



The Bosun's Whistle

By Ron Reinsel, Commodore

OFFICIALLY It's Almost Summer

The pool is open. The marina is full of boats coming and going. School is about to be out, vacations are just around the bend, and a new boating year is underway.

We at MVYC greeted the new season with great pageantry and fanfare last month during our annual Commissioning Day. The sun broke through the early morning clouds just in time for the U.S. Coast Guard Color Guard and Drill Team to present our flags and for many toasts to be toasted. Great thanks to Co-chairs Jacque Knight and Susan Rehe and to all of the many Club volunteers who made it such a wonderful event.

While we are just now starting the current boating season, there is also much underway to improve the Club for many more seasons to come. First, I am very pleased to report that we now have in hand our permit from the Virginia Marine Resources Commission (VMRC) giving us their clearance for our dredging effort. The second part of the permitting process, getting the blessing of the Corps of Engineers, is expected shortly and should be received by the time this issue of the Beacon goes to press. With these clearances complete, we are on track to begin our "Big Dig" later this fall after the boating season winds down.

In the meanwhile, we are also proceeding with the infrastructure improvements for the renovation of C and D docks and "powering up" E dock. You may have noticed the recent addition of a new electrical panel near the shed in the parking lot.

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Supervisor Hyland Marks 25 Years At MVYC Event

Contributed by Jacque Knight

Mount Vernon's County Supervisor knows where he will likely spend the first Sunday in May each year, and plans to drop by the Mount Vernon Yacht Club to meet and greet members and guests at the launch of the annual boating season gala. "I've enjoyed it every year and look forward to it," says Hyland.



MVYC member Jacque Knight has chaired the event for 15 years, and Susan Rehe has served as the refreshments coordinator for 12 years. "We have a great group of volunteers to help with the tents and to make sure everyone has a full glass for the toasts," say Jacque and Susan, who vow every year is their last. But they enjoy every Commissioning Day event so much they sign up for the next and already are thinking about plans for May 5, 2013.

Attending for the first time this year was Delegate Dave Albo, who came with his young son, and said he was surprised to see such a spectacular event presented by our all-volunteer club of 230 family memberships. Delegate Scott Surovell was unable to attend but sent a staff member, Megan Howard, who spoke about his commitment to protect the Potomac and its environment. Captain Scott Smith noted that the Fire and Rescue Operation has managed to keep afloat despite threats of budget cuts and thanked Supervisor Hyland for his support.

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Commissioning Day...from Page 1

Chaplain Ruth Walsh of St. James Episcopal Church, a former military chaplain, commended MVYC for its role and example of volunteering in the community. The Mount Vernon Community Band accompanied Bart Hewitt's fine performance of the national anthem and also played for the ceremony.

Commodore Ron Reinsel noted the history behind the rite of Commissioning Days and Blessings of the Fleet. He stressed how these traditions keep the boating spirit alive in the community. Past Commodore Bonnie Breneman served as master of ceremonies for the event, which concluded with a race by the Mount Vernon High School Crew Team. Four crew attended the event on shore along with Coach Ryan Ward, who was presented with a \$500 check from the club.

Members who came early in the morning to set up tents and move tables included the following: Joe Castor, Jim Lake, Gary and Betty Jean Hall, Ed Knight, Yuko and Dan Basham, Jack O'Malley, Greg and Susan Rehe, Bill Gard. Harriet Singleton, Chuck Manka, Jack Ferris, Ron and Claudia Reinsel, Anne and Bob Smolinsky, John Leery, and Pat Mc Carthy. Other MVYC members who helped with the set up and preparing champagne during the ceremony included the following: Joan Jones, Gail Mlinarchik, Mary Galloway, Joe Castor (ceremonial), Dave Miskimens, Anthony Moran, Des Wassell. Also serving were Susan Rehe, , Angie Miskimens, Revae Moran, Ann Wassell, Yuko Basham, and Stephanie Castor.

Swim team members handed out flyers in their neighborhoods to publicize the event, and Jack Saunders erected two banners on Mount Vernon Memorial Highway. Plans are underway to add two more banners for the 2013 celebration.

See additional photos from this year on Page 6! Commissioning Day photos are courtesy of Russell Poe.

Upcoming Meetings...



Membership Meetings

June 7
July 5
at 8:00 pm
1st Thurs of the month

Board Meetings

June 18
July 16
at 7:30 pm
3rd Mon of the month

Social Committee Meetings

June 11
July 9
at 7:30 pm
2nd Mon of the month



NEW MEMBER'S TOGA PARTY!

June 23rd, 2012, 6 - 11 pm

It is the will of the Gods that you be there!

Please join your fellow club members to meet and greet our newest members!

Theme: Greek/Roman Toga
Theme attire encouraged but not required

Cost: \$25.00
Menu: Gyros, various salads, couscous, beer, wine and other goodies

Please RSVP by June 18th to newmembersparty@mountvernonyachtclub.com.

QUESTIONS?

Contact Christine Stavropoulos at christinezoe@aol.com or Amy Walker at amy@csallcc.com.

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Over the next month or so we will be trenching in a new power supply to this panel. Once this is energized, we will then run connections to provide new electrical service to C, D and E docks. We have already purchased dock pedestals to supply power and water for most of the slips on E dock and will be installing these over the summer. We are also finalizing the layout and dock pedestal requirements for C and D docks and will be ready to connect the new utility supplies as a part of their reconstruction.

Over the summer we will also be soliciting bids for the marina dredging project as well as the construction and installation of the C and D dock renovations. While the physical work on both of these efforts will take place during the "off season," it will require a great deal of coordination and boat moving. I have asked our Marina Co-Chairs, Jerry Grey and Steve Donock to begin the planning and scheduling for the necessary relocations and to work with the slip holders to make this all go as smoothly as possible. However, even though this year's boating season has just started, it is not too early to begin thinking about timing your haul out this fall and perhaps getting around to any repairs or bottom work you may have been putting off.

With many thanks to all of the folks involved in these projects, and with the understanding and cooperation of all of the affected marina dwellers, by next Commissioning Day we will celebrate not just the start of another season, but also a bigger, better and deeper MVYC.

Social Committee Update

Contributed by Harriet Singleton, Social Committee Chair

'Tis the season! Days are longer and warmer and boats are in the Rivah. MVYC parties happen all year long but boating season truly brings out the partyers.

Another big thanks to Eva Sanborn for taking the lead to the make sure the younger members of the Club had fun at the Kid's Easter Egg Roll and Party.

Jacque Knight and Susan Rehe, with the able assistance of many volunteers, made certain that Commissioning Day 2012 was a festive and fitting celebration. The weather cooperated, the USCG Drill Team gave an outstanding performance, and members gave a wonderful showing in their nautical attire. And how about those beautiful boats!

Happenings in June

June 10. Ladies Tea, 3pm - 5pm, hosted by Pam Beggan. This event is open to all the Ladies of the Club including Grandmothers, Godmothers, Mothers, Sisters, Neighbors, Friends of all ages. Spend a few hours on this Sunday afternoon sipping tea and sandwiches in the most pleasant way.

June 23. NewComers Party, 6pm- Midnight. Coordinated by Christine Stavropoulos and Amy Walker. The party for new members will have a splash of Greek mythology with this year's theme, Toga Party. Look forward to seeing the many Gods, Goddesses, heroes, titans, and creatures poolside for a fun night welcoming our newest Club members.

July 4th is another fun day at MVYC. Looking for volunteers to coordinate the softball and pool activities.

Please let me know how you would like to help on the upcoming social events.

Toon Fleet News

By Bart Hewitt, T.F.C.

Evelyn and I just got back from a wonderful week at Deep Creek Lake in the mountains of western Maryland. Deep Creek Lake, or DCL as we afficianadi know it, has many features to recommend it. There are plenty of souvenir shops where you can buy classy souvenirs that will grace the walls and tables of your local home for, say, at least a week or so. There are beautiful mountains to enjoy. There are great restaurants of all kinds. There are places that will rent you a power boat or sailboat or canoe or kayak or fishing equipment or a mountain bike or water skis or ... gosh, the list just goes on and on. There are many, many beautiful lakefront homes that can be rented for a vacation stay. And yes, Alexi, there is a brewery nearby. But best of all, there are more Toons per capita at DCL than almost anywhere else. Toons at the docks, toons at the boat dealers, toons pulling water skiers, toons with tired-looking olde capitas in them, toons with partying captains who drive fast and laugh as their big high-powered toons throw up (sic) wakes that nearly toss us out of our delicate little kayaks. They give toons a bad rap. Here, at MVYC on the other hand, we have a toon fleet that loves everybody, boats with courtesy, parties quietly, throws hardly a wake at all. We are Man, Woman, Doggie, and at peace with the universe.

On The Docks

by Jerry Gray and Steve Donock, Marina Co-Chairs
Email: marina@mountvernonyachtclub.com



The marina business is good in 2012. We continue to have requests for slips and have been able to satisfy many of those requests. If you need a slip for a boat 20ft. or less we can very likely accommodate you. Slips for larger boats will have to be determined at the time of the request. We have a few boats on the wait list in the 28 ft. and larger category. If you are buying a boat, you only need to send us a copy of the contract to be assigned a slip or placed on the wait list.

We want to thank Jim Gordon for power washing and sealing the docks. Jim does this nearly every year and it really contributes to the appearance and the durability of the decking. Also, a big thank you to Diane Wilson who wielded the power washer for a considerable piece of the job.

Ships Store

by Harriet Singleton

Thank you for your support of the Ships Store over the last year and especially during Commissioning Day 2012.

It is great to see members proudly wearing their selections boasting their Club's spirit and enthusiasm. Whether it be a hat, shirt, bag or jacket, it is fun to see the Club's logo and name out and about.

Check your summer attire and see if there is something you would like to add to your closet from the Ships Store. Orders can be made anytime. Generally, please allow two weeks for the order to be filled. And don't forget gifts for family and/or friends! Remember you can add a name for yourself or your boat on any order for an additional \$5.

Proceeds from all sales help to offset some Club expenses associated with the swim team.

Mother's Day Tea RESCHEDULED!



MVYC Mother's Day/Ladies Day Tea
Sunday, June 10th, 3 - 5 pm
MVYC Clubhouse

Don't forget your tea hats!
Please RSVP to Pam Beggan (703) 360-9016.

Join us, and feel free to bring guests!

FOR SALE - TOGETHER

Chuck & Anita Manka have placed their Nordic Tug 32 "TOGETHER" for sale with the broker Annapolis Sail Yard in Annapolis. Inquiries should be directed to them at their home number (see MVYC Directory).

Captain Cody!





Mount Vernon Yacht Club, The Yachting Club of America and You, the MVYC Member!

As a member of MVYC you're not just tied to the 22309 zip code when it comes to Yacht Clubs, you're nationwide baby! How so you ask? Well, I'll tell you... Some time ago, MVYC became part of the Yachting Club of America and thus earned reciprocity to over 700 Yacht Clubs from around the nation.

What is the Yachting Club of America?

"The Yachting Club of America was founded in 1963 as the first National Association of Yacht Clubs. The founding principles set forth by the Board of Governors and Founding Members, including John Wayne, were designed "to serve the advancement of Yachting."

What exactly does reciprocity mean to you?

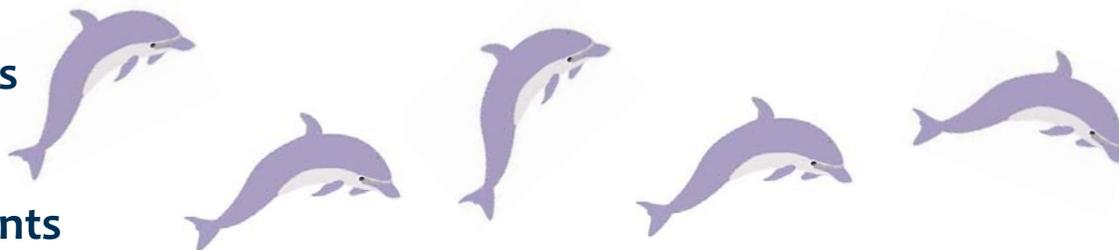
For example: Let's say you're in Annapolis and would like to have lunch or cocktails at the Annapolis Yacht Club (great view by the way). As a MVYC member in good standing, you need only show your MVYC membership card along with identification - and viola - you're past the velvet rope and on your way to a wonderful evening with a spectacular view of the water.

How do I get a MVYC/YCA membership card?

Simple! Just ask your Membership Chair (Membership@mountvernonyachtclub.com) and viola, a card will be mailed to you!

Finally, having travelled way too much over the years, I've had the opportunity to visit various yacht clubs from coast to coast with great joy. Membership has its privileges, so enjoy as you can!

MVYC Dolphins Swim Team



Upcoming Events

Saturday, June 16th	8:00 AM	Dual Meet 1 vs. Evergreen Country Club (Away Meet)
Monday, June 18th	9:00-11:00 AM	Morning Practice Begins (5:00-6:00 PM Afternoon Practice Continues M-Th)
Saturday, June 23rd	8:00 AM	Dual Meet 2 vs. Mt. Vernon Country Club (Home Meet) - Come cheer us on!!!
Saturday, June 30th	8:30 AM	Dual Meet 3 vs. County Club of Fairfax (Away Meet)
Wednesday, July 4th	12:00 PM	Fourth of July Party at the Pool!

FOR SALE:

2000 Suntracker 27' Party Barge Pontoon, with trailer.
\$6500 or best offer.

3.5l inboard, seats 16, changing room, sink, porta-potty, full enclosure for camping, over 20 life jackets, microwave with power inverter, and many more extras such as GPS, radio and stereo. Needs some work, attention and love. Out of water on trailer for over a year.

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





Commissioning Day 2012





June 2012



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 9 am Yoga Class 7:30 pm TGIF	2
3	4 AM Closed for Cleaning	5 9 am Yoga Class	6	7 8:30 am Yacht Haven Garden Club 8 pm Membership Mtg	8 9 am Yoga Class 7:30 pm TGIF	9
10 3 - 5 pm Mother's Day Tea	11 AM Closed for Cleaning 7:30pm Social Cmte Mtg	12 9 am Yoga Class	13	14 FLAG DAY	15 9 am Yoga Class 7:30 pm TGIF	16
17 HAPPY FATHER'S DAY	18 AM Closed for Cleaning 7:30 pm MVYC Board Mtg	19 9 am Yoga Class	20	21 7:30 pm Coast Guard Auxiliary Mtg	22 9 am Yoga Class 7:30 pm TGIF	23 6 pm NEW MEMBER TOGA PARTY
24	25 AM Closed for Cleaning	26 9 am Yoga Class	27	28	29 9 am Yoga Class 7:30 pm TGIF	30



July 2012



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 AM Closed for Cleaning	3 9 am Yoga Class 5-10 pm MVYC Parade of Lights	4 4th of July	5 8:30 am Yacht Haven Garden Club 8 pm Membership Mtg	6 9 am Yoga Class 7:30 pm TGIF	7
8	9 AM Closed for Cleaning 7:30pm Social Cmte Mtg	10 9 am Yoga Class	11	12	13 9 am Yoga Class 7:30 pm TGIF	14
15	16 AM Closed for Cleaning 7:30 pm MVYC Board Mtg	17 9 am Yoga Class	18	19 7:30 pm Coast Guard Auxiliary Mtg	20 9 am Yoga Class 7:30 pm TGIF	21 11 am PRYCA Float In
22	23 AM Closed for Cleaning	24 9 am Yoga Class	25	26	27 9 am Yoga Class 7:30 pm TGIF	28
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