



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.

Classic Yacht Festival:

This was once again held at Baltimore's Inner Harbor Marina overlooking the panoramic Baltimore Inner Harbor. The run on Friday was as nice as it gets, calm winds, low humidity and a brilliant blue sky with almost limitless visibility. The bright sun made for a beautiful view entering the harbor. Alas, the clouds rolled in Saturday with thunderstorms by the afternoon which continued into Sunday. Nonetheless everyone seemed to have a good time mingling with other members.

The Friday night cocktail party was attended by 61 members and guests with the usual assortment of dishes brought by them, excellent as always in variety and taste. The Commodore's Cocktail party and dinner were held at the Rusty Scupper as it was the previous year, with excellent food and spirits provided by them. This was attended by 65 members and guests and we had 18 boats in attendance, as always, a great showing. There was no official count on the getaway breakfast which was dampened by a severe storm system which is not typical of August and persists as this is written.

New members Bill Thompson and Debbie Esterling were welcomed along with new members Rich and Carol Beckwith (Carol made it to Great Oak but this was Rich's first event).

The event was planned by Fleet Captain Craig Collins with Rear Commodore Chris Morrison executing the Member's Choice Awards, an excellent job done by both.

Every member attending was given a customized aluminum travel mug with the Classic Yacht Club logo and name on it. These were ordered by the Rear Commodore and are quite attractive.

The Vice Commodore's, Dan Ramia, vessel was not in attendance. One of the transmissions broke at Great Oak, it was repaired but they installed an incorrect o-ring and more oil leaks, the VC was not happy!

The awards this year were reworked by Past Commodore Michael Haines and Past Commodore Dave Ochipinti. The Loretta Mills Memorial Award, C. Irwin Hochhaus Award and the W. Douglas Weir Memorial Award were worked into the current Classic Yacht Festival format, a good job by them. There was some history given on these awards to the membership by Past Commodore Eric Horst, Past Commodore Judy Willingham and Past Commodore Joe Murray. It was very informative for those of us who did not know the history or those individuals and their contribution to the Club. P/C Horst also knew where some of the boats were belonging to them albeit they were sadly not in good condition.

The awards were as follows. The Loretta Mills Memorial award for wood vessels under 40' was given to "Almost Heaven" owned by myself and my husband P/C Bill Reynolds.

The C. Irwin Hochhaus award for wood vessels over 40' was a tie with "Widgeon" owned by P/C Joe Murray and Barbara Murray and "Sirius" owned by Sue Max taking the honors.

Non wood vessels under 40' was tied also with "Nadine" owned by Harry Bowie and "Glacier" owned by R/C Chris Morrison and Secretary Dana Morrison taking the awards.

Non wood vessels over 40' was a tie as well with the awards going to "Bella Nave" owned by P/C Dave Ochipinti and his wife Clara and to "Billingsley" owned by Governor Stephen Meloy and his wife Bonnie.

The Best in Fleet award went to "Widgeon" owned by P/C Joe Murray and his wife Barbara (if I have counted right this is the 8th time "Widgeon" has won this).

A new award created by the Club to recognize an owner's dedication to restoring his vessel is the Spirit Award which was given to "Magnolia" owned by P/C Michael Haines and his wife Susan.

Congratulations to all!

The event was photographed by Governor and Webmaster Dale Harris with abundant help from his wife, Treasurer DeeAnn Harris. I also noticed P/C Judy Willingham taking photos. These should be on the website shortly if not already.

This has been a memorable year for me to this point, with an excellent bridge, board and membership and my thanks to all of you.

One note that is a kudos for the club, five of us departed early skipping the getaway breakfast to take advantage of a weather window to get home (good thing because a half hour delay would have meant a lot more running in heavy rain with lightning and very restricted visibility). "Bella Nave" lead with her radar followed by "Freebird", "Almost Heaven", "Magnolia" and "Surprise". We had some intermittent radio traffic between us on the way back. P/C Reynolds had just finished a transmission with one of the other vessels in our fleet when another set of boats on channel 72 commented that must be the Classic Yacht Club after hearing our transmission. P/C Reynolds acknowledged that they indeed were correct that we were the Classic Yacht Club and thanked them. How cool is that?!

Any member who believes he or she qualifies for the Dwain and Kay Watkins Voyager Award should document to me per the Club Bylaws that you have traveled at least 1,000 statute miles this year. This notification and documentation from the ships log or other reliable source must be done in time to have the award ready for Change of Watch in October.

FUTURE EVENTS:

Our next event will held be at Annapolis Yacht Basin in Annapolis, MD on September 23, 24 and 25 and we hope to see you there. Look for more details as the Fleet Captain sends out the invitations.

Our final event for the 2011 season will be Change of Watch which will be held at the Chesapeake Inn in Chesapeake City, MD on October 15, 2011.

Respectfully,
Commodore 2011 CYCA
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