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Message from Our Commodore

Tony Andrade

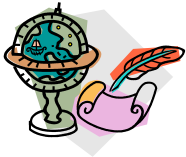
Ahoy fellow boaters.

If you are like Amy and myself, January and February are the longest months of the year. The boat is in the backyard covered with frost, a painful reminder of the long cold winter we have here in the Northern Neck. We dearly miss the good times and great friends the we have come to love. But we are getting close to starting a new bigger and better boating season all over again. Thank god! As sure as the sun will rise in the morning. We will complaining about fowled running gear, barnacles and the cost of fuel. "is it ever really cheap enough?" But we will be in the company of friends and loved ones, what could be better. Perhaps another anchor out? Well, its getting close. Boating's preverbal groundhog of good times to come is the change of watch. So far we have attendance numbers in the high 40's, and look for it keep climbing. But we need your help, pester your dock neighbors and friends to go. It is so much closer this year than it has been in the past. And COW will no doubt be a great time, so get those forms filled out and sent off. I've also heard rumors that we will have guests coming in from as far as Harrisonburg and Winchester. So no excuses just take the time and attend. Its like crack one time and your hooked.

For myself I look forward to a great year. I have some big shoes to fill thanks to Bob Ryan, "really big, like Ronald McDonalds size shoes" but I will be surrounded by a great bridge and friends. I will also be looking for your support as well. Please feel free to e-mail me with any questions, comments or concerns. This your club and only you can make a difference.

In closing I would like to personally thank everyone on behalf of my father for all the help and support you have unselfishly given. It means the world to our family. *Thank you.* As of Wednesday Jan 28 my father had a port installed to begin three months of therapy. He is in great sprits and looks forward to a full recovery. He will be back to the "rivah" in May or sooner if global warming speeds up. Again thank for your support.

Your Commodore "WOW"
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SECRETARY NOTES

This year the Membership Renewals and COW registration have been sent out differently. If you get the newsletter by e-mail then you should have received the renewal and COW that way. It will be up to you to print it and mail it in. If you receive it by snail mail then you should have received them by USPS. If this not okay please contact me. The next newsletter, April's, will come out at the beginning of April 2008. 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

February 5, 1941	The cargo ship <i>Politician</i> , with 22,000 cases of whiskey ran aground on Eriskay Island, Outer Hebrides, and event that became the basis of the comic novel <i>Whiskey Galore</i> , by Compton Mackenzie.
February 16, 1804	The U.S. Frigate <i>Philadelphia</i> , previously, captured by Tripoli in the U.S. War with the Barbary pirates, was destroyed by a naval party led by Lt. Stephen Decatur.
February 22, 1784	The <i>Empress of China</i> departed N.Y. on the first American commercial voyage to China.
March 4, 1394	Infante Dom Henrique, Duke of Viseu, aka Prince Henry the Navigator, was born in Portugal.
March 6, 1922	Cooks of the Banks fishing schooner fleet out of Lunenburg, Nova Scotia, went on strike for more pay, paralyzing the fleet
March 18, 1848	Nathanael G. Herreshoff, Naval architect and marine engineer was born in Bristol, R.I.
March 23, 1776	The Continental Congress authorized privateering against British commerce.
March 31, 1995	The U.S. Coast Guard sent its last official radio message by Morse Code

FEBRUARY / MARCH

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

<i>Dorothy Conley</i>	2/02		<i>Stephen Trice</i>	3/03
<i>Bob Simcoe</i>	2/02		<i>Ann Simmons</i>	3/04
<i>Steve Hollin</i>	2/03		<i>Anne Layne</i>	3/05
<i>Craig Moseley</i>	2/03		<i>Linda Evans</i>	3/09
<i>Bob Gilbert</i>	2/07		<i>Beverly Hollins</i>	3/09
<i>Ted Brooks</i>	2/08		<i>Byrd Chancey</i>	3/11
<i>Sarah Harman</i>	2/08		<i>Nancy Traylor</i>	3/15
<i>Sandy Belmont</i>	2/11		<i>Barbara Cole</i>	3/16
<i>Jon Hill</i>	2/11		<i>John Olivier</i>	3/18
<i>Cathy Horne</i>	2/11		<i>Bruce Miller</i>	3/19
<i>Hannah Dolan</i>	2/12		<i>Mike Steele</i>	3/19
<i>Yolanda Williamson</i>	2/12		<i>Irvin Kirsch</i>	3/21
<i>Dick Roop</i>	2/13		<i>Fran Davis</i>	3/25
<i>Paul Koenig</i>	2/14		<i>Joy Privigy</i>	3/25
<i>Laura Henson</i>	2/16		<i>Robert Evans</i>	3/26
<i>Craig Cook</i>	2/17		<i>Larry Traylor</i>	3/26
<i>Eleanor Brooks</i>	2/18		<i>Pat Kirsch</i>	3/27
<i>John Sanderson</i>	2/19		<i>Amy Andrade</i>	3/28
			<i>Bambi Synder</i>	3/28
			<i>Dave Davidson</i>	3/29
		<i>Shelley Gray</i>	3/30	



Minnows

<i>Ainslee</i>	2/05	<i>Jessica</i>	2/25
<i>Jacob</i>	2/09	<i>Zachary</i>	2/25
<i>Stephanie</i>	2/10		
<i>Zach</i>	2/12	<i>Logan</i>	3/15
<i>Avery</i>	2/15	<i>Wyatt</i>	3/18

DOCK NOTES



2009 CHANGE OF WATCH

Change of Watch will be February 27 – March 1, 2009 at the Williamsburg Hospitality House, 415 Richmond Road 1-800-932-9192, www.williamsburghosphouse.com . Make reservations directly with the Hotel by January 28th. Ask for Lodge Creek's low rate of \$85, run of the house, plus tax, single or double. Children under 18 years stay free. Parking is complimentary. Notify the hotel of any special requirements. Notify George Bruner (804-270-6170) for any special dinner requirements. The hotel is located two blocks from the restored area and a short distance to shops, food establishments, outlet malls, and points of interest. Jamestown, Yorktown and Newport News are a short drive away. Visit www.visitwilliamsburg.com .Send in your registrations to Paul Kennedy by December 31st for drawing of one free room night.

Ahoy Mates,

The SS Lodgecreek will be cruising on Feb. 27th until March 1st. The port of call will be Williamsburg, Va. While on this cruise LCYC will be having the annual Change of Watch banquet and installing the 2009 Bridge. If you have not signed up there is still time. Just go to - lodgecreek.org and download a COW form. This should be a fun weekend with lots to do. It's a great break from the winter doldrums and a chance to socialize with your boating friends. We are extending the early bird price for the COW until Feb. 1 - so hurry and get your money into our purser, Paul Kennedy. Also, call the Hospitality House Hotel at 800-932-9192 to reserve a room. The discount price of \$85 is good until Feb. 7th.

Don't miss cruising with the your yacht club members!

Past - Commodore Bob

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.

GET WELL WISHES

Get well wishes go out to Tony Andrade Sr. He had colon surgery in January and appears to be doing well. He was in a hospital in St Augustine, Fl. Please keep him in your thoughts and prayers. Anyone that would like to send him a card can mail it in care of his sister at:

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SAILOR TALK

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

With thanks to the late author and etymologist, John Ciardi, here are a couple of related Sailor Talk:

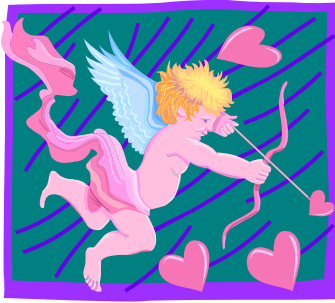
"The whole nine yards" and "Dressed to the nines".

What...? Nautical terms...? Related...? You've got to be kidding! The terms originate with ships-of-the-line in the British Navy of centuries past. They aren't associated with American Football, nor with the British WWII Pilots with their twenty-seven feet long ammunition belts, nor with large dump trucks capable of transporting 9 cubic yards of material. A ship-of-the-line of the late 16th to the middle 18th century always had three masts with three primary yards on each mast, the main yard, t'gallant yard and tops'l yards. In those days, and even into the early 19th century, it was rare for a ship-of-the-line to have any other yards. Even Admiral Nelson's flagship, HMS Victory, carried only nine yards in the Battle of Trafalgar, the last significant sea battle fought under sail. For a sailing ship to complete a tacking maneuver, the attitude of the yards on the masts would be changed in a particular sequence. In the early stages of the tacking maneuver, the captain could change his mind and abort without any real consequence. However, once the ninth yard was changed over, attempting to abort would usually put the ship in stays (dead in the water, head to wind). And, as you might guess, that wasn't a good thing to happen. In battle some captains would make use of this when maneuvering for position with an inexperienced opponent. They would start a tack to fake the opponent into a corresponding move. At the last moment, they would abort the tack to catch the opponent in a very weak position. A winning captain would always be watching his opponent's primary yards, knowing that the other captain wasn't fully committed to the maneuver until the he went with "the whole nine yards".

To celebrate victories, a returning ship would approach her home waters "dressed" in bunting and flags. This made it easier for the folks on shore to have some idea as to the news she carried. The more the flags (the more she was dressed), the greater the news. Strings of flags would be draped from the tip of the bowsprit to the trucks of the masts to the sternpost. Bunting would be placed along the sides. Originally haphazard, navies got around to codifying the practice, dictating the order and number of flags, specifying when the practice was to occur and eliminating the bunting. On very formal occasions, such as a coronation celebration, the ships would parade by their monarch. Naturally, the captains, wanting their ships to appear very festive for the occasion, would "dress" their ships. In addition to the bunting and flags, the entire ship's company would be decked out in their very best clothes. As many as possible would line up on the nine primary yards as a salute to their monarch. Thus, when appearing for especially formal events, a ship would be "dressed to the nines".

But why "dressed"? Why not "decorated" or "displayed"? Why not even just simply "arranged"?

Shortly after the Norman Conquest of England in 1066 Old French and Saxon merged to form Old English. As a direct result of this merge, we often find synonymous terms in English where one word originated with a French word and the other came from an Anglo-Saxon word, the two words having the same or similar meaning in their original languages. "Last will and testament" is a phrase that survives those times. "Will" originates in the Anglo-Saxon willi. "Testament" comes to us via Old French from the Late Latin testamentum. "Apparel" and "clothing" are another example. At the time the practice of dressing ship first appeared, common terms for the ship's rigging were "apparel" and "clothing." Apparel came from Old French apareille, meaning equipment. "Clothing" comes from Anglo-Saxon clath, meaning cloth. In the 7th century, anything movable on board, such as masts, rigging or even stores of food was called apparel. As clothing and apparel became synonymous terms ashore in the 9th and 10th centuries, clothing came into use on board as a synonym for apparel. Gradually clothing came to refer only to the rigging supporting the bowsprit and apparel came to be applied only to the rest of the standing and running rigging. The term "dressing" comes from Old French dressier, to arrange. When sailors went about the task of stringing flags in the rigging, they were arranging apparel and clothing on their ship. Since arranging apparel or clothing on one's body was and still is called "getting dressed" or "dressing," it was only natural to call applying apparel and clothing to one's ship "dressing the ship."



Valentine Superstitions

*On Valentine's Day, the first guy's name you read in the paper or hear on the TV or radio will be the name of the man you will marry.

*If you see a squirrel on Valentine's Day, you will marry a cheapskate who will hoard all your money.

*If you see a goldfinch on Valentine's Day, you will marry a millionaire.

*If you see a flock of doves on Valentine's Day, you will have a happy, peaceful marriage.

*If you find a glove on the road on Valentine's Day, your future beloved will have the other missing glove.

*If you see a robin on Valentine's Day, you will marry a crime fighter - maybe they mean Batman!!!

Valentine Around the World

Valentine's Day is celebrated across the globe. Each country has its own unique traditions and Valentine's Day gifts. The United States, Canada, Mexico, United Kingdom, France and Australia all celebrate Valentine's Day. As in the United States, Valentine's Day chocolate and Valentine's Day cards seem to play a big part in Valentine's celebrations around the world.

Mexico, Canada, Germany, and Spain - Valentine's Day is much like the U.S. holiday. Couples exchange gifts and go out on dinner dates. In Mexico, Valentine's Day is known as "Día de San Valentín " or more commonly "Día del amor y la amistad" meaning day of love and friendship.

Denmark - Valentine's Day cards are known as "lover's cards" because early cards were transparent and when held up to a light would project a picture of a man handing a woman a gift. Pressed white flowers called Snowdrops are another popular gift to exchange. Men may also send a valentine called a gækkebrev "joking letter" where a romantic rhyme is written but no name is signed. The signature consists of dots that correlate to the amount of letters in the sender's name. If the woman who received the card guesses the sender, she is rewarded with an egg on Easter.

Scotland - Valentine's Day is celebrated with a festival. At this festival, there is an equal number of unmarried males and females, each of whom write their name (or a made-up name) on a piece of paper which is then folded and placed into a hat ... one hat for the ladies and one for the men. The females then draw a name from the hat containing the men's names and vice versa, it is expected that the male partner with the female who selected his name. This rite having been completed, the company split up into couples and gifts are given to the ladies.

Taiwan - There are two Valentine's Day celebrations. One is observed on February 14 and the other on July 7. It is customary to exchange roses on these days with the color and the amount of roses dictating the message. One rose means "only love," eleven roses means "a favorite," ninety-nine roses means "forever," and one hundred and eight roses means "marry me."

Japan and Korea - Women give store-bought chocolates to acquaintances, and homemade chocolates to love interests. Men who receive the chocolates reciprocate these gifts to their love interests on White Day, March 14. Koreans take the celebration further. Men who did not receive chocolates celebrate together on Black Day, April 14, by eating black noodles called Jajangmyun.

Happy Valentine's Day

