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Dodi Bunker— Commodore

The second month of the year is approaching and we now have a full

success. We had 59 paying attendees, a short, but crazy ceremony, and a

didn't make it, you missed a good time. My daughter surprised me by arranging to have my two best friends show up, one from Alabama. What a real treat that was.



**Most Expensive Super Bowl XLIV Ticket
#308B \$226,000.00**

32 Person fully catered private luxury corner suite with VIP parking

There are a few thanks that need to be handed out. Tom Klapak and his Shore committee worked very hard to make this a successful evening. Special thanks go to Chrissy Kinman for her decorating and flower arranging. Thanks to Curt Johnson who emce'd the ceremony. These events just don't happen. It takes a good committee to pull everything together. That is why we are always soliciting for members to join the shore committee. If interested give me a call or to our Rear Commodore, Bob Stephens, who is in charge of that committee.

The first Bridge meeting was a planning session to

Bridge thanks to Bob Stephens and Tom Klapak joining us. We have had two Bridge meetings, a Change Watch Celebration and now looking forward to our first membership meeting on the 2nd of February. I do hope that I will see everyone there.

The Change of Watch Celebration was a great

good DJ that provided us with plenty of dancing music. Judy Goodman said on Facebook that "she danced her shoes off". A lot of us participated in those crazy dances; the slide, chicken dance, country shuffle, conga line and just plain rock and roll. Occasionally there were couples dancing. Anyway, if you



**ANNUAL
PROGRESSIVE
DINNER
Saturday, March 13,
2010**

**Need houses and
helpers**

Commodore—Continued

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 develop a **tentative** “Calendar of Events” for the year that was published in our last Gull. The second Bridge meeting we had to change the Progressive dinner originally scheduled for March 5th to March 13th. The first date interfered with the Power Squadron Change of Watch.

The Schedule will again be published in the Gull so you might keep track of our events.

I want to bring to your attention that we have selected the Flag Raising/ Blessing of the Fleet and the Spring Fling all on Saturday, May 1st. This is a deviation from the norm where we have the Spring

Fling on Saturday night and the Blessing of the Fleet on Sunday. If you would like to comment on this change, please contact me, Brian Vukelic our Fleet Captain or Bob Stephens, Rear Commodore.

I urge my fellow Bridge officers to write an article for the Gull each month. However, this is not limited to the Bridge. If you have an item of interest, a human relations story or something you want to tell the membership, please feel free to join in and submit your article to the Gull Editor at avgguy2@comcast.net. For our March issue, we may have a new Editor or at least soon thereafter. I plan to write an article each month for the Harbour

View and the Aquia Harbour Newsletter that goes out to the community. If you have anything you would like to include for these publications, please contact me. I could use all the help I can get. In fact, it would really be great if we could get a volunteer to be a publicity chairman. Our Web Site is another source of information. Ken Novellino, a new member has agreed to help with the web site or become our new Webmaster.

I will see everyone soon. Don't forget to come to the Super Bowl Party on Feb 7th.

Dodi Bunker



**Commodore
Continued**

**Rear
Commodore**

Rear Commodore—Bob Stephens

Greetings, fellow AHYC shipmates! First of all, I would like to thank the following folks for volunteering for the 2010 Shore Committee: Margie Coffey, Christina Kinman, Tom Klapak, Roseanne Martino, Susan Stephens, and Lamont Trumbo. Our first activity will be the Super Bowl Party at our clubhouse, it will start @ 1800 (6 PM). Wings, chili, and hot dogs will be

provided but we are asking attendees to bring a side dish and/or dessert to share. Our second activity is the Progressive dinner

scheduled for March 13th. The Shore Committee will canvass the general membership and prepare a flyer to elicit volunteer cocktail houses and dinner houses.

Bob Stephens



**Least Expensive Super Bowl XLIV
Ticket**
#905 Bring a dish
Private Exclusive
AHYC Clubhouse HD TV
1800 hrs

Treasurer—Steve Martino

Treasurers Report – February 2010

Many things are going on from my corner of the Bridge. Mostly all good news and will continue to get better as the months unfold. As I said “mostly good” so let’s get the “bad” out of the way right up front, and then get on with the good. Bad news is that we are very low on money as we entered into 2010. Yea, I have heard many speculations on why, (Youse guyz are funny) but the only correct fact of the matter is we spent everything in 2009. What I mean is the “Building Fund” was completely spent last year on the Club House siding project. Typically I would use that at the beginning of each year to float the club’s big yearly operational bills (insurance, etc.) due in January until such time as we collect all the yearly membership dues, then it’s back to business as usual for the balance of year. Well this year we did not have that option so we are very low on money as we entered 2010. That’s it, so no more mystery. In order to counter balance this low money issue, at the January 2010 Bridge meeting, the bridge agreed to amend the end date when the 2010 dues would normally be due from April 1 to February 28, 2010 in order to refill the bucket faster

then usual. So thank you in advance for complying. In the future we may want to as a club, look to permanently move the end date closer to the beginning of the year so we do not run into this issue again.

OK the good news:

The 2009 books have been officially closed out and a detailed report giving to the Commodore as a financial review of the year.

Our club Stewart Glenn gave us the yearly check from 2009 bar proceeds that typically amounts to \$750.00, but to our surprise this year was \$1,000.00. According to Glenn the reason it was more than usual was because of the great attendance the bar received in 2009 with the International Friday Nights and other “Special Events” so keep drinking!

We have now moved our AHYC checking account in the new century by moving it to BB&T. We now have access to on line checking which affords us on-line bill pay saving is on stamps, and 24 hour access to our account on line giving me the luxury of monitoring real time the status of our account. Each month at our Bridge meeting, I will be submitting to our Commodore a detailed print out from the on line account a

report of every transaction made on the account so the entire bridge can follow exactly where our money goes monthly. Hopefully in 2010 we can look at taking some of our money and moving it into some sort of CD, or savings account so we can make some extra money.

Do I smell fund raisers???? Bring in your suggestions.

The 2009 Change of Watch Ceremony was a total success from both a financial and social standpoint. The event was a total break even financially which is what we like from a financial standpoint, but more important, it turned out to be a very nice social event that appeared to be enjoyed by everyone who attended. There were several guests who also attended. I spoke with each one on one and they admitted having a very nice time. One couple who I have been trying to reel in as new members for some time looks like they have finally taken the bait. Time will tell. For some reason in my humble opinion, January is a very nice time of the year for this type of event and based on the turn out and success of the event you all may agree. Thanks to everyone who worked on the event, especially Tom Klapak and his Shore Committee,

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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	13	SAT	Progressive Dinner	TBD
	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
	11-13	FRI-SUN	Colonial Beach Cruise/58th Potomac River Festival	Colonial Beach Y
	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
	TBD	TBD	Frost Bite Cruise/Parade of Lighted Boats	Alexandria
	31	FRI	New Years Eve Party	Club House
Monthly	1st Tues 3rd Tues 25		Jan-Dec General Membership Meeting - 8:00 Jan-Dec AHYC Bridge Meeting - 7:30 Jan-Dec Gull articles due Send to Jim Haislip	AHYC Clubhouse AHYC Clubhouse

KEY: Color Code: Red - Bridge, Green - Shore, Blue - Fleet, Black - Other Organization

Fleet Captain—Brian Vukelic

AHOY THERE and Greeting to all from your Fleet Captain!

Well, the schedule is done for 2010 and I hope you're ready to enjoy. In addition, I do highly encourage members to get together and conduct trips not on the schedule. If you wish to do so, give me a heads up and I can pass the word to the Club.

On a different topic I was reading the Feb issue of Boating and it had an article titled: *Docking Tips and Don'ts*. It was a good article overall. I thought I would share some of the things that I thought were good food for thought. I'm sure a lot of people

are like me well, maybe not that many! The article was written by a seasoned boater who interviewed a few dock hands and a Harbor Master at Roche Harbor Marina on San Juan Island, Washington State. They average 500 boats a weekend in the summer from the US, Canada and pump around 10,000 gallons of fuel every weekend. They have over 500 people apply for the 50 dock hand spots. I wish we could just get one full time dock hand! The first thing he covered was, when you hail a marina, first ensure you are in the channel and have a pencil and paper to write down your slip assignment. Let's talk about slip assignments for a moment. Have you ever had

a slip assignment you didn't like or had your fenders all ready on the port side and got a starboard side slip? Well who fault is it? Did you ask for what you wanted? **Let them know exactly what you want!!** Now I don't mean just overnight transient slip, be specific. He recommends tell them in detail. I would like a bow-in port side tie slip in a quiet area, a party area, or near the shower or land or on the end of the finger pier, fixed or floating. Your paying for it, get what you want. He's driving his car home to bed not staying in your slip! He recommends this and actually prefers it so he can keep his boaters happy. Why not request a slip as similar as can be to your home



Fleet Captain

Vice Commodore

Vice Commodore—Tom Klapak

Hello folks!

Happy 2010 to everyone!

I am back and have a lot of things to coordinate so I am asking for help from my fellow AHYC members.

As Vice Commodore, I have primary responsibility for the following:

1. **Clubhouse:** Managing

and coordinating with our two great stewards (Glen and Dwight) to maintain this nice facility.

2. **Training:** Arranging training activities that promote safe and enjoyable boating.

3. **Training Officer:** We need a volunteer to step up for this position, specifically someone that is an "old salt".

4. **Guest Speakers:** We need to identify some interesting speakers that can share their knowledge and expertise on both boating and other subjects of interest to our membership.

Looking forward to a good AHYC boating season and fun activities.

Tom Klapak

Treasurer—Continued

and George Beck for taking pictures and posting them on the Club's Facebook page. Not sure if you all know this but George always takes pictures when he attends the events and without them we would have only our personal memories.

New procedures from a money perspective. No tickle, not shirti meaning in 2010 if you don't have an expense report and receipt for money you have laid out for something, you will not be reimbursed. Expense reports are on the AHYC website. If you want to host one of the monthly International Friday Night Events, first check with the club Stew-

art Glen to see if the date is available then alert one of the Bridge Members who will give you the Ok to spend up to \$100.00 for food. Let's have more of these this year.

2010 Boat US Membership discount for AHYC members. Remember if you are a Boat US Member you get a discount on your membership simply give them the code "GA809374" it's that simple

Last but not least, AHYC is a great club to be part of. Why you may ask? Well everyone has a different opinion, but the bottom line is that it is a great social vehicle for our mem-

bers. Last year we attracted more new members than I can ever remember in a single year. We need to continue this in 2010. We also need to ask our new members to help plan and run events, and the seasoned members (NO! I did not say old 😊) who have done it many times over the years, to act as mentors to these new members so they know what to do.

NOTE: To New members, jump in and take control, this is what a club is all about. Make it what you want it to be.

Steve Martino
"Treasure for Life"



Account Balances - As of 2/5/2010		
	Bank Accounts	
	AHYC Checking	\$796.23
TOTAL	Bank Accounts	796.23
	Cash Accounts	
	Emergency Fund	0.00
	Impress, H&W	0.00
	Impress, Shore	0.00
	Impress Fund	0.00
	Monthly International or Event Friday's	0.00
	Welfare Fund	0.00
TOTAL	Cash Accounts	0.00
	Asset Accounts	
	Clubhouse Bldg Fund	0.00
TOTAL	Asset Accounts	0.00
OVERALL TOTAL		\$796.23

Secretary—MJ Surina

I hope you all had a wonderful time at the COW Celebration. I am sorry that I had to miss it but my other commitment was arranged back in October.

Reminder – Please send in your membership payment by 28 February 2010 to AHYC, PO Box 905, Stafford, VA 22554.

Another reminder: I am in need of a 50-50 taker (co-takers so you can take turns) at our monthly meetings. This is important for our club to build up our checking account (even though sometimes it

is a small amount but every little bit helps). Also, the Bridge would like to reactivate our Telephone Committee to help with getting the communication out about upcoming events, changes to meetings, etc. as sometimes emails do not work or they have not had a chance to read their email. If you are interested in any of these opening, please talk to any of the Bridge members or email me at john_surina@netzero.com or call me at 540.659.9539. Our club needs your help!

Don't forget to buy 50-50 tickets at our club meetings. The proceeds help build our club checking account!

MJ Surina

Oh, this explains everything!
"In case of flood, proceed up hill.
In case of flash flood, proceed uphill quickly!"



Fleet Captain—Continued

slip. That way it will be a breeze and be muscle memory for you. He actually enjoys and tries to give people what they want. Once in the Marina if you see you need to adjust your fenders, he asked just take your time go outside the marina, adjust them, and then come back in. No need to drift around while you fine tune your vessel for the slip in the middle of traffic or a tight area.

The next thing he talked about was lines and our mate. Make sure there as long as your boat, untangled, attached to your boat. Next don't yell at your mate, remember they can't

read your mind and if you request something similar to your home slip it makes it easier for them.

Now we move to the fuel dock. Make sure everyone is off your boat when refueling, turn off all electronics and pilot lights, and just don't run your blower after refueling, take a sniff in the bilge prior to starting your engines. They did have a boat that had an explosion in the engine room due to fuel vapor and blew the engine cover two finger piers over and the boat caught fire. Remember accidents don't just happen there is always a chain of events and that chain could have been bro-

ken if only a few inspections were conducted.

Tip your dock hands and runners and leave your pride aside and ask for help it's cheaper than hitting a dock or someone's boat and less embarrassing than falling in the water.

I hope these tid bits of info make a more pleasurable boating year for everyone.

I look to see you all at the club house on Friday's and contact me to be on the Fleet Committee!

Secretary

**Fleet Captain
continued**

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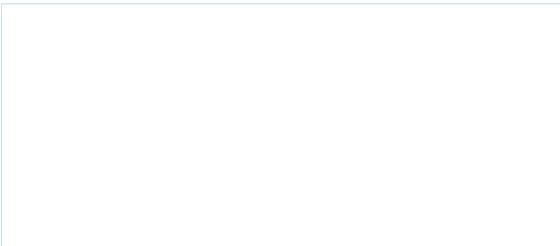


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