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"Quantico Yacht Club recognized as the preeminent boating organization on the Upper Potomac developing an enthusiastic, capable membership through cruising, competition, competence, and community."



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From the Commodore (Charlie Hazard, Skipper – Music Maker)

As I write this month's input to the newsletter the snow is falling steadily and is not due to let up until tonight, the government, the base and schools are closed. I don't know about you but I am sure looking forward to Spring, when we can start getting out on the water again. My hats off to Mark Silcox, Shay Seaborne and Larry Pozzi for getting their boats out on the river in February and sharing their sailing adventures with us via Facebook.

On the last Saturday of February, I went down to Newport News with Marty, Sean and Joseph to the Maritime Museum for a safety at sea seminar. It was a great experience to hear about damage control, first aid at sea, steering system casualties and much more. The briefs that were given were informative. We will post a link to the QYC website so you can access the briefs and go through them at your leisure. By the way, if you have not been down to the Maritime Museum in Newport News I highly recommend it. It would be a great day trip for the family with lots of interactive learning activities and some beautiful ship models. I plan to take my family down there for a day to see the sights.

Upcoming Events	
8 Mar	Deltaville Yacht Center Service Seminar
8-9 Mar	Capital Boat Show
14 Mar	QYC Monthly Meeting – Matt Rutherford speaker
20 Mar	Cherry Blossom Festival begins, Washington DC
11 Apr	QYC Monthly Social & Membership Meeting
18-19 Apr	Bay Bridge Boat Show, Kent Island, MD
3 May	QYC Flag Raising & Open House
3 May	Ocean Research Project Regatta at QYC

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We have some exciting events coming up. At the meeting in March we will have Matt Rutherford and his partner Nicole come and talk about their upcoming trip to the Pacific plastic patch, aboard a new “Harbor Pilot 31” sloop, in support of their research work for Ocean Research Project. Also Amy Flannery will be joining us and will show the trailer of her latest documentary on Matt’s research project. I hope you can join us and if your able please bring a dish to share, the theme for this meeting will be a “Mexican Fiesta”. I hope to see you on the 14th of March!

Finally, sometimes you come across a story of courage that really inspires you. On Saturday, March 1st there was a great story in The Free Lance Star about a young man from North Stafford that fought a valiant fight against Leukemia. A.J. Slye had played linebacker on the North Stafford High School football team and helped his team to the group AAA, Division 5 state semifinals in 2011. In late 2012 A.J. was diagnosed with Leukemia. What struck me about the story was the positive attitude A.J. maintained throughout his long fight with cancer and how his friends, family and community rallied around him. David Slye, A.J.’s father, was quoted in the story, “Often times he would talk to the doctors and he would ask, ‘What are my chances?’ and the doctors would say. ‘Well, I can’t tell you if it’s one in 1,000 or one in 1 million or one in 1 billion,’ and A.J. would always say, ‘Well if it is a one in a something. I could be that one.’” His character coach on his high school football team noted, “He was just a joy to be around because he was so filled with hope and so filled with life.” And “Even in the last phone conversation I had with him two days ago, he wanted to beat cancer, wanted to get past this.” Wow, what an attitude! You know that some would be tempted to give up, A.J. never gave up, and never gave in, he fought the good fight. That kind of courage, when facing Leukemia, is inspiring. Todd Gaston, the character coach for the football team said, “His battle with cancer brought him to a faith foundation that I don’t know if he had before, and so by him pressing into life and death issues and pressing into his faith journey with Christ, it opened him up to a whole new reservoir of strength.” The term “Slye Strong” was inspired by his attitude and character. In the past several years we have had some great breakthroughs in the fight to find a cure for Leukemia, that fight is not over. May we be “Slye Strong” in our efforts to support LLS and find a cure for Leukemia, and develop the kind of character that never gives up.

Quantico Yacht Club 2014 Bridge



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Charlie Hazard



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RC - Power
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RC - Cruising
David Jeffcoat



RC – Education
Ray Boisvert



RC – Communications
Marty Spitek



RC – Hospitality
Deb Beutel

QYC Cruising Starts with Colonial Beach (Dave Jeffcoat, Skipper – *Ruff Life*)

A reminder to everyone that we kick off our cruising this season on Memorial Day Weekend to Colonial Beach. Deb Beutel is our event coordinator so please let her know that you’re going and give her your boat information (deb@Beutel.us) . We always have a great time so we really hope you can join us

QYC 2014 Cruising		
Dates	Cruise	Location
24-26 May	Memorial Day	Colonial Beach
20 Jun – 7 Jul	QYC Eastern Shore	Multiple venues
20-21 Jun	CIYC Summer Kick-Off	Cobb Island
4-6 Jul	4 th of July	TBD
18-20 July	PRYCA Float-In	TBD
Aug 31-2 Sep	Labor Day	TBD
11-13 Oct	Columbus Day	TBD

AZIMUTH FACEBOOK GROUP

We communicate our activities in a number of ways to reach the widest possible audience. If you are a FACEBOOK user, please join us at the FACEBOOK group *AZIMUTH*. To join, click on <http://www.facebook.com/groups/quanticoazimuth/> . If you have a FACEBOOK account, send a “friend request” to the Azimuth group. The Azimuth is a “closed” FACEBOOK group for our club and each request will be evaluated and accepted by a group administrator. The group is not restricted to QYC members but we do want to keep the membership limited to boaters related to QYC.



Eastern Shore Cruise (Charlie Hazard)

Thanks to everyone for their inputs and discussion about our Eastern Shore cruise this summer. Based upon your inputs, here’s an updated agenda and remember, if you can’t make the whole cruise, join in for any of the parts you can. We’ll continue discussing and planning this so if you have something to add, let us know.

Depart	Arrive	Distance	Berthing	Activities
20 June Quantico	20 June Cobb Island	35 nm	Pirates Den Marina	Cobb Vegas
22 June Cobb Island	22 June Point Patience Marina or West Basin Marina	58 nm	.90 a foot per day or \$162 for 30 days	Navy Rec Center, Maritime Museum, Restaurants
28 June Pt Patience Marina Solomon Is	28 June St Michaels via San Domingo Ck	32 nm	Anchor out and Dink in	Maritime Museum, Restaurants
30 June St Michaels	30 June Oxford	23 nm	Marina	Shops and Restaurants
1 July Oxford	1 July Cambridge	11.5nm	Marina or anchor out	Museum, shops, Restaurants
3 July Cambridge	3 July Pt Patience Solomon Is	41 nm	Slip	Navy Rec Center, Maritime Museum, Restaurants
6 July Pt Patience Solomon Is	7 July Cobb Island	58 nm	Anchor out or slip	Restaurants
7 July Cobb Island	7July Quantico	35 nm	slip	
Point Patience Marina slip fee .is 90 cents a foot per day or for a 31/35 Foot boat \$162.50/\$189.50 for a month (includes water, electric and pump out)				
West Basin Marina is \$30 per night flat fee. Or for a 40 foot boat \$300 per month (\$7.50 per foot)				
Advantages to the monthly fee - flexibility with follow on cruises out of the Solomon Island. Logistics planning needs to be done early on, please let me know if you’re interested.				

Rules, Rules, Rules (Ray Williams, Skipper - *Te-Keel-La*)

Here's some pre-racing fun, check out this video on YouTube.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zq5v061f8tE>

I discussed this with Pat Williams the former Principal Race Officer (PRO) at Daingerfield Island Sailing Club (DISC) and here is what he said, "To my eyes, the starboard boat (with camera) was fine throughout the sequence. The issue is that rule 18 comes into play and it appears the overlap did not occur outside the three boat length circle around the mark and the port tacking boat now on starboard has no rights for inside position. The better thing for them to have done was to fall off, cross the stern and then tack onto starboard. They were wishing and hoping but alas, wishes turned into dust." Thanks Patrick!

Racing Rules of Sailing for
2013-2016.

<http://www.sailing.org/tools/documents/ISAFRRS20132016Final-%5B13376%5D.pdf>

Renew your PHRF:

<http://www.phrfchesbay.com/>



Back to Basics (Marty Spitek, Skipper – Rhumb Runner)

As we start shaking some of the winter cobwebs off and start thinking about getting back on the water, we all need to not make assumptions or rely on experience that has laid dormant over the winter. This pre-departure checklist can be printed at <http://boatsafe.com/nauticalknowhow/check.htm>

PRE-DEPARTURE CHECK LIST	
Personal Flotation Devices (PFDs)	
<input type="checkbox"/>	At least one Coast Guard approved device per passenger and a minimum of two on board.
<input type="checkbox"/>	An additional throwable device is required if the vessel is more than 16 feet long.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Explain the location and use of all PFDs to passengers and crew that may be new to the vessel.
Sound Producing Devices (Whistle)	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Must have a horn capable of producing a four-second blast audible for at least 1/2 mile.
<input type="checkbox"/>	If a portable air horn, have a spare can of air or an alternate device.
Lights and Shapes	
<input type="checkbox"/>	All navigation lights as required.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Instrumental lights working.
<input type="checkbox"/>	If you intend to engage in an activity that requires a day shape, have the required shapes.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Flashlight on-board.
Distress Signals	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Accessible flares, day signals, etc., stored in a dry location.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Carry signals at all times even if not required by the Coast Guard.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Inform the crew and passengers of their location and their use.
Tools and Spares	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Basic tool box on-board.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Box of spares aboard, e.g., fuel filter, light bulbs, head parts, through hull plugs, etc.
Ventilation	
<input type="checkbox"/>	On any powered vessel or auxiliary powered sailboat, or vessels using LPG for cooking or heat, check that all interior spaces are well ventilated before departure.
<input type="checkbox"/>	If fuel smells are detected before ventilating, check after running the blowers for several minutes before starting.
<input type="checkbox"/>	If odor persists, stop and look for the source of the leak.

Fire Extinguishers	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Accessible fire extinguisher. Do you have at least those required by the U.S.C.G.?
<input type="checkbox"/>	Check to be sure mounts are secure and functional before departure.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Take the time to point out locations to passengers and crew.
Fuel and Oil	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Are your tanks topped-off?
<input type="checkbox"/>	If not, have enough fuel to provide a reasonable margin of safety for your return.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Check the engine oil and coolant level.
Bilges	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Check to be sure bilges are reasonably dry and that pumps are not running excessively.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Clean up any spilled oil or waste in bilges so as to prevent overboard discharge.
Battery Care	
<input type="checkbox"/>	If you have a dual charging system, is the selector switch in the proper position?
<input type="checkbox"/>	Is the power on to the entire vessel?
<input type="checkbox"/>	Spare batteries for accessories such as a handheld radio, flashlight, portable navigational aid, etc.
<input type="checkbox"/>	If they are rechargeable, are they charged?
Weather Forecast	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Did you check the weather forecast?
<input type="checkbox"/>	Radio on board to receive weather updates.
Docking and Anchoring	
<input type="checkbox"/>	At least one anchor set up and bent-on to your anchor line.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Two or three extra docklines in case of unusual conditions dockside.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Visually inspect the lines you use for chafe or wear.
<input type="checkbox"/>	At least two fenders on-board for docking or towing if required.
Documentation	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Have the ship's papers, radio license, fishing permit, etc. on board.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Have the chart or charts for the area you intend to cruise in, regardless of your level of local knowledge.

Sea Scout Ship 212, Aquia (Dom Bee, Skipper - Runner)

For this month, I am going to turn over my electronic pen to Patrick, the Boatswain of Ship 212, to tell you about our neat activity for February. So take it away Patrick:

Ship 212 teamed up with the SCUBA Shack in Fredericksburg and spent three hours at the Spotsylvania YMCA. SCUBA stands for Self-Contained Underwater Breathing Apparatus. We started with a short class on the pool deck before donning our gear and getting into the water. Once in the water we divided into groups of 4 or 5 and each teamed worked together with the three instructors assigned to their team. We all felt well trained and safe under the watchful eye of our instructors as we went under the water for the first time. Before going into the deep end of the pool, we practiced safety drills under water like finding our regulator, reading the instruments, and sharing breathing regulators under water.

Breathing under water takes a little getting used to – It was sort of a weird experience to see the water closing in over your head, but then, the awesomeness kicks in and it’s an amazing feeling. Once you get in, you don’t want to get out.

The class wasn’t meant to certify us, but to make us curious to learn more. I think a few of us will move ahead with our certification. We all earned our Boy Scouts of America SCUBA patch. Our ship decided this year that we wanted to provide opportunities for the Ship to earn all seven Boy Scout Aquatic patches.

Next month, we’ll report on our Spring sail, which will officially launch our 2014 sailing season. We should have a great turn-out and have 3 of our sailboats boats on the water at once.

We have a Facebook page at: Sea Scout Ship 212 and can be found on the Web at:
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/SeaScoutShip212/>





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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Name: _____ Date: _____

Spouse and Children Names: _____

Mailing Address: _____ Home Phone (____) _____

_____ Work Phone (____) _____

_____ Cell Phone (____) _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Emergency Contact:

Name _____ Phone (____) _____

Include you in our closed FACEBOOK group *AZIMUTH*? Yes No

Please check one:

Active Duty: Service Branch _____ Grade/Rate: _____

Retired Military: Service Branch _____ Grade/Rate: _____

US Government Civilian: Dept or Agency _____ Grade _____

Other: _____

Boat Information:

Name: _____ Hailing Port _____

Power or Sail? _____ Electrical Requirements: 30 AMP 50 AMP

Length (LOA) _____ Draft _____ Width _____

Berthed at Quantico Marina: Yes No (if yes, slip number: _____)

VHF DSC Maritime Mobile Service Identify (MMSI) number: _____

Membership Level (see requirements and privileges stated in QYC By-laws posted on-line). Make checks payable to QYC Inc.

Full: Annual (Fiscal year 1 Oct-30 Sep) membership is \$150. New members joining after 1 Jan prorate as follows: Jan-\$135; Feb-\$120; Mar-\$10; Apr-\$90; May-\$75; Jun-\$60; Jul-\$45; Aug-\$30; Sep-\$15. Active duty E-5 and below are discounted 50%.

Associate: \$25 per year (Fee waived for active duty personnel)

MCBO 7010.01A requires all members of private organizations participating in activities aboard MCB Quantico to sign a liability waiver for themselves and their dependents. By signing this form, I acknowledge and agree to all terms and conditions set forth in the QYC Waiver of Liability Document (available separately and posted in the QYC).

Signature: _____

<p>QYC USE:</p> <p>Received By: _____</p> <p>Added to Rolls: _____</p>
