



LODGE CREEK YACHT CLUB 2025 - NEWSLETTER

2025 BRIDGE

Commodore - Rich Verdillo
Vice Commodore - Dave Teets
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Ship Store - Antonia DePascale
A Dock Director - Ann Eichenmuller
B Dock Director - Sue Eller
C Dock Director - Laura Henson
D Dock Director - Jamie Mullins
E Dock Director - Bill Sullivan
Webmaster - Kenny DePascale



COMMODORE: RICH VERDILLO

Well, it's almost here! The 2025 boating season is just around the corner. I want to first thank Bobby for his service to the club last year and for teaming with Dave Teets to put on a great Change of Watch. Everyone really enjoyed themselves.

At the first bridge meeting of the year, we finalized the calendar for almost everything. I say almost everything because, wait for it, we are bringing back two cruises!!! Dave Teets and Steve Thompson have graciously volunteered to organize one each. So keep your eyes and ears peeled for more details as they become available.

And while we are talking about the schedule, it was announced at the COW that this year's Bridge function will take place on July 5th and it will be the return of the Pig Roast!! The Sullivans have offered to spearhead this event and we are grateful to them for this and thrilled to be bringing it to you as a yacht club function. When you see them on the dock, give them a pat on the back, or

better yet, hand them a Bud Light 🍺 , and say thanks. The tentative schedule is already posted on the website thanks to our webmaster supreme, Kenny DePascale.

Did I just mention the website? Guess what else is going on there? The Ships Store is up and open for business. So take a look and get yourself some new swag for the upcoming season.

See you on the Docks!

Your Commodore, Rich Verdillo



VICE COMMODORE: DAVE TEETS

Boater Certification Class **June 14, 2025**

All of those operating a vessel that uses a motor 10hp or greater, are required by the Commonwealth of Virginia to have taken a Boater Certification Class and carry their Certification Card with them while operating the vessel in Virginia waters. Have you taken a class? Do you have your card?

Lodge Creek Yacht Club, in conjunction with Olverson's Marina is hosting a Boater Certification Class on Saturday, June 14, 2025, at the clubhouse, and it's **FREE!!** The class is an all-day thing, running from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and when you complete the class, you will receive your Certification Card. You only have to take this class once although you may find that you may want to take other classes to advance your knowledge. As for the Commonwealth of Virginia, taking this class once is acceptable.

Olverson's Marina provides a light breakfast and lunch for all who participate. So, the class is Free and you get food too!!! Mark your calendar for June 14th !!!!

It's that time of year and spring has sprung!! Time to get 2025 boat season into high gear! Knock down last year's cobwebs and ice down the cooler's and fire up the old trusty vessel while crossing your fingers 🙌 .

The first function, as well as the "Blessing of the fleet" will be here before you know it!

VESSEL SAFETY CHECKS FOR 2025

Safety on the water is always paramount to the responsible boater and one of the ways to help ensure safety is by obtaining a Vessel Safety Check every year. It is now 2025, and as we begin to start the boating season, it is always good to have your boat checked out by a Certified Vessel Safety Examiner. This is a 20-minute inspection that is free to any boater, whether operating a small vessel such as a paddle board, canoe, or personal watercraft all the way up to a 65 foot yacht! America's Boating Club-Richmond inspected nearly 100 vessels last season!

Once you have passed this courtesy examination, you will obtain a VSC sticker that you can proudly display on your vessel. US Coast Guard and other on-the-water law enforcement agencies generally look for the current sticker and if they see one displayed on your boat, they are less likely to pay attention to you for safety reasons because they know that at some point this season you have had an inspection by a Certified Vessel Safety Examiner.

Remember, this inspection is free and only takes a few minutes of your time. Contact us and we will make arrangements that are convenient to you and we can meet and provide this courtesy examination for the 2025 season!! At Olverson's Marina, we have TWO Certified Examiners and most marinas don't have any!!!- Dave Teets and Jim Zeigler on C-Dock.



SECRETARY: THERESA SULLIVAN

Thanks to everyone who has renewed their membership dues! The Roster is updated. Please check to be sure all your information is correct. If there are any changes, please let me know as soon as possible.

2025 EVENT CALENDAR - EVENTS MAY BE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

- **Friday, April 26th:** Pot Luck Dinner - Everyone, please bring your favorite dish to share.
- **Saturday, April 27th:** 9:30 a.m. Blessing of the Fleet, breakfast to follow.
- **Saturday, May 17th:** B Dock Function
- **Friday/Saturday, May 30th/31:** Tentative Cruise Date. Details to follow.
- **Saturday, June 7th:** C Dock Function
- **Saturday, June 14th:** Clubhouse reserved all day for Boating Safety Class.
- **Saturday, July 5th:** Bridge Function - Pig Roast
- **Saturday, July 6th:** 2:00 p.m. - Ice Cream Social
- **Saturday, August 2nd:** A Dock Function
- **Saturday, August 30th:** Pirate Beach Float In
- **Saturday, September 20th:** E Dock Function
- **Friday/Saturday, September 12th/13th or Friday/Saturday 26th/27th:** Tentative Cruise Date - Details to follow.
- **Saturday, October 25th:** D Dock Function

Newsletters, function dates, and any important information will be updated on the website. Please check the website as often as possible.

FROM YOUR DOCK DIRECTORS

B DOCK DIRECTOR: SUE ELLER

It's been a cold and windy winter but spring is just around the corner. I know we're all looking forward to the upcoming season of boating and enjoying the River life. Hope to see everyone at our April potluck dinner and Blessing of the Fleet breakfast. Mark your calendars for the first dock sponsored function on Saturday, May 17. Details to follow.

Come visit us all on B Dock.

Sue Eller
Evening Star

C DOCK DIRECTOR: LAURA HENSON

C Dock will have a dock meeting at 4:00 p.m. at the dock prior to the Potluck dinner on Sat. April 26th. The topic is to discuss & make plans for our C Dock function on June 7th.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION TO REMEMBER

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

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 has 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.

LCYC Website link: <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. Please reach out to Theresa at theresasullivan6188@gmail.com if you need the password or to me at webmaster@lodgecreekyachtclub.com.

-Kenny D, LCYC Webmaster