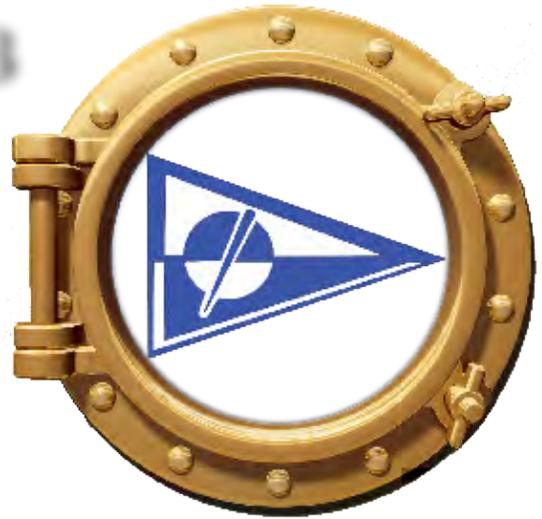


BODKIN YACHT CLUB

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BECAUSE YOU NEED TO KNOW
WHAT'S GOING ON



Issue #2 2021 fiscal year January 21, 2021

FROM THE BRIDGE



Commodore
Michael Meyer

Commodore's Message:

To all of the awesome Bodkin Members,

I'm incredibly amazed at the enthusiasm and interest, the diversity and resiliency, that always shines through at the club. Maybe it's not seen by members, but now that I have reached this place of Commodore and am forced to be aware, it's just amazing! Please know that I am humbled everytime the Club goes into action. With a new year in front of us, we are still faced with some of the remnants of 2020. I am confident that we are going to prevail and make this year so much better than last year. With our F/C Bruce at the helm setting courses for destinations around the Bay this summer - to our R/C Roger making changes in the club and giving it a new look - and our V/C Rich who can't stop bubbling with enthusiasm! With our newly appointed Entertainment Chair, P/C Chuck and his committee, how can this year be a bust? Oh,Oh,Oh,

and those Bobbins are jamming to a new energized beat that is in attack mode to create a new upbeat swing for all to enjoy!

Allow me to point my finger at myself for a second. In just a few weeks we're going to be back at the unforgettable Turf Valley Resort in Howard County for the 2021 Commodore's Ball!. That's right! Every precaution is being taken to keep our members safe, which is our top priority. In trying to bring back the fun, we'll have an oversized ballroom, all plated foods and three very separate bar areas. The very desired Kanye Twitty band will entertain us on an oversized dance floor where there can be social distancing. Masks must be worn when you are not seated and eating or drinking. An outside area with fire pits will be available to bring back that loving feeling - Whoa, Whoa, Whoa. We are looking forward to a fantastic night - Bodkin style!

With that kind of start to the new year, just let your imagination go and set your sights on having a great turn-about year. Yes we can! With caution and kindness, we can use what we have learned from last year and improve in 2021. Your club can be your haven to a better year. With everything the
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Bridge and Board is working on, all we need is you!

Be safe and kind to yourselves and I look forward to seeing everyone throughout the year. Please feel free to contact any Officer with any questions or concerns. We are here for you!



Commodore Michael



V/C Rich Sokol

VICE COMMODORE’S MESSAGE:

Well, the holidays are over, Nicole and I hope everyone had a happy and safe holiday season. Thanks be to God, 2020 is behind us, and we are bravely steaming forward into 2021. We missed gathering with our club family during the holidays. We missed the holiday pitch-in, the tree decorating, the ugly sweater party, the children’s Christmas party, and of course the practically famous New Year’s Eve party. We’ve been hindered by regulations and restrictions, all in the name of keeping everyone safe and healthy in the fight against COVID. We all sincerely appreciate our members’ cooperation and patience in adhering to all these new rules, we don’t like them either, but they are truly necessary. Hopefully as we move forward towards spring, and as more and more people get vaccinated, we will be able to put this horrible pandemic behind us.

Enough on that! Let’s focus on some positives, what do we have on the horizon? In February we have our 2021 Ball honoring Com

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EDITOR’S NOTE:

My good friend Governor Dick Thornburgh once told me there were three kinds of people in the Pennsylvania State Legislature: Lawmakers who make things happen.... Lawmakers who watch things happen.... And people who keep asking, “What Happened?”

At Bodkin Yacht Club we are cursed and blessed. Cursed recently by COVID-19 and see Editor on page 15

**Bodkin’s
Commodore’s Ball is
on!
The Ball will be held
February 13th at the
Turf Valley Resort.
The new flier is in
this issue on page
5. After a year of
lockup, this is your
chance to break out!**

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modore Michael and Bunny Meyer. If you have not already done so, please RSVP via email (bodkinball2021@gmail.com). We have been working tirelessly with Turf Valley to make the event both safe and successful. Special room rates are available to make the Ball an overnight stay, and why not? Moving forward from the Ball, we will start planning for our Opening Weekend in June. We are looking to have a kick-off meeting in early February, and will be looking for volunteers to chair vital committees and build teams to ensure success. None of us know what summer will bring us event wise, but our goal is to be organized and prepared. We would love your participation in the ideas, planning, and execution. Details to follow on meeting schedules.

What we all NEED is sun and warmth, as we all know EVERYTHING is better with sun, there are just 60 days until spring! Boating season will be on us before we know it. We have all kinds of things to look forward to this year. Our Fleet Captain Bruce has an amazing cruise schedule in the works for us, other clubs will start to have their openings, and of course our basin will once again be full with boats and our members. Our shed extension is complete and looks amazing, this extension doubles our outside storage, thank you Captain Duerbeck. The infamous club hill is undergoing an amazing transformation, thanks to the Herculean efforts by our landscaping committee. The materials for the fire-pit have been secured, and construction will start in the early spring, this will provide us another space to gather and socialize. Our new Point of Sale (POS) system has been implemented at the bar, don't be scared it works very similar to our old system. We can now take credit cards, and are able to provide improved financial tracking for bar sales and club events - thank you Treasurer Imoff. Entertainment Chairman P/C Chuck has recently communicated with the membership via email and a survey. The Entertainment Committee will be reviewing that

information and organizing events soon!

In closing, please know we will continue to work hard to ensure everyone's safety to the best of our abilities at our club. This is very much a team sport, as we will need your help too.

V/C Rich and Nicole Sokol



R/C Roger Inhoff

REAR COMMODORE'S MESSAGE:

Our new POS (point of sale) cash register system has been installed and is effective as of 1/1/2021. The new system is by Rezku. It is very similar to the old POS system in many aspects.

The new POS is Rezku and the entry code is 809100. We are working on new help sheets that will be posted in the bar. If you did not take one of the trainings you can access the Youtube video with the following link. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5UfX-QjxfHyE&list=PLICxFnjL8huPki8-DZbX-jiSZ1YBfARN5R&> I have also attached the following training sheets:

1. Short version posted on bartop (counter instructions)
2. Ring up an order (Ordering_Introduction)
3. Start & close out a cash draw (Management_Cash Drawer)
4. Start a Bar Tab (Ordering_Bar Tabs)
5. Close out/settle an order (Ordering_The check out procedure)

One of the features of the new POS is that **we now accept credit cards.** This was one of

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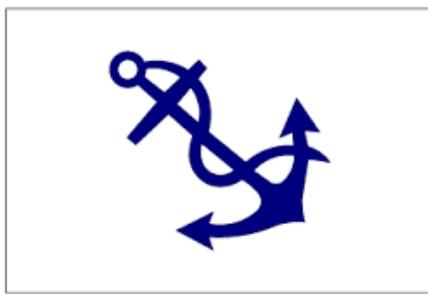
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our members' biggest requests, and it is now a reality.

The new POS takes cash, scrip (gift cards), checks and credit cards. This is a very exciting step forward for the club taking us into the credit card era and giving us much greater visibility of bar and event profits.

Hope everyone had a safe and happy holiday season. We are looking forward to seeing everyone at the club in the near future. Plans are underway for a drive through event. Keep tuned in for the latest and greatest.

R/C Roger Imhoff



FLEET CAPTAIN'S MESSAGE:

Greetings BYC! Winter is a drag for most of us (I consider myself more of a tropical guy), the pandemic along with all the restrictions, the short cold days and nothing but bad news on the TV can bring anyone down.

FEAR NOT! The days are getting longer and you should be gearing up for another season of club events, boating and socializing! The events for the near future are iffy due to the virus but as time goes on and the weather warms we should be getting back to something that resembles normal life.

We have cruise ideas that I am coordinating. Anyone who has a favorite destination whether it be anchorage, mooring or marina don't hesitate to send it to me by email, text or over a beer. Please keep in mind distance, depth and availability to ensure no one would feel left out.

I know a lot of us for the above mentioned

reasons feel a little bummed out but remember that we have an awesome club in an awesome place filled with awesome people!

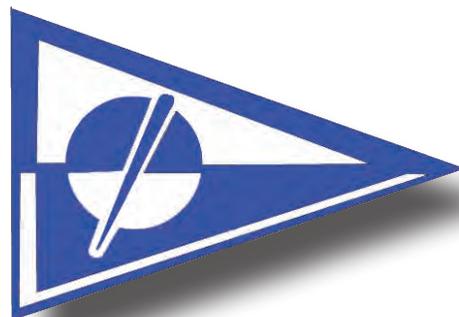
F/C Bruce Hunter

Past Princess Stephanie Horvat Lays Wreath for Coast Guard



Last year our grandsons with the Boy scouts were able to lay a wreath on their great grandfather's grave, Donald McCracken. This year, our Bodkin Yacht Club Princess (Will and my Princess while he was Commodore of Bodkin Yacht Club) , Stephanie Horvat, laid the wreath for Coast Guard. Thank you Steph! How special for us. The ceremony was nice even if limited this year.

PFL Jean McCracken



You're Gonna Have a BALL!

We are happy to announce that our 2021 Commodore's Ball honoring Commodore Michael and First Lady Bunny at Turf Valley Country Club is on, no holds barred, full steam ahead, for Saturday February 13th. Please know we have been working extremely diligently with Turf Valley to ensure everyone's safety. The event will be held in their 500 person ballroom, masks are required at all times when not seated, eating or drinking, with social distancing in place for table assignments, all food will be served by Turf Valley staff, there will be three bars open in the room to maximize spacing, and minimize guests in lines. Kanye Twitty is geared up and ready to play for our entertainment. Turf Valley has tripled the dance floor in size to ensure everyone's safety while dancing.

Due to county restrictions the event will have a 10 PM end time, therefore we amended the start time. Registration and cocktail hour will begin at 4PM, the ceremony will follow at 5PM, dinner will be served immediately following the ceremony, and Kanye will play until 10 PM.

Please know the survey we originally sent out to the Membership several weeks ago, was meant to show interest and support from our members at that time. However, the responses to this survey are not official RSVPs. We need each member that has not already responded that they are attending this year's Ball via email, to now RSVP to the following email address: bodkinball2021@gmail.com. We have blocked discounted rooms under Bodkin Yacht Club.

Commodore Michael & First Lady Bunny



Bodkin Yacht Club
requests the honor of your presence at the
63rd Commodore's Ball

honoring
*Commodore Michael Meyer,
First Lady Bunny
&
Princess Kylieanne Hershey*



4:00-5:00~ Registration & Cocktails
5:00~ Ceremony followed immediately by dinner
Dancing to "Kanye Twitty" until 10:00

Saturday, February 13, 2021
Turf Valley Resort
2700 Turf Valley Road
Ellicott City, MD 21042
\$95 per person, \$55 per Princess

A block of rooms has been reserved at the rate of \$121.00 per night. To make your reservation, call the hotel directly at 410-465-1500 or go online at reservations.turfvalley.com and use the group code "2992GE". Book by January 29, 2021 to receive the discounted rate.

RSVP by email to bodkinball2021@gmail.com no later than February 3, 2020

Harborview Marina For Frostbite Cruise



Harborview Marina is on the south side of the Patapsco on the Domino Sugar side of the Harbor off of the Key Highway.

Remember the Frost Bite Cruises to the Inner Harbor? Yeah, great times and plenty of fun for all members. In normal years, we packed more than 30 boats into Inner Harbor East. We tried to drink the Harbor East Gordon Biersch dry. We also sampled the IPAs in Fells Point and pigged out on Irish dishes at James Joyce on President Street. But that was before peaceful demonstrators rioted and destroyed the Columbus statue within sight of the places we loved. Unfortunately, when our members didn't feel safe we scrapped Harbor East and moved the cruise to Chesapeake Harbor Marina in Annapolis.

So this year, there was talk of returning this popular cruise to Baltimore. But James Joyce and at least three other restaurants in Harbor East have permanently closed. That explains why Fleet Captain Bruce Hunter, Commodore Michael Meyer and P/C Gene Schenck made a site visit to Harborview Marina and began talking with managers of that location about our Frost Bite Cruise. Members may not know that in the past, the Fleet Captain had to



Harborview Boaters' Lounge

plop down a reservation deposit for Frost Bite slips before other clubs booked before us. More than once, our F/C was at the marina office waiting for them to open on the day after New Year's Day.

So on the second business day this year, we were knocking on the door at Har-

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borview Marina. We quickly learned that the facilities at Harborview can easily accommodate our large fleet. We also found out that our liquor locker party can be held on the docks or inside their boater's lounge. Harborview has two restaurants on site: Di Pasquales and Tabrizi's. Also Little Havana is just outside the gate and there are many neighborhood watering holes nearby. We can also walk half a mile to the Rusty Scupper or the same distance to the Cross Street Market. Grocery and liquor stores are right at Harborview. The marina's boater's lounge provides us with remarkable protection from bad weather.

We walked the streets and feel it's a safe location. We also feel it's a good fit for our club and a great chance to go someplace new. Fleet Captain Bruce is talking with them about fleet discounts, and their staff is excited about Bodkin's cruise. Stay tuned.... You will want to make reservations for what should be the wrap-up event for what we expect will be a new year of great cruising.



The piers at Harborview will host our dock parties



Commodore Michael and F/C Bruce made site visit

Hot Tub Recruiting Nets Nice Couple

Some of us will go to any extent and distance to find new members for the club. Liz and Roger Imhoff were vacationing in Hawaii last January (before COVID) when they met Scott and Michelle Anderson in the hot tub at their hotel. After several minutes of "where are you from" and discovering that they lived in Pasadena, they were recruited for social members. After joining us on the Land Cruise, they were hooked with all the fun at Bodkin. Since then the Anderson's have participated in numerous events. So, although they were never boaters, and never knew they needed a boat, they are now looking to buy a boat to be able to join in with boating fun. At a recent event, someone bought them their first boat just to get them in the mood. Looking forward to having another boat in the basin.

(from Barb Gunther)



Scott & Michelle Anderson



Scott's new boat

Bodkin members look forward to 2021



It was that first Saturday in January. It was a 'warm' day they said, so why not go to the club. That's all it took and several members packed up the appetizers and cocktails and hung at the picnic table until dark. Funny thing, we weren't the only ones...there were a few others that drove by and joined us for a drink! Goodbye 2020, Happy New Year!

(from Barb Gunther)

TOP TEACHER



Bodkin Yacht Club's Secretary, Josh Webster has been honored again by the education community. This time the TEEM Awards (Technology and Engineering Educators of Maryland) listed the Elementary School Teacher Excellent Award to Joshua Webster, Fort Smallwood Elementary School, Anne Arundel County. Nice going Josh! Now that you are recognized for teaching the lower grades, we have a few members for tutoring. 

Should We Paint Over Wood Trim?

Our clubhouse is in dire need of a new updated paint job. The BYC Auxiliary has picked two paint schemes that would include painting the wood trim and new covers for the valances. They have been on display in the clubhouse for two months. The Reaction from our members has been mostly positive. The issue has been whether or not to paint the wood trim. Some members feel that the natural wood trim gives the club a nautical look and is a traditional look for a yacht club. I will bring this up at our next meeting.

RIC Roger

From the BYC Auxiliary

Here We Go!



BYC Membership,

As we enter into 2021 I'm excited to share the auxiliary's focus areas for the next year. While 2020 was full of many challenges, and 2021 is going to throw us some more, we still were able to focus on goodness. In November we hosted a Wine and Martini Glass Paint Night, December we ran a Seafood Sale Fundraiser, and provided Coffee/Snack Break Baskets to the First Responders who support BYC. In support of Bridge efforts, over the next year we will be focusing on:

Self-Care: How are we taking care of ourselves and our BYC family? What are we doing to have fun, build friendships and support one another?

Princess Support: How do we continue to support Princess Kylie Hershey and Princess In-Waiting Jordan Pritchett? How can we support future Princesses?

\$\$\$: What opportunities are there to earn funds to supplementally support club needs and auxiliary efforts?

Outreach: What can we do to communicate and encourage integration between the auxiliary, general membership and the community?

Events: What current or new events should we support?

BYC Look & Feel How do we partner with the Bridge to increase the overall BYC experience and membership satisfaction?

Even if you are not an auxiliary member your ideas and suggestions are welcome as well as your participation. Please reach out to me with any feedback. There's more goodness ahead in 2021!

Happy Everything,

Ashton Keefe, Patriot Games, BYC Auxiliary Chair

Pocket Calendars Can Put You in the Right Place at The Right Time

Oh Crap! Was That Today?

Bodkin's pocket-sized printed calendars for 2021 have been printed. These handy calendars will fit in your wallet or in the mirror-thingy on your sunvisor. They are your guide to who's in charge of what and how to contact those leaders. They also outline all the events and fun we have planned for our members. Commodore Michael Meyer will be distributing the calendars. This is your chance to get to know the Commodore who will hand them out personally. In the meantime, you can print this page and fold up your own copy for the sunvisor.

Front:

<p>Commodore Michael Meyer.....410.977-1448 bodkinyccommodore@gmail.com</p> <p>Vice Commodore Rich Sokol.....410.371-9975 bodkinyvicecommodore@gmail.com</p> <p>Rear Commodore Roger Imhoff.....240.672-3498 bodkinyrearcommodore@gmail.com</p> <p>Fleet Captain Bruce Hunter.....410.487-2634 bodkinyfleetcaptain@gmail.com</p> <p>Secretary Josh Webster.....443.790-1119 bodkinysecretary@gmail.com</p> <p>Treasurer Liz Imhoff.....443.324-7701 bodkinytreasurer@gmail.com</p>	<p>Flag Officers</p> <p>Board of Governors P/C Chuck Ervin Capt. Wade Christopher P/C Steve Keefe Capt. Kyle Nickles P/C Earl Lambert Capt. Fred Lobbin P/C Will McCracken Capt. Erich Steinnagel P/C Gene Schenck Capt. Scott Webb</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Capt. Patrick Connelly (Alt)</p> <hr/> <p>Bylaws Chair -- P/C Earl Lambert Club Bar Steward -- Capt. Jonathan Monias Entertainment Chair -- P/C Chuck Ervin Insurance (Rear F/C) Chris Schenck Membership Chair -- Capt. Rick Adlesic Porthole -- P/C Gene Schenck Safety & Environment -- Capt. Fred Lobbin Sunshine Chairman -- Pat Bredon Ways & Means -- P/C Steve Keefe</p> <hr/> <p>Bodkin Auxiliary "The Bobbins"</p> <p>Chair.....Ashton Keefe Treasurer.....Martha Chapman Secretary.....Diane Moore</p>	<p>BODKIN YACHT CLUB CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2021</p>  <p>410-255-9833 8091BELHAVEN AVE PASADENA, MD 21122 WWW.BODKINYACHTCLUB.COM</p> <p>Member of CBYCA Member of Yacht Clubs of Maryland</p>
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<p>JANUARY 8 Membership Meeting - 8pm 10 IPC Roast 25 Bobbins Event 29 Board Meeting - 7pm</p> <p>FEBRUARY 5 Chili Cookoff 6pm Membership/Bobbins Meeting 8pm 6 Land Cruise 13 Bodkin Commodore's Ball 26 Board Meeting - 7pm</p> <p>MARCH 5 Membership Meeting - 8pm 13 St Patrick's Day Party 26 Board Meeting - 7pm 27 All Hands Workday 28 Children's Easter Party</p> <p>APRIL 2 Membership Meeting - 8pm 24 Bull Roast 30 Board Meeting - 7pm</p>	<p>2021</p> <p>MAY 7-9 Shakedown Cruise to Crescent YC 14 Membership Meeting - 8pm 15 Bobbins Event 21 Board Meeting - 7pm 28-31 Memorial Day Cruise to Baltimore YC</p> <p>JUNE 4 Membership/Bobbins Meeting - 8pm 18-20 Bodkin YC Opening Weekend 20 Commodore's Birthday 25 Board Meeting - 7pm</p> <p>JULY 9 Membership Meeting - 8pm 10-18 Bodkin YC Vacation Cruise 30 Board Meeting - 7pm</p> <p>AUGUST 6 Membership/Bobbins Meeting - 8pm 13-15 Bodkin YC August Cruise 27 Board Meeting - 7pm</p>	<p>SEPTEMBER 4-6 Bodkin YC Labor Day Cruise 10 Membership Meeting 8pm 17 Bobbins Appreciation Dinner 24 Board Meeting - 7pm 26 Fleet Review</p> <p>OCTOBER 1 Membership/Bobbins Meeting (election night) 8pm 8-10 Bodkin YC Frostbite Cruise 16 Crab Feast 29 Board Meeting - 7pm 30 Members Party</p> <p>NOVEMBER 5 Membership Meeting - 8pm 7 Princess Coronation 13 All Hands Day 19 Board Meeting - 7pm</p> <p>DECEMBER 3 Membership/Bobbins Meeting - 8pm 12 Children's Christmas Party 17 Board Meeting - 7pm</p>
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NOTE: All events subject to change due to COVID-19 restrictions. Some meetings may be ZOOM® digital gatherings.

We Need Your Support. Make Sure Your Hours Are Completed This Year

Work hours make Bodkin Work. Member services permit us to operate without paid staff. That system keeps costs remarkably low and produces a clubhouse, grounds and harbor that are superior to most commercial properties.

When COVID-19 closed our clubhouse and cancelled most of our events and projects, members fell behind on required member service hours. With a large number of members short on hours as the year ended, it was decided that uncompleted hours could be rolled over and made up by members in the new fiscal year. That means many members began the year with an hours requirement higher than the normal 54 hours. Please keep track of your service hours and do your best to meet the requirement as the year unfolds. The latest tally of hours is displayed below and is posted in the clubhouse.

MEMBER SERVICE REPORT TO CLUB

fiscal year 2021

Oct 1, 2020 to January 14, 2021 (Rev 1)

Member Name	Club Position	Membership	Oct-20	Nov-20	ALL HANDS	Dec-20	JAN	FEB	MAR	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	All Hours (inc All hands)	Alloc. Hours	Total hours Worked	Hours needed from 2019-2020 season	Hours Required 2020-2021	% Hours to Date	
Adlesic, Richard	Membership Chair/Chaplain	Regular	1.00	9.00	5.50		4.00									5.50	10.00	35.00		54	85%	
Biggs, Byron		P-Reg	11.25	8.00	4.50											22.00		45.75		54	85%	
Brown, Drew		Regular														0.00		0.00	5	59	0%	
Christopher, Wade	BOG	Regular	11.00	3.00	4.00	1.75										4.75		24.50		54	45%	
Connelly, Patrick		Regular		2.00														2.00	33	87	2%	
Covey, Bill		Regular	1.50	1.00	4.00	1.00										8.00		15.50		54	29%	
Crawford, Bill		P-Reg	5.50	5.00	4.00											14.50		29.00		54	54%	
Deener, Dennis		Regular	10.25		6.50		1.00									17.75		35.50		54	66%	
Dunworth, Sean	Kitchen Steward	Regular	2.00	15.00	6.00												54.00	77.00		54	143%	
Eberle, Frank		Regular		2.00	4.00											2.00		8.00		54	15%	
Ervin, Chuck P/C	Entertainment Chair	Regular			4.00												54.00	58.00		54	107%	
Fischer, Joseph		P-Reg																0.00	9.5	63.5	0%	
Fortune, Brian		P-Reg			5.00													5.00	2	56	9%	
Fresland, Kurt		Regular														7.00		7.00		54	13%	
Geppert, Paul		Regular		9.00	7.00	2.50										17.00		35.50		54	66%	
Giantz, Josh		P-Reg			3.50													3.50	13.5	67.5	5%	
Golden, Cory		Regular			3.50													3.50	47	101	3%	
Gross, Matt		P-Reg (Jan)	3.00	5.00	7.00											8.00		21.00	19	73	29%	
Gunther, Butch	Work Hours	Regular	18.50	2.00	4.50	7.50										16.75	10.00	59.25		54	110%	
Haber, Betty		Regular			5.00													5.00		54	9%	
Hershhey, Michael		Regular	2.50		4.00											8.00		14.50	7	61.0	24%	
Hughes, Eric		Regular	13.00	2.00	4.00													19.00		54	35%	
Hunter, Bruce	FLEET CAPTAIN	Regular															54.00	54.00	3.5	57.5	94%	
Imhoff, Elizabeth	TREASURER	Regular															54.00	54.00		54	100%	
Imhoff, Roger	REAR COMMODORE	Associate															54.00	54.00		54	100%	
Keefe, P/C Steve	Ways & Means	Regular	1.00	1.00														54.00		56.00	54	104%
Kittka, John W. P/C		Regular			5.00													5.00		54	9%	
Lambert, Bill		Regular	3.50															3.50		54	6%	
Learn, W. Gordon		Regular			6.00													6.00		54	11%	
Lobbin, Fred	Safety & Environmental/BOG	Regular	4.00	3.50	4.00	1.50											10.00	23.00		54	43%	
McCracken, P/C Will	Communications/BOG	Regular			6.00												15.00	21.00		54	39%	
McCracken, Steve		Regular	2.50		7.50											2.50		12.50	13.5	67.5	19%	
McHenry, Joseph		Regular	7.50													8.00		15.50		54	29%	
Meyer, Mike	COMMODORE	Regular															54.00	54.00		54	100%	
Monias, Jonathan	Club Steward	Regular	2.50	2.25	4.50												54.00	63.25		54	117%	
Nickles, Kyle	BOG	Regular	9.50	3.00	4.00											8.50		25.00		54	46%	
Paxson, John		Regular	5.00	3.00														8.00	9	54	15%	
Fritchett, Mike		P-Reg (Oct)	1.50		7.50											7.50		16.50		54	31%	
Reed, David		Regular	3.50	2.00	5.00													10.50		54	19%	
Sokol Rich	VICE COMMODORE	Regular															54.00	54.00		54	100%	
Stahle, Holly		Regular																0.00		54	0%	
Stemmagel, Erich	BOG	Regular	7.00	3.00	5.50	2.00												17.50		54	32%	
Tipton, Ron	ASST TREASURER	Regular															54.00	54.00		54	100%	
Webb, Scott	BOG	Regular		2.00	4.00	2.00	7.00											15.00		54	28%	
Webster, Josh	SECRETARY	Regular			4.00											12.50	54.00	70.50		54	131%	
Winters, Juan		Regular																0.00	39.5	93.5	0%	
Wood, Matt		P-Reg																0.00	1.5	55.5	0%	
Anderson, Scott	sunshine	Social			4.75																	
Bredon, Pat		Social														10.00		10.00		0		
Duerbeck, Jerry		Social																0.00		0		

Membership Meeting Was Successful

ZOOM® Made It Happen

As all of us know, given the state of COVID, we are not able to gather in the clubhouse in any significant numbers safely. This has been on-going for months, as a result the Bridge and Board and the Auxiliary have all been conducting successful virtual meetings via ZOOM®. However, to date we have not been able to hold our General Member Meetings. The concept of a virtual GMM was kicked around several times, and finally on January 8 for the first time ever, the Bodkin Yacht Club General Membership Meeting was held as a virtual event via ZOOM®. The meeting was chaired by Commodore Michael Meyer, and followed the normal agenda and order of business. Minutes were approved from several past Board of Governors meetings along with several slip changes that were submitted by Fleet Captain Bruce Hunter. Attendance (participation) actually exceeded attendance at some past General Membership Meetings held at the club.

Bylaws stipulate that a quorum requires two line officers and 20% of the voting membership. That means 10 members must sign in to a meeting along with at least two of the club's line officers. Attendance at this virtual meeting was remarkable... with 27 participants. Difficult to believe yet true, more members were on the ZOOM event than we've had for some in person meetings in normal years.

Moving forward through the winter months, we will no doubt continue to hold our meetings virtually, this is not as easy as it might seem, and we graciously ask for

your patience and understanding as work to improve the experience. We would be remiss if we did not end with our favorite quote, thank you for your help in continuing to make our club, Bodkin Yacht Club, one of the best clubs on the bay.

by VIC Rich Sokol

Eleven Days Under the Whip

*Trawler Captain Lambert
Shapes Up a Couple of Sailors on
Southern Expedition*

Back in early November Captain Holly Stahle suffered a shoulder injury in a fall on the C-Pier. Luckily, her injuries were not that serious, but serious enough to throw a wrench into her plans to sail her Albin trawler, *Slow Ride* south to Myrtle Beach for the off season. But this is Bodkin, a club where your friends jump in when you need them. So Captain Bill Lambert, who has a similar Albin Trawler agreed to captain *Slow Ride* for the trip. Captains Charlie Hershey and Drew Brown agreed to crew. Holly was well enough to drive south and meet them in Myrtle Beach. I asked them to keep a log and to chronicle the adventure so we could all enjoy the trip.

This is Drew Brown's day-by-day account:

Wed Nov 4 0600. Bodkin YC to Spring Cove Solomons: After some problems starting the engine, *Slow Ride* was off at 7 knots under clear and warm skies.

Thurs Nov 5 0615. Starter does not turn. Multiple fixes attempted by Chief Mechanic Hershey. New starter ordered overnight by mission control Holly from NAPA nearby.

Friday Nov 6. While waiting for starter, bilge pump issue was discovered as water siphoned into the boat from a pump routed through the gally sink. Back-flow preventer added to temporarily solve problem. Starter never arrives. Promised by JR at NAPA for Sat.

Sat Nov 7. Hershey called NAPA to confirm delivery, JR not working, part is in Harrisburg, promised

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for Monday afternoon. Captain Lambert faces crew mutiny, Charlie Hershey says we are starting this thing and leaving today. Found an uncrimped wire on starter, Hershey holds hot wire while Lambert pushes button and *Slow Ride* fires up.

Sat Nov 7 continued. Solomons to Ingram Bay marina on the Great Wicomoco. Upon handing the dock hand a Raging Bitch IPA and telling our story of woe, he let us know that he had a heavy duty battery cable crimper we could use.

Sun Nov 8. Ingram Bay to Top Rack Marina on the Elizabeth River Norfolk. Non memorable marina that locks head doors at 1900.

Monday Nov 9. Norfolk To Elizabeth City, NC. Through Dismal Swamp Canal. After cheers when the engine started a great day under clear skies.

Canadian Rescue: Deep in the swamp captain Lambert came upon a young Canadian sailboat couple hard aground. Our captain offered to pull them off.

- Male Canadian brings long line via dingy to *Slow Ride*
- Female Canadian gets behind the sailboat wheel
- Captain Bill adds power, female adds power, lots of it
- Sailboat comes free, steams full speed ahead directly at *Slow Ride*
- Captain Bill yells at female (Canadians prefer polite requests)
- Captain Bill maneuvers out of the way
- Sailboat heads off to the shore with male chasing in dink
- Male climbs aboard, stops sailboat

- *Slow Ride* heads on to Elizabeth City, Canadian dink is running unmanned
- Dink last seen slowly circling away

Nov 9 continued. Free city docks, *Slow Ride's* owner delivered new starter. Great dinner at Cypress Creek Cafe. No electricity available at free dock, *Slow Ride* generator starts by touching wire in the bilge, runs great, creates no electricity

Tues Nov 10. Elizabeth City to Dowery Creek Marina near Oriental, NC: Nice ride under warm sunshine

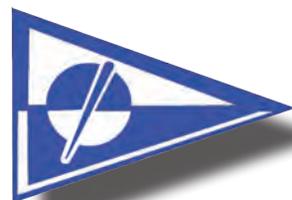
Wed Nov 11. Dowry Creek to Sea Gate marina near Beaufort, NC. Rough ride across Neuse River.

Thurs Nov 12. Weather delay Sea Gate. Strong winds and a few inches of rain kept us in port all day.

Fri Nov 13. Sea Gate near Beaufort to Swan Point near Southport, NC: Great day on the water and made 65 miles. Swan is a BYOTP marina with the worst men's room on the inter coastal

Saturday Nov 14 Swan Point to Deep Point marina on the Cape Fear river. Nice passage and marina near Southport, NC.

Sunday Nov 15: Southport, NC to Osprey Marina in Myrtle Beach. Another 72 miles covered including the Rock Pile. Captain Bill kissed the dock and owner Holly supplied a great dinner to the crew.



Landscaping Committee Has Plans, Hands, Green Thumbs

Weeds and Treatments:



Our Landscaping Committee looks forward to beautifying club grounds again during the 2021 boating season.

Rick Adlesic has started weed prevention. He has posted on the bulletin board in the restroom hallway a sheet for tracking lawn, hill, and flower bed treatments that could be adversely affected by well-meaning members who try to help with club work but don't realize that the work has already been done or other work that needs to be left alone has been previously accomplished. Please check the chart before attempting to take action on our lawn, hills, and/or beds. Record your work for others to see.

Contact Chris Schenck, c_schenck@comcast.net, before you take action or if you see something that needs attention. We want to avoid problems that have occurred in the past when one person treats the lawn and another person re-treats or destroys the treatment within a couple of days just because s/he didn't know the first treatment had occurred. Or, someone sprays weed killer not realizing that under the weeds there are plants we want to keep.

Anne's Hill:

For years members have endured our Hill from Hell near A and B Piers. The Landscaping Committee prepped the HfH for mulch before Memorial Day. No mulch arrived. Weeds DID arrive. The Committee prepped it again during Fall All Hands.



Day. This time, Ann Biggs told us while we worked that she had a vision for the HfH. She worked with Rick Adlesic to thin, move, and replant ornamental grasses. We mulched the hill.

We liked her plans, and she agreed to take over the hill. Hence, Ann's Hill became a more appropriate name! Watch for further improvements!

Planters and Beds:



Linda Covey took over planter work last year. She provided spots of color, texture, and beauty at various spots on our grounds. We look forward to Linda's plans for this year!

We need a member with a green thumb and vision to take over the 5 beds at the entrance to the club property. The beds are various sizes, contain various plants, and need TLC and planning. If you have a talent for Beautifying Landscape, contact Chris Schenck and offer to adopt the club entrance as your project! Please?



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blessed at the same time by a remarkable Bridge made up of officers who are making things happen when that's not easy. Behind the scenes these Flag Officers are working on lots of stuff for you and me.

Liz and Roger Imhoff have been implementing a new Point-Of-Sale (POS) system for club operations. They've put in countless hours analyzing what was available, talking to representatives and techs and applying what they learned to your club. Then they began training and demonstration systems so members can operate it

In the first days of 2021, your Fleet Captain, Bruce Hunter and your Commodore Michael Meyer and I conducted a site visit to Harborview Marina in Baltimore in order to make sure that location is suitable for our club's 2021 Frost Bite Cruise. You can learn more on that in another Porthole story in this issue.

Your Ways and Means Chairman, P/C Steve Keefe has been organizing installation of a new wood-burning fire pit and upgrades to the WIFI infrastructure and getting electrical power to the yardarm on the hilltop.

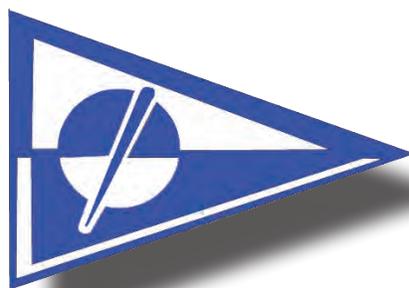
Vice Commodore Rich Sokol has been analyzing COVID restrictions and executive orders to make sure we stay safe and within the laws. He too is working on restoring power to the yardarm lights and he's involved in the fire pit planning. Rich and the Commodore, the First Lady and our Entertainment Chairman, P/C Chuck Irvin, are also planning the upcoming Bodkin Ball.

Secretary Josh Webster spends night after night updating meeting minutes and sending out official communications. P/C Gene puts many hours into the *Porthole* and PFL Chris spends many afternoons working out all the slipholders' insurance issues.

There are others working to operate and improve your club. I invite you to stop watching and stop asking what's happening. Join the leaders who are making things happen. We will all benefit, and you can become a club leader.

I also have to thank the members who have started sending in stories for the *Porthole*. Keep them coming

P/C Gene Schenck, Porthole Editor/Publisher



48 DAYS UNTIL SPRING!