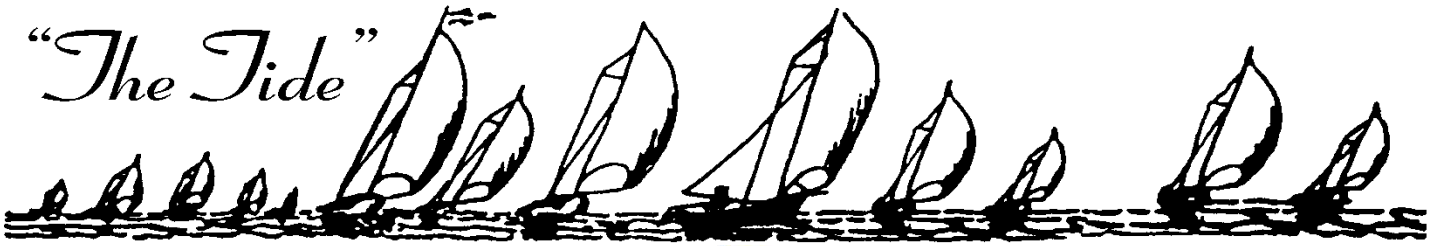


# "The Tide"



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## At the Next Mark

### DECEMBER

- Fri. 1 Ales and Tales - 1730  
Wed. 6 Wednesday Night Dinner - 1800  
*Grilled Chicken Paillard* \$25  
Speaker: Tucker Thompson  
Sun. 10 Christmas with Santa  
*Cocktails: 1200*  
*Buffet: 1230*  
*Kids Activities: 1315*  
*Santa: 1345*  
Wed. 13 Wednesday Night Dinner - 1800  
*Crab Cake Dinner* \$21  
Fri. 29 Ales and Tales - 1730



### JANUARY

- Mon. 1 New Year's Day Brunch  
*Cocktails: 1200*  
*Brunch: 1230*



*Past Commodore's Brud LaMotte, R.J. Cooper, Arnie Boughner, Linda Laramy, Bill Chapman, Chris Koch, Tot O'Mara, Rollin Browne, Jerry O'Mara, Bruce Hackett, Gogy Irving, H.D. Slaughter and Justin Callaban at the 2017 Commodore's Ball*

## Commodore's Message

A great turn out of our membership shared the "changing of the guard" on November 5 when our new Officers and Board of Governors were (unanimously!) approved. I will be honored and privileged to serve as your Commodore for the coming year and I sincerely thank our Nominating Committee for identifying a talented and committed new group: Ed Cassidy will serve as our Vice Commodore, assisted by Governors Bruce Wellington, Tom DeMarco and Karen Singleton who, respectively will be responsible for Sailing Programs, Fleet Coordination and Race Management. Rear Commodore Doug Abbott will oversee the "house" side of our team with able assistance from Governors Mike Rust on Social Activities, Tom Campbell for House and Grounds and Richard Ward, who will lead our new Membership Engagement program.

We will have a new Board Secretary, John Knud-Hansen who will relinquish his former post as Fleet Surgeon, and PC Jay Weaver will continue as our Treasurer. RJ Cooper will serve as immediate Past Commodore, and has committed to remaining closely engaged with all Board activities.

Alert readers will note that, especially on the sailing side, we have altered our previous Board structure by way of new and different missions for each of those three Governors. In addition, we have expanded the former Communications Chair position to include new endeavors for engaging members with the activities (and volunteer opportunities) of the club. Please see the article inside for more detail on these revised Governors' missions.

We have some exciting events to look forward to this year. Primary among these will be the Star Class World Championship regatta scheduled for next October, where we will expect some 70 to 80, maybe more, Star Boats racing off our Club. This will be a huge undertaking, but we are already well down the

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# *Commodore's Message Continued...*

road with preparations by way of a talented committee led by Andrew Parish.

I am pleased to announce that TAYC has agreed to partner with Annapolis Yacht Club in offering a new Spring Race to Oxford. AYC will get the race started on Saturday, May 12, and TAYC will host an evening awards party for all participants. In a November 7 press release AYC leadership noted that “TAYC recently renovated its facility and increased the amount of available dockage ... we want to get people out sailing and we think Tred Avon has all the facilities and amenities that sailors are looking for in a destination. It is a majestic location and gorgeous venue.”

When you receive this issue of the Tide many will still be talking about the fabulous Italian dinner prepared by P/C John Devlin and new Governor Tom DeMarco. This was a great example of the sort of member-centered social event that we hope to emphasize in this coming year. And for the immediate future it may not be too late to sign up for the Tucker Thompson presentation on December 6, when he will have some well-informed commentary about what happened at the America's Cup regatta last June.

Finally, I want to thank our members and staff who helped make the Commodore's Ball an incredible success. Our Decorations Committee – Laura Ward, Christy Gibson and Georgi Bishop – beautified our tables with their flower arranging. Chef Tom and Carey, with help from Lisa and Steve, produced an excellent dinner that drew rave reviews. And Vicky, along with Nancy, April, Alyssa, and JJ, made everything flow smoothly from the Prosecco through the Lava Cake. They all made quite a show!

I am very pleased and appreciative of the opportunity to serve as your Commodore this year!

- Tom Alspach, Commodore



**We would like to thank everyone who has donated to this year's Christmas Fund! If you have not done so already, now is the perfect time to contribute. This is a great way to say *thank you* to our dedicated staff. Donations may be charged to your house account, paid by check or may be kept anonymous by sending to our TAYC Treasurer.**

## **A New Organizational Structure for the TAYC Board of Governors**

The TAYC Board of Governors for 2018 will be organized in a manner intended to promote collaborative efforts among individual Governors, and to foster more visible Board interaction with our membership.

The most substantial reorganization relates to Governor responsibilities for the “sailing” side of our agenda. In years past, three Governors had responsibility for the PHRF/handicapped fleet; the keel boat fleet; and the one design/centerboard fleet, respectively. This resulted in duplicative, and sometimes conflicting, effort as those Governors, individually and separately, often were at the same time recruiting race committee members and PRO's for their respective fleets. And there was less than ideal Board interaction with our other important sailing activities, such as FOS, Jr. Sailing, the high school racing programs and our team racing events.

This year these Governor efforts will be rechanneled. TAYC will have a Governor for Sailing Programs (Bruce Wellington), a Governor for Fleet Coordination (Tom DeMarco) and a Governor for Race Management (Karen Singleton).

The Governor for Sailing Programs will coordinate and promote TAYC's “in house” sailing programs and relationships with other programs that utilize TAYC facilities. The Governor will focus on means of promoting participation in and development of these programs, will keep the BOG more engaged with these activities and will foster a more visible Board presence among the programs' participants.

The Governor for Fleet Coordination will be the Board's primary liaison to all the TAYC member-owned

racing and cruising fleets, including the Shields, Stars, PHRF, Optimis and others. The Governor will ensure that we have an active fleet captain for each fleet, and, among other things, will collaborate with the Governor for Race Management in developing a streamlined process for identifying PROs and race committees with the assistance of fleet participants.

The Governor for Race Management will recruit a Race Operations Committee that will coordinate all aspects of race and regatta management. This Governor, together with the ROC, will oversee the preparation of all race documents (NORs, SIs, etc.), will ensure the availability of all race equipment as necessary, and will have a scoring committee and protest committee in place for all regattas and events.

The other substantive change to a Governor position will be the expansion of the former Communications program under a Governor for Member Engagement (Richard Ward). This Governor will lead a team working to actively engage members in TAYC's many social, sailing and club supported activities. This program will encourage the proactive welcome of our newest members, and their integration into TAYC events. Additionally, it is intended to make greater use of members' creative skills, such as photography, graphics, technology and social media to drive a multi-faceted effort in support of club social activities.

Our other two Governor positions will remain as in the past. Mike Rust will be arranging our social activities and we can look forward to his always creative and engaging commentary. Tom Campbell will be our Governor for House and Grounds. It will be great to have an expert at marina management supervising our waterside.

We are of course breaking new ground here, and doubtlessly there will be some needed tweaks along the way. But the new Flag Officers and Board of Governors all are already fully engaged with and supportive of this new program, and we look forward to a productive year of collaborative efforts among our Board and our membership.

### 2017 Perpetual Trophy Recipients

<b>Sportsmanship Award:</b>	<i>Jan and Katrina Greer</i>
<b>Board of Governors Award:</b>	<i>David Pulzone</i>
<b>Commodore's Bowl:</b>	<i>Diana Mautz</i>
<b>Constantine "Gus" Koste</b>	
<b>Corinthian Yachtsman Award:</b>	<i>Tad DuPont</i>
<b>Richard Slaughter, Unsung Hero Award:</b>	<i>P/C John Devlin</i>

### 2017 Club Champions

<b>Shields:</b>	<i>P/C Jay Dayton</i>
<b>Optimist:</b>	<i>William Donald</i>
<b>Penguin:</b>	<i>P/C Bill Lane</i>
<b>Double Handed:</b>	<i>Adison Parish</i>
<b>Laser Radial:</b>	<i>Mark Bourdin</i>
<b>PHRF:</b>	<i>Gordon Fronk</i>
<b>Star:</b>	<i>P/C R.J. Cooper</i>
<b>Ideal 18:</b>	<i>Jane &amp; G.K. O'Mara</i>
<b>RC Fleet:</b>	<i>Dave Branning</i>



### Who are we!?!?

The first to answer correctly gets a free drink!  
 Send your guesses to:  
[KatlinTheTide@tayc.com](mailto:KatlinTheTide@tayc.com)



Our 2017 Commodore, R.J. Cooper with Diana Mautz receiving the Commodore's Bowl at the Annual Meeting



# *PHRF Fleet News*

Great weekend of racing for the TAYC fall series, with winds out of the south leaning to the west. Six boats arrived on the starting line for a down-wind start to G 13 off the Dorchester shore. Gordon Fronk's *Mulligan* won the beat back to the finish for the first race. The second race had an added leg to the first race by going to R- 4 off Pecks Point and Spinnaker finish at the club. Henner Gibbons-Neff on *Flossie* brought the other five to finish. With winds up over Saturday, Sunday's race saw the same 6 contenders at the start with a colorful spinnaker start and down to 13 again. Mike Rajacich's *Big Time* redeemed herself of Saturday's finishes in convincing form to take first.

-Ted Clucas

## Final Standings for PHRF Fall Series

1	<i>Mulligan</i>	Gordon Fronk	1, 4, 2; <b>7T</b>
2	<i>Flossie</i>	Jay Weaver	2, 1, 4; <b>7T</b>
3	<i>Falcon</i>	Dave Pulzone	3, 5, 3; <b>11</b>
4	<i>Zoo</i>	Chris Kalinski	4, 3, 5; <b>12</b>
5	<i>Big Time</i>	Mike Rajacich	6, 6, 1; <b>13T</b>
6	<i>Restless</i>	Eric Crawford	5, 2, 6; <b>13T</b>



Many thanks to Doug Jurrius for PRO Duties, and to Bob Shattuck for assisting in starts and finishes!



# Star and Penguin Class News

## LIPPINCOTT WINS FIRST PLACE COMET IN PENGUIN/COMET FROSTBITE

Well, actually two Lippincott's won 1<sup>st</sup> place Comet in the Penguin/Comet Frostbite, at TAYC on November 2<sup>nd</sup> at our Frostbite Regatta. This was a meaningful regatta that TAYC hosted since Talbot County is the home of the Comet class. Bob Lippincott, in a Lippincott Comet (built by his grandfather's company) with his AYC crew, Lexi Oldak, competed against 12 top Comet sailors on the East Coast (Virginia to New York). There were 6 races in a light to medium NNE breeze with 3 general recalls. This regatta included 3 past Comet International Champions and one who had won the Internationals 4 times!

A very close series was races with just one point between 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> and there was a 3 way tie for 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Lippincott won the last race and clinched the series. Elliott Oldak – AYC (the series 2<sup>nd</sup> place winner) who lent his boat and daughter to Bob for the series said he would not be lending Bob anything else anytime soon.

The races were run by Past Commodore, John Devlin (TAYC's brand new and first *Unsung Hero*) who was ably assisted by Katrina Greer.

### Comet Results

1	<i>Bruiser</i>	Bob Lippincott/ Lexi Oldak	TAYC/AYC	2, 1, 2, [8], 7, 1; <b>13</b>
2	<i>Bully</i>	Elliott Oldak/ Barbara Best	SSA/EYC	1, [6], 5, 1, 5, 2; <b>14</b>
3	<i>Mares Tail</i>	Larry Suter/ Gayle Marriner-Smith	STC/OCYC	3, 4, 1, 3, [9], 7; <b>18</b>
4	<i>River Rat</i>	Carl Oberg/Judy Lazo	CRYC/CRYC	5, [8], 4, 2, 2, 5; <b>18</b>
5	<i>Gemini II</i>	Talbot Ingram/ Lee Ingram	SSYC/SSYC	4, [5], 3, 5, 3, 3; <b>18</b>
6	<i>Wicked II</i>	Wick Dudley	CRYC	[10], 3, 7, 6, 4, 4; <b>24</b>



Comets



Commodore, Tom Alspach presenting the Comet Trophy to Bob Lippincott/Lexi Oldak



Penguins

### Penguin Results

1	<i>Bucket</i>	Charles Krafft	SSA	1, 1, 1, [3], 2, 3; <b>8</b>
2	<i>Family Ties</i>	William Lawson/ Susan Taylor	SSA	[6/DSQ], 3, 2, 1, 1, 2; <b>9</b>
3	<i>Turbo Jr.</i>	Eric Wagner/ Noah Langhammer	N/A	4, 4, [5], 4, 3, 1; <b>16</b>
4	<i>Feather</i>	Hank Krafft	PRSA	2, 2, 4, 5, [6DSQ], 4; <b>17T</b>
5	<i>Cheshire Cat</i>	Bill Lane/ Will Donald	TAYC	3, [5], 3, 2, 4, 5; <b>17T</b>



Commodore, Tom Alspach presenting the Penguin Trophy to Charles Krafft

# *Black Pearl is Top TAYC Shields in 2017*



When the dust settled from another hotly contested Shields season, Jay Dayton and his crew aboard *Black Pearl* (Shields #73) had nailed down first place overall in TAYC's premier one-design fleet, narrowly edging out Harry Seemans' *Liberty* (#110). The season's six separate series or regattas featured 37 races held over 14 race days – with either five or six Shields out on the race course for all but the 2-day Fall Series. The season certainly ended with a bang – three of them, actually – as Harry and longtime *Liberty* mates Don Elliot and Doug Campbell took the winner's gun in all three races on October 15<sup>th</sup>, the year's final day of racing.

On a sunny and breezy afternoon that began with *Liberty* trailing Jim Alpi's *Sea Gull* and Ed Cassidy's *Intrepid* by just two and one points respectively, Seemans & Co. promptly leapfrogged their competitors by winning the day's first two races. Just before a climactic "season finale" whose winner would also claim 1<sup>st</sup> place in the Shields Fall Series, an unfortunate halyard failure forced *Sea Gull* to retire for the day – setting the stage for a dramatic America's Cup –style "match race" between the bright red *Liberty* and flag blue *Intrepid*.

The pre-start sequence saw both boats luffing and diving as they circled warily, each skipper seeking the prized position at the favored end of a relatively short starting line. After earning a slight advantage at the start, *Intrepid* managed to hold her narrow lead through the first three legs. Not surprisingly, each tack and jibe was closely contested between two evenly matched boats helmed by good friends and longtime competitors. Adding to the drama, each sported a highly regarded guest tactician (new member and Sonar class national champion Peter Galloway on *Liberty*; and lifelong TAYC and intercollegiate racer Jane O'Mara aboard *Intrepid*).

As the pair rounded the final windward mark and headed for home, *Intrepid* stubbornly clung to its lead but failed to prevent close-behind *Liberty* from slowly gaining a controlling position. Battling hard all the way down the last leg, the boys in red finally snagged their prey and slid skillfully past *Intrepid* just before the finish – winning the race (and the Fall Series) by a razor-thin, four second margin.

Later, over refreshments back at the club, skippers and crew from both boats heartily agreed that their fleet's first-ever match race would not be the last -- and planning has already begun for a two-day Shields match racing event next season.

## *2017 Shields Standings*

<i>Black Pearl</i>	Jay Dayton
<i>Liberty</i>	Harry Seemans
<i>Intrepid</i>	Ed Cassidy
<i>Sea Gull</i>	Jim Alpi
<i>Dragonfly</i>	Drew Kellogg
<i>Old Paint</i>	John Shannahan





# RC Laser News

It has been a pleasure serving as the RC Laser Fleet Captain for 2017. The RC Laser Fleet is probably the most active fleet at TAYC and the least demanding on the resources of TAYC. We're kind of a self-contained entity and we hope to attract more fleet members who want to see how much fun we have extending our racing careers.

In 2017 we held 16 scheduled nights of RC Laser racing that included a total of 80-90 races that involved 16 different skippers. 7-14 boats participated each Wednesday night of our Spring and Fall Series. RC Racing is wildly active around the country and we have some members of our fleet who sail a variety of RC classes and attend numerous regattas from Vermont to Oklahoma to Florida to North Carolina to South Carolina as well as the Mid-Atlantic states throughout the year. Our fleet hosted and ran the Harvest Regatta for the newly named The Richards Bowl, the Tilghman EC12 Regatta, the Santa Barbara National Championship as well as the Tred Avon River Race. We donated a brand new RC Laser for a drawing to benefit Junior Sailing and then, Commodore, R.J. Cooper won the drawing and immediately came out and raced with us a week later.

We could not do all of this without Tot O'Mara and Bonnie Richards as our Race Committee and fleet members like Bob Roe, Dave Pulzone, Roger Baldwin, Claude Maechling, John Tochko and Roger Vaughan who get the buoys out and back for all our evenings of racing. Thanks to Elaine Hepkin who letter engraved all of our fleet awards for our final awards dinner held on November 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Top Skippers in Spring Series:** Dave Branning, Roger Vaughan, Don Barker, Ryck Walbridge, Roger Baldwin, Dave Pulzone, Pete Bailey, Bob Roe, John Tochko and Jim Karr.

**Top Skippers in Fall Series:** Don Barker, Dave Branning, Roger Vaughan, Roger Baldwin, Dave Pulzone, Pete Bailey, Jim Karr, Bob Roe and John Tochko.

Dave Branning won the TAYC RC Laser Club Championship.

Congratulations to Roger Vaughan and Bob Roe who will be our co-fleet captains for 2018!



*Tot O'Mara and Bonnie Richards receiving work boat models from Dave Branning for PRO and Scoring help all year*



*Fall Series Awards, Tot O'Mara PRO, Don Barker 1<sup>st</sup> Place, Dave Branning 2<sup>nd</sup>, Roger Vaughan 3<sup>rd</sup>, Roger Baldwin 4<sup>th</sup>, Bonnie Richards Scoring  
(Not pictured: Dave Pulzone 5<sup>th</sup>)*

## Christmas with Santa



**Sunday, December 10**

**Cocktails 1200 ▪ Buffet 1230**

**Kids Activities 1315 ▪ Santa's Visit 1345**

*Adults: \$15 Children \$6*

*Hot Soup, Burgers, Chicken Caesar Salad, Chicken Tenders, Fries, Egg Nogg, Hot Apple Cider, Christmas Cookies*

**Reservations are required!**

## New Year's Day Brunch



Sunday, January 1

Cocktails 1200 hrs

Brunch 1230 hrs

**Adults \$20 Kids \$10**

*Egg Casserole, Omelet Station, Sausage, Bacon, Home Fries, Baked Salmon, Roast Beef, Chicken Tenders, Fries, Vegetable du jour Fresh Fruit, Herb Roasted Potatoes, Assorted Desserts*

Please contact the office to make reservations!

## Wednesday Night Dinners

**6<sup>th</sup>- Grilled Chicken Paillard** (Artichokes, Capers, Lemon White Wine Butter), *Wild Rice,*

*Fall Vegetables* \$25

Speaker: Tucker Thompson on Past and Present America's Cups

**13<sup>th</sup>- Crab Cake Dinner** \$21

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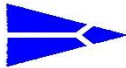
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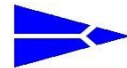
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