

# Your LODGE CREEK YACHT CLUB Connection

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## LODGE CREEK YACHT CLUB CHANGE OF WATCH 2018

The weekend of April 6-8, 2018 were the long anticipated dates for the annual Change of Watch activities for the Lodge Creek Yacht Club, based at Olverson’s Lodge Creek Marina in Lottsburg, VA.

Mother nature and the local weather bureau made everyone a bit nervous in the days leading up to the event, and although not our “typical” spring weather, it was “good enough” for 70 plus members and guests to arrive in high spirits for the function held at the Moose Lodge in Callao, VA.

Following the traditions of past years, outgoing

Commodore Bill Weber hosted an informal Commodores Reception at the Olverson’s facilities on Friday evening April 6th.

There was an array of delightful finger foods and beverages of choice for all who were able to attend to enjoy. It was an opportunity for all to “catch up” with our winter stories, adventures and happenings since we were last together. Add to this all the laughter, smiles and hugs—it was a fun time spent together.

A thank you to Commodore Bill Weber and Ellen for hosting this traditional reception.





## SATURDAY APRIL 7, 2018

At 5 p.m. members and guests began to filter into the Moose Lodge hall and were met by Commodore Bill Weber and his wife Ellen, greeted with big smiles, welcomes and a long strip of numbered tickets that were to be each guest chances to win one of the 13 door prizes that were waiting to be claimed later in the evening.

There was a large center table as you entered with a lovely decorated centerpiece that was host of an assortment of various cheeses, crackers and grapes. Round seating tables were arranged around the hall to accommodate the guests, a large dance floor for later activities, an open bar off to the side, and a large 72 inch TV that had a continuous slide show playing of past LCYC activities that Commodore Bill Weber had assembled from various member photo archives.



By a little past 6 p.m. most of the guests had arrived and the atmosphere had become increasingly festive, when Past Commodore and the Change of Watch Master of Ceremony Dave Teets called for all to take their seats. After a welcome and a few brief comments, Past Commodore Steve Thompson was called to deliver the blessing for the meal.



Outgoing Commodore Bill Weber (l) preparing with Past Commodore Dave Teets

Commodore Weber had arranged for the meal to be catered by “Over the Top Catering”, who did an outstanding job of preparing and serving the meal. Salad through dessert, it was excellent.

Soon it was time for the CoW presentations, with Dave Teets taking center stage and Past Commodore Bill Sullivan leading the Pledge of Allegiance prior to the start of the “official” portion of the evening events.



Dave Teets getting the program underway

Dave presented a short recap of activities and events some of our members encountered during the winter months that he had learned about earlier in the evening.

It was then time to call upon Fred Olverson to come to the podium for a few comments.



Fred Olverson addressing the members and guests

## THE CHANGE OF WATCH CONTINUES

Before Fred called Steve Trice to present the annual Olverson Fishing Awards, Erik Amato took a moment to present Fred with a collage of “The Many Hats of Fred Olverson” that he had dredged out of his photo archives (copy on display at Olverson’s).



OLVERSON'S 2017 FISHING TROPHY AWARDS	
Jacob Trice . . . . .	Bluefish
Andy Smith . . . . .	Croaker
Christian Guerrero . . . . .	Perch
Ed Rest . . . . .	Spanish Mackerel
Jim Pulchine . . . . .	Speckled Trout
Robert Street . . . . .	Rockfish

Each category winner receives a personalized trophy and a fifty dollar cash award. Congratulations to all the successful anglers, and thanks to Olverson’s for sponsoring this event each year.

Commodore Bill Weber was then given the podium to address the members and recount the past years activities and accomplishments. It was then time to present the annual coveted *Golden Snorkel Award*. This is the annual award presented to the individual who made the most graceful fall into the water, either from the dock or their boat. This year we had dual winners – Tom and Cindy Dunbar.

Fred Olverson then called upon Steven to present the annual Olverson’s Fishing Awards.



Steven Trice presenting the Olverson’s Annual Fishing Trophy Awards



Geri McInerney C Dock Director receives the Golden Snorkel Award for Tom and Cindy Dunbar

C Dock Director Geri McInerney received the award for Tom and Cindy who were not in attendance.

The main order of business then took place when Bill Weber asked all the 2017 Bridge and Directors to come forward, as he thanked each of them for their service and presented each with a personal gift with his gratitude.



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2017 Bridge and Directors receiving a gift from Commodore Weber for their service

The next event was Past Commodore Dave Teets relieving Commodore Weber of his Command and presented him with his Past Commodore Flag and a framed wall hanging of his retired Commodore Flag.



Dave then called upon Past Commodore Skip Campbell to conduct the "Change of Watch" and give the Oath of Office to incoming Commander Bill Ward.



Past Commodore Skip Campbell (l) gives the Oath of Office to incoming Commodore Bill Ward



Past Commodore Skip Campbell presents incoming Commodore Bill Ward with his official flag

Following Bill Ward's swearing in, the 2018 Board and Directors were called to the front, where Skip Campbell presided over their taking the Oath of Office along with presenting their official flags.



2018 Bridge and Directors take their Oath of Office from Past Commodore Skip Campbell



2018 Board and Directors displaying their new flags



**PRESENTING YOUR 2018 COMMODORE AND VICE COMMODORE**



Pictured shortly after taking their Oath of Office are (l) Barbara Woodburn Vice Commodore and Commodore Bill Ward



Commodore Bill Ward speaks to the membership and guests with a few comments on his vision and hopes for 2018



Commodore Bill Ward's first official act, presenting the membership burgee to new members Alexander and Lori Rappa



**BUT WAIT! THERE'S MORE**



**B Dock Director Bob Woodburn announces the upcoming OLVERSON'S CUP RACES to take place at Olverson's Downs Race Course, Callao, VA the weekend of May 19th. Individual docks will "choose" their jockey and name their horse. Lots of BIG PRIZES (sort of) and fun for all.**



**The four thoroughbred race horses have been chosen by each Dock Director, now they need to be given a competitive name and select their jockey. Be sure to put in your suggestions.**



AND A GOOD TIME WAS HAD BY ALL!

























## BLESSING OF THE FLEET • RAISING OF THE FLAGS



Sunday April 8th had a full complement of members, family and friends attend the annual Blessing of the Fleet, and the Raising of the Flags commemorating the “official” start of the 2018 boating season. The event was followed by a breakfast prepared by the Bridge and volunteer helpers. A great (and a bit chilly) day, outstanding breakfast, and LCYC fellowship to wind up an eventful weekend.



I would like to take this opportunity to voice my appreciation to Past Commodore Bill Weber for a great 2017 year of the Lodge Creek Yacht Club. The Change of Watch and the Blessing of the Fleet brought the ending of the Bridge to a great finish and the beginning of the new Bridge to a start with a lot of enthusiasm. If you missed these two events, well, ask someone who was there!

There is now a suggestion box by the side entrance to the kitchen, make your thoughts heard. There will also be a bulletin board, posting the next upcoming events in the kitchen to keep you updated.

Thanks, Bill Ward

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