"The Tide"

TRED AVON YACHT CLUB OXFORD, MARYLAND

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At the Next Mark

NOVEMBER

Wed. 4 Wednesday Night Dinner
Chicken Alfredo $17 - 1800 hrs

Sat. 7 Penguin Frostbite - 1000 hrs
Comet Pumpkin Bowl Regatta - 1000 hrs

Sun. 8 Annual Meeting - 1630 hrs

Wed. 11 Wednesday Night Dinner & Presentation
Beef Short Ribs $19 - 1800 hrs

Fri. 20 Bay Harvest Dinner - 1800 hrs *(See page 7)*

DECEMBER

Sat. 5 Commodore's Ball - 1830 hrs *(See page 7)*

Sun. 20 Christmas with Santa – 1300

JANUARY

Fri. 1 New Year's Brunch
1130 hrs Bloody Mary & Mimoa Bar
1230 hrs Brunch, RSVP By 12/22

Bill Lane, Charlie Webb, John Devlin and Doug Firth trying to keep warm on the 2015 TAYC Fall Cruise!

Commodore's Message

As I sit down to write my final Commodore's message, I can't help but reflect over the past 12 months and what fun it was. When I became your Commodore, I wondered what in the world am I going to write about every month! Fortunately, we belong to a very active yacht club with members constantly on the move and doing interesting things which results in exciting material to share. I would like to give thanks to all the TAYC Board Members as they did a superb job and were completely dedicated to our Club.

- HD Slaughter, my right hand man and regatta chair, was always on top of things and is well prepared to be our next Commodore.
- RJ Cooper, our upcoming Vice Commodore, did a fabulous job as our liaison with junior sailing which finished up the year well in the black and a good time was had by all. In addition, he along with Stacey Radcliffe, were instrumental in establishing our first ever high school sailing team with St. Peter and Paul School. Hopefully this tradition will continue!
- Sean Callahan (PFRF), Jim Alpi (one design centerboard), and Ed Cassidy (keel boats) insured smooth sailing for all fleets. It is always a big effort for these guys to line up PRO's, race committees, mark boats, etc., etc., so thank you to all volunteers for stepping up and doing an incredible job.
- Our Secretary Andrew Parish, not only kept meticulous minutes, he continued to be most helpful with the House and Grounds Committee and kept our club boats in order.
- Kudos to Jerry Friedel for getting a ton of projects completed! The gatehouse renovation was long overdue and thanks to his team of volunteers they rescued it from ruin. The parking lot has never looked better and he tended to our ongoing dock maintenance, etc.
- I don't know how we all could function without Allison Downes, our communications expert. Her email blasts were invaluable, in addition to overseeing the Tide and this year she also initiated some creative marketing efforts with Facebook to enhance attendance at our regatta events.

TIDE DEADLINE: November 15 for the December Issue
Submit articles to:
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- Tom Alspach, our Social Chair, constantly kept us entertained with interesting speakers and also provided us with some valuable legal counsel to keep us out of trouble. I am delighted that Tom will be moving along to be our Rear Commodore.
- Catherine Alspach and her team of volunteers kept the gardens looking beautiful which is no small undertaking.
- We were especially lucky to have P/C Rollin Browne, overseeing Membership. Under his leadership we have substantially increased our member roster.

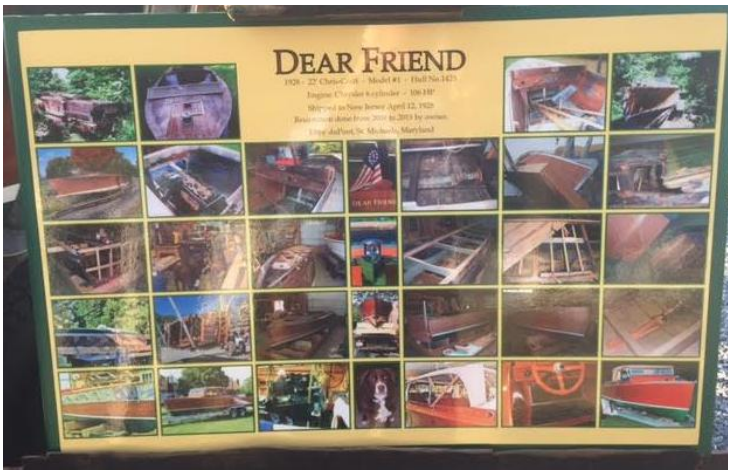
We had great weather and few disappointments. However, it was unfortunate to have had to cancel the Star Fall Wind Up due to a bad Nor'easter. The Oxford Regatta and the Star Fall Wind Up combined are qualifiers for the Star Worlds and Bobby Lippincott was only one point out of qualifying and this event may have qualified him for the Worlds. No doubt he'll be there next time for sure.

There were many high points throughout the year. Everyone, even the naysayers, seemed to appreciate their name tags. Despite breaking a leg, I thoroughly enjoyed hosting the On-Shore Rendezvous/Lobster Feast. Colin continually provided us with delicious Wednesday Night Dinners with many interesting guest speakers. One of my highlights was seeing the excitement on Allison Downes' face when she was awarded the Robert Downes trophy, named after her Dad at Harleigh. Bobby was a good friend of mine who died way too young of cancer when Allison was quite young. Bobby and I enjoyed many fun times together boating, hunting, and enjoying classics cars. He is dearly missed by all who knew him and it was especially nice to witness the positive impression he made on his children.

Now that the season is winding down, I'll look forward to seeing you at our Annual Meeting on Sunday, November 8th. Hopefully you have found my messages interesting and informative and you enjoyed the past year as much as I did. It has been a real honor to serve as your Commodore.

Commodore, Brud LaMotte

P.S. Ebby duPont's presentation of "Dear Friend", his 1928 Chris Craft was just spectacular! I can't imagine there is anyone else on the planet capable of achieving such a perfect restoration from a dilapidated pile of lumber. And to a have a "best in class" example from the most prestigious show in the US owned by a member and displayed on the grounds of TAYC was very special. One of the unique aspects of Ebby's presentation was the tribute to "dear friends" no longer with us. What a tribute to Julie Cox, Bobby Downes, Peter Neff, Mitch Neff, Jimmy Lippincott, and Pat Patterson. All these friends have enjoyed a bond through their boating interests and TAYC association. We are all lucky to enjoy the bond that TAYC brings about for all of us. Many thanks Ebby and enjoy "Dear Friend".



Membership News

The following have been approved by the Board of Governors for Resident Membership:

Harry "David" and Kelly Harp

Proposer: Coard Benson
Seconder: John Chandonnet

From the Ship's Log

Tales of a Commodore's Days gone by…

This month we are excited to bring to you a new featured article that was born at this year's Trippe Creek Rendezvous. At one point, Past Commodore, Pete Bailey was heard regaling stories about when he was Commodore. The crowd wanted to hear more stories of days gone by and the idea for this article was born. This month we are honored to have Pete kick off this fun new feature with the first submission. Look for more entries from "our ship's log" in the months to come.

When I was Commodore . . .

When I was Commodore, the year was 1979, and as you might expect, things were a bit different back then. We were still in the old club house, which was just one story and quite a bit smaller, but we were happy with our Club and enjoyed a robust schedule of racing, junior sailing and social activities.

As Tred Avon Yacht Club's thirty-sixth Commodore, I succeeded the legendary Bill Corkran, along with the late Bob Bauman as Vice Commodore and Bim Stevenson, Bill Stevenson's father, as Rear Commodore. The Board of Governors included current members, Sean Callahan, Richard Lippincott and Jim Crothers. Major Committee Chairmen included: Bob Downes - Membership, Sean Callahan - Race Committee, Richard Lippincott - Regatta, Dewey Showell - Junior Sailing, Jim Crothers - House & Grounds, and Hap Hawkins - Social. Our Club Manager was Betty Holt. In those days, we were pretty much shut down for the winter, from mid November to mid April. During those colder months, we focused on completing as much advanced planning for the coming season as possible.

As Commodore, my highest priority was to safeguard the Club's "Purpose" and its strong tradition on the Bay. The Club's Purpose, as stated in Article II of our Constitution, is to encourage interest in the sailing and racing of various classes of yachts, the education of the children of the members in sailing and in the rules of good sportsmanship, and the cultivation of social and friendly contacts among its members.

Our sailing schedule included an IOR Spring Series in April/May, a Family Spring Series in May/June, a Family Spring Series in July, our annual August Regatta, a Family Fall Series in September, along with the NASS/Hammond Memorial, the Star Fall Windup, and an IOR Fall Series in October. The last sailing event of the year was a Small One Design Regatta in early November. We did not have a Club One Design Class in those

days, and we didn't sponsor all the regional and national regattas that we do today, but we did have a lot of member racing events during the season.

We don't have a record of enrollment numbers for Junior Sailing, but we did have a typically strong TAYC Junior Sailing program. Another strength in those days was the large number of TAYC sailors participating regularly in Chesapeake Bay and off shore regattas. Member racing highlights that summer included Jimmy Lippincott winning the International Comet Championships at Little Egg Harbor Yacht Club in Beach Haven, New Jersey, and Katie Wilford (with crew Pucky Wilford, Tony Lippincott and Mary Firth) placing third in the Women's National Championships in Monterey Bay, California.

Perhaps the most significant difference between then and current times is that the annual Oxford Regatta's Annapolis to Oxford Race had 180 boats. That's not a misprint folks - 180 boats. And in those days, the boats rafted up off our Club docks as many as 15-20 boats in a raft, and the dock bands actually played out on the dock, right in the middle of the hundreds of partying sailors. Good or bad, parties were a bit more robust in those days, and Annapolis sailors didn't turn around and go home after the race. Big boat standouts on the Bay were Al Van Meter's *Running Tide* and Don Tate's *Cayenne.*

This makes a good lead-in to our social activities in those good ole days. We had no liquor license, but that certainly didn't stop the flow of liquor. Members had their own bottles behind the bar. Having a small kitchen, we had fewer dinners, and they were held on Sunday evenings. We also had several covered dish dinners and cook-outs. The ladies would help out with food and kitchen duties. The heart of our Club social life was our monthly "Rendezvous" held at members' waterfront homes. We would have a band, nice dinners, and members would party late into the night. Many members would come by boat and spend the night, with Bloody Mary's a common sight the next morning. So, for many, these rendezvous could last well into the next day.

Another highlight of our year was the annual Fourth of July celebration. In an effort to have more impressive fireworks displays, we started something new by soliciting contributions from our members to bolster the fireworks fund. The result was an overwhelming success, as our display was described in the TIDE as "Unbelievable", lasting an incredible 45 minutes. We were the Best-in-Show of the St. Michaels, Oxford, Easton and Cambridge competition. And there were a record number of boats anchored out on the Tred Avon.

The one thing over which we had no control was the weather, and it was downright uncooperative. It rained and it rained, and it rained some more. The highlight of the year for me, as Commodore, was the Oxford Regatta trophy presentation party, in those days being held at Bill and Bunny Myers' lovely Plimhimmon. Consistent with our weather fortunes, it was rained out, and had to be held at the Club. At the Annual Meeting, my gift from incoming Commodore, Bob Bauman, in addition to the traditional framed club burgee and plaque, was an *umbrella.*

Surely, I'm prejudiced, but 1979 was a very good year, and it was an incredible honor for me to serve as Commodore of the Tred Avon Yacht Club, with outstanding support from a dedicated Board, Club staff, and enthusiastic membership. TAYC has been one of the most rewarding parts of my life.

Respectfully,
P/C Peter K Bailey

Past Commodores posing on the back step of the Old Clubhouse - 1986

Can anyone name all of these Past Commodores?!?

Junior Sailing News

Hello TAYC!

There are some excellent frostbite regattas coming up this month for all ages!

November 7: TAYC Penguin Frostbite (Region III Champs) & Comet Pumpkin Bowl, NOR at tayc.com
November 14: Trippe Creek Frostbite #2, NOR at penguinclass.com
November 21: Gibson Island YS Lawson Rum Bucket, NOR at penguinclass.com

It doesn't get more local than this, so I hope to see you there!

Scott Williamson
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P.S. Congratulations to our 2015 Junior Perpetual Trophy Winners!

Robert W. Downes, III
Sportsmanship Award
Hayes Peterson

Newal B. Blanton
Spirit Award
Madison Norris

Jamie Webb
Ethused Yachting Participant
Sydney Astle

Beau Firth
Outstanding Jr. Sailor
Noah Kullman

K.D. "Swede" Hoff
Stewardship Award
Hayden Gibbons-Neff

Daniel H. Wellford Memorial Trophy
Outstanding Jr. Instructor
Bob Lippincott

Double Handed
Jamie Webb Perpetual
(Awarded to the top 420 team from both junior regattas at TAYC and MRYC)
Brad White (Skipper)
Will Hearn (Crew)

Richard Norris
Leadership Trophy
Mark and Kara Palamaras

TAYC Seamanship Champion
Ages 10 & Under
Ava Arepally

TAYC Seamanship Champion
Ages 11-13
Robbie Ranson

TAYC Seamanship Champion
Ages 14 & Older
Emily Ranson

Wednesday Night Races (June – July)
Optimist (13 races)
Mark Bourdin, 1st Philip Ralph, 2nd Andrew Witter, 3rd

Laser (15 races)
Coleman Walker, 1st Luke DuFour, 2nd Nicholas Kellogg, 3rd

C420 – *no sailors*

2015 CLUB CHAMPIONS
(The top sailor in each fleet is based on a high point score determined by the TAYC Jr Regatta, Wed. Night Series, and Oxford Regatta. See the complete results at tayc.com/junior-sailing.)

Optimist: 1st, Mark Bourdin (120 total points)

Laser: 1st, Coleman Walker (48 total points)

420: no eligible 420 team

FOS News

Lindeman and Greer 2015 FOS Champs!

In extremely light air conditions on Sunday, October 11, Connie Lindeman and Katrina Greer edged out Ed and Laura Cassidy for the 2015 FOS Championship. Ed and Laura missed the start of the first race due to a malfunction on their Ideal. PRO, Pat Shehan, assisted by Suzan Estelle were in a hurry to get races completed in the dying Northerly. Missing a start in those conditions can prove fatal.

Also competing were Philip Logan with his son Tilghman and Karl Krieger as crew. The extra weight was their downfall as most races were extremely tight. Rounding out the fleet were the oldest combo Pucky Lippincott and Jan Greer. Having Suzan Estelle back with us was miraculous if not just plain fun!

A most exciting crew race took place where Jan Greer just barely beat Laura Cassidy on a tricky final downwind leg. In hot pursuit the entire race, Laura and her crew Ed lost by no more than inches.

Connie and Katrina took line honors in the last race by following Pucky and Jan up to the 1st mark only to cleanly barge their way into the windward mark and get a clean get away on the final leg. As the winning blast was sounded, Katrina was heard yelling out HAPPY HALLOWEEN TO ALL!

A delicious Chili Party (thanks, Chef Colin) and awards were followed with football. Special Recognition was given to our FOS leader Ed Cassidy. Also honored were John Devlin (all around good guy), Jan Greer (Maintenance and Finances) and Jan Chandonnet (mark setting).

FOS is now slowly winding down after a busy sailing season! We want to give a special thank-you to Doug Abbott for literally handing over his Cal 40, Flyer, to us for the last OARS race of the season. We had a lot of laughs and many of us learned quite a bit! Liam Edgell was our 8 year old grinder who was able to leap from side to side in a single bound to do his job.

Many thanks also to John Devlin, Bob Lippincott and our pit crew boss, Jan Greer for safely securing our Fleet amidst the Nor'easter in early October.

FOS has had a great 2015 season of sailing/racing/team racing/learning and so much more. Over the winter our team will meet to see how we can do even better next year. Our budget is in good shape with the help of Jan Greer. I feel this team has done a marvelous job and FOS is getting to be a well oiled machine. We look forward to next year's season. Thanks to ALL who have supported us, participated with us, and helped us in this year's sailing and we hope next year will be even better.

Success with more than one person can only be achieved as a team.
My best for fair winds and blue skies,

Pat Shehan

Connie Lindeman
and
Brud LaMotte

Ed and Laura Cassidy 2nd place FOS Champs
Laura also captures 2nd in FOS Crew Race

Connie Lindeman, Jan Greer & Suzan Brice enjoying the FOS Chili party

Jan Greer wins Crew Race while wife Katrina is the 2015 FOS Champ crew!

TAYC Happenings

Wednesday Night Dinner Presentation

Just in time for planning your winter cruise to the South Pacific, our WND presenters on **November 11 at 1800** will be Jessica Rice Johnson and Richard Johnson, together with their two teenage daughters.

The Johnsons live here in Oxford, but recently concluded a four year cruise on their 62 foot catamaran with an itinerary that included Tasmania, Pitcairn, French Polynesia, Samoa, Vanuatu and the Galapagos. Jessica and Richard will share an intriguing picture/power point show illustrating these and other idyllic anchorages, and will talk about management of an extended cruise with two school age daughters aboard.

Several of our members have seen the Johnsons' presentation and give it rave reviews. So don't miss this great show; make your reservations now!

On the menu: Beef Short Ribs with Mashed Potatoes $19

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85th Commodore's Ball

Saturday, December 6

3 Penny Opera* * $60 per person

Cocktails & Hors d'oeuvres 1830

Dinner 1930

Dancing 2030

Beef Tenderloin and Jumbo Lump Crab Cake

Be sure to wear your holiday attire!

Reservations needed by November 27

410-226-5269 manager@tayc.com

Bay Harvest Dinner

Friday, November 20 - 1800 hrs

$30 per person

New twists and classic favorites using…

Wild Rockfish and Bluefish, Crab, Delmarva Chicken, Chincoteague and Barren Island Oysters, S.B. Farms Bison, Waterfowl and Upland Game

Reservations are required.

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TAYC Annual Meeting

Sunday, November 8 - 1630hrs

Plan to attend the Annual Meeting to hear all the news about the Club along with the induction of our 2016 Board and Club Officers.

Social Hour follows.

Coat and Tie required!

Employee Christmas Fund

Now is the perfect time to contribute to this year's Christmas Fund. This is a great way to say thank you to our wonderful staff. Donations may be charged to your house account, paid by check, or may be kept anonymous by sending to:

The TAYC Treasurer.

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November

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4 **Wednesday Night Dinner 1800** ***Chicken Alfredo $17***	5	6	7 **Penguin Frostbite Comet Pumpkin Bowl Regatta**
8 **Annual Meeting 1630**	9	10	11 **Wednesday Night Dinner & Presentation 1800** ***Beef Short Ribs $19***	12	13	14
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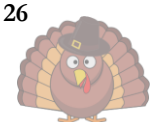
22	23	24	25	26 	27	28
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