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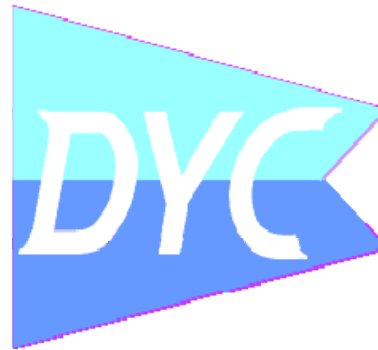
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## The Official Newsletter of the Dahlgren Yacht Club

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### From the Commodore:

#### US News

**What could have been a good thing, turns into a nightmare.**

**Do you want to have to pay to go on the Potomac and then pay to go to Lake Anna and then... just because you have a boat. Or be sued because you have a boat registered in your name? Lawyers are lining up now because they see 18 million boaters waiting to be taken to the cleaners!**

**Please take a look below.**

**Excerpts taken from the BoatUS web site. Please visit the web site to get more information concerning this overreaction to kill leisure and small business boating.**

Six years ago, a number of environmental groups filed a lawsuit against the federal Environmental Protection Agency in an attempt to control the spread of aquatic nuisance species by mandating the treatment of ballast water in large commercial ships. As reported in March 2007 BoatUS Magazine, a fall 2006 decision by the **9th District Court** has now required the EPA to develop an operational discharge permit for **all vessels** — recreational and commercial — in the United States, by Sept. 30, 2008. In the worst-case scenario, if they don't implement a permit system by then, and nothing is done to change this decision, **boaters could face citizen lawsuits as they operate their boats on or after Oct. 1, 2008.**

Because EPA does not have the authority under the Clean Water Act to issue one national permit for all boats at this time, it appears that the permits would have to be administered state by state. As a result, **all boaters would have to apply and pay for an operating permit for their home state, which could take months to acquire.** In the case of a cruiser looking forward to a New England summer, it could involve filling out and paying for half a dozen applications months ahead to secure permits for each destination state. **Even an angler considering taking a jon boat on top of the car for vacation would need a state permit before splashing the boat.**

### **EPA Discharge Permit: Where are we now?**

For the last several months, BoatUS has been working to fight the developing EPA discharge permit for “normal operational discharges”, including grey water, deck wash, and **engine cooling water from all vessels**. Unless there is a change in the court decision, or legislation is passed, **this permit system will require** that boaters in the U.S. apply and **pay** for a discharge permit for each of their boats to operate after September 30, 2008.

The House bill, HR 2550, continues to gather co-sponsors (now numbering 41). Please visit <http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/bdquery/z?d110:HR02550:@@@P> to see the list of current cosponsors of this bill. If your Representative is not listed, we encourage you to contact them and ask that they co-sponsor the bill...

## **Local News**

### ***Effects of the bugout***

I want to thank everyone for helping to vacate the pier this past weekend by Sunday as requested. This event started several months ago when public works decided to help us bring the pier up to standards.

This event provided several lessons and helped get the dock ready for repair.

First, we were able to evaluate the messaging systems we use to alert all slip holders about events that can be detrimental to vessels at the pier. We found that it can take longer to contact members than was originally planned. The text messaging system with Crosslink did not work. We will work to correct this problem.

Second, it allowed the vendor to start to work on the pier early Monday morning.

Third, we found out that the membership of DYC can be counted on in a crunch.

I spent much of the weekend down at DYC to help monitor the situation, and saw that much of the work to make the pier ready for work to start was accomplished by late Sunday. I am proud to see all the work by the members put into making this bugout as painless as possible for all concerned.

The dockmaster has worked to provide alternate moorings to lessened the impact to each individual as he could. I want to thank your dockmaster, David Hagar for taking on this huge task. I also want to thank Pat Schiflette from NAVFAC for negotiating the warranty work for us. We could never have afforded this amount of work on our budget. If you see these people or any of the governors at DYC please let them know that their work is appreciated. The business of running the club happens after hours and on weekends.

As you all have seen by now, if you have been down to the water at DYC, Public Works is in process of repairing and replacing many pilings that were problems for us.

Public Works has negotiated with the original contractor to acquire warranty work along the pier. The contractor is adding pilings to the finger piers to make them less wobbly.

As you may have seen many of the pilings were bent over this past winter, I was down at the pier when several of these were pulled up. The pilings were broken down in the ground. Some pilings are too short. The Board of Governors is working with public works to replace or shore up these pilings.

If you take a look the first round of piling installation is well underway on the East side of the pier. This will be accompanied by a second round to complete the replacement of the broken pilings.

Please be patient while the work is ongoing at the pier. This work is being performed for you and your boat.

Again thank you for your patience,

Darrel Webb  
Commodore DYC

Darrel, Commodore DYC

## [BOG MEETINGS:](#)

### **Executive Summary:**

The DYC BOG held its monthly meeting on 10 October 2007. The club currently has 198 members and current assets of \$32,077.05. The race season is quickly coming to an end, congratulations to all that participated. The dock work for repair and replacement of the damaged pilings has started. The Fall work day is scheduled for 27 Oct (with a rain day of 3 Nov). The Pasture Party is scheduled for 26 Oct., details will be coming out soon. JDs has been reserved for the Annual Meeting on Saturday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2008. Darlene Keating is working hard to make it a great time, please contact her if you wish to offer any help or suggestions. Lastly, a new regulation issue was brought up, HR 2550 and S2067 "The Recreational Boating Act of 2007" that needs to be brought to the attention of the membership. Go to <http://www.boatblue.org/> and <http://www.boatus.com/gov/> for more information and take action.

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. All members are invited to attend and participate. The next DYC BOG Meetings are planned to be held on 14 November and 12 December If you plan to attend, please check the website at <http://www.dahlgrenyachtclub.org/> or 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.

## **DOCK WORK DAY:**

**Saturday, 27 Aug 07 (Nov 3 rain date) from 0900-1600.**

**Lunch will be provided. The ramp and dock will be closed.**

**Come volunteer your time. That is what DYC is all about!!!**

## **Social:**



**Annual End Of The Season Pasture Party**

**Place: Windfield Farm  
9328 Dahlgren Rd**

## King George VA

**When: 26 Oct 2007**

**Time: 16:00 until the beer runs out or Dennis goes to bed.**

**Directions: from Dahlgren 7.5 miles west on Dahlgren Rd. Look for the orange race buoy on the left.**

**From Fredericksburg: Rt 3 East to left on Dahlgren Road, 1.8 miles on the right. Look for the orange race buoy**

**Park in the field.**

**Grill and soft drinks provided. Bring anything stronger you want. Bonfire for hotdogs & marshmallows & sitting around telling lies.**

**540-775-3127**

**Racing awards to be presented.  
Kids of all ages welcome.**

### [Racing:](#)



The past month was a busy month for the PHRF racers with three major races held in addition to the Fall Monday Night Series.

The Dahlgren Cup was held September 8, then the St Clements September 29 and the Under the Guns October 7. Many thanks to the Race Officers for the three events: Joe Futcher/Lee Cochrane for the Dahlgren Cup,

Denis Bessette for the St Clements and Dennis Hannick for the Under the Guns. A lot of effort goes into organizing these events.

The Dahlgren Cup was held in pleasant temperatures with enough wind to drive the boats at over 4.5 knots. Racing was tight with only six minutes separating second from sixth on this long course. Blue Heaven edged out Shadowfax for first uncorrected and first overall.

The St Clements day dawned with choppy seas driven by winds in the mid teens. Eight boats from Dahlgren, Colonial Beach and Cobb Island showed up to do battle. With the North wind driving the boats down river, all comfortably finished ahead of the cut off time and this lead to early partying. With the Lushers on the lone power boat and Shadowfax cruising down there was a ten boat raft up – an awesome sight.,

The weatherman promised 5-10 knots from the east for the Sunday return race. Unfortunately the wind never materialized. There was enough for one false start but the wind died and the race was abandoned. But it was beautiful day and many took advantage of the weather to stop at coves restaurants etc. to continue partying. Pictures can be found on the DYC website.

Hartmut Huber on Little Dolphin followed by Josh Colwell on Night Moose won the St. Clements.

The October Under the Guns was held in August conditions. That is awfully hot and wispy winds. After an hour plus struggle to make the first mark, the first race was abandoned. Race Officer Dennis Hannick found wind at the mouth of Machodoc creek and a short wild second race was held. The race winner was Shadowfax followed by Utopia out of Colonial Beach. All then retired to the Dockhouse to sample Mr. Hannick's famous chili.

There are two more races left in the Fall PHRF series. The Series has been competitive with may position changes from race to race. However Blue Heaven appears to have staked her claim to first overall.

The Race Committee held a meeting on September 25. Race scoring and other changes for next year's races were reviewed. No major changes were adopted.