

# MATHEWS YACHT CLUB



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COMMODORE

*Terry Pletcher*

As you probably know, Suzette has left the club. While all of us are disappointed, we all wish her the best as she adjusts her career.

Thank goodness for eMinders and our web site. I find that with all that is going on at the Club, it is very difficult to first be aware and then keep track of everything without these information sources. Please stay in touch with the Board and help us fine tune these communication tools to permit us to maximize their benefit. For those who do not have these tools, I urge you to use the *Deckline's* calendar and/or call the club when necessary.

We have initiated a fund to sponsor and build a sailboat which would sail under our Burgee and have a bronze plaque identifying our club as the donor and builder. The kit, including sails and hardware, is \$2000. We have gotten some donations, but have not reached our goal yet. To help this effort we scheduled a July 4<sup>th</sup> Watch the Fireworks from the Mathews Yacht Club Deck event and the funds that we generated will be used to support this exciting project. We collected \$390 and are now short of our goal by \$672. If you would like to help us get over the goal line, please make your checks out to the Maritime Foundation and forward to our club's Treasurer. Remember that your donations are tax deductible.

Jimmy News, Chef Jimmy, is now practicing the skill and art that he knows so well. Since coming aboard in late June, he has impacted our club and based on what I am hearing, in a very positive way. He is still getting his feet on the ground; remember he is in the process of moving to Mathews to become one of us. So be sure you welcome him and ask if there is anything you can do to help the



process. I think you can safely assume that the sooner he can get settled, the larger his impact at the club.

I hope you are also taking or considering taking advantage of the super classes being put together and offered at the club by the Fleet Captain. These are a great way to expand your skill base. Be sure to watch the eMinders or stay in touch with the calendar in your Decklines for these and hopefully you can find something that fits your needs. Be sure to make reservations!!

This is a reminder about guest registration. There are only two classes of members who do not have to register upon entry into the club and this includes active members (those who are paying a membership bill each year) and honorary members. All other people, including Future Members (those on the waiting list, see House & Ground Rules [H&GR] 4.a) must register as guests. Please also note that only active and honorary members can sign in guests (see H&GR 4.d). Our ABC rules require that we adhere to these procedures and if we don't, we could lose our Bottle Club privileges.

I have mentioned our *Decklines* several times above and want to make one more point. Our hard copy now looks like the one you find in your email-it is in full color. Jim Calleran continues to upgrade this publication for the members. Thanks Jim, it looks great!



FLEET SURGEON

*Thornton M. "Tim" Hill, Jr.*

NEW EXTENDED POOL HOURS! [See note on p. 3] Thanks to all for the wonderful reception of your new and improved pool. Everyone seems to be really enjoying all the Board's efforts in bringing the pool up to its quality standards. The lifeguards have done a wonderful job in keeping the water crystal clear and safe for all to enjoy. Please thank them when you see them, and remember to sign in so we know our attendance records. See you there!



MANTEL OF THE MONTH

Celebrating the height (or is it the heat?) of the season, the mantel this month is the creative effort of Lucy Tiller. If you see Lucy around the club this month, be sure to give her a word of thanks for her labors.



## DECKLINES

August  
2010



### ABOARD SHIP

VHF/Digital Selective  
Calling Class  
Summer Bash Party  
Cape Charles Cruise



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**Cape Charles Cruise**  
August 27<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup>

setting sail to the  
**Bay Creek Marina**  
Resort  
dining, shopping,  
even golf

Sign-Up in the Bar or the MYC Website:  
[www.mathewsyachtclub.com](http://www.mathewsyachtclub.com)  
or  
email John Caperton:  
[capertonje@aol.com](mailto:capertonje@aol.com)





**REAR COMMODORE**

*Tom Flounders*

August brings us to the biggest party of the summer, "Party Like a Pirate" happening on Saturday, the 21<sup>st</sup>.

This outdoor summer bash will feature live music by Terry Black's group "Strokin". They are our most popular band and give us another chance to show off our dancing skills. So mark your calendar, call the club manager with your reservation, and plan to wear your favorite summer shirt. You do not want to miss the good food, music, and fun time. An eMinder will be sent providing details.

Our Saturday Luncheon Specials are growing in popularity. Sitting on our deck overlooking Stutts Creek provides us with one of the most scenic settings in Mathews County. The pool is open daily and refreshing on these hot summer days.

Compared to last year our Club's attendance is up. Our new chef, Jimmy News, has produced some exciting menu and great food. Thursday Mom's Home Cooking is the second most attended event, just behind the Friday Night Buffets. Also, if you are looking for a romantic quiet evening with a touch of elegance, come to one of the Saturday Candle Light Dinners. The chef and staff work hard to make these dinners a little more special.

If you have suggestions relating to menus or club events, please let me know. This is your club and we want to satisfy our members.

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It's Happy Arrrgh...



**Party Like a Pirate  
at the MYC  
SUMMER BASH**

**Saturday August 21st  
Make your reservation now!**



**VICE COMMODORE**

*Col. Stephen E. Wilson*

We continue to have mixed results with our water samples; some samples have exceeded the VDOH standard for presence of bacteria while others taken from the same source within 30 minutes of each other have been OK. Our water is safe to drink.

We have kept the VDOH-required notices posted in the club, and we have been aggressive in our efforts to identify and fix the problem. The final course of action will be to install a chlorination system, but we hope to avoid that expensive solution by finding and fixing the source of the bacteria.

Members will notice the installation of combination locks on the outside doors to the male and female heads. We installed the new locks because of a string of unpleasant episodes in the male head after operating hours when the club was closed. Members and guests who berth their boats at the MYC docks can obtain the combination from our acting manager. Please do not share the combination with others. A staff employee will unlock the head entrance doors to allow members and guests using the pool access when the clubhouse is closed.

Some members have complained that their reservations—made either by email or phone—were dropped. MYC has dial-up modem service, and the manager has been receiving large (>100KB) messages that take a long time to download. If the ISP connection is interrupted before the download is complete, the entire string of email starts over. When you make a reservation by email, select Read Receipt from the Tools menu if your email system (such as Outlook Express or Windows Mail) offers that option. If you don't receive a read receipt, follow-up by email or phone to assure your reservation has been accurately recorded.

Staff will begin using one source document to record phone & email reservations. Following essential elements of information (EEI) should be asked by staff: Name of member, # of guests, total # in party, remarks (time/table location/special menu requests, etc.), and phone number. If you're not asked, please give them that information. Reminder—all guests MUST be signed in by using the guest book (ABC rule).

Please report any maintenance or cleanliness problems to the staff and, if the problems are not rectified promptly, to any board member.

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**SECRETARY**

*Godwin Jones*

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS approved the following membership applications on July 20, 2010. These applicants have been placed on the waiting list, a current copy of which is posted on the club bulletin board:

- John G. (Jack) Kloke  
(sponsored by Rosemary Eaton)
- Gilbert E. (Gil) Paradies, Satellite Beach, FL  
(sponsored by Godwin Jones)
- Taylor E. Tyler, Richmond  
(sponsored by James Whitten)
- George L. Webb, Gloucester  
(sponsored by Ted Williams)
- Alexandra (Sandy) Warhol  
(sponsored by Peter Clendenin)

Membership applications have been received from the following 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 August 17, 2010:

- Donald R. (Don) Grant of Mathews  
sponsored by Tom Flounders
- Farin K. Smith of Chester  
sponsored by Wayne Turner
- J. Cordon (Cord) Davis  
sponsored by Danny Webster

Please keep us informed of any profile changes especially email addresses as we continue our move to electronic communications.

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**KNOW  
THE STAFF**



**GOOD NEWS** in the kitchen!  
Chef Jimmy News, that is. He has come to the MYC after 40 years of cooking in Richmond; he wants this to be his last job. This sounds good for our Club. Although skilled in most any cuisine that our members could possibly have a taste for, he nonetheless approaches cooking as a business: His goal is to attract more members and guests to the Club and increase the number of private parties, thus affecting the Club's bottom line. This also sounds very good for us.

Chef Jimmy's long career began as an apprentice at the Jefferson Hotel and at La Petite France, and includes having been owner or chef/manager at a number or Richmond restaurants, including Mr. Patrick Henry's Inn, Linden Row Inn, and Jaqueomo's Restaurant. Chef Jimmy has now moved to the county and is rehabbing a house as well as starting his new job at the MYC.

Welcome aboard, Chef Jimmy News.

— Martha Story





## FLEET CAPTAIN

John E. Caperton

THE CRUISE TO ONANCOCK is set to sail in a couple of days (Friday, July 30<sup>th</sup>) so if you have been thinking about going but have not yet decided, now is the time. If you want to go please just let me know and I'll add you to the list and call to see if a slip is still available.

Mark your calendar now for the Cape Charles cruise which is coming up on August 27<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup>. We will be staying at the new Bay Creek Marina Resort which is a 1,700 acre marina and golf course community. There is a restaurant on site and two championship golf courses designed by Jack Nicklaus and Arnold Palmer. There are many dining and shopping opportunities in neighboring Cape Charles which is an easy walk or golf-cart ride away. Please sign up early and indicate if you would be interested in playing golf. Just give me a call or email or sign up at the club.

The next boating related seminar, "VHF/ Digital Selective Calling", will be held at the club house on Saturday, August 21<sup>st</sup> from 0900-1100. All radios manufactured since 1999 have Digital Selective Calling (DSC) capability that uses data for sending and relaying distress alerts and for other urgency and safety traffic. It can also be used for routine calls.

To read up on DSC before the class go to [www.vhf-dsc.info](http://www.vhf-dsc.info). To sign up for the class give me a call at 725-7267 or email to [fleetcaptain@mathesyachtclub.com](mailto:fleetcaptain@mathesyachtclub.com). The deadline for signing up is Saturday, August 14<sup>th</sup>, so please sign up early so you don't miss out.

In case you haven't heard, we have reluctantly decided to get out of the gasoline business. We began having trouble with water getting into our underground tank and discovered that we had a crack or hole somewhere in the tank that is allowing ground water to infiltrate. The only way to cure the problem is to replace the tank which is prohibitively expensive. Therefore, we have decided to no longer offer gasoline for sale at the club. Gasoline is still available nearby at the Morningstar Marina (boatel) and Narrows Marina. We regret that the decision had to be made and apologize for any inconvenience it may cause.

Finally, don't forget about the Long Cruise to Baltimore coming up in September. The cruise will depart on September 12<sup>th</sup> and return on the 22<sup>nd</sup>. For more information or to sign up and/or volunteer to help please call Dave Montgomery at 725-1709 or John Sweeney at 725-9004.

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 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** - 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 [japarker@verizon.net](mailto:japarker@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



## STORM WATCH

Tracking, Preparation, and General Info

WORK CONTINUES on the development of a severe weather plan for club and members. Additionally, there are a number of websites which can help with storm tracking and preparation to minimize damage.

First among these is the National Hurricane Ctr: <http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/>, a comprehensive resource for storm preparation.

BoatUS: <http://www.boatus.com/>, has its own Hurricane Resource Center. Just click on the link from the home page.

Ready Virginia is a central, authoritative resource for all hazards. From the home page: <http://www.readyvirginia.gov>, click on Hurricane Preparedness, which focuses on person and property safety.

## New Extended POOL HOURS

Tue – Sat 10:00 am – 7:00 pm  
Sun 12:00 pm – 7:00 pm  
Closed Mondays, except for private parties



## 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:

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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

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CALL 804 725-3165

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<b>Onancock Cruise Returns</b> 9-1 Sunday Diner Breakfast 				11-2 Lunch Menu 6-9 Mom's Home Cooking	11-2 Lunch Menu 6-9 Famous Friday Buffet	11-2 Lunch Menu 6-9 Candlelight Dinner
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