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THE HEADWAY

RRYC Cruising Fleet Holds New Cruising Seminar on February 23rd

By Tom Wicks



Although it was rainy, 25 new and veteran cruisers arrived at the clubhouse early to participate in the club's first cruising seminar in years. Twelve were from outside the club - many new to boating - while the rest of the participants were already club members, many with a cruising "pedigree".

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Comments from the Commodore

By Tom Chapman, Commodore

- **Vision:** “RRYC’s vision is to be recognized throughout the Chesapeake Bay as providing outstanding sailing and social opportunities in a welcoming, vibrant and enjoyable yacht club environment.”
- Thanks to Ken Vincent, Tom Wicks and Cruising Commander Cheryl Wicks for their successful Cruising Seminar. Twenty-five individuals, many who were non-members but now potential members, attended it.
- **New Club Website:** Chris Little, Brad & Joan Perry and Ed Peake have been working to get the new site online. The new site will combine the functionality of our old website and Member Connect. The look and feel of the website will be the same as the old, but it should be easier to use than the previous combination of sites. With change comes a learning curve, so I am sure that there will be a few hiccups. We want to get the new website up before the season and are aiming for April 1st at this time (no joke). This will give us a chance to work out the kinks before the season starts. Our porch replacement project is moving along and Rear Commodore Ed Peake hopes to have it open no later than the end of March. Also, Ed informs me that our permit for replacing our dock is nearing final approval.
- **New Members Wanted:** Do you know someone who would be interested in joining our RRYC family? We are always looking to grow our membership, and current members are the best source.

From the Vice Commodore

By Danielle Kuper

Do join us on March 30th at 17:00 to hear Commodore Terry Greene talk about long-distance ocean racing, i.e., races over distances greater than a thousand nautical miles. These races are different, in ways other than length, from races around the buoys or races of a few hundred miles. We will hear about what he has learned from a Norwegian explorer on how to keep things running smoothly. We

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From the Vice Commodore

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will relive a helicopter rescue too! There will be photos and stories from two of the long races. Nancy will talk about provisioning for such long races. Light hors'doeuvres and wine and beer to follow at 18:00.

Cost is \$10.

Please RSVP to sistikuper@gmail.com

From the Rear Commodore

By Ed Peake

The club is looking for an individual or individuals to coordinate and manage the monthly Social Dinners this year, working with the caterer, organizing the volunteers, and setting up the tables for dinner. If you are interested, please contact me at empeake5@gmail.com or 804-873-0763.

We also need more volunteers to help with the monthly dinners, set up the tables, help with serving and clean up. RRYC depends on volunteers, so please consider volunteering for the monthly dinners. If you are interested, please contact me at empeake5@gmail.com or 804-873-0763.

The club is looking for a few good men or women to join the "Beavers". They meet every Tuesday at the club and work on maintenance and repair, like cutting the grass, trimming the bushes, cleaning the club boats, and replacing the dock boards. The Beavers do so much more to help save the club money, and then Kent feeds them a lunch that is always good. If you are interested please contact me at empeake5@gmail.com or 804-873-0763.

Time to Update Your Yearbook Information!

Fred and Candee Pevahouse will be updating the RRYC Yearbook again this year. If you have any changes to any of your information (boats sold/bought, phone numbers, addresses, etc.), please go to the club's website and log into "Member Connect" to change your information.

You can also email the Pevahouses at capflp@yahoo.com, or call Candee on her cell at 434-480-2136. You don't need to let the Commodore or Vice Commodore know – they have enough on their hands!

So that the Yearbook can be handed out at the Blessing of the Fleet in April, the DEADLINE for corrections and changes is MARCH 15th.

Thanks for your help! Candee and Fred Pevahouse

New Cruising Seminar

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Co-hosted by cruise veterans - past Cruise Commander Ken Vincent and current Commander Cheryl Wicks (assisted by Kay Vincent and Tom Wicks) - the seminar began with a welcome from Commodore Tom Chapman followed by a two-part program: the *first*, a slide presentation via the new large screen TV with Q &A; and the *second* part, a discussion group setting.

The slide show, prepared and presented largely by Ken, included sage advice for beginner and experienced cruisers on preparing yourself and the boat for cruising. The show was peppered with humorous, as well as serious anecdotes and examples. With copies of the slides and other detailed references as handouts, the participants were observed taking notes during the formal presentation. With questions from the audience and coffee breaks hourly, the morning was both informative and enjoyable.

After lunch was provided, the participants were divided into five groups, where beginners were mixed with veterans, and each group rotated through the five tables, each with a cruising topic and led by an experienced discussion leader. The topics included cruise planning, provisioning and cooking, navigating and piloting, maintaining the boat, and managing underway.

The attendees then provided feedback via written a questionnaire, wherein they observed that the seminar was well organized, all of the topics were useful to various degrees, and that they enjoyed sharing tips during the discussion groups. Other suggestions included concise slide show segments and more on the pleasure of in-shore, particularly Chesapeake Bay cruising.

Everyone seemed to enjoy the day and the program ended at 16:00.

Spring Dragon Run Kayak Paddle

Anyone interested in the Spring Dragon Run Kayak Paddle can sign up on their website beginning at midnight March 1, 2019. It fills up quickly. Paddle dates are from April 13th through May 20th, weather permitting. The website is Dragonrun.org. Sandy Porteous is happy to try to coordinate those RRYC members who would like to sign up for the same day. FYI, the Dragon Run Conservancy runs these guided trips at specific times in spring and fall, and provides all the equipment. Details are on the website. They request a \$50 donation for the Conservancy. - Sandy Porteous

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 March 20th for April 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 10 or that begin sentences. Use a 24-hour clock for all times (e.g., 16:00, not 4:00 P.M.). Articles should be limited to no more than 1,200 words, or alternately split into multiple parts with a 1,200 word limit per part, to run in contiguous issues of *The Headway*.

RRYC 2019 Typhoon Fleet News

By Bob Damon

The Typhoon Fleet Committee met on January 6th at the home of Danielle and George Kuper to plan for the upcoming year. In attendance were the 2019 Fleet Commander Bob Damon, Tom Watkins, Danielle Kuper, Debbie Cycotte, Mosby West, and 2019 Race Committee Chairs Tom Chapman and Ron Mihills. Those unable to attend included Arabella Denvir, Gary Hooper, Jerry Latell, 2019 Communications Chair Ned Crockett, 2019 Scoring Chairs Lisa and Greg Shivers, and 2019 Social Chairs Linda and Bill DeCoste. The great thing here is that a large number of our Fleet members are committed to keeping our Fleet active through participation and development.

The Fleet Rules were reviewed and amended to discontinue the award for "Overall Series Fleet Champion", as it was a redundant award to the "RRYC Typhoon Sailor of the Year" award. The Committee discussed ways to improve competition within the Fleet, and will try two development races this year for the 2nd and 3rd races of the Spring Series. These races will not be scored in the Series Score, but are intended to give the opportunity for newer fleet members or those that do not have the opportunity to race frequently, to race with those that do and usually finish near the top of the fleet in racing. Exact details are being formulated and will be presented at the RRYC Sailing Season Kickoff on April 17th.

As noted above, our key leadership this year includes:

Bob Damon, Fleet Commander
 Debbie Cycotte and Mosby West, Race Committee Co-Chairs
 Ned Crockett, Communications Chair
 Lisa and Greg Shivers, Series Scoring Co-Chairs
 Linda and Bill DeCoste, Social Co-Chairs

Our Calendar for the year includes:

Wednesday, April 17th: RRYC Sailing Season Kick-Off. More to come.

Wednesday, April 24th: Beginning of Typhoon Spring Series, First Warning Signal at 18:00

Wednesdays through May 29th: Typhoon Spring Series

Mid-Series Dinner after racing May 8th

Sunday, May 19th: Women's Sailing Clinic, 13:00

Saturday, June 1st: Typhoon East Coast Championships

Spring Series awards presented

Saturday, June 8th: RRYC Single Hand Regatta, great fun!

Saturday-Sunday, July 12-14th: FBYC Leukemia Cup, a great cause!

Saturday-Sunday, August 10-11th: FBYC One-Design Invitational Regatta

Wednesday, August 28th: Beginning of Typhoon Fall Series, First Warning Signal at 17:00

Wednesdays through October 2nd: Typhoon Fall Series

Mid-Series Dinner after racing September 11th

Friday-Sunday, October 4-6th: Turkey Shoot Regatta

Wednesday, October 9th: Typhoon Series Award Banquet

Additional events will be posted on the RRYC Website.

Two of the best events of the year are the Wednesday Mid-Series Dinners after racing. We will be looking for volunteers to host these dinner/pot-luck events. These are BYOB, where the hosts supply a main dish. Attendees are encouraged to bring a side dish. You may get asked by Linda and Bill DeCoste to do this, so please say yes!! So get those bottoms fair, sails ready, boats in the water, and get ready for a lot of fun and enjoying why we all are here - a chance to experience the beauty of our Rivah Realm, and to share time and stories with our friends and have fun!

See you all soon, Bob Damon, Fleet Commander

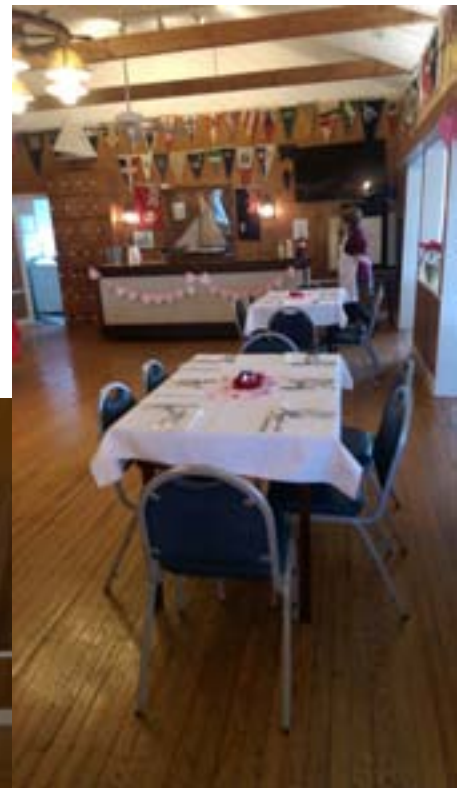


FOR THE SHIP'S STORE!

Help RRYC, volunteer for one of the easiest jobs, have fun, meet other members! We need volunteers to be on the team to man the store. If interested, contact Bob Damon at nomadbob@aol.com!

Get Involved!

From The Galley



As with our January social, we dodged the weather, in this case by mere hours. Our Valentine's Day theme seemed to chase out the "dreaded wintry mix" (DC-speak) just in time for a cozy celebration of the occasion and no temptation to go out on the "deck". Leslie Damon, Dick Franco and Sue and Greg

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Kirkbride romanticized the tables and room with lots of red and pink heart regalia. Kay Vincent arranged for our appetizers, kindly provided by Judy Fay and Ian Ormesher, Pam and Jim Ward, and Mary Louisa Pollard. Ed Peake arranged Willaby's Catering for a delicious spread of apricot chicken, scalloped potatoes, green beans almandine, rolls, salad with their special dressings, all capped by chocolate raspberry molten lava cobbler (which, unfortunately, Greg left on the heating surface too long!).



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Sue and Leslie ran the kitchen; serving was by Pam and Jim Ward, Ed Peake, Fred Pevahouse, and Greg. Dessert was plated and served by Cheryl and Tom Wicks. Diane and Kent kept ahead of all of us as usual. Brad Perry captivated all with his presentation of “To Pluto and Beyond”, why it is no longer a planet and what we learned on the 2015 flyby. He kept strictly to his 15-minute limit, but then no one wanted the question and answer period to end! We would all vote for restoration of Pluto to planet status after Brad’s descriptions and experiences. Forget the fleet commanders of other yacht clubs; we have our own rocket scientist in the best sense of that title.

Our March Social is again Saturday the 16th, beginning with a 17:30-18:30 appetizer/happy hour and then dinner at 18:30, for a cost is \$25.00. This one will celebrate Mardi Gras (which is actually March 5th). Your Social Committee is again working on providing a delicious spread and will send out an email blast as soon as the menu is set. We’re working with Willaby’s catering again for an encore to our delicious February dinner. Please make your dinner reservations by sending an e-mail to rycmanager@gmail.com. The deadline for reservations and cancellations is 08:00 on Monday, March 11th. Looking forward to “laissez les bons temps rouler!” - Your Social Committee

Club Calendar

March - April

March

1 st	First Friday	17:00
9 th	Private Party	
16 th	Board of Directors Meeting	15:30
	Club Social and Dinner	17:30
30 th	Cruising Education by the Greenes	17:00

April

5 th	First Friday	17:30
6 th	Clean-up Day	09:00
17 th	Ty kickoff Party	18:00
24 th	Ty Wednesday Race	18:00
27 th	Board of Directors Meeting	15:30
	Blessing of the Fleet	16:30
	Club Cocktail Party	17:30



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