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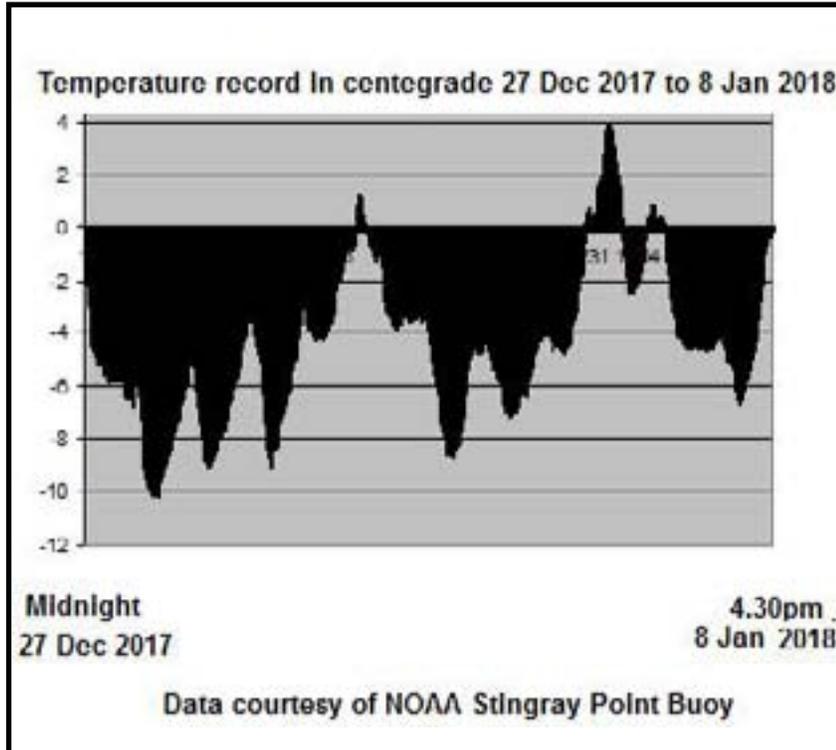
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# THE HEADWAY

## The Vengeance of Winter

*By Ian Ormesher*

Winter arrived with a vengeance early in the New Year. Arctic blasts and a sustained cold spell produced more ice in Carters Creek than us youngsters (anyone younger than Kent) can recall. Twelve days of below freezing weather saw temperatures down to -11C (14 degrees Fahrenheit) causing the creek to freeze solid from the RRYC dock right across to John Neck Point.



Only an area at the creek entrance was clear of ice thanks to wave action plus a lot of paddling from the determined ducks and geese that took refuge there. Our boat Galeneia remained in the water throughout and interestingly it was only the later days of the freeze that a drinking water bottle in the salon finally froze solid, an indication of how much residual warmth remained in the water. The Windmill Point buoy data indicates that the water temperature in the bay only reached zero degrees centigrade on the 8th of January and thankfully that was the day the weather improved. So for those of you that escaped to warm destinations... and for those that didn't venture outside, here are a couple of photos to remind you of what you missed! The photo on the top right was taken 6 January 2018, the photo on the bottom right is actually from the previous winter 2016/17, as Daryl Resio clears snow from the decks of Delphinus.

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## Comments from the Commodore

*By Tom Chapman, Commodore*

- Looks like the cold spell has finally broken and those of us remaining in the area need no longer be excessively envious of members who have cruised, flown and driven to warmer climes. Besides, it has been a good time to catch up on our reading.
- Rear Commodore Ed Peake and the Dock Replacement Committee are working hard to come up with the best configuration of the replacement dock at the right price. How many slips, size of slips etc. If you have a boat somewhere else that you would consider moving to an improved RRYC dock in the future please let Ed know of your thoughts.
- Membership Chairperson Jen Resio is getting her committee together with plans to grow our membership and increase member participation. Although we have the usual January resignations we have applications for three new memberships.
- Cruising Fleet Commanders Ken and Kay Vincent are preparing a survey of our cruising members to assist in planning this year's cruises.
- All board members are looking for your thoughts on how to make 2018 the best year for RRYC.

## From the Rear Commodore

*By Ed Peake*

On behalf of the Rappahannock River Yacht Club I would like to thank our anonymous donor for their generous donation of \$1000.00 towards the purchase of our new stove at the Yacht Club.

Our existing stove is very old and tired, and we really need to replace it. With all the events at the Yacht Club during the year including the club socials, the Typhoon and Cruisers social, Junior Sailing events, Hospice Turkey Shoot Regatta, and all the members that use it during the year, it definitely will be nice to have the new stove.

Thank you again for your kind donation

## Time to Update Your Information on Member Connect for the Annual Yearbook

Every year RRYC publishes a new Yearbook as a handy guide to contacts, fleets etc. Please do your part and update your personal information on Member Connect, which serves as the primary source for the Yearbook. Fred and Candace Pevahouse will be working hard to get an accurate and useful Yearbook out by the Blessing of the Fleet. Make sure your data is up to date.

Reminder: Please submit email changes to Candace Franco (secretary) so she can make the changes in Member Connect.

Thanks for your cooperation, Tom Chapman



## From the Vice Commodore

*By Danielle Kuper*

For ANYONE, sailor or non-sailor, remotely interested in helping out on the Race Committee, the informative and entertaining John McCarthy is offering a half day seminar “Nuts and Bolts for Race Committees” on March 10th. at the Hampton Yacht Club. The seminar is entitled: “Bearings and Angles and Numbers, Oh My!” Apparently, no math is required - only common sense! John is always informative and his style is guaranteed to make for an enjoyable morning. For more information contact Lin McCarthy at [757 850 4225](tel:7578504225) or [mcbear@earthlink.net](mailto:mcbear@earthlink.net).

For PHRF racers, a busy racing schedule has been planned. See below the combined RRYC and YPRCC schedule and note the dates on your calendars. In the light of dwindling participation, this year is something of a test year for PHRF racing. We need committed racers to sustain this fleet!

April 25	YPRCC Spring Wednesday Night Races begin	Sept. 8	YPRCC Fall Regatta
May 12	YPRCC Spring Regatta	Sept. 15-16	Rappahannock Cup
June 16	RRYC Spring Regatta	Sept. 22	YPRCC Single Handed
June 23	RRYC Single Handed	Sept. 28-30	Hospice Turkey Shoot
July 21	YPRCC Fun Pursuit Race	Oct. 13	RRYC Commodore's Cup
August 15	YPRCC Fall Wednesday Night Races begin		

Planning for the Typhoon Nationals is underway. The Planning Team is composed of Tom Linville, Linda DeCoste, Stephanie Chaufournier, Bob Damon, Leslie Damon, Finlay Smith, Tom Watkins, Brownie Watkins, Stan Crockett, Alison Jayne and Danielle Kuper. Everyone is working hard to put on a fun, professional event. With two fleets, Championship (for the serious captains) and Corinthian (for the more laid back or less experienced captains), there is no reason why any Typhoon on the Chesapeake Bay should be lying idle at her dock on June 8-10! Please encourage any Typhoon owners whom you may know to join in the fun.

# Racing Crew Match System

By Ed Johnson

Although RRYC has an online Crew Bank, like many clubs it has not proved as effective as we would like in matching willing crew with needy skippers. The PHRF Fleet Captain has volunteered to facilitate the process, matching crew and skippers, for PHRF or Typhoon racing boats. (Ed will coordinate with Arabella Denvir on the Typhoon assignments.) The process for people interested in crewing is to contact Ed Johnson by email ([toohulls@gmail.com](mailto:toohulls@gmail.com)) and let him know of their interest, experience and availability to crew. Also, each skipper should contact Ed with their needs. Ed will then match up crew and skipper allowing us to get more boats and more people out on the water.

**The 5th Typhoon National Championship Regatta, hosted by RRYC, is taking place June 8-10, 2018. The Notice of Race and Entry Form are available on the Regatta webpage on the Club's website.**



## Submitting Items to *The Headway*

All items for publication should be submitted via email to [rryheadwayeditors@gmail.com](mailto:rryheadwayeditors@gmail.com) no later than the 20<sup>th</sup> of the prior month (i.e. by February 20<sup>th</sup> for March 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.)

# Social Committee

*By Jim Ward*

We had a very useful, if small, meeting of the Social Committee the afternoon of the January dinner. My thanks to all that attended. We were able to settle on our monthly themes and a great number of possible meals. If you were on the Social Committee, but prefer not to be this year, please let me know and I will drop you from the email list. Conversely, if you know someone who is not on the list but might be interested, let me know that as well.

Fran Westbrook has done an amazing job for some time organizing the appetizers, but now needs to pass the torch. I really need someone from the Social Committee to take on this function. It involves contacting enough members attending a dinner to provide sufficient appetizers (usually 3-6) and provide some basic guidelines, so it should not be very time consuming. Please let me know as soon as possible if you are interested.

## From the Galley

*By Jim Ward*

First, I want to thank everyone who helped with January's dinner. Special thanks to Pam Ward, Fred Pevahouse, Charlotte and Jim Schmidt and Sue and Greg Kirkbride who were with me all day Saturday. Thanks also to Leslie Damon, Candee Pevahouse, Craig and Jan Akers, and Candace Franco. Thanks to Charlotte Schmidt and Pam Ward for the appetizers. Finally, thanks to the anonymous donor of the ham biscuit appetizers whom we were never able to identify.

Our February 17 dinner theme will be *Mardi Gras*. We thought since it is only 4 Days after "Fat Tuesday" the theme is not only timely but provides the opportunity to prepare a Cajun-style dinner.



Please consider bringing and wearing your Mardi Gras mask. While wearing a mask is not a must, we think it would add to the fun, and there will be a prize for the best decorated or most unusual mask.

Don't forget to make your dinner reservations for this event by emailing [rrycmanager@gmail.com](mailto:rrycmanager@gmail.com) before midnight Monday, February 12.



## Cajun Dinner Menu

**Shrimp and Grits with  
Optional Butter and Cheese  
Chicken and Sausage Jambalaya  
Rice  
Tossed Salad with Choice of Dressings  
Rolls  
Bread Pudding with Bourbon Street Sauce**



# Club Calendar

## February - March

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February

2<sup>nd</sup>            First Friday

17<sup>th</sup>          Board of Directors Meeting  
Club Social

March

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