

YACHT CLUBS OF MARYLAND

Mission and Accomplishments

“TO PROVIDE A MEANS FOR CLOSE FREQUENT INTERACTION AND MUTUAL SUPPORT AMONG MEMBER YACHT CLUBS”

In support of this objective, YCM has represented member clubs on your behalf by actively appearing on legislative matters in Annapolis and serving as your voice and ears to outside organizations and government agencies, supported our princesses and the Queen of the Chesapeake, worked to resolve issues raised by the members such as waterway clean up and improving the Queen’s Pageant, maintained a yacht club community “bulletin board” website that includes club events, protocol advice, member and boating information and notices, flyers, YCM newsletter links, useful links, and pictures from yachting related activities, and held monthly meetings at member clubs to allow open engagement by the members to pursue ideas, plans, and issues.

In addition, we publish the BAY BREEZE, a monthly newsletter, including guest columns, to keep member clubs informed of events, issues, yacht club protocol, legislation, meetings, and the latest YCM activity. We also publish the annual SHIP’S LOG, a yearbook that provides not only contact information, but useful details about each member club, club related advice, and photos of the recent year’s commodores, princesses, and activities. Through these publications, clubs are able to share a hearty “Welcome Aboard” and provide key information for land and sea visits among the members.

Finally, we look for needs in our Maryland yacht club community and try to fill them. In this regard, we host the Annual Fleet Captains Meeting each January to bring new officers together and exchange information for the upcoming year, hunt down hard to find yachting items like silver buttons (we give each new member club P/C their first set), host the annual Golf Outing in response to member requests to share this popular activity with boating friends around the bay, and hold the annual Christmas Party at Laurel Raceway to honor the centuries old Maryland tradition of thoroughbred racing in a setting different from the usual yacht club party.

YCM is your port to come if member clubs have an idea or a problem that can be acted upon by finding and pulling together people of like minds and who have the passion and interest to pursue it. We are always open for suggestions. Working through its elected officers (all of whom are member club Past Commodores), YCM serves and is directed by its members to help our yachting community by drawing upon the collective knowledge, experience, and friendship of the many.