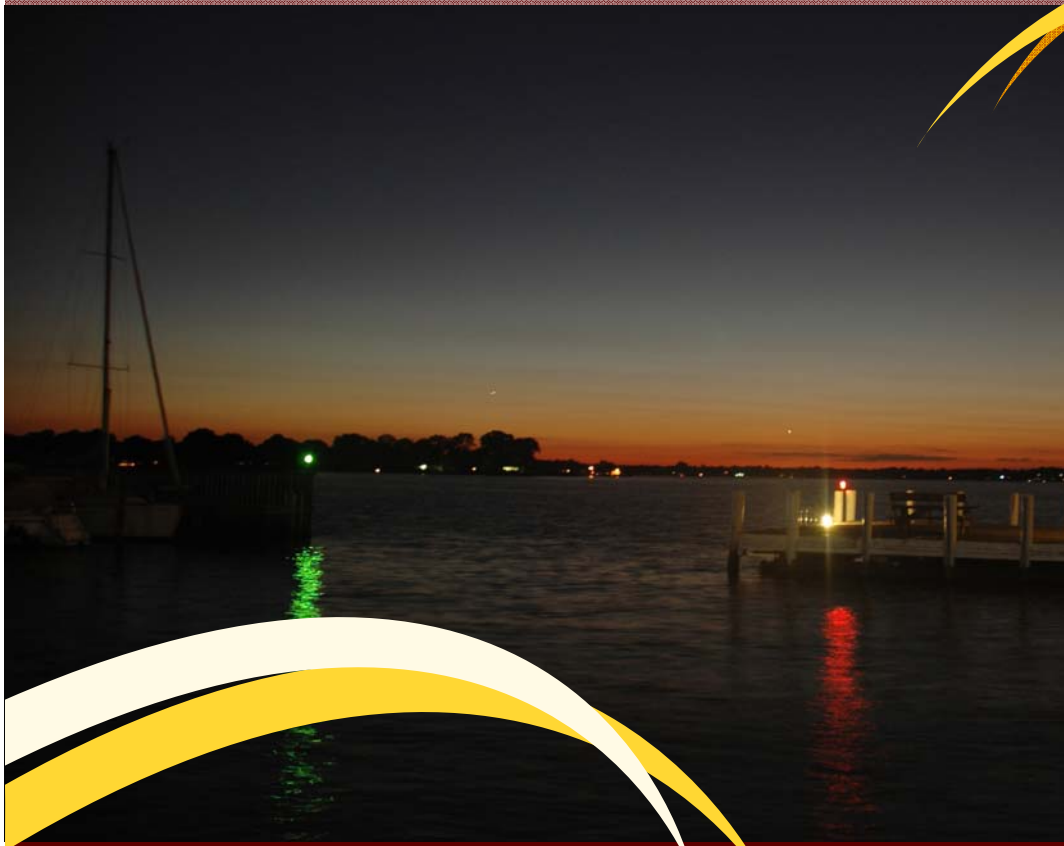


Around the Point

Bowleys Point Yacht Club Newsletter
April 2010



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Facebook!

BPYC now has a Facebook Group!
It's an informal group, established to enable all of you facebook-ers a chance to chat, post pictures, stories and comments.

Of course, you need a Facebook account to participate, and because of that, the group is not "official".
The Bowleys Marina website continues to be the official source of news, but we anticipate many pier parties being established through this new tool!



Opening Weekend is

June 4th—6th!

Message from the Commodore

Well there you all are! It's time to leave the warmth and safety of our cabin fever riddled abodes and gaze out over the early Spring crop of... fiberglass! Or wood for the purists in our crowd. There seems to be nothing quite as glorious as the hope of early spring and the uncovering of your vessel to prepare it for another summer of whatever it is that gets you out on the Bay. Chronologically speaking, this winter was no longer than any other, but my Lord, it seems like it went on and on, didn't it? Well with all that snow in our rear view mirrors, we can look forward to seeing friends we've missed very much, places we want to see, and those we want to see again, the warm evening breeze as it crosses through our moonlit docks, full of people laughing with and at each other, and generally enjoying all that is boating. There is something about the water that calls us to it. Thank God someone invented the boat, or we would all be standing on the shore wondering what we should do next! All silliness aside, check out our cruise schedule, and if you haven't signed up for anything yet, don't wait too long, or you'll be left standing on the dock waving "buh bye!" We will also be hosting Opening Weekend, the Pool Party, our annual Crab Feast, and of course, the Change of Watch Dinner at the end of the season. "It's Five o'clock Somewhere" is coming to a dock near you!

See you at Bowleys!

Doug Rassler

Commodore BPYC

Bowleys Social Events

☞ Opening Weekend - Fri. 6/4 - Sun. 6/6

Entertainment by Flashback on Sat. 6/5, 8pm-?? - Cost TBD

☞ Friday July 2nd - Absolute Entertainment 8pm-??

☞ Saturday July 3rd— BPYC Pool Party

☞ Saturday September 11—BPYC Crab Feast

Entertainment by the band SPIN 8pm-??

☞ Saturday October 11th— Change of Watch Dinner

Entertainment by The Hung Jury Band 8pm-??



2010 Meeting Schedule

To be held in the Skippers Room of the White House:

April 17th @ 12 pm

May 15th @ 12 pm

June 11th @ 7:30 pm

July 9th @ 7:30 pm

August - TBD

September 11th @ 12 pm

October 9th @ 12 pm

November - NO MEETING

December - NO MEETING

DATES & TIMES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE,
PLEASE CHECK BACK PERIODICALLY FOR LATEST
INFORMATION



Cruise Schedule for 2010

Inner Harbor East Marina -

Sat. 5/1 - Sun. 5/2, call Millie or Captain Bill @ 410-625-1700 for reservations.

Annapolis Yacht Basin -

Sat. 5/29 - Mon. 5/31, call Steve @ 410-263-3544 for reservations. www.yachtbasin.com Please mention that you are with the News-wangers as AYB does not take club reservations on holidays.

Haven Harbour Marina -

Fri. 6/18 - Sun. 6/20, call El or Jennifer @ 410-778-6697 for reservations. www.havenharbour.com

Skipjack Cove Yachting Resort -

Fri. 7/16 - Sun. 7/18, call Marylou @ 410-275-2122 for reservations. www.skipjackcove.com

Mears Point Marina (Kent Isl) -

Sat. 8/21 - Mon. 8/23, call 410-827-8888 for reservations. www.mearspoint.com

Fairlee Creek Raft-Up -

Sat. 9/4 - Mon. 9/6

FOR SAFETY, ALL VESSELS WILL BE REQUIRED TO DROP A BOW OR STERN ANCHOR, NO MATTER HOW LONG YOUR STAY.



Can you identify on which island in the Chesapeake this picture was taken?

Spring Launch Reminders from the Marina

The office is currently taking work orders and invites you to call and discuss any work which you would like the Marina to perform. Please submit the enclosed work order via fax or you may submit electronically via the website.

The store will continue to carry everyday consumables. For non-stock items, we are able to order most any item with next day delivery. (48 hours notice would be appreciated) Please consider using us to order all your materials. I believe you will find our prices very competitive and you will have the convenience of delivery to the Marina. You will also be fiscally supporting the Marina which will help defray ever rising costs. **Call today and we'll be happy to supply price quotes.**

DO NOT put shrink-wrap in the dumpsters. As in years past, there will be a designated area behind the Chandlery for the recycling of shrink-wrap. Please assist us in recycling.

As a friendly reminder, please abide by the marina's environmental rules. The EPA requires the use of tarps or filter cloth for all sanding, scraping and painting of bottoms. The ground under and around your vessel should not be discolored by sanding or scraping particulate. Filter cloth, which is less expensive than a tarp, may be purchased in the office. Please ensure that you have submitted a CLEAN MARINA AGREEMENT to the office. If you have not sub-

mitted an agreement in the past, please do so now, either on the website or stop by the office.

The water will be turned on April 1st. Please do NOT use the sinks in the laundry or restrooms to clean up paint brushes or tools. Use the outside sink and faucets located by the shop. Pump-out will be turned-on April 15th.

When your boat is launched, the staff secures it in your slip according to the current weather conditions and tide. Upon notification of launch, YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR CHECKING YOUR BOAT AND ADJUSTING YOUR LINES.

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR FLEET CAPTAIN:

All cruise reservations should be made as soon as possible to insure your spot with the fleet. I'm asking for a deadline of **March 31, 2010** for your reservations. Please let me know as soon as your reservations have been made. I will then be able to verify the counts and coordinate with the marinas. After March 31st, I will need to cancel the unused slip reservations.

Thank you, looking forward to a great season!

Gary



Redheads always seem to have men hovering nearby.....

Boat Responsibly and Wear It!

The National Safe Boating Council would like to remind you to "Boat Responsibly and Wear It!" "Boat Responsibly" by being alert and careful when taking out your boat, making sure you are prepared and always remember to "Wear It"! Wear your life jacket every time you are on the water. An accident can happen very quickly and unexpectedly so you must be geared up in order to help yourself and your passengers on board.

According to the most recent U.S. Coast Guard statistics, over two-thirds of fatal accident victims drowned. Out of those who drowned, approximately 90% were not wearing a life jacket. There are so many different types of life jackets today that are smaller and more comfortable; it's much easier to "Wear It!" at all times. Life jackets are part of the gear stylish and knowledgeable boaters wear. Be a role model! Develop the Life Jacket habit!





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Annapolis Notes (For our Memorial Weekend Trip)

In 1900 Annapolis had a population of 8,585.

To the north of the state house is a monument to Thurgood Marshall, the first black justice of the US Supreme Court and formerly a Maryland lawyer who won many important civil rights cases.

Close by are the state treasury building, erected late in the 17th century for the House of Delegates; Saint Anne's Protestant Episcopal church, in later colonial days a state church, a statue of Roger B. Taney (by W.H. Rinehart), and a statue of Baron Johann de Kalb.

Annapolis has many 18th century houses. The names of several of the streets—King George's, Prince George's, Hanover, and Duke of Gloucester, etc.—date from colonial days. The United States Naval Academy was founded here in 1845. Many of these streets, including the Ego Alley area of Annapolis were known as "Hell's Point" during the 1920s.

Annapolis is the seat of St. John's College, a non-sectarian private college that was once supported by the state; it was opened in 1789 as the successor of King William's School, which was founded by an act of the Maryland legislature in 1696 and was opened in 1701. Its principal building, McDowell Hall, was originally to be the governor's mansion; although £4000 was appropriated to build it in 1742, it was not completed until after the War of Independence.

In the summer of 1984 The Navy Marine Corps Memorial Stadium in Annapolis hosted soccer games as part of the XXIII Olympiad

During September 18–19, 2003, Hurricane Isabel created the largest storm surge known in Annapolis's history, cresting at 7.58 feet (2.31 m). Much of downtown Annapolis was flooded and many businesses and homes in outlying areas were damaged. The previous record was 6.35 feet (1.94 m) during a hurricane in 1933, and 5.5 feet (1.68 m) during Hurricane Hazel in 1954.

Eastport

The Maritime Republic of Eastport, or MRE, is a tongue-in-cheek secessionist movement in Eastport, Annapolis, Maryland. It was founded on Super Bowl Sunday 1998 in response to the Maryland State Highway Administration's announcement that the bridge connecting the neighborhood to the rest of the city of Annapolis would be closed for repairs. The republic was originally created as an advocacy tool for the local merchants, who expected to lose business and for the neighborhood residents themselves. The early activities of the fledging nation included a "revolt" involving declarations and flying brussels sprouts.

Since then, MRE has continued a local charitable organization which includes a number of unique fund raisers, chief among them the annual Annapolis/Eastport Tug Of War. The approach of Eastport to both the 1998 State Highway closure, and ongoing pursuit of a good time in a good cause, can best be expressed by the motto and attitude of the rather remarkable republic: "We Like It This Way."



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