



Fair Tides

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THE HAVEN YACHT CLUB

COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

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NEXT THYC MEETING

May 16th at 9:00 a.m.
Haven Harbour Marina
2nd floor office of new marina office

Welcome to THYC 2009! As you will certainly hear from V.C. Chris, our final event of last season, the Commodore's Ball, held on January 24th. was once again a great success as we went back to "High School" for one more dance. Part of the evening included passing the baton to your new Officers and Governors whom have now officially assumed their responsibilities and are already at work to make this a great season for our Club. We have had our first meeting of the season and our schedule of events for 2009 is in place and included in this issue.

Several new projects are underway including the new look of our Newsletter and the updating of our Web Site www.thehavenyachtclub.com. You will see a new tab for "Scholarship" which will take you to a section that includes the historical background on our scholarship program as well as glimpse of the current scholarship recipients. As you know, one of the key missions of our club is to fund these scholarships to local students as a way to give back to the local community that we all enjoy so much. Other new additions to the web site include a schedule of Rock Hall community events that, for your convenience, is now integrated with the schedule of THYC events. Also, the schedule of the 2009 Club meetings is published. Although conducted by the Officers and Governors, these meetings are always open to any member to attend and participate in.

Our new membership drive is again underway and being chaired by Earle Sandberg, R-27. We enjoyed a ten percent increase in the number of members last season and we have set a goal to exceed that this year. We would especially like to have more membership from White and Blue docks. So if you are on those docks, please help chat up our club to your dockmates and see Earle

or me if you need a membership packet for a prospective new member. Membership renewals for current members have been mailed to you with another copy enclosed with this newsletter and a copy available on the web site. Remember to get your renewal in before the May deadline to be listed in our annual Member Directory.

As we begin the labor of love known as spring commissioning, we look forward to warmer weather and being on the water. With an eye toward safety, we will do our best to bring you informative sessions and refreshers throughout the season. Our Education and Safety Chair, Klaus Burckhardt, *R-34*, will again coordinate these sessions with our other planned events. If you have any ideas on interesting content for these programs, please contact Klaus or me. The first session will be on our Opening Day, May 16th and include a complimentary Coast Guard Safety Inspection of your vessel if you so choose. Details on this event to follow from Vice Commodore, Chris Houpt, *R-7*.

So we're off to another THYC year. And what better way to celebrate our passion than *Boating, the Bay*, and our *Buddies*. Because of you, we have a unique Club that often feels more like a family than a club. So please actively participate in whatever way you can to make it the greatest season yet! And if you have ideas on how we can be better, please let me know. I look forward to seeing you all on May 16th at our Opening Day Flag Raising Ceremony.

VICE COMMODORE'S REMARKS

By: Chris Houpt

As many of you know, being your Vice Commodore this year is something I have been practicing for all my life. And as many of you also know, VC is responsible for the social events and parties, an area in which I have much experience. I grew up in the Haven Yacht Club. My family have been members since 1987. I learned to sail from my Grandfather who was very active in the Yacht Club. I worked for Jack and Sue Scovill at Haven Charter every summer during high school. That is why the Scovill Memorial Scholarship is especially important to me.

I'm looking forward to carrying on what all the great officers before me have started and will do my best to make our social scene even better.

The final event for 2008 was the Commodore's Ball held at the West End Boat Club. The theme was Haven High Class of 50's 60's and 70's. 52 members attended. Everyone looked great dressed up. Greg and Laura brought the 70's back that night! It was neat to see everyone's high school pictures. Mine especially because it was one of the few in color. DJ Chris was back with a great mix of oldies. Special thanks to John Webster for a private screening of his show, *MAKING WAVES IN A NO WAKE ZONE* and thanks to Bob Rao for putting this great event together.

This past weekend we had our first meeting at Anchorage Marina in Baltimore. We put together our schedule of events for 2009 and our fleet captain, Troy DiLemme, has put together a great cruise schedule with a good mix for everyone to enjoy. I also want to thank our Secretary, Beth Fulton, for everything she has done. She organized a great weekend for our first meeting of the season and we couldn't do it without her!

Our first event is Opening Day on May 16th. We will meet at the flag pole half way out Red Dock at 4:00 PM for the raising of the Burgee and opening remarks from our Commodore Bob Rao. Following the flag raising, there will be complimentary beer, wine, soda and appetizers (members please plan on bringing your favorite appetizer to share) under the reception center. The best part of this event is meeting prospective new members and getting them to know what our club is all about.

Prior to the flag raising, the Coast Guard Auxiliary will be conducting complimentary vessel safety inspections for us throughout the day under the direction of Dick Greenwood (see flyer for details).

Finally, my goal as VC is to get new members involved and to get all members to know each other better. It's our club so we should try to help out as much as possible. Let's really try to up the attendance at cruises and events - they're a great time! We have a great group and I'm looking forward to seeing everyone on the Bay!

REAR COMMODORE'S REMARKS

By: Shannon Wright

I have been busy selecting new THYC attire and boating accessories for the 2009 boating year. You will find a great selection of new items available at Opening Day on May 16th. If we don't have your size or the color you want, we will be happy to order it for you on a prepaid basis.



SECRETARY'S SALUTATIONS

By: Beth Fulton

I hope everyone had a great winter and are getting ready to put their boats back in the water. Paul and I were fortunate enough to be able to enjoy our boat "Mulligan" all winter long. In November we moved it to Anchorage Marina in Canton. It was fun exploring the restaurants and bars in the area.

We had our last boat ride of the season on December 27th with our daughters and son-in-law. Good times for all of us. We actually winterized the engines for only an 8-week period of time and we were back up and running on March 8th. Greg and Laura (Forever Ever) joined us for our maiden voyage of 2009 to Hard Yacht Café on Bear Creek.

If anyone has any news they would like to share or boating items they are trying to sell, please let me know and I will gladly print the info in the next issue of Fair Tides.

I have received a lot of membership renewals already. Thanks for being so prompt. If you misplaced your renewal membership application, you'll find one with this newsletter. Once again all the information will be ready for the Membership Directory to be handed out at the Crab Feast on July 11th.

FLEET CAPTAIN'S FLOAT PLAN

By: Troy DiLemme

Please think about joining the yacht club on some of the outings I have planned. Besides anchoring out and trips to marinas, I am hoping to organize another chili cook-off or crab cake cook-off to have at the marina. If anyone has ideas about this, please pass them on to me.

You will also see that we are in the planning stages of a new event, a Navy football weekend in Annapolis tentatively targeted for September 12 – 13th. Stay tuned for further details

May	16	Opening Day
	30-31	Shakedown Cruise Pleasure Cove (Props Rest)
June	13-14	Picnic Cruise to Futch's On the Severn River
	27-28	Anchor Out- Magothy River
July	11	Crab Feast- Haven Harbour
	18-19	Herrington Harbor South
Aug	1-2	Mears Point Kent Narrows Marina
	8-9	Pirates and Wenches- RH
	22-23	Maryland Yacht Club (20 slips)
Sept.	12-13	Navy Football Game
	19	HH Slipholders Crab Feast
Oct.	3-4	Fells Point Festival Inner Harbor East Marina
	24	THYC Fall Dinner

You will also see additional Rock Hall events and a reminder of other significant site dates on the Schedule of Events on our Web site

And remember to fly your club burgee!



If you need to purchase a replacement, see Rear
Commodore Shannon.



The Haven Yacht Club

Opening Day Flag Raising And Welcome to the 2009 Season

From the Podium

Introductory remarks from Commodore Bob Rao

May 16, 2009 at 4:00 PM

**Assembly under flag pole, mid-way out on
Red Dock Haven Harbour Marina**

Followed by

Complimentary Beer and Wine and Hors'd Oeuvres provided by the members of
The Haven Yacht Club at the Haven Harbour Reception Center.

As in previous years, we welcome ALL slipholders at the Marina. Our desire is to ensure everyone knows what the Club stands for and what the social agenda is for the upcoming year. This is an opportunity to get to know us, learn about the many events and cruises you can participate in, and understand the minimal cost involved. There's no pressure - just real people with an interest in boats working together to make their time on the Bay safe and fun. Membership is an opportunity to enhance your boating experience and meet interesting people who all share a similar passion.

Attractive THYC Clothing Will Be Displayed For Sale

(All sales benefit the Susan Scovill Memorial Scholarship Fund)

The Safety and Education Committee will coordinate with the Coast Guard Auxiliary as they conduct a Vessel Safety Check throughout the day for those who want to participate to make sure that we meet both federal and state requirements for safety. No citations are issued and the results of the safety check are not reported to any enforcement agency, but a decal is awarded to display if the vessel has passed the examination.

**We welcome ALL to the formal Burgee Raising Ceremony and the
refreshments afterward.**

See you May 16th!