



RAPPAHANNOCK RIVER YACHT CLUB
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THE HEADWAY

RRYC Starting to Come Back to Life!!!

Comments from the Commodore

By Danielle Kuper



The new dock is now over two-thirds full with boating resuming as we speak.

It is the stated mission of our club to provide a welcoming environment, and we certainly do achieve this by promoting a relaxed and happy atmosphere. But our small facility has its challenges. Here comes summer with its influx of visitors. We will see the traffic increase on the water and on the roads as people come from far and wide to enjoy the Northern Neck.

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Comments from the Commodore

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In part because we are somewhat isolated, our area has been relatively unaffected by the virus epidemic, and we have been able to be a little more relaxed than other regions. In the interests of keeping our club members' exposure to a minimum, now is a good time to refresh your memory about the club rules regarding guests. Remember that guests must be accompanied by the inviting member, and no one person may visit the club more than three times per year. These rules do not disappear after sundown! Please respect this guest policy for the benefit of all the members, particularly in this time of "social distancing".

It is heartening to see so many boats and so much action on our splendid dock. Members have been so patient and considerate during this time and it is appreciated by everyone.

Your RRYC 2020 Yearbook

Should you want a hard copy, the 2020 Yearbooks are available for pickup. Knock on the Annex door between 7:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. and ask Kent to give you one. Thanks to Candee Pevahouse for overseeing this project.

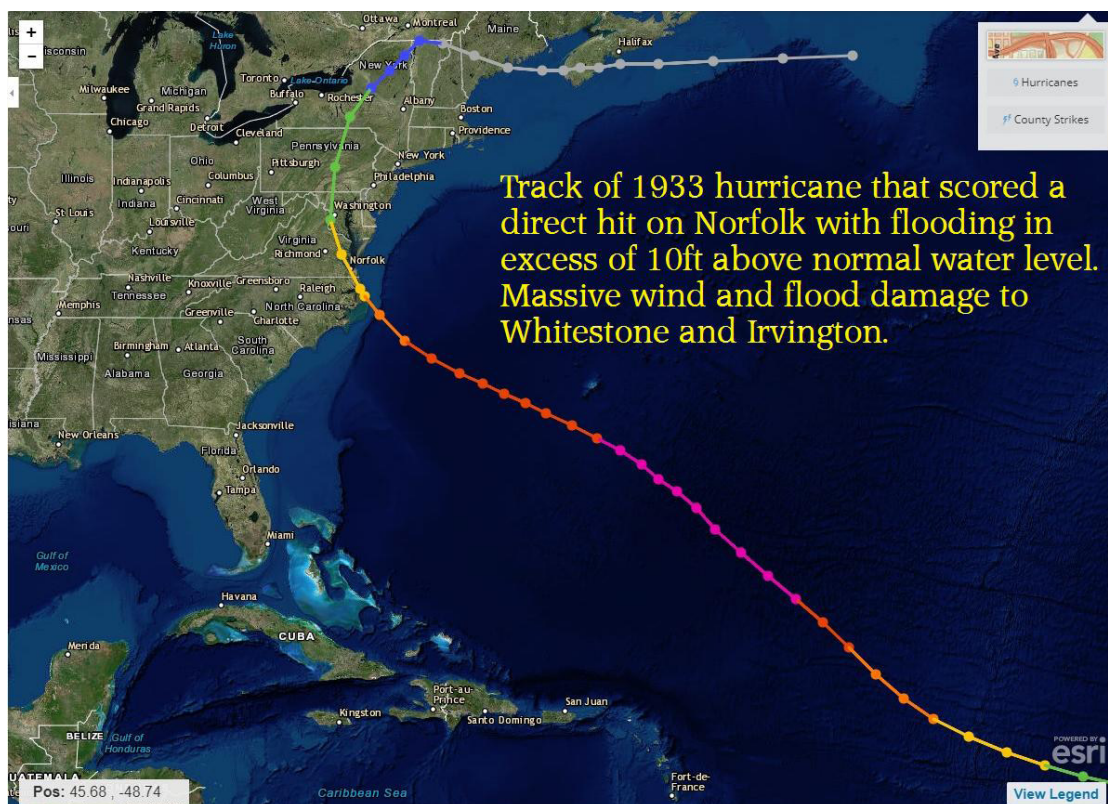
Thanks, Danielle Kuper



From the Vice Commodore

By Ian Ormesher

Time for a plan!



RRYC has a very comprehensive and detailed hurricane plan. For the majority of us it is just good to know that it exists, but for me and all slip holders it has relevance and some planning requirements that are best addressed long before a hurricane is bearing down on us.

If the Commodore initiates the club hurricane plan, it means that a hurricane is forecast to hit or pass near to us, hopefully still at least 72 hours away. The plan (and your slip lease) requires that once the plan is initiated, all boats are removed from the club dock within 48 hours. Slip holders will be notified by email or text. Then it is up to the slip holder to act.

The big question...so where are you going to move your boat to? The Rear Commodore will take charge of the club boats and they will be hauled at Rappahannock Yachts. For my sins, I am the Team Leader for the member-owned boats and moving their boats is the responsibility of the individual slip holder. The prudent slip holder will already have a plan. Do you speak to Bruce and make prior arrangement to have your boat hauled in the event of a hurricane? Do you plan to move your boat to a safe hurricane hole, in which case it would be prudent if you have already identified a location and have suitable anchors, fasteners and rope available?

When a hurricane is forecast, it can be a stressful and fraught time for a boat owner. That stress can be greatly relieved by a realistic plan generated now!

If you need incentive...the track shown above is the August 24, 1933 hurricane that made first landfall at Norfolk. Our area was devastated by flood water and winds! The Good old Rappahannock Record tells us all about it, you can read it here: [1933 Rappahannock Record Article](#) (If the link fails, the article is also on the club website under documents/interesting documents).

Fair winds...and may your only hurricane be in a glass!

Rear Commodore's Report

By Charles Springett

May 2020

Things are slowly opening up. The dock seems to be back to normal with a lot of activity. Because of this we made the decision to open the bathrooms for members. There is a new combination lock on the side door, and the door between the hallway and the clubhouse proper is locked. Diane comes every day to deep clean the bathrooms, and we have provided disinfectant and paper towels for people to wipe surfaces before they use the facility. We have also opened the grills for use and added an extra trash can on the porch. We continue to encourage people to limit gatherings to ten persons and to keep the proper social distance.

The pool committee is working out some COVID-19 compliant procedures for the pool once it is opened. We hope that will be later in June, and we are already preparing the pool so it can be opened immediately when we get the green light.

I hope by the time you read this we will have completed the proper electrical hookup to the dock. Because we have to dig a trench across the parking lot from the annex to the clubhouse we will, at the same time, run a new conduit for a Cat 6E Ethernet cable which should radically improve wi-fi reception on the porch and on the dock. If necessary, we will add an access point at the edge of the porch roof, but we are doing this a step at a time to keep the cost down. The ultimate goal, however, is to provide good wi-fi reception at all of the slips.

June 1 is the official start of hurricane season, although we have already had our first named storm this year. RRYC policy has always been to require slip holders to remove their boats from the dock before a named storm arrives (see details in Ian's article). We strongly recommend boat owners make plans for hurricane preparation at the beginning of the season and that the plan allow plenty of time for implementation. Rappahannock Yachts next door does the best they can in the time available, but they cannot be expected to haul boats at the last minute unless you have already made arrangements with them. RRYC cannot accept responsibility for boats left on the dock.



Submitting Items to *The Headway*

All items for publication should be submitted via email to rryheadwayeditors@gmail.com no later than the 22nd of the prior month (i.e. by June 22 for July publication). For consistency's sake, whenever boat names are included, please italicize them only (not in all caps, not in quotation marks). Please provide photographer name with any photos submitted. For quality, photos should be jpeg files not inserted in a word file. Spell out numbers under 10 or that begin sentences. Use a 12-hour clock for all times (e.g., 4:00 p.m.). Articles should be limited to no more than 1,200 words, or alternately split into multiple parts with a 1,200 word limit per part, to run in contiguous issues of *The Headway*.

In Loving Memory



March 26, 1952 - May 15, 2020

Cheryl Wicks was known to many RRYC members as an active participant and avid cruising sailor along with her husband, Tom. She enjoyed sailing in New England and Chesapeake waters and traveling abroad. Cheryl served as the 2019 Cruising Fleet Commander.

A memorial service will be held at a later date. Contributions in her memory may be made to the Kilmarnock Museum, 76 North Main Street, Kilmarnock, and to the Kilmarnock Lancaster Volunteer Rescue Squad, 61 Harris Road, PO Box 333, Kilmarnock, VA 22482.

Fair Winds and Following Seas, Cheryl.

Some Sailors Prefer Swing Keels and Tillers!



Gary Hooper recently noticed this boat on the hard at Custom Yachts and did some research on it. (It is currently under cover next to the paint shed). What got his attention was the swing keel and canting outboard rudder...all of this on a 70' boat with a tiller!

This is quite a unique boat, and you can learn more about it at: <http://yachtroute66.com/> When checking out the website, scroll to the bottom and click on "Owner's Comments 2018" to read the owner's perspective about the boat.

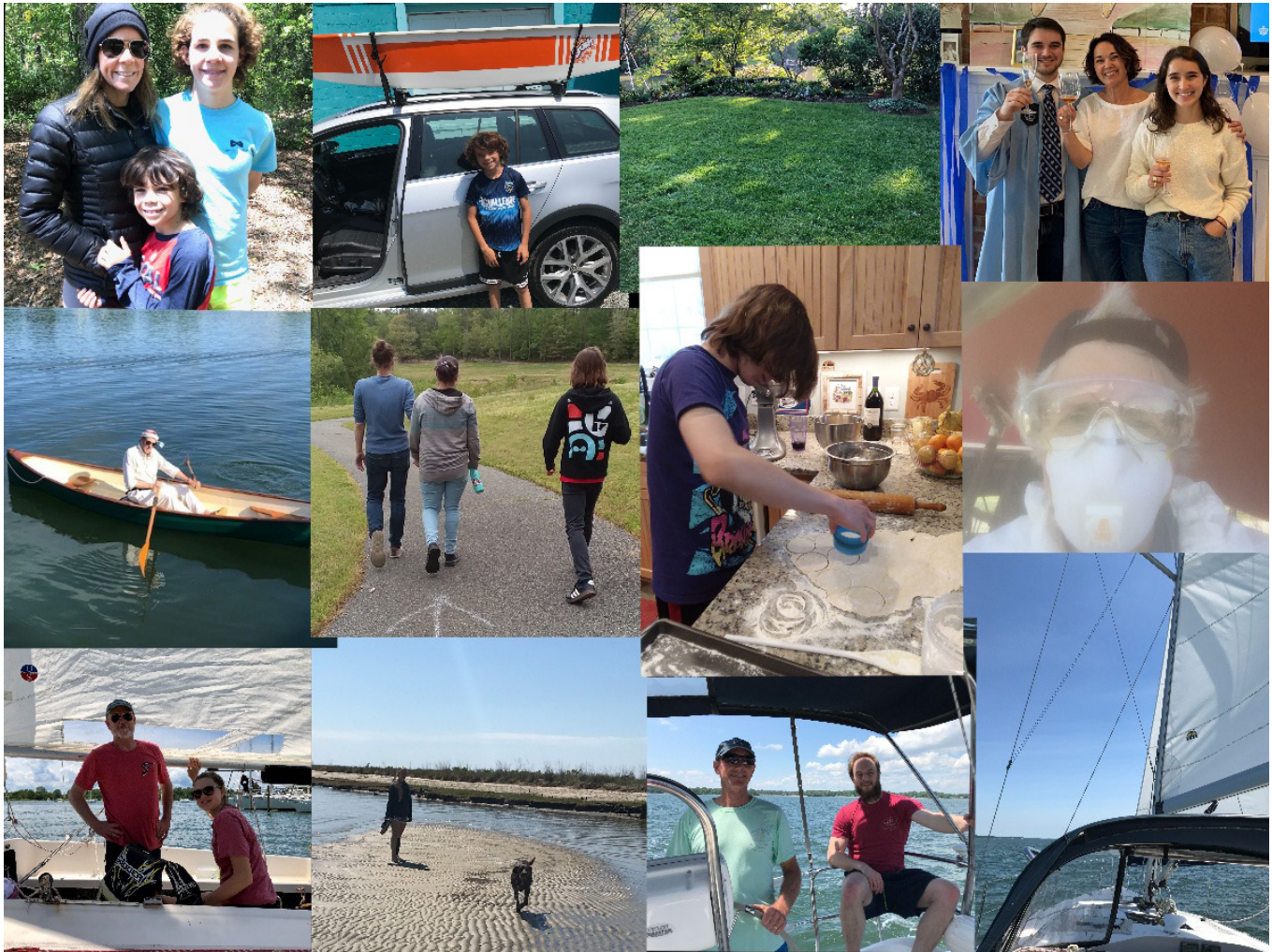
From time to time, we may include a brief mention of "unique boats" that show up in the local area.

The Editors

From the Galley?

Looking forward to when we eat together again!!

Here's what some RRYC members have been doing...



Top row (left to right): Latells out for a hike around the old King Carter Golf Course a couple of weekends ago. (Jerry Latell); Henry got this Opti for Christmas and he took it for a first sail Memorial Day weekend. (Jerry Latell); COVID time good for my flowerbed. (Tove Power); My son John graduated from Columbia University. Virtually at home of course. (Tom Richardson)

Middle row (left to right): George keeping fit. (Danielle Kuper); Fred and Candee Pevahouse walking the Hills Quarters paths with our daughter Sarah, son-in-law Cory and grandson Atticus during “quarinteaming.”; Candee Pevahouse and grandson Atticus Egger made pirogi, first time for both and they were delish! Sorry, no leftovers! (Fred and Candee Pevahouse); Selfie in the boatyard. New member Jackie Allen begs you never to recognize her from the photograph. (Jackie Allen)

Bottom row (left to right): This is Burke Johnson and Aline Gill Johnson heading out on a beautiful Memorial Day weekend sail aboard their “yacht” *Starry Vere* (1972 Flying Scot!) (Burke Johnson); Since Chris is teleworking 100% he has been able to be at home in White Stone. And our daughter finished up graduate degree and came to stay for now. Our son has been teleworking and quarantining in northern VA, and finally also came to stay for a couple weeks. We are enjoying seeing them again finally. We have been on a few walks and did get the boat out twice so far for few hours each time. Love the new docks!! (Carol and Chris Carlson)

Here's what some RRYC members have been doing...



Top Row (left to right): Sissy welcomes many firsts on her farm this season. (Sissy Crowther); Jim & Gina and camping in our friend's horse pasture. (Charlotte Schmidt)

Middle row: Newest RRYC Member, Hazel Little had her first of many visits to the new and improved back porch! (Chris Little)

Bottom row (left to right): Facebook Live Concert from their living room (Brad and Joanie Perry); On sunny days, the Shivers' men, loving sailing our 18ft Hobie Cat on Tabbs Creek (Lisa Shivers); Avery and Graham Shivers help to get CaVa (new mast and all) back on Carters Creek. (Lisa Shivers)

We're going to do this again next month. Get your pictures ready!

Club Calendar

June - July

June

- 6 RRYC Single-Handed Race
- 18 Board of Directors Meeting
- 20 RRYC Spring Regatta

July

- 16 Board of Director's Meeting



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