

THE CLASSIC YACHT CLUB OF AMERICA, INC.

The Ancient Mariner

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Do you recognize this beauty? Well she's back in the club again! See page 4 to welcome her owners—and other new members—to CYCA!

Welcome to the *real* beginning of 2005: The launch of the CYCA season.

Starting with the mid-winter dinner on March 19, our officers have plenty of fun in store. Speaking of officers, here's who's manning the ship in 2005.

Commodore **Eric Horst** is the guy with the demanding job of not only keeping the organization running smoothly, but growing and advancing with the times as well. Look for some changes this year that will make staying in touch and registering for events easier than ever. This newsletter is just one example: Starting with this issue, we're publishing the newsletter online as well as in hard copy, with the hope of soon moving to a completely online version. This will save the club hundreds of dollars in printing and mailing costs.

Vice Commodore **Patrick Dunlap** is in charge of new membership. So come on everyone, help scout out new members who know how to combine a passion for classic yachts with a love of partying. It's time for the rest of us to see if we can earn as many CYCA caps for bringing in new members as Mike Haines, Ken Jordan, and Judy Willingham have!

Jim Gartley is this year's rear commodore—and the guy with the not-so-enviable job of selecting the judges for and running one of our biggest events of the year: the annual boat judging.

Finally, with **Ed Rosenthal** reprising his role as fleet captain, you know that whatever happens, there will be enough laughter and entertainment this summer to keep us smiling for the rest of the year. 



Member Updates

Past Commodore Peter Max, 1933-2005

CYCA is saddened by the loss of Past Commodore Peter Max, who passed away on January 26. CYCA members know P/C Max as a dedicated CYCA board member and past commodore as well as owner, with his wife Susanne, of the Trumpy *Sirius*. P/C Max's love of boating also led him to serve as president of the Piney Narrows Marina condominium board from 1981 to 1992 and president of the Trumpy Yacht Association. P/C Max was also an advisor to the Chesapeake Marine Trades Career School and a lifetime member of the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum in St. Michaels.

When he wasn't volunteering for classic boat causes, P/C Max was a respected economist who researched projects related to over 260 antitrust matters, tax cases, stock valuations, pricing and costing, purchasing policies and utility matters. He testified as an expert witness in federal courts and before the Federal Trade Commission, Securities and Exchange Commission, New York Public Service Commission, and the California Public Utilities Commission. His articles appeared in *The Antitrust Bulletin*, *Public Utilities Fortnightly*, and the *National Law Journal*. He taught undergraduate courses at Carnegie Institute of Technology, now Carnegie-Mellon University. 

There will be a celebration of P/C Max's life at 11 a.m. Friday, March 18, at Kent Island Yacht Club. CYCA members are invited to attend.

The club has made a donation to Grasonville Fire Department in P/C Max's memory. If you'd like to make a personal donation, send it to:

Grasonville
Volunteer Fire Dept.
PO Box 457
Grasonville
MD 21638

Member News

Ron Zytkowicz (*Miss Pris III*) was hospitalized after a bad fall last August and has undergone several surgeries. He and Priscilla hope to attend the mid-winter dinner. Also recovering is Getty Stewart (formerly *Footloose*, now *Obsession*) after hip replacement surgery early this year. Her recovery is progressing smoothly, and she and Joe also plan to attend the mid-winter dinner.

DeeAnn Harris is still undergoing therapy for the broken arm she sustained when she missed a step at Georgetown Yacht Basin last August. She and Dale will also be at the dinner. Their Chris Craft *Mon Ami* has been the subject of several articles in *Nor'easter* over the winter. The most recent article was in the March 4th issue — which featured a cover photo of *Rose*, owned by CYCA members Jim and Cheryl Spaulding.

Bill Bee (*Sea Star*), who served as Treasurer of CYCA for a number of years, has been hospitalized since Thanksgiving following emergency heart surgery and a staph infection. Bill was recently moved to a rehabilitation center in Baltimore. His progress is slow but fairly steady. Cards sent to Bill Bee, c/o CYCA, P.O. Box 25, Grasonville, MD 21638 will be delivered to him promptly.

Finally, Past Commodore Ashton (Mike) McKenney has moved to Mary Washington Health Center while he undergoes testing and evaluation. Cards and letters can be mailed to him in care of the facility, which is located at 2400 McKinney Boulevard, Colonial Beach, VA 22443. Mike and his dear friend Neva Cunningham send greetings to the members of CYCA as the 2005 season begins.

The View From The Bridge

by Commodore Eric Horst



A few years back some well-meaning folks suggested I become more *involved* in the workings of the Classic Yacht Club of America. This was their nice way of saying that there was a job available on the bridge and they needed a body to fill it. The longer term implication that goes unsaid is that one day you wake up to the realization that *you're the commodore*. So here I am writing my very first *View From The Bridge*.

So I'm thinking that I can do this commodore gig. No problem. Many have done this job before me and have done it well. Bill Rhodes is a good example of a laid-back, steady-hand-on-the-tiller commodore. Bill did a wonderful job as commodore. Maybe I can be a low-key, laid-back kind of commodore like Bill was.

A few years later, Ken Jordan was commodore. Ken has more enthusiasm for the club and for classic yachts than anyone I know. Ken's passion helped him do a terrific job as commodore. I think I have a similar kind of fire in my gut for the club. Perhaps Ken's enthusiasm will help to propel me as commodore.

Last year Judy Willingham was commodore. Judy has the vigor of a hummingbird and the organizational skills of a swiss watchmaker. She was an outstanding commodore. I know I shall never have Judy's energy. With any luck, Judy and many others will help me along with some of the logistics of being commodore.

And then there was Peter Max. Peter's wealth of life experience and depth of wisdom amazed me. He and I did not always agree, but I always respected his determination to do what was right for the club. Over the years, Peter and I engaged in some lengthy discussions and exchanged some contentious e-mails relating to the Club's business. Peter's arguments were always well thought out. He was right most of the time. Peter was definitely another commodore to emulate. As I went into this, I was sure that I'd be able to rely on Peter to help me solve those tough commodore problems. After all, he'd only be as far away as a phone call or e-mail, right? Sadly, no. Even if I live to be 100 years old, I know that I shall never have the wisdom of Peter Max. We'll miss him. 

Welcome New Members

by Vice Commodore Patrick Dunlap



If the three most important words in real estate are location, location, location, then surely the three most important words in any yacht club are membership, membership, membership. Admittedly, the boats help, but without you—our fun-loving, classic boat-crazy members—there is no Classic Yacht Club of America!

As Vice Commodore for the 2005 season, my chief focus is building and strengthening our Club's membership. Happily I already have discovered that my job this year can be made very simple by the strong support and assistance of our current members. You are a great resource to CYCA as a promoter of our Club and seeker of prospective new members. I'm sure in our boating travels we all have occasion to spot a great-looking classic yacht whose crew would enjoy the camaraderie of CYCA. Don't be bashful, invite them aboard for a drink and to "test the waters" for their possible interest in our Club.

Past Commodores Judy Willingham and Ken Jordan along with Governor Mike Haines sponsored five new members and one second boat for an existing member already this year! Won't you help CYCA by being on the lookout for new members this season?

Please be sure to introduce yourself to the new CYCA members listed on the right at our first event of the 2005 season—the mid-winter dinner. Also, congratulate these current members on their gorgeous new boats—second club boats for both: Cheryl and Will Ruhland have a new Lyman runabout and Chris and Wanda Ulsaker have added the 1959 Penn Yann runabout pictured above. 

Did you recognize the boat pictured on page 1? She's *Aquadance*, owned by Harry and Theresa Bowie.

Dale and Johnna Wentzel
1970 48' Pacemaker FBMY
Affinity

Robert and Carolyn Wohlsen
1968 57' Chris-Craft FDMY
Woolie III

William and Susan Kazmierczak
1976 44' Trojan FDMY
Takiteze

John and Jo Kmetz
1950 Chris-Craft
Model K Runabout
Kuda

Fred and Sharon Kirsch
1978 53' Hatteras LRC
Playpen

Harry and Theresa Bowie
1981 42' Post
Sportfisherman
Aquadance

Yearbook Update

To manage costs, the Board of Governors decided not to reprint dividers and binders for yearbooks. We'll distribute replacement pages for the directory section of the yearbook at the mid-winter dinner. (If you won't be there, look for yours in the mail). During the year, CYCA may issue addendum pages to the Directory as new members join the club.

About your newsletter editor(s)

One sunny morning at the end of a rendezvous last year, Bob and I were sitting on the dock minding our own business (okay, recovering from a *Miss Natalie*-induced hangover). Along came P/C Ken Jordan looking like a man with way too much purpose for a lazy Sunday morning. I don't recall Ken's exact words, but next thing I knew, I had volunteered to be the newsletter editor. Naturally, Bob immediately "volunteered" to help. As Bob will attest, I have a long tradition of getting others to do my work for me. So I'm desperately hoping that members will contribute articles, photos, or anecdotes for publication in the newsletter. Let me know if you have ideas and comments. And if you have any problems or complaints . . . just speak to Bob.

Fiona Hirschfeld

2005 Rendezvous Report

by Fleet Captain Ed Rosenthal

I get up and it's a heatwave of 40 degrees. Must gather up sandpaper, brushes, and paint. . . must go to boat.

This actually may sound familiar to some. (Others may think, "buffer, wax, compound.") We all know what time it is!

Can you smell the FUN? I'm glad to say this will be another cruising year with plenty of good times and, hopefully, sunshine. Our first stop is Annie's on March 19. A great time to see old friends—not to mention the new ones you are going to meet. Talk about your next project or the best new "gotta have it" gadget. Get some ideas on how to do things faster and easier.

I am looking forward to meeting with the group and discussing the course of events planned for this year. It sounds like a cliché, but it's only fun if you show up. Last year you showed up. This year make the time for yourself. Nobody will give it to you and your job will survive without you. You all have my permission to take off and "go cruising." We all have beautiful vessels. Nothing is as striking as when our fleet shows up. So now. . . where is that badger-hair brush? 

SAVE THESE DATES FOR 2005 RENDEZVOUS FUN!

Flag raising and dedication of the fleet at Piney Narrows Marina, June 3-5

Rendezvous in Annapolis, including a colonial garden party and optional ghost tour, July 8-10

Rendezvous in Baltimore, including a casino night (back by popular demand!), August 19-21

Annual judging in St Michaels, September 9-11

Commodore's dinner, Miles River Yacht Club, October 22

Feeling a little rusty?
Scrape the barnacles
off your brain and
prepare for the boat-
ing season with

Cap'n Bob's Naughty- cal Boater's Quiz

"Remember, it's
better to be starboard
than right."

1. You measure the overall length of a boat:
 - a. from stem to stern along the side
 - b. from front to back along the centerline
 - c. by going underwater with a tape measure
2. The navigation light for port is:
 - a. red
 - b. green
 - c. burned out but you'll get to it this season
3. Every lifejacket or PFD must be:
 - a. Coast Guard approved
 - b. easily accessible
 - c. in a color that complements your deck chairs
4. An electrical fire is a:
 - a. class A fire
 - b. class B fire
 - c. classic yacht problem
5. Ventilation systems in boats are required in order to:
 - a. exhaust fumes prior to starting the engines
 - b. cool the engine compartment
 - c. exhaust fumes from the head after the chili cookout
6. To conserve fuel you should:
 - a. keep the engine(s) tuned
 - b. keep the hull clean to reduce friction
 - c. drive a car instead
7. Leeway pushes your boat off course due to:
 - a. wind
 - b. current
 - c. the wake of the speedboat that just cut you off
8. Returning from sea, a red triangular marker with a "2" means:
 - a. pass it on the right side
 - b. pass it on the left side
 - c. you only get two points for hitting it
9. In an overtaking situation:
 - a. the boat being overtaken is the "give way" boat
 - b. the boat being overtaken is the "stand on" boat
 - c. the boat being overtaken has run out of fuel
10. It is easiest to get away from a dock if:
 - a. the wind is blowing away from the dock
 - b. the current is head on
 - c. your lines are untied
11. To form a temporary loop in a line you would use:
 - a. a figure eight
 - b. a bowline
 - c. a clip-on earring



12. When anchoring you should:
 - a. find a quiet spot
 - b. stop the boat, lower the anchor, back up slowly while paying rode
 - d. stop the boat while paying whoever rode with you to lower the anchor
13. As Skipper, you are responsible for:
 - a. plotting a safe course
 - b. monitoring weather conditions
 - c. paying for all the fuel while passengers hide as you fill up
14. A powerboat should pass a sailboat:
 - a. downwind from the sailboat
 - b. at a safe distance
 - c. nearly every time except in a really strong wind
15. The majority of boating accidents are caused by:
 - a. reckless and high speed maneuvers
 - b. intoxication
 - c. fish that don't obey navigation markers
16. An "inflatable" refers to:
 - a. an inflatable life jacket
 - b. an inflatable boat
 - c. a lonely captain's date
17. An anchor light is used:
 - a. to let other boats see your location at night
 - b. to supplement your navigation lights
 - c. to attract every mosquito within a five-mile radius
18. One short blast of the horn indicates:
 - a. the captain intends to change course to starboard
 - b. the captain intends to change course to port
 - c. the captain accidentally bumped his ass on the horn button
19. Hypothermia occurs when:
 - a. a person falls into cold water
 - b. a person falls into water that is lower than body temperature
 - c. a person gets their hand stuck in the ice bucket
20. A Through Hull refers to:
 - a. valves on the hull
 - b. a hose connected to the hull
 - c. what your finger does when poking the hull of a classic wooden yacht

Website Update by Michael Thielke

Work continues on creating a new and improved [website](#). Work on the site seems to occur in spurts, so please keep revisiting it to explore the changes as well as to forward any suggestions you may have for improvements. This site is for and about you the members, and it would be terrific if it became a useful tool that you use frequently.

In the near future we expect that you will be able to make all arrangements—including payment—for each upcoming rendezvous via the website. We have established a PayPal account and will be able to receive secure credit card payments online. Each rendezvous will have its own web page and complete details about activities during the weekend as well as links to other information that helps you plan your visit to each destination.



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