

MATHEWS YACHT CLUB



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COMMODORE

Terry Pletcher

Gosh it is May already! The club is "fully" open for all member events; even our newly refurbished swimming pool will open near the end of month.

Join the members who have been using the club during our warm-up period of February, March and April. Our attendance at the beginning of the season has been extremely high, but now it seems to be leveling out. I guess our members just needed to get out of the house after this wild winter.

I will point out that our first 2010 oyster roast, club night and cooking school were all well attended with excellent oysters, a great speaker and well-learned wine/cheese/cooking instructors, respectively. Based on what we have seen year-to-date the Rear Commodore has set the bar for the year.

We had our 61st New Member Reception, April 10. The event permitted

the board some quality time with a group of very pleased folks. As most of us know it feels fantastic moving from the waiting list as a member-in-waiting to the status of an active member. Be sure to welcome our new members and be ready to answer their questions as they settle into their new status.

If you have not started getting your boat ready for the summer, the Fleet Captain has turned on the water at the docks to help. Be sure to see his column on the upcoming cruises and where you can sign up.

As you may know we ordered an Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) for the club. During a Saturday in March at the Mathews Rescue Squad facility, we trained 4 staff members and 5 board members on the use of the AED. We have placed it in the club (behind the bar) and will train our lifeguards on its location and use so that it also can serve the swimming pool. It will be moved to the pool when the club is closed. Ultimately, our plan is to train all of our staff and board members and then open training to those members who may be interested. Thanks to the Fleet Surgeon for getting us to this point of being able to respond in critical situations as needed.

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Industrious Bees have nothing on us; if you attended Work Day you know what I mean. See the Vice Commodore's column for details. I simply want to extend a huge thank you to all the members who took time to participate in this event and help make our club look its smartest as we enter a new season.

Finally, as you know, based on our tradition, the club's handbook was made available at the New Member Reception and Officer Installation event. For those of you who were not there, they are available at the club. Please see Suzette for your copy and don't forget to sign for it to help us in our

record keeping. Also be aware that there were two procedural changes that we inadvertently left out of the 2010 handbook: a by-laws change that provides for a committee of members to audit the financial records annually, and a rules change that prohibits smoking in the clubhouse and on the deck (the change was the addition of the deck).

DECKLINES

May
2010



ABOARD SHIP

Saturday Lunch and Dinners
Resume
Flag Raising
Dinner-Dance
Mother's Day Brunch
ICYCC Shakedown Cruise



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*Introduction of MYC Officers and Directors
at the New Member Reception*



IN MEMORIAM

Regrettably, we announce the passing of two of our members: Stan Parris and Fred Fisher. Both succumbed to long illnesses because of which they had been inactive at the club for some months. Still, we miss them, and know we speak for all members in extending our condolences to their families.



MANTEL OF THE MONTH

May's merry mantel is the imaginative creation of Susan Hill. When you see Susan around the club this month be sure to let her know how much you appreciate her work.





REAR COMMODORE

Tom Flounders

As we try to prepare for special events and avoid conflicts, the following changes are made to our Club's Calendar of Events. Please note them and mark your personal calendar.

1. Club Night originally scheduled for June 17th is changed to Thursday May 13th. We have a very special program planned involving a visit to the MYC dock by a replica pre 1900, 24 ft. steam launch owned by Paul Cary. The program starts at 4:30 PM with a physical inspection of the vessel, following by dinner and a short discussion about its nautical history. You do not want to miss it.

2. The Onancock Cruise is rescheduled from July 23-25, to July 30-August 1st. Check with John Caperton, our Fleet Captain, for details.

3. The "VHF/Digital Selective Calling Class" has moved from August 28th to August 21st. An eMinder will give details prior to the event.

4. The Oyster Roast scheduled for September 25th is now September 18th. This change is necessary in order to avoid a conflict with other community activities.

5. Saturday Lunches are available starting May 1st and will continue through October, serving from 11 AM to 2 PM. We considered discontinuing Saturday lunches but changed our minds after several members expressed concern of not serving visiting yachters along with our own members. So come and enjoy one of the most beautiful scenes in the County and have lunch with us on Saturdays.

6. A new menu for Children begins May 1st. On Friday nights, those twelve and under can order chicken nuggets with French fries for \$6.

Events planned during May include our traditional **Flag Raising Dinner-Dance on Saturday May 1st**. Music will be provided by "Strokin" and they promise to keep you dancing. **Mother's Day Brunch on May 9th**, serving from 10 AM until 2 PM. Our next **Cooking Demonstration is on Wednesday May 19th**. And, to finish the month we will celebrate the grand opening of our newly renovated pool with a **Memorial Day Picnic and Pool Party on Monday May 31st**.

There is a lot going on in May, so plan to come and enjoy our Club.

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VICE COMMODORE

Col. Stephen E. Wilson

WE ARE VERY GRATEFUL to the 64 volunteers who showed up on April 17 for Club Work Day. The turnout was outstanding given the dreary weather at the start of the day.

After grabbing some coffee and a piece of Danish, our hearty corps of volunteers began weeding and mulching, cleaning outdoor furniture, replacing and feeding flower beds, steam cleaning, clearing the auxiliary parking lot, policing up debris, etc. The amount of work that was accomplished was amazing! After a lot of hard work (and fun), our volunteers enjoyed a great lunch prepared by Hank and Suzette. Our clubhouse and grounds look much better as a result of their efforts. **Thank you all!**

The wet start prevented us from painting or staining the deck, the outdoor furniture and picnic tables, the outside entrances to the heads, and the stairs to the second floor between the galley and the Men's Head entrance. We want to finish the remaining work before the Flag Raising and dinner dance, so we need 10-12 volunteers who can paint/stain at their convenience before May 1. So please use the sign-up sheet that will be placed by the club's entrance in the front dining room or call/email me to volunteer. We need five 2-person teams to finish the painting/staining.

Priority: (1) deck, (2) furniture, (3) outside head entrances, and (4) stairs. R



Sprucing up the club entrance for that important first impression are Wayne Fentress, Art Swenson, Mac Hall and Hank Furniss; while Carl Douglas Thomas tills the flower bed under the heavy supervision of Becca Brown, Pat Dickey and Gay Pfister.



SECRETARY

Godwin Jones

Thanks to the over 65% of our members who have agreed to electronic messaging. All email addresses are getting eDecklines as well as menus and member event announcements in living color and a more timely manner and at the same time saving our club significant costs and manual effort. The only complaint I have heard is that the people who assemble, fold, tape, address and stamp our newsletter do not have as much time to gossip as before. Please keep us updated on your addresses and if you feel so moved, please let us know that you are willing to stop receiving the mailed copy.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS have been received from the following people.

Virginia W. (Bunny) Barnes, Midlothian, Sponsor: Richard Hubert

William L. Dudley, Henrico, Sponsor: Ward Wood

Gilbert E. (Gil) Paradies, Satellite Beach, FL, Sponsor: Godwin Jones

Members may comment on any of these applicants to a Board member prior to the next Board meeting on May 18, 2010.

THE 2010 HANDBOOK is available for Member pickup at the Club and already changes are coming in. Please keep us informed and note the following:

S. Woodcock: woodcock.stu@gmail.com

G. Overstreet: 757-650-1545 (cell)

T. Broderson: tednmolly@gmail.com

H. Furniss: 23128-2057

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KNOW THE STAFF



Brandon Funn, on the kitchen staff, came to the MYC in 2009 after working in several chain restaurants and Olivia's in Gloucester.

Brandon is a high energy worker who very much enjoys working with a real chef. What he likes about the Yacht Club

kitchen is that there is a challenge every day and there is always something new to do. Brandon's competence was attested to when he prepared a private party in Chef Kristen's absence and when he and Kasey were in sole charge of the kitchen between Chefs. Also Chef Hank frequently credits him with a dinner course in the weekly Menu eMinders.

Brandon, who enjoys fishing, is the father of two children, Dorrian, age 3, and Arianna, age 2. Don't look for him around the Club on Saturday, June 19. He and his fiancé, Ashley, will be getting married that day in a gazebo in his grandmother's garden. Congratulations!

— Martha Story





FLEET CAPTAIN

John E. Caperton

TWENTY-THREE MEMBERS attended the GPS seminar Saturday, April 10th, at the clubhouse. Jim Zeigler of the Richmond Power Squadron presented an overview of how the Global Positioning System works and what the receivers we have on our boats are capable of doing with the data they receive from the GPS satellites. It was very interesting and thought provoking and now 23 of your fellow members are less likely to get lost as they navigate the Bay.

We have several boating related activities coming up in May. On Saturday, May 1st at 0900, another Power Squadron 2-hour seminar entitled "Paddle Smart" teaches how to safely use canoes and kayaks. The cost is only \$5.00 per person. Saturday, May 8th is the annual nautical yard sale from 0830 till noon. This year's sale promises to be spectacular with many, many items, both new and used, including equipment, instruments and supplies from the Adrianna III. May 8th is also the day members of Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 66 will be on hand to perform courtesy vessel examinations. This is a great opportunity to buy or sell boating equipment and also get your 2010 safety inspection decal. To sign up for the Paddle Smart class or to reserve a table for the nautical yard sale, give me a call at 725-7267 or email to

fleetcaptain@mathewsyachtclub.com.

You do not need to sign up for the courtesy safety exams, just bring your boat to the club, by land or by sea, along with all of the required safety gear and don't forget your registration papers.

The annual Shakedown Cruise to Indian Creek Yacht and Country Club is May 22nd and 23rd. This promises to be a fun event as always so make plans to go either by boat or by car. The signup sheet is in the bar or you may call me or register by email on the club website,

www.mathewsyachtclub.com.

Speaking of cruises, the dates of the Onancock cruise have been changed from July 23-25 to July 30-Aug 1. Please make this change to your calendar.

The boating season is just beginning and unfortunately so is the hurricane season, which arrives officially on June 1. The weather guru's are forecasting 15 named storms in 2010 with from 5 to 7 being hurricanes, 3 to 4 of which will be strong (category 3) or higher. Don't forget to be prepared for tropical storms and hurricanes throughout the summer. Watch the weather, work your plan early and don't hesitate to call me if I can help you in any way.



THE SALE LOFT

FOR SALE – 15" Precision Day Sailor. Includes trailer, kick-up rudder and many custom additions. Garage-kept and like new. \$2,900. Call Pete or Karen Clendenin 725-1930

FOR SALE – Rotella T Heavy Duty SAE 40 Engine Oil. \$9/Gal vs \$18 locally. Three cases of 6 one-gallon containers available; Men's West Marine Third Reef Foul Weather Gear, yellow, brand new for the 2010 season. Jacket is XL, originally \$119, will sell for \$59, bib pant is XXL, originally \$99, will sell for \$48; Bainbridge No See'Em screen netting, 72" wide by 3 yards, gray, originally \$22.50, will sell for \$10. Contact: Reed Lawson 804-725-3375

FOR SALE – Anchor Chain - Galvanized 7/16" length 20 ft. Make offer. Contact: Stuart Allen 804-725-3487 or email stuallen@aol.com.

FOR SALE – Antifouling Paint; 1 gal.(approx.) Interlux Micron CSC paint, Blue. Opened last year. Price less than 1/2 new. Also have 1 qt. Interlux Micron Extra Blue. Call: Stu Allen 725-3487

FOR SALE – 13 ft Boston Whaler YR 91 with trailer and Yamaha 25 HP motor like new. Bottom newly painted. Very clean \$3,800. Contact Roland Gauthier 804-725-5093 Susan, Va.

FOR SALE –1979 CSY 44', "MAINE LADY." CC, forward & aft staterooms w/separate heads & showers, plus cockpit shower. Many upgrades: frig/freezer, auto pilot, 1200 hr/ diesel, 2-55 gal/fuel, 2-200 gal. water tanks, and 11' dinghy w/15 hp. Great for Cruising. \$117,000. Call: Phil/Beth Young 804-741-7999 Ext. 11

The popular BoatU.S. Cooperating Group program has been renewed for 2010. MYC members receive a 50% discount off the regular fee when you join or renew your membership. You pay just \$15 instead of the regular \$30 fee. Just write our Cooperating Group ID number, **GA80348Y**, on your application or renewal form. BoatU.S. offers a wide range of services to it's members. For more information visit: www.boatus.com.



Finally, please don't forget about making your donation to our sailboat project for the Mathews 4-H and Mathews Maritime Foundation. We are trying to raise \$2,000 for our boat kit and have not yet reached our goal. If you can help, it would be greatly appreciated.

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Saturday, May 8th, 0830–1200 on the MYC lawn

Y'all Come!



NEWS FOR THE NEWSLETTER

Submissions to *Declines* and *The Sale Loft* are welcome, and should be sent by the 15th of the month to the *Declines* Editor.

email:

editor@mathewsyachtclub.com

snail mail:

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MYC HOURS

FOOD & BEVERAGE SERVICE

Sundays	9:00 am - 1:00 pm
Thursdays	11:00 am - 9:00 pm
Fridays	11:00 am - 9:00 pm
Saturdays	11:00 am - 9:00 pm





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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p><i>May 2010</i></p>	<p><i>Coming in June</i></p> <p>Kayak & Paddle Picnic Club Night Father's' Day Brunch Future Members' Reception</p>					<p>9-11 Paddle Smart Class 11-2 Lunch Menu 6-9 Flag Raising Dinner-Dance</p>
<p>9-1 Sunday Diner Breakfast 2</p>	3	4	5	<p>11-2 Lunch Menu 6-9 Mom's Home Cooking 6</p>	<p>11-2 Lunch Menu 6-9 Cinco de Mayo Buffet 7</p>	<p>11-2 Lunch Menu 6-9 Candlelight Dinner 8</p>
<p>10-2 Mother's Day Brunch 9</p>	10	11	12	<p>11-2 Lunch Menu 4:30-9 Club Night - tour an antique steam launch, then dinner & presentation 13</p>	<p>11-2 Lunch Menu 6-9 Famous Friday Buffet 14</p>	<p>11-2 Lunch Menu 6-9 Candlelight Dinner 15</p>
<p>9-1 Sunday Diner Breakfast 16</p>	17	18	<p>6-9 Cooking Demonstration 19</p>	<p>11-2 Lunch Menu 6-9 Mom's Home Cooking 20</p>	<p>11-2 Lunch Menu 6-9 Famous Friday Buffet 21</p>	<p>11-2 Lunch Menu 6-9 Candlelight Dinner <i>Shakedown Cruise departs</i> 22</p>
<p>9-1 Sunday Diner Breakfast 23 <i>Shakedown Cruise returns</i></p>	24	25	26	<p>11-2 Lunch Menu 6-9 Mom's Home Cooking 27</p>	<p>11-2 Lunch Menu 6-9 Famous Friday Buffet 28</p>	<p>11-2 Lunch Menu 6-9 Candlelight Dinner 29</p>
<p>9-1 Sunday Diner Breakfast 30</p>	<p>Memorial Day Picnic & Pool Party 31</p>					

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2010 Calendar of Events

FEBRUARY

Start Friday Lunches and Buffets

- 12th Chinese New Year Buffet
(Year of the Tiger)
- 13th St Valentines' Dinner Ball
- 19th Mardi Gras Buffet

MARCH

Start Thursday Lunch and Suppers

- 12th Annual Burning of the Sox
- 17th Cooking Demonstration
- 19th St Patrick's Day Buffet
- 20th Oyster Roast
- 25th Club Night

APRIL

Start Sunday Breakfasts

- 4th Easter Sunday Brunch
- 10th "GPS" Class 0900-1100
- 10th Officer Installation & New
Members' Reception
- 16th Tax Return Friday Buffet
- 17th Club Work Day (Complimentary
Lunch)

MAY

Start Saturday Lunches & Dinners

- 1st "Paddle Smart" Class 0900-1100
- 1st Flag Raising Dinner-Dance
- 7th Cinco de Mayo Buffet
- 9th Mother's Day Brunch
- 13th Club Night (Steam Launch Prog)
- 19th Cooking Demonstration
- 22-23 ICYCC Shakedown Cruise
- 31st Memorial Day

JUNE

- 12th Kayak & Paddle Picnic
- 12th "Rules of the Road" Class 0900-
1100
- 20st Father's Day Brunch
- 26th Future Member's Reception

JULY

- 4th Independence Day Picnic
- 10th "Knots, Bends & Hitches" Class
1200-1400
- 17-18 Rendezvous @ MYC
- 17th Crab & Beer Blast
- 21st Cooking Demonstration
- 30-Aug 1st Onancock Cruise

AUGUST

- 21st "VHF/Digital Selective Calling"
Class 0900-1100
- 21st Summer Bash Party
- 27-28 Cape Charles Cruise

SEPTEMBER

- 6th Labor Day Picnic
- 12-22 Long Cruise to Baltimore
- 15th Cooking Demonstration
- 18th Oyster Roast
- 23th Club Night

OCTOBER

End Sunday Breakfasts

- 2nd Kayak & Paddle Picnic
- 9nd Flag Lowering Dinner-Dance
- 16th Oktoberfest
- 21st Wilson Ellis Club Night
- 29th Halloween Buffet

NOVEMBER

End Saturday Lunches & Dinners

- 6th Lobster Dinner
- 17th Cooking Demonstration
- 20st Volunteers' Reception
- 25-28 Closed for Thanksgiving
- 27-28 Rockfish Tournament

DECEMBER

End Thursday Lunches and Dinners

- 2nd Annual Meeting
- 17th Christmas Buffet
- 24-25 Closed for Christmas
- 31st New Year's Eve Dinner-Dance