





# LODGE CREEK YACHT CLUB THE OSPREY TIMES OCTOBER 2021

# <u>2021 BRIDGE</u>

Commodore - Bob Woodburn Vice Commodore - Bill Sullivan Immediate Past Commodore - Jay Novak Secretary - Theresa Sullivan Treasurer - Charles Williams Fleet Captain - James (Coach) Pulchine A-Dock Director - Kathy Dow B-Dock Director - Kathy Dow B-Dock Director - Ellen Weber C-Dock Director - Judy Filmeck D-Dock Director - Antonia DePascale E-Dock Director - Patrick Foster

## INFO TO REMEMBER

LCYC Website link: http://www.lodgecreekyachtclub.com

West Marine/Boat US Membership - LCYC Discount No. GA83880Y

BOATERS SAFE BOATING COURSE - Effective July 1, 2019 all Virginia boater must have taken a Certified Boaters Safe Boating Course and have proof of this while boating in Virginia waters while operating any vessel powered by a motor of at least 10 hoursepower. This law makes no distinction of age or experience.

As we start the boating season, we must all renew our commitment for SAFE  $\ensuremath{\mathsf{BOATING}}$  .

<u>VESSEL SAFETY CHECKS</u> - The most cautious boaters can sometimes experience unexpected problems on the water. That's why the U.S. Coast Guard recommends that all recreational boaters, including personal watercaft and paddle sport users take advantage of the free Vessel Safety Check Program every year. We have certified Vessel Safety Check Examiners here at Olverson's Marina. **Please contact Dave Teets at 804-370-7061, he can also be found on C-Dock for getting this free examination.** Once you have completed this free 15-minute examination, you will be given a decal that can proudly be displayed on your vessel. Taking a few minutes to have your vessel checked, just may save you from problems this season!

#### MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Annual Membership Fees are due on December 31st

Annual Membership Fee - \$100

Annual Membership Late Fee - \$20 if paid after January 31st.



Fall is upon us! I for one was looking forward to the D Dock oyster roast function, but in light of the Covid virus rearing its head the difficult decision was made to cancel the event. This decision was not made lightly, and we know that each and every function of the LCYC is important to all of us. A tremendous amount of work goes into the planning process and execution of these events during the course of the year and your Bridge is as disappointed as you are.

The September function is when the next years Bridge is presented to the membership and the October function by bylaw, is the function where the 2022 slate of Bridge Officers is voted on by the membership.

Unfortunately, both of these functions had to be cancelled so the proposed 2022 Bridge is being presented to you in this newsletter and the Bridge is determining how to best proceed with how the membership is to vote on the proposed slate of Bridge Officers. This will be communicated to you at the earliest convenience as soon as we work it out.

As we head into fall and begin the depressing process of beginning to put away our summer homes for the winter there is light at the end of the tunnel! I am happy to share with you that the 2021/22 Change of Watch will be headed back to the Embassy Suites located in Old Town Alexandria in March! We were there two years ago, and by all reports a great time was had by all. Centrally located it's an easy drive or as several folks did, took the train from Richmond as the station is directly across the street from the hotel. COW Registration Form will be email to you next week with all the details. Make your reservations early!

Fall fishing will be upon us before you know it so if you have not had your Vessel Safety Check, please call Eric Amato, Dave Teets or Jim Ziegler to have this done.

Please keep our members who are sick in your thought and prayers and that they have a speedy recovery.

See you around the Marina.

Bob Woodburn Commodore

#### FROM THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE - PROPOSED 2022 BRIDGE

The Nominations Committee is respectfully submitting the following persons as Bridge Officers for the 2022 LCYC Season: As per the bylaws, these persons would be voted on by the general membership at the Annual Meeting of LCYC.:

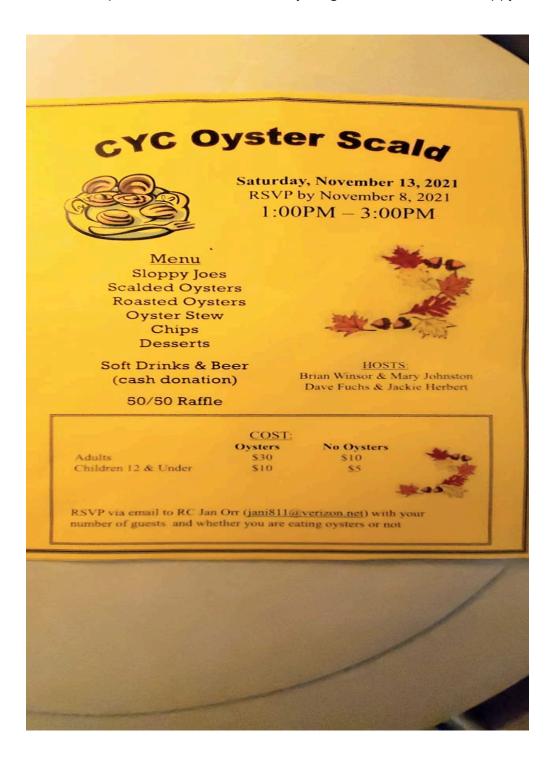
Commodore	-	Bill Sullivan
Vice Commodore	-	Antonia DePascale
Past Commodore	-	Bob Woodburn
Secretary	-	Theresa Sullivan
Treasurer	-	Jayne Miller
Fleet Captain	-	James "Coach" Pulchine
A Dock Director	-	Vacant
B Dock Director	-	Jason King
C Dock Director	-	Vacant
D Dock Director	-	Kenny DePascale
E Dock Director	-	Bobby Andrade

If there are any additional Nominees, please submit them to Dave Teets, Nominating Committee Chairperson, at <u>Dave@ashcraftinsurance.com</u> as soon as possible. If the two open positions are not nominated by the time of the Annual Meeting, those positions can be filled by a vote of the Bridge at a later date.

Thank you, P/C Dave Teets Chairperson- LCYC Nominations Committee



I was by Corinthian Yacht Club and they have invited us to their upcoming Oyster Roast on November 13th. RSVP by November 8th to Jan Orr at jani811@verizon.net so they can get a head count . Mention you are with Lodge Creek Yacht Club. The price is \$30.00 each for everything or \$10.00 each for Sloppy Joe's.



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This is our last newsletter for the season, all updates/information on anything will be emailed to you.

Please welcome our new LCYC Members:

Tarlton and Andrea Brewer - B-Dock Danny and Julia Dunaway - C-Dock

The updated Roster will be on the LCYC website soon, please check it over to be sure everything is correct and if any changes need to be made, please let me know.

Stay safe and be well.

#### FROM B-DOCK DIRECTOR ELLEN WEBER

Hey From B Dock come down to the marina to enjoy fall boating before Old Man Winter gets here.

#### FROM D-DOCK DIRECTOR ANTONIA DEPASCALE

As you already know, it is with regret that D- Dock had to cancel our annual Oyster Roast this year. We feel that it is our responsibility to help flatten the coronavirus curve and keep you safe. With the Delta variant and colder weather we feel it is better to cancel then risk another outbreak. We look forward to our function next year!

#### FROM SAFETY OFFICER - DAVE TEETS

**IMPORTANT!** -- A new engine cutoff switch law aims to prevent boat-strike injuries (credit: National Safe Boating Council)

New Boat Engine Cutoff Switch Law Goes Into Effect April 1.

#### Applies to boats less than 26 feet operating on plane or above displacement speed.

SPRINGFIELD, Va., March 15, 2021 – There are new engine cutoff device wear requirements for recreational boat operators as part of the January 1, 2021, passage of National Defense Authorization Act that included a U.S. Coast Guard Reauthorization. These devices, commonly referred to as engine cutoff switches (ECOS), are designed to prevent a boat-strike injury if an operator is accidentally ejected overboard while underway.

Engine cutoff devices can be located at the helm of the boat or on the tiller or body of an outboard engine and typically connect a boat's operator to the cutoff switch with a lanyard. Some ECOS devices eliminate the lanyard and rely on wireless proximity devices to shut down an engine if the operator goes overboard.

Effective April 1, 2021, the new law requires a vessel operator to use either a helm or outboard lanyard or wireless ECOS on certain vessels less than 26 feet when traveling on plane or above displacement speed. These vessels include (1) boats that have a functioning engine cutoff device installed at the helm

or on an outboard engine or have wireless ECOS, or (2) boats manufactured beginning January 2020. The Coast Guard increased the number of boats required to have ECOS installed after this date in an effort to reduce boating accidents and fatalities.

Exceptions to the ECOS requirement include if the main helm of the vessel is in an enclosed cabin or the vessel is not operating on plane or at displacement speed. Low-speed activities such as fishing or docking do not require use of an ECOS. The vessel operator is also exempt if the boat's motor produces less than 115 lbs. of static thrust – or about the size of a 2-hp engine.

The new law applies to all federally navigable waterways. As this is a federal law, states do not have the ability to enforce the new ECOS regulation — though seven states (Alabama, Arkansas, Illinois, Louisiana, Nevada, New Jersey and Texas) currently have their own ECOS laws. BoatUS expects most states to amend their regulations to match federal law over the coming years. While boat operators who fail to follow the new requirement could face a \$100 civil penalty for the first offense, BoatUS expects the U.S. Coast Guard's initial focus will be education.

Boaters are encouraged to check the U.S. Coast Guard website for additional information https://uscgboating.org/recreational-boaters/Engine-Cut-Off-Switch-FAQ.php on this new use requirement and other safety regulations and recommendations.

"BoatUS supports responsible use of cutoff devices and wants to get the word out to boaters to be aware of this new requirement so they can prepare," said BoatUS Manager of Government Affairs David Kennedy. "We believe the new requirement allows recreational boaters to operate their vessels in a practical manner while increasing boating safety."

Kennedy suggests that boat operators double check to see that their engine cutoff switch is working and begin the season by getting into a good habit of wearing it.

#### Vessel Safety Checks

While obtaining a **FREE** Vessel Safety Check is not a requirement of State or Federal law, it is a good idea to have a Certified Vessel Safety Examiner meet with you and go through a checklist of safety items and make sure that you are aware of different safety features of your boat, and also review the State and Federal requirements that you must comply with while operating your boat.

At Olverson's Marina there are **THREE** Certified Vessel Safety Examiners. All three Examiners keep their boats on C-Dock, so to learn more about the program, and to schedule a 10-20 minute visit, please contact Dave Teets at Dave@ashcraftinsurance.com, Erik Amato at boat.wright@zohomail.com, or Jim Zeigler at jim@jpzeigler.com. You may also contact the Marina Office and let them know that you are interested as well.

Safety while on the water is the most important thing to keep in mind and having a Vessel Safety Check will certainly help give you peace of mind!

Dave Teets LCYC Safety Officer

### PAST COMMODORES

2020	Jay Novak
2019	Barbara Woodburn
2018	William Ward
2017	William Weber
2016	Ed Rest
2015	Bill Sullivan
2014	Steve Thompson
2013	George Utt
2012	Theresa Sullivan
2012	Bruce Williamson
2011	David Teets
2009	Tony Andrade
2008	Bob Ryan
2007	Sarah Harman-Hopkins
2006	Ed Rest
2005	Jerry Hopkins
2004	J.T. Taylor
2003	Ed Williams
2002	David Deal
2001	Tom Redford
2000	Mike Steele
1999	Parker Carwile
1998	Ken Brooks
1997	Byrd Chancey
1996	John Phipard
1995	Ellie Culbertson
1994	Bill Selden, V
1993	Ron Sowers
1992	Dick Roop
1991	Charles "Skip" Campbell
1990	Sandy Campbell
1989	George Thompkins
1988	Susan Secoy
1987	Lee Bedsoe
1986	Wayne Burgess
1985	Mason Cole
1984	Bud Ziherl
1983	Wayne Hedges
1982	A.B. Skepstedt
1981	James Harper
1980	John Gupton
1979	James Bricker
1978	Jimmy Morrison
1977	Charles Winder
1976	Gene Kohler
1975	Melvin Duke
1974	Joe Giannotti
1973	Bob Costner
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