

THE CLASSIC YACHT CLUB OF AMERICA, INC.

The Ancient Mariner

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Season's Greetings from Your New CYCA Officers



As yet another tremendous CYCA year takes its bow, we're looking forward to plenty more in 2006. A huge "thank you" to Past Commodore **Eric Horst** who brought us a year of high-class events and record participation.

The October 2005 change of watch dinner rang in a new team of officers. It seems like the 2005 fun would be hard to beat, but our 2006 Fleet Captain, **Mike Haines**, has plans to bring us another year of outstanding events, a schedule of which appears on page 5. It may seem impossible to "up the bar" on last year's captain of fun **Ed Rosenthal**. But as rear commodore, Ed will serve up more good times this year as he plans the 2006 judging event. Hopefully, with a roster like this, our 2006 Vice Commodore **Jim Gartley** will have an easy time attracting and bringing in new members.

With our 35th anniversary year on the horizon, Commodore **Patrick Dunlap** has the huge task of overseeing it all, both advancing the club and making sure that we stay true to our roots. As you'll see later in this issue, he has plenty of ideas.

Visit the CYCA website for a full list of officers and governors.



Top to bottom:
Vice Commodore Gartley, Rear Commodore Rosenthal (taking his responsibilities seriously!), Fleet Captain Haines.

Change of Watch by Past Commodore **Eric Horst**



The Watch ticks to a new beat since October 22nd. That is the day when I passed the CYCA commodore's baton to the capable hands of Patrick Dunlap. I'd like to thank everyone who turned out for the annual dinner at Miles River Yacht Club. It was my honor to have served as your commodore for 2005 along with our dedicated bridge, board, and committee members. Thank you to all for your help and participation in making 2005 a record-breaking year.

Please join me in sending special congratulations to the 2005 classic judging award winners. The annual judging is the one activity during the season that truly sums up what our club is all about. Please, make the effort to participate in the 2006 judging. It's great fun, educational, informative, and will enhance fellowship along with the value of your total CYCA membership experience.

Spring is only weeks away! 

The View From The Bridge by Commodore **Patrick Dunlap**



As members of the Classic Yacht Club of America we all have a job to do.

One of the first things I did upon accepting election to the office of commodore for 2006 was to refresh my understanding of the duties and powers of all CYCA flag officers. These 'job descriptions' if you will are set forth in the *Club's Constitution and Bylaws*—a copy of which is contained in your CYCA Yearbook. It seemed to me it was going to be pretty tough to ensure we all performed to the best of our abilities if we didn't first understand the responsibilities and limitations of our offices.

According to the constitution and bylaws, "The Commodore shall preside at all Club meetings and meetings of the Board of Governors and shall exercise all the usual functions of the office." Hmmmmmm. If that's not 'purposeful ambiguity' I don't know what is. In simple terms, it seems to me my job is to provide guidance to my fellow flag officers and board members with the primary goal of promoting and protecting the interests of the club and its membership.

'Tis the Season

It's CYCA membership renewal time. Please send your 2006 dues (\$100 for regular members and \$75 for associate members) to Treasurer Judy Willingham, CYCA, P.O. Box 25, Grasonville, MD 21638.

One of the many benefits of CYCA membership is that we're a Boat U.S. Cooperating Group. That means our members are eligible for discounted membership in Boat U.S. Our group number is GA84908Y.

For information on the many benefits of being a Boat U.S. member (including marina and fuel discounts as well as the valuable services of TowBoat U.S.!), visit their site at www.boatus.com.

As I worked through this project, I realized anew the tremendous amount of time and effort our Board members *donate* to make CYCA the successful and growing yacht club it is. Each of us has an important contribution to make and a specific mission to perform on behalf of the club and its members.

Your 2006 board of governors is comprised of men and women with a broad range of professional and life experiences which enable them to make reasoned decisions resulting in positive contributions toward our club's current operations and future course. The privilege to work closely with such an energetic and dedicated group of people and to be of service to you—our members—is mine.

As CYCA members, your 'job' in the club is simple—show your support! The first and most obvious show of support is your financial support of the club via annual membership dues. These dues are reasonable and vital to both CYCA's day-to-day operation and long-term future. And your board of governors intends to underscore the benefits of being a CYCA member throughout the coming year. Stay tuned.

But perhaps even more important is the support you demonstrate by participating in the club's activities throughout the season. Fleet Captain Mike Haines has put together a terrific schedule of events for 2006. He will be renewing some yacht club traditions at these events, but also has some fresh perspectives on how to have a good time aboard. But all of the planning he already has done, and the details he has yet to nail down, mean nothing without the support of our members. Show your club spirit and have loads of fun along the way by joining us in as many of the events and cruises as you can in 2006.

I am delighted and proud to assure you that a very capable and committed group of people will be guiding our yacht club in 2006. We all stand ready to serve you.

Best wishes for a safe and happy holiday season. See you in March . . . and don't forget your dancing shoes! 

Membership

by Vice Commodore **Jim Gartley**

I am looking out the window, watching it snow. How depressing. *Cherokee Lady* is all put to bed for the winter. Debbie and I are stuck at home, ho-hum. But as I think about spring I am so excited about our upcoming year. Mike Haines has put together a rendezvous schedule that I think will be outstanding and I am looking forward to working with all of you to make our club grow. The new bridge and board have a lot of ideas that we have been talking about and that helps take my winter blues away. As your new vice commodore I am committed along with the bridge and board to make this upcoming year another banner year for CYCA. See you at Kent Manor Inn on March 25th! 

Annual Judging 2006

by Rear Commodore **Ed Rosenthal**

Hear ye! Hear ye! From the ashes of fleet captain I have been appointed to run the “Show.” Why am I talking “show” and not judging? I wish to transcend the fear of judgment! In reality, this annual CYCA event is simply an expression of our desire to flaunt what we work so hard for and are so proud of. We’re not so much judged as admired wherever we go. So plan to enter in September!

As rear commodore in our 35th anniversary year, I look forward to showing off our fleet in every state of restoration possible. Remember, no one is ever completely done. If she runs, she’s fun! Bring the girls and let them strut their stuff. (Yes, I still believe boats should be named after girls, sad but true.) I look forward to working with Fleet Captain Mike Haines to make this year’s event fun and maybe a little educational because I learn something every time we meet. Let’s go clubbin’—classic style! 

Welcome New Members . . .

Rick and Donna Clausen
1973 33' Egg Harbor Sportfish
Miss Anne

Charlie and Jo Jerrehian
1966 41' Hatteras FDMY
Sea Jay

Tom and Linda Lane
1972 45' Chris Craft FDMY
Sentimental Reasons

Gordon and Karen Matheson
1951 29' Chris Craft
Express Cruiser
Allison

Gene and Kathleen Severens
1955 26' Chris Craft
Sedan Cruiser
Sagamore

Wayne and Kathleen Shockley
1974 32' Pacemaker Convertible
Lady K

Curt and Donna Sposa
1949 32' Chris Craft
Express Cruiser
Hytyme

. . . and a New Boat!

Dale and Johnna Wentzel
1978 34' Silverton Convertible
Phoenix

Think these 2005 events were fun? With more members, more boats, and more fun destinations, 2006 promises to be the best yet!



Mark your calendars **now** so you don't miss out on the fun!

2006 Rendezvous Plans

by Fleet Captain **Mike Haines**

I'd like to thank Rear Commodore Ed Rosenthal for the outstanding job he has done as fleet captain for the past two years. Ed took us in a new direction with his innovative and creative events and rendezvous, and I hope that I can continue doing the same. I'd also like to thank my wife Susan for her help and perspective as I was planning the 2006 schedule.

Now grab your new 2006 CYCA magnetic calendar, day planner, or ring your social secretary and jot down the event dates below right now! New in 2006, both our land-oriented events are dinner dances. Even if you're not known by your dockmates as 'Fred and Ginger,' it might be a long evening (In a good way!), so we'll be offering suggestions for available overnight accommodations. Also, flagraising will be just one element of a full rendezvous weekend in June 2006, so folks who are late bloomers when it comes to prepping the boat for the season can plan accordingly.

I hope everyone will be able to attend as many events as possible, and I look forward to an exciting 2006 season. I'll be sending you an invitation with all the details on our first 2006 event—the Ice Breaker Dinner Dance (formerly known as the Mid-winter Dinner) sometime in February. See you on March 25th! 

SAVE THESE DATES FOR 2006 RENDEZVOUS FUN!

Ice Breaker Dinner Dance at Kent Manor Inn, Stevensville, MD, March 25

Flagraising Rendezvous at Maryland Yacht Club, Pasadena, MD, June 9-11

Midsummer Rendezvous in Chesapeake City, July 14-16

Late Summer Rendezvous in Solomons Island, August 18-20

Annual Judging Rendezvous in St Michaels, September 15-17

Annual Change of Watch Dinner/Ball, Chester River Yacht Club, Chestertown, MD, October 21

It's not just people who have fun at CYCA events. Many of you bring your pets along too. Meet Indie, one of our club's more unusual traveling companions.

CYCA Boat Pets by Governor **Ed Bahniuk**

"Indie" travels with us wherever we go, by car or boat. He is a two-year-old Senegal Parrot and is just starting to talk. He greets us with a "Hi!" when we come aboard, and is learning "Be right back!" when we leave. Upon reaching maturity Senegals have about a 200-word vocabulary. Indie is potty trained and with that

milestone complete, he has earned the right to sit on my shoulder. He has spent the day at work with me at West Marine where he is a delight among the customers.

He also is a hit in any marina where there are children because he will "high five," give kisses, and play dead on command. He loves to have his head scratched and back petted. Cleaning his cage is a lot easier than cleaning a litter box.

For anyone contemplating a bird, I would advise that you start with one of the more gentle breeds and one that does not make

a lot of loud noise. Some birds can whistle loud enough to annoy neighboring boats. Select only one that has been hand fed from birth. Hand-fed birds will form a bond with their owners and become close companions. Parrots will amuse you with their antics, as they possess the intelligence and industry of a two-year-old child. They are easy to train and live very long lives. 



Indie takes a turn at the helm.

Look for more CYCA pets in future issues!

Newsletter News

In 2006, *The Ancient Mariner* will have two editors! **Cheryl Spaulding** has agreed to join the newsletter as co-editor. And that's great news because Commodore Patrick Dunlap has some ambitious ground for us to cover in CYCA's 35th anniversary year. For a start, we'll be taking a look back at the club's history. If any of you have stories from CYCA's early days—or even a few years back—that you'd like to share, let us know! We'll also be asking past commodores to write guest columns about their time at the helm. If you've served the club in this capacity and are willing to write a guest column, we'd like to hear from you.

Many of us joined CYCA because of the social scene. But like any yacht club, CYCA has traditions and protocols. We'll be writing about those as well. Since I'll be learning these myself, I'd also welcome ideas on what to cover from our members. You can email me at fiona@bobsfridge.com or write c/o the club at P.O. Box 25, Grasonville, MD 21638.