



# THE GULL

## AQUIA HARBOUR YACHT CLUB

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Happy New Year  
and Welcome to  
2010



### Dodi Bunker Commodore

It's a surprise and at the same time sad. John Malatak, with deep regret, resigned as the 2010

Unfortunately, he just got an additional assignment at work that will take him away from here quite often and John felt he

I would take the position as Commodore. I hope I made the right decision. I knew I would probably become Commodore after John, however, I felt a year under John's tutelage could only be beneficial to the Club and me. I will ask that the membership support me as they have done so graciously in the past with my two years as the Secretary and one year as your Vice Commodore. Thank you for that support and I'll also ask that you provide me with any suggestions or input you may have that will help me be a better Commodore. There are many members out there that have a wealth of knowledge and I want to tap into that.



Commodore at our December 15<sup>th</sup> Bridge meeting. I was certainly looking forward to working with him and the membership was anxious for him to take the helm.

would not be here enough to do the Bridge justice. He will still be an active member and provide support where possible. As a result of his resignation, I have stepped up and said

To consummate my position as Commodore, I was officially sworn in by Commodore Haislip Friday night at the Clubhouse in spite of the

## Commodore—Continued

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snow that was falling like rain outside. This was done before 31 December to be in compliance with our By-Laws. New members and bartenders, John and Rachida, along with Linda and Christina brought in lots of goodies to munch on. Thanks to everyone that was there to share this with me in spite of the snow. Thank you for providing me with your well wishes. Getting home was another adventure (defined as an undertaking involving uncertainty and risk) but I did arrive home safe and sound.

Other item discussed at the Bridge meeting was the gaping hole now on the Bridge. That is, not having a Rear Commodore and now a Vice Commodore (I think Tom Klapak is willing to volunteer). I appeal to anyone to think about being a part of our Bridge. If you feel it might be too much to volunteer for the Bridge, how about serving on a committee or as a committee chair? A few of the positions where we need volunteers are: Gull Editor, Shore Committee Chairman, Shore Committee member, Education & Training Officer, Fleet Committee, Telephone Committee, 50/50 taker,

and other jobs that the Bridge may deem necessary. I urge you to take part in our Club so it will not only be the “first on the water” but the best organized and fun group on the water. Maybe you would like to organize a new function such as Chili Cook-off, Luau/Beach Party, or maybe you have a good idea as to how we can raise more money since our financial picture looks a little grim. Please come forward and help. If interested, please let me know by email, [bunkerdo@comcast.net](mailto:bunkerdo@comcast.net) or you can call me at 540-659-2825.

We just experienced the biggest snowstorm in years. Thanks to fellow AHYC member George Beck and his snow-blowing machine, I have a clean driveway. However, there is still much shoveling to do such as a path to the basement and my deck with it high snow drifts. Better get to it.

Please come to the Change of Watch Celebration on January 16<sup>th</sup> at the Country Club. There will be good food, music for dancing and friends to enjoy. Start the year off right. Contact Tom Klapak for reservations by

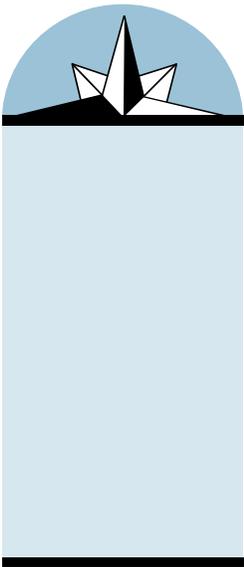
January 5<sup>th</sup>. Hope to see you there.

Lastly, I want to express my sincere sympathy to the Carlos Ruiz family and especially to Jan. Carlos, our past Commodore, was the Immediate Past Commodore when I first got on the Bridge. What I remember most was his gentle ways and good humor that he brought to the Bridge. He will be greatly missed by the Club and the community.

P. S. – This is important!

Please, pay your dues as soon as possible. – The treasury needs the money. Although you have until March 31st to pay dues, I urge you to go ahead and write that check for \$100 and send it to P. O. Box 905, Stafford, VA 22554.

*Oh, this explains everything!  
“Humans share one third of  
their DNA with lettuce!”*



## Secretary—MJ Surina

Happy New Year to all our members. Hope you all survived any celebrations that you attended.

I hate to bring this up but, it is that wonderful time of year - 01 January 2010 - payment for membership dues is due. I wonder who will be the first member to pay their membership dues. Last year it was Linda and Glen - can they be first again?????

On December 18, 2009, Dodi was officially sworn in as Commodore by Commodore Jim Haislip. For those of you who braved the falling snow, thank you for coming to the clubhouse. The food was

wonderful.

Our club needs more volunteers to fill the openings on the Bridge as well as committees.

I am need of a 50-50 taker or co-takers (maybe two members can take this on and "take turns" at our monthly meetings). This would be a great help. Also we would like to reactivate our Telephone Committee again as this would be a great help in getting more communication out to our members about upcoming events, etc. (sometimes emails do not work - like the glitch that Blackberry just had). If you

are interested in any of these openings, please talk to any of the Bridge members or email me at [john\\_surina@netzero.com](mailto:john_surina@netzero.com) or call me at 540-659-9539. Our Club needs your Help help.

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MJ Surina CAP



## Fleet Captain—Brian Vukelic

Ahoy there! Happy New Year to all!

Last year was an amazing year on the water. It was my first time serving as the Fleet Captain and I really enjoyed it. I am back again for a few months until I hand over the Fleet to Daryl Edgar, after the blessing of the fleet / flag raising. I have received orders and will be heading to Camp Lejeune NC at the end of May. I do plan on receiving orders back to Quantico in a few years though.

I have been working on the fleet schedule for this year and it is in the schedule in

this issue of the Gull, I am asking for volunteers to assist me on a fleet committee. This is the easiest committee out there and the most rewarding since we are a Yacht Club. I would like to encourage participation from within the membership and I would like to thank everyone for his or her hard work last year. I understand that this organization is no different than the rest in that usually 20% or less of the membership does 100% of the work. I challenge all members to help out a little more around the club or contribute some good ideas or positive criticism to make 2010 an

outstanding year for our club! If you don't like something just speak up and let us know in a positive tone.

I would like to close with recognizing a few new members from last year. These two families were out on the water almost every weekend and made almost all of the trips with the club and ventured out on a few great ones on their own. Mike and Emily N and Dave and Bonnie! I hope you both and all of members have a great boating season this year!

## AHYC Calendar 2010

Month	Date	Day	Event	Location
January	16	SAT	Change of Watch Celebration	AH Country Club
	23	SAT	PRYCA Change of Watch	Springfield
February	7	SUN	Family night / Super Bowl Party (bring dish or snacks)	Club house
March	6	SAT	Progressive Dinner	TBD
	13 or 20	SAT	First on water to CBYC for St Patrick's day	CBYC
April	3	SAT	AHYC Reverse Raffle	TBD
	10		Lunch at Tim's II	Tim's II
	24	SAT	Raft up or DC Trip	Aquia Creek
May	1	SAT	Flag Raising/Blessing of the Fleet / Spring Fling	Marina / TBD
	28-31	SAT-MON	Memorial Day Cruise	CBYC
June	5	SAT	62nd Annual Queen of the Chesapeake Pageant	Maryland Yacht
Club	11-13	FRI-SUN	Colonial Beach Cruise/58th Potomac River Festival	Colonial Beach
YC	18-20	FRI-SUN	Summer Kick Off Party Cobb Island	
	19	SAT	Raft up at the Bridge	Train Bridge
	26	SAT	Fireworks Tim's I raft up overnight in Matowomic creek	Matowomic
July	2-18	FRI-SUN	4th July Annapolis / DELMARVIR loop	Various
	10	SAT	Fireworks TIM'S II raft up	Fairview Beach
	16-18	FRI-SUN	PRYCA Float-In	Port Kinsale
	24 or 31	SAT	Aquapalooza 2010	Fairview Beach
August	6-7	FRI-SUN	Dog Days of August	Colonial Beach
	14-15	SAT-SUN	Overnight Raft-Up	TBD
	21	SAT	Crab Fest and Clam bake Marina /	Club house
September	4-6	SAT-MON	Labor Day Cruise Tall Timbers	Tall Timbers
	10	FRI	International night / Club Elections	Club House
	11	SAT	Marina Fest	Marina
	18	SAT	Raft up TBD	
October	9-11	SAT-MON	End of Summer Party / Dinner	Club house/ Marina
	30-31	SAT-SUN	Halloween Trip	Alexandria
November	6	SAT	Change of Watch	TBD
December	TBD	TBD	Holiday/ Christmas Party	Club House
	TBD	TBD	Lighted Boat Parade	Colonial Beach
YC	TBD	TBD	Frost Bite Cruise/Parade of Lighted Boats	Alexandria Wa-
terfront	31	FRI	New Years Eve Party	Club House
Monthly	1st Tues		Jan-Dec General Membership Meeting - 8:00	AHYC Clubhouse
	3rd Tues		Jan-Dec AHYC Bridge Meeting - 7:30	AHYC Clubhouse
	25		Jan-Dec Gull articles due Send to Jim Haislip	

## Immediate Past Commodore—Jim Haislip

First of all, I must thank all the members of the 2009 AHYC Bridge.

Dodi Bunker—Vice Commodore

John Malatak/ Robert Stephens—Rear Commodores

Steve Martino—Treasurer

MJ Surina / Secretary

And a special thanks to Tom Klapak and his shore crew.

Thank you all for a fruitful and interesting (?) year.

That said, you may have noticed there are no articles in this Gull issue from the Vice Commodore

or the Rear Commodore for 2010. That is because there aren't any, Commodores I mean. There weren't any, at least at the time of this edition But there are now.

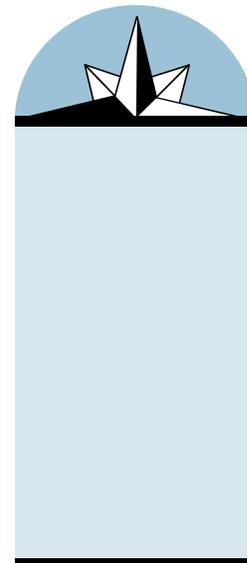
As Commodore Bunker explained, John Malatak unfortunately advised that due to his upcoming schedule, he would be unable to fulfill the Commodore duties for 2010. With great club spirit, Dodi Bunker agreed to step up to the Commodore position in his stead. Unfortunately, that left an opening at the Vice Commodore level, and with the already vacant Rear Commodore position, it was looking to be an interesting and exciting beginning for 2010. (at least as far as the Commodore

was concerned, and she was—concerned that is.)

That has all changed as of the past week.

Tom Klapak and Robert Stephens are coming out of retirement and will fulfill the Vice and Rear Commodore positions for 2010. Are you starting to hear some familiar names here? The 80/20 rule is alive and well at the Aquia Harbour Yacht Club.

I'm sure the 2010 Bridge will lead well. After all with their experience, knowledge; . They are all seasoned officers, they are sure to be successful in building the club to new levels. And, after all, with my guidance as IPC., how could they not?



## Old, Really Old

One evening a grandson was talking to his grandmother about current events and asked her, being really old, what she thought. Grandma replied, "Well, let me think a minute, I was born, before television, penicillin, polio shots, frozen foods, Xerox, contact lenses, Frisbees and the pill. There were no credit cards, laser beams or ball-point pens. There were no pantyhose, air conditioners, dishwashers,

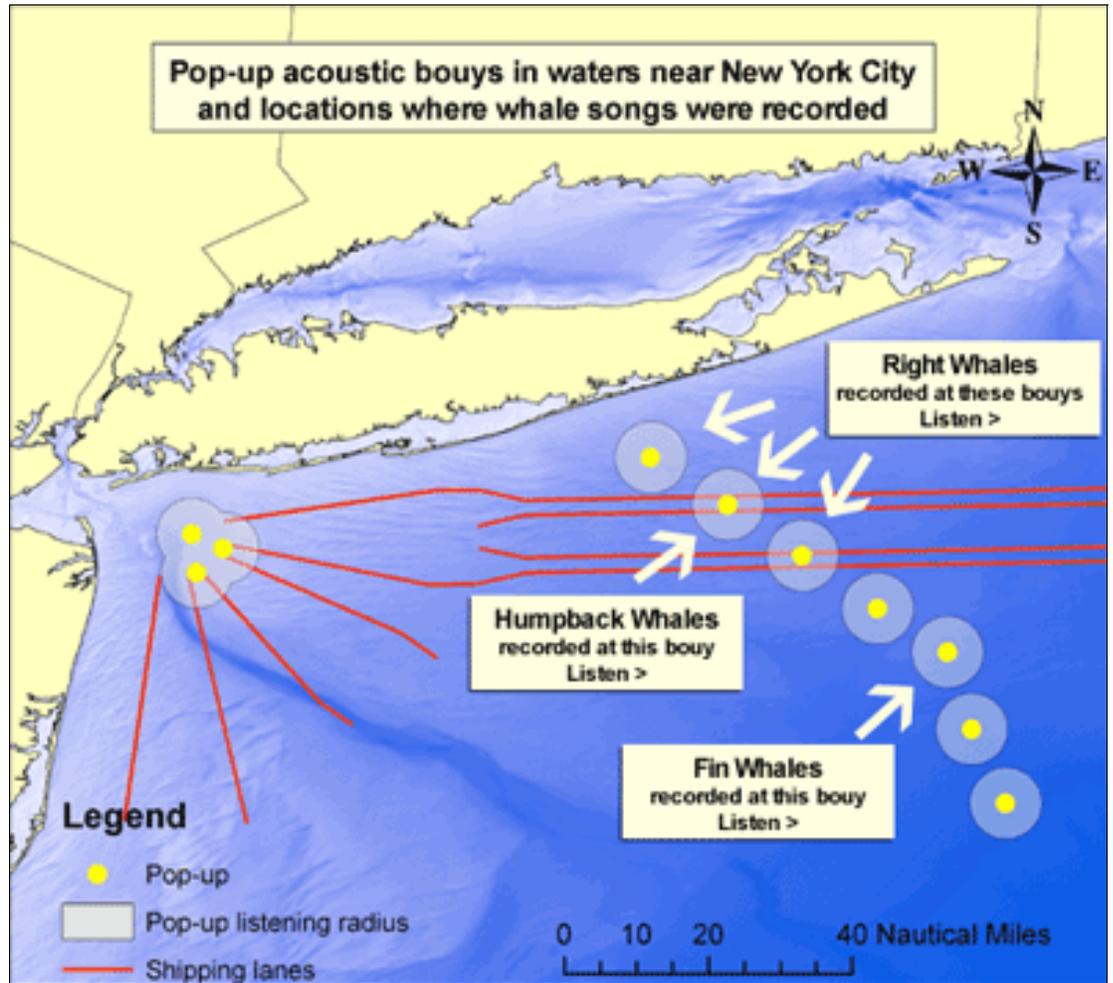
or clothes dryers. Serving your country was a privilege; living in this country was a bigger privilege. Having a meaningful relationship meant getting along with your cousins. We never heard of FM radios, tape decks, CDs, electric typewriters, yogurt, or guys wearing earrings. If you saw anything with 'Made in Japan' on it, it was junk.. Pizza Hut, McDonald's, and instant coffee were unheard of. Ice-cream cones, phone

calls, rides on a streetcar, and a Pepsi were all a nickel. You could buy a new Chevy Coupe for \$600 but who could afford one? "Aids" were helpers in the Principal's office, "chip" meant a piece of wood, "hardware" was found in a hardware store.

No wonder people call us "old and confused" and say there is a generation gap...and how old do you think I am ???

Grandma is 58.

# Whale Songs Heard Near New York City for First Time



**AQUIA HARBOUR YACHT CLUB**

*CHANGE OF WATCH*

*CELEBRATION DINNER*

**Saturday, January 16th 2010**

**Time - 6:00 PM - Cocktails and Hors d'oeuvres  
at the Country Club**

**Cash Bar**

**7:00 PM - Dinner**

**DJ / Dancing**

**Hors d'oeuvres – Shrimp Trees  
Baked Brie/fruit and Melba Toast  
Mini Crab Cakes w/Chipolte Remoulade**

**Antipasti/Salad**

**Dinner Menu:**

**Choice of Beef Tenderloin w/Jack Daniels Sauce,  
Roasted Potatoes and Bermuda Vegetable Blend**

**or**

**Chicken Piccatta w/Linguine**

**Dessert**

**Cost - \$35 per person**

**Call Tom at 659-6124 (cell: 703-772-6145) to make your reservation**

**Commodore**

PRYCA Delegate  
CBYCA Delegate  
AHYCA Steward

Community Action

**Vice Commodore**

Education and Training  
Gull Editor  
Health and Welfare  
Webmaster  
Historian  
Education and Training

**Rear Commodore**

Supply Officer  
Shore Chair

**Dodi Bunker**

PC Curt Johnson  
PC Tom Kenavan  
D Adams / G Sirbaugh \  
Dwight Schmidt

**Tom Klapak**

Jim Haislip  
Linda Witson  
Keith Klapak  
Tom Kenavan  
Tom Klapak

**Robert Stephens**

Steve Martino

**Fleet Captain**

Fleet Chair  
Service  
Fleet Surgeon

**Secretary**

Telephone  
Membership  
50/50

**Treasurer**

IPC

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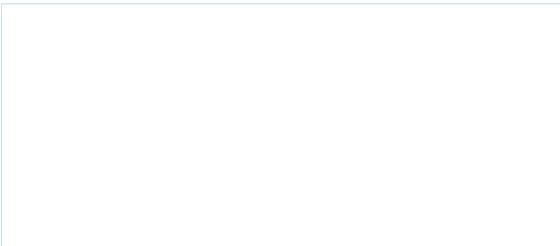


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