

# MATHEWS YACHT CLUB



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COMMODORE

*Terry Pletcher*

Summer is really here and the pool is open for business. I attended the pool party that the Fleet Surgeon threw and I wanted all members to know that the compliments about the pool were numerous. My personal assessment is that we have a pool that is in the best shape it has been for quite a few years. Again I urge you all to try it at least once this year.

Our shakedown cruise was also a home run. We have made an effort to improve our cruises in terms of leadership, location, service, etc. This effort seems to have led to an increase in the number of participants, both boat and "land" cruisers. It is pleasing to see the interest increasing since this is what a Yacht Club should be doing and we are doing it well, thanks to the efforts of our Fleet Captain. See his column for details.

I would like to call your attention to a new framed print in the main room. We received a donation from Capt. and Mrs. William Story which is a print of the Coast Guard Chart 182, "Chesapeake Bay, Rappahannock Entrance Mobjack Bay Cherrystone Inlet", which was originally issued in 1850s. We are very pleased to add this to our collection, especially since its focus is where we live and play. Be sure to take a look.

Our first Kayak cruise of 2010 was well attended and executed thanks to Millie Montgomery, Marcy Benouameur and Dave Burns — with the support of many others. We expanded the scope of the cruise a little this year with the aid of the US Coast Guard Auxiliary (Tom Edwards and Jack Washburn) that included kayak safety instruction and kayak safety checks. The focus was to increase safety awareness around an activity that so many of us enjoy and assure we enjoy it for a long time. Thanks to the US Coast Guard Auxiliary.

As you all know, many of us are now receiving our *Decklines* newsletter by email. Another route to increase your awareness about the Club and its functions is our web page. Not only can you find the current newsletter, you can find past issues as well. Also, in addition to our standard events along with the menus, you can also find a listing of special events, e.g., classes that the club is offering, cooking demonstrations, cruise schedules etc.; you

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can even make your reservations electronically. It's a well-designed tool to help you interact with the Club.

I want to remind you again that our membership applications are down for the year compared to last year. To be sure that we keep the pipeline full of future members, the Board has decided to follow up with the sponsors of some the applications to be sure

there is still interest. You can help also. We depend on our members to help identify people who would be a good addition to our members-in-waiting list. If any of you know of folks who may be interested, be sure to tell them that the list is short (we have 25 members-in-waiting), there is the potential to become an active member next year, and the application cost most likely will go up for 2011. Good Luck.

Finally, I want to reinforce that while we welcome guests at the Club, we must assure we do not overload the system with huge numbers to the extent that our members do not remain priority one, or member service is inhibited. This is especially true when we are using hospitality funds to provide free drinks and food. As you know members' dues are the source of

these funds. To help in this area the Board has added a House & Ground Rule (A.4.g), which states:

"The Commodore may limit non-member attendance at special club events (e.g., Flag Raising, Flag Lowering, New Member and Future Member Receptions, etc.) at which hospitality funds are used to provide free drinks and food. For such events, the Rear Commodore may establish a cover charge for non-members on a case-by-case basis."

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MANTEL  
OF THE MONTH

This month the attractive dining room mantel is the from decorative work of Janice Higdon. When you see Janice around the club this month, pass along a word of thanks for her creative efforts.

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## DECKLINES

July  
2010



### ABOARD SHIP

*Independence Day Picnic*

*Rendezvous @ MYC  
Crab & Beer Blast*

*Cooking Demonstration  
Onancock Cruise*



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 **REAR COMMODORE**  
*Tom Flounders*

July is a busy month for our Club, starting with July 4<sup>th</sup> and the Independence Day Picnic that falls on Sunday this year. On the 10<sup>th</sup> we have a class on "Knots, Bends & Hitches". July 17<sup>th</sup> is a Crab and Beer Blast, and on Wednesday July 21<sup>st</sup> is our next cooking demonstration. Our eMinders will give details.

The cooking demonstration will be hosted by our immediate past Rear Commodore, Ted Broderson. He is planning a crab night with "All Things Crab". Ted has proven cooking skills and we look forward to an interesting and entertaining evening. If you have already made reservation, please reconfirm them with Suzette. If it is necessary to cancel, please do it within 48 hours. Extra effort, both time and expense, go into preparing for these events and we ask that you be considerate and not forget about your reservation and if you need to cancel, do not wait until the last minute.


As much as we try to set a high standard, there are times we hear about someone not pleased with their meal. Please, do not leave our Club dissatisfied. If something is not right, send it back to the kitchen. Our staff wants you to be happily satisfied and will go out of their way to see that it happens.

Check your inbox for our eMinders. They go out early each week and keep you current about Club functions and post the coming week's menus.

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**Shakedown Cruise to ICYCC**  
*Food and friendship — the best part of MYC cruises.*

Peg Kinsey points out the potluck dinner delectables to her fellow cruisers at the Indian Creek Yacht and Country Club pavillion during the annual shakedown cruise.



 **VICE COMMODORE**  
*Col. Stephen E. Wilson*

As we enter the 2010 hurricane season, Dave Montgomery has taken the initiative to draft a MYC Severe Weather Plan.


The plan provides a chronological sequence of tasks to be accomplished before a severe weather event occurs, and assigns responsibilities for those tasks. Once finalized and approved, the plan will provide all hands with an efficient checklist to assure the clubhouse, grounds, pool, docks, and boats are secured properly for a severe weather event. That's a Bravo Zulu for Dave!

During May, some of the water samples we routinely submit to the Virginia Department of Health exceeded the VDOH standard for presence of bacteria. The VDOH inspector confirmed the water was *never* unsafe to drink. We posted the required notices in the club and took a number of corrective actions to identify and fix the problem.

When a subsequent round of water samples revealed the problem continued, we immediately employed a plumber recommended by the inspector to identify and correct the source of the bacteria. The plumber disinfected the entire water supply and identified and fixed a number of issues with water faucets and backflow devices.

After the last treatment, we passed the first series of water tests in June, and we will remove the notices when VDOH formally notifies us that our water samples are again within VDOH standards.

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 **SECRETARY**  
*Godwin Jones*

CONSTANT CONTACT continues to make it much easier to send messages to our members by e-mail. However that are some things we have learned:

**SafeUnsubscribe:** If you unsubscribe by clicking at the bottom of any message, that is an instant deletion and permanent block of the e-mail address. Use if appropriate, but be careful. We have had two members "inadvertently" unsubscribe.

**Reply:** This returns a reply to the sender, whose name appears at the bottom of the message. So, if you want to make reservations, call 725-3165 or e-mail the Club Manager; do not REPLY to make reservations.

**Update Profile/E-mail address:** We are not sure this works as it appears. So please e-mail any profile changes to: [mycsecretary@va.metrocast.net](mailto:mycsecretary@va.metrocast.net).

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS have been received from the following four people. These names will be placed on the bulletin board and Members may comment on any of these applicants to a Board member prior to the next Board meeting on July 20, 2010.

- Taylor E. Tyler of Richmond (sponsor James Whitten)
- George L. Webb of Gloucester (sponsor Ted Williams)
- Alexandra (Sandy) Warhol (sponsor Peter Clendenin)
- John G. (Jack) Kloke (sponsor Rosemary Eaton)

PLEASE KEEP US INFORMED of any changes and note the following changes to the Membership Handbook 2010:

- William Hewitt – P.O. Box 159 and drop Richmond address
- Bill Higdon – [b.higdon2343@gmail.com](mailto:b.higdon2343@gmail.com); [jhigdon1028@gmail.com](mailto:jhigdon1028@gmail.com)
- Rose Hudgins – 24 Oakley Pointe Lane
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**Kayak & Paddle Picnic**

Paddlers first receive a safety briefing by the U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 66



...after which they headed out for a day on the water, working up an appetite for the post-cruise picnic.





## FLEET CAPTAIN

John E. Caperton

Last month's Shakedown Cruise to Indian Creek YCC was a rousing success. The weather was great and all who went enjoyed great fellowship along with cocktails and a potluck dinner in the screened gazebo. Thanks again to Will and Martha Story for leading the cruise.

The spring Kayak & Paddle Picnic was held on Saturday, June 12th. Eighteen kayakers and three canoeists participated in courses of varying lengths for beginning, intermediate and experienced paddlers followed by a picnic lunch back at the clubhouse. US Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 66 here in Mathews conducted a safety class and did several Vessel Safety Checks. Thanks to members and staff who helped with the event, to Jack Washburn and Tom Edwards of Flotilla 66 and to all who participated.

Summer's heat and humidity are here and that means that conditions are becoming favorable for tropical storms and hurricanes. This year, we are working on a formal severe weather which will list the steps that must be taken to protect life and property at Mathews Yacht Club. This will include a timetable of tasks that must be completed anywhere from 96 to 24 hours in advance of the predicted arrival of a storm. If you keep a boat at the club it is very important that you know what is expected of you in terms of preparing your boat to weather the storm. All of the details will be available once the plan is complete. Additionally, a number of websites offer extensive information:

[www.nhc.noaa.gov](http://www.nhc.noaa.gov) — The National Hurricane Center provides tracking, forecasting, and preparation advice.

[www.boatus.com/hurricanes](http://www.boatus.com/hurricanes) — The BoatUS Hurricane Resource Center is, well, exactly that.

[www.usps.org/national/natsec/stormcentral.html](http://www.usps.org/national/natsec/stormcentral.html) — The US Power Squadron's Storm Central.

The annual Rendezvous to the club is scheduled for the weekend of July 17 & 18. The main event is the annual Crab and Beer Blast on Saturday beginning at 5:00 pm following a day of relaxing by the pool. It should be fun! A group from the Rappahannock Power Squadron is planning on attending also, so if you want to come and will need a slip please call early. Our transient slips are very limited. For reservations call the club manager or fleet captain.

The next big on-the-water event is the cruise to Onancock which will depart on Friday, July 30th and return on Sunday, August 1st. The Onancock Town Wharf is holding all of the transient slips for our



## THE SALE LOFT

**FOR SALE** – 1979 Pearson 35 "Folly" - centerboard sloop, 3'9" draft w/ board up, great boat for the Bay and coastwise cruising; Westerbeke diesel w/ 20 gals fuel, 78 gals water, roller furling 135 Genny, accommodates up to 6; excellent condition - asking \$27,500.  
Please call 804 725-3366 or cell 562 355-8349

**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** – Garmin GPS 72 with connectors to computer and power supply, \$100; True Power 400 Watt Power Inverter, new, 800 Watt surge, \$40; Jabsco 12 GPM Macerator Pump, used, \$25; rule 2000 GPH Submersible Bilge Pump 7570 LPH, 12V, new, \$90; Davis Radar Reflector, new, \$25; Rotella T Heavy Duty Engine Oil, 1 gallon, \$9; 2 zinc plates, new, 4x6", \$10 each; 6 collar anodes, 1 1/2" shaft, 2 1/2" long, \$7 each.  
Contact: Reed Lawson, 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](mailto:stuallen@aol.com).

**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** - 1989, 23 ft. Grady White Gulfstream, 200 HP Johnson Oceanrunner and a 5 HP kicker; new gasoline tanks in 2004; new wraparound curtains in 2000-recently repaired; VHF & CB radios, depth finder, & LORAN. All spring conditioning work completed. It is ready to go! Price is negotiable.  
Contact: Jack Parker 804-725-4159 or [jabparker@verizon.net](mailto:jabparker@verizon.net)

**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

**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

group but will not hold them indefinitely so please sign up early if you want to go and need a slip. I am also looking for a cruise leader to help me coordinate everything so if you are willing to serve please let me know. It's not a lot of work and the experience will look good on your resume.

The upcoming boating class, "Knots, Bends and Hitches" will be held at the clubhouse on Saturday, July 10th, from Noon until 2:00 pm. The seminar is a hands-on "learn how to tie knots" program geared to a wide range of boaters. In addition to learning how to tie a variety of the most common knots in use, you will learn which knot is best for the task at hand and the type of rope or line being used. Like most boating classes, this one is great for beginning boaters and a good review for the seasoned skipper.

On the Horizon —

August 21, VHF Digital Selective Calling Seminar

August 27–28, Cape Charles Cruise  
September 12–22, Long Cruise to Baltimore



## NEWS FOR THE NEWSLETTER

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

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snail mail:

8903 Milbrae Place  
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## MYC HOURS

## FOOD &amp; 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





**DINING RESERVATIONS**  
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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p><i>July 2010</i></p>	<p><i>Coming in August</i></p> <p>VHF/Digital Selective Calling Class Summer Bash Party Cape Charles Cruise</p>			<p>1 11-2 Lunch Menu 6-9 Mom's Home Cooking</p>	<p>2 11-2 Lunch Menu 6-9 Famous Friday Buffet</p>	<p>3 11-2 Lunch Menu 6-9 Candlelight Dinner</p>
<p>4 12-3 Independence Day Picnic </p>	5	6	7	<p>8 11-2 Lunch Menu 6-9 Mom's Home Cooking</p>	<p>9 11-2 Lunch Menu 6-9 Famous Friday Buffet</p>	<p>9-11 <i>Knots, Bends &amp; Hitches Class</i> 11-2 Lunch Menu 6-9 Candlelight Dinner</p>
<p>11 9-1 Sunday Diner Breakfast </p>	12	13	14	<p>15 11-2 Lunch Menu 6-9 Mom's Home Cooking</p>	<p>16 11-2 Lunch Menu 6-9 Famous Friday Buffet</p>	<p>17 <i>Rendezvous @ MYC</i> 11-2 Lunch Menu 5-8 Crab &amp; Beer Blast </p>
<p>18 9-1 Sunday Diner Breakfast <i>Rendezvous @ MYC</i></p>	19	20	<p>21  6-9 Cooking Demonstration</p>	<p>22 11-2 Lunch Menu 6-9 Mom's Home Cooking</p>	<p>23 11-2 Lunch Menu 6-9 Famous Friday Buffet</p>	<p>24 11-2 Lunch Menu 6-9 Candlelight Dinner</p>
<p>25 9-1 Sunday Diner Breakfast</p>	26	27	28	29	<p>30 11-2 Lunch Menu 6-9 Famous Friday Buffet <i>Onancock Cruise Departs</i></p>	<p>31 11-2 Lunch Menu 6-9 Candlelight Dinner <i>Onancock Cruise</i></p>

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**Onancock Cruise**  
**July 30 – August 1**

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