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The Tide

News of the Tred Avon Yacht Club

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FROM THE COMMODORE...

Well, it's SPRING! Saturday, March 20th – a beautiful cool morning (28° and ice in my cleaning bucket – yikes!) I just burned my socks (*Thank you Jeff Cox*) last night with many friends at TAYC. I am wondering who else has cold feet today? Not to worry – there's warm weather in the forecast, birds are singing, flowers have started to bloom, and shrink-wrap is coming off the boats!

With March behind us, warm weather and many of you receiving vaccines we are all anxious to get together. As we gradually start having activities at the club you will still be required to wear masks while on the grounds and to practice social distancing when not seated. There still are many young members who have not received these vaccines and CDC guidelines are still in effect!

Vice Commodore Karen Singleton and Mac Sommerlatte have been actively filling PRO and mark boat positions for this season's sailboat races. If you have any interest or a boat that is suitable for these roles please contact them.

Rear Commodore Mike Rust and Jay Heim are busy inspecting grounds and organizing individual projects to adhere to current safety guidelines. They are organizing small groups to complete these tasks. Meanwhile, PC Jay Dayton is organizing groups to perform some dock maintenance projects. Please let them know if you can help!

Welcome Alan Clarke as our Club Historian! This year is the 90th anniversary of our club! I am also excited that Elizabeth Wainwright and Pete Bailey have agreed to be our Fleet Captains. With there still being health and travel concerns, the idea is to organize more local rendezvous, picnics and short over-night cruises.

I look forward to our flag raising and Semi- Annual Meeting to be held on Sunday, April 11th at 1630 hours. Due to current CDC guidelines and limited space – RESERVATIONS are necessary. The hope is to have our tent up and fair weather, which would allow more to attend. There will be no food or open bar. We have arranged to have a technician live stream this meeting by Zoom for those who would like to watch from home. I appreciate everyone's patience as we continue to navigate this ever-changing course.

“There is no better tool or equipment you have onboard than a well trained crew” – quote by Lin and Larry Pardey (Boatbuilders/Sailors)

Still enjoying the view!

Clue: The egg (in last month's newsletter) originated as a prize for an April 2002 sailing event in the Netherlands – known for their tulips and pottery! Event? Sailor? Yacht Club?

Commodore Tom Campbell





Membership Memo

Despite Covid 19, interest in joining TAYC is alive and well. The pandemic has given renewed impetus to the work from home movement and there are many new residents - some full time, some part time, some weekend boat owners - in Talbot County and Oxford. A simpler, less frantic, less urban lifestyle has suddenly become more attractive not just to retirees and near retirees, but also to younger working families who no longer need to be in the office five days a week. The switch to remote working creates many opportunities for the yacht club to attract new members and, coincidentally, to possibly lower its average age profile.

I use the word “attract” because that is what we have to do. Like any organization, we must sell ourselves to potential new members to justify the cost of membership. That “sell” has been particularly difficult when the pandemic has essentially shut down most of our events, but the end of shutdowns is in sight. Luckily, TAYC has a stellar reputation near and far, particularly among racing sailors, and that reputation helps to generate a certain level of interest. But what of the more casual or cruising sailor? We need to be able to demonstrate to them the positives of an active sailing club that places a premium on camaraderie and joining with other members to volunteer.

So who is the ideal candidate for membership? That individual cannot be precisely defined because everyone has different, yet essential, qualities to offer. When considering someone you think may be a good candidate, the best thing to do is to turn to page 71 of the recently issued Annual Directory of TAYC. This page is titled “Guidelines for TAYC Membership Proposals.” Here you will find many of the characteristics the Membership Committee is seeking in a candidate. This is not intended to be an all-inclusive list, but to serve as a guideline. Fundamentally, a candidate should understand the mission of the club, be willing to assist the membership in fulfilling that mission and enthusiastically support and participate in the sailing and other activities of the club.

Should you wish to propose a candidate or have a question regarding membership, please do not hesitate to contact the Membership Chair, Ray Munsch at raymunsch@gmail.com or 215-356-2481.



Junior Sail News

There's still time to register!

We still have limited space in the AM and PM Sea Squirts class (Ages 6-7), Junior Jibers (Ages 10-13), Beach Cruisers (Ages 11-14), Opti Race Team (Ages 10-15), Laser Race Team, and 420 Race Team (Age 13+)!

[Click here for detailed class descriptions.](#)

[Click here to register!](#)

For registration questions, please contact Katlin at: katlinthetide@tayc.com

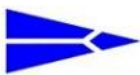
For questions concerning which class your Jr. Sailor should enroll in, please contact Scott at: juniorsail@tayc.com

For general program questions or suggestions, please contact Richard at: rffrw@aol.com

Coach Housing is Needed!!!

2 Males and 1 Female, all have their own transportation.

Please contact: Richard Ward at rffrw@aol.com if you have housing to offer!



What our members are up to...

John Yates and Glenn Crowder getting in a little friendly competition in Sunny Florida!



The 94th edition of the Bacardi Cup saw great success!

The regatta was capped at 40 this year with COVID being a major concern. But, the Coral Reef Yacht Club made great requirements allowing everyone to sail, be safe, and most importantly have fun. The regatta saw 20+ knots of breeze for the first four days with one of those days no sailing at all due to the wind. Triangles were sailed the majority of the regatta for safety reasons and the last day when it was lighter, 10-15, the fleet was able to do the traditional windward leeward.

The top 5 skippers in the regatta were all previous world champions and most notably the overall winner had straight bullets through the event which is the first time this has been accomplished at such a series. Locally and representing TAYC Robert Lippincott and Matt Rajacich sailed a great regatta grabbing a 4th overall in the fourth race of the event and 12th overall for the regatta. Way to go guys!



On a sour note, Mike Rajacich and I on a last minute whim picked up a boat site unseen from a friend's in Florida and needless to say my definition of ready and my friends definition vary slightly. We had a great vacation derigging and doing boat work in sunny Miami for a few days taking note from some of the top star sailors in the world. A lot was learned and despite not sailing we both feel like we took a lot away from the experience.

In closing, while the regatta was much smaller than usual, this fleet was undoubtedly one of the most concentrated group of

world class sailors I have seen on the entry list in a while making Bob and Matt's 4th overall in a race and 12th for the regatta even cooler. Congrats guys! We are definitely looking forward to competing in future Bacardi events with the same amount of high winds, great sunshine, and no masks!

-Alan Campbell



Mike Rajacich, Bob Lippincott, Alan Campbell and Matt Rajacich



As most of you know, TAYC was to host last year's Shields National Regatta in September. But after months of planning, we were forced to cancel because of COVID-19, which we made official in July. These major regattas are rarely canceled, and when they are, it's usually because of severe weather.

Although the Larchmont Yacht Club - Fleet #1 and the home of Shields founder Cornelius (Corny) Shields, was scheduled for the 2021 National Regatta, Larchmont graciously gave up their place so that TAYC could come right back and make up for the very unfortunate cancelation, which we officially dubbed a 'postponement:'.

During the fourth week of September 2020, which is when the Nationals was scheduled to take place, we had a special pre-registration promotion for the 2021 Nationals. We had an amazing 24 boats register, one whole year ahead of time, which had never been done before in the history of the Class! Boats are usually slow to register and generally only starting to sign up 2-3 months before the regatta. The record attendance for the last several decades of Shields National Championships is held by the Larchmont Yacht Club, at their Shields 50th Anniversary Regatta in 2014, with 33 boats. With TAYC already at 24 boats with over six months to go, we have a shot at breaking the record.

As with all Tred Avon Yacht Club regattas, the backbone of the event is our amazing force of volunteers, and our September Shields Nationals will certainly be no exception. So please mark your calendars for September 23-26, and plan on volunteering in the area of your choice. You will be hearing a lot more from the Planning Committee in the coming months. *Now that we have already had more than a year's experience in dealing with the pandemic, we will be totally prepared for whatever the situation may be in September.* We are very optimistic that we will be able to have a normal regatta, without restrictions. But if there are still some limited health regulations, we will be 100% prepared for full compliance.

Our Yacht Club received outstanding reviews from the Shields Class for our two previous Nationals in 2008 and 2013. And one of the highlights was the superb job we always do in providing wonderful housing accommodations for the visiting sailors. *We realize that current pandemic conditions do not permit us to ask for housing volunteers at this time, but we are hopeful this situation will change as we get closer to the regatta.* We believe that we can soon start asking members who have guest houses to volunteer them for housing.

The 2021 Shields National Championship Regatta is going to be an exciting event - with teams from California, Michigan, Illinois, New York, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, and good ole Maryland. Remember, we have a chance to break an attendance record, and with each boat having a normal crew of five, there's going to be a lot of good sailors in Oxford. Spectators are going to see some great racing in this fleet of beautiful sailing craft from a bygone era.

-- Shields Nationals Committee
John Devlin, Jay Dayton, Karen Singleton, Linda Seemans, Schuyler Benson,
Tot O'Mara, Gogy Irving, Harry Seemans and Pete Bailey, Chairman

Upcoming Events

Easter Brunch

April 4th
1130 Cocktails * 1200 Brunch

[Click here for details!](#)



Semi - Annual Meeting

April 11th 1630

Reservations are necessary
and space is limited!

A link will be emailed out if
you wish to attend via
ZOOM!

April Wednesday Night Dinners

Cocktails: 1800 hrs Dinner: 1830 hrs
Carryout Pickup: 1815 hrs



NATIONAL BEER DAY

Fresh Salad, House Baked Roll, Beer and Bacon Chicken



NATIONAL BEER DAY

*Chicken Breast Seasoned and roasted in Beer, served with a Beer and Bacon Gravy
Fried Potatoes, Chef's Selected Vegetable, Cheesecake \$20*

April 21st

*Curried Carrot Soup, House Baked Roll, Veal Picatta, Garden Rice,
Chef's Selected Vegetable, Tiramisu \$24*

Orders and reservations must be placed by 2:00 pm on the Monday prior to each dinner.
Please email to tayc@goeaston.net

Clean Up Fix Up

April 10th 0800 hrs

For information and to sign up for project assignments
as task leaders and team members please contact:

[Waterside/Dock Projects: Jay Dayton](#)

[Shoreside Projects: Jay Heim](#)

[Garden Projects: Patty Heim](#)

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*Join us for Ales and Tales
every Friday this month!
Check your email for the weekly menu*

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