



LODGE CREEK YACHT CLUB AUGUST - OCTOBER 2024 - NEWSLETTER

2024 BRIDGE

Commodore - Bobby Andrade
Vice Commodore - Rich Verdillo
Immediate Past Commodore - Antonia DePascale
Fleet Captain - Heath Mullins
Secretary - Theresa Sullivan
Treasurer - Jayne Miller
Ship Store - Lori Rappa
Webmaster - Kennv DePascale

A Dock Director - Ann Eichenmuller
B Dock Director - Sue Eller
C Dock Director - Laura Henson
D Dock Director - Jamie Mullins
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COMMODORE: BOBBY ANDRADE

Hello all LCYC,

**SAVE THE DATE!!!!
FEBRUARY 21-23, 2025**

**LODGE CREEK YACHT CLUB CHANGE OF WATCH
Hyatt Place National Harbor National Harbor, Maryland
(Details and Registration Form available at October Meeting)**

This exciting Annual Event will be held at the Hyatt Place National Harbor, located at the National Harbor in Oxen Hill, Maryland, which is just over the Woodrow Wilson Bridge.

Friday evening will feature the Commodore's Reception which gives us all an opportunity to reconnect from the long lasting winter months.

Saturday is a day of excitement with the opportunity to explore the National Harbor and all the shops that surround the area. But what about the MGM Casino which is just a short walk away from our Hyatt Place? What about the fabulous Gaylord Resort with the 19 story Atrium with shops as well.

Just a short stone's throw way from Washington, DC-that might be a nice Saturday adventure as well!

Saturday evening will feature the fantastic dinner and dancing of the Annual Change of Watch event itself. This is our annual celebration of the outgoing Bridge and the welcoming of the incoming Bridge and just a special night of fellowship, good food and entertainment.

Big applause to E Dock! Seafood was great specially the fish which was my favorite. Weather even decided to cooperate, with the exception of the ridiculously high tides that followed. D Dock will be up to bat next with their traditional oyster feast Yummy!

Can't wait! Bobby



VICE COMMODORE: RICH VERDILLO

I'm sure looking forward to the D Dock Oyster Roast. It may be the last function of the year but that doesn't mean boating season is over. Just this past weekend we had a group from Westmoreland Yacht Club come and spend the weekend with us and there were sightings of a few diehards up at the pool. Yes, it was that nice this past weekend. So don't open your anti-freeze and pink stuff just yet, put it aside and let's ride this weather until we have to think about giblets and stuffing!!

See you at the marina



SECRETARY: THERESA SULLIVAN

Below is the proposed 2025 Bridge, which was announced by Bob Woodburn/Nominating Committee at the September Function/Membership Meeting.

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Vice Commodore - Dave Teets
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The new 2025 Bridge will be announced on October 19th and sworn in at the COW in February.

It's nice to see we have another full bridge for 2025. I am looking forward to another year being the LCYC Secretary.

Regarding the 2026 Bridge, if there becomes an open position and anyone is interested in being a bridge member, please let us know! It's a great way to stay active in the Yacht Club and getting to know everyone. Fresh faces and ideas are always welcome!

For your convenience, Membership 2025 renewal forms were attached to the email sent with this newsletter.

Since D Dock's function is the last function of the year, I want to wish you all an early Happy Thanksgiving! Enjoy your holidays and I hope everyone's new year is awesome!

TREASURER: JAYNE MILLER

Renewal membership forms are now available on the website and in the clubhouse hallway. Family memberships are \$150. A single person membership option is \$100. An additional fee of \$20 will be charged for dues received after January 31, 2025. Checks are made payable to Lodge Creek Yacht Club. Thanks to everyone for their continued membership!

FROM YOUR DOCK DIRECTORS

B DOCK DIRECTOR: SUE ELLER

Fall is here which sadly means another season of boating and having fun at the marina is coming to an end. However, we still have one more Yacht Club party to enjoy on October 19. D Dock is planning another wonderful oyster roast, including their world famous Oyster Rockefeller. Happy hour starts earlier at 4:00 so see everyone there.

My thanks to everyone for on B Dock for coming together and making the 2024 season a great one.

C DOCK DIRECTOR: LAURA HENSON

C Dock members are planning a chili night gathering for members of C Dock. Date to be determined as either Nov. 16th or 23rd. Members will be down to winterize their boats, so let's get together!

D DOCK DIRECTOR: JAMIE MULLINS

What a great yacht club season it's been! As the fall weather sets in, it's the perfect time to enjoy some fishing and cool evenings on the docks. The highly anticipated Oyster Function is just around the corner, and D Dock is ready to serve up some delicious food for everyone! Don't forget to RSVP and remember that this event starts at 4:00 p.m. on October 19th.

Looking ahead, don't forget to sign up for the Olverson's fishing tournament on October 26th, another great event to test your skills and enjoy the marina camaraderie.

And finally, don't forget to save the date for our annual Change of Watch February 21-23. Our Commodore is planning a great weekend for us!

E DOCK DIRECTOR: BILL SULLIVAN

Thanks one and all E Dockers that made this year's function one for books. The turn-out was great, beautiful weather and all the good food made it hit out da park. I did visit all the tables and not any complaints to be heard. Thinking of the same thing for next year, we'll see.

Thanks again.

MESSAGE FROM DAVE TEETS - SAFETY OFFICER

BOATERS SAFE BOATING COURSE - Effective July 1, 2019 all Virginia boaters 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 horsepower. This law makes no distinction of age or experience.

As we start the boating season, we must all renew our commitment for SAFE BOATING.

VESSEL SAFETY CHECKS - 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 watercraft and paddle sport users take advantage of the free Vessel Safety Check Program every year.

Remember, try to obtain a VSC exam before boating to help insure your safety throughout the boating season. These examiners provide a lot of useful information and can help you with many of your boating questions also!!!

What's in it for me??

Vessels passing safety checks are awarded a U.S. Coast Guard Decal that informs all law enforcement agencies that your boat was in full compliance with all Federal and State boating laws during a safety check for a particular year. Best of all...its free of charge!!

Why Receive a Vessel Safety Check??

Safety!! The peace of mind that your boat meets federal safety standards and that in an emergency you will have the necessary equipment to save lives and summon help!

Where do I get a Vessel Safety Check?

All those who are at Olverson's Marina are eligible for a Vessel Safety Check. There are two certified examiners located at the Marina and are available for a VSC. Jim Zeigler and Dave Teets are certified examiners and are members of Lodge Creek Yacht Club as well. While their boats are located on C-Dock, feel free to call them or let them know if you want one. Their information is located in the LCYC Directory.

How long does it take?

Generally, the Vessel Safety Check takes about 20 minutes and if your boat passes, then you are awarded the VSC sticker immediately and it is valid for the rest of the calendar year.

The new 2024 VSC stickers should be available in late January, so be sure to put this project on your “to do” list for the new boating season!!

Dave Teets
Past Commodore/Safety Officer

IMPORTANT INFORMATION TO REMEMBER

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

THE FISCAL YEAR FOR LCYC RUNS FROM DECEMBER 1ST THRU NOVEMBER 30TH OF THE FOLLOWING YEAR.

Dues renewal forms are due **December 1st** and collected thru **January 31st**, without a penalty fee. Renewals paid after that date are subject to a late fee of \$20 and are payable for the next 60 days. After that date, per Article V, Section 3D, failure of payment is construed as resignation of membership and I am required to notify the ex-member in writing of the termination. Per Section 3F, payment of delinquent dues and a reinstatement fee equal to 1/3 of the annual dues made by the ex-member and the acceptance of and reinstatement shall be the sole discretion of the Board of Directors and decided by a majority vote.

An invoice is **not** sent for the dues collection, the Secretary graciously sends out reminders with an attachment of the renewal form for your convenience prior to the due date of December 1 and often a second reminder prior to the January 31 date.

The renewal form can also be found on our website <https://www.lodgecreekyachtclub.com>. For quick access to the Roster and dock assignments the link is: <http://www.lodgecreekyachtclub.com/members/> (Password Protected) You do not need to make your own password.

If you need the password please reach out to Theresa (theresasullivan6188@gmail.com) or Kenny (webmaster@lodgecreekyachtclub.com).