COMMODORE
Daniel “Dan” Reno

ALL has arrived so beware of colorful leaves falling, goblins wildly running around, pumpkins large and small everywhere, and many candy gobblers dressed in costumes of the season and showing up all around us. So be aware of all and please drive carefully this month.

An important event of the season is our Flag Lowering Dinner Dance on October 5th so make your reservations in a timely manner so as not to miss this one.

I have a concern about some inappropriate behavior that I would like to share with you. Our Club kitchen is not a large one and the staff working in it do the very best possible to replace food items on a buffet night as rapidly as is possible. Making noise by banging your utensils or yelling into the kitchen to indicate that you need more food on the buffet is NOT necessary. Both staff and other members witnessed this happening recently. Also, when a hot container of hot food is brought out of the kitchen to replace a buffet item please be courteous and allow room for that to be done. We do not need anyone, staff person or member, to sustain a burn or injury. So let us all be – Courteous, Cautious, and Considerate.

Another item I would like to point out to members is that some of you need to utilize the building for meetings where food and coffee is served and no staff is available or even aware of your meeting. So as not to cause staff members extra work when they arrive to set up for lunch or dinner or other event, the group meeting needs to clean up the area they have used before leaving. Don’t forget, if you would like to sit at the Commodore’s Table for a dinner night just indicate that when you make reservations. I would welcome your request unless, of course, I will not be in attendance the night you will be there. Tom can provide that info when you call in. Hope to see you soon.

– Fair Winds

When Black cats prowl...
And Pumpkins gleam...

...May Luck be yours on Halloween.
– Unknown

October can mean many things: falling leaves, cooler days & chilly nights, football games, maybe even a backyard oyster roast! October also means Halloween — the theme for this month’s mantel, but don’t worry, there are only treats, no tricks volunteered by Betty Kranz and Nelle Sieg.

Response to being a “Mantel Maven” volunteer has been great! The rest of 2019 as well as February, March, June, October and November of 2020 have been selected. The club is always closed the month of January. So if you would be interested in decorating the mantel for one of the remaining months, please call Nelle Sieg at 610-368-9847, or email her at: nellesieg@hotmail.com.

IN MEMORIAM

Once again, we are saddened to report the passing of a fellow member: Ronald “Ron” Hamm died Wednesday, September 24. Although Ron had been a member only since 2018, he will be missed.

We know the entire membership joins in extending our sincere condolences to his wife Cheryl, and to his entire family.

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Fall is upon us! One has to wonder where the summer went. Our members enjoyed a busy September, kicked off with a Labor Day celebration early in the month and finished with a well attended oyster roast.

Both our Saturday night “Off the Grill” and “Candlelight Dinners” have been a huge success this season and I must thank all our members for supporting these programs as well as our staff for providing such great meals and service. Of course, our Candlelight dinners will continue monthly through the end of the year.

A special thank-you needs to be extended to fellow member John Van-Schalkwyk who was our guest speaker for Club Night on September 26th. John, a resident of Nova Scotia, is an experienced ocean cruiser and his informative presentation on “Cruising the Maritimes” was both interesting and entertaining.

October is a very busy month here at the Club. It begins with our Flag Lowering and Dance on the 5th followed by Wilson Ellis Club Night on the 10th, an Oktoberfest Buffet on the 18th and finally the Volunteers Reception on the 26th. Our October Candlelight dinner is scheduled for the 19th, so make your reservations as soon as the announcement comes out since these special dinners fill fast.

Make sure that you get your reservation in early for Wilson Ellis night as our featured speaker, John Quarstein, is someone you don’t want to miss. John is an award-winning author and preservationist who has also been the Historian for the City of Hampton. A much sought after speaker on all periods of American History he has authored several books including A History of Ironclads; the Power of Iron Over Wood. He is a consultant to the Mariners Museum and has worked intimately on the Monitor preservation project. He has also frequently worked on historical documentaries with PBS. John is both an entertaining and informative speaker, so make sure to put Wilson Ellis Club Night on your calendar for October 10th.

One new member recently accepted our invitation to become a full active member. Please welcome aboard:

- James A. (Jim/Stephanie) Ruff of Gloucester sponsored by Denny O’Neal
- Two applications were approved by the Board on September 10. These applicants have been invited to become active member immediately.
  - Roger J. Giesinger (Nancy Shumadine) of Hallieford sponsored by Tom Tiller
  - Nina C. Allen of Cobbs Creek sponsored by Rosemary Eaton

Three new applications were presented to the Board on September 10. The names of these applicants have been placed on the bulletin board and in Decklines so that any member may comment before the Board considers approval on October 15.

- Lawson M. (Rosemary) Chenoweth of Chesterfield sponsored by Bo Saunders
- Rene Y. Haeger Wenleder of Gloucester sponsored by Tom Tiller
- David N. (Becky) Meeker of Gloucester sponsored by Chuck Dawson

If these new applications are approved and all accept our invitation to immediate active membership, our total membership will be 387. There is still no waiting list so membership activation can be immediately after approval.

Please keep the Secretary informed of all address, phone or e-mail address changes - mycsecretary@va.merocast.net.

The Regatta, September 10 — On a beautiful morning of partly sunny skies and, ahem, light winds, seven boats motored out from the club to the race course on the bay near the mouth of the Piankatank for the first MYC Regatta in many years. Gil Paradies SOUTHERN COMFORT served as the Committee Boat and set the starting line. (below) MILLIE JO & BAYBIRD are off at the start. Soon, the fleet was headed to the windward mark—the race was on! But, alas, the light winds became even lighter as the race went on, becoming virtually nonexistent and the race had to be abandoned. So, MISS BETTY, BAYBIRD & CHANCE, furled sails and headed back to the club. Fortunately, four boats were able to finish before the race was called, and our first regatta in many years became an official race for the record books. And everyone gathered on the deck for friendly banter, refreshments — and the awards.

- First place (below) went to John Sieg on CHAMBESY; David Rowland on QUANTUM LEAP took 2nd (top right); and 3rd went to Jim Barker on BLUEFIELDS.

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October, and the Flag Lowering Ceremony marks the “official” close of our boating season.

And a most active season it has been: kayaking, cruising, the Youth Sailing Camp, creating the Boat House, and the first MYC Regatta in many, many years. A great year!

The MYC Regatta was September 10, and, while the longer (and faster) boats finished the course, the dying afternoon winds required the race ultimately abandoned. Still, the three principal rules were all followed: No one fell overboard; there were no collisions, and everyone had fun! All agreed this was going to be the rebirth of regattas at MYC.

The Fall Cruise had 10 boats setting out for Back Creek, Norfolk Yacht Club, and Smithfield Station on James River. Then Hampton Yacht Club and then home for most folks.

But, the “official” close doesn’t mean it’s all over: fall has some of the best sailing weather; and, for the fishermen, Stripers are most folks.

The Fall Cruise saw 10 boats travel south to Back Creek, Norfolk YCC, Smithfield Station, and Hampton YC.

A quiet evening at anchor in Back Creek, were followed with rough seas the next day on the way to the Norfolk Yacht & Country Club. But, once secured in our berths, we enjoyed the great NYCC hospitality with access to their pool and, perhaps, the best shower facilities on the bay; not to mention a wonderful dinner.

Next was a two-day visit Smithfield, a very walkable town with interesting architecture and shops. The Smithfield Station resort and marina is convenient to town and included a fine restaurant, guest rooms and a pool.

As typical for our cruises, we shared appetizers and our own refreshments for the 5pm sundowners, offering a relaxing time for cruisers to share experiences from their day on the water, plan the next day’s activities and enjoy each other’s fellowship. And, here and in Hampton we were joined by “land cruisers,” unable to come by boat.

On Friday a fine welcome awaited us at the Hampton Yacht Club. Their members, and staff, are always very friendly and accommodating with our club members. The club is also an easy walk to the Hampton University, the town’s historic district and the Air and Space museum.

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WANTED!
MYC Needs Your Old Sailboat!

To support the MYC’s growing youth and adult sailing programs, we are seeking additional donations of Sunfish and Laser type sailboats.

If you have a serviceable Sunfish, Laser or similar sailboat, and would consider donating it to the Club’s program, please contact Fleet Captain, Ted Kranz, (804) 725-8349, or email to, cn.kranz@gmail.com

FOR SALE – Islands 17 foot daysailer, enterboard, 2 sails, good condition with trailer. $1,400.
Contact Bruce Cargill. 725 - 3389, or email brucecargill7@gmail.com

FOR SALE – O’Day Mariner 19 foot centerboard sailboat, cabin, fast, safe, positive flotation, stable, very good condition, newer main sail, galvanized trailer, compass, depth finder, sail covers, anchor. $2,500.
Contact John Rennock, 804 815 7820 or tesup.john@hotmail.com

FOR SALE – 35 ft Deadrise, Jennie May, built in 1986 by David Rollins of Back River Boats. Heart pine hull, plywood decks & cabin, and mahogany trim; well maintained & in excellent shape. Only used for pleasure; kept in a covered slip. New 2015 Perkins 4.236 diesel, 85 hp, <100 hours; fuel capacity of 70 gal.; cruises at 7 kts using <3 gph fuel. Well equipped w/safety gear, GPS at both wheel & cockpit, radar, AM/FM radio, VHF; compass, depth sounder, searchlight, horn, anchor, dock box, and miscellaneous gear. $29,500. Can be seen at Horn Harbor Marina, D dock.
Contact Paul Vanden Bout (804)725-1835 or (434)242-6431; pvandenb@nrao.edu

FOR SALE – 1977 Tartan 37; S&S designed, with 4’2” draft; Westerbeke 40 engine, Westerbeke 4.0 KW generator, sleeps 7, Jabsco head, frig, propane stove w/oven, A/C, 3 furling genoas, full batten mainsail, standing rigging replaced in 05, Raymarine chart plotter, dodger & bimini, and more. See PATRIOT at Norton’s Yacht sales in Delaville, Va. Asking $42,000.
Contact Capt. Davie Cottrell (804) 815-9347, SV_Patriot@mac.com

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Submissions to Decklines and The Sale Loft are welcome; and should be sent by the 15th of the month to the Decklines Editor. email: editor@mathewsyachtclub.com snail mail: 8903 Milbrae Place Richmond; VA 23236

Sunday Brunch 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
Thursdays, Fridays & Saturdays
Lunch 11:00 am - 2:00 pm
Dinner 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

DINING RESERVATIONS CALL 804-725-3165
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**Coming in November**

- Halloween Buffet
- Trivia Night

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