



## Commodore's Quarterly Newsletter

July 2021

It's Summer and the BCYC is back in full swing!!



*Pickering Creek Raft-Up Photo by John Yates*

Greetings everyone!

In my last newsletter, I expressed to you that you will expect many exciting opportunities for fun on the water soon to be available to everyone. Today, I am pleased to say that since the middle of May, this has been the case. From the season opening event at Lynn and Justin's home, thank you, followed by a one-week cruise to the eastern shore of the Bay, to our fabulous annual Lobster Fest we have been doing what we do best – enjoying the Chesapeake Bay land and sea. Attendance at these events has steadily increased to more than 70 members and guests at Lobsta's on Crab Creek, thank you Molly, the Lobsta Committee and Flip, Flop, and Drop! Most recently we enjoyed fantastic fireworks on the 4<sup>th</sup> in Almshouse Creek, thank you Murphy's. And there is much more to come including, a special raft up in Meredith Creek, Crabs in Rock Hall, a scenic cruise up the Patapsco River to Baltimore, and Labor Day to Oxford. In between we will have some raft-ups for a more impromptu experience. Please see our updated website calendar for more details.

Speaking of upcoming events, plans for our **20<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY EVENT ON OCTOBER 2, 2021**, at Yellow Fin Restaurant's Private Party Room, have been finalized by Committee Chairs Rosie Cavin and Dave Brashers. A featured part of the event is a Silent Auction of club member donated items. The proceeds of the auction provision the fund for next year's Change of Watch Party. This year Eileen Smith kindly volunteered to lead the auction effort. So, here is the deal. Think of items that you no longer need or that you believe others in the club would enjoy and donate them to the club. Send Eileen a description and a suggested value price. The item will sell! And you get a tax deduction. Typically, items can be almost anything. Vacation Rentals, Gourmet Dinner for a few Members, Bottles of Good Wine, Artwork, Luncheon Cruise on your Boat, and anything else you think of for the auction. Previous auctions have been a lot of fun and have raised a significant amount of money to support events like this Anniversary Event. Please give your auction donation your kind and prompt consideration!

Notes from the June 19, BOG Meeting

Treasurer, Westbrook Murphy reported that the club's finances were in good shape and that all bills had been paid.

Fleet Captain, Justin Tindale stated that he would like to change some of the on-the-water events, and it was agreed that this would be a good idea. These changes will be reflected in the modified calendar available online.

Madi Yates volunteered to form a nominating committee to find for 2022 a few good club members to fill the Fleet Captain's position, the club Secretary position as well as two open Board of Governor's positions. It also looks like we will need volunteer members to fulfill the positions of Social Director and Membership Chair. As we all know, the BCYC is a club of volunteers. This is what makes us special. Without each and every member pitching in, we could not put on the events that all of us cherish. So now we need the men and women of the club to step up. If you have the time to donating some of your energy and new ideas to keep the club running smoothly, I would personally appreciate it if you would please contact Madi Yates via phone [732.261.4423](tel:732.261.4423) or email [hmsindy57@gmail.com](mailto:hmsindy57@gmail.com) to discuss how you can help in 2022.

On an additional note, we are planning to hold an event planning meeting in early September to plan the calendar for 2022. If you have ideas for events or would like to host an event, please look for an announcement regarding the meeting.



We are pleased to announce that we have recently received two applications for club membership. The first application has been approved and we are happy to welcome Joie White, an Annapolis resident and the proud owner of an Allied Seawind 35 ketch, to our membership. The second application is still in process. You can check out the website for more details.

The club is also placing this membership advertising in an upcoming issue of SpinSheet. It is our hope that this will help our profile in the community and attract some additional new member applications. However, as all of you know, most new members come from existing members talking up the club. So, Let's Talk Folks!

Thanks to John Yates for working up and getting the ad placed.

In closing I would like to say that I am extremely optimistic and excited about the future of the club and especially about all of the coming events. I am looking forward to seeing all of you soon.

Stay Safe and Well.

Tom Bernhart  
Commodore Back Creek Yacht Club