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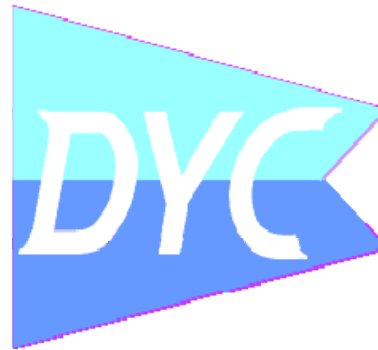
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## The Official Newsletter of the Dahlgren Yacht Club

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### From the Commodore:

Hello everyone,

The kids are back in school and the final days of summer are just around the corner. In a couple of weeks, we will start to see the really cool weather. This means that we should start to see more rain and finally snow as Christmas will be just around the corner.

I hope that everyone has had a fun time on the water, on vacation and at the DYC parties. I have spent a lot of time on the water this summer with the kids tubing and out with friends fishing. Just as I look forward to Spring getting here to bring on the excitement of the first time in the water, I also look forward to the later part of the year when things start to wind down. I know that my energy levels have been drained by all the sun and fun and parties. I hope also that you all have had a great time and everyone is healthy and ready to come back next year for another round of fun.

The Board Of Governors want to thank everyone for remembering to be courteous and helpful to each other. We have had a terrific year and want to continue working to improve the Club for all your benefit. I want to remind everyone that the Fall Work Day will be here soon. We always enjoy getting together and finally having a great lunch. So if you enjoy free food please join us at the Fall Work Day.

Darrel, Commodore DYC

## [BOG MEETINGS:](#)

### **Executive Summary:**

The DYC BOG held its monthly meeting on 8 August 2007. The club currently has 189 members and current assets are \$35,780.51. The most recent social event was the Sunset Cruise on 22 July, everyone had a great time. While Corrie, our Social Governor, is on leave for law school, Darlene Keating has volunteered to be the Acting Social Governor. Please provide her any help you can if she should call upon you. The Training and Seamanship Governor arranged for a recreational boating safety course on 21 July, hosted at BAE Systems in King George. The course, Americas Boating Course, was presented by members of the U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, Colonial Beach Flotilla 14-05. There were approx. 24 students and of those 11 were from DYC. Information regarding a date for Vessel Safety Checks (VSC) is pending. A date for another Boating Safety Course is possibly in the works. The Race Governor has purchased new binoculars, to replace the old blurry ones. The Centerboard and PHRF summer series are going well.

DYC BOG meetings are held on the 2nd Wednesday of the Month @ 1700 at the DYC DockHouse. Meeting dates have been added to the DYC home page also. People can check there. All members are invited to attend and participate. The next three DYC BOG Meetings are planned to be held on 12 September, 10 October, and 14 November If you plan to attend, please contact the BOG a few days ahead at [BOG@DahlgrenYachtClub.org](mailto:BOG@DahlgrenYachtClub.org) to confirm that there have been no changes to the schedule.

## [Social:](#)

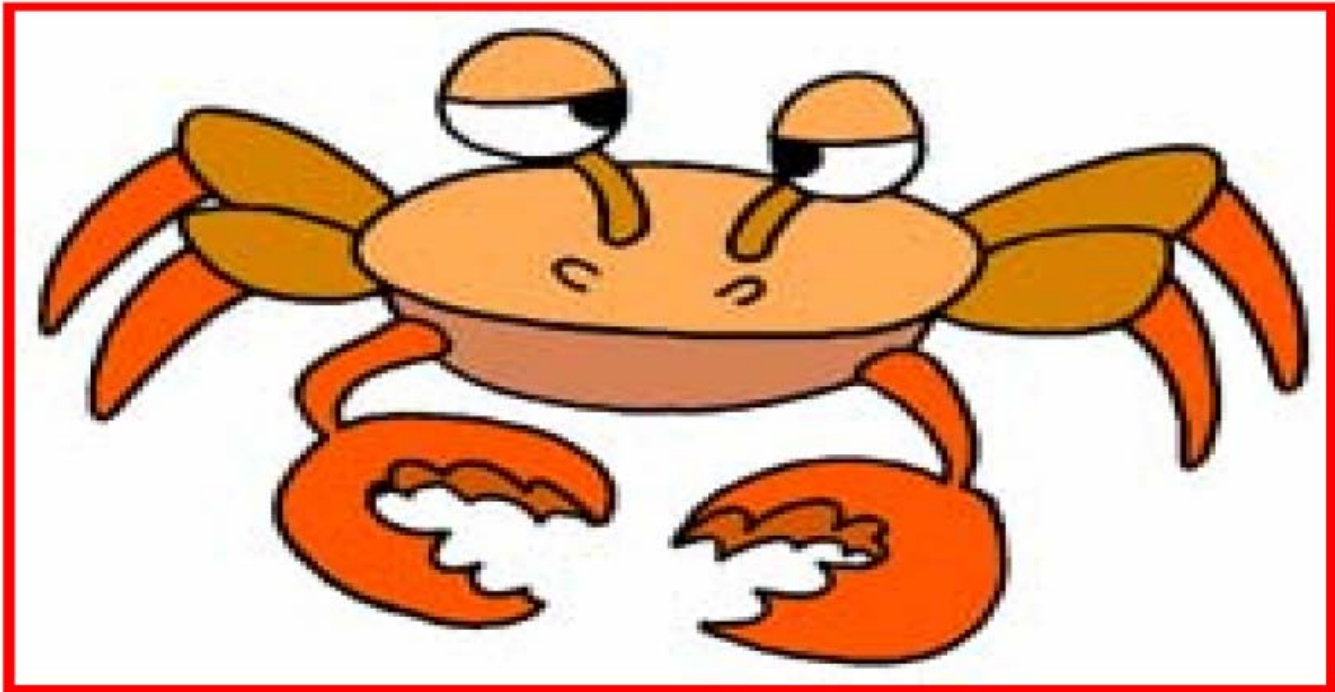
From time to time, the Quantico Yacht Club purposefully opens its doors to our members, friends, and their guests, for certain events. I wish I had time to reach out to every boater and let them know about our club, our activities, and the great people in the club who are honored to have guests attend our functions. We pass the word via flyers, word of mouth, and in the base newspaper (where we are given a standard activity blurb every now and then). We are happy when we see a few new faces, as well as our longtime friends, attending what we consider to be great QYC events. The Quantico Yacht Club Annual Crab Feast on Saturday 29 September is one of those great, family-friendly, bring-a-dish-to-share event. Non-crab-eating/steak-eating adults and children are free and at no costs can enjoy hamburgers, hotdogs, various other dishes, and beverages at the clubhouse. For those who are into crabs or steak, and despite the rising costs of crabs, we are planning the

event at \$13 per crab or steak eating person. Did I say, "no costs for children and non-crab/steak eaters," as in free hamburgers and hot dogs, and other fixings, such as potato salad, bean salads, bar-b-que beans, three bean casserole, fried rice, noodle salad, desserts, soda and other beverages, for free? Well, yes, in a manner of speaking. It is a pot-luck, bring a dish to share event, so, bring a dish to share. However, the QYC provides the burgers and dogs, from our pocket. If you are not into steak and crab, bring a dish to share and yes, enjoy everything else we offer. So, what about a young guy or gal with minimal kitchen skill? How can that person participate, one might ask? I would offer that ICE CREAM is readily available and that can be a "dessert to share." Or, bring several bags of chips and some dip. Care to bring a case or two of soda or your favorite beverage. One can always Domino's and bring a pizza. Is there any other hitch? About the only requirement other than being a friend, or guest, and bringing a dish, is to LET US KNOW YOU ARE COMING. Thus we ask, RSVP to me, Bob Lang, via phone: (703) 221-7065, or via e-mail: QYC@Comcast.net <<mailto:QYC@Comcast.net>> . I have an attached PDF flyer for the Quantico Yacht Club Annual Crab Feast on Saturday 29 September. If you can pass the word regarding the event, please do. Tell any young, or not so young, boater, or friend of the QYC, if they have any questions, call me at home, that is (703) 221-7065, in the evening, anytime before 2200, 10 PM, is great.



Sincerely; Robert Lang

**Saturday 29 September 2007**



**Quantico Yacht Club  
Annual Crab Feast**

**Crabs! Steaks! Burgers!  
And all the sides you can imagine!**

This *family-friendly, bring-a-dish-to-share* event costs \$13 per crab or steak eating person. Non-crab/steak-eaters and children are free to enjoy hamburgers, hotdogs, various other dishes, and beverages at the clubhouse.

The QYC invites Marines, families, friends, and members to attend the Crab Feast.

**RSVP to Bob Lang, via phone: (703) 221-7065,  
or via e-mail: QYC @Comcast.net.**

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## Racing:



### **DYC St. Clements Events Cruise or Sailboat Race Raft\_ up Overnight in Canoe Neck Creek, behind St. Clements Island**

Saturday 29 & Sunday 30 September 2007  
Raft\_ up times (weather permitting) 4:00PM til?

#### **Pursuit Race Schedule For Saturday and Sunday**

<b>08:54</b>	<b>Delay Down</b>
<b>08:55</b>	<b>Warning Signal</b> – All Yachts
<b>08:56</b>	<b>Preparatory Signal</b> – All Yachts
<b>08:59</b>	<b>Preparatory Signal Down</b> – All Yachts
<b>09:00</b>	<b>Sequence Start Signal</b> – All Yachts – See Individual Delay Times in sailing instruction
	Start flag for all Yachts will be BLUE
<b>4:30</b>	Cut off Time, all Yachts not finished by this time, scored DNF.

#### **Start Locations**

**Saturday:** Start line will be at RN 2 off Black Marsh between Baber and Stony Points

**Sunday:** Start will be *FI R 2.5s "2"* (Red mark off Long Point, St. Clements Bay)

Depending on weather conditions the Race Officer may shorten the start to *FI G 4s "25"* (Saturday) or *RW Mo(A) "C"* (Sunday) – In this case, yachts shall use the shortened course start times listed in the time table.

#### **Rendezvous after Saturday's Race**

Remain near finish to watch others finish or rendezvous in Canoe Neck Creek.

***Don't want to race? Power Boater?***

***OK!!***

***Cruise down to St Clements Bay and party with the raft,  
or form your own raft for the nite.***

***Lost? Contact Race Committee on VHF 68.***

*Race participants are asked to call 540-775-7498 to register or email dbessette@va.metrocast.net*

## Training and Seamanship:

### Hurricane Preparedness

Greetings all.

Yes, it's that time of year again. No. Not party time, but Hurricane Preparedness Time.

Most everyone knows the #1 basic "Hurricane Approaching" preparedness rule...that's right. Run away.

What about if you choose not to run away? There are a lot of reasons and rationales to stay. "It won't be that bad." "It's not going to hit us here." "We'll be OK." We've all used these or our own personal excuses before, at least I have. The final decision whether to stay and keep your boat in the water or go and take your boat out of the water rests with you. A little preparation and forethought will help you make the right decision. In my quest for information to provide you with regarding hurricane preparedness, I was amazed to find that there are thousands of pages of great information out there. Most of it is really good, some is not applicable for us and much is great general information.

Our own website has a hurricane preparedness tip sheet posted on the training and seamanship page. If you haven't seen it or haven't seen it recently, now would be a good time to take a look at it. The day of the storm is not the time to take a look at the hurricane preparedness tips. It's way too late by then. The DYC Standard Operating Procedures also address Hazardous Conditions. This information should also be reviewed prior to the development of any hazardous conditions. Some of the information is general in nature while other information is specific. The key is that it is your responsibility to be aware of hazardous conditions that may affect you, your boat, and the club in general for that matter. The S.O.P. goes a little further in that it states not only that you will be aware of hazardous conditions but you will act in accordance with these instructions. I would say, not only act in accordance with the SOP and base requirements but act in accordance with prudent seamanship and heavy weather protocols.

If something can be blown away it probably will be unless someone, you, does something about it. If something looks like it will break free or cause damage it will, unless someone does something about it. Remember don't take any unnecessary risks. Call for assistance, get some help or just leave a bad situation alone. You don't want to make it worse by adding you, in distress, into the equation. Our boats are nice, (most of 'em), they are valuable (most of 'em), they are our pride and joy (most of 'em). None are worth our lives and few are worth even minor injury.

Hurricane preparation begins with you and should begin now. Review our SOP. Review our hurricane preparation tips for boaters and make a plan that includes provisions to pack up and leave or to hunker down and stay.

Most plans contain information regarding moving your boat to a safe location, ashore or to a "hurricane hole." You should have some extra provisions, food, water, flashlights, etc. available. One of the better plans I saw contained step-by-step procedures that included evaluating your marina (or Y.C.), and developing a plan. Things to do now, and what to do just before and right after a hurricane hits. These checklists were long and very detailed. What caught my eye were the especially detailed instructions of what to do during a hurricane. It had two words: "Good Luck". I couldn't have said it any better myself.

Special thanks to A.L. "Hurricane" Pickup.

Your training and seamanship governor.

Joe.