

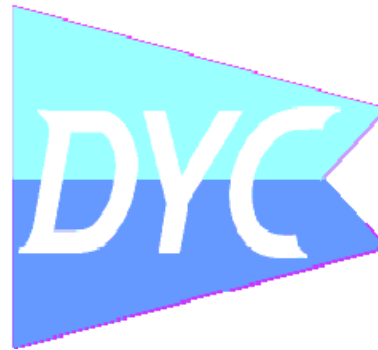
# RANGE MARKS

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## The Official Newsletter of the Dahlgren Yacht Club

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### From the Commodore:

The Dahlgren Yacht Club purchased the boat package below yesterday. This will replace the ageing whaler safety boat. I am proud to say that we should have many years of service and pleasure from this boat.

2000 Sea Hunt Triton 18' center console with 90 Evinrude and galvanized trailer **\$5995.00**



Budget Boats purchase 8/14/08

I had a very enjoyable trip to the Norfolk area yesterday. I arrived at Budget Boats just after 1300 hrs to look over the inventory of boats on the lot. Budget Boats has a large inventory of used boats. There were several center consoles to choose from. The BOG had voted to try to procure the boat shown above. While I was signing the paperwork and paying for the boat another customer walked up and said that he wanted to purchase the very same boat. I offered to let him have it for an extra \$1000 dollars... I could have then bought the 19 ft SEA PRO for \$6995... needless to say he declined my generous offer. The boat and motor are being serviced this week. I will return to Budget Boats early next week to take possession of the boat package.

Darrel, Commodore DYC

## [BOG MEETINGS:](#)

### **Executive Summary:**

The 2008 DYC BOG held its 7th monthly meeting on 12 Aug 2008.

The club currently has 170 members and current assets of \$28,685.59 as of 31 July 08. Ten boats participated in at least one day of the Summer Series A. Summer Series B is now underway with better sailing ahead. The Dock Master has identified all slip holders with deficiencies and the Commodore will be contacting those boat owners to correct the issues IAW the DYC SOP. The Ice Machine requires more research to ensure the right part is ordered. Plans are being made to replace the DYC Safety Boat (WHALER) with a used boat that meets the clubs requirements. On July 25, 62 DYC members and friends cruised on a glorious night to Cobb Island for dinner at Captain John's. Upcoming Social activities: Sept 6 - Dahlgren Cup refreshments, Sept 13 - Crab Feast. A flyer will be created and distributed once the plans are finalized for the Crab Feast.

DYC BOG meetings are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the Month @ 1700 at the DYC Dock House. Meeting dates have been added to the DYC home page also. All members are invited to attend and participate. The next two DYC BOG Meetings are planned to be held on 9 September, and 14 October. 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.

## [Social:](#)

On July 25, 62 DYC members and friends cruised on a glorious night to Cobb Island for dinner at Captain John's. We had a good time on both trips eating, drinking, and visiting - even with full bellies some ate the candy, cookies and fruit during the return trip. Many people dressed in Hawaiian clothing and were rewarded with a multicolored lei while others received a pirate flag as a souvenir. Did you know that we have members who primarily use the dock for Fall duck hunting? Until the cruise, I assumed all members are Summer boaters..... amazing what we can learn about each other at the Social Functions!

Our lives have become busy for the next few weeks, so if anyone else can "host/hostess" for the Friday Sunset Socials PLEASE let me know. I have the time to provide the food and drinks, but will be busy on Friday nights

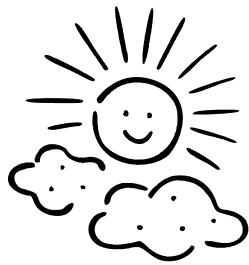
so can't do the actual serving --- email if you want to help keep this going and can help! Grab some food or a soda from the table and head out to the end of the dock (bring a chair) or on your boat for the viewing. Invite some others onto your boat and treat them to the sunset on Machodoc Creek!

The next big annual event is the Crab Feast on September 13! The prices are coming down, so get ready for crabs, shrimp, corn, hot dogs, pot luck side dishes, sodas, etc. Be ready to follow that up with the annual race/raft-up/overnight party near St. Clement's Island on September 20 and 21. We let the sailboats race down and later in the day power boaters can drop in for the overnight party! Social Committee will be providing some food and drinks for the happy hours after the race.

Want to help organize an event? Contact Ann at [social@dahlgrenyachtclub.org](mailto:social@dahlgrenyachtclub.org) or call 775-3212!!

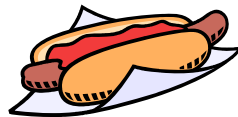
**You are invited to the annual DYC Crab Feast! What could be better than sun, food and boaters? Bring the whole family and friends.....**

**Saturday,**



**September 13 – 4 pm - 7 pm**

**or until the food runs out at the DYC dock**



- ➡ only \$12 per person (kids under 6 free)
- ➡ enjoy crabs, shrimp, corn, hot dogs, desserts, sodas
- ➡ bring a side dish to share
- ➡ BYO alcohol, knockers, knives and extra chairs
- ➡ RSVP by Sept 9 to [social@dahlgrenyachtclub.org](mailto:social@dahlgrenyachtclub.org)
- ➡ Payment: drop check in Social mailbox in

Dock house OR  
DYC (memo – crab feast)  
PO Box 90  
Dahlgren, Va 22448

**Note: The ramp will be closed from 1530-1830 for safety reasons during the Crab Feast.**

### EXOFFICIO:

Here is a web site that provides weather info from local bouys (the closest being Pt Lookout):

[www.baybouy.org](http://www.baybouy.org)

They are also accessible via phone at 877-286-9229.

### Racing:

Race Governor Report August:

#### Race Activities

The small boat Summer Series A was completed July 24. Bruce Gosse edged out Rex Butler for first in the Centerboard. Each had 22 point but Bruce won on the tiebreaker. Dave Shuttleworth also provided strong competition and finished third with 27 points.

In the Laser class, it was Bruce Gosse in first with 11 points followed by Dave Shuttleworth 18 points, and Tom Owen gained third with 28 points.

Ten boats participated in at least one day of the Summer Series A. Summer Series B is now underway with more good sailing ahead.

The Monday Night Summer Series has one race left to go. After five races, Blue Heaven has established clear lead with only 8 Points. Papaya, a new entry this year with Skipper Ben Kelsey, is second with 13 points. Third place is currently a tie between Pegasus and Frigate, each with 18 points. A total of nine boats have participated in this very competitive series.

#### Other Items

Whaler status is becoming an issue, as it is not available to support the racing series. Rex Butler has generously allowed the use of his powerboat, but this is only a temporary solution.

After consulting the various users of the whaler for supporting the racing, the Race Governor has concluded that the boat itself is very suitable platform. It has a sturdy and stable hull, and low enough freeboard to make rescues easy. It needs a new and reliable engine and the decision to move forward on this is needed now.

The Race Committee wished to thank Dennis Hannick for his generous donation of a boat and motor, to the Dahlgren Yacht Club. It will help in many areas of the racing program.

## TECH TIP:

### ***Would You Like to Help Keep Kids Safe on the Water?***

The easiest way to ensure a child's safety on the water is to make sure they wear a properly fitting life jacket. But children's growth spurts or last minute changes to the roster of invited guests don't always make wearing a life jacket easy. Your marina, bait shop, fuel dock or boat club may be able to help next season as the BoatUS Foundation for Boating Safety and Clean Water is looking for new locations to become lending sites for its free Life Jacket Loaner Program.

Over 90,000 life jackets are loaned out each year through the program, with demand up 22 percent in the last two years. The program was recently honored by the Partnership for a Safer Maryland as one of six leading injury prevention programs in the state.

There is no cost to become a loaner site and presently over 350 clubs and businesses participate as Life Jacket Loaner Program sites. To download an application to become a Life Jacket Loaner Program site or for more information on the program and the life jacket laws in your state, please visit [BoatUS.com/Foundation/LJLP](http://BoatUS.com/Foundation/LJLP). Applications will be accepted until September 30, 2008. Awardees will be notified in late Fall.

If hosting a loaner site isn't for you, a tax-deductible donation can help. Your donation of \$10 will buy one vest-style life jacket and \$250 will create a completely new, fully stocked loaner site. Go to [BoatUS.com/Foundation](http://BoatUS.com/Foundation) to make your donation online or mail a check to: Kids Life Jackets, BoatUS Foundation, 880 South Pickett St., Alexandria, VA 22304.



