



RAPPAHANNOCK RIVER YACHT CLUB
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THE HEADWAY

New Bridge Elected at the RRYC Annual Meeting 2017

By Tom Wicks



Photo by Tom Wicks

Annual meeting laughter

Commodore Tom Decker called the Annual Meeting to order at 1600 on Nov. 18th, a beautiful fall day. With a quorum in attendance (over 80 members) and 13 proxy votes on record, the meeting, election of officers, summary of options for a new club marina facility and presentation of awards

commenced. More details on the awards will be found in other articles in this edition of *Headway*, but photos of the attendees, the new officers and some award winners are included here.

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Comments from the Commodore

By Tom Chapman, Commodore

- First I want to thank the membership of RRYC for entrusting me with the position of Commodore. It is an honor, and with the excellent Board you have elected look forward to serving your interests.
- Commodore Tom Decker and Treasurer Jack McKim noted that the financial position of RRYC is excellent and will enable us to address our dock issue.
- As discussed by PC Pete Clay we have a challenge in the coming year putting forth a plan to replace our aging dock. There are a number of alternatives but the combination of deteriorating piling and slips that are not wide enough for many of the more recent wider sail and power vessels require action.
- Annual Awards:
 - ◀ Yachtsman of the Year: Hal Starke
 - ◀ PHRF High Point, Spinnaker: Hal Starke
 - ◀ PHRF High Point, non-spin: Pete Knight
 - ◀ Commodore's Cup: Tom Chapman
 - ◀ Rappahannock Cup: RRYC
 - ◀ Cruisers of the Year: Frank and Grace Ann Miller
 - ◀ US Sailing Sportsmanship: Mosby West and Debbie Cycotte
 - ◀ Vaden Jr Sailing: Alex Resio
 - ◀ Ty Sailor of the year: Sissy Crowther and Arabella Denvir
 - ◀ Sailor of the year: Ian Ormesher
 - ◀ Volunteers of the Year: Ed Peake, Louise and Jeff Branflick,
 - ◀ Sue and Greg Kirkbride and Tom Wicks
 - ◀ Special Award for Culinary Excellence: Craig and Jan Akers

Outgoing Commodore's Input

By Tom Decker, Past Commodore

The boats are going on the hard and only the hardiest are still sailing. I am turning the Commodore's responsibilities over to Tom Chapman. He, with the new Bridge and Directors, will make the club proud. I am sad to say that Glenda and I are moving to New Bern, N.C. We have made many friends while here and will miss them all. Our house sold suddenly after almost five years of trying. We will be leaving sometime early December. I want to thank all those who have made my tenure enjoyable. If you are going south, you must stop and say hi or break bread with us. Fair winds and following seas.

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Darryl Resio



Ian Ormesher



Sissy Crowther

Photos by Tom Wicks

The audience enjoyed presentations by Commodore Decker, Vice-Commodore Tom Chapman and by Rear-Commodore Ed Peake. The Treasurer’s Report by Jack McKim was quite positive but generated some thoughtful queries from the membership.

The election of the new Bridge went smoothly, with the new officers announced as follows: Commodore: Tom Chapman, Vice- Commodore: Danielle Kuper, Rear-Commodore: Ed Peake (for another term), Treasurer: Tom Richardson, and Secretary: Candace Franco. (See pictures within: Tom Richardson was present but had to leave before the photos.)



New Bridge

Photos by Tom Wicks



Secretary Candace Franco

Commodore Tom thanked all the officers for their past service and acknowledged that he will be busy moving to their new home in NC this winter, but really enjoyed his tenure and would be able to continue advising as a PC and Board Member. In addition to the new officers, the new Board of Directors will include Tom Decker, Dave Bronson, Pete Clay, Mikey Kennedy, Sue Kirkbride, and Ted Kvell.

Past Commodore (PC) Pete Clay captured the members’ attention with a presentation of options for a new dock facility, i.e. the Marina, with estimates of cost, of debt service, maintenance and possible profits

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New RRYC Board Members

over time. Ed Peake continued the discussion on the marina, which may include some additional and larger slips to accommodate member's larger boats. While noting that these data were preliminary, Ed said that other bids would be considered. Scott Vail offered some ideas from the floor and others voiced their questions. But, in brief, it seemed feasible, and if the final plan is approved, a construction start date may be as early as October 2018.

See Commodore Tom Chapman's article on the awards presented.

Of note, the Officers thanked Craig and Jan Akers for their five years of heading up the Social Committee (fondly known as "The Cleavers") awarding the Akers a *Special Award for Culinary Excellence* and also thanked the rest of the "Cleavers" for their spirit of volunteerism, for planning, preparing and cooking all those wonderful meals for Socials and for being such dedicated members and examples for us all. Of note, the Social Committee members are: in addition to Craig and Jan, Coleman and Terry Brydon, Sissy Crowther, Tom and Glenda Decker, Dick and Candace Franco, Bev and Brian Hart, Lucy Hooper, Carl and Debi Isbrandtsen, Greg and Sue Kirkbride, George Kuper, Kate Raffetto, Jim and Charlotte Schmidt, Charles and Sue Springett, Jim and Pam Ward, Harry and Jane Wells, and Bob and Fran Westbrook.

Craig and Jan acknowledged that they had enjoyed working with such a group but will be stepping down as Social Directors. There is a search for another Social Director now underway. Commodore



Photo by Tom Wicks

Mgr Kent White

Decker noted that this group was such a pleasure to work with and had such remarkable energy and camaraderie, that he hoped a member would be willing to step in to help as Director. If you are interested in helping the "Cleavers" host the monthly socials, please contact Ed Peake.

And in addition to the awards cited, it was noted that Kent White has served as Club Manager and "Beaver" for 21 years, now entering his 22nd and he was thanked for all his service and informally and fondly awarded the title of "Curmudgeon of the Year" for enforcing the club rules, both written and unwritten!

And further, for all her years of service to the Club, often behind the scenes during Socials and on other evenings cleaning up, -- and, in jest, for putting up with Kent -- Diane Owens was warmly acknowledged and thanked by the Officers and members.

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And on the subject of the value of our volunteers, we wish to thank Joan and Brad Perry for their excellent work as Editors of the club’s monthly newsletter *Headway*. If you don’t know them, please see photo to the right.

Further, we thank Fred and Candace Pevahouse for volunteering to be the Club’s *Yearbook* editor. Be sure to update your information on the Member Connect site before the next edition--they will also remind you! Thank you!

Following the formal part, the Commodore adjourned and opened the social portion of this annual meeting and urged all to relax and enjoy the wonderful food offered by the Social Committee, this time presented per custom as “heavy *hors d’oeuvres*,” both hot and cold, with wine and beer to slake our thirsts! *Happy Holidays All!*



Photo by Stephanie Chaufournier
Joan and Brad Perry

From the Vice Commodore

By Danielle Kuper, Vice Commodore

Hello everyone! An enthusiastic team of Fleet Commanders is falling into place to continue RRYC’s on water activities for the next year. Arabella Denvir will oversee the large, active Typhoon Fleet. Louise Branflick, as Jr. Sailing Fleet Commander, will continue to organize low-key, fun filled “RAPPA days” for our junior members. Ed Johnson and Debbie Cycotte will continue as PHRF and Flying Scott Fleet Commander respectively. Sandy Porteous has agreed to head up our nascent Kayak Fleet. The intrepid cruisers will be choosing their leader within the next few weeks.

I know that every one of these people welcomes any ideas that will promote fun and participation in their fleets. Don’t hesitate to offer your suggestions!

From the Rear Commodore

By Ed Peake, Rear Commodore

I am looking forward to another year as Rear Commodore.

Here are some of the things that we did in 2017, we had the Clubhouse Eves painted, we had a new automatic chlorine dispenser added to the pool, we got two new umbrella’s with a patio table and a sail shade for the pool and a new large gas grill for outside events. We got a new lawn mower, replaced the bench in front of the dock house and extended the floating dock by the boat ramp.

In 2018 here are some of the things we hope to do, we are looking to replace the aging stove in the kitchen and possibly adding another air conditioner unit to the clubhouse and fix the plumbing under the clubhouse to keep the water out of the septic system when the clubhouse floods, we are also looking into replacing our docks with floating docks.

Wishing you and your family all the beauty of the Christmas season,
Merry Christmas & a Healthy & Happy New Year

Submitting Items to *The Headway*

All items for publication should be submitted via email to rycheadwayeditors@gmail.com no later than the 20th of the prior month (i.e. by December 20th for January 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 100 or that begin sentences. Use a twenty-four hour clock for all times (i.e. 16:00, not 4:00 P.M.)

2017 RRYC Race Committee Report

By Tom Chapman

2017 was a great year for racing at RRYC and we want to take the opportunity to recognize everyone for their tremendous Race Committee support. Without Race Committee there would be no racing! Forty members and RRYC friends participated on Race Committee for Typhoon Races, PHRF Races, Typhoon Nationals, the Hospice Turkey Shoot Regatta and our Junior Sailing Regatta. Special thanks to George Kuper and Tom Blencowe for training new Wildfire and Doug Power operators so we can get the RC out to the race course.

For 2018 we are looking to build on our ongoing success and get even more members involved. Serving on RC is a great way to spend time on the water with friends, especially for new members, while supporting the RRYC's racing activities.

On the Job Training is available for those interested in participating, no experience required. Please contact Tom Linville or Danielle Kuper if you are interested in race committee training, being a PRO or just want to be added to our RC service list.

Our Thanks to all 2017 Race Committee Participants:

Tom Armstrong
Tommy Asch
Kathy Bearden
Tom Blencowe
Phil Booth
Randy Bozarth
Melissa Bozarth
Ray Britt
Tom Chapman
Pete Clay
Ned Crockett
Stan Crockett
Sissy Crowther
Debbie Cycott

Joe Dewbre
Nancy Dewbre
Lance Franke
Bruce Julian
George Kuper
Danielle Kuper
Jerry Latell
Tom Linville
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Darryl Resio
Hal Starke
Kimberly Vail
Cynthia Volk
Chris Volk
Margo Van Kaenel
Tom Watkins
Lisa Watlington
Mosby West
Bob Westbrook

2018 RRYC Race Committee Leadership Team

Danielle Kuper
Ed Johnso

Tom Linville (Typhoon Race Committee Chairmen)
Arabella Denvir

Twas the Boater's Night Before Christmas

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Twas the night before Christmas and all through the boat,
The bilge pumps were hustling to keep us afloat,
The children were nestled all snug in their berths,

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Twas the Boater's Night Before Christmas

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(We sleep here most nights to get our money's worth)
As Ma read Jackie Collins and I guzzled beer,
She said, "You've had enough, now come to bed dear."
Then out on the dock there arose an uproar
As I reached in the Igloo to get just one more.
So up went my head out of the hatch.
(Though I should have thought first to undo the latch.)
I saw stars for a moment, and as quick as a blink
My wife yelled, "See, you've had too much to drink!"
The moon on the water lit the marina up bright
(Which was good, since the kids had lost my flashlight.)
Then what with my wondering eyes should I see,
But a fat, fuzzy old guy in a Bay liner Capri.
Instead of an outboard hung on the rear,
Tied to the bow were eight tiny reindeer.
More rapid than Reggie, these coursers they flew,
And on each of their hoofs was a Topsider shoe.
With crashing and bashing and banging and knocking,
I knew in an instant they must be docking,
"No Dasher! Hold it, Dancer! Damn you Prancer and Vixen.
Stop, Comet! Grab a line, Cupid! Get bumpers, Donner and Blitzen!
Look out for that boat! Watch that seawall!
Now fend off, fend off, fend off all!"
He was dressed in a red cap ringed with fur trim
Along with a Speedo that covered just a fraction of him.
I was shocked and astonished. What could I say?
I also go boating dressed exactly that way.
He then grabbed a bag, a bulging huge sack,
And hoisted it up onto his back;
He also had sponges and a mop in his grip,
As he waddled his way o'er to my slip.
He said "My name's Nick, and my friend, I can tell
That your gel coat needs buffing and your teak looks like hell.
Your vinyl needs cleaning, your lockers arranging,
Your holding tank pumping, and your oil a-changing,
You've put these jobs off for too long and you know it.
So here's all that you need. This time don't blow it."
Then as quick as he came, he was back on his boat,
His reindeer revving and eager to tote.
"Merry Christmas!" he called as they cruised through the night.
"And regarding the beer Joe, your wife she is right."

THE END

Christmas Carols

From Brad and Joan Perry to put us in the holiday spirit!

Deck the Boat

lyrics by Joan and Brad Perry :)
(sung to the tune of Deck the Halls)



Deck the boat with lots of sailors, Fa la la la la, la la la la
Tis the season to be racers, Fa la la la la, la la la la
Don we our foul weather gear, Fa la la, la la la, la la la
Regatta time will soon be here, Fa la la la la, la la la la

See the Typhoons all before us, Fa la la la la, la la la la
Strike the bell and read the compass, Fa la la la la, la la la la
Follow us in merry measure, Fa la la, la la la, la la la
Sailing is our greatest pleasure, Fa la la la la, la la la la

Fast away the season passes, Fa la la la la, la la la la
No more need of our sunglasses, Fa la la la la, la la la la
Sing we joyous all together, Fa la la, la la la, la la la
Heedless of the wind and weather, Fa la la la la, la la la la

The Twelve Days of Boatmas

lyrics by Joan and Brad Perry :)
(sung to the tune of The Twelve Days of Christmas)

On the first day of
Boatmas my Captain
gave to me

**A burgee from the
RRYC**



On the second day of
Boatmas my
Captain gave to me

Two mooring lines



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Christmas Carols

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On the third day of
Boatmas my Captain
gave to me

Three Typhoons



On the fourth day of
Boatmas my Captain
gave to me

Four bright halyards



On the fifth day of
Boatmas my Captain
gave to me

Five brass cleats



On the sixth day of
Boatmas my Captain
gave to me

Six seagulls perching



On the seventh day of
Boatmas my Captain
gave to me

Seven dinghies dockside



On the eighth day of
Boatmas my Captain
gave to me

Eight dolphins laughing



On the ninth day of
Boatmas my Captain
gave to me

Nine yachts a resting



On the tenth day of
Boatmas my Captain
gave to me

Ten anchored sailboats



On the eleventh day of
Boatmas my Captain
gave to me

Eleven buoys hanging



On the twelfth day of
Boatmas my Captain
gave to me

Twelve sailboats racing



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Christmas Carols

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O RRYC

lyrics by Joan and Brad Perry :)
(sung to the tune of O Christmas Tree)

O RRYC, O RRYC
You are the Yacht Club for me

O RRYC, O RRYC
You are the Yacht Club for me

From the great socials
Where we eat
To the neat people
That we meet

O RRYC, O RRYC
You are the Yacht Club for me

You have such awesome
Things to do
From yachts to food
And kayaks, too

O RRYC, O RRYC
You are the Yacht Club for me

The RRYC Social Committee

By Jim Ward

The Social committee is open to any member, man or woman, who would like to participate. The main goal of the Social Committee is to plan, prepare and serve the excellent dinners at the Club's monthly social event.

The Committee does not require you to be here every month. Some Committee members enjoy working in the galley and participate often, while other members participate when they can. It is an excellent way to get to know other Club members, even if they are not on the Committee, as you can work the serving line and meet each member as they come through the line. We do a "Men in the Galley" dinner for the month of September (The ladies get to take a break and be waited upon), and a "cook your own steak or salmon night in one of the warm months.

In addition to providing a quality meal each month, the main requirement for being on the Committee is having FUN! So, whether you are new to the Club or a long-time member, and you think that it would be fun to work in the galley and share in the camaraderie each month, send an e-mail to rrycjim@gmail.com so that you get monthly notices. You can sign up to help that month if you are available. No experience is necessary, so whether you fancy yourself a cook or not, come and join us. If you can slice and dice, and boil water, you can play with us.

From the Galley - Part 1

By Craig Akers

After the completion of the normal business and the awards, the Annual Meeting ended in the usual fashion with members sharing the company of others over cocktails and heavy hors d'oeuvres. Thanks to Jan Akers, Terry & Coleman Brydon, Leslie Damon, Candace & Dick Franco, Debi & Carl Isbrandtsen, Sue & Greg Kirkbride, Candee & Fred Pevahouse, and Pam & Jim Ward for laboring in their galleys to prepare the delicious hors d'oeuvres that make this Social Committee famous. Thanks also to Jan Akers, Sue & Greg Kirkbride, and Ken Vincent for coming to the Club early to get everything warmed, browned, plated, and ready to serve. And finally, thanks to Kent, Diane, and everyone who stayed around to help clean up.

Come out the second Saturday in December at 17:30 pmt to welcome your new Social Committee Chair, Jim Ward, and to kick off the holiday season with a traditional meal of spiral-sliced baked ham with mustard sauce, turkey breast with cranberry sauce, green beans amandine, whipped potatoes, butternut squash, and rolls. For dessert, we will have an old-fashioned cookie exchange with eggnog, so everybody bring a dozen of your favorite Christmas cookies. The Club will provide the eggnog. We look forward to seeing you there. As usual, make your dinner reservations by sending an e-mail to rrycmanager@gmail.com. Deadline for reservations and cancellations is 08:00 (that's AM) on Monday, 12/04/2017.

From the Galley - Part 2

By Jim Ward

Hi, I'm Jim Ward. You may or may not know that I have agreed to take Craig Akers' place as head of the Social Committee. My wife Pam and I have been RRYC Members for about five years and our sloop, "brightwindbridled" is quartered at the club. During this time, we have had the pleasure of being on the committee with Craig and Jan, and know they will be a tough act to follow. To do this, I need all the help I can get. If you are already a member of the Social Committee, I hope you will stay on and help. If you are interested in joining, please email me at rryc.jimw@gmail.com, and I will be happy to provide you with more information, and answer any questions you might have.

I would like to have a Committee meeting on December 9, at 13:00 before the December social to discuss ideas and menus for 2018. Please bring ideas and/or recipes for entrees, salads, side dishes, and/or desserts you would like to share with the rest of the Club. New members are welcome to attend! If you are unable to attend the meeting, but have ideas/recipes to share, please send them to me.

December Menu



Spiral-sliced Baked Ham with Mustard Sauce
Turkey Breast with Cranberry Sauce
Green Beans Amandine
Whipped Potatoes
Butternut Squash
Rolls



Dessert:
Old-fashioned Cookie Exchange

(Bring a dozen of your favorite Christmas cookies)

with Eggnog

(provided by the Club)



Club Calendar

December-January

December

January

1 st	First Friday	5 th	First Friday
2 nd	Commodore's Brunch	20 th	Board of Directors Meeting Club Social
9 th	Board of Directors Meeting Club Social	27 th	Private Party
29 th	Private Party		



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