



RAPPAHANNOCK RIVER YACHT CLUB
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THE HEADWAY

RRYC Soon to Offer Golf Memberships



RRYC continues to make improvements and expand its offerings. In 2009 we added air-conditioning and a plasma television to the clubhouse. This year we are proud to announce the Commodore has negotiated an agreement with the Tides Inn which will provide several benefits for our club. The Tides Inn will

begin catering the Club dinners each month, and provide for RRYC members to use the Tides Inn golf course; thereby becoming the Rappahannock River Yacht and Country Club (RRYCC). The cost of the monthly dinners will remain at \$20 per plate with reservations or \$30 per plate without reservations.

Members may now elect between three different levels of membership: full membership (includes sailing and golf), at an annual dues rate of \$1,500; sailing-only membership at the current \$500 per year rate; or a golf-only membership will now be

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Comments from the Commodore

By Pete Knight, Commodore

- Even though the heavy rains and storms of mid-March once again flooded the Club's parking lot and my Corrotoman River boathouse, perhaps at the point of this writing, we can safely turn our backs on winter. A sure sign of the end was the Vernal Equinox! Spring Club activities really pick up steam in April with the annual clean-up day on the 10th, which is followed by the Blessing of the Fleet on the following Saturday. Wouldn't it be festive and fitting for all the yachts on the Club docks to be dressed for the latter special occasion? Skippers, please note and plan accordingly!
- Building projects that were started earlier this year are continuing into spring. Bids have been received for the electrical repairs under the clubhouse. My hope is that by the time you read this, the work will have been completed. On another note, Vice Commodore Miller and Rear Commodore Power are finalizing plans for the removal and relocation of the "annex." I anticipate they will have a presentation ready for the membership at the April or May social.
- Although the Club has had long-range planning committees in the past, the whereabouts of the records of their deliberations are unknown. Consequently, I am going to try to reinvent the proverbial wheel. The following members have agreed to serve on this standing committee: PC Blaine Liner, Vice Commodore Frank Miller, Rear Commodore Doug Power, Treasurer Dave Hutchison, Board Member Bo Bragg, and Club members Charles Springett and Tom Richardson. Although the ideas put forth by this group will be non-binding, I believe it is worthwhile to have Board and non-Board membership input on where the Club should be headed.
- At our March meeting, the Board decided to distribute the 2010 Club Yearbook via e-mail in pdf form, which will save the Club several hundred dollars in printing and postage costs. Members have a choice of either leaving the pdf file on their computers or printing it. Members who do not have e-mail will have a printed copy of the pdf file mailed to them.
- Again I **PLEAD** for your help in making your Club a pleasant place to be for your fellow Club members. I was walking through the side yard last week, and the dog leavings were almost as numerous as the blades of grass and certainly bigger! We fold sails there; children play there; and we cook there. **PLEASE** be considerate and **clean up after your pets**. We neither want nor need a manure minefield. Unfortunately, we cannot keep neighborhood dogs from coming onto the property, but let's make sure we all do our part to keep the property clean.
- Let's go sailing!

Golf Membership *(continued from page 1)*

offered at an annual rate of \$1,250. Following the service model used by many telecommunications companies, those electing the sailing-only fee structure will incur a \$50 annual "block" charge, to cover the administrative costs of limiting golf course access to those who have paid the proper dues. This is, of course, contingent upon a change to the Club By-Laws. Therefore the Board voted at the March meeting to recommend the following changes to the By-Laws:

ARTICLE I - PURPOSES and MANAGEMENT

Section 1 - Name

The name of the corporation shall be Rappahannock River Yacht & Country Club, Inc. The Post Office address of the registered office of the corporation is P.O. Box 55, Irvington, Virginia 22480.

Section 2 - Purpose

The corporation is to operate a private yacht club which shall promote the fraternal and competitive aspects of yachting *and other* activities for the recreation of the members.

ARTICLE II – MEMBERSHIP

Section 2 – Class of Membership

Golf Membership

Any person(s) who shares an interest in sailing, but is unable for whatever reason to meet the sailboat ownership requirements is eligible to apply for a golf membership of the RRYCC. The procedure for election will follow Article II, Section 5 except that: (a) the Club sailboat requirement will be waived; (b) participation in golf will meet the Club activities requirement; (c) the waiting list protocol for active membership ranking will apply to the waiting list for golf membership.

A golf membership is entitled to full use and enjoyment of all Club facilities, including swimming pool, and to all privileges afforded active membership, including the right to vote at meetings of the membership and the right to serve as an officer or director of the Club.

Publication of this change begins the 30-day comment period. For more information on the proposed golf membership, or to add this feature to your current membership, please e-mail golf@rryc.org. Comments on the proposal may also be sent to this address. This is an exclusive arrangement through the yacht club. Do NOT contact the Tides Inn directly. Send ALL comments and questions to golf@rryc.org.

In Memoriam: Dick Libbey

Long-time and Honorary member Dick Libbey died on March 18th, following an extended illness. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family. Memorial Services will be held 1:00 p.m. April 11, 2010 at Bethel United Methodist Church in Lively.

Membership News

*By Shirley Crockett,
Membership Co-Chair*

In March the Board voted to approve Tazwell & Johanna Carrington, Stephanie Chaufournier & Lance Franke and Peter M. & Virginia M. Clay (Pete and Ginny) as active members. Their information is below. Proposed member information is now distributed via e-mail.

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2010 Cruising Schedule

By Dave Raffetto, Cruising Captain

The Commodore said IT was over and we have “SPRUNG(?)” ahead; it must be time to think about getting out on the water again. This year’s cruising schedule should provide an opportunity to do as much or as little cruising as you are able. As you will see in the following schedule we hope to have something for everyone.

We have added several opportunities for short, local trips for anyone who is unable to get away for more than one or two nights. These “Where the Wind Blows” trips will be short notice and dependent on your interest and the weather.

The 2010 season begins with a shakedown cruise at the end of April. This is an opportunity to get out and make sure everything works, and to enjoy what promises to be a great time. Information has been provided by Walker Stevens elsewhere in this Headway issue, please RSVP.

2010 Schedule

April	30	Shakedown
May		Where the Wind Blows
	16	Chesapeake Bay north
June	19	Mobjack Bay (7 Days)
July		Where the Wind Blows
August	13-15	Choptank River/Log Canoe races at Tred Avon
September	4	Labor Day Picnic Dymer Creek and Potomac River
October	2	Patuxent River (8 days) Where the Wind Blows
November		Where the Wind Blows

Details and sign-up sheets for each cruise are provided in the blue notebook posted at the Club on the wall next to the Chesapeake Bay chart (just outside the kitchen). Comments and questions: Dave Raffetto 438-9324 / kdraffetto@verizon.net



Photo by Skip Ferguson

Last month we had a photo of boats sitting on the bottom, but March brought unusually high tides.

Shakedown Cruise to the Stevens' and Isbrandtsens' April 30 – May 2

By Walker & Blanche Stevens, Cruise Leaders

Please join us for a shakedown cruise April 30 through May 2 to the homes of Walker and Blanche Stevens on the Eastern Branch of Carters Creek and Carl and Debi Isbrandtsen on Yopps Cove. Our proposed itinerary is as follows:

April 30	17:00	Cocktails aboard <i>Friendship</i> and <i>River Rat</i> , Cobbs Creek, Piankatank River L 37° 31.5' N Lo 076° 24.1' W
May 1	16:00	Cocktails and dinner at the Stevens' L 37° 39.1' N Lo 076° 25.6' W
May 2	10:00	Bloody Marys & brunch at the Isbrandtsens' L 37° 39.0' N Lo 076° 25.8' W

If the weather doesn't cooperate and/or we have too many boats, we will change our Friday venue to Jackson Creek or Urbanna. Please let us know if you're planning to come ASAP at BBStevens@gmail.com or by calling 336-288-2084. If you will confirm to us your email address and cell phone number, we'll send out an email reminder one week before the event and will advise you of any required last-minute changes.

Sayonara et à bientôt!

More Cruising Coming Up in May

Mark your calendar for a cruise to Baltimore and points east May 16-June 1. This is the first long cruise of the 2010 cruising season and we're heading north for some good sailing. We can't promise wind and sunshine, but we can guarantee some challenging sailing and delightful stops. Details will be available soon, and possibilities abound -- favorite anchorages, a stop in Baltimore, a lazy cruise up the Chester River to visit the Saturday Market in Chestertown, Annapolis, Solomons Island..... Watch for more details in the May issue of *The Headway*.
Cruise Captain, Mike Romey mpromey@yahoo.com



Photo by Craig Akers

Some of last season's Typhoon action on the creek.

Spring is Also Racing Season!

By Ron Mihills

Cape Dory Typhoon Season Begins...

Cape Dory sailors, mark your calendars for an exciting social /racing season! Please note the Flying Scot Sunday series schedule and come join the fun. A separate starting sequence will be held for the Typhoon fleet.

The club moorings are available for Cape Dory Typhoons during the spring and fall racing series. Contact Kent White to reserve a mooring.

- April 14 – 18:00 Typhoon picnic. Jerry Latell will talk about the race course rules.
- April 21 – 18:00 Racing practice. Races do not count for series scoring. Fun!!!
- April 25 – 12:00 Sunday Flying Scot/Typhoon races begin on the river
- April 28 – 18:00 First Wednesday night series races

Typhoon sailors are asked to volunteer for Flying Scot or PHRF race committees. This is a great way to meet new sailors and contribute to club activities.

PHRF Racing

Do you have a 2010 PHRF certificate? Did you pay your CBYRA dues? Have you got all of the PHRF events for CBYRA Region 4 North Division on your calendar? Have you volunteered for race committee duties?

- May 8 YPYC Spring Regatta
- May 15 RRYC Spring Regatta
- May 30 RRYC / FBYC River Races

The RRYC Typhoon Fleet Grows

By Jack Chamberlain

As my favorite uncle used to say, “You need that like a moose needs a hat rack.” Au contraire. We’re talking about boats here! We’re talking about a Cape Dory Typhoon, the same kind of vessel we owned, sailed and enjoyed for 20 years -- until we sold it five years ago.

It seemed like a good idea at the time. We had a Cape Dory 33. We hardly ever used the Typhoon anymore. It was sitting on the hard costing us monthly storage. We were going south for nearly a year. Well, that was then. This is now.

Like a moose without a hat rack, not having our old Typhoon felt strange. It was like we had divorced a devoted spouse after two decades of loyal companionship. She was a good friend who taught us to sail on Smith Mountain Lake and would have comforted us in our golden years. And no sooner had we parted company with *Now What*, than Typhoons were everywhere! Typhoons raced on Wednesday nights.

Well, we can always buy another one. This was a comforting theory. Maybe. Someday. Then, suddenly, out of the blue, it happened. Friends of friends were moving to Florida. Our friends mentioned they had this Typhoon they wanted to sell. I took a look. She looked great. Hull No. 46 built in 1968, the second year Cape Dory built Typhoons. She was on a trailer. She came with an outboard. The price was right. We could tow her home. So we did.

Now, all we need is a name!



Photo by Jack Chamberlain

The Chamberlains' new, nameless Cape Dory Typhoon looks ready to launch!

Follow Abby Sunderland

By Skip Ferguson

Part of my morning routine now, each day, is to check Abby’s progress - she’s an amazing young lady - 16 years old and sailing solo around the world. Her daily blogs are extremely interesting and check out the link to her progress - getting closer and closer to the Cape. My hat is certainly off to her, and to her parents for having the courage to support her in this.

Here’s the link to her website: <http://soloround.blogspot.com/>

Small World...

By Brenda Asch

In late February Tommy and I were talking to a friend at Snowshoe, WV (6 hours from Irvington) about how wonderful Irvington and RRYC are. Sitting right next to us without realizing it were Adrienne and Tripp Bugg, on a ski vacation. The moral of the story.....

You never know when and where you will run into a loyal RRYC member!



*The Buggs and Asches at Snowshoe, WV.
Skiing is good, but sailing is better!*



Just a small representation of those who helped entertain the crowd – and themselves! – at the March social.

L-R: Coleman Brydon, Craig Akers, Gene Edmonds, Eileen Edmonds, Shirley Crockett

Photo by Jack Chamberlain

First RRYC Gastropub a Big Hit!

The March social had the theme of an Irish Gastropub, and it turned into just that in short order! A delicious Irish-style meal fed the bodies, and lots of singing fed the souls of 78 members and guests in attendance. Gene Edmonds' sister, Eileen, entertained the crowd during hors d'oeuvres and again after dinner. Members quickly joined in on the postprandial act and raised their voices in sailing songs, Irish ballads, and a variety of old favorites. A very big and special thanks to Eileen Edmonds who provided great entertainment – and who encouraged some talented RRYC members to sing along.

Many members pitched in to help make the evening a success other than musically: lovely spring table decorations were provided by Susan Edmonds; Board Hosts were Jan & Craig Akers; appetizers were provided by the Akers, Maricel & Ken Baker, Susan & Mitch Bober,

Marsha Chapman (also helping in the kitchen), Sally & Dan Clark, Molly & Vic Guyan, Barbara & Jim Makin, and Sheila & Steve Zukor. Skip Ferguson, Lesley Hutchinson, Grace Ann Miller, Kate Raffetto, and the Bakers also helped in the kitchen and with cleanup. Guests accompanied Sallie & Jeff Schmidt, Kimberly & Scott Vail, Shirley & Ned Crockett, and Kathie Hegler.

Join the celebration of spring in April with a meal of Provencal overtones. Dinner will start with a platter of Provencal specialties including aioli and tapenade. The main course will feature Cornish Game Hens marinated in olive oil, lemon, herbes de Provence and garlic. Dessert is as yet undecided but will be in keeping with the French theme. As soon as the menu is finalized we will send out an e-mail "blast."

The April social is also the "Blessing of the Fleet." Because of this, and because of the complexity

– and amount – of the first course that will be served with dinner, the hors d'oeuvres served during the cocktail hour will be limited to very simple finger fare which the Club will provide. This is sure to draw the usual large crowd, so don't get left out! Make your reservations by Saturday, April 10 via e-mail to dinner@rryc.org. You will receive a confirmation e-mail.

For those of you who wonder whatever happened to April's "Cook your own steak" Social – well, it's been moved to June when RRYC will be hosting the Flying Scot District Championships. Actually, it will be butcher your own steak— we'll be buying a whole cow. April Fools (again).

If you are interested in becoming part of the Kitchen Crew please e-mail Jill or Larry Worth at jmworth878@verizon.net or lworth878@verizon.net. We hope to get together with all prospective volunteers shortly.

Club Calendar

April - May

April

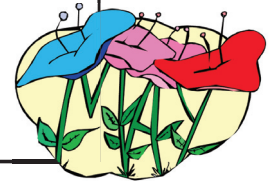
- 2nd First Friday and Mahjong
- 4th Easter
- 10th Annual Cleanup Day 09:00
- 14th Typhoon Racers' Picnic
- 17th Board Meeting
Blessing of the Fleet and Social 17:30
- 25th Flying Scot Spring Series Race #1
- 28th Wednesday Night Races
- 30th Shakedown Cruise departs

May

- 2nd Flying Scot Spring Series Race #2
- 5th Wednesday Night Races
- 7th First Friday and Mahjong
- 8th Cruise
- 12th Wednesday Night Races
- 15th CBYRA Spring Regatta
Board Meeting Club Social 17:30
- 16th Flying Scot Spring Series Race #3
- 19th Wednesday Night Races
- 23rd Flying Scot Spring Series Race #4
- 26th Wednesday Night Races
- 30th FBYC River Race



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