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Commodore's Message



Spring is coming and boating season will be upon us before we know it. It's that unique time of transition when the flowers are bursting through the mulch at the same time the last remnants of snow dot the ground. Much like nature, our club continues its spring transformation. Our Holding Corporation and Design team remain hard at work assuring our renovation project progresses and evolves each day as we all anxiously await the grand unveiling. The anticipation seems contagious and extending beyond our little island. The Membership Committee has been hard at work for the last few weeks, interviewing an influx of prospective members wishing to join our Club. Thanks to V/C Eric and his team of volunteers for all the time taken to complete all the recent interviews prior to slip assignment day. Be sure to take a moment to say hello to all the new friends you will be meeting in the coming weeks.

And the best news of all – boating season will be here before we know it. For those lucky enough to have a permanent slip, get your contracts in as soon as possible. If you need to bid on a slip, be sure to attend our Slip Bidding Class and BE THERE (or file your proxy) for Slip Assignment Day on March 10th.

Spring also means the circus will soon be coming to town!! We kick off our season under the big top with the Land Cruise. With a 100-seat limit and selling fast, we expect the circus train – traveling to Bodkin, Pleasant, and Middle River Yacht Clubs – will be a sellout and THE place to be on March 9th. Rumor has it F/C Steve Fleetress Michelle have LOTS of surprises in store so grab your red noses, don your best circus themed costume, and jump aboard the circus train!! Hope you will all join us!!

Beyond the Land Cruise, the club will be humming with activity as the St. Patrick's Day event (3/16), Easter activities (3/30 and 3/31), fill our club calendar. Special thanks to Scott Lockwood and staff for all our club dining specials and to all the members and staff who work so hard to keep us entertained under challenging construction conditions. Watch the weekly update and club mailing for details and RSVP as soon as you can. Your RSVPs are very helpful for planning purposes as the staff manages events with our space limitations. Help them provide the best service possible, by RSVPing to events.

Until next month Pam and I wish our southern snowbirds safe travels home, our slip holders good luck on slip assignment day, and to all many fun times as spring allows us to meet more frequently on our beautiful Sue Island.

Best regards,

Commodore Gary Blankenship

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Vice Commodore's Message



Hello Captains and Mates!!

I am pleased to see all of the progress with the renovation and the regular updates that Scott Lockwood, General Manager and team have been sharing on social media to help keep us all informed. I am growing a little nervous we may lose him to a career in Hollywood as the updates have been outstanding and exciting to see. The hardhat prop, construction background, etc. add a jackhammer noise to the background and we are doomed!

Other exciting news is the interest in membership we have been experiencing leading up to slip assignment day which is very promising; several of them have been watching the updates and are reassured of their decisions. I can't help but think when the clubhouse is officially open we will have another surge in membership as over the past year potential members have had a wait and see stance on inquiring.

I would like to remind everyone our best potential new members are coming from our referral base and past visits to our club as a guest, a wedding, or some other opportunity. You just never know when the seed will sprout. Now is the time to refer your friends so they may gain seniority if looking for a slip or to beat the initiation fee increase coming soon in July. As much as some snicker on slip assignment day if someone is beat out by one number on a desirable slip, don't let that happen to your friends!! Have them see me to get their number started! ☺

As we gear up for opening the clubhouse the club operations committee will be meeting soon with management and staff to cover many facets of operating under the new space. We have a very good agenda to cover for our initial meeting as we strive to participate with management and team to adjust and provide reasonable service levels and experience over the season. I know as we open our management and committee will be anxious for feedback so if you see something, say something. We want your experience to be the best on the bay!

I hope to see all of you soon, spring is right around the corner!!

Best regards,

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Rear Commodore's Message



Hello Hello BYC Members!

What is this white stuff on the ground? Are you as anxious for spring as we are? C'mon boating season!

We have been reviewing slip agreements, so thank you to those that have sent their contracts back. If you are still procrastinating, please return the agreement as soon as possible to ensure we are all on track!

Slip assignment class will be held on February 24th and is a great way to learn about the big day in March. New members or existing members will benefit as there is always something new to learn about slip assignment day, so please join us if you are able.

In addition to the land cruise on March 9th, join us on March 10th from 12pm-4pm for the main slip assignment day event. The mates will be selling clothing and bidding will be in full force!

Can't wait to see you there! As always, costumes are optional.

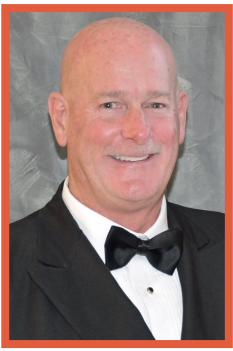
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Fleet Captain's Message



Greetings to all BYC members!

As I write this I was really hoping that Ravens would be playing into mid-February but the Chiefs obviously had other plans. With that said it was still a fun season.

Over the course of the last several months Fleetress Michelle and I have been participating in various Commodore's Balls throughout the yacht club community. It's been a great opportunity to see the other yacht clubs, meet the other officers, but especially the other Fleet Captains that we will be going up the line with over the course of the next four years. We also had the opportunity to attend our first CCC's weekend extravaganza in Ocean City. A lot of work went into preparing our hospitality room and we would like to thank Tristan for coordinating the effort.

The month of February is filled with various events that I hope everyone will participate in. We have the last two Winter Trivia Series events scheduled for Saturday, February 3rd and Saturday, February 17th. As a reminder, the Series Winner wins a \$100 gift card, the title of 2024 "Winter Series Champions" and most importantly a drink named after their team for the month of March. Sandwiched in between the two trivia events will be our annual Valentine's Dinner on Saturday, February 10th which will also include a violinist for the evening's event.

Next we have turned our attention to planning the Land Cruise which is scheduled for Saturday, March 9th. The planned stops are Bodkin Yacht Club, Pleasant Yacht and Middle River Yacht club. As in the past we will have two buses, equipped with bathrooms, that will take us to the various venues. After we return we will have a Happy Hour back at the Club for those of you who haven't had enough of the day's festivities. It's a great event and a great way to kick-off the Spring!

As we prepare for the grand re-opening of the Clubhouse and the other events throughout the summer we would appreciate any suggestions from the members on what they would like for this year. Whether it's suggesting bands or perhaps new events, we would appreciate any and all feedback. We're also always looking for volunteers and people to chair other events throughout the year.

Thanks,

F/C Stave and Fleetress Michelle



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Mates President's Message



Hard to believe we're in February already, seems like the holiday's were just yesterday.

The Mates are trying something new! We will be implementing a "Pop-up Shop" to allow for online ordering of Mates Clothing while we navigate through the club renovations. We realize there isn't much opportunity to have in person clothing sales with the current limited space and time so with the help of Mates Board Member Kelly Seward we are introducing our Mates Pop-up Shop. We will still have in person clothing sales during Slip Assignment and available before the monthly membership meetings however this will give those members who aren't able to travel to BYC during the winter months the opportunity to purchase BYC clothing. The first Pop-up Shop will have a limited selection to gauge how this idea is received by the membership. Hopefully all will go well and we will have the Pop-up Shop several other times throughout the year with a different selection of clothing and other items. The Pop-up Shop will be open for a 2 week time period, all orders place will be shipped directly to the customer about 2-3 weeks after the Pop-up Shop closes.

Keep an eye out for emails, notices in the BYC Weekly Update and on the BYC Facebook page for more details and how to access and place orders. We are looking to open the first Pop-up Shop at the beginning of March.

Please note: orders will NOT be charged to your BYC membership #, you can purchase with Credit Cards/Debit Cards, Apple Pay, Pay Pal, Venmo, etc...

We hope your as excited as we are to bring online shopping to BYC and be able to extend the selection of available items. We welcome your feedback so we can make this experience easy for everyone. Please feel free to reach to me at laostendarp@verizon.net and let me know what your thoughts are after the first Pop-up Shop goes live in March.

Take Care,

Lori A. Ostendarp
Mates President

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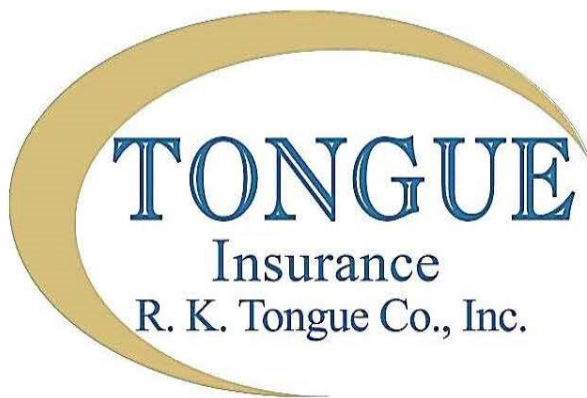
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C Pier Report

Hello to all from C-Pier! Well, It's been an interesting post-Holiday season, to say the least. It was this Spray writer's first time attending CCC's, and I can promise it won't be her last. Everyone had a great time, and the decorating committee did an amazing job! Thanks again to everyone who pitched in to make it a fun and memorable weekend!

As many of you have heard by now, PC Joe Vislocky underwent a triple bypass in mid-January. As a co-worker of Joe's, I can tell you his recovery was amazing. He was working remotely less than a week after his procedure! I can only assume he actually listened to Ruthie and did what he was told. (Imagine that!) I suggest if anyone has any extra ping pong balls, they store them on Joe's boat. He's fond of them and likes to find them all over his office, so I think he'd like to find some hidden on his boat, too! Prayers to Joe for continued health and a full, strong recovery. Prayers to Ruthie for... well, you know.

Many of you are aware of George Harrison's artistic talents. A couple years ago, George used a photo that a member had taken of Sue Creek at sunset and rendered a gorgeous painting for then-Commodore Barry Scott's theme year. That sunset painting hung in the bar entrance to the clubhouse for almost a year. Well, a few weeks ago, George received a letter in the mail from his high school alma mater, Calvert Hall. The letter stated that someone was trying to find an artist who sold him a painting at a show by Lake Montebello, back in the mid-to-late '70's. The buyer remembered that the young man had been a student at Calvert Hall at the time of the show. That young high school student and artist is none other than our very own George Harrison. Plans for a reunion and photo op with the buyer and the artist are pending with the actual painting! It's been fun to put the pieces together, and we'll keep you updated on the reunion!

Captain Kevin Nevel and First Mate Gina have welcomed their 10th grandchild, Mattea. Besides welcoming another baby to the clan, they've had a very busy January! After attending CCC's (also first-timers), they took a short cruise to the Bahamas and were fortunate enough to miss the snow and ice Mother Nature donned upon us. Thankfully, they brought back warmer temps and some sunshine!

The Nevel's aren't the only sun seekers. The grape vine told me that Joan & Don Dietrich, Ed & Linda Gerner, Cathy Ivey & "Dude", Leo Balzeriet, and Craig & Brenda English all spent a wonderful time in Key West! I hear-tell there were several trips to Hogs Breath and there are more stories to be told that aren't quite fit to be published for some of our more tender eyes. This is the group's third trip, and they look forward to many more! The Englishes are planning a trip to Bonita Springs for the month of March to recover. LOL!

Lori and Dave Ostendarp are thrilled to share their daughter Randi's success as a school teacher! Randi was named Teacher of the Year at Red House Run Elementary!! Not to be outdone, their daughter-in-law, Rose, just received her Doctorate in Nursing! Way to go ladies! Your family is extremely proud of you, as well they should be! Congratulations to you both!

Ed and Kim Bosley are enjoying the bitter-sweet time of watching their beloved son Brandon and his bride-to-be, Sara, navigate their own path on the crazy waterway of life. Brandon and Sara have just purchased their first house! Congratulations to the youngsters! We wish them many years of happiness in their new home.

I'm having a hard time believing that I'm writing our February Spray! February is going to fly by, and I hope we have the chance to catch up with all of you over the next several weeks. George and I look forward to seeing everyone around the clubhouse, and we're hoping the brief snowstorms of January are the only ones we'll see. We're looking forward to an early launch in the Spring, and lots of fun times with our C-Pier friends, our Yacht Club besties, and watching the clubhouse renovations come to life!

Be well, stay safe, and happy navigating!

Julie Bertoldi & Megan Howie

D Pier Report

Ahoy D Pier and BYC Shipmates!

It seems the Toohey family cannot stay far from the water! Allison Toohey is currently on a 600-foot oil tanker in the Gulf of Mexico for a college internship. She is a student at Webb Institute, a small naval architecture school. Webb requires 4 internships. Last year she was at a shipyard in Mississippi. Dad Jay thinks her last two years will be with ship design firms. Meanwhile, John, who is a high school senior, is mulling over his college acceptances, but, since he keeps running around the house wearing coast guard tee shirts, it looks like the leading choice is the United States Coast Guard Academy.

On the winter cruising front, Laura & Jeff Penza are enjoying their winter home aboard GRATITUDE in Brunswick, Georgia after their very first trip down the ICW. They are looking forward to seeing everyone at BYC when they return in the spring.

Finally, a D Pier Fond Farewell to Kent and Sylvia Terry who have left the ranks of regular membership. You will still see them around as the Board approved Honorary BYC Membership and they will still be coming down from Bird in Hand PA to visit the area and their many friends in the yacht club community. Many of us will recall Kent's talents as a master carpenter, cabinetmaker, and fixer of just about everything, which came in handy for many club projects and parties over the years. A regular sight D Pier will miss this summer is Kent with tools, parts, and jigs everywhere working deep down in his engine well.

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Kilroy

January means 3Cs weekend. This year it was back in Ocean City and BYC represented!! Our theme was Girl Scout Jamboree.

Tristan Hiemstra stepped up to chair the hospitality room when there were no others willing to take on the job. She really did pull it off. If you were there and wandered into the room, she put you right to work! Never any doubt she's the mother of 7 (8 if you count Eric).

For future reference, the BYC room theme is the Elvis Wedding Chapel in Vegas baby!!

Visions of some of our members dressed as Elvis all over the atrium keeps creeping into my head (think Dick Bruns!!).

Next opportunity for fun and shenanigans is around the corner when the BYC "circus" boards buses for the land cruise!! I think this year's bridge will be bringing it!!

Kilroy will be watching!!



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Manager's Message

I wanted to update you on the progress of the clubhouse remodel since my article in December. Although there's still a lot of work to be done, we've made some productive movement and the future look of the clubhouse has really taken shape since the start of the new year. However, there's still a possibility of delays that we need to keep in mind. We will continue to share updates in our Weekly Update and through video tours on our social media channels.

We are thrilled to announce that we have some exciting dining events planned for the month of February, and we cordially invite you to join us. As we begin to plan our events for the spring season, we would like to inform you that due to ongoing construction, we anticipate that the clubhouse lawn will be utilized as a significant part of these events.

We understand that this may cause some inconvenience, but we assure you that every effort will be made to minimize any disruption. We are committed to providing you with an exceptional experience and look forward to your continued support.

I'd like to remind you that we have started an Employee of the Month program for 2024. Our first recipient was Lena Bittner. Lena has been with BYC since 1996 and she is well-known among our members for her amazing seasonal desserts. Our staff loves her for her kind-hearted and generous personality. Congratulations, Lena! Thank you for all your hard work and support. We appreciate your commitment to our team and your family.

We encourage members to share their experiences with our team that can be a way to nominate them for a future Employee of the Month recognition. Please send your experiences to Clubhouse Manager Rebekah Ritmiller at clubhouse@baltimoreyachtclub.org. She will carefully consider all of the submissions.

Cheers,

Scott Lockwood, CCM



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| Chris Coder | 13 Erin Niedoba | 23 P/C Richard Bussey |
| Mary Phillips | 14 Peggy Parr | Warren Carroll |
| 2 Ann Marie Price | 15 Sean Kammer | Alice Goodall |
| Estelle Jenkins | Linda White | Barb Conn |
| 3 P/C Dick Bruns | Dash Rogers | Carl Ebeling |
| Edwin Hale Jr. | 16 Linda Fowble | 24 Linda Gerner |
| Stephen Carnaggio | Janet Sauer | Kenzie Baucom |
| 4 Bill Balaban | Susan Longo | 25 Michael Darenberg |
| Thomas Flowers | 17 Ed St. John | Silvia Busky |
| Sarah Tennyson | James McCabe | Kim Burke |
| Susan Mannel | Lauren Ensor | Emily Cook |
| Patrick Wallace | Julie Phelps | 26 Lynn Hannon |
| Julia Koch | 18 Steve Angelos | Lisa Eisemann |
| 5 Eric Hermann | Ryne Laxton | Roger Dabbs II |
| 7 Jim Smart | Benjamin Laxton | 27 Comm. Gary Blankenship |
| John Toohey III | 19 Juanita Harshman | Linda Tiberi |
| 8 Barry Siegel | Nicholas Schwalje | Sharon Reed |
| Margaret Scarr | 20 Leona Wallis | Leonard Logue |
| 9 P/C Wayne Penczek | Morgan Pettit | James Finck |
| 10 Ryan Palmer | 21 Dr. Hoa Cost | Crosby Castellitto |
| Holly McCarthy | Jerry Focas | 28 P/C Keith Lessner |
| Danica Ross | | Michael Dahan |
| 11 Charles Easter, Sr. | | 29 Charlie Winchester |

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- 2 Louie & Darlene Sauer
5 Charlie & Betty Winchester
10 Douglas & Patricia Wargo
11 John & Renee Whelehan
12 Jim & Becky Johnson
13 Stephen & Susan Carnaggio
21 John & Maureen O'Brien
28 James & Tricia Finck

SPECIAL CONGRATULATIONS

Douglas & Patricia Wargo - 35 years

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

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|--------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 Lynn Bergen | 11 Tracy McCarthy | 21 Tony Mordente |
| Arleigh Bell, Jr. | 12 Sheryl Eberly | 22 Paul Borchardt |
| 2 Emory Harshman | 13 Kathryn Hellner | Jessamyn Abel |
| Kathleen Egner | Debra Franklin | 23 Lisa Madairy |
| 3 Grant la Seta | 14 Pamela Kaelber | Zoe Hiemstra |
| Pat Streett | Maeve O'Toole | 24 James Johnson |
| 4 Kathryn Neeper | 15 Susan Carnaggio | Laurence Jenkins, Jr. |
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| 5 Thomas Bostwick | 16 Trish Cottone | R/C Scott DeLong |
| 6 William Sauer | 17 Francis Sauer | Patrick Dyer |
| Patricia Wargo | Patrick Burke | William Schofield |
| 7 Janice Hunter | 18 P/C John Hammond | Charles Andrews |
| 9 Diana Reinhard | Richard Kammann | 25 Emily Pate |
| Christopher Pisano | Pat Epifanio | Celeste Klima |
| 10 William Keyes | Pamela Ross | 26 Clement Gathwright |
| Cathy Tuttle | Patricia Sadowski | 27 P/C Jeffrey Underland |
| Brett Steall | Richard Sinclair | Gregory Shane |
| Kathy Burns | 19 Thomas Coard | Pat Morse |
| Eileen Riley | Kathy D'Anna | Holly Mora |
| | Logan Hermann | 28 Eugene Lugat |
| | 20 Cecilia Yazigi | Douglas Wargo |
| | Larraine Long | 29 Peter Gentry |
| | Eva Messina | 30 Joyce Lortz |
| | Vera Hiemstra | L. Maureen O'Brien |

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

- 3 Reese III & Karen Williamson
4 P/C Bill & Sandy Morgan
5 Emory & Juanita Harshman
6 Jim & Kate Mitchell
11 Richard & Kathy Burns
17 Christopher & Daniella Toomey
18 Jim & Barbara Augustine
22 Philip & Lilia Heisley
24 Leonard & Erin Niedoba
25 Mark & Pamela Fuchsluger
28 Kathy & Joe Hellner
Ed & Linda Gerner
30 Chris & Christine Minnich
31 Scott & Stephanie McClure

SPECIAL CONGRATULATIONS

Ed & Linda Gerner - 54 years
Jim & Barbara Augustine - 52 years
Jim & Kate Mitchell - 51 years
Philip & Lilia Heisley - 51 years
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Richard & Kathy Burns - 35 years
Chris & Christine Minnich - 25 years

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'24 Currently Unassigned

Crab Feast

'24 Currently Unassigned

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- (Holding Corp. Rep.)

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'24 Currently Unassigned

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