



**From the Commodore (Charlie Hazard, skipper - Music Maker)**

Friends, I hope you and your families are well! \_

**Staying on base** As we approach Spring I wanted you to know that your Executive Board is working hard for you in planning and taking care of the administrative issues that need to be taken care of, so we can operate on the base. So what specifically have we been working on? We've submitted a letter to the base requesting our license to use the land for our club house be renewed by the Navy Facilities Command (NAVFAC). Our current license was for five years and is set to expire in April of this year. We've also been working to complete our recertification package to operate on the base. Each private organization on base has to complete this package per the base order. Some of the work includes:

- An audit of our financial situation
- Proof of insurance
- Membership analysis
- Calendar of events
- A list of our physical assets
- Bylaws for the club
- Several other administrative items.

This work is necessary and allows us to continue supporting our membership and doing the things we enjoy, like getting out on the water with friends and family. So I want to thank Art Corbett, Ian Shortle and Jim Wallace for all the work they've been doing and will do over the next month to ensure the QYC can continue forward, supporting our membership.

Upcoming Events	
13 Feb	QYC Monthly Social & Membership Meeting
14 Feb	Valentine's Day!!
13 Mar	QYC Monthly Social & Membership Meeting

# AZIMUTH

## **Membership Drive! Is impressment an option?**

Speaking of membership, I would ask all of you to be good ambassadors for the QYC. Unlike the British Navy, I don't think we need to resort to press gangs but we should talk up the many advantages of membership to the QYC. We have fun out on the water whether cruising or racing. We are involved in our community and are working to build a strong relationship with the Marines on base. There are quite a few new boats in the marina and if you see someone new on the docks please tell them about the QYC and invite them to join us for one of our meetings to learn about the many different events we plan and execute throughout the boating season. Also, for those who may have forgotten about membership dues please send a check or bring it to the next meeting this Friday along with the membership form (found in the newsletter) filled out and signed. All members need to have this form filled out each year.



## **Reference Manual = Happy Wife**

Since my football team, the Redskins, were completely out of the running this season I have been dedicating my time to developing a new reference manual for the Yacht Club. Holly has pointed out the stacks and stacks of sailing, cruising and boating magazines on our book shelves and has been threatening to dispose of them. To avoid this I have started clipping articles out of the magazines that deal with 1) seamanship 2) maintenance, 3) upgrades, 4) electronics and 5) miscellaneous. So, interested in how to get off the pier with a strong on-setting wind? Want to learn about an expanding square search pattern you can execute with a man overboard? Do you know how to "Spring the Rode"? An article on each of these issues and much more is included in the new QYC reference manual. Want to find a pesky leak? Varnish like a pro? Overhaul your winches? Or replace large tanks on your boat? There are articles available on each of these maintenance tasks in the reference manual.

The upgrade section of the reference manual has articles on replacing your canvas dodger with a polycarbonate dodger, which means less maintenance. Other upgrades include adding an anchor platform onto the bow of your boat, installing a fire suppression system in your engine room, or manufacture a canvas system that includes wind scoops to keep you cool at anchor in the summer time. The electronics section includes various apps you can purchase to help you with navigation or racing. Want to know what solar charging devices are on the market to charge your small electronics like cell phones, cameras and Game Boys when you're on a long cruise and away from the docks? The reference manual includes articles on these topics as well. Finally, the miscellaneous section has articles on different cruising spots around the Chesapeake Bay, lessons learned articles from fellow boaters, best boat reviews from 2010, great books to take on cruises and much more. My hope is that as you find great articles you will add to the reference and share the information with your fellow club members. This can be a great resource for members and I hope you will see the value and add to it.

# AZIMUTH

## All hands on deck for the Open House!

Our first big event of the season is our Open House, scheduled for Saturday 2 May, and the Executive Board has already met to start the planning process. This year we will be supporting Matt Rutherford’s Ocean Research Project (ORP) with the second annual ORP regatta. In order for this event to go well we need maximum participation from our membership. I talked with Matt Rutherford this week and he will be at the Open House and is looking forward to handing out the trophies and talking about his latest projects. In addition to supporting ORP we also plan on supporting Wounded Warriors, the plans for this are still being worked but I hope to provide you more specifics in the weeks ahead. We also plan to have the Coast Guard Auxiliary there to support boat safety checks, flare and fire extinguisher demonstrations. We are coordinating with the base and the town of Quantico to make this a great event. We need volunteers to take guests out on the river from 5:00 pm to sunset. We need folks to open up their boats for tours. If you would like to help with the planning and execution of the open house please contact me soonest. We need help with contacting vendors, getting the word out, and organizing volunteers.

### Quantico Yacht Club 2015 Executive Board



Commodore  
Charlie Hazard



Vice – Commodore  
Art Corbett



Secretary  
Ian Shortle



Treasurer  
Jim Wallace

I look forward to seeing you around the docks.

## **From the Vice Commodore (Art Corbett, skipper -- *Viente Libra*)**

For the second year in a row Laura joined me in attending the annual Potomac River Yacht Club Association (PRYCA) Change of Watch Ball in Alexandria. We attended last year to represent QYC, and consequently had to act respectable; but this year Charlie, accompanied by Holly, lead our delegation, so Laura and I were there for a good time. We were not disappointed. For those new to boating in the Potomac area, the PRYCA is the umbrella association that represents the interests of the many member clubs and their membership among local community and governing agencies that have interests and jurisdiction in the management and safety of the Potomac River. There is ample evidence that the PRYCA accomplishes their stated mission with great fidelity, but don't let the long naming acronym fool you--these people actually specialize in partying.

The introduction and assumption of duties by the relief watch is the primary excuse for hosting such a grand party, and QYC's very own Steve Prada is again a member of the PRYCA Bridge where he serves as treasurer on the executive board. Steve and Ginny reinforced the QYC delegation at our table after the new officers were introduced. The Coast Guard did themselves proud with a color guard that even Marines found flawless, and set a standard for elegance reflected by all in attendance.



# AZIMUTH

In accord with tradition, the affair was conducted in formal attire. Folks who boat in flip-flops and bathing suits appear markedly different in tux and gowns, but some were clearly itching for spring once the dance floor opened up. The food and drink were fine and ample and the entire evening a great opportunity to extend the camaraderie we enjoy within QYC to much wider audience. If you have the opportunity to attend a PRYCA event--especially next year's Change of Watch--take it. A good time will be had by all.

## Sea Scouts, Ship 212 Aquia (Dom Bee, skipper – *Runner*)

January is the start of a New Year. It's also a new beginning for Ship 212. Our wonderful new Quarter Deck Officers; Sam, Breanna, Timothy, Nicholas, Danielle and Patrick, were sworn in for their one year term of office during our first meeting of the year. Our new Boatswain laid out a very ambitious activity plan for 2015 that will continue on the path to excellence that the Ship has been on for the last few years. Since the monthly activity is going to occur after the publishing deadline, I cannot report on it. However, I can report that Ship 212 received the Wardroom award at the National Capital Area Council Wardroom dinner on 8 January 2015 that was attended by three of our Sea Scouts and three of our adult leaders. This award is considered a runner up award for the Ship of the Year, which we submitted a nomination package for. We will also send a nomination package to BSA National for Flagship of the Year, awarded to the best Sea Scout Ship in the entire country.



Ship 212 Sea Scouts holding the 2014 Wardroom award

On a bittersweet note, this will be my last newsletter. A year ago, I sent a letter to the Aquia Harbor Yacht Club (AHYC) advising that I would be stepping down as Skipper effective at the end of our current charter period, 31 January 2015. Well, that day has arrived and I have turned over the Ship's helm to someone well known in Aquia Harbor circles, Kevin Gilson. I know that Ship 212 is in good hands and I wish Kevin and Ship 212 continued success. I will stay involved with the Ship albeit in a reduced capacity as a Committee Member. Being Skipper of Ship 212 for the last four or so years has been a challenging, frustrating at times, very time consuming but ultimately, extremely rewarding experience. I say that because I have seen firsthand how this inspired program created by Sir Baden Powell, when properly administrated, makes a positive difference in the lives of our youth and provides tremendous opportunities for personal growth, fellowship and skill building. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve with some of the finest young men and women around, their supportive parents and our dedicated leaders. A special note of thanks to Diane Wright, our Committee Chair, who has been instrumental in rebuilding Ship 212 to what it is today and for the great support she provided to the Ship and to me personally. I am deeply grateful for this opportunity, have been truly blessed by it and would not trade it for anything. Back in my Coast Guard days, we had a common saying when we wanted to wish our very best and I will finish this newsletter with it: "Fair Winds and Following Seas".

# AZIMUTH



## 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





Quantico Yacht Club  
 PO Box 21  
 Quantico, VA 22134  
[www.QuanticoYC.org](http://www.QuanticoYC.org)



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: \_\_\_\_\_

QYC USE: Received By: _____ Added to Rolls: _____
---