

**MAY 2025**



**NEWSLETTER**

## **2025 BRIDGE**

**Commodore - Rich Verdillo**  
**Vice Commodore - Dave Teets**  
**Immediate Past Commodore - Bobby Andrade**  
**Secretary – Antonia DePascale**  
**Treasurer - Jayne Miller**  
**Fleet Captain - Heath Mullins**

**Ship Store - Antonia DePascale**  
**Webmaster - Kenny 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**



**COMMODORE: RICH VERDILLO**

Ahoy Fellow Members,

Well, it's official, the 2025 boating season is officially here. Last Saturday's potluck was a big success and Sunday's Blessing of the Fleet was enjoyed and appreciated by all who attended. Emcee Dave Teets was on fire at the microphone, Cannonball Roddog had exquisite timing with his shot and Kenny and Bobby were flag raisers extraordinaire. As a matter of fact, the whole Bridge did a great job of presenting two very enjoyable events last weekend.

Next up, B Docks Cheeseburger in Paradise Tribute to Jimmy Buffet on May 17<sup>th</sup>, make sure you rsvp before the deadline. I hear there will be Buffet inspired scavenger hunt so brush up on your Parrott Head knowledge and break out your flip flops! See you at the marina

Your Commodore,

Rich Verdillo



## VICE COMMODORE: DAVE TEETS

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### **Get Certified to Operate Your Vessel – Free Boater Certification Class!**

**Attention all boaters! If you operate a vessel powered by a motor of 10 horsepower or more, the Commonwealth of Virginia requires that you complete a Boater Certification Class and carry your Certification Card while on Virginia waters.**

### **Mark Your Calendar: Saturday, June 14, 2025**

**Time: 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM**

**Location: Clubhouse at Olverson's Marina**

**Hosted by: Lodge Creek Yacht Club in conjunction with Olverson's Marina**

This is your opportunity to complete the mandatory course for FREE! The class is one full day, and upon completion, you'll receive your official Certification Card—valid for life in Virginia. While this is the only class you need to legally operate your vessel, you may find value in pursuing additional training to deepen your boating knowledge.



### **Bonus: A light breakfast and lunch will be provided by Olverson's Marina to all participants!**

#### Don't Miss Out!

Whether you're a new boater or just haven't gotten around to taking the class, this is your chance—at no cost and with a meal included!

We look forward to seeing you there!

-Dave Teets  
Vice Commodore



## IMMEDIATE PAST COMMODORE: BOBBY ANDRADE

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As Past Commodore, I'd like to extend heartfelt thanks to everyone who joined us for this year's Blessing of the Fleet. It was truly a wonderful gathering—filled with camaraderie, tradition, and a shared spirit for the season ahead.

Here's to calm waters, steady winds, and a boating season full of adventure and fellowship.

- Bobby Andrade



## SECRETARY: ANTONIA DEPASCALE

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I'm honored to step into the role of Secretary for the LCYC. It's a privilege to support this amazing community and contribute to the continued success of the club.

I want to take a moment to express my sincere thanks to Theresa for her many years of dedicated service in this role. Her tireless efforts, attention to detail, and behind-the-scenes work have been instrumental in keeping things running smoothly. I'm incredibly grateful for the foundation she's built and for the gracious guidance she's offered during this transition.

Thank you, Theresa — you've set the bar high, and I'll do my best to carry the torch with care and enthusiasm.

Looking forward to a great season ahead!

-Antonia  
Secretary



## TREASURER: JAYNE MILLER

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Here is a summary of the club's financial activity and current account balances as of **May 5, 2025**:

### Deposits:

- **Total Deposited:** \$740 (This includes Ship's Store sales and Membership Dues)

### Expenses:

- **Blessing of the Fleet Weekend:** \$159.18 (*Checks mailed*)
- **Clubhouse Rent for the Season:** \$1,500 (*Paid in full*)
- **Flagpole Repairs:** \$100
- **Paper Product Supplies:** \$74.20 (*Check mailed*)

### Account Balances:

- **Checking:** \$2,523.48
- **Savings:** \$10,831.05

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## FLEET CAPTAIN: HEATH MULLINS

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As Fleet Captain, I'm thrilled to welcome everyone back for another exciting boating season! Whether you're preparing your vessel for summer adventures or just enjoying the view from the dock, there's nothing quite like the energy that comes with the return of warm weather and smooth waters.

This year, we're planning a full calendar of cruises and flotillas, all designed to bring our boating community together on the water. Stay tuned for upcoming fleet events to ensure we all have a safe, fun-filled season.

Let's make 2025 a year to remember—filled with great voyages, shared stories, and plenty of time on the water with friends old and new.

See you out there,

Heath Mullins  
Fleet Captain



## SHIP STORE: ANTONIA DEPASCALE

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The **LCYC Ship Store is now ONLINE** through **SquadLocker**! Whether you're looking to show off your club spirit on the water, at the clubhouse, or around town, we've got you covered with a **wide selection of high-quality LCYC-branded gear**. There will be flyers with QR codes to scan and take you directly to the store. If you need any help, please let me know.

### What's in store?

- Hats, polos, and tees for all ages
- Hoodies, vests, and jackets for chilly days
- Tote bags, water bottles, and more accessories
- Women's, Men's, and Youth sizing available
- Premium brands, customizable items, and fresh styles added regularly

Browse, customize, and order — it's that simple! All items ship directly to your door.

Fair winds and happy shopping,

-Antonia  
Ship Store



## WEBMASTER: KENNY DEPASCALE

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As your Yacht Club Webmaster, I'm excited to share a few important updates that will help keep everyone informed and engaged throughout the 2025 boating season.

### **Website Calendar Enhancements**

The online calendar has been fully updated with all **2025 events**, including dock parties, safety inspections, and celebrations. Be sure to check back regularly for any last-minute changes or additions

### **Member Photo Gallery**

Thanks to everyone who has contributed photos! The **Member Gallery** has been refreshed with highlights from last season. Keep those pictures coming—we'd love to feature your boating adventures and dockside memories. Please send to [webmaster@lodgecreekyachtclub.com](mailto:webmaster@lodgecreekyachtclub.com)

### **Suggestions Always Welcome!**

Have ideas for what you'd like to see on the site? Need help with access or submissions? I'm here to help—reach out any time.

Fair winds and safe browsing!

**Kenny DePascale**

*LCYC Webmaster*

[webmaster@lodgecreekyachtclub.com](mailto:webmaster@lodgecreekyachtclub.com)

## **Dock Directors' Corner**

Stay connected with what's happening across the docks! Each month, your Dock Directors will share updates, highlights, and upcoming events specific to your area. Whether it's a party, a project, or just a great catch off the stern, we're here to keep you informed and engaged.

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### **A DOCK DIRECTOR: ANN EICHENMULLER**

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We're excited for our upcoming BBQ function! It's a great chance to reconnect, meet new neighbors, and enjoy some delicious food together on the dock. Stay tuned for details, and bring your appetite—we're looking forward to a fun and flavorful gathering!

-Ann

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### **B DOCK DIRECTOR: SUE ELLER**

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It's "Five O'Clock Somewhere" Party at B Dock 🌴  
Get ready to kick off the season with our first dock hosted event of the year!

We're bringing the island vibes with our "It's Five O'Clock Somewhere" celebration.

#### **What's in store:**

- Cheeseburgers in Paradise with all the fixings & sides
- Bob Woodburn's legendary margaritas 🍹
- Tasty appetizers
- Cornhole competitions 🌽
- A fun game for everyone
- Jimmy Buffett music to keep the Parrothead spirit alive! 🐦

So throw on your best tropical attire, grab a friend, and come join the fun in true Margaritaville style.

**We can't wait to see you there!**

— Susan Eller, B Dock Director  
Evening Star

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## C DOCK DIRECTOR: LAURA HENSON

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### **“Eat More Chicken” Dinner**

**Date:** Friday, June 7th

**Location:** Olverson’s ClubHouse

Time: 5pm

Join us for a fun and festive evening at C Dock as we celebrate with an “Eat More Chicken” dinner!

#### **Here’s what’s on the menu:**

- Light appetizers
- Delicious chicken-themed main course
- Assorted desserts
- A variety of beverages

After dinner, stay for the entertainment—**we’re playing Bingo!**

 *15 rounds = 15 chances to win fun prizes!*

Bring your appetite, your game face, and get ready for a great time with friends and neighbors.

- Laura

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## D DOCK DIRECTOR: JAMIE MULLINS

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Ahoy from D Dock! As the days grow longer and the water beckons, we’re gearing up for an unforgettable 2025 boating season. Whether you’re a weekend cruiser, seasoned sailor, or dockside socialite, there’s something for everyone to enjoy this year.

We’re looking forward to warm breezes, great company, and plenty of fun on and off the water. Be on the lookout for announcements about upcoming dock events, gatherings, and opportunities to get involved—we’re all about community, camaraderie, and creating lasting memories.

From all of us at D Dock—**welcome aboard for another fantastic season**

- **Jamie Mullins**

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## E DOCK DIRECTOR: BILL SULLIVAN

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Greetings from E Dock! As the season kicks off, we're especially excited to get our lines in the water and enjoy some fishing. Whether you're a seasoned angler or just learning the ropes, there's nothing better than casting off with neighbors and sharing the day's catch. Let's make this a season full of big fish stories and even bigger fun—tight lines, everyone!

- Bill Sullivan

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## FROM THE SAFETY OFFICER

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### **2025 Vessel Safety Checks – Stay Safe on the Water!**

Safety is always the top priority for responsible boaters—and one of the best ways to ensure you're prepared for the season is by getting a **Vessel Safety Check (VSC)**.

### **What is a Vessel Safety Check?**

A **FREE**, 20-minute inspection performed by a **Certified Vessel Safety Examiner**. It applies to **all vessels**—from paddle boards, canoes, and personal watercraft, to yachts up to 65 feet!

### **Why Get a VSC?**

- Helps ensure your vessel meets all essential safety requirements
- If passed, you'll receive a **VSC sticker** to proudly display
- Law enforcement and the Coast Guard are **less likely to stop vessels** with a current VSC sticker, knowing you've already met safety standards
- Peace of mind for you and your passengers

### **Last year, America's Boating Club–Richmond inspected nearly 100 vessels!**

### **Schedule Your 2025 VSC Now!**

At **Olverson's Marina**, you're in luck—we have **TWO Certified Examiners** on-site:

- **Dave Teets**
- **Jim Zeigler**

Most marinas don't have any certified examiners, so take advantage of this convenient and local opportunity!

**Contact us today** to schedule a time that works best for you. Let's make 2025 a safe and enjoyable boating season



# 2025 EVENT CALENDAR

**\*EVENTS MAY BE SUBJECT TO CHANGE\***  
Refer to [www.lodgecreekyachtclub.com](http://www.lodgecreekyachtclub.com) for the  
most up to date information

## MAY

**B Dock Function:** Saturday, May 17th

**Tentative Cruise Date:** Friday/Saturday, May 30th/31

*\*Details to follow.\**

## JUNE

**C Dock Function:** Saturday, June 7th

**Boating Safety Class:** Saturday, June 14th

*\*Clubhouse reserved all day\**

## JULY

**Ice Cream Social:** Friday, July 4th

*\*2:00 p.m. at the Club House\**

**Bridge Function:** Saturday, July 5th

*\*Cook out\**

## AUGUST

**A Dock Function** Saturday, August 2nd

**Pirate Beach Float In:** Saturday, August 30th

## SEPTEMBER

**E Dock Function:** Saturday, September 20th

**Tentative Cruise Date:** Friday/Saturday, September 12th/13th or Friday/Saturday 26th/27th

*\*Details to follow.\**

## OCTOBER

**D Dock Function:** Saturday, October 11th

## Guest Fees

**DISCLAIMER: NAMES NOT LISTED ON YOUR MEMBERSHIP FORM WILL BE CONSIDERED GUESTS**

|                       | <b>Standard Events</b> | <b>Special Events( D &amp; E Dock)</b> |
|-----------------------|------------------------|--|
| Adults (19+)          | \$15.00                | \$30.00                                |
| Teens (13-18)         | \$5.00                 | \$10.00                                |
| Children (12 & under) | Free with paid Adult   | Free with paid Adult                   |

PAST COMMODORES

2015 Bill Sullivan  
2014 Steve Thompson  
2013 George Utt  
2012 Theresa Sullivan  
2011 Bruce Williamson  
2010 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 Zihert  
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  
1972 Leo Huckstep  
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PAST COMMODORES

2024 Bobby Andrade  
2023 Antonia DePascale  
2022 Bill Sullivan  
2021 Bob Woodburn  
2020 Jay Novak  
2019 Barbara Woodburn  
2018 William Ward  
2017 William Weber  
2016 Ed Rest

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## INFORMATION TO REMEMBER

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

For quick access to the Roster and dock assignments the link is:

<http://www.lodgecreekyachtclub.com/members/> (Password Protected)

**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 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. We have certified Vessel Safety Check Examiners here at Olverson's Marina. Please contact the Marina Office and office personnel will provide you with contact information 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 - \$150

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