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The Tide

News of the Tred Avon Yacht Club

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FROM THE COMMODORE...

Vicky and her crew have done a fantastic job sprucing up our club while we were closed in January and now it's finally time to reopen the doors for the unofficial opening of the 2020 season!

Governor **Veronica Wainwright** and her team have been setting up what promises to be a very enjoyable social program, which will feature our tried-and-true standards along with a few exciting surprises mixed in. Please check the details for the February events here in the Tide, on the club website, and be on the lookout for Katlin's e-blasts as the events draw near. Very soon you will receive the annual club directory, which includes the 2020 calendar of major events, but please keep in mind that some events could not be confirmed before the printing deadline, so please regularly check the other sources.

Governor **Richard Ward**, Junior Sailing Director **Scott Leppert** and the JS Committee have been busy gearing up for the coming summer program. They expect to start sign-ups around February 15th. Look for new class offerings as well as the traditional racing teams. We are pleased to have many of our coaches returning again this year and are proud to announce that **Josh Paper** will be the Head Racing Coach. Expect further information and announcements later this month.

Governor **Mac Sommerlatte** and the Race Operations Committee Training Program Chair **Katrina Greer** are in the process of setting up 12 different training programs for us in 2020. Most are one-day or less in length and cover a wide range of subjects that anyone who races, cruises, or participates on race committees will find beneficial. The topics include, just to name a few, Basic Sailing, Racing Tactics and Rules, Race Management, Race Committee 101, Powerboat Handling, and Safety / First Aid.

Everyone should have received the e-based survey form, if you did not complete it you will soon be receiving it via snail-mail. PLEASE complete and return the survey as soon as possible, if you need another form for another family member please let Katlin know. We are a volunteer driven club and we need everyone to pitch in to make our events successful.

Now for some not so happy news. The center dock, which is over 60 years old, has been taped-off because it is unsafe to even walk upon, much less tie-up a boat. **P/C Jay Dayton** and the annual Clean-Up / Fix-Up (CUFU) day crews have for several years successfully managed to patch the deck and extend the life of the dock, however during a recent inspection, it was determined that the pilings and supports have deteriorated to the point that they are no longer structurally sound and must be replaced. Fortunately, we have regulatory...



permits that cover replacement of the center dock, which remain in effect until May of this year, and a contractor ready to perform the work. As of the writing of this message, we were in the process of finalizing the cost to complete the job and working with our Treasurer and Finance Committee to evaluate funding options, which we feel very confident WILL NOT require an assessment. Included in a notice, that will be sent to the Resident and Senior members on or before February 12th, will be a fact sheet about the project and announcement of a special meeting that will be held on **Sunday, February 23rd at 1600 hrs.** The purpose of this meeting will be to review the project details, answer any questions, and request the membership to approve the release of the required funds from the Capital Improvement Fund, so the project can be completed before the busy sailing season. Members who cannot attend the meeting, after you have received and reviewed the meeting announcement and project fact sheet, please feel free to call or email me with any questions or concerns. My contact information is in the directory.

Happy Valentine's Day!

Doug Abbott



2020 Shields Class National Championship Regatta



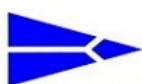
Tred Avon Yacht Club is honored to be holding the 56th Annual Shields Class National Championship Regatta, September 23-26, 2020. While this is number 56 for the National Shields Fleet, it is number 3 for TAYC. We held our first Shields Nationals in 2008, when the National Fleet said that we raised the bar for Shields National Regattas. We did a rerun in 2013, and now number 3 this year. With the experience for two very successful Shields regattas working for us, and the Club's reputation of being among the top One Design regatta venues in the country, we have an experienced team of veterans anxious to make our Club and local Shields Fleet proud to put on the top Shields racing event of the year.

The legendary Shields was conceived by Cornelius Shields in the early 60's and designed by Olin Stephens of Sparkman & Stephens, designers of many of the 12 meter America's Cup defenders. The first Shields was built in 1962, and Corny Shields gave small Shields fleets to many of our service academies. The majority of the current fleets are on Long Island Sound, with fleets also in California, Chicago and Oxford. Some of the TAYC boats were purchased in 2003 from the Maine Maritime Academy.

2020 will be another busy sailing year for our club, and we wanted our membership to know early that this regatta will be one of our top events, and we will be asking for your loyal support in helping us with all phases of the regatta. We are expecting 20 to 30 boats, each with crews of 4 to 5 people. *We will need housing for as many as 100 people, so we would very much appreciate the membership putting these dates on your calendars and considering the offer of your homes.*

For anyone wishing to volunteer, we are anxious to get our team signed up early. Please email your interest in helping to pkbailey255@gmail.com, and your desires will be passed along to the appropriate Committee Chairman. Thank you very much for your interest. We are looking forward to another historic event, and we would be honored to have your participation.

P/C Pete Bailey, 2020 Shields National Championship Regatta Chair



Race Management News

We are assembling 12 programs to advance our sailing and boating skills! Dates and specific information on the programs will be presented in next month's Tide

Do you have family, friends, or neighbors who would be good additions to our club? Please contact Membership Chair Mike Rust at rust@alrwlaw.com about sponsoring a new member. It's easy!

We would like to extend a big *THANK YOU* to the Membership for their support and generosity in donating to the 2019 Christmas Fund! We know that we are very fortunate to work in an environment that recognizes our hard work and dedication. Your kindness, not only at Christmas but year round, is very much appreciated and you made the holiday season very merry for us all!

Thank you!
TAYC Staff

Kathie
Vicky Nancy
April Joe

Jess
Elaine
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Tex

Wednesday Night Abraham Lincoln Birthday Dinner

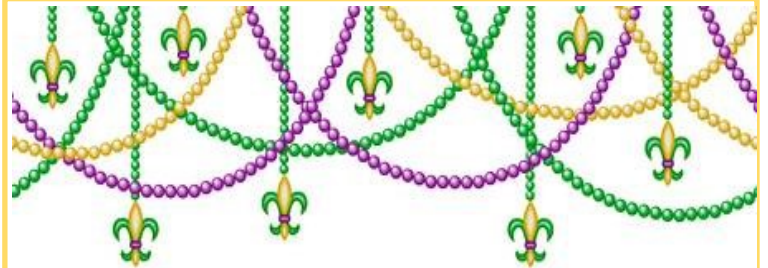
February 12th 1800 hrs
Speaker: R.J. Cooper

*Oyster Stew, Biscuits, Chicken Breast Fricassee,
Wild Rice, Green Beans,
Apple Pie, Fresh Brewed Coffee \$22*

Learn about the new Offshore Olympic Sailing discipline that is planned for 2024 in Paris. P/C R.J. Cooper will present on all of the latest news involving Offshore Olympic Sailing and share experiences in this newly planned discipline. R.J. competed in the first-ever open event last September, which was the Annapolis Yacht Club Double Handed Distance Race, and he will share his videos, photos and stories from the race.

*** Please Attend Special Meeting *
Center Dock Replacement**

Sunday, Feb 23rd 1600 hrs
Details are forthcoming



Mardi Gras Dinner

February 29th 1800 hrs

\$40 per person



*Chicken and Sausage Jambalaya
Broiled Catfish with Cajun Crab Sauce
Bayou Mardi Gras Slaw
Cajun Corn Maque Choux
Bourbon Roasted Pork
Braised Southern Greens
Red Beans and Rice
Muffuletta Deviled Eggs*

Beignets

Bread Pudding with Praline Sauce

Naptown Brass Band 2000 - 2200

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Please make reservations by contacting the club office.

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
<i>February 2020</i>						1
2	3	4	5	6	7 Ales and Tales 1730	8
9	10	11	12 Wednesday Night Dinner Speaker: <i>R.J. Cooper</i> 1800	13	14 	15
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23	24	25 	26	27	28	29 Mardi Gras Dinner 