

April 2026



NEWSLETTER

2026 BRIDGE

Commodore – Davis Teets
Vice Commodore – Laura Henson
Immediate Past Commodore – Rich Verdillo
Secretary – Antonia DePascale
Treasurer - Jamie Mullins
Fleet Captain - Heath Mullins

Ship Store - Antonia DePascale
Webmaster - Kenny DePascale
A-Dock Director - Ann Eichenmuller
B-Dock Director – Craig Cook
C-Dock Director – Kathie Thompson
D-Dock Director – Sharrie Harrison
E-Dock Director – Jason King



COMMODORE: DAVE TEETS

Well, it's about that time of year!! Welcome to the boating season of 2026 which promises to be a great year for Lodge Creek Yacht Club. There is so much going on I just don't know where to start sharing. The season kicks off with our Annual Change of Watch Weekend. You should have received your registration for this April 24-26 event, and we are hoping to see everyone there!! Also, the calendar for this year's Yacht Club events is on the website and we have posted the calendar all around the marina.

That reminds me- have you checked out the website for lodgecreekyachtclub.com ? Our famous webmaster Kenny DePascale has redesigned the website, and it is so easy to use that even I can use it. Everything that has to do with the Yacht Club, including news, sign up for events and even the Ships Store is shown there. Now, there is a "members section" which provides our members with contact information, but it requires a password. I will not share that here, but you need to know it, so see anyone on the Bridge and we will be glad to give you the password.

So what about upcoming events? As you know, every month during the Boating Season there are events at least once a month. Each Dock sponsors a monthly event that includes entertainment and delicious food and all members and their guests are invited to attend. Simply sign up on the website so that we have a "head count". As a member of LCYC there is no charge for these events, however guests pay a slight charge.

What about boating education? LCYC sponsors a boating education/certification class each year and this year's class will be held in June so be on the lookout for that! The class is free and Olverson's provides a free lunch...what a deal!!

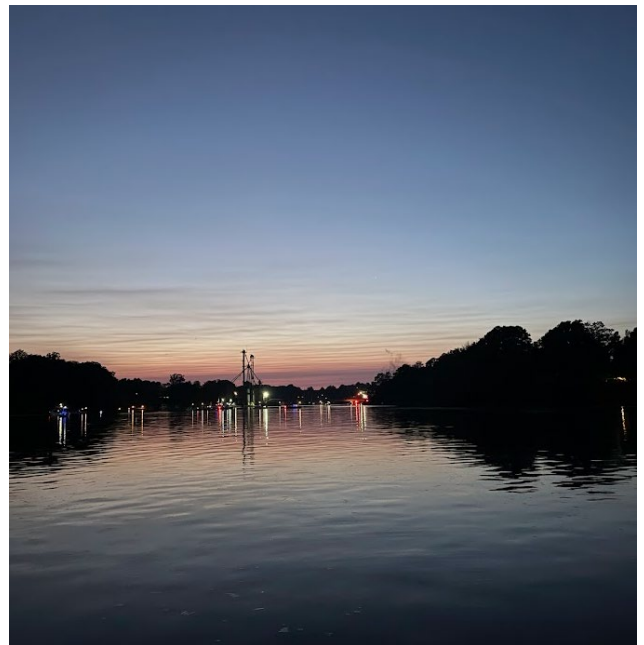
Vessel Safety Checks are important and we have two Vessel Safety Examiners within the Club so be sure to contact either one of them to get your free inspection.

Are we doing any cruising this year? Our Fleet Captain, Heath Mullins is kicking around several ideas so be on the lookout and be sure to participate. Last year, we had three cruises and many memories were made!

That's about all I have for now, but be sure to register for the fun weekend coming up (April 24-26) where we have a Commodore's reception on Friday night, the Change of Watch on Saturday night and the Blessing of the Fleet breakfast on Sunday morning. See you there

Your Commodore,

Dave Teets





VICE COMMODORE: LAURA HENSON

- As we head into a new boating season, I want to extend a warm welcome to everyone. I'm looking forward to seeing our docks full, our sails up, and our community enjoying all that the water has to offer. Here's to a safe, fun, and memorable season ahead—see you out there!

- **Laura Henson**
Vice Commodore



PAST COMMODORE: RICH VERDILLO

I would like to thank my bridge for their time and efforts to make last season so enjoyable. Great dock functions, the return of the dock crawl (after a brief hiatus) and our first overnight cruises in quite some time. Of course, none of this is possible without participation from you, our members. Here's to building on last year for another successful season. Oh, and by the way, Change of Watch weekend is not far off, what a great way to start this season! See you on the docks

- **Rich Verdillo**
Past Commodore



SECRETARY: ANTONIA DEPASCALE

As we transition into the warmer months, your LCYC Bridge is proud to celebrate our annual Change of Watch (COW), marking both a leadership transition and the welcome return of sunshine and boating season. I am looking forward to the beginning of another vibrant season on the water. With longer days and favorable weather ahead, members are preparing their vessels, reconnecting on the docks, and looking forward to a full calendar of activities. The Change of Watch serves as a meaningful tradition, honoring past service while setting course for the future. We look forward to a safe, active, and enjoyable season for all who make Lodge Creek Yacht Club such a valued part of the waterfront.

-Antonia DePascale
Secretary



TREASURER: JAMIE MULLINS

As we head into a new season at LCYC, I'm excited to step into my new role as treasurer and look forward to another year of great times on the water and at the docks with friends. As we kick things off, I wanted to share a quick reminder regarding membership dues. Dues are payable each year by December 1st. This year, we extended the grace period through January 31st to allow additional time for everyone to submit payment. We've received some feedback regarding late fees, so I'd like to clarify that in order to keep club expenses low, LCYC does not send a paper invoice or billing notice for membership renewal. Mailing costs add up quickly, and we work hard to keep dues as reasonable as possible for all members. We kindly ask that members mark their calendars and plan accordingly each year to avoid late fees. Your cooperation helps us keep things running smoothly and allows the club to focus resources on what matters most- Functions with great food and drinks! Thank you for your understanding! Here's to a fun, safe, and memorable season ahead!

-Jamie Mullins

Treasurer



SHIP STORE: ANTONIA DEPASCALE

As we kick off the April boating season, your Ship's Store is ready to help you start it in style! You can now browse and shop online for all your LCYC gear.

 Where to Find It: Visit our club website and click the Ship's Store link.

Whether you're refreshing your boating wardrobe for the new season or picking up the perfect yacht club gear to show your LCYC pride, we've got just what you need to launch into spring.

Here's to sunshine, smooth sailing, and a fantastic start to the season!

-Antonia DePascale

Ship Store



FLEET CAPTAIN: HEATH MULLINS

AHOY, YOU GLORIOUS NAUTICAL MENACES

IT. IS. APRIL.

Which means the covers are OFF, the vibes are UNHINGED, and the BIG OL' BUTTS are BACK. (TRAN-SOMS. Stay focused, sailors.)

The docks are alive. The engines are roaring*

(*or aggressively coughing, we don't judge)

And every boat in the marina is strutting its stern like it just walked out of a boatyard makeover show.





If it floats — it's a legend.

If it starts — it's a miracle.

If it leaves the slip without drama — suspicious.

WELCOME TO THE SEASON.

Brace yourselves for:

-  Full-throttle exits with zero plan
-  Raft-ups that turn into floating festivals of poor decisions
-  Karaoke so loud the seagulls file complaints
-  "I fixed it myself" confidence with absolutely no evidence

This is not just boating season.

This is **controlled chaos on water.**

Fleet Captain's highly questionable but absolutely mandatory April directives:

- Polish that nameplate until it blinds neighboring vessels
- Declare war on the spider kingdom occupying your stern
- Test your ladder BEFORE your dignity depends on it
- Bring fenders... unless you enjoy fiberglass-on-fiberglass negotiations

And most importantly:

Respect the BUTT. Protect the BUTT. Display the BUTT proudly.

Let's make waves, make noise, and make just enough bad decisions to create legendary stories (but not insurance claims... ideally).

WELCOME BACK, YOU BEAUTIFUL CHAOTIC CREW.

-Heath Mullins  

Fleet Captain




WEBMASTER: KENNY DEPASCALE

 **Stay in the Know This April — Check Out the Updated LCYC Website!**  

Ahoy, LCYC crew!

As we kick off April and the start of a brand-new boating season, your friendly webmaster has an important update:

 The Lodge Creek Yacht Club website has been **refreshed and updated**—and it's your go-to source for everything LCYC!

With improved access to events, announcements, and club information, it's easier than ever to stay connected as the marina comes back to life.

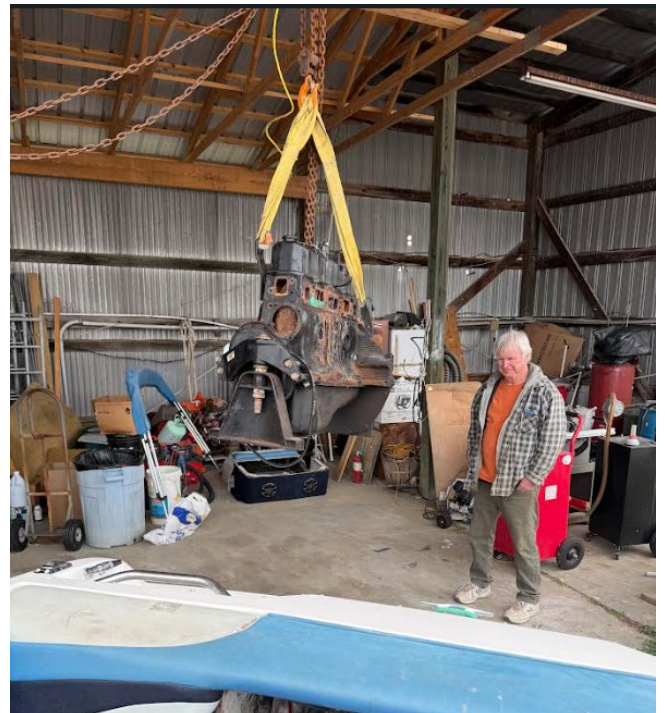
If you haven't visited recently, now's the time—bookmark it, explore the updates, and make it part of your routine this season.

 Visit us at: lodgecreekyachtclub.com


Let's head into the season informed, connected, and ready for smooth sailing ahead.

- **Kenny DePascale**

webmaster@lodgecreekyachtclub.com



Dock Directors' Corner

 With April here and the boating season officially underway, it's time to get back into the rhythm of life on the docks. Your Dock Directors are here to keep you in the loop with everything happening around the marina!

Here's to a strong start to the season and many more memories ahead!

A DOCK DIRECTOR: Ann Eichenmuller

As we kick off the new boating season, I'm excited to welcome everyone back to A Dock. It's always great to see familiar faces and meet new members joining our community. Let's keep our dock looking its best and continue to look out for one another. Wishing everyone a smooth, safe, and enjoyable season on the water—see you on the dock!

-Ann

B DOCK DIRECTOR: Craig Cook

Hello to all of the Olverson family. Hopefully, you're looking forward to the first dock sponsored function of the year on May 16, 2026. B Dock's annual Jimmy Buffett "Cheeseburgers in Paradise" festivities will be in full bloom. Bring your appetites and dancing feet because Jimmy will be with us in spirit and in music. It's an honor for your B Dock friends to bring in the new season with the first function. Now, mark your calendars and let's party.

— Craig

C DOCK DIRECTOR: Kathie Thompson

C Dock—another season is upon us. Looking forward to seeing the slips filled and good company along the pier. Wishing all fair weather and safe passage in the months ahead.

- Kathie

D DOCK DIRECTOR: Sharrie Harrison

D Dock has had a very fun winter. We've been busy getting everything shipshape and ready for the season. From routine maintenance to prepping our boats for launch, it's been great to see everyone pitching in and bringing the dock back to life.

A special shoutout to Kenny D, along with the help of fellow D Dock members and Stephen Trice, for tackling a big job—replacing the engine on his Bayliner. That's what teamwork on the docks is all about!

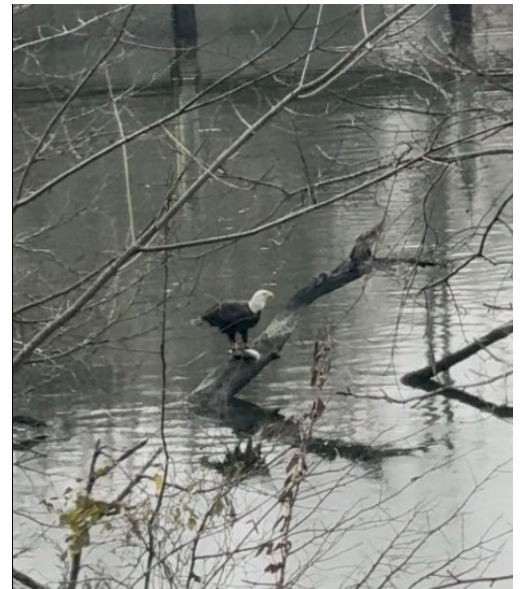
Thank you to everyone who lent a hand and kept things moving. We're looking forward to a fun, active, and memorable season ahead.

- ***Sharrie***

E DOCK DIRECTOR: Jason King

Welcome back to another boating season! As your E Dock Director, I'm looking forward to seeing everyone back at their slips and enjoying time on the water.

- ***Jason***



FROM THE SAFETY OFFICER

🌸 **April 2026 Reminder: Start the Season with a Vessel Safety Check!** 🚤

Boating season is kicking off, make sure your vessel is ready to go with a **FREE Vessel Safety Check (VSC)**!

✓ **What's a VSC?**

A quick, 20-minute inspection by a Certified Vessel Safety Examiner for any type of vessel—from paddleboards to yachts up to 65 feet.

🔗 **Why Get One?**

- Ensure your boat meets key safety standards
- Receive a VSC decal (recognized by law enforcement)
- Avoid unnecessary Coast Guard stops
- Start the season with confidence and peace of mind

📅 **Did You Know?**

Nearly 100 vessels were inspected last year by America's Boating Club—Richmond!

📍 **Available at Olverson's Marina!**

We're fortunate to have two certified examiners on-site:

- Dave Teets
- Jim Zeigler

📅 **Schedule yours today and launch into the 2026 season safe, prepared, and worry-free!**



2026 EVENT CALENDAR

EVENTS MAY BE SUBJECT TO CHANGE
 Refer to www.lodgecreekyachtclub.com for the
 most up to date information

APRIL

COW Weekend

Commodore's Reception: Friday, April 24th

COW: Saturday, April 25th

Callao Moose Lodge

Blessing of the Fleet: Sunday, April 26th @
 9:30 a.m.

Breakfast to follow.

MAY

B Dock Function: Saturday, May 16th

JUNE

C Dock Function: Saturday, June 13th

Vice Commodore's Cruise: Saturday June
 21st - Sunday June 22nd

*Details on lodgecreekyachtclub.com

JULY

Ice Cream Social: Saturday, July 4th

2:00 p.m. at the Club House

Dock Crawl: Christmas in July Saturday, July
 18th

AUGUST

A Dock Function: Saturday, August 15th

Pirate Beach Float In: Saturday, August 29th

SEPTEMBER

E Dock Function: Saturday, September 19th

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

Details to follow.

OCTOBER

D Dock Function: Saturday, October 17th

starts a 4pm

Guest Fees

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

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

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

2025 Rich Verdillo
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

INFORMATION TO REMEMBER

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.