



Fair Tides

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THE HAVEN YACHT CLUB



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NEXT THYC MEETING

May 15th. - 9:00 AM
Haven Harbour Meeting Room

Summer is upon us. Well maybe not by the time you receive this, but it certainly feels like it today. Nothing like the upper eighties in April to get us motivated to jump-start the new season. We did some fine-tuning of the schedule for the coming year in our March meeting at Canton that can be seen in the enclosed Cruise Schedule. As you may have noticed, we have also updated THYC website with the latest information. Please remember this is one place where all the most current activities, schedules and latest breaking news or schedule changes may be viewed. And speaking of the website, if you have any pictures of the Winter Ball please let me know as we are posting the few that we have to the website.

Another topic discussed in our meeting was how to do a better job of helping new members become more comfortable participating in Club activities. We want to make it easier for them to meet current members and become involved. The result was adopting a program to have either an Officer or Governor become an "ambassador" to new members as they join. This will provide an initial point of contact with a more personal touch and ensure that our new members have someone they get to know who can introduce them to other members, encourage them to attend our events, and answer any questions about our Club and our activities. We are also sponsoring a New Member event on the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend specifically to introduce our new members. This year it will be a "Margarita Mixer". Stay tuned for details.

As part of our commitment to increase our focus on Education and Safety, we are evaluating possible course offerings from the USCG Auxiliary and the Power Squadron. One such seminar that seemed of great value is titled "Suddenly In Command" and is designed for

someone who may typically cruise with us but may not have a full understanding of how to take command of our vessel in the event of an emergency. The training is typically attended by both the "Captain" and the "First Mate". Although this is a 4 hour course, the Auxiliary would be willing to teach it in two sessions if we felt 4 hours at one sitting was not practical to do on a Saturday at the Marina. Please drop Dave Ellison an email djemle118@comcast.net and let him know if you would have interest in attending and if you prefer one or two sessions and we can plan for sometime this summer.

As you may have heard, the Feldmann's have sold their boat and are taking a season off. Teri has asked that we replace her as a THYC Governor. Consider this a request for volunteers, which always precedes drafting a replacement! Please consider serving your Club and call or email me if you have interest.

Finally, please get your membership renewals complete and thank you in advance for any contribution you can make to the Scholarship Fund. We have the makings of a great new season and I am excited to see you at our Opening Day Flag Raising on May 15th.

VICE COMMODORE'S REMARKS

By: Chris Houpt

It's that time again, and Opening Day is right around the corner. As has become tradition, we will host a reception for prospective new members and ask that our current members please prepare a heavy appetizer to share with club members and guests. The Flag Ceremony will begin at 4:00 PM on Saturday, May 15th. and following brief remarks by our Commodore, we will get the party started! The Club will provide an assortment of Beer and Wine to accompany your Hors'd Oeuvres under the Haven Harbour Reception Center. We want to speak to as many prospective members as possible and let them understand our Club's social and charitable agenda.

Once again, the USCG Auxiliary will be conducting their complimentary vessel safety inspections beginning at 10 AM. 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 Coast Guard examination.

Also, see Earle's comments regarding the New Member recognition event to be held for the first time on Saturday of the Memorial Day weekend. We will be asking for appetizer contributions for this event as well, especially those that might go well with Margaritas!

REAR COMMODORE'S REMARKS

By: Beth Fulton

I have been fortunate to have been in Rock Hall the last few weekends. It has been great to reconnect with boating friends after our winter hibernation. The parking lot is slowly starting to reappear as more and more of our boats are launched and moved into their summer homes.

As you know, THYC Opening Day is scheduled for May 15th. We will have an assortment of THYC apparel and gear available that day. Hopefully, Shannon Wright will be back from her winter home in Ft. Myers to help with our sale table. If not, her very capable assistant, Colleen, will be available.

We are also trying to come up with some creative ideas on how to move some of our older inventory of clothing. If you have any thoughts on something fun and different, please let me know. One suggestion was to have our Commodore conduct an "auction" of sorts. Let's see who can come up with the wackiest, but effective suggestion!

SECRETARY'S SALUTATIONS

By: Beth Boyer

Thank you to all of you that have already sent in your Membership Renewals as well as your generous contributions to the Susan B. Scovill Scholarship Fund. If you haven't sent in your application, please do so. If you have misplaced

the form, you may find one on our website or email me at beth.boyer@dbr.com and I will send you one. Please take a look at your listing from last year in THYC Directory and let me know if you have any changes that I would not see from your membership renewal paperwork.

FLEET CAPTAIN'S FLOAT PLAN

By: Troy DiLemme

The following is the updated current schedule. Remember that any late changes will be posted to the "Breaking News" area of the NEWS section of our website at www.thehavenyachtclub.com

2010 Cruise Schedule

May	1-2	Mother's Day Weekend
	15	THYC Opening Day
	22-23	Shakedown Cruise – Bodkin Creek
	29	New Member Margarita Mixer
	29-31	Memorial Day Weekend
June	12-13	Baltimore Marine Center, Canton
	25	St. Helena's Island Cookout
	26	Futch's Picnic – Little Round Bay
July	3-4	Rock Hall Fireworks (3 rd) Rock Hall Parade & Waterman's Day (4 th .)
	10	THYC Crab Feast
	17-18	Harness Creek Raft Up
Aug	1	Herrington Harbor South Marina
	14-15	Pirates and Wenches- RH
	28-29	Baltimore Yacht Club (20 slips)
Sept.	4-6	Labor Day – Still Pond Raft Up
	11-12	Navy Football Game – Georgia So.
	18	HH Slipholders Crab Feast
Oct.	2-3	Fells Point Festival Inner Harbor East Marina
	9-10	Annapolis Sailboat Show
	16-17	Annapolis Power Show
	23	THYC Fall Dinner
	30	Crock Pot Cookoff

SAFETY & EDUCATION

BY: Dave Ellison, Chairman

As you probably know by now, I have been appointed to chair this committee. I hope you all agree that Klaus Burckhardt did a fantastic job in this post and truly believed in its benefits. I hope to do as well but have big shoes to fill. While driving to work this morning, which for me is about 7 minutes, I am wondering what am I going to write in my first newsletter. It's a gloomy rainy Friday morning in Jenkintown but looks like a pretty good weekend. Hopefully most of you are either working on your boats or are at least thinking about commissioning.

It's usually a good idea to have a spring **Check List** for getting underway. Some folks, like me, say who needs a check list? I have been doing this for so long that I could do it blindfolded. It's really not a good idea, especially if you are getting more forgetful, also like me. Here are a few of the basics that should be done before launching.

First and most important, install the drain plugs. I wrap with Teflon tape and do not over tighten. Next, check all seacocks and fuel valves for functionality. I usually close before launching. Make sure your batteries are fully charged and switches function. Test the charger. Check hoses, fittings, tanks, and through hull fittings. You may also want to test your depth finder. Check packing glands on both propeller shafts and steering. If this has not been done in a while it is a lot less nerve racking to do out of the water. Inspect around the bilge pumps and make sure they work. Lastly make sure that your insurance policy is up to date.

I am open for advice and suggestions on future activities and content for the newsletter and would welcome any help or contributions that you may have. Looking forward to another season.



MEMBERSHIP

BY: Earle Sandberg, Chairman

Our Commodore, Bob Rao, is preparing 2010 "Membership Packages" for distribution to potential new members during the first and second weekends of May. Beth Fulton, RC, Gail Richards, our Treasurer, Beth Boyer, our Secretary, and Barbara Sandberg have offered to help distribute them to the slipholders in Haven Harbour Marina. Troy DiLemme, the Fleet Captain, will assist with the distribution in Spring Cove Marina and Sigy Capuano, the Social Committee Chair, has undertaken the distribution in Rock Hall Landing. Chris Houpt, VC, will cover Gratitude Marina and Membership Packages will be made available for Osprey Marina slipholders. Membership Packages will include a Welcoming Letter, a Membership Application and a copy of a recent issue of the **FairTides**.

The Welcoming Letter will extend an invitation to potential new members to join us on Saturday, May 15, 2010 for our OPENING DAY festivities, including the FLAG RAISING CEREMONY and COCKTAIL PARTY. The USCG Auxiliary will be conducting Safety Inspections on this day in cooperation with the Club. Members are encouraged to bring appetizers and hors d'oeuvres to the COCKTAIL PARTY as well as friends, relatives, and acquaintances that have an interest in joining the club. I will have Membership Packages available on the Valinthor, at Red 27 and at THYC reception table under the Reception Center the afternoon of our event.

The Welcoming Letter will also include an invitation to all members, new and returning, to a MARGARITA MEMBERSHIP MIXER on Memorial Day Weekend. The purpose will be to meet New Members and impress them with our MARGARITA making skills and secret recipes, so dig out those high-powered blenders and start practicing. Details, when conceived, proposed, discussed, agreed upon and ratified might be communicated to you soon.

Membership Dues remain at \$50.00 for continuing Members and \$70.00 for New Members. New Members receive a Club Burgee at no additional charge and continuing Members can buy replacement Burgees for \$20.00. (There must be

a formula here somewhere). All Members, continuing and new, receive free Memberships in the Chesapeake Bay Yacht Clubs Association (www.cbyca.org) and the Yachting Club of America (www.ycaol.com), six or more issues of the FAIR TIDES, and are welcome and encouraged to join us for our cruises and parties.

GALLEY RECIPES

Recipe provided by
Beth Boyer

Fiesta Appetizer Pie

Just in time for Cinco de Mayo!

3 ripe avocados
1 TB lemon juice
1 8-ounce carton sour cream
2 green onions, finely chopped
1 8-ounce jar taco sauce
1 C finely shredded Monterey Jack cheese (4 ounces)
Tortilla chips

Mash the avocados with the lemon juice. Spread mixture evenly in bottom of 9-inch pie plate. Spread sour cream atop. Sprinkle with green onions. Spoon taco sauce over sour cream; sprinkle with cheese over all. Cover and refrigerate till serving time. A Margarita on the side is great!

If anyone has recipes they would like to share, please email beth.boyer@dbr.com