



# *Yacht Clubs of Maryland's Bay Breeze*



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## **Commodore's Report**

By: *Commodore Joe Hellner*  
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Ahoy There! I hope boating season has been going well for you. Our club boating fleets seem to be very active this season. The unofficial yacht club channel VHF 68 has been alive with chatter every weekend.

Recently, **1<sup>st</sup> Crab Kathy** (she prefers **1<sup>st</sup> Lady** but Maryland is for Crabs, what can I say?) and I had the pleasure of representing YCM at the **Queen's Pageant of the Delaware River Yachtsmen's League** held on Philadelphia waterfront. Also in attendance as VIP Guests were **Queen of the Chesapeake Kimberly Samm** and the **Princesses of the Chesapeake, Commodore Dennis Bergbauer** and **1<sup>st</sup> Lady Carol** representing the **Chesapeake Commodores Club** and **P/C Coles Marsh** representing the **CBYCA**. Coles was pinch hitting for **Commodore Kevin Noon**, recovering from a major knee operation. A big Maryland Thank You goes to **YCM HP/C Jerry Cramblett** and **Princess Godmother Kate Cramblett** who, as they have for many years now, organized and led the overnight visit by our Queen and Princesses of the Chesapeake.

Kathy and I traveled up to Philadelphia on our vessel "BEAR"-LY LEGAL II, which served as the host boat for the Queen and visiting princesses as part of nearly 100 boats gathered together for the occasion. Queen Kimberly was one of the judges for the elaborate and creative boat and club decorations in honor of the "Beach Party Bash" theme for this year's event. As always, the hospitality of the DRYL yachting community was fantastic, making every guest feel welcome and an important part of the festivities. This was our third trip to this extraordinary event, which can be best described as a summer version of the CCC Commodores Ball.

By the way, did you know there was a time when

only the Queen of the Chesapeake wore a sash? Sometime around the late 1990's or early 2000's, the princesses and yacht clubs of Maryland and the Chesapeake adopted this tradition upon seeing the DRYL Princesses proudly decked out in the colors and names of their yacht clubs.

At the final portion of the contest, held on Saturday evening in the auditorium at Penn's Landing on the Philadelphia waterfront, all the competing princesses did very well, showing poise and grace as they answered the judge's questions. While the judges made their final decisions, presentations and speeches were made. After fond farewells and best wishes to **2008 DRYL Queen Siobhan Sullivan**, toes tapped, hands clapped, and voices filled the air to rollicking tunes performed by a colorful group of mummies from the **Avalon String Band**. As is their tradition, the mummies were decked out in amazing jaw dropping costumes. Not wanting to dance alone, **String Band Captain Jack Hee** was quick to encourage folks to join him and the band up on stage to do the "Mummies Strut". Soon the stage was filled with happy strutters including Queen Kimberly, Queen Siobhan, and princesses of the Chesapeake and DRYL.

Congratulations and Best Wishes for a successful and memorable year go to **2009 DRYL Queen Carla Cefalone** from **Anchor Yacht Club**, Carla is the first DRYL Queen in Anchor YC history. Congratulations and Well Done to **DRYL President Paul "Juice" Jusino** and **Pageant Committee Head Toni Pyffer Nespola**. Toni is a Past DRYL Queen (1992) and has worked hard for many years to make the pageant and experiences of the Queen and princesses throughout the year fun, successful, and memorable.

Finally, I want to remind all the member clubs to get your teams together and sign up for the **YCM Annual Golf Outing** in October featuring a best ball tournament where everyone can help the team on every shot, regardless of how good a golfer you are.

Till next time, see you around the Bay!

## Vice Commodore's Report

By: V/C Dan Miller  
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Our next meeting will be a **Board Meeting** hosted by **Veterans Yacht Club and held at the American Legion Post 277** on Carbine Road off of Pittman Road in Pasadena, MD (Location of Marley BC opening) on **August 26<sup>th</sup>** at 7 PM.

Our September meeting will be a **General Membership Meeting / Change of watch** held at **Belvedere Yacht Club** on **9/30/09** at 7 PM. This meeting is a dinner meeting. Menu is fried chicken, macaroni & cheese, green beans, rolls and dessert. Cost will be \$10.00 Dinner will be served at 6 PM (1800 hours). Reservations for dinner are required. Contact V/C Dan to RSVP 410-536-0554.

**The next Newsletter Deadline is September 12th.** As always, all member clubs and guest writers from our yachting community are welcome to provide articles. Please send articles to Editor V/C Dan Miller at [danandbonnie@comcast.net](mailto:danandbonnie@comcast.net)

## Rear Commodore's Report

By: R/C Charlie Downs  
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If you know of a club which is not a member of YCM but wishes to join, please let me know so I may contact them. We are 33 clubs strong.

## Boating, Waterways, and the Environment

By: *Legislative Affairs Officer & F/C Steve Rockel*

On July 8, 2009 at the Back River Treatment Plant, there was a meeting held with **Baltimore County Department of Environmental Protection and Resource Management** and the **Back River Restoration Committee** and many staff personnel of **Weavers Marina**. There were also homeowners from the surrounding area of the Back River watershed.

Information was shared from all parties involved, concerned homeowners and all committees. Much information was given with before and after pictures on improvements throughout the northern watershed areas as well as shoreline enhancements, waterway dredging, many stream restorations and some retrofit projects.

If interested and would like to get involved or need more information concerning the Back River Restoration or Baltimore County Watershed Action Plan, please contact: **Back River Restoration Committee** at 410-254-1577 or [www.savebackriver.org](http://www.savebackriver.org); **Baltimore County Watersheds & Monitoring** at 410-887-5683 or [www.baltimorecountymd.gov/go/backriver](http://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/go/backriver) or [watersheds@baltimorecountymd.gov](mailto:watersheds@baltimorecountymd.gov).

Join the **Back River Restoration Committee** and **Baltimore County Environmental Protection and Resource Management** on Saturday, August 29, 2009 @ 8:00 a.m to clean up the shoreline and mudflats of Back River. Meet at the Essex Park & Ride at 8:00 a.m. For more information please call 410-887-2904.

## Secretary's Report

By: *Sec Cliff Katzin*  
[Cliffhaha@gmail.com](mailto:Cliffhaha@gmail.com)

**Nominations** - the following Slate for 2009-2010 has been submitted by the Nominating Committee:

### Bridge Officers:

**Commodore** – Dan Miller  
(Belvedere Yacht Club)

**Vice Commodore** – Charlie Downs  
(Outcast Yacht Club)

**Rear Commodore** – Steve Rockel  
(Red Eye Yacht Club)

**Legislative Affairs Officer** – Cliff Katzin  
(Outcast Yacht Club)

**Secretary** – Janet Yodris  
(Key Yacht Club)

**Treasurer** – Ronnie Hammock  
(Amber Lighthouse Yacht Club)

### Board Members:

**IP/C – Joe Hellner** (Belvedere Yacht Club)

**Glenn Bowser** (North Point Yacht Club)

**P/C Faye Broseker** (Riverside Yacht Club)

### 2010 Nominating Committee:

**IP/C Joe Hellner** (Belvedere Yacht Club)

**P/C Louis Konopacki** (Ventnor Yacht Club)

**P/C Faye Broseker** (Riverside Yacht Club)

**P/C Jill Cashman** (Red Eye Yacht Club)

Respectfully Submitted,  
2009 Nominations Committee  
IP/C Lou Konopacki – (Chairperson), Phyllis Murphy, Karen Anderson, Fay Lay, and P/C Jill Cashman

## Treasurer's Report

By: *Treasurer Ron Hammock*

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No Report

## Dates to Remember

Board Mtg. – **Veterans YC** – Aug 26<sup>th</sup>

General Mtg. – **Belvedere YC** – Sept 30<sup>th</sup>

YCM Golf Outing. – **Rocky Point GC** – Oct 19<sup>th</sup>

YCM Comm. Night Out – **Eastern YC** – Oct 23<sup>rd</sup>

## Golf Report

By: *H P/C Jerry Cramblett, Chesapeake*

*Commodores Club, Miles River YC, Ventnor YC*

Please see the enclosed flyer. Get these out to all the golfers you know.

## Protocol Matters

*Captain Protocol, P/C Joe Hellner, Belvedere YC*

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Keep your Protocol questions coming because... Protocol does Matter.

## Scuttlebutt and Spindrift

By: *Salty Sam the Sea Dog*

Ahoy there, me hearties! Not much to report this month so we'll just stand watch and wait...

### Hold it right there ... all stop... secure that line.

As you all know, this space usually belongs to Salty Sam. Well old Salty is inexplicably silent this month. But there is plenty to talk about. Take the case of Joe Hellner; many of you are familiar with Joe, Commodore of the YCM, an experienced boater and an acquaintance of Salty Sam (which could very well explain Salty's absence this month).

Joe and Kathy recently went on their first week's vacation cruise. They set off on the first day down the bay. The wind was strong on the nose, the water roaring up over the flying bridge and the boat pounding down on the water with gut jarring force. Joe's hands were glued to the wheel and his clothes drenched by the water flying up over the bridge. His first mate Kathy was crawling around the inside of the boat putting away supplies and holding on to anything that was permanently affixed to the boat.

Herrington Harbor was almost in sight when both engines stopped. Both engines! Stopped! Why? Isn't that why you have a two engine boat? If one engine doesn't work you have a spare (at least that was the understanding of his first mate, sort of like having a spare tire). At first Joe could not understand what had happened. But it soon became evident that he ran out of gas. Well, not out of gas, entirely. There were 200 gallons on board, just not in the tank Joe happened to be using.

Apparently you cannot just switch tanks and restart the engines. The engines are required to be bled, but that is really beyond this writer's expertise as well as his first mate Kathy who, by this time, had her life preserver on as the boat was drifting and pounding and rocking and rolling.

All boaters know the next move, drop anchor so you don't drift into shore or into the fishing nets, both of which, were getting closer by the minute. Well, as luck would have it, (bad luck that is) Joe's windlass was broken so he could not drop the anchor. Alas, while there were two engines in the boat, there was only one anchor!

Joe got on the radio and called for help (finally, something that worked!!!) Four members of Baltimore Yacht Club, Connie, Jim, Gil, and Jay jumped on Connie's boat (after they just went through 3 hours of pounding themselves) and went back into the bay to rescue Joe and Kathy. Despite the rough seas, the boats were expertly brought swim platform to swim platform and Jim jumped from Connie's boat to Joe's boat. He worked furiously on the engine. Just as the tow line was coming out and the boat was getting dangerously close to the shallows, Jim finished bleeding one of the engines and got it started.

And so, Joe finished his first day of the week's cruise running into Herrington Harbor with one recently bled engine, 200 gallons of gas, no anchor and his first mate in her life preserver trying to understand how they ran out of gas with 200 gallons onboard.

Given the above, it is respectfully requested that Joe Hellner be considered for the skunk flag.

The next time you see Joe you may want to ask him:  
**Got Gas?**

P.S. On the serious side, Joe and Kathy would like to express their sincere thanks to the above members of Baltimore Yacht Club who came to their rescue.

# SOCIAL EVENTS

DATE	CLUB - DETAILS - CONTACT	TIME
<b>AUGUST</b>		
1	<b>Eastern YC</b> Crabby Beach Party Contact Sharon Miller 410-391-2251	1800 hrs
7	<b>Key YC</b> AYCE Crab Night starts. Contact Club 410-477-2578	1900 hrs
<del>15-16</del>	<del><b>POSTPONED IOBG District 27</b> Charity Bash To Benefit Our Wounded Warriors <b>POSTPONED</b></del>	
21	<b>Key YC</b> AYCE Crab Night starts. Contact Club 410-477-2578	1900 hrs
21	<b>Otter Point YC</b> Breast Cancer Awareness Fundraiser Contact Mary Lyn Hickey 410-627-0599	1800 hrs
22	<b>Sue Haven YC</b> Annual Crab Feast. Contact Jake Bochinski 410-391-0580	1300 hrs
29	<b>Middle River YC</b> Beer Bash. Contact Sharon Garloff 717-733-1743	1300 hrs
29	<b>Otter Point YC</b> Crab feast / Pig roast Contact R/C Mark at 443-415-1861	1400 hrs
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>		
4	<b>Key YC</b> AYCE Crab Night starts. Contact Club 410-477-2578	1900 hrs
12	<b>Belvedere YC</b> Chicken Necker Day (aka Annual Crab Feast!) Contact Gloria Miceli (410) 255-6306	1200 hrs
12	<b>Galloway YC</b> 30th Birthday Bash - Sunset Harbor Marina - 1651 Browns Rd, Essex 21221 Contact R/C Sharon Winterling 410-299-7933 F/C Barb Polek 443-992-3776	1300 hrs
18	<b>Key YC</b> AYCE Crab Night starts. Contact Club 410-477-2578	1900 hrs
26	<b>Marley BC</b> Pig Roast - AL Post #277 - Contact Steve Kincer 443-995-4988	1800 hrs
26	<b>Red Eye YC</b> Crab Feast Contact P/C Ken Zeisloft 717-334-3606	1600 hrs
27	<b>Yacht Clubs of the Bay</b> Family Picnic – Eastern YC –Contact Janice McLamb 443-869-0881 Gary Blankenship 410-707-0606 Kitty Sauer 410-371-6512	1300 hrs
<b>OCTOBER</b>		
2	<b>Key YC</b> AYCE Crab Night starts. Contact Club 410-477-2578	1900 hrs
10	<b>Eastern YC</b> Wine and Blues Festival Contact Sharon Miller 410-391-2251	1200 hrs
16	<b>Key YC</b> AYCE Crab Night starts. Contact Club 410-477-2578	1900 hrs
19	<b>YCM 5<sup>th</sup></b> Annual Golf Outing. Contact Jerry Cramblett 410-687-8400 (days) 410-437-6253 (evenings)	800 hrs
<b>NOVEMBER</b>		
2	<b>Key YC</b> Beef Cook-Off Contact Dan Carroll 410-409-3178	1300 hrs

To List or Update Your Upcoming Club Activities for this newsletter and the YCM Web Site, Please email your information and flyers to Webmaster Karen Anderson at  
**webmaster@yachtclubsofmaryland.org**

**Yacht Clubs of the Bay Family Picnic @ Eastern Yacht Club**

Sunday, September 27, 2009 from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Please help support your children and grandchildren of the area bay.

For information on this fun event please contact:

Janice McLamb at 443-869-0881 or 410-477-3151

Gary Blankenship at 410-707-0606 or 443-231-6811

Kitty Sauer at 410-371-6512 or 410-329-8004

If your club is not already a member of **Yacht Clubs of Maryland**, we would love to have you join us.

To join, please contact **R/C Charlie Downs** who will guide you through the process.

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**\$80.00 per golfer**



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Please come join us for this great event. This will be a Shotgun start Captain's Choice tournament open to all skill levels. This year's outing is open to ALL golfers. Prizes will be given for top three teams overall and top three Yacht Club teams. To compete for the Yacht Club awards, the foursome must contain at least two members of that yacht club. ~~Come early and enjoy a breakfast sandwich and coffee provided by Central Alarmers.~~ Range balls are included. Beverages will be provided all day and lunch will be provided after the round.

**Please contact Jerry Cramblett: j.cramblett@verizon.net; 410 687-8400 (days); 410 437-6253 (eve). Send names and check, payable to YCM, to Jerry at 2409 229th St. Pasadena, MD 21122 by **October 3rd**.**

**If you don't have a full group, sign up anyway and we will match you up.**

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 Contact & Golfer #1: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Golfer #2: \_\_\_\_\_ Golfer #3: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Golfer #4: \_\_\_\_\_ Yacht Club: \_\_\_\_\_

We are also asking for Hole Sponsorship donations of \$80.00. Your Company or Yacht Club name will be proudly displayed on a sign at one of the holes and you will be appreciated forever.

Organization \_\_\_\_\_ Hole preference (if any) \_\_\_\_\_