike Holland” you get “he kill nomad”. That may explain why there seem to be fewer and fewer people riding camels in Egypt. And if you rearrange the letters in “Stavropoulos”, you get “SLAV ROOT SOUP”.(explaining the taste of some of Alexi’s barbeque offerings at” Chez Les Pointe.” If you rearrange “Bart Hewitt” you get “BREATH TWIT”. (No wonder he’s a singer). Evelyn Hewitt computes to “EVEN THEY WILT”, which explains a lot of things about our marriage. “Jerry Gray” does not compute at all, possibly helping you to understand some of the things we have always wondered about Jerry.

Toon Fleet News

By Bart Hewitt, Little Shorte Olde Person

In the last Beacon we lamented that fact that our precious Toon engine was dead. Geschlumpt. Kaput. And Mr. Steve Drury did, indeed, come out, performed miraculous surgery, and now the Toon Fleet is mobile again. This is good. Coincidentally, during this same time period Bartonius noticed funny stuff in his chest, went to the hospital, and after a series of consultations with some superb Doctors such as Dr. Ngo and Dr. Haji, is now completely back to health with a strong, healthy heart. This proves that, in any negative situation, finding just the right people to contact is a blessing. And this proves that even Toon People are blessed.



Annual St. Mary's Adventure!



Atlantic City Day Trip



Saturday, September 22, 2012



Cost: \$35.00 Per Person



Price Includes: Round Trip Bus Transportation to Atlantic City Casino and \$20.00 Cash Back.

Bus Departs From Mt. Vernon High School at 8:00 AM and Returns at 10:00PM

New York City

Rockettes Christmas Spectacular

Saturday, December 8, 2012



\$130.00 Per Person



Price Includes: Round Trip Bus Transportation to NYC, and The Rockettes Christmas Spectacular Show.

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September 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3 AM Closed for Cleaning	4 Back To School 9 am Yoga Class	5	6 8:30 am Yacht Haven Garden Club 8 pm Membership Mtg	7 9 am Yoga Class 7:30 pm TGIF	8  12 pm Wounded Warriors Event
9	10 AM Closed for Cleaning 7:30pm Social Cmte Mtg	11 9 am Yoga Class	12	13	14 9 am Yoga Class 7:30 pm TGIF	15
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October 2012

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14	15 AM Closed for Cleaning 7:30 pm MVYC Board Mtg	16 9 am Yoga Class	17	18 7:30 pm Coast Guard Auxiliary Mtg	19 9 am Yoga Class 7:30 pm TGIF	20 11 am Alexandria Overnight
21  2pm Kids Halloween Party	22 AM Closed for Cleaning	23 9 am Yoga Class	24	25	26 9 am Yoga Class 7:30 pm TGIF	27
28	29 AM Closed for Cleaning	30 9 am Yoga Class	31  Happy Halloween!			



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