

Yacht Clubs of Maryland's Bay Breeze

November 2011

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If your club is not already a member of Yacht Clubs of Maryland, we would love to have you join us.
To join, please contact R/C Cliff Katzin who will guide you through the process.

Commodore's Report

By Steve Rockel

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Thanks to everyone who attended the 2011 YCM Commodore's Night Out. I was especially surprised with the many dear friends from the past years who attended. What a wonderful feeling to see everyone there. A special thank you to my home club, Red Eye Yacht Club, for their overwhelming support that evening. Terri and I sincerely appreciate those handful of dedicated individuals that helped make the evening run very smooth. Thank you for your support and all that you do.

Jill Cashman . . . you do it all and you do it so well . . . you know how tough these things are for me and yet you have gotten me through another one . . . Thank you very much for everything you do. To the Officers of YCM, I have said this before and I will say it again, the officers for the year 2011-2012 are some of the most dedicated individuals that I have ever worked with in the yacht club community. I am honored to have each and every one of you on board with me . . . thank you!!!!

There were many surprises for me this time at the Commodores Night Out. I saw many new friends, old friends, the great support from my home club, princesses, the entire royal family, two past queens and the current Queen Courtney Reed. Even my oldest son Justin chose not to go out on his boat and stay behind to support his dad. There is really only one more very wonderful person to thank

for these great memories and that would be my very special "Everything" . . . Terri.

Thanks to all for the great evening, hope everyone enjoyed themselves.

Sorry about the confusion about YCM's Annual Christmas Party at Laurel Park Race Track. I was not aware of the Chesapeake Commodore Club's Christmas Party being held on December 10th. We have changed our date to **Saturday, December 17th**. The flyer has been sent out and a copy is in this newsletter. Hope everyone can make it out for this fun filled day . . . Even Santa will be there!!!

A special Thank You to Wellwood Yacht Club for hosting last month's board meeting.

Terri and I wish you all a very Happy Thanksgiving.

Please mark your calendars for **Christmas at Laurel Park** on Saturday, December 17, 2011. More information will be coming out shortly on this great event.

Vice Commodore's Report

By Clifford Katzin

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Hello Everyone,

Happy Thanksgiving! Please take a moment to think of our blessings. Thanks to everyone who came out and supported Steve and Terri at our

"Commodore's Night Out." The Good Vibes spoke volumes that night!

Our November 30th Membership Meeting will be held at Key Yacht Club. Dinner will be served at 6:00 pm and the General Meeting will start at 7:00 pm. On the menu are stuffed pork chops, veggies, salad and dessert. The cost is \$12.00 per person. Please RSVP to this officer. Janet promises that no one will go away hungry. The December Executive Board Meeting will be held at the annual YCM Christmas Party, at Laurel Race Track, on December 17th. Don't blink, you might miss it! January's Membership Meeting will be held at Bush River Yacht Club. The menu tbd, but Deb Noon's cooking! North Point Yacht Club will host our February Executive Board Meeting.

YCM needs host clubs for the following meetings:
Mar. 28, 2012 - General Membership - Dinner
Apr. 25, 2012 - Board Meeting
May 30, 2012 - General Membership - Dinner
June 27, 2012 - Board Meeting
July 25, 2012 - General Membership - Dinner

Please contact Cliff Katzin if your club will host any of the above dates.

Rear Commodore's Report

Report November 2011 Bay Breeze

Christmas At Laurel Park!!!!!!

Christmas is just right around the corner. Get in the spirit by joining us at Christmas at Laurel Park on Saturday, December 17, 2011 – noon to end of last race. Let Santa know what you want for Christmas, he will be in attendance. Please see flier for attached with more in depth information. Terri Rockel is taking the reservations, please contact her at 443-904-7679 or email her at terri.rockel@cna.com

Fleet Captains' Dinner

ATTENTION: All Fleet Captains and Commodores.

The Fleet Captain's Dinner hosted by the Yacht Clubs of Maryland will be held on Sunday, January 29, 2012 at Red Eye Yacht Club. More details will be made available as soon as they are confirmed as to the time, dinner and cost of dinner.

This event, in the past years, has been very successful. It is a way for the 2012 Fleet Captains and their Commodores (and bring your spouses) to meet each other. The camaraderie that is formed has led to more land and sea cruises amongst the yacht clubs and to share their concerns or the bay, the clubs and other interest of the clubs in general.

A flier will be forthcoming with the specifics and I am looking forward to meeting each and every one of you that I may not know as well as catching up with all of you that I do know.

Have a great month and happy reading of the YCM Bay Breeze Newsletter and stay tuned for more updates next month.

Boating, Waterways, and the Environment

*By: Legislative Affairs Officer
Cheryl Blakey*

For Wednesday October 26, 2011

- 1) Marcellus Shale Safe Drilling Initiative Study is underway – the presentation of findings and related recommendations for legislation and standards of liability will be made by December 31, 2011.**
- 2) National Protect your Groundwater Day was on September 13, 2011: tips below to**

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help you do your part in improving the quality of groundwater where you live, and

for the Chesapeake Bay

3) Maryland Department of the Environment, Attorney General Enter into Agreement

with RG Steel to Address Emissions from Sparrows Point Blast Furnace. Consent

Decree Follows 2009 Pressure Surge Incident, Includes \$135,000 penalty

4) Study on Sediment behind

Conowingo Dam Launched. Lower Susquehanna River

Watershed Assessment to address sediment accumulation, potential for storms to

affect water quality, aquatic life in Chesapeake Bay

5) Invasive Zebra Mussels Found In Second Maryland River (Sassafras River). DNR

Asks Citizens to Help Stop the Spread of this Harmful Species. Annapolis, Md.

(October 17, 2011)

6) Back River Restoration – Fundraiser Shrimp Feast set for November 6th from 1 – 5

p.m. Tickets are \$35, and can be purchased from Don Albright, 410-977-1168.

“Just passed 500,000 Lbs. and 2,600 Tires and counting...” Read how the Boom

has captured over 70 tons of debris over just the past two months since the storms

and heavy rains....

7) October 13, 2011: Federal Judge Grants CBF Motion to Intervene in

Bay Pollution Diet (TMDL) Lawsuit. That lawsuit, brought by the American Farm

Bureau Federation, the National Homebuilders Association, and seven other

national agricultural lobbying organizations, sought to overturn pollution limits set by

the states and EPA and prevent the states from implementing the pollution reduction programs necessary to

restore local rivers, streams, and the Chesapeake

Bay. Those groups also opposed CBF's motion to intervene. CBF's partners in the

motion to intervene are: Penn Future, Defenders of Wildlife, the Jefferson County

Public Service District, the Midshore Riverkeeper Conservancy, and the National

Wildlife Federation.

8) NATIONAL BOATING

FEDERATION: New tests show damage to marine engines

from E15: Tests just completed by the US Department of Energy, indicate severe

damage will occur to marine engines when using gasoline containing E15 ethanol.

The tests further indicated an increase in exhaust emissions, increased fuel consumption and general engine

deterioration. The same tests on engines with fuel

containing no ethanol showed no fuel related failures. The USCG is also

experiencing engine failures in its patrol boats and will conduct their own

tests
beginning in the spring of 2012. (See
more details below)

Scuttlebutt and Spindrift

By: Salty Sam the Sea Dog

As always, please send your news and notes of interest to Salty Sam at mi-ti-bear@comcast.net Till next Port o' Call, always remember, "Those who don't make mistakes must not be doing anything."

Protocol Matters

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Health & Welfare

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YACHT CLUBS OF MARYLAND



2011 Commodore Balls	
12/3	KENT ISLAND YC - 1800 at the club.
12/10	
12/17	
2012 Commodore Balls	
1/7	
1/14	CHESAPEAKE COMMODORES CLUB - Princess Royale Hotel, Ocean City, MD
1/21	BELVEDERE YC - Snyder's Willow Grove, 841 N. Hammonds Ferry Rd,
1/28	GALLOWAY YC - Pappas Banquet Hall, 1725 Taylor Ave, Parkville, MD - 1800 registration, cocktails
2/4	
2/11	BODKIN YC - 1900 - Turf Valley Country Club
2/18	
2/25	
3/3	
3/10	MARLEY BC - VFW Post 2462, 1720 Bayside Beach Rd, Pasadena, MD 21122 - Details to follow.
3/17	
3/24	
3/31	



**YACHT CLUBS OF MARYLAND'S
CHRISTMAS PARTY AT LAUREL RACETRACK**

DATE: *Saturday, December 17, 2011*
TIME: *12:00 p.m. til The End of the Last Race*
COST: *\$40.00 pp*

The price includes parking, admission, programs, 2012 calendar, Trifecta Buffet, visit to the paddock to see the horses and jockeys get ready for the race and to the winner's circle to get a picture with the winning jockey.

The Trifecta Buffet includes, Mimosa and Champagne Station, Chicken Noodle Soup, Marinated Winter Vegetable Salad, Creamy Orzo and Portobello Mushroom Salad, Field Green Salad with Sun Dried Cranberries, Red Onions, Candied Walnuts, Goat Cheese and Tomatoes, Tenderloin of Beef Accompanied with Port Demi-Glace and Garlic Creamy Horseradish Sauce, Honey Glazed Pit Ham, Crab Cakes, Chicken Piccata, Penne Pasta with Sun Dried Tomatoes, Honey Glazed Carrots, Roasted Red Potatoes, Collard Greens cooked with Bacon and Caramelized White Onion, Assortment of Fresh Rolls and Butter, Yule Log, Red Velvet Cake, Carrot Cake, Chocolate Cake and Cheese Cake, Apple Pie, Pecan Pie, Chocolate Chip Cookies and Brownies.

We will have a volunteer gift exchange, if you wish to participate, please bring a gift with value of about \$10.00. Santa will be making an appearance.

*Please r.s.v.p. by **December 1, 2011** to Terri Rockel @ terri.rockel@cna.com or 443-904-7679. Please join us for a fun filled day!!!*

