

## Brunch Crews

On a beautiful Sunday morning, this crew of cruisers hopped on three boats and headed up-river for the annual Power Fleet Brunch Cruise. After feasting at the Holiday Inn on King Street, they headed back to the boats ... but nobody wanted to leave! They sat sunning on the boats for about an hour, soaking up the spring sunshine. Many thanks to Dave and Angie Miskimens for setting up this event.



This group of MVYC boaters weighs quite a bit less in this photo than two hours later, after indulging in the Holiday Inn's Sunday brunch as part of the annual Power Fleet Brunch Cruise. More: see page 9. (Photo: Russell Poe)



Brunch cruisers assemble at the Point. (Photo: Russell Poe)

**Membership Meeting**  
**Thursday, 5 May 8pm**

*Next Board Meeting: 16 May 7:30pm*  
*Next Membership Meeting: 2 June 8pm (unless cancelled)*

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Three boats hosted the Brunch Cruise to Alexandria: Mitchell & Jane Mutnick on *Oracle*, Steve Donock on *Last Resort*, and Chris Ruckman & Diane Wilson on *La Rea*. (Photo: Russell Poe)

# Bow Lines

*Chris Ruckman,  
Vice Commodore,  
Beacon Editor*



This month, I am sad to report the passing of Fay Egbert "Deac" Heath, Jr., who died suddenly on Monday, 28 March 2005.

Although Deac's official title was Dockmaster of the City of Alexandria Marina, he also served as the City's unofficial ambassador for as long as most boaters on the Upper Potomac can remember. For anyone visiting Alexandria by water, whether from near or far, Deac's smile was their welcome to the City.

For Diane and me, few things would say "springtime is here" better than greeting Deac as we pulled up for our first visit of the season. We'll miss him, as will the rest of the boating community.



**Deac Heath — Dockmaster, City of Alexandria Marina.**

Deac's colleagues at the City Marina are working with his family, the Coast Guard, City Fire Boat, Marina slip-holders, and local commercial boats to coordinate a memorial dedication.

The ceremony and reception, including a memorial parade of boats, have tentatively been scheduled for Saturday, June 4th, at the City Marina. Details are still being finalized. We will publish them here in June issue of The Beacon. Interested persons may also call the City Marina for information.

Our thoughts are with Deac's family, and all who were fortunate enough to meet this gentle friend.

As you'll read elsewhere, the Marina Committee has finished work on C and D Docks. Literally dozens of people worked on this project, including everyone from former, present and future Commodores right up to our absolute newest member (Ron Reinsel — meet him in "New Member Spotlight," page 10).

There were cleats to be removed and reinstalled, boards to be sawed and carried, nails to be pounded, and of course, donuts to be consumed!

At one point when John Leary and I were prying up old deck boards from the end of C Dock, we were startled by a duck flying out from under the dock at our feet. But when the same thing happened an hour later, John realized that if we looked under the decking, we would find ... a nest filled with eight little duck eggs. Mrs. Duck was a little perturbed that we were making so much noise right above her nursery, but rest assured that we'll soon see eight little ducklings following her around the marina.

## "Photo Op 2005" 14 May 2005, 9AM-Noon



Did you ever wish for a great photo of your boat in a beautiful setting, with just the right lighting, and taken with a high-quality camera?

This is your chance — and it's free! Just show up and call us on the radio. We'll do the rest.

AND — if you like the photo, we can arrange to have it printed and professionally framed so you can add it to the gallery of members' boats in the Clubhouse. (A fee of approximately \$45 will cover the costs of framing and materials.)

- 0900 • Camera boat will be in position near George Washington's home.
- 0900-1200 • Captains cruise to the photo spot
- Call Camera Boat "Angel", ch. 16 or 68
- Get in line and cruise by for a keepsake photo of your vessel!

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# The Bosun's Whistle

*Bonnie Breneman, Commodore*



Spring has sprung. Clean-Up Day was a major success in spite of the torrential downpours. Thanks to the many volunteers who turned out to beautify our Club. Director Joanna Meletis [Yes, the Queen of Clean! —Ed.] assures me that her committee will continue to make improvements in our vistas throughout the spring and summer.

The Marina Committee and all its volunteers did an awesome job on the redecking of C & D docks—and got finished just in time for some warmer weather! Thanks to the many volunteers, and especially fearless leader Bill Gard, for at least three 12-hour days! Jim Borches and Alexi Stavropoulos have just about completed the new and improved water system, too. Thanks to one and all!

With the grounds and marina are all spruced up, we move forward to Commissioning Day, May 1, 2005. This is our annual kick-off to the boating season, an opportunity to mix and mingle with our local dignitaries and fellow MVYC members. The ceremony begins at 2 PM with remarks and champagne toasts and pic-

nicking on the Point to follow. Dress in your best nautical blue and white, and join us for a fun day!

United Christian Ministries (UCM) will be holding its annual fundraiser, which happens to be its 35th Gala, on the Point on the evening of May 21, 2005. This event should not curtail the normal activities at the pool, the marina or the Point, which will all remain open as usual to MVYC members. There will be a lot of activity that day and evening, but our crack Security Committee under the leadership of Director Gene Diotalevi will have the parking and other access well under control. Any member who would actually like to participate in this fundraiser is welcome to do so — please contact Joan Knetemann (703-799-7919) or Denise Wight (703-360-4290).

The next membership meeting is Thursday, May 5, 2005, at 8 PM. We traditionally bring the membership up to date on all the goings-on, socially and otherwise, so that we can suspend the membership meetings until September. Come and join us for a hopefully short meeting to start off the summer at MVYC.

*Col. Ben Bennett, a member of MVYC for over thirty years, died in April. He was buried at Arlington Memorial Cemetery. Our thoughts are with Jo, Kit, Becca, Ellen, and Carol. He will be missed.*

## CAPTAIN MORGAN WILL BE THERE!

### WILL YOU?



## Pirates of the Caribbean Newcomers Adult Party



### Saturday June 11 6:30 PM

Come and meet the Club's newest members!

Tropical Drinks and Dinner

*Come dressed as a pirate or tropical bum, or risk being taken hostage and forced to walk the plank!*

Cost: \$25.00 per person (checks payable to MVYC).

**Your check will be your reservation.**

Mail your check/reservation to Roy and Linda Gurnham  
4405 Dolphin Lane, Alexandria, VA 22309 by June 4

# COMMISSIONING DAY 2005

Mount Vernon Yacht Club  
4817 Tarpon Lane

SUNDAY, MAY 1, 2005  
2 PM

Traditional Ceremonies  
Nautical Dress —  
Blue & White

Mt. Vernon Community Band  
Coast Guard Color Guard

MVYC families and community  
are invited.

Bring a picnic for your family.  
Charcoal will be provided.



*Since 1956, the Mount Vernon Yacht Club has had a beautiful and patriotic annual spring tradition, Commissioning Day.*

*This year we will gather at The Point on May 1st at 2:00 p.m. and Rev. Huey Sevier of St. James Episcopal Church will bless the fleet for a safe boating season. The U.S. Coast Guard Color Guard will present us with the U.S. flag. We will pledge allegiance and Bart Hewitt will sing the National Anthem. Former Commodore Jerry Skelly will serve as Master of Ceremonies and Fairfax County and Virginia legislators will participate.*

*You can also meet some of your local elected representatives, who always make time for this event.*

*This is a fun tradition for all MVYC families, whether you own a boat or not. We dress in nautical blue and white and end the Commissioning ceremony with a champagne toast. After the ceremony, Members are encouraged to visit and picnic at The Point, so bring a picnic basket for your family.*

**DRESS YOUR BOATS — WEAR BLUE & WHITE!**

## Water-Front View

*Bill Gard &  
David Miskimens,  
Marina Co-Chairs*



Thanks to a tremendous volunteer effort by club members, not only have we moved and reconfigured C and D Docks as promised, but we also fitted both docks have new decking and rub rails as well.

Members **Alexi Stavropoulos** and **Dave Lohman** acted as crew chiefs over a couple of April weekends. Dozens of volunteers showed up to tear up the old decking, haul it to the Point, nail down new decking, install the rub rail on both docks under Dave Miskimens' direction, and finish both docks just as the sun was disappearing on a beautiful Sunday evening.

Jim Borches took the lead in making sure the water worked on both docks, hooking up hoses and replacing several spigots. Jim and Alexi are working with a licensed electrician to get power to both docks.

Don Waller straightened out the breakers for C & D docks, labeled the breaker locations in the panel, replaced several 20 amp marine outlets with 30 amp outlets, and replaced several faulty GFI 110 volt outlets.

Mark Barbaro had one of his crews relocate the asphalt paths to C and D Docks, and the Marina Committee is looking at replacing the ramps to both docks.



**Peter Baldwin mans the saw table. (Photo: Stuart Matthews)**

We had originally planned to work on the dolphin that marks the shoal at the entry to the marina. However, that work will have to wait. An osprey has built her nest on the dolphin and we don't want to disturb her -- or have her disturb us!

The committee would like to recognize all of the members who pitched in and made the relocation and re-decking of C and D docks a success.

Bonnie Breneman, Ernie Dauray, Jack O'Malley, Dave Lohman and Alexi worked both weekends and put in time during the week. Other major contributors were Peter Baldwin, Dave Curry, Steve Donock and his son David, Jack Ferris, Jim Fletcher, Jim Gordon, Jerry Gray, Gary Hall, Jim Hamrick, John Leary, Bob Madigan, Stuart and Kaye Matthews, Ted Pearsall, Russell Poe, Tom and Zita Pojeta, Royce and Chris Radeline, Ron Reinsel and Chris Ruckman.

Every bit of help — even an hour or two — counted towards our finishing up on that great Sunday evening. So if we somehow missed your name in our list of contributors, please know that your work was important to the project's success.

One more note: last Saturday morning, several members spent a couple of hours putting out the No Wake buoys in Dogue Creek. Thanks to Chris Ruckman for vol-

unteering his boat to be our buoy tender. Please help make sure that all of our members, especially new boaters, know about the No Wake Zone.

*(See **Marina**, page 6)*

## ***Floating Debris — Leave It Be!***

When you see logs, lumber or other debris floating in the marina, please DO NOT haul it out and leave it on the grass or piers.

MVYC veterans remember back when lawn maintenance crews would remove the stuff, but that practice ended years ago. Now, logs hauled up on land just sit there looking awful, creating trip hazards, and attracting critters.

Anything that floats into the marina will eventually float away on an outgoing tide. If you are in a hurry to see it go, try towing it out into the channel.

You could also haul it up by the fire pit to use as firewood, or place it in a dumpster. But please don't leave piles of debris lying around our beautiful marina!



**Marina reconstruction was finished in April. We would have finished sooner, but these three characters were helping! Jim Hamrick, Dave Curry and Ted Pearsall triple-teamed this recalcitrant deck board. (Photo: Stuart Matthews)**

(From *Marina*, page 5)

The slips are beginning to fill with clean, shiny boats. This year, we were able to get everyone into slips now that C dock has been reconfigured to handle the average 8' beam boats.

As a matter of fact, not only did we find slips for all of last year's slip-holders, but we also fulfilled all requests for second boats — and we were able to accommodate all of the new members on the waiting list! The marina is now 100% full.



Alexi Stavropoulos, Jack Ferris, Dave Lohman and Tom Pojeta take a well-deserved break from working on C and D Docks. (Photo: George Holthaus)

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## On Your Mark —

*Mike MacNair, Swim Team*



### WHY YOUR KIDS SHOULD SWIM AT THE YACHT CLUB

The Mount Vernon Yacht Club Dolphins will kick off their season with an informal potluck on May 1st at 6pm. Anyone interested is invited. Grandchildren of members are welcome. So, plan to attend after enjoying the Commissioning Day ceremonies.

We will start practice May 31st at 4pm for the 8-and-under group, followed by the 9-and-up crew at 5pm.

This year's team needs the entire Yacht Club's help to increase our numbers. Last year, we had 40 swimmers, and we are competing against clubs with two or sometimes three times that number. We always have a strong showing for our size, but we can

do better. If you know anyone who is not already swimming here, tell them why they should.

We compete in the Dominion Country Club League. Although it is not as competitive at every meet as the Northern Virginia Swim League, our swimmers get to swim four strokes plus relays, and All Stars times are just as competitive as NVSL.

Here are some reasons to consider:

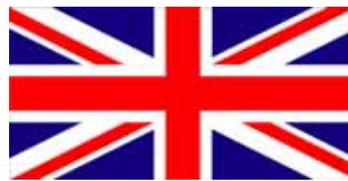
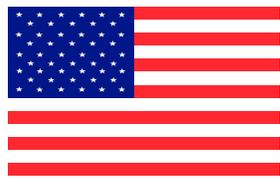
Number one: **We have fun!** Activities include pizza parties, water polo games and pep rallies, to name a few. **We have great coaches:** Brooke Sorber (MVYC record holder and current scholar athlete at UVA), along with Ryan Doyle (Curl Burke senior circuit swimmer and MVHS swim team captain) will lead our Dolphins in the pool this summer. **The kids like to hang out together**, even after practice is done, and most ride their bikes to the Club. **We have the best view.** Parents from the Country Club of Fairfax tell us so, and we don't have a 20 million dollar clubhouse!

If you are not swimming here this summer, please considering doing so. If you have any questions please call me.

Ellen MacNair, 703-780-9713

# 2005 MVYC Dolphins Schedule

1 May	6:00 p.m.	Kickoff Pot Luck Dinner	MVYC
15 May	4:00 p.m.	Stroke and Turn Clinic	George Mason
31 May	4:00 p.m.	Afternoon Practice Begins	MVYC
10 Jun	5:30 p.m.	Time Trials	MVCC
17 Jun	6:00 p.m.	Pizza and Pictures	MVYC
18 Jun	9:00 a.m.	Fairfax Country Club	MVYC
25 Jun	9:00 a.m.	Westwood	Westwood CC
27 Jun	8:00 a.m.	Morning Practice Begins	MVYC
4 Jul	10:00 a.m.	Softball and pool games	MVYC
7 Jul	5:00 p.m.	Springfield CC Meet	MVYC
9 Jul	9:00 a.m.	Mount Vernon CC Meet	Mt. Vernon CC
10 Jul	9:00 a.m.	Relay Carnival	Fairfax CC
12 Jul		Kings Dominion Trip	
16 Jul	9:00 a.m.	Hidden Creek	MVYC
23 Jul	9:00 a.m.	Evergreen CC	Evergreen CC
30 Jul	9:00 a.m.	All-star qualifiers	Springfield CC
31 Jul	10:00 a.m.	All star finals	Fairfax CC
31 Jul	6:00 a.m.	Banquet	MVYC



## SPECIAL TGIF PARTY

Come and celebrate the  
**60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of VE Day**

**FRIDAY 6<sup>th</sup> MAY 2005**

**MARK THE DATE AND  
START GETTING READY**

**THIS IS BIG AND WE'RE  
GOING TO HAVE FUN**

- **Bring out your flags**
- **Wear authentic wartime (1940s) clothes**
- **Got a uniform – put it on**
- **Display yours or your Dad's medals**
- **Listen to wartime music**
  - **Glenn Miller**
  - **Andrews Sisters**
  - **Vera Lynn**
- **Swap or listen to war stories**
- **Bring your wartime recipe as a dish to share**
- **Celebrate our greatest victory**
- **Celebrate the greatest generation**

## 2005 Coast Guard Auxiliary Courtesy Safety Inspection

*All power and sail boaters are WELCOME!*



Join us on **May 7<sup>th</sup> at 1000** to get your boat inspected for safety equipment and get a Vessel Safety Check (VSC) sticker.

We will also be conducting a **NAUTICAL SWAP MEET!**  
Bring your goodies to sell or your nickels to buy.

Call Dave Miskimens (703 619 9601) if you have any questions.

Also, rumor has it that Angie will be serving her famous Hot Dogs around 1200 to all boaters getting inspections!



# Power Fleet News

David Miskimens,  
Power Fleet  
Captain

The most recent Power Fleet event was the 2005 Brunch Cruise. We had around 35 members cruise up to Old Town on three of our Power Fleet vessels. It was a beautiful day, and the river was calm. Thanks to Captains Ruckman, Donock and Mutnick for hosting passengers on their boats for the ride. The Holiday Inn was full, and the brunch and champagne were great.

In May, we have several activities. First, of course, is the Commissioning Day celebration on the Point. All boaters are encouraged to decorate their craft with flags, streamers and lights. There is a contest and prizes for the best-decorated power boat and sail boat.

On Saturday, May 7th, we will be hosting a courtesy safety inspection event. Captains are encouraged to sign up for a free Vessel Safety Check (VSC). If everything checks out, you will get a VSC sticker to display on your windshield.

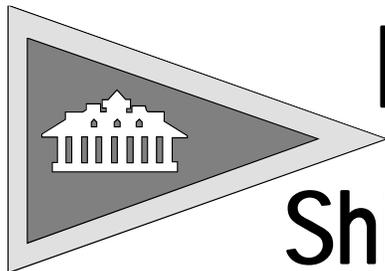
I can say from personal experience that the VSC is important for several reasons. The inspection will identify anything that you may need to attend to, such as: charged fire extinguishers, PFDs, flares, horns, and other important safety equipment. Also, there are many random boardings by the Coast Guard as well as the DC harbor patrol on the Potomac River since

9/11. If you have a VSC sticker, they will probably say "have a nice day" instead of taking up your time to board your vessel. Show up from 1000-1300 and we will get you signed up and inspected. We will also be conducting a "Captains nautical goodies" swap meet on the point!

On Saturday, May 14th, we will be conducting another "photo opportunity" on the Potomac. Many of you may have noticed the wonderful photo gallery of members' boats in MVYC's Clubhouse. If you don't have your boat on the wall, this photo-op will be your next chance. We will have the camera boat set up in front of the Mount Vernon mansion. We will use the radio to line up captains for pictures. Please join us; we will use channel 68 on the VHF, and will be out there from 0900 until 1200.



David Donock pilots *Last Resort* into Alexandria for the Brunch Cruise, while George Holthaus shoots photos and Steve Donock stands watch. (Photo: Russell Poe)



## MVYC Ship's Store

*Wear the MVYC logo, and support the Swim Team!*

Sales benefit the MVYC Swim Team. Items available at home Swim Meets and other events.

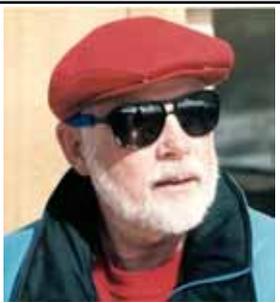
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Navy/Grey hooded.....	\$36
Polo shirt: Navy/White .....	\$22
Sleeveless white .....	\$17
Shorts .....	\$10
MVYC Burgee .....	\$35
Dolphins Swim Team T-shirt .....	\$5
Visor, white .....	\$5
Polartec jackets: Full zipper .....	\$55
Half zipper .....	\$60
Cup holders, each: .....	\$3
set of 2 .....	\$5

For information, contact:

**Suzanne Floyd (floydsd@aol.com or 780-3414)**

## Membership News

*Bart Hewitt,  
Membership*



Back in the 1940's and 1950's, in New Jersey where I grew up, every year around dis here time my Daddy would recite dis here pome:

"Spring is sprung, The grass is riz; I wonder where the birdies is."

New Jersey pomes are very sophisticated. My daddy was a hoot. But the point is: Spring has indeed sprung. As we welcome the birdies and snakeheads back to the lagoon, MVYC volunteers are springing up everywhere. Go check out C and D docks, and see the miracle Bill Gard and his guy/gal Dock Dawg crew have wrought. It's AWESOME! Boat need fuel? Al Grande has gas.

And new members are popping up like tulips. Springing up this month were Anthony and Jennifer Henderson, David and Melissa Narins, Ron and Claudia Reinsel, all superb folks, all eager to dive in and help out. And while it saddens us to learn that Curt and Mary Jepson have resigned, we know they will be happy out there in Luray, VA.

Plus, some beloved perennials are blooming this month. Twenty-years-plus membership anniversary celebrants include Marion Gibson ('61), Gwen McElhaney ('64), John & Laurel Ichter ('68), Richard & Joan Lally ('69), Art & Irene Smyth ('75), Al & Gale Johnson ('78), Bill & Virginia Lacey ('81), and Art & Karen Bennett ('85).

OK, here's a hot flash. For the first time in a long time, we don't have a membership waiting list! Spots

## Applications Posted

*by Bart Hewitt, Membership Chair*

Pursuant to Article XV, Section 2(c), The Bylaws of the Mount Vernon Yacht Club, Amended October 3, 2002, the following application for membership has been posted. This family may be offered a membership when an opening becomes available.

*David and Melissa Narins, 1809 Cool Spring Drive, Alexandria, VA 22308*

*Anthony and Jennifer Henderson, 2646 Redcoat Drive #28, Alexandria, VA 22303*

*Paul and Kristin Whitridge, 8234 Gregory Drive, Alexandria, VA 22309*

have been found for everybody. So, if you know anybody who has been waiting for the perfect time to apply for membership in MVYC, let me know. I'll be at home, weeding. Mulching. Mowing. Pruning.

Finally, if you have a suggestion, a complaint, a change of phone, address or E-mail, or if you just want to set up a lawn chair, sip a brew, and watch an Olde Person try to punish crabgrass with a hammer, call me at 703-799-0401, or E-mail me at our new E-mail address - behewitt@cox.net.

## New Member Spotlight



*New Members: We would love to introduce you by publishing a few paragraphs describing your family. Please contact Marge Skelly ([mmskelly@cox.net](mailto:mmskelly@cox.net) or 703-360-8374) or Membership Chair Bart Hewitt ([Hewitts.House@Verizon.net](mailto:Hewitts.House@Verizon.net) or 703-550-6023).*

**ANTHONY & SUSAN PICCIANO** have lived on Ferry Landing Road since November, 1989. Tony retired from the D.C. Metropolitan Police Department in 1995 after 23 years on the force. He was an officer in the Crime Scene & Search Department. Tony also owns his own business as a licensed home improvement contractor. Susan is a legal secretary for a major labor employment law firm in DC. Tony enjoys fishing & playing golf during his free time. Susan enjoys swimming and boating. For one sailing season, she and her brother-in-law sailed as crew members for her father-in-law, longtime member Luigi (Lou) Picciano — taking first place. Tony & Susan are planning to take part in the social and outdoor activities of the Club. Since they have known many of the members over the years, they look forward to being considered part of the MVYC family.

**RON & CLAUDIA REINSEL**, are both new/old residents of Mt. Vernon. Claudia grew up on the banks of Hunting Creed in Woodland Park before her family moved "into the city" in the early 1960's. Ron graduated from the "old" Mt. Vernon High School on Route 1. He lived in the area until the mid-80's when he went to Phoenix, Arizona to practice law and become an avid desert lake sailor. Although they were classmates at the University of Virginia (where Ron's son Peter is now a student), it took them a couple of decades to get reacquainted and then married in the fall of 2003, shortly after which they moved to the Riverwood neighborhood. With all of their UVA connections, their sailboat is not surprisingly christened "Hoo's Here". Ron is now a partner in the DC law firm Caplin & Drysdale. Claudia is vice-president of the National Capital Flag Company in Alexandria, which was founded by her Dad.



## In the Spirit

*Susana Gomez & Zita Pojeta  
Social Committee*

The weather has been beautiful, the cherry blossoms have bloomed, and it really does look like spring has sprung! The Social Committee is looking forward to planning spring and summer activities such as **Commissioning Day**, the **Mother's Day Tea**, and the wild and fun **Pirates of the Caribbean Party** at the pool. We hope to see many of you at these events.

The **Children's Easter Egg Hunt** took place despite the on-and-off showers on March 20th. The Bunny visited, and the children seemed to be fascinated by him. Some were afraid of him and others were brave enough to pat or hug him. Our Club Photographer, George Holthaus, was there to take pictures of the little ones as they partied, hunted eggs and did crafts in the Clubhouse. When the weather cleared, they enjoyed outside activities. Thanks to Maureen Mason and the other volunteers that helped make this a fun day for the children.

If you have children and would like to be on the Social Committee and help plan the events for the children and some family nights or pool events please call Zita Pojeta (703) 780-3684.

The next Social event after Commissioning Day will be the **Mother's Day Tea** on Saturday, May 7th from 2:00-4:00 P.M. hosted by Pam Beggan and Blair Beggan Kelly. Please see the flyer for details. This tea party is a lovely event. Club members volunteer to bring their own china and set elegant tables for all of the guests to enjoy. You can bring your mother, daughter, sister, friend or come by yourself and enjoy your Club friends. Please call Pam Beggan (703) 360-9016 to reserve your place at this party.

Our next really big party is the annual **Newcomers Party** scheduled for Saturday, June 11, 2005 at 6:30 P.M. The Newcomers Party gives us an opportunity to welcome and introduce our new members, as well as show them how we party. The party will again be outside around the pool, and the theme this year will be **Pirates of the Caribbean**. So you can get out your colorful tropical shirts and dresses, or dress like a pirate, or dress any way you want, but do plan to attend this great party.

The event will be hosted by Linda and Roy Gurnham, Susana Gomez and Mario Moreno. We can only imagine the great decorations with Roy and Mario hosting! There will be tropical drinks, beer, wine, good food, and music. Please mark this date on your calendar, and plan to join your pirate and non-pirate friends at this yacht club tropical paradise. Remember to send your reservation money to Roy Gurnham soon! Please see the Pirates of Caribbean Party flyer for details.

Hope to see you around the club!



Annual  
MVYC  
Mother's Day Tea  
Join Us!  
Saturday, May 7th  
2:00 - 4:00 pm  
MVYC Clubhouse

Hats are highly recommended, and feel free to bring guests!  
Cost is just \$5.00 per person payable at the door.  
RSVP to Pamela Beggan at (703) 360-9016,  
or Blair Beggan at (703) 704-9086.

**MVYC Club Calendar – May 2005**

1 <b>COMMISSIONING DAY!</b> 6 pm - Swim Team Kick-Off Potluck Dinner	2 Morning - Clubhouse closed for cleaning 7:30 pm - Social Committee Mtg	3	4	5 Garden Club Mtg - 8 am - 2 pm <b>8 pm - Membership Mtg</b>	6 7 pm - TGIF	7  <b>2 pm - Mother's Day Tea</b>
8 <b>Mother's Day</b> 	9 Morning - Clubhouse closed for cleaning	10	11	12	13 7 pm - TGIF	14  Power Fleet - Photo Session for your Boat!
15 Sail Fleet Race 1 4 pm - Swim Team Stroke and Turn Clinic at George Mason	16 Morning - Clubhouse closed for cleaning 7:30 pm - Board Mtg	17	18	19 7 pm - Coast Guard Auxiliary Mtg	20 7 pm - TGIF	21 Eve - Private Party @ the Point
22 Sail Fleet Race 2	23 Morning - Clubhouse closed for cleaning	24	25	26	27 7 pm - TGIF	28  <b>POOL OPENS!</b> Eve - Private Party

**MVYC Club Calendar – June 2005**

May 29	May 30 <b>Memorial Day</b> Morning - Clubhouse closed for cleaning	May 31 Swim Team - Afternoon Practice Begins	1	2 Garden Club Mtg - 8 am - 2 pm	3 7 pm - TGIF	4 Sail Fleet Race 3 & 4 - Spring Fling Regatta
5 Sail Fleet Race 5	6 Morning - Clubhouse closed for cleaning	7	8	9	10 5:30 pm - Swim Team Time Trials @ MVCC 7 pm - TGIF	11  <b>7 pm - Newcomer's Poolside Party</b>
12 Sail Fleet Race 6 Eve - Private Party	13 Morning - Clubhouse closed for cleaning	14	15	16	17 6 pm - Swim Team Pizza & Pictures 7 pm - TGIF	18 Swim Meet @ MVYC against Fairfax CC Eve - Private Party
19 Sail Fleet Make Up Race Eve - Private Party	20 Morning - Clubhouse closed for cleaning 7:30 pm - Board Mtg	21	22	23	24 7 pm - TGIF	25 Swim Meet @ Westwood CC Power Fleet - Tim's Fireworks Raft-Up Sail Fleet - Craney Island Night Race Eve - Private Party
26	27 <b>Swim Team - AM Practice Begins!</b> Morning - Clubhouse closed for cleaning	28	29	30	<b>July 1</b> 7 pm - TGIF	<b>July 2</b>