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Bosun's Whistle

By Jerry Gray, Commodore

Like every Commodore one of the first official acts is writing my first article for the Beacon. As we begin a new year it is a time to reflect on everything that has come before and the challenges and good-times that we will have over the next year.

For the past two years I have had the pleasure of serving with Commodore Ron Reinsel.

Ron has been great leader and I will continue to seek his guidance as he assumes the most coveted role of Past Commodore. Ron has provided a steady hand as he guided the club toward some of the biggest capital projects that we have taken on since the new house was built. He left us in great financial shape and the Dock and Dredging projects that he has championed are funded and underway. While I know that Claudia looks forward to getting Ron back full-time, I know that he wants to play an active role in the coming year so if Claudia will permit him to do so we will welcome his help. Thanks for great two years Ron.

The Board of Trustees has also experienced the normal turnover this year and we say farewell to some dedicated members and welcome some new faces and responsibilities to the 2013 Board. Leaving the Board are Directors Don Basham (House Guy), and Clay Collier (Grounds Guy). Don and Clay have done a great job for the past two years and will be missed. Joining the Board this year are Directors John Galloway, Pat McCarthy, Dan O'Keefe, and Bear Baker. These new Directors join Vice Commodore Steve Donock, Rear Commodore Alexi Stavropolous, Treasurer Holly Evans, Secretary Lauren Bazel, and returning Directors Harriet Singleton and Mike Holland. I want to thank the departing Board members for their service and welcome the new Board of Trustees. I could not be happier with the 2013 Board and I look forward to serving with them.

We had a wonderful Commodores Ball in November and I want to thank Angie Miskimens for chairing the committee and organizing what I understand may her last Commodores Ball; Angie has done great job leading this function for many years. I won't try to name everyone for fear of leaving someone out, but Angie and her committee members always put on a first class function and I want to thank all of them.

We do have roles to fill this year and will be looking for volunteers to take on some important jobs. One job that has been ably handled for several years by Juliette Clark is the swim team. This year Sherry Catron who is already planning a successful season for the 2013 Dolphins will head the team up. MVYC's long time delegates to the Chesapeake Bay Yacht Club Association (CBYCA) Jackie and Ed Knight will be stepping down after many years of actively working with that group. I thank Jackie and Ed and if anyone is interested in filling that role let us know.

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Please note!

The January membership meeting will be delayed one week due to the First Thursday being so close to New Years. The meeting will be held on **January 10th at 8PM**. *This is the meeting during which the annual budget is approved.

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Upcoming Meetings...



Membership Meetings

December 6
****January 10****
at 8:00 pm
1st Thurs of the month

Board Meetings

December 17
January 21
at 7:30 pm
3rd Mon of the month

Social Committee Meetings

December 10
January 14
at 7:30 pm
2nd Mon of the month

WELCOME ABOARD

Submitted by Lauren Bazel, Membership Chair

***Celebrate the happiness that friends are always giving,
make every day a holiday and celebrate just living!***

~ Amanda Bradley



It's hard to believe that 2012 is coming to an end already. We have had a great year at MVYC and are looking forward to an exciting 2013. As I pen my last column as membership chairman we have 218 total members. We welcomed five new families in 2012 but sadly said goodbye to nine member families. As you all know, MVYC membership is capped at 230 and as an all-volunteer club our ability to keep costs down relies on having full membership and even building up a waiting list. We have a lot of work to do this year and I encourage all members to take a more active role in recruiting new members.

During my time as Membership chairman I had the great pleasure to talk to a lot of people about the Mount Vernon Yacht Club. Recruiting new families to join our ranks really gave me an opportunity to recall just what it was about the club that first attracted Chris and me to become members. Like many others, we were attracted by the pool, the marina, and the view from the point. This all looked like it would be an awesome place to spend our outdoor time. When we attended our first club events, however, it became clear there was something very unique about MVYC. Unlike other places, MVYC is a community of great friends who share a love of the river and an appreciation of boating and seamanship. This ultimately is what attracted us most, and what continues to be the best answer to the question "Why should I join the club?"

The social committee, power fleet and sail fleet will be convening soon to plan out our 2013 activities. Make it a point to participate in these events and invite friends and neighbors to join you. To our members who also are local real estate agents, please let prospective homebuyers know about our gem on the Potomac. If a new family has moved into your neighborhood, introduce them to MVYC. All the information you need is just a click away.

<http://mountvernonyachtclub.com/docs/mvyc-membership-brochure.pdf>

Don't forget, every Friday night our clubhouse is open for TGIF and members should make it a point to come by and socialize. If you know you are bringing someone who may be interested in joining the club, consider sending an email to membership@mountvernonyachtclub.com so membership committee volunteers can be sure to help new friends feel even more welcome.

Finally, let me offer my own thanks to the member volunteers who worked with me on the membership committee the past two years. One of the best of those volunteers, Dan O'Keefe, is now stepping up to take the committee reins. I hope all members will help make Dan's tenure a raging success!

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Of course volunteerism is at the heart of this club, it doesn't exist with all of us doing our part. Put your name on a volunteer list, see one of the committee chairpersons and get involved with your fellow members this year.

By the time this hits the press the docks and dredging projects, which is scheduled to run over the next couple of months, will be just getting underway. Docks C and D will be completely removed and the entire marina will be dredged. We are asking as many boat owners as possible to remove their boats from the marina for the winter to facilitate getting this project done without delay.

Those boat owners that leave their boats in the marina will be asked multiple times in December and January to move their boat. The pace of this project will not be slowed by boats, notices will be short and may require immediate action, if the boat owners cannot keep pace with the project the boats will be moved at the direction of the Marina Chairman.

I am personally looking forward to the coming year and hope to see each of you at one of the many events that MVYC is famous for putting on throughout the year.



**Saturday
December 8th
6 to 9 pm**

Enjoy a Pot Luck Feast with Your Friends and Guests

Bring a Dish for 10 People

Last names starting with...

- A to H: Hors D'oeuvres
- I to P: Entrée/Meat or Veggie/Salad
- O to Z: Dessert

Wine, Beer and Sodas Provided by the Club

Bring one non-perishable food item for the UCM Food Bank.



Christmas Carol Sing-a-Long!

Questions?

Call Harriet 703-660-0707
or Claudia 703-799-7960

CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY PARTY

**Sunday, December 9th
2pm
MVYC Clubhouse**

Come one come all to our annual Holiday celebration! There will be music, cookie decorating, crafts for all to enjoy and a special visit from Santa by boat.

*Shhhhhh...*Parents, please bring a small, inexpensive, wrapped gift with your child's name on it to the Crow's Nest by P.M. on Sunday before the party.

**PLEASE BRING
AN APPETIZER OR A SWEET TREAT
TO SHARE.**



Any questions, please feel free to contact Dawne Ragland at ddgragland@cox.net or Julie Thomas at jthomas83@verizon.net.

HOUSE REPORT

From the House Guy, Pat McCarthy

In preparation for hurricane Sandy and the possibility of heavy winds, outside furniture and other potential flying objects were secured. All four house thermostats have been synchronized making for a more balanced and comfortable inside temperature. The outside ice makers on the pool patio have been winterized. I've also started a list of minor repairs requiring attention over the next few weeks. If you know of any that require immediate attention, please contact me at house@mountvernonyachtclub.com. Please continue to treat the house as if it were your own and take the utmost care of the amenities it provides.

PRYCA UPDATE

Submitted by Dan O'Keefe, PRYCA Liaison

On November 5, 2012 Capital Yacht Club hosted the quarterly PRYCA delegates meeting. In addition to reports from club delegates the agenda included: election of officers, update on Change of Watch planning, and a report on the Washington Waterfront Development Project.

Election of Officers

Attending delegates approved the proposed slate for the 2013 PRYCA Officers.

Commodore Mike Crouch, Occoquan Yacht Club
Vice Commodore Chevy Rice, Landmark Yacht Club
Rear Commodore Bob Blunt, Westmoreland Yachting Association, Colonial Yacht Club
Fleet Captain Phil Rodgers, Aquia Yacht Club
Treasurer Joey Sowell, Quantico Yacht Club
Secretary Deborah Ruttenberg, Port of Washington Yacht Club
Immediate Past Commodore Don Basham, Landmark Yacht Club, Mt. Vernon Yacht Club
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Member at Large Joe Quarterman, Seafarers Yacht Club
Member at Large Bill Hocker, Cobb Island Yacht Club
Member at Large Pat Croft, Occoquan Yacht Club
Member at Large Steve Prada, Quantico Yacht Club



Change of Watch-Dinner Dance

The Change of Watch-Dinner Dance is Saturday 26 January 2013 at the Springfield Hilton. The hospitality suite will be hosted by the Quantico and Occoquan Yacht Clubs. The hotel will reserve a block of rooms at a rate of \$99.00 until 29 December 2012. Additional information will be distributed shortly.

Washington Waterfront Redevelopment (The Wharf)

Laura Davidson, Capital YC, reported on the design for their new club house, docks and the new location for the club at 7th Street. This action was part of the planning for the Washington Waterfront Redevelopment. The plan will significantly change the Channel as we know it today. The Wharf is a \$2 billion, mixed-use waterfront development that stretches from the Municipal Fish Market to Fort McNair. When complete, it will feature approximately three million square feet of new residential, office, hotel, retail, cultural, and public uses including waterfront parks, promenades, piers, and docks. Groundbreaking is scheduled for the first quarter of 2013 and the first phase of The Wharf will open in the last quarter of 2015. More information is available at <http://www.swdcwaterfront.com/index.htm>.

Toon Fleet News

By Bart Hewitt, aka Bartonius du Mont V'non

Your Toon Fleet Co-Captain is always looking for ways to improve the image of MVYC throughout the wider community, the world, and New Jersey. Here's our latest idea. I have noticed that our dock names are boring. I mean, A-dock? B-dock? C-dock? With names like those we could easily become a laughing stock among yacht clubs. We desperately need more creative names. Well, fret no more, the Toon Fleet has come to the rescue. We suggest these: "What's Up Dock", "Dry Dock", "Boon Dock", "Had Dock", and "Hickory Dickory Dock". I can already hear your cries of amazement, your sighs of relief. After these changes are made, down through the coming years the Olde Timers (you know - Ron, Jerry, Alexi etc.) will remember that the Toon Fleet, as always, came through when the intellectual going got tough.



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