



The Classic Yacht Club of America

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COMMODORE'S MEMORANDUM

Greetings everyone, please allow this Second Commodore's Memorandum to serve as an update on Classic Yacht Club of America activities.

40th Anniversary Flag Raising

This was held at the Maryland Yacht Club in Pasadena, Maryland on June 10, 11 and 12. This facility has a magnificent overlook of the Chesapeake Bay looking north from the mouth of the Patapsco River. Our last Flag Raising here was in 2006 which was the first time Flag Raising was a rendezvous. We were welcomed back and this time we got to eat in the restaurant! If you were not there or became a member since you can ask Past Commodore Mike Haines who started this tradition as Fleet Captain that year what happened, but it was a good time then as well as this time, and we were gladly welcomed back. Maryland Yacht Club's Vice Commodore, Alice Snively, attended the event and noted it was her second of the day.

Membership attendance was good with 13 boats, 30 members and guests attended the Friday night picnic, 38 were at dinner and 24 attended the getaway breakfast. Two Past Commodores were present for Flag Raising, Immediate Past Commodore Bill Reynolds and Past Commodore 1993 Bob Holsclaw.

The picnic included hot dogs, hamburgers and assorted dishes brought by the members. It was quite a feast! Fleet Captain Craig Collins repeated his performance from last year with the assistance of Rear Commodore Chris Morrison and Vice Commodore Dan Ramia on the grills. Sarah Collins also kept most of us busy playing ladder ball.

Despite the threat of thunderstorms all weekend with thunderheads and rumbling present in the distance, we never got any rain or storms until late in the day Sunday well after all activities were done just like last year, the weather Gods have smiled on us once again.

Flag Raising went without a hitch as usual. Peggy Ricely our new Fleet Chaplain did a magnificent job with the invocation and led us in "God Bless America" with an outstanding voice, her husband Fleet Surgeon Jim Ricely placed the memorial wreath in the water. The Color Guard was comprised of members, Esther Newman and Fred Shallcross.

The colors were piped up by Rear Commodore Chris Morrison who started this new tradition when he was Fleet Captain. The cannon was fired by member Bob Blaze, fortunately with the expert instruction of past cannon master, Ed Bahniuk who arrived with wife Mary after turning their vessel around en route with mechanical problems and subsequently driving to the Flag Raising, what an effort! My husband P/C Bill Reynolds was grateful as he had only closely observed firing of the cannon at Maryland Yacht Club in 2006 and promised to guide Bob but Captain Ed came to the rescue. Now Bob is an expert with the cannon, we can all let out a sigh of relief, but maybe Ed will continue to bring his "howitzer loads" to future events!

Dinner afterwards was pasta primavera, flounder or beef, prior to dinner just about everyone left the dining room, investigation revealed it was time to watch the Belmont Stakes.

The getaway breakfast was catered with pastries, bagels and juices.

It appeared that everyone enjoyed themselves, including new members Neil and Eugenia Wilkie, which is the bottom line for all of our events.

Webmaster and Governor Dale Harris did double duty as Governor and photographer during the event, and it was noted that Hayley Collins was also taking photos and assisting Dale. Dale has already placed the photos on the website in his expert fashion. He has done an excellent job of administrating the website after taking over for Mike Thielke as well as preparing the Club Directory.

I would like to thank the bridge, board and members for turning out for our 40th Flag Raising. Special thanks to Fleet Captain Craig Collins for arranging and coordinating the event, a job well done!

A special thanks goes to Fleet Archivist Jo Ellyn Bunting for preparing a photo collage of the past 40 years (some were old black and whites from the very early years) brought in by Bonnie Meloy as the Buntings could not attend, and put on display at dinner. Jo Ellyn also prepared a synopsis of some of the events from years past which I printed and handed out to the members along with a Flag Raising Program.

FUTURE EVENTS

Great Oak Mears Marina is July 15, 16, and 17, 2011 and will be similar to last year's rendezvous with the addition of a DJ Saturday night, compliments of the CYCA. The invitation is in the works and will be in your e-mail box or snail mail box shortly. I hope to see you there!

Respectfully,
Commodore CYCA
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