



# The Classic Yacht Club of America

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## COMMODORE'S MEMORANDUM

Hello everyone, this is my First Commodore's Memorandum for the 2011 season. We have decided to follow this format which was started last year for the time being as volunteers for a newsletter are few and far between and the internet allows us to get updates on events to members much faster. Also, the membership appears to like this format.

## ICEBREAKER DINNER DANCE

This was held at the Kent Island Yacht Club in Chester, Maryland on April 2, 2011. This was arranged with Kent Island Yacht Club by Rear Commodore Chris Morrison, and a job well done.

Turn out was good with 40 members and guests (it was supposed to be 42 but new members could not make it, so we will introduce them next time). The food was served by Kent Island Yacht Club consisting of Prime Rib and Chicken Tarragon, very good by all accounts. Members were socializing quite well at the bar during cocktail hour, something that always makes a Commodore feel good to see this type of camaraderie. Generally, there seemed to be a lot of catching up to do after a protracted and nasty winter.

Our new Fleet Chaplain Peggy Ricely gave the blessing and did an outstanding job, I think Audrey would be proud of her. She was presented with her new membership badge recognizing this position and a flag

created for the position. We also presented our Webmaster Dale Harris with a flag and name badge recognizing his position. Wonder if he will fly this next to the photographer's flag he has for that position, he needs a bigger staff!

Past Commodores in attendance were Joe Murray who is twice Past Commodore, P/C Ken Jordan, P/C Judy Willingham, P/C Mike Haines, P/C Dave Ochipinti and my husband, Immediate P/C Bill Reynolds

Icebreaker was a bit earlier than last year and the weather was a bit stormy with a bit of rain and temperatures in the 40's but we will take it and it is forecasted to get warmer next week so start commissioning those systems!

Entertainment was provided by DJ Bob Cross who many of you recognize from past events and he did his usual terrific job, taking some requests and playing until about 9:30 p.m.

The 50/50 was won by Susanne Max who most generously donated the winnings back to the club, first class all the way by Susanne and we thank her for her generosity.

New member Patrick Ward was present and was introduced by me along with his guest, Patty Dunn.

From the Commodore's viewpoint, Icebreaker was a success, I thought the turnout was good with everyone enjoying themselves and I want to thank everyone who attended for supporting the club and making my first official event as Commodore a success.

### **FUTURE EVENTS**

Fleet Captain Collins spoke about upcoming events which are Flag Raising which will be at Maryland Yacht Club, invitations will be sent by the Fleet Captain shortly. This is on a high hill overlooking the Patapsco

River and the Chesapeake Bay and it is a beautiful setting and not to be missed!

The mid summer rendezvous will be at Great Oak as it was last year. The Classic Yacht Festival and member judging will be at Baltimore's Inner Harbor also as it was last year and both events were quite popular. The late summer rendezvous will be in Annapolis. The Fleet Captain is wrapping up details on them and more information will be in future Commodore's Memorandums and the invitations. Generally, it looks like a fun filled year.

The Change of Watch is scheduled to be held at the Chesapeake Inn in Chesapeake City, MD. The Rear Commodore is working on those arrangements and I will be sending out those invitations later this year.

### FYI

A new member, Jim Mumpes who owns a beautiful Grand Banks was approved at the last board meeting, proposed by Governor Steve Meloy. There was discussion about incentives for members who bring in new members and this will be sent by me via email in regards to this in the near future. Two new members were voted in over the winter at board meetings, the aforementioned Patrick Ward and Neil and Eugenia Wilkie, who could not attend but we hope to see them soon.

A panel was commissioned to recalibrate the judging parameters for the boats that can win older awards not used recently so they can be brought back to try and maintain the tradition of the yacht club. These include the Loretta Mills award, the C. Irwin Hochhaus award and the Douglas Weir award. More on this later as the panel makes recommendations.

Well, that is about it for now, there will be more updates in future Memorandums. I hope to see as many of you as possible at Flag Raising on June 10, 11 and 12 at Maryland Yacht Club. Remember your participation

is what makes this club the outstanding organization that it is. In the meantime, may you have fair weather and the wind at your back.

Respectfully,  
Commodore Robyne Reynolds

