



# The Classic Yacht Club of America

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## COMMODORE'S MEMORANDUM



Greetings everyone, please allow this sixth, and my final, Commodore's Memorandum to serve as an update, as well as my Officer's Report, on the Classic Yacht Club of America for 2010.

### *Change of Watch at Kent Manor Inn October 23,, 2010*

This was held at the quaint Kent Manor Inn on October 23, 2010. We had 42 members and guests which is the best turnout for recent years but not a record. Nonetheless the room capacity of 45 was essentially filled. I observed everyone mingling and talking and having a good time which is what it is all about. Rear Commodore Dan Ramia (now Vice Commodore) did a good job planning the event.

A special award was given to Mike Thielke for his years of service on the board and as webmaster/editor of the yearbook and his continuing tutoring of Dale Harris who is rapidly coming up to speed and has improved the website through the use of tools such as Shutterfly. The Commodore's Award was given to DeeAnn and Dale Harris for their many years of service to the club and the Treasurer position is very important and underappreciated. The plaques for the Classic Yacht Festival were handed out to the respective winners as documented in my last Memorandum, and I awarded participation certificates to the six members who attended all rendezvous with their vessel's this year, although one member was absent and I will make sure they get theirs when I see them.

I recognized Past Commodores Ken Jordan and Judy Willingham for their many years of service to the club and efforts to rebuild the membership when it was in decline. Past Commodore Eric Horst also gets a mention for his efforts in the aspect as well.

Past Commodore Ken Jordan was quite elegant in mentioning the contributions of the last few Commodores (myself, Mike Haines and Dave Ochipinti and the current Commodore Robyne Reynolds) who he personally talked into remaining with the club and hence all went on to become Commodores and contribute their share to the club. These tributes to the past in my

opinion are important for newer members to understand where we have come from. I have tried to mention other Past Commodores such as Joe Murray and Bill Bunting in the past, and there are others I should have gotten to, and my apologies to anyone that feels I may have overlooked them.

You will be getting an inquiry about proceeding with the Classic Yacht Festival as conducted over the past three years as set forth in the change of the bylaws, or altering this going forward. This will be sent by the new Commodore with the dues renewal. Please take the time to go over this and return it so the board has your input when planning for 2011.

This year we had a very good turnout at all events with 44 members and guests attending Flag Raising at Kent Island Yacht Club, 36 members and guests attended the mid summer event at Great Oak Landing, 56 members and guest attended the Classic Yacht Festival at Baltimore's Rusty Scupper/Inner Harbor Marina in Baltimore, 44 members and guests attended the late summer rendezvous at Bay Bridge Marina. In general, we had vessel attendance in the mid teens to low twenties. This was a very successful year with good weather for the most part and everyone appears to have had a good time.

We had an unfortunate death of one of our members, Mike Wilhelm, and I sent a sympathy card on behalf of the CYCA to his wife Cheryl Holt immediately upon being notified.

Again, I would like to extend my thanks to the board and bridge who did a great job this year, and as always to the membership whose turnout makes these events so special and made my year as Commodore a memorable one as well as my other years on the bridge.

Almost Heaven sits quietly in her slip with her renovations almost complete ready to whisk the new Commodore to the 2011 events. We will see you next year. In the meantime, have a healthy and happy winter season while thinking about lapping waves and sunsets on the Chesapeake Bay.

Respectfully,  
Commodore Bill Reynolds

