

APRIL 2009

Message from Our Commodore

Tony Andrade

Ahoy Fellow Boaters,

Well here we are at the beginning of April and only a few weeks before we begin our spring Wright -of- passage, dewinterizing, flag raising, fleet blessing and my favorite, the covered dish dinner. I, as well as most of you, look forward to seeing the faces of friends and love ones that we have not seen for quite some time, especially if you did not attend the change of watch, "notes from parents will be required to explain your absence."

The change of watch was a great time as is customary, and Bob and Raye Ryan put on a great showing in the hospitality suit and should once again be applauded for there efforts. We also had a great turn out with nearly 85 people in attendance. Plans for next years change of watch are already under way with people asking where it will be, and also adding there input as to where it should be held. Your suggestions are more then welcome. This is after all, your club.

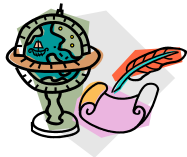
April 27th is of course our covered dish dinner ,(social cocktail hour 5-6 p.m., dinner 6 p.m.), followed by the blessing of the fleet and flag raising Sunday morning starting at 9 a.m. Breakfast will also be served Sunday morning "gruel and grog" or what ever other can goods we find on the boat that have lost there labels or are bulging and or rusty.

Many things were discussed by the bridge during the meeting at the change of watch. One of those events being a boating safety class . Lodge Creek yacht club will host a boater education course taught by our very own Dave Teets Saturday May 30th. Pre-registration is required. Make sure you check the bulletin board for signup sheets and other information. This class is offered to all yacht club members over the age of 14. Virginia state law states that it will be mandatory that all persons operating a motor vessel over 10 hp and 21 years of age or younger to have successfully navigated this program by June 1st 2009.

In closing, I regretfully mention the passing of Judy Roden. She will live on in our hearts and fond memories. Her fighting spirit and love of the water will not soon be forgotten. Amy & I, as well as our fellow E-Dockers, and other members send our deepest condolences to the Roden family.

I am looking forward to seeing all of you at the first function. "Take me to the Rivah!"

Your Commodore "WOW"
Tony Andrade Jr.
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SECRETARY NOTES

The next newsletter, May's, will come out at the beginning of May. All articles need to be to me by April 28th. I have enjoyed putting the newsletter together but..... I NEED HELP Please send in articles, dock news, recipes or any tidbit of trivia or happenings. If you need to contact me personally, call me or use my e-mail address captainsherri@yahoo.com. Anything related to the newsletter LIKE ARTICLES, etc. use the newsletter address. If you are not receiving the newsletter by e-mail and/or you want to receive the newsletter by email then contact me at lcycnewsletter@yahoo.com .

Scribbly yours
Sherri

ON THIS DAY


- April 4, 1818 An Act of Congress ordered that the U.S. Flag have thirteen stripes and twenty stars, and that "on the admission of every new state into the Union one star be added to the union of the flag.
- April 13, 1926 The heavy seas from a northeast storm undermined and destroyed the decommissioned light tower at Cape Henlopen, Delaware.
- April 17, 1962 *Miss U.S.A.*, driven by Roy DUBY, broke the 200 mph barrier and set a world propeller driven water speed record to date of 200.419 mph, on Lake Guntersville, Alabama.
- April 26, 1898 The luxury passenger liner *New York* of the American Line, converted for combat in the Spanish-American War, was commissioned in the U.S. Navy as the *USS Harvard*.

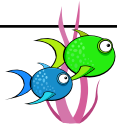
It is remarkable how quickly a good and favorable wind can sweep away the maddening frustrations of shore living.

-----Ernest K. Gann

APRIL

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

Tony Andrade	4/02		Fred Olverson	4/14
Jodi Trice	4/05		John Eddy	4/17
Carolyn Gray	4/06		Danny Dukes	4/25
Bob Ryan	4/08		Ed Williams	4/26
Karl Smith	4/08		Paul Kennedy	4/27
Ron Shivok	4/11		Shirley Kirtley	4/27
Ray Whalen	4/12		Larry Burton	4/29
Margie Davenport	4/13		Vicki Eggers	4/29



Minnows

Avery	4/07		Lindsey	4/09
	Craig, Jr	4/30		



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LODGE CREEK YACHT CLUB

2008 SCHEDULE

April 25 - A Dock Covered Dish

April 26 - Flag Raising 9:30 a.m. Breakfast/Coffee 9:00 a.m.

May 16 - B Dock Function

May 30 - Boater Education

June 20 - C Dock Function

July 4 - 1:00 Boat Parade & Ice Cream Social

July 18 - Dock Crawl

August 15 - Fishing Tournament with dinner

September 19 - E Dock Function

October 31 - Trick or Treat @4:00 pm and D Dock Function

CRUISE DATES

(Places to be announced)

May 23-25 Cruise - St. Mary's

June 27-28 Cruise

July 25-26 Cruise

August 22-23 Cruise

September 5-7 Cruise

Sign-Up sheets will be posted in the Clubhouse. Contact Fleet Captain Bruce Williamson for more info

Other Dates

September 26 - Sailing Regatta

October 8-12 - Annapolis Boat Show-Sail

October 15-18 - Annapolis Boat Show-Power

November 6-7 - Urbanna Oyster Festival

"Message in a Bottle" from the Fleet Captain

Hi everybody ,

Are you ready to do some cruising this year ? I am looking forward to being your fleet captain. I am working on the Memorial Day cruise. The dates will be May 23rd to the 25th. It is planned for St. Mary's yachting center or Dennis Point as it used to be called . This is a great place with a pool , bar and restaurant. They went out of there way to show us a good time last year and you owe it to yourself to check it out. And for those that want take their boat out and for everyone , shopping, restaurants, West Marine, the maritime museum, and the famous Tiki Bar. Come stretch its legs and see some of the bay. I am working on a cruise to Solomon's Island in June . This is my favorite place on the bay. It has something join us for this one. You won,t be sorry.

I am going to try a few new things this year and I hope that you will like them, But my job is to please you cruisers. So if you have any ideas or input I would love to hear from you. So drop me a e-mail or stop by my boat and we can talk. I am in slip C-4 and my e-mail is blwilliamson @comcast.net .

Well thats all for now so get busy and get those boats ready to cruise !

Your Fleet Captain

Bruce Williamson





SAILOR TALK II

The following was submitted by Dave Johnson. Dave was a member of LCYC and he still keeps in touch.

Last time we talked about "the whole nine yards" and "dressed to the nines" as related terms originating from the sea. Here are more related Sailor Talk:

"shake a leg," "son of a gun" and "cockpit."

C'mon... Certainly "cockpit" is a nautical term, but the others...? And all three related...? You bet.

On English warships of the 15th century to the early 19th century, it was not unknown to have women aboard. Common crew rarely got shore privileges. Consequently, when in their homeport they would not be allowed to visit their wives, sweethearts or their "professional" counterparts. Women would visit the sailors aboard ship, and not a few managed to stay aboard as the ship left port. The ship's captain would overlook this sort of behavior because having women aboard had a "placating" effect on the crew. They also were quite useful in other ways, as we shall soon see.

With that background, let's look at "shake a leg." On those warships, there were no separate quarters for men and women. Women shared hammocks with sailors in the forecabin. Perhaps some of you have noticed that a man's leg looks a little different from a woman's leg. Certainly the mates aboard warships were capable of noticing the difference. So when they were rousting the watch up from below, they would yell "Show a leg!" If a woman's leg appeared from the hammock, the mate would not disturb her. If a man's leg appeared, the sailor had better be pretty quick at getting his leg and the rest of himself up on deck. Since "shake" connotes more movement than "show," it was natural for the mates to change "show a leg" to "shake a leg."

Now let's look at the source of "son of a gun."

Sailors being sailors, and women being women, sometimes a woman aboard would find herself in a family way. Now, sailors weren't particularly happy about having a woman giving birth while they were trying to sleep in the few hours allotted to them. And the woman herself would be wanting her privacy. The most private place aboard a warship of the times was on one of the gun decks between two of the guns. Thus, a woman would most often find her way to the gun decks when it was time for her labor. If the labor was particularly difficult, or if the captain wanted to help things along in the final stages of delivery, he would call for a full broadside to be fired during a contraction. A full broadside would be powerful enough to instantly move the whole ship a foot or so sideways, and was believed to give the woman an extra "push." When the broadside helped to launch a baby boy, he would always be known as a "son of a gun."



There's another origin to "son of a gun." While ashore, many of the women on board the warships were practitioners of the world's oldest profession. As there were many more men than women in the forecabin, they were able to continue to practice their profession while aboard. Consequently, the paternity of the ship born child was not often known. Sailors, generally a crude lot, would customarily refer to a portion of their anatomy as a gun. Thus, the ship born boy may not have been known as the son of a particular sailor, but he would most certainly be a "son of a gun".

So we now see how "shake a leg" and "son of a gun" originated as seafaring terms, and are related by the presence of women aboard warships. How does "cockpit" come into this picture?

In the days when a warship was steered by tiller, and even later when the ship's wheel was developed, it was deemed a particularly unsafe thing to try to steer the ship in battle from on deck. The man doing the steering would always be a target, for if hit, there would be no one to steer for a short time and a great advantage would be had by the opponent. When rigging for battle, block and tackle would be rigged to the rudderpost below decks in the steerage to control the boat. The steerage was always below the waterline where the cannon balls could not penetrate the hull. That way, the helmsman would be protected in battle.

For similar reasons, the wounded would be brought down to the steerage. As the wounded bled a lot and the surgeon often didn't help that much, the steerage area became quite messy. To most of the sailors, who were known to engage in a bit of wagering from time to time, the steerage would begin to look like one of the places where they engaged in wagering - namely, the cock pit where cock fights took place. Thus, the place where one steered his vessel became known as the "cockpit."

Here's where women came into the picture, and why the captain often looked the other way when they were "sneaking" aboard. Women of the day had to be adept at needle and thread. During battle, the women would go down to the cockpit to tend to the wounded and help the surgeon sew up the wounded.

So there we have it, "shake a leg," "son of a gun" and "cockpit" as nautical terms that originated through women being aboard warships.

From George Bruner - Boating Bills

To All:

Following is the status of major bills related to recreational boating currently in the Virginia General Assembly:

HJ 627 (Defeated) - This Bill was to allow Game and Fisheries to establish regulations similar to Federal Regulations for youth life jacket requirements. The Bill was left on the House committee table (Failed) due to objections allowing Game and Fisheries power to mandate without Legislative concurrence; Federal regulations are too strict; it conflicts with our neighbor Maryland's regulations; efforts by federal agencies and some National organizations to tell Virginia what they should do; and an appeal by numerous boaters to match Maryland's regulation (6 years and under and boats less than 21 feet). Similar past youth life jacket bills would have been enacted into law if the age limit were set at six and under, however some federal agencies and national organizations oppose, without substantiation, the six year and under suggestion.

SB 820 (Defeated) - This Bill would allow any city, town, county, or locality the authority to impose a fee on all boats kept in their domain. This would be in addition to property taxes. This bill was defeated in committee.

HB 2242 (Defeated) - This Bill would require any watercraft passenger 16 years and older to be responsible for reporting any accident or injury occurring on a boat that they are a passenger. The Bill was defeated in committee.

HB1774 (Passed both houses) - This bill designates all creeks in Virginia to be "NO Discharge" areas. It is awaiting certain signing by the Governor. An amendment was added to require certification by EPA that adequate pump out facilities are available. This Bill will impose a hardship on boat owners that dock their boats at their private docks. There is a question as to the designation of creeks and that pump out facilities are available for all boats in the area. Pump out facilities are generally located in relatively shallow water. Anyone wanting to challenge this can get additional information by contacting this writer.

Various motor fuel and fishing bills were introduced in this session. To view Bills and their status visit www.leg1.state.va.us

DOCK NOTES



Change of Watch - Big Success

We had a total of 80 paid individuals that attended the COW. I'm told by many of the older folks (I'm not one of them) that this was the largest total attendance for a COW. The hotel was first rate and we had no complaints about the rooms, hospitality room, or banquet. George Bruner did a wonderful job organizing the COW. Everyone seem to have a good time. Billy Wooten was the winner of the "Golden Snorkel Award".

If you have never attend a COW you are missing out on a great weekend. Tony Andrade, our new commodore, has asked George to look into booking the same hotel for next year. So, make plans to attend in 2010.

Reported by Bob Ryan

Excerpts from Cas Olverson's note to Sherri

You were sorely missed at COW. Outgoing commodore Bob Ryan talked a lot about the old and new bridges and I thought, 'too bad Sherri's not here'. It was an excellent venue and party. Darling, friendly, entertaining DJ who kept most attendees on their feet and making dance floor fun till closing time. Except us old troglodytes. We soooo enjoyed watching the younger generation - the Tony Jr. Andrades and the Utts. George Utt has got to be made out of rubber - mimicking the likes of Michael Jackson and Prince. Fred and I are so glad the young people are stepping up to the plate and shouldering yacht club duties. Bodes well for all of us.

Regards, Cas

BOAT US MEMBERSHIP

If you are joining Boat US / West Marine use the Lodge Creek Yacht Club discount number **GA83880Y** 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 will be posted along with the current newsletter.....pictures of functions will also be found there LCYC schedules, cruises and notices. Please send pics to Karla at seawench@lodgecreek.org.

DEATH IN THE FAMILY

It is with sadness that we report the passing of Judy Roden, wife of Julian Roden, Friday morning March 13th. Her passing occured after an extended battle with cancer. She will be truly missed our thoughts and prayers go out to Boolie and the family. A memorial service was held in remembrance of Judy on Friday March 20th at Bishop Memorial United Methodist Church , Richmond , Virginia . The LCYC made a contribution to the Power Squadron Educational Fund in Judy's name as requested by the family.

MURPHY'S LAWS OF BOATING

I am putting to together some Murphy's Laws of Boating If you got some ideas Send them in to lcycnewsletter@yahoo.com "Murphy".



Never sail a boat where birds are walking !

The Unavoidable Laws of the Natural Universe

1. **Law of Mechanical Repair:** After your hands become coated with grease, your nose will begin to itch or you will have to pee.
2. **Law of the Workshop:** Any tool, when dropped, will roll to the least accessible corner of the bilge.
3. **Law of probability:** The probability of 'being watched is directly proportional to the stupidity of your act.
4. **Law of the Telephone:** When you dial a wrong number, you never get a busy signal.
5. **Law of the Alibi:** If you tell the boss you were late for work because you had a flat tire, the very next morning or soon there after, you will have a flat tire.
6. **Variation Law:** If you change lines (or traffic lanes), the one you were in will start to move faster than the one you are in now. (Happens every time).
7. **Bath Theorem:** When the body is fully immersed in water or in the shower, the telephone rings.
8. **Law of Close Encounters:** The probability of meeting someone you know increases when you are with someone you do not want to be seen with.
9. **Law of the Result:** When you try to prove to someone that a machine won't work, it will.
10. **Law of Biomechanics:** The severity of the itch is inversely proportional to the reach.
11. **Theater Rule:** At any event, the people whose seats are furthest from the aisle arrive last.
12. **Law of Coffee:** As soon as you sit down to a cup of hot coffee, your boss will ask you to do something, which will last until the coffee is cold.
13. **Murphy's Law of Lockers:** If there are only two people in a locker room, they will have adjacent lockers.
14. **Law of Dirty Rugs/Carpets:** The chances of an open-faced jelly sandwich of landing face down on a floor covering are directly correlated to the newness, color and cost of the carpet/rug.
15. **Law of Location:** No matter where you go, there you are.
16. **Law of Logical Argument:** Anything is possible if you don't know what you are talking about.
17. **Brown's Law:** If the shoe fits, it's ugly.
18. **Wilson's Law:** As soon as you find a product that you really like, they will stop making it.
19. **Health Law:** It is virtually impossible to incorrectly diagnose yourself on the Internet. Doctors will perform every conceivable test to prove you otherwise.
20. **Stupidity Law:** When you believe you have seen the utmost of one's stupidity they never cease to amaze you and go one step further.
21. **Parental Law:** Your parents' advice only makes sense 20 years after they gave it to you.

Of Course!!!!!!!!!!!!