

Leary Tops FundRaisers at Leukemia Cup

by Greg Rehe, Sail Fleet Captain

John Leary and his Team Aphrodite took top fund-raising honors at this year's National Capital Area Leukemia Cup Regatta, held the second weekend of September at the Washington Sailing Marina.

Leary was the top individual fundraiser, collecting \$10,210 in donations for this worthy cause. John's *Team Aphrodite*, crew and shore support combined, received recognition as the second highest fund-raising boat of the Regatta.

The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society organizes regattas throughout the United States to raise money for medical research to find better treatments and cures for leukemia, lymphoma and other blood related cancers. *Team Aphrodite* wasted no time and got to work early in the summer raising money after the Leukemia Cup Regatta Kick-Off Dinner hosted at MVYC.

Team Aphrodite rallied again this year in memory of their friend Tony Wassell, son of club members Des and Ann Wassell, who was diagnosed with leukemia in 1993. The team included racing crew Matt Rock, Bob Tierno and Steve Wassell (brother of Tony), and an impressive support team including motor launch (Des and Ann) and shore personnel. Motivated by the



John Leary and Team Aphrodite celebrate the conclusion of a successful event.

memory of Tony, they came together and not only exceeded their total from last year, but doubled it.

Just when he thought his work was done and he could relax, John's *Catalina 27, Aphrodite* experienced engine trouble on the way up river from MVYC to Washington Sailing Marina for the Regatta, and was stranded just south of the Wilson Bridge. Frantic repair efforts by *Team Aphrodite* and its shore sup-

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Membership Meeting
Thursday 6 October 8 PM
Next Board Meeting: 17 October 7:30pm
Next Membership Meeting: 3 November 8pm

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Boat Owners: We Need You ...
... to consider storing your boat on land this winter!

If the Club's plans to rebuild A and B Docks move forward as expected, we'll need temporary homes for a number of boats that normally spend the winter in their slips. Can you trailer your boat this winter, or arrange for storage at another marina?

See details on page 9.

Bow Lines

*Chris Ruckman,
Vice Commodore,
Beacon Editor*



Hurricane Katrina continues to affect Potomac River boaters in more ways than one, even as Hurricane Rita pounds the other end of the Gulf Coast.

We see the effect most clearly at area fuel docks. Marine fuel was in extremely short supply for a week or two after Katrina struck. I listened to one visiting boater spend hours on the VHF pleading with every marina from Woodbridge to DC for a splash of gasoline. Obviously, prices everywhere have skyrocketed.

Even MVYC had to ration fuel for a few days. Our supplier finally did get us enough gas that we could lift the restrictions, although we paid dearly for the fuel. Accordingly, we adjusted the sale price to make sure the fuel dock will not lose money over the course of the year. Even so, it's a bargain compared to paying four bucks a gallon at Fort Washington.

There's also a hidden cost that won't hit our wallets until later: higher premiums for boat insurance.

Last year, after Hurricane Isabel, my premium rose by a whopping 33%. I'm not sure I agree with the logic, since my boat presents no more of a liability now than it did before Isabel. But the claims stemming from Isabel will pale in comparison to those from Katrina — and now Rita. If you own a boat, look for a bigger bill to appear in a mailbox near you next spring.

In Katrina's wake, cities everywhere are looking more closely at their disaster management plans, and DC is no exception. Perhaps more people will realize the important role that marinas like ours could play in responding to a major disaster. Perhaps they'll begin to recognize that MVYC could provide an important launching point for first responders, aid workers and other emergency personnel — if only we could get federal funding to dredge a channel. MVYC is continuing to work on this issue with local, state and federal officials.



The End-of-Summer Potluck was enjoyed by young and the young-at-heart. We'll let you guess which is which. (Photos: Russell Poe)



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The Bosun's Whistle

Bonnie Breneman, Commodore



Thanks to Kaye Matthews and her committee for the slate of nominees for 2006. See their bios and pics elsewhere in the BEACON. It promises to be another outstanding year. Remember to come to the Membership Meeting on October 6 at 8:00 PM so that you can accept the slate and nominate any other candidates from the floor. This meeting and the November 3 election meeting require a quorum, so please mark your calendars and support your Board with your presence at the Membership Meeting.

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It seems like the Power Fleet Cruise Party was another rousing success—I'm sorry I missed it! The rest of the autumn social events are shaping up. See the flyers in the BEACON, and do the organizers a big favor by signing up early! We really cannot plan for food and entertainment without some idea of the number of participants.

The permitting process for the remainder of our marina improvements is moving along, albeit slowly. Hopefully, the process will be complete in time for construction in late winter, and the weather will cooperate, too. Members with boats on A and B docks should be prepared to move out of the marina for an extended period during the demolition of the existing piers and the construction of the new floating dock system.

We will be preparing a budget and during that process, we should be able to project whether we can do both docks at once instead of one this winter and one next. Be patient and plan ahead for either eventuality. Thanks in advance for your help and support.

Nominating Committee Presents 2006 Slate

by Kaye Matthews, Chair, Nominating Committee
Committee Members: Mike MacNair, Chuck Manka, Jane Mutnick, Greg Rehe.

The Nominating Committee is pleased to recommend the following nominees for the MVYC Board of Trustees for 2006.

Commodore	Bonnie Breneman
Vice Commodore	Chris Ruckman
Rear Commodore	Jim Borches
Secretary	Alison Miller
Treasurer	Dave Miskimens
Director (returning)	Gene Diotelevi
Director (returning)	Bill Gard
Director (returning)	Joanna Meletis
Director	Jerry Gray
Director	Brent Pope
Director	Alexi Stavropoulos

These members have all agreed to serve, and the Nominating Committee feels that they will do an excellent job. Commodore Breneman will formally propose this slate during the Membership Meeting on Thursday, October 6, 2005, at 8:00 pm in the Clubhouse, at which time the floor will be open for additional nominations. Elections will be held at the November Membership Meeting.

*Long-time MVYC member **Joan Lally** passed away on Wednesday September 14, 2005.*

A service and reception were held for her at on September 19th. The funeral will be held in October in Arlington Cemetery with the exact date to be announced later. Joan was a wonderful and friendly person, and will be sorely missed.



One more photo from the Red Brown Memorial Hot Cruise to Coles Point Plantation back in August: Gene Diotelevi and Steve Donock on-stage with *The Red Brown & Blues*. (Photo: Stuart Matthews)

Meet the Proposed 2005 Board of Trustees

This slate of proposed Officers and Directors will be presented to the membership at the October Membership Meeting on Thursday, 6 October 2005.

Commodore: Bonnie Breneman

When Bonnie joined MVYC in 1990, she became active in Marina activities almost immediately. Most weekends between April and December, she can be found hanging out on one of two vessels named *Sea-BraT*, or somewhere else around the Club. She has served as a Director, Rear Commodore and Vice Commodore. She also served as Membership Chair during three of her five years on the Board. Bonnie is a Women's Health Nurse Practitioner, practicing at DeWitt Army Hospital at Fort Belvoir. Besides boating, she is active in her professional organizations and the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary. She is proud of the accomplishments of the Board and members of MVYC during the past year, and looks forward to another challenging and successful year.



Vice Commodore: Chris Ruckman

Chris joined MVYC in 1997 when he and his wife, Diane Wilson, moved to their home on Neptune Drive. Within a few months, Chris was selected as Editor of *The Beacon*, which he has published 85 times since then. He has served on the Board of Trustees for nearly six years as a Director, Rear Commodore and Vice Commodore. By day, Chris is a mechanical engineer who attended Hayfield High School and earned his PhD from Virginia Tech. An avid power boater, his hobbies also include high-performance driving and playing drums in a blues band called Acme Blues Company. Their 34-foot power boat, *La Rea*, is named after his mother.



Rear Commodore: Jim Borches

Jim, a member of MVYC since 1998, has served on the Board for three years during which time he oversaw a major project to renovate the Club's swimming pool. Jim hails from Fort Thomas, Kentucky, and has two sons: Pete lives in Charlottesville, and Andrew currently lives in San Sebastian, Spain. Jim has a Masters degree in Education from the University of Maryland, and in 1999 he retired from a position with the U.S. Department of Education. He also taught high school in Virginia and Maryland. Jim is the proprietor of J.B Canvas Works. His hobbies include boating, biking, cooking, and keeping up with his Jack Russell Terrier, Jackson.



Secretary: Allison Miller

Allison and her husband, Matt Miller, joined MVYC last fall after moving back into the area from Boston. Though Allison has only been a member since 2003, her parents (Ted and Peggy Pearsall) have been members for over 20 years. Allison swam on the Club's Swim Team from the age of 6 until she was 18, coached the team for two years and was a life-guard at the Club for four years. Allison is an attorney with a large law firm based in D.C., where she practices corporate law. Allison and Matt currently live in Old Town, Alexandria.



Treasurer: Dave Miskimens

David Miskimens joined MVYC in 1999 after he and his wife Angie moved from Seattle to their home on Neptune Drive. They immediately became involved with Club activities such as the Commodore's Ball, Brunch Cruise, Commissioning Day, and Lobsterfest. They also chaired the St. Patrick's Day party for two years. Dave has served as Power Fleet Captain since 2002, and was elected to the Board of Trustees in 2004. Dave is a mechanical engineer and earned his masters from Indiana University in 1996. Dave and Angie are enthusiastic power boaters and help to organize many raft-ups and cruises. They also participate in Sail Fleet events as a committee boat.



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Director (returning): Gene Diotelevi

Since joining MVYC three years ago, Gene has spent considerable time working for the Club. After Hurricane Isabel, he assisted with dock repairs and clean-up. He established a professional mariner library at MVYC, and has provided boat handling and seamanship training to new boat owners at MVYC while also outfitting and training MVYC members on electronic navigation systems GPS receiver technology. Gene, a career Coast Guardsman who has traveled above or below most of the world's oceans, holds an advanced degree and is credentialed with the International Electrotechnical Commission (Navigation Systems). Gene's rock band, Power Lloyd, has just released an album that is being sold nationwide.



Director (returning): Bill Gard

Bill and his wife Karen moved into Yacht Haven and joined MVYC in spring of 2003. Bill, who retired from The Washington Post after 22 years in computer systems and engineering management roles, now works there part time managing construction projects. Bill and Karen enjoy boating on *Fire Dog*, their 27' Tiara power boat. Bill also likes bicycling and working on projects around the house. As Co-chairman of the Marina Committee last year, Bill oversaw a complete rebuild of C and D docks. The committee also arranged for removal of hydrilla from the marina channel and fairways. Future marina projects include conversion of A and B docks to floating docks and rebuilding Outer W dock.



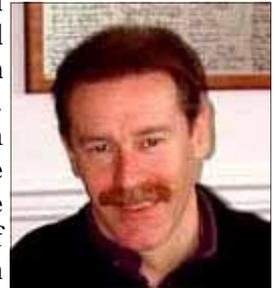
Director (returning): Joanna Meletis

Joanna and husband Nick joined as members of MVYC in 2002, although they had been frequent guests and visitors of Joanna's parents, Stuart and Kaye Matthews, since 1980. Since the early eighties and especially since becoming members, Joanna has enjoyed participating in MVYC activities. Joanna and Nick are power boaters and have had three boats at MVYC since 2002. Joanna is certified by U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary in Boating Skills and Seamanship. Joanna participates in Nick's Design business in Fairfax Station, and also works for a large publishing company in DC. She looks forward to continuing on with the Grounds Committee as a MVYC board member!



Director: Jerry Gray

Jerry and his wife Petra joined MVYC in the Spring of 2004 and have actively participated in club social activities and power fleet events. Jerry has assisted in the dock repairs and grounds clean-up. Jerry, Petra and daughter Alexandra relocated from the Del Ray neighborhood to Mt. Vernon in June 2005. Owners of a 26-ft Sea Ray, the *Alex J*, the Gray's spend a lot of time on the water. Jerry is a 6-year veteran of the Marine Corps and has been with The Washington Post for 23 years where he is a Director in the IT department. Jerry's hobbies include bicycling and riding his motorcycle.



Director: Brent Pope

Brent Pope has been an active sailor since joining MVYC over 27 years ago, and more recently has become an avid power boater with his 24-foot Maxum *Luna Sea*. He is a regular at the Club's pool, and can frequently be seen at Club social events or just enjoying an afternoon with friends at the Point. Professionally, Brent has had a distinguished career directing and managing large defense contracting firms and government agencies. Brent received his doctorate from Virginia Tech, and has served as an adjunct Professor teaching courses on research design and statistics to masters and doctoral candidates.



Director: Alexi Stavropoulos

Alexi and his wife, Christine, joined MVYC in the spring of 2004. They have lived near Hollin Hall since 1993. Alexi is co-owner of Canal Group Builders in Washington, DC. They enjoy hosting TGIFs, particularly when they co-hosted Greek night. Alexi volunteered many hours this past spring rebuilding C and D docks. He recently assembled a group of members to update the MYVC hurricane preparedness plan. He has served as committee boat for the sail fleet and spent quite a few Saturday mornings volunteering for the swim team. Alexi and Christine love power boating and thoroughly enjoy many raft-ups and cruises and can be found on the Potomac River on their boat *Triada*.



Oktoberfest 2005

Date: Saturday, October 15, 2005

Time: 7:00 P.M.

Place: Mount Vernon Yacht Club

Cost: \$25.00 per person

Attendees: Adult Members and their guests



A complete German style dinner will be served. There will also be plenty of Imported German Beer on tap!



Beer, Beer and more Beer!

After dinner, dance the night away to music provided by the Bristol Sounds Dee Jay.

Your check made payable to MVYC will be your reservation. Please send it early. Mail to:
Zita Pojeta, 8726 Parry Lane, Alexandria, VA 22308.

The reservations deadline is October 11th.





Greg Rehe,
Sail Fleet Captain

News from the Weather Rail

Craney Island Race

This year's Craney Island Race night race was held at the end of June with a full moon and high tide. The Race Committee headed by Andrea Steierman on Steve Donock's Last Resort started the race in gentle, but relatively consistent breezes. The boats started in pursuit fashion based on handicap rating, the slower boats starting first, the fastest boats last calculated so the order in which the boats cross the finish line is their final place in the race. The wind was perfect for an evening sail around the tiny uninhabited island, but began to dwindle as the lead boats approached government mark 64 on the way to the finish. Valkyrie, the last boat to start (because of the lowest handicap), passed Windwatch shortly after rounding government mark 64, and gradually clawed past Kristine taking the lead. An incoming tide helped move the boats toward the finish line, but nearly swept the two lead boats past the wrong side of the end of the finish line! Valkyrie made it across the finish followed by Kristine and Windwatch. After the race, sailors enjoyed soft ice cream and other snacks on the Point while discussing the night's race.

Ladies Race

The annual MVYC Labor Day Ladies Race was held on Sunday, September 4th in shifty northeast winds with a strong outgoing tidal current. Although the wind seemed strong enough to move the boats along, all had difficulty beating to windward against the strong current. Frequent wind shifts always seemed to head the boats in the wrong direction. Competition was keen. Connie Neibuhr was at the helm of Aphrodite, with crew John Leary; and Valerie Borden was at the helm of Windwatch, with crew Doug Borden and Doug Borden. Susan Rehe took the helm of Valkyrie with crew members Jackie Gorski, Eric Rehe

and Greg Rehe. Several minutes after the starting gun, Aphrodite was first to cross the start line followed by Windwatch, and last, Valkyrie, all separated by several minutes. Aphrodite sought refuge from the current and better wind toward the right side of the course while Windwatch went toward the left side followed by Valkyrie. The challenge on Valkyrie was to see if Susan could handle the pressure of being at the helm for the entire race. Somehow, with the assistance, encouragement and support of her wonderful crew, she hung in there. The left side of the course turned out to be the best bet and in the end Susan kept Valkyrie moving against the current to the turning mark by Mount Vernon ahead of her competitors. On the run to the finish the wind shifted 90 degrees and Valkyrie cruised easily to the finish line on a beam reach with the favorable current. Susan steered Valkyrie over the finish line well ahead of her competitors who finished in reverse order from the start. This year's grand prize package (donated by Sail Fleet Captain Greg Rehe) includes dinner for two at the Mount Vernon Inn.

2005 Leukemia Cup Regatta

Three sailboats from MVYC competed at the 12th annual national capital area Leukemia Cup Regatta held September 10, 2005. The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society organizes regattas throughout the United States to raise money for medical research to find better treatments and cures for lymphoma, leukemia and related cancers. This year's National Capital Area Leukemia Cup was a great success, raising money from entry fees, individual fund raisers, the silent auction of donated goods and services, and individual and corporate contributions. In June, MVYC

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BOAT FOR SAIL. 1986 Seidelmann 295 (*Knight Passage*). LOA 29' 5"; LWL 24.42; Beam: 10' 2"; Draft: 3.25/ 6.17 (keel/ centerboard). Yanmar 18 HP engine; great family cruiser; new upholstery in 2004; custom cockpit cushions; L-shaped galley, 2-burner non-pressurized alcohol stove with oven (excellent condition, very safe system); large insulated icebox; stainless steel sink with pressure H/C water; good counter space. Datamarine depth finder and knotmeter; VHF; stereo; roller furling; 2 Lewmar 2-speed #30 self-tailing winches; flag halyard; and lazy jack system. Bimini, canvas wheel cover and sail cover in very good condition. Many extras. \$17,500 Call: 703-780-7495



Susan Rehe and her crew — Erik and Greg Rehe — celebrate Susan's victory in the MVYC Labor Day Ladies Race. (Photo: Russell Poe)

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was the site for the pre-regatta kick-off dinner for all skippers and crews to build enthusiasm and momentum for fund raising efforts leading up to the regatta in September hosted by the Washington Sailing Marina. Although small in number, the MVYC contingent made its mark at the regatta and contributed to yet another outstanding year for the fund raising event.

MVYC was once again represented by Team Aphrodite, Windwatch, and Valkyrie at this popular fund raising event. John Leary was the highest individual fund raiser and his Team Aphrodite was the second highest fund raising boat (see accompanying article). In addition to Team Aphrodite, Doug Borden in Windwatch with son Doug, and Greg Rehe sailing his boat Valkyrie with crew Susan Rehe, Eric Rehe and fellow MVYC S2-7.9 sailor Ed Gibson, competed in the non-spinnaker division. As chief fund raiser for Team Valkyrie, 14-year-old Eric raised \$630 dollars to contribute to the fight against leukemia, lymphoma, and other blood-related cancers. The MVYC crews were motivated by friends and family including MVYC members affected by these diseases.

Three races were planned, but light and shifting winds made it difficult to finish even the first race. The first race got off to a good start in the predicted light wind, but the wind died as the boats were on their approach to the finish line and many had to drop anchor to avoid being swept backwards until a light zephyr from the east enabled the competitors to cross the line before the wind died again for the rest of the day. The boats waited (drifted) for wind that never came and finally racing was declared completed for the day and sailors headed back to the marina for the awards dinner and festivities.

The sailors and supporters gathered at the after-race party were treated to greetings and comments from Gary Jobson, a most admired and longtime sailor on the national and international scene, and as a reporter of sailing activities on ESPN who, himself, had recently completed lengthy treatment for leukemia. Mr. Jobson has been a celebrity supporter of the Leukemia Cup Regatta since its inception in 1993, long



Don Waller and Dick McCormack relax after enjoying a meal at the End-Of-Summer Potluck. What does this photo have to do with the Sail Fleet report that takes up the rest of this page? Absolutely nothing! We liked the photo, and this is where we could fit it in! (Photo: Stuart Matthews)

before he was diagnosed with this form of cancer. He was quick to observe that little did he know that his contributions to this cause would later benefit him directly. After his remarks, Gary who is an international sailing celebrity, mingled and chatted with the sailors. It was a pleasure for all to see and speak with Gary who has been able to resume his competitive sailing career.

Although small in comparison to events held at sailing capitals such as Annapolis, the national capital area Leukemia Cup Regatta gives the other events a run for their money in spirit and fund raising. Despite the generous contributions to the national effort made by this local group of avid sailors and supporters in recent years, there is always the hope, and expectation, that next year will be even better. The MVYC sailors participating in the event want to thank the many MVYC members who contributed to this event. There is no doubt about the need for contributions to this noble cause, this year and every year. Mark your calendar for the second weekend in September 2006 and plan to "be there". You'll be more than welcome.

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port team were futile; nearly seven hours after departing MVYC, *Aphrodite* was eventually towed the rest of the way to the Washington Sailing Marina just in time for Friday night's dinner and party.

A dead motor didn't stop John, with a loaner engine courtesy of DISC member Pat Williams, *Aphrodite* made the start line on Sat-

urday morning. *Aphrodite* crossed the finish line with the front pack in shifting and light winds placing 6th in non-spinnaker division 1.

At the awards dinner on Saturday evening, John and *Team Aphrodite* celebrated their success fueled by the coveted prize donated by one of the corporate sponsors of the event, Mount Gay Rum. *Team Aphrodite* kept up their reputation

from past years' Regattas and once again showed the assembled sailors how to have a great time.

Early the next morning, *Aphrodite* made the trip home to MVYC looking forward to next year and another opportunity to have a great time contributing to this most worthy cause.

Water-Front View

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



As the 2005 boating season winds down, we're already looking ahead to next year. The permit application for converting A and B docks to floating docks and reconfiguring Outer W is being finalized. We're sending the required notification forms to the neighbors, and we hope to have an approved permit in a matter of weeks.

In a nutshell, we'll extend A and B docks by about 15 feet to pick up 3 slips on A dock and 2 slips on B dock. The slips will be two boats wide, like C and D docks, and the finger piers will be 2 feet wide and 14 feet long. Outer W will have the same number of slips, but they will be wider, two-boat wide slips with new finger piers.

We're also getting budgetary estimates for the cost so we can present a range of options to the membership.

There are several ways the project can be phased. The optimal way would be to do all the work at once and be ready by next boating season. But this approach may not be practical, both for financial and logistical reasons.

Financially, we may not be able to afford redoing A and B docks and Outer W all at the same time. If that's the case, we'll try to do A & B and as much of Outer W as we can afford. Then we can come back and finish Outer W when funds are available. As Chairman of the Planning Committee, Jim Hamrick is working on the financial aspects of the project and will have recommendations for us at a future membership meeting.

Logistically, if we redo A and B at the same time, we'll have to do something with the boats that are not normally moved out of the marina for the winter. There are several things the Marina Committee would like boaters to consider if the project moves ahead.

First, if possible, have your boat hauled and stored at any of the marinas on the Potomac that can handle your size boat. The Marina Committee will be contacting marinas and we'll try to publish space availability information and rates for haul out and storage.

Second, we would like members with trailerable boats anywhere in the marina to consider storing the boats on the trailers for the winter. If we can free up enough space this way, some of the larger boats on A and B could move to spaces on C and D docks.

If the finances work out, and if we all pull together and get a bit of help from the weather, the Club could have all new floating docks by the beginning of the 2006 boating season. Let's keep our fingers crossed.

Marina Emergency Response Team

by Dave Miskimens

We have been lucky this year, and haven't been clobbered by a

hurricane this season (so far!). But that's no reason to become relaxed about emergency preparedness.

As we know from Hurricane Isabel two years ago, it is crucial to be prepared for a hurricane or tropical storm if it were to hit our

marina again. The marina committee is pleased to announce that Alexi Stavropoulos has volunteered to head up the emergency response planning effort.

He has conducted two meetings to review the information and resources that we can use to put together our own emergency response plan. The plan will include a pre-hurricane check list, a phone tree and plans for getting the marina ready for a significant storm.

If you are interested in participating or if you have some information that would be helpful to this effort, please contact Alexi Stavropoulos at (703) 765-0766.



The GKH Group

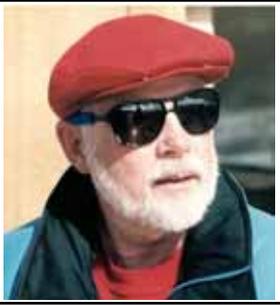
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Membership News

Bart Hewitt,
Membership



WAS SHAKESPEARE A BOATER?

Scholars have just announced the discovery of a previously unknown Ode by William Shakespeare. This is exciting, as the poem proves that Shakespeare was a boater. See for yourself:

"Toon O' mine, thy gleaming hulls
Doth pierce the main, as swans and gulls
Oft swoon; and men, who Avon ply
In lesser barques, 'neath azure sky,
Must suffer vessels 'neath the sun
With pointy bow ... not two, just one.
(I'll wager, cent'ries hence, this piece
Brings Ruckman's spellcheck to its kniece.)"

Even the most uncultured oaf can clearly see that Shakespeare was not only a boater, but a PONTOON boater. Read it and weep, Stuart.

But soft - if "Bill" (as we scholars call him) were here today, he would not gloat. Rather, from the deck of his Elizabethan "Toon he would remind MVYC members to check the clubhouse bulletin board for new applicant postings. He would insist on congratulating our members with 20+ years in MVYC, including C.J. Portaluppi ('64), Jean Varney ('72), David & Paula Givens ('75), David & Beth Wells ('81), Ted & Peggy Pearsall ('81), Joyce Bracey ('81), and John & Judy Mitchell ('83).

And, he would urge anyone who has a suggestion, a complaint, a change of phone/address/E-mail, or who aspires to become a Liberal-leaning Poet (with or without a lesser barque), to call me (Bard Hewitt - HAR!) at 703-799-0401 or E-mail me at behewitt@cox.net.

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.

Nelson (Rick) and Angela Mullins, 6024 Clames Drive, Alexandria, VA 22310

2005 MVYC Fall Clean Up

- Landscaping
- Pool Area
- Mulching
- General clean up

Marina, Pool & Grounds Clean Up Day

Calling all MVYC Members to
volunteer on:

October 15th, 2005 at
8:30 AM

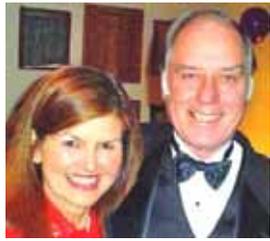
Please bring work gloves, shovels, clippers, rakes, etc!

****Great Way for students to earn
service hours for school!****

RSVP if you plan on joining us!

Call Joanna Meletis (703) 495-9160





CBYCA Report

Jacquie & Ed Knight

CBYCA Supports Funding For Transient Slips

Virginia's Boating Infrastructure Grant committee met in Richmond September 13 to review requests for funding that will be available if Congress reauthorizes the program for the 2006 grant cycle. It will be interesting to see the effect of Hurricane Katrina on this program, which has channeled federal funds since 2001 to states to build or upgrade facilities for transient recreational boats 26 or more in length.

I represented CBYCA at the BIG meeting in which we ranked six applications that might qualify

for Virginia's \$100,000 in Tier One funds for small projects in Fiscal Year 2006. Announcement of the selections will be made by December, and the final approval by the US Department of Fish and Wildlife Service is expected by February.

Private marinas and yacht clubs can qualify for BIG grants by agreeing to open at least four slips to transient boaters, according to Preston Smith, Virginia's Marina Program Manager. A workshop to assist in grant applications is planned for next spring and will be announced.

CBYCA Elects Officers

Jerry Donofrio of Ran-Del Yacht Club in Willingboro, NJ was elected Commodore of the Chesapeake Bay Yacht Clubs Association at its annual float-in and election of officers on July 16. Jerry plans to hold more meetings in Virginia during his term in an effort to get more Virginia boater participation.

MVYC was represented at the float-in by sailboat Knight Passage, one of just two sailboats there. Another Virginia boat from Prince William Yacht Club also made the trip down the Potomac and up the Chesapeake to Kent Island, where, incidentally, the current is very, very strong. Be sure to radio ahead for help at the dock if you ever make the trip!

You can read more about that cruise next month, as I plan to chronicle part of our 37-day odyssey from MVYC. Ed and I had so much fun that we' bought a bigger boat so we can go even further down the Inland Waterway next season.

Back to the election. I'll be staying on the CBYCA board another year to serve as Legislative Director for Virginia. One item of interest will be possible legislation to require developers to set aside space for transient boat slips as more and more small marinas sell out.

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Power Fleet News

*David Miskimens,
Power Fleet
Captain*

The Fall Power Fleet Cruise Party was a smashing success this year. Thirty people showed up for the fall cruise and a picnic. It started with a happy hour on the point. My wife Angie Miskimens had everything arranged and ready for an afternoon event. Members enjoyed beverages, fruit & cheese, and some of Angie's fabulous spinach dip before their cruise.

The weather was a little threatening, but the cruise captains were ready to board their passengers. Thanks to Captains Steve Donock, Tom Pojeta, and Chris Ruckman for piloting their fine vessels for a buzz up and down the river — first through some rain, but then under sunny skies.

After the cruise, we had a BBQ feast from Red, Hot, and Blues including ribs, pulled pork and BBQ chicken. It turned out to be a wonderful day, and everyone enjoyed their rides with the Power Fleet.

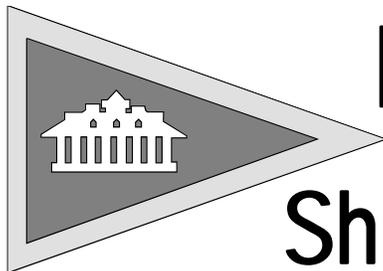
There are no more formal planned events on the Power Fleet's calendar for the rest of the year. However, September and October can be great boating months, so I expect you'll see a few more raft-ups or trips to Tim's and Old Town.



Group photo at the Power Fleet Cruise Party: Tom Pojeta, George & Cynthia Brown, Anthony Moran, Mary Ann Holthaus, Margaret & Ed Zebrowski, Virginia Edgell and Zita Pojeta. (Photo: George Holthaus)



Zita Pojeta and Margaret Zebrowski keep Tom Pojeta company on the bridge as Tom takes the gang for a boat ride at the Power Fleet Cruise Party. (Photo: George Holthaus)



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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

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In the Spirit

*Susana Gomez & Zita Pojeta
Social Committee*

The End of Summer Pot Luck on the Point was a huge success if you can judge success by attendance and a lot of people having a good time. There were approximately 100 members and families that turned out to enjoy the beautiful Labor Day weather, and visit with their friends. Of course, there was plenty of delicious food. Thanks go out to Anna and Richard Diefendorf and their committee for setting up for the party and firing up the grills. Thanks to John Leary and Russell Poe for making sure all trash made it to the dumpster.

Now it is time to turn our attention to one of our largest parties of the year. The Oktoberfest will be Saturday, October 15, 2005 at 7:00 P.M.. It is being hosted by Peter Esser and Stephan Tahmassebi. Peter will have German beer shipped a few days prior to the party. The food will be catered by Heidelbergs, a caterer that caters affairs at the German Embassy. Since we received a lot of compliments on the Dee Jay last year, we will again have music provided by the Bristol

Sounds Dee Jay. So come eat, drink, and dance the night away at Oktoberfest 2006. All of this for only \$25 per person. Now is the time to get your check, which is your reservation, mailed to Zita Pojeta, 8726 Parry Lane, Alexandria, VA. 22308. The reservation deadline is October 11th — only days away.

Mark your calendars now for the spooky Halloween Bonfire on the Point. It will be on Saturday, October, 29th at 5:00 p.m. This party is for adults and children, and promises to be fun for all ages. Please see the flyer in this Beacon for more details.

Start planning now for our annual Commodore's Ball. It will be Saturday, November 5, 2005. Circle this date on your calendar now. Your formal invitation will be arriving in a week or so. Be sure to respond promptly.

Remember that we have a TGIF Pot Luck every Friday night at 7:00 p.m. Joan Jones is in charge of assigning hosts for each Friday. Give Joan a call at 703 780-2965 and offer to host a party if it has been awhile since you have hosted. If you are a new member, and have not hosted before, Joan will have some one assist you. It is easy to do!

The next Social Committee meeting will be on Monday, October 3, 2005 at 7:30 p.m. If you would like to be on this committee and help plan the social events for the club, just show up and we will be happy to have you.



Halloween 2005



Halloween Bonfire on the Point Saturday, Oct 29, 2005, 5:00 PM-??

Who: All Members and Children

Dress: Costumes preferred

Admission: **Bring a dish to share**

Hot Apple Cider and ingredients for S'mores will be provided.

Bring your own toasting stick to toast marshmallows.

Prizes for the best costumes. Bring carved Pumpkins and enter them in a contest.

Be sure to join your friends for some scary fun!!!



MVYC Club Calendar - October 2005

2	3 7:30 pm - Social Cmte Mtg Morning - Clubhouse closed for cleaning	4	5	6 Garden Club Mtg - 8 am - 2 pm 8 pm - Membership Mtg NOMINATIONS	7 7 pm - TGIF	8
9 PYRC - Under the Guns	10 Morning - Clubhouse closed for cleaning	11	12	13	14 7 pm - TGIF	15 Morning - Fall Clean Up Day  7:30 pm - Oktoberfest!
16 PYRC - Frostbite Regatta (starts on Oct. 15)	17 Morning - Clubhouse closed for cleaning 7:30 pm - Board Mtg	18	19	20	21 7 pm - TGIF	22
23	24 Morning - Clubhouse closed for cleaning	25	26	27	28 7 pm - TGIF	29  7 pm - Halloween Bonfire on the Point

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