



The Classic Yacht Club of America

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COMMODORE'S MEMORANDUM



Greetings everyone, please allow this fifth 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.

Late Summer Rendezvous at Bay Bridge Marina. Sept. 24 - 26, 2010

This was held at Bay Bridge Marina in Stevensville, MD overlooking the panoramic Chesapeake Bay immediately south of the "Bay Bridge".

This was a picnic style event held under a tent, graciously provided by Past Commodore Bill Bunting, on the water with a spectacular view. Thirteen boats attended. A very special thanks to Bill for providing this tent. Bill and JoEllyn Bunting have been members since 1974. We also noted that twice Past Commodore Joe Murray who attended was completing his 30th year as a member, humbling for someone who has only been a member since 2005.

The Friday night cocktail party was attended by about 43 members and guests. We had a few last minute attendees, always welcome in the spirit of the club so I don't have an exact count but it was well attended and everyone enjoyed themselves. The weather was hot, 94 degrees when I arrived at around 5:00 p.m. (as many of you know "Almost Heaven" was undergoing some major woodwork and a repaint and could not be present, and I also gave the Vice Commodore that evening

off). The members brought their usual wonderful assortment of hors d'oeuvres, with the Classic Yacht Club supplying beer, wine and soft drinks.

There were 44 members and guests at dinner including Sara and Hayley Collins. Dinner was catered by Hemingway's Restaurant under the tent and consisted of Caesar salad, chicken Chesapeake, skewers of beef and vegetables with rice and mashed potatoes. The weather moderated a bit at about 88 degrees. Better than rain and/or howling winds.

Jon and Barbara Lines donated a basket of cheer as a second round winner for the 50/50 drawing which was very gracious of them and no, they did not win the 50/50 this time !

JoEllyn Bunting provided slides for a show of some of the very old wood boats that were part of the club when it was formed in the early 1970's. This was nostalgic and very heart warming particularly for those of us who revere the old "woodies" and most of the boats in the photos were so old they had plumb stems. Mike Thielke ran the projector and Past Commodore Eric Horst did a good job identifying the boats and giving some history on them, everyone seemed to enjoy this and the slide show went through three rounds. Thanks to all three and especially to JoEllyn for taking the time to put this historic slide show together.

The getaway breakfast was under the tent on Sunday morning and consisted of eggs, pancakes and other grilled items, I was not there but the last time we did this at Skipjack Cove Yacht Resort it was a big hit. Rain set in about 9:00 a.m. and I was thinking of the crews getting under way, this was not supposed to come in until late in the day, but the winds thankfully were calm and no thunderstorms were on the radar when I checked.

Our Webmaster Dale Harris who is also the Fleet Photographer did his usual stellar job taking photos of the event and typically will have them on the website shortly. He also notes that the Shutterfly section is outstanding and can now accept up to 1GB in movie clips. If you have not looked at the photos here which have great resolution, please do so.

FUTURE EVENTS:

The next event, our final one for the 2010 season, will be our Change of Watch on October 23, 2010 at the Kent Manor Inn. The invitations have been placed in the mail and we look forward to your attendance at this function to help welcome in the CYCA 2011 Bridge and Board.

I will do a short final Commodore's Memorandum after that event which will also serve as my Officer's report for the 2010 season. Thanks to my Bridge and Board for their efforts for this past season and of course to all you that showed up to various events. As I have always said since I became Fleet Captain, the membership and their support for their club makes all the difference. Again, I hope to see as many of you as possible at the Change of Watch, Rear Commodore Dan Ramia has done a great job planning this event.

Respectfully,
Commodore Bill Reynolds

