



## The Classic Yacht Club of America

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### COMMODORE'S MEMORANDUM



Greetings everyone, please allow this fourth Commodore's Memorandum to serve as an update on Classic Yacht Club of America activities until we can re-establish the Newsletter hopefully by next year.

### *Classic Yacht Festival at Baltimore's Inner Harbor Marina August 20-22, 2010*

This was held at Baltimore's Inner Harbor Marina overlooking the panoramic Baltimore Inner Harbor including the National Aquarium and many other architecturally outstanding buildings that truly light up the sky at night. Spectacular is an understatement!

The Commodore's Cocktail Party was held on the Rusty Scupper Restaurant's upper deck along with the dinner, and excellent food and drink was provided by them. The rendezvous was arranged by Fleet Captain Chris Morrison and the Judging was coordinated by Rear Commodore Dan Ramia. Both did an excellent job in the tradition of the Classic Yacht Club of America. A catered getaway breakfast with bagels, cream cheese and lox, and pastries was also arranged by the Fleet Captain under two pop up tents he purchased for the Club for the same price as a rental.

Attendance was excellent with 58 members and guests at the Friday night cocktail party and 56 attending the Commodore's Cocktail Party and dinner at the Rusty Scupper on Saturday. No official count was made for the getaway breakfast

but I would estimate at least 40 and that is conservative. As I oversaw the event, I did not hear any complaints and everyone seemed to enjoy the weekend events. That is another resounding success and that is the ultimate goal. Quite a few guests attended this function.

We welcomed new regular members Fred and Carolyn Shallcross, captioned in the last Commodore's Memorandum, who attended with their 1975 36' Pacemaker JR's TOY and by all counts had a good time as well but were dismayed that the Commodore's pooch, Snickers, was not on hand this weekend. We also voted in as new regular members Rob and Lauren Powelson. They could not attend but expect to be at the Late Summer event. We actually heard them on the radio on the return to home port and the Vice Commodore tried to raise them to let them know they had been voted in but no response. They probably had their hands full with heavy seas as most of you experienced on the way home. They own a 1978 33' Chris Craft Corinthian called "Hanky Panky".

This was another hot and sultry weekend but the only rain was at the end on Sunday with heavy seas from southerly winds bucking an outgoing tide, but no rainout!

Jon and Barbara Lines won the 50/50 again, hmmmmm? Lee Di Paula won the basket of cheer.

Every member attending this event with their boat was given a crystal paperweight engraved with the "Classic Yacht Club of America", the flag and "Classic Yacht Festival 2010". They are gorgeous and credit goes to the Rear Commodore Ramia for researching them and obtaining them. The Rear Commodore and I also decided that three special presentations of these paperweights should be made to people who attended without a boat, one to Dale and DeeAnn Harris for their long time service to the Club. DeeAnn is long time Treasurer, Dale is a Governor and the new Webmaster and the Fleet Photographer, their boat is laid up this summer. One to Ken Jordan and Judy Willingham, backto-back husband and wife Past Commodores 2003 and 2004 and Robyne and I know what that means. And one went to Rear Commodore Dan Ramia's friend Mary (a/k/a CYCA Groupie) who also got a special award in the form of a deceased woodland creature, you can ask the Rear Commodore for details but it was hilarious and most of us are well acquainted with Mary who often accompanies Dan on Malu Lai and is excellent crew.

Okay, on to the Members' Choice Awards. Category 1 wood vessels 39' and under was won by Almost Heaven, the Commodore thanks the Webmaster,

Treasurer and Fleet Photographer for leaving their vessel home and making this an easy “kill” for the Commodore and Vice Commodore, particularly as Almost Heaven has to come out soon for some paint and shipwright work! Anyway, I am not suspicious of those that said they voted for our boat this year!

Moving on to Category 2 wood vessels 40’ and over this was a tie between Lee DiPaula’s Duchess and Rear Commodore Dan Ramia’s Malu Lai. Category 3 non wood 39’ and under went to Fleet Captain Chris Morrison’s and Secretary Dana Morrison’s Glacier and in category 4 non wood vessels 40’ Bill and Sue Kazmierczak with Takiteze took the blue ribbon. Plaques for all, suitable for mounting, will be presented at Change of Watch for these awards.

On the subject of the Classic Yacht Festival, we are now in the third year of a three year trial for replacing the conventional judging we used to do. The incoming Commodore will be polling the membership next year for opinions on this and this event going forward will be discussed by the Board of Governors for the 2011 season.

A special thanks goes out to Governor Mike Heim who constructed and painted a three section fold out easel for posting photos of members’ vessels at selected events. Mike is generally working seven days a week right now and he has our deepest thanks for taking the time to do this for the Club. This was the first time it was used to help recruit new members and as a center piece for the evening’s festivities. There were some membership inquiries and the board was quite a hit with members and guests. Also thanks to Dale Harris for printing and pinning the photos to the board. Push pins into plywood is tough stuff, Dale thinks he will be gluing some cork to it soon!

Also, anyone who has photos of this event that they would like to share can be posted on [classicyachtclub.shutterfly.com](http://classicyachtclub.shutterfly.com) after you get permission from Webmaster Dale Harris to post same.

This has truly been a stellar year for me to this point with a great Bridge, Board and membership.

For any member who believes they may qualify for the Dwain and Kay Watkins’ Voyager Award, I request the following per the Club bylaws. The requirements are that you must have traveled at least 1,000 statute miles in any one year. If you believe you qualify for this, please document to me in writing or email from your ship’s log the account of this. Please do this shortly as awards must be ordered in time for the Change of Watch.

**FUTURE EVENTS:**

The next event will be at Bay Bridge Marina in Stevensville which again will be a picnic style event with a tent just in case the weather Gods decide not to cooperate or the heat has not let up (lets hope so).

Look for more details as the Fleet Captain sends out the invitations.

Respectfully,  
Commodore Bill Reynolds

