



RAPPAHANNOCK RIVER YACHT CLUB
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THE HEADWAY

RRYC Cruise Fleet Honors 2017 Cruisers of the Year, Names 2018 Cruising Fleet Commander



Snoozing in the shade



2017 Cruising Fleet Party

The Annual Cruising Fleet dinner was held December 3 when many in the Cruising Fleet met at the club to review the year, honor the 2017 Cruisers of the Year and to name a new Cruising Fleet Commander. Attendees included (Past Commander) Coleman and Terry Brydon, Ed Peake and his wife Kathie Hegler, Dave and Lesley Hutchison, Jack and Jo Chamberlain, Ken and Kay Vincent (with Kay's

visiting mother LaVerne Werst) Joe and Beverly Oren, Cheryl and Tom Wicks, Steve and Sheila Zukor, Ted and Ene-Mai Kvell, Jack and Alison McKim, and Frank and Grace Ann Miller. Coleman and Terry hosted, serving some fabulous BBQ pork and chicken from Buzz and Ned's in Richmond, with added tasty sides and desserts--all enjoyed the fare.

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Comments from the Commodore

By Tom Chapman, Commodore

- Happy New Year! You have elected a strong and energetic board for 2018. Board assignments have been made and work is underway to make this a great year. As an all-volunteer club your help and participation is needed in all areas. Please look for those activities where you would like to participate and get involved.
- A major goal for 2018 is our dock replacement project under the direction of Rear Commodore Ed Peake. The plan is to determine our desired replacement and authorize construction to proceed next offseason.
- Growing our membership is another goal for 2018 and we look to all of you to find new members that would like to enjoy the many activities RRYC has to offer. Jennifer Resio is leading this effort on the board as our Membership Chairmen.
- Increasing participation in all our sailing programs, Cruising, Typhoon Racing, PHRF Racing and Junior Sailing is an area your Vice Commodore, Danielle Kuper is working with the Fleet Commanders to accomplish.
- All board members are looking for your thoughts on how to make 2018 the best year for RRYC,

From the Vice Commodore

By Danielle Kuper

You may think that winter, in front of a cozy fire, is not the time to think about boating. Quite the contrary! Your Fleet Commanders are busily planning for the upcoming season; reviewing rules; listening to ideas and planning events.

For those interested in crewing and racing on ALL types of boats, we invite you to the club on January 27 at 14:00. We will discuss how to facilitate the involvement of all interested parties.



Cruise Fleet

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Coleman awarded the title of *2017 Cruisers of the Year* to Frank and Grace Ann Miller for their outstanding season of sailing and of leading club cruises. It was noted that although the Millers were busy with family and other commitments (e.g., Frank with the YMCA and Grace Ann with the garden club), they found time to enjoy sailing on the Chesapeake with RRYC's cruising fleet. (Note that the photo also appeared in the Rapp Record recently.) The highlight of the season was the two-week cruise to Baltimore to attend the Independence Day festivities while stopping in many ports along the way.



From left, Grace Ann and Frank Miller accepting the Cruisers of the Year 2017 award from Coleman Brydon

Commander Brydon also announced that the *2018 Cruising Fleet Commander* will be veteran cruiser Ken Vincent, who along with his wife Kay, have sailed extensively on *Autumn Wind*, their 42 Pearson, in the Bay and along the Atlantic coast and into the Caribbean.



Ken and Kay Vincent accepting the role of 2018 Cruise Commander

The 2018 cruising program is being planned presently and will include Bay destinations as well as exciting ports outside, such as Beaufort, NC. All are welcome, both power and sail. We note that this year we had two power cruisers: one, Pete and Ginny Clay in their Beneteau Swift Trawler 42 *Joy Ride* and the other Tom and Glenda Decker on their Silverton 43 *Gratitude*.

Send your ideas for cruises to Ken and Kay and come cruising with us. Look for the program to be published in the weeks ahead and plan to join us for at least a weekend in 2018. No experience needed; each club cruise will have an experienced leader who will offer guidance, anchorage choices, marina, yacht club and restaurant suggestions and camaraderie. And some who cruise with their dogs (*Ahoy Matey*) can offer pertinent advice! Last, not least, Happy Hours at 1700 are always best at anchor in a beautiful site!

An Update on Dominion's Proposed Power Line Crossing at the Norris Bridge

By Ian Ormesher



Middlesex Current View NO TOWER

It is with great pleasure that I write this latest update on the Dominion proposed towers at the Norris Bridge. On 21 December the SCC released its decision, that Dominion should construct the crossing underwater. “underwater construction...satisfies the statutory requirements and best serves the total public interest within the parameters of the statute. “This finding includes consideration of among other things: need; cost; reliability; the environment; scenic assets; historic districts; health and safety of the persons in the area; economic development; local comprehensive plans; proposed method of installation; possible impediments to timely construction; and rights-of-way.” “

This ruling is a fantastic outcome for those who sail the Rappahannock and to those who live in or visit an area made richer by the unique attributes of the only non-industrialized river system in Virginia. This ruling is due to local residents that have given their time, energy and their own money to fight this two year long battle to prevent massive towers and fenders from forever spoiling Virginia’s premier recreational

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Proposed Power Line

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river. Many of our club members have played significant parts in influencing this outcome. In particular I would like to mention: Jack and Jo Chamberlain, Tom Chapman, Arabella Denvir, Judy Fay, Gary Hooper, Carl Isbransten, Bruce Julian, George Kuper, Martha Little, Bruce Sanders and Joe Sarnowski, all of whom spoke out and made not only their views known but in doing so presented information and perspectives to the SCC that informed the decision makers of many important factors, factors that Dominion chose to ignore in its pursuit of its preferred outcome. Recognition should also go to all those other club members that played a valuable part, particularly with financial contributions.

Finally, I would like to both ask and give. The ask..... in a case such as this the legal costs alone are burdensome. The Save The Rappahannock Coalition is still struggling with about \$50,000 of legal fees remaining from the \$130,000 it cost to fight this case. If you could see fit to make a donation it would go directly to legal fees and would be greatly appreciated. The coalition is a 501(c)3, donations can be made via www.notowers.org. The give here is a slightly tongue in cheek offering for this season of giving..... a photo simulation of the now approved Rappahannock river crossing as viewed from Middlesex looking in the direction of the bay... no towers or fenders anywhere in the river!

From the Rear Commodore

By Ed Peake, Rear Commodore

I'm looking forward to another season at the Yacht Club and working with everyone, please feel free to contact me with any concerns or suggestion you might have.

The December Social at the Club was cancelled as was the board meeting and the social committee meeting due to the snow & icy condition. We look forward to seeing you at the January Social.

The Social Committee will meet in January with Jim Ward taking the helm for 2018. We are always looking for volunteers to help in the kitchen with the meals so please consider helping out.

A Happy & Healthy New Year. May you have fair winds and following seas.



Submitting Items to *The Headway*

All items for publication should be submitted via email to rryheadwayeditors@gmail.com no later than the 20th of the prior month (i.e. by January 20th for February 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.)

RRYC Ship's Store

We have a new item in the Ship's Store at RRYC, D-ring belts with the RRYC burgee embroidered from Eliza B/Leatherman. We have several color options available and sizes from XS to XL. For the cold temps, we have fleece vests and full front zip fleece with the burgee embroidered. The Store will be open during RRYC events but if you want an item sooner, call Bob Damon at (804) 245-0079 or email at nomadbob@aol.com and we can arrange a time to meet to fill your order.



From the Galley

By Jim Ward

I am really sorry our Christmas Dinner was scrubbed due to bad weather. However that does not mean I don't have a lot of volunteers to thank for their efforts. My wife Pam, Jim and Charlotte Schmidt, Fred and Candee Pevahouse, Greg and Sue Kirkbride and Candice and Dick Franco all volunteered to help. Pam, Jim and Fred in particular helped with the early prep stuff, for which I am grateful. I also need to thank Fran Westbrook for lining up volunteers for hors d'oeuvres, and Craig and Jane Akers, Brian and Bev Hart, Darryl and Jen Resio, Cathy Hegel and Ed Peake for making what I am sure were wonderful appetizers. I hope your friends and family got to share in them once the dinner was cancelled. Finally, my thanks to Kent White for guiding me through what was to be my first dinner as Social Chair.

The January Social will be on Saturday January 20. The menu will be a few choices the December menu, plus some new items. The menu will be baked ham, biscuits, mustard sauce green beans amandine, sweet potatoes, cole slaw and apple crumble for dessert. Please make your dinner reservations at rrycmanager@gmail.com not later than 09:00 on January 15.

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Social Committee

Needless to say, I will need volunteers to make the January dinner a success. Please let me know ASAP if you are willing to help. Also, I would like to hold a meeting with old and new Social Committee members at the club at 13:00 that same day, January 20 to discuss the upcoming year and get your thoughts, ideas, menus and recipes for the coming year. Feel free to bring something to sip on while we plan.



January Menu

Baked Ham

**Mustard Sauce
Green Beans Amandine**

Sweet Potatoes

Cole Slaw

Biscuits

**Dessert:
Apple Crumble**



Club Calendar

January - February

January

5th First Friday

20th Board of Directors Meeting
Club Social

27th Private Party

February

2nd First Friday

17th Board of Directors Meeting
Club Social



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