



## APRIL 2010 NEWSLETTER

### Message from our Commodore - David Teets



Well, we have been talking about it for months, and now spring is finally here! Whatever happened to all that stuff we were going to get done on the boat this past winter? Now, if you're like me, you are busy scurrying around trying to get ready for a new Boating Season.

While you are getting the boat ready, don't forget your boating education! The basic Virginia Safe Boating Education class will be offered to Lodge Creek Yacht Club members on Saturday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>. As many of you know, the Virginia Boating Laws have changed to include mandatory education. While the program is being phased in by ages, all persons operating any type of motorized (10hp or more) vessel, will eventually have to have taken and passed a certified safe boating class. We want you to have an opportunity to take the class at a convenient location, so we will have the class in the clubhouse!!! It is an 8-hour, certified class, and upon passing the class, you will be given your certificate of completion. Our "famous" Fred Olverson will be providing lunch for all participants. The cost of the class....there is no charge!!! Sign-up sheet will be on the bulletin board, or contact the Marina Office.

We are off and running..... Check the article on the April Function and the May Cruise. As you can see, we are all very excited about getting back out on the water....

See ya' at the Riva!!!

Commodore Dave

### Message from our Vice-Commodore - Bruce Williamson



I was at the marina on the 20th of March and it jumping with activity. Some people came by to check on their boats and others were working on theirs. That evening a group of us got together for a pot luck dinner. Steve Trice cooked some really great ribs for all of us. After dinner it cooled off and someone came up with the idea of starting a campfire. We gathered some drift wood on the point and started a small fire in the back corner of the parking lot. The kids' toasted marsh mellows as we sat around and talked. Later on someone had the idea of having a sock burning ceremony to celebrate the end of winter and the coming of spring. The socks started to come off and go into the fire, even a bra went in the fire for good measure!

All of this was not planned and it turned out to be a fun night for everyone. It was great to be back at the marina with all my friends.

Sometimes the best parties are the ones that just happen on their own!

I will see you all at the covered dish dinner on the 24th.

Bruce Williamson - Vice Commodore

## **SECRETARY NOTES**



If anyone would like to share anything in the Newsletter you can either mail or email me ([theresasullivan6188@comcast.net](mailto:theresasullivan6188@comcast.net)) by the last week of each month, and I will be happy to put it in the Newsletter.

I want to thank all of you for being patient during my transition as the new Secretary. The new Rosters will be handed out at the first function on April 24 by your Dock Director, unless you have paid for the Roster to be mailed to you and/or your First Mate when you renewed your membership. If you cannot attend the function please see your Dock Director when you are at the Marina for your Roster. Looking forward to seeing y'all at the first function on the 24th, bring something good to eat!!!! ☺

Remember, we are not just a Yacht Club, we are a family!!!  
Theresa and Amy

## **TRADITIONS**

**The best traditions are the quietest ones and the ones with fuzzy origins; such is the ritual of sock burning at the spring equinox in Chesapeake Country.**

It's unclear exactly how long ago it began. Twenty-five or 30 years ago, they say, Bob Turner at Annapolis Harbor Boatyard was sick and tired of winter. According to one account, at the vernal equinox, he'd taken off his socks, burned them in a bucket, and declared it spring. The Annapolis Maritime Museum (AMM) has printed this version of Turner's antics: "He'd spent the whole season working on OPBs (Other Peoples' Boats), all the while collecting metal filings, bottom paint grindings, sawdust, fiberglass fibers, globs of paint, caulk, resin, and filler in his socks. On the first day of spring one year, he took off his socks, put them in a paint tray, doused them with lighter fluid, and toasted spring with a longneck beer while they burned." Regardless of the exact date or burning vehicle, what remains is the spirit of the act and the season. The Eastport section of Annapolis has a long history of boat building, marine maintenance, and oystering. Sock burning is a working man's ceremony. Although it's been the subject of articles in the *Washington Post*, the *New York Times*, local magazines, and the publication of record for sock burning tradition.

**HELLO to SPRING,  
Goodbye to Socks!**

## 2010 FUNCTIONS AND EVENTS

Covered Dish Dinner:	April 24, 2010
Flag Raising: Breakfast/Coffee 9:00 a.m. Flag Raising 10:00 a.m.	April 25, 2010
B-Dock Function:	May 15, 2010
Boater's Education Class:	May 22, 2010
C-Dock Function:	June 26, 2010
Boat Parade/Ice Cream Social: Dock Crawl:	July 3, 2010 July 24, 2010
Point Lookout Bluegrass Party:	August 14, 2010
A-Dock Function: Fish Tournament/Dinner	August 21, 2010
E-Dock Function:	September 18, 2010
D-Dock Function: Trick-or-Treating	October 23, 2010

*\*Board of Directors Meeting 3:00 p.m.  
Social Hour 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.  
Meal served shortly after*

### CRUISE DATES

#### **FIRST LCYC CRUISE OF THE SEASON!!!**

Our cruise season will “kick-off” this year with one of our famous Classic cruises. Tall Timbers Marina is the destination and Rick the Marina Owner has exciting plans to jump start the boating season. The weekend plans to be action packed, and the location is easy to get to. Our cruise will shove off from Olverson’s on Saturday morning, May 29<sup>th</sup>, and return on Monday May 31<sup>st</sup>. More details will be coming, and the sign-up sheet will be posted on the Clubhouse bulletin board. For more details, please contact Harold Cosby, our seasoned Cruise Director!!! Make your plans to participate as this will really be a fun cruise!

## APRIL BIRTHDAYS



Tony Andrade, Jr.	04/02	Dorothy Jordon	04/03
Jim Bertch	04/05	Carolyn Gray	04/05
Jodi Trice	04/05	Bob Ryan	04/08
Karl Smith	04/08	Ron Shivok	04/11
Joyce Eagles	04/12	Ray Whalen	04/12
Margie Davenport	04/13	Fred Olverson	04/14
Margie Brown	04/20	Julian Roden	04/23
Danny Dukes	04/25	Ed Williams	04/26
Paul Kennedy	04/27	Shirley Kirtley	04/27
Larry Burton	04/29	Scott Perkins	04/30

## Minnow's Birthdays



Deanna Carwile	04/03	Colton Novak	04/09
Craig Moseley, Jr.	04/30		

## DOCK NOTES

### **APRIL 24-25 FUNCTION- Boating Season Begins!!!!**

Our first function of the year is the weekend of April 24-25—just around the corner!!!

The weekend starts with a Covered Dish dinner on Saturday evening, followed on Sunday morning with our Big Breakfast, Flag Raising and Blessing of the Fleet. We are asking each of you to bring your favorite recipe to share for Saturday's dinner. Don't worry about desserts, as the Bridge will take care of bringing desserts for everyone. This is one of the most exciting events because it gives each of us the opportunity to bring our "top secret" recipes and gives us all an opportunity to get back together for the start of an exciting new Boating Season!! Saturday evening kicks off at 5:00pm with a social and announcements, followed by dinner at 6:00pm. Sunday morning will begin at 9:00am with the Big Breakfast sponsored by the Bridge. At 10:00am we will have the Flag Raising and Blessing of the Fleet. So, let's all start the boating season with a

BANG and come out for the first function of the year!!! (Directories and Membership Cards will be presented to members on this weekend, so you can use those discount membership cards while cruising this summer!!)

Dave Teets, Commodore

### **Greetings LCYC members,**

Most of us are familiar with the retail chain *Harbor Freight Tools*. They have three hundred-plus stores around the country - including ones in Fredericksburg, Potomac Mills, and Richmond - so there's one near all of us in LCYC.

The reason I mention this is because a couple of months back I ran across something there that for several years I had always thought would be a real convenience to have aboard but at \$115 - \$150 from the nationwide marine chains was more difficult to justify. Specifically, I'm talking about a small, inexpensive, portable 12v utility pump that most of the year would be only be a 'nice to have' item on the boat.

Maria and I wanted one to use when emptying our 20 gallon hot water heater during winterization. Gravity draining that much water through the 1/2" ID line into a bucket always wasted too much time.....but when the alternative was a three figure pump that would see use once per year, well, we just made do with the bucket arrangement.

Then in November, while buying a couple of other items, I ran across a pump that fits the bill just perfectly and grabbed one. It attaches to a battery with alligator clips and has garden hose connections on the inlet and discharge sides of the impeller housing. I later spliced in a longer length of wire and added an on-off switch to make it easier to work ten feet away at the other end of the engine room.

Now it's a five or ten minute job, period!

But more importantly we also have available a utility pump that can easily drain a bilge or other area where water can all too easily accumulate, whether by design or through some malfunction. Last year a transient boat staying out on B-dock had a significant leak in the forward bilge area with probably six, eight, maybe ten inches of water down there. Eventually a pump of some sort was found and he seemed to be able to stay ahead of the game until they moved on. Lesson learned.

So here's the link to their model 9576 pump:

<http://www.harborfreightusa.com/usa/itemdisplay/displayItem.do?itemid=9576&CategoryName=PUMPS&SubCategoryName=Gas%20and%20Electrical%20Pumps>



At all of \$24.99, it's nice to have one aboard.

Paul Koenig  
B-Dock Director

### **BOATING AND FISHING FLEA MARKET**

**Place: Callao Moose Lodge Grounds**

**Date: Saturday April 10, 2010**

**Time: 9 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

Proceeds will benefit the Smith Point Sea Rescue. Please contact Skip or Bobby for more information or view the Lodge Creek web page for a link to more information. Skip Campbell 703-402-3356 \* Bobby Moss 301-641-1351

### **WEST MARINE/BOAT US MEMBERSHIP**

If you are joining Boat US/West Marine use the Lodge Creek Yacht **Discount No. GAB3880Y** and your membership will be half price. (That's \$12.50.)

### **LCYC WEBSITE**

LCYC's website <http://lodgecreek.org> is up and running thanks to Karla Connelly. Past newsletters (up to 11 months), current newsletter, pictures of functions, LCYC schedules, cruises, and notices will be on the website. Please send pictures to Karla at ***seawench@lodgecreek.org***.

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