



# The Classic Yacht Club of America

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## COMMODORE'S MEMORANDUM



Greetings everyone, please allow this Second Commodore's Memorandum to serve as an update on Classic Yacht Club of America goings on until we can re-establish the Newsletter hopefully by next year.

### FLAG RAISING:

This was held at The Kent Island Yacht Club in the beautiful Kent Island Narrows. There is a bit of history here as several Past Commodores told me this at one time was the only location that Flag Raising was held (essentially prior to the Flag Raising becoming a rendezvous in 2006). We were welcomed back with great ardor by the staff at Kent Island Yacht Club, and our membership was complimented highly by the KIYC staff.

The turnout was nothing short of excellent. At the Friday night picnic we had 57 members and guests attend. At the dinner we had 65 in attendance and thirteen boats were present, including Past Commodore Bob Holsclaw's 1961 Greenwich which he berths at adjacent Piney Narrows, but brought it there to put on display, a thanks to P/C Holsclaw for this. Members did an excellent job "dressing ship" for the event.

Governor Craig Collins was the grill master for the picnic aided by Rear Commodore Dan Ramia. Some of the esteemed guests included Emma, Maggie and Snickers (canine crew from some of the past and present commodores' vessels respectively who appreciated Governor Collins efforts, after the humans had their share)

The Flag Raising ceremony went without a hitch and we had 10 Past Commodores in attendance at the ceremony and I think this may be a record. The Fleet Captain's father, Alan Morrison was a return guest this year and as popular as last year, he won the basket of cheer contest and insisted this be redrawn so a member won, very gracious. The Color Guard was Governors Bill Kazmierczak, Craig Collins and Jon Lines and well executed. Past Commodores Bill and Kathleen Birdsall had their restored 10' early 1900's launch present with it's trailer with before, during and after photos, and the original lettered transom,. It was nice touch as a backdrop to Flag Raising. On behalf of the entire club my thanks to them for their efforts to bring such a beautiful craft and unload it for presentation at the event.

The weather was warm to hot but the only wind was Saturday with everyone in port and thunderstorms held off until late in the day on Sunday and I believe everyone got to homeport before they hit (we just made it with 10 minutes to spare).

Fleet Chaplain Audrey Edwards gave the invocation and delivered the memorial to deceased members and her husband Ron placed the memorial wreath in the water.

The dinner was prime rib and chicken marsala, both were excellent. KIYC provided pastries and coffee for the getaway breakfast which was attended by about 26 people.

In general, I believe everyone had a good time. Fleet Captain Morrison did a good job coordinating the event. As Commodore, I am proud of the turnout we had this year and to officiate at this years Flag Raising and I am also proud of the support the membership showed their

club. I would also like to thank the rest of the bridge and board for turning out in their dress whites and making this a memorable event.

### **FUTURE EVENTS:**

The next event is the Mid Summer Rendezvous at Great Oak Landing. The invitations should be in the mail. The Fleet Captain and I reviewed the invitations on Friday and they looked great so look for them soon. You can also go to the website to look at it and register. This event is a Member Guest event and more casual with a picnic style dinner on the beach at the inlet to Great Oak/Fairlee Creek. This is usually a very interesting spot watching the traffic come and go thru the narrow inlet. There is an excellent view of the bay from the point at the inlet. Try and join us there for a good time.

The next event will be the Late Summer Rendezvous and Annual Classic Yacht Festival at Baltimore's Inner Harbor Marina. The Fleet Captain has arranged for all member boats to be berthed in slips adjacent to each other, an almost impossible task with marina management. They will look great in a row all "dressed ship". This will be the Commodore's Cocktail party as well also held at the Rusty Scupper Restaurant at the marina, which is where dinner will be held as well. From past experience, I have never had a bad meal there.

The last rendezvous will be at Bay Bridge Marina in Stevensville which again will be a picnic style event.

Look for more details as the Fleet Captain sends out the invitations and in future Commodore Memorandums.

### **FYI:**

After a slow start with new members this year we approved four new members at the last board meeting and in an impromptu vote at dinner. The new members are Adam Smith with a 1977 46' Pacemaker, Stuart and Esther Newman with a 40' 1984 Egg Harbor, Lamon and Judith Stewart

with a 54' 2005 East Bay and Mike Wilhelm and Cheryl Holt with a 53', 1971 Hatteras. Welcome aboard new members! We also have three prospective new members and will keep you posted on that in future memorandums. I would like to thank past Commodore Eric Horst for his input here, he gave a list to V/C Robyne Reynolds of potential new members and a fair amount of new and prospective members came from that list after letters of solicitation. Thanks to P/C Horst for his interest in keeping the club viable and vibrant. As I noted in the last memorandum, this is a vital aspect of keeping the club a success. On that note we have some of the largest turnouts of boats at yacht club rendezvous in the past few years based on what marina and yacht club managers tell me. Congratulations to all of the membership that makes this a reality.

It is sad to say that the publications N'oreaster and the Mariner do not return the Vice Commodore's calls so we can keep them abreast of our events and we will not be contacting them any further. On the positive side, Prop Talk is always interested in our events and the Fleet Captain has been keeping them posted periodically. Getting them published correctly has been difficult but F/C Morrison has done his part

Governor Dale Harris is now almost completely in charge of the Website and Yearbook under the guiding eye of Mike Thielke. Thanks to both of them for a seamless transition. Dale is also responsible for most of the photographs at our events. The Commodore and Vice Commodore bring along their camera just in case.

Our second Fleet Surgeon Jim Ricely was presented with his flag at the picnic and he performed surgery on Sarah Collins who was having severe problems with a brace cutting her gums. We hear the surgery turned out well and congratulations to Dr. Ricely for a job well done!

Well that is about it for this issue. I hope to see as many of you as possible at the upcoming events. Until then fair weather and good cruising

Respectfully,  
Commodore Bill Reynolds

