

August 2026



NEWSLETTER

2026 BRIDGE

Commodore – Dave 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

We have had several events since we last spoke and they were all truly a big hit!! As the Summer moves along there are many upcoming events so make sure that you check things out on the website, lodgecreekyachtclub.com. The Pirate Beach Float-in will be our next event on Saturday, September 5 th . If you don't know where Pirate Beach is, just ask around the Marina! It is located just around the bend from the "fish house". We have tons of fun and it is a chance for you to take your boat out of the slip and not go far either! Of course, the famous "E-Dock" function is on September 19 th and that is always a huge turnout, so be sure to make your reservation on the website pretty quickly!

On a more serious note, there are a couple of proposed Bylaw changes that need to be voted on, so plan on that being a part of the September 19 th meeting for that. Also, we will see the proposed Bridge for 2027 and we will need to vote on those persons at the October meeting. Anyone that has an interest in serving in a leadership role with Lodge Creek Yacht Club, be sure to let me or your Dock Director know because we are always looking for helpful volunteers! This year's Bridge has been so active and hopefully many of those people will be willing to return next year also. I sure hope so!!

Many of you have not yet gotten your Vessel Safety Checks for 2026. If you are interested, please be sure to see me or Jim Zeigler as we are certified to do those for you.

I want to close by sharing a chilling fact- In Virginia, 85% of all drownings are from folks that were not wearing their life-jackets! When you are on the water, make sure to wear your life-jacket.

See you soon!
Your Commodore,

Dave Teets



VICE COMMODORE: LAURA HENSON

The LCYC is a member of the Potomac River Yacht Clubs Association. The PRYCA float in was held at Colonial Beach the first weekend of August. Ken and I attended to represent LCYC. We had a blast, just like last year. It is lots of fun socializing with other boaters from local yacht clubs. We played lots of competitive fun boating games, enjoyed great food and fellowship. This year we enjoyed a surprise visit of the various seaplanes exhibition. Hopefully, next year we can get more folks to attend the PRYCA float-in event. You will not regret it! Let's plan to take a crew from LCYC to represent our organization and give it a shot at the trophy!

-Laura Henson
Vice Commodore



PAST COMMODORE: RICH VERDILLO

We are thrilled to be back at the marina, it's so much nicer to be able to spend more time on the docks and to be home. That's what the marina and club are to us, a second family and home. Looking forward to a great rest of the season

Enjoy!
-Rich Verdillo
Past Commodore



SECRETARY: ANTONIA DePASCALE

As we head into the end of summer, it's hard to believe how quickly the season has gone by. We have three more functions left on the calendar this year, and they are definitely ones you won't want to miss. Next up is the Pirate Beach Float In on Labor Day Weekend (Saturday September 5), followed by E-Dock's Seafood Dinner on September 19th. D-Dock's Oyster Roast on October 17th will close out the season, and we would love to see a strong turnout for each!

Member participation has been wonderful all year and it has made for a memorable season on and off the water. As always, please sign up through the website so we can plan accordingly.

Let's finish the year the way we started it, with good company and great times on the water.

-Antonia DePascale
Secretary



TREASURER: JAMIE MULLINS

It's hard to believe we're already heading toward the end of summer! From the Treasurer's desk, there isn't a whole lot of exciting news to report- which, when it comes to finances, is probably a good thing!

Thank you to everyone who continues to support our club and all of the great events we've had this season. It takes a lot of members to volunteer their time and effort to create functions that are filled with great food & good times. I'd say this year's events have been a huge success so far!

As we head into the last part of our boating season, there are still plenty of opportunities to get together, enjoy the river, and make memories before the cooler weather arrives. The Pirate Beach float in is up next and is one of my favorites. If you don't have a boat that can anchor out easily, then it is the perfect time to talk to other members and arrange shared voyages.

I suppose I should mention money at least once, since I am the treasurer. So consider this your friendly reminder that I'm always happy to take yours on behalf of LCYC!

-Jamie

Treasurer



SHIP STORE: ANTONIA DePASCALE

The Ship's Store is still open as we wind down the season! Grab your LCYC swag before the boats come out of the water. It's perfect for fall dockside gatherings, off-season get-togethers, or holiday gifts for the boaters in your life.

Visit the club website at lodgecreekyachtclub.com and click the Ship's Store link to browse and order online.

-Antonia DePascale

Ship Store



FLEET CAPTAIN: HEATH MULLINS

AVAST, SALTY SHIPMATES!

It. Is. August. The season is no longer a rumor, it is in FULL SWING. The boats are out, the water is warm, and the best is still ahead. Mark your calendars for the PIRATE BEACH FLOAT-IN on Saturday, September 5th! Your favorite pirate, will be there with the help of me matey Kenny De, so start assembling your pirate garb now. Bring your loudest "arrrr" and your sense of adventure. Anchor up, raft up, and come ashore.

Fleet Captain's August directives: Top off the fuel before you need it. Check your lines before you untie them. And for the love of all things nautical, bring sunscreen. August sun does not negotiate.

-Heath Mullins

Fleet Captain



WEBMASTER: KENNY DePASCALE

Did You Know? Viewing the LCYC Newsletter Online

As your LCYC webmaster, I wanted to share a few helpful tips for viewing our newsletters on the website. When you open a newsletter on lodgecreekyachtclub.com, it is displayed using an embedded PDF viewer through EmbedPress. That means you can read it right on the page, but there are also a few handy tools available at the top of the viewer.

Use Presentation Mode

Want a larger, cleaner view of the newsletter? Click the **presentation mode** icon at the top of the viewer. This opens the newsletter in a full-screen style view, making it easier to read without the rest of the webpage around it.

This is especially helpful on tablets, laptops, or when you want to flip through the newsletter like a slideshow.

Download a Copy

Prefer to save the newsletter for later? Click the **download** icon in the toolbar. This will save a copy of the PDF to your computer, tablet, or phone so you can view it anytime, even when you're offline.

Print the Newsletter

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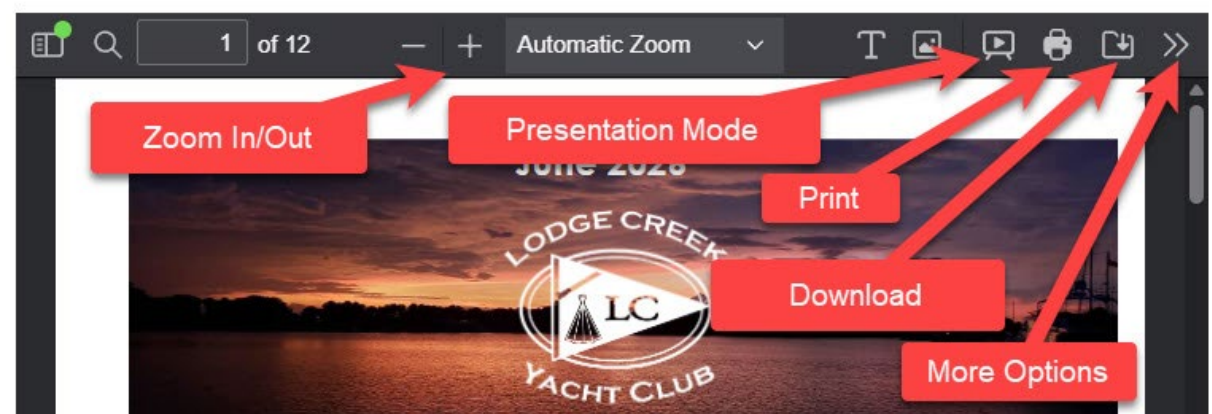
One More Tip

If the newsletter does not appear correctly, try refreshing the page, clearing your browser's cookies, or opening it in a different browser. Most viewing issues are usually resolved with a quick refresh.

As always, I hope these little tips make it easier for everyone to stay connected and enjoy the latest LCYC news, photos, events, and updates from around the river! 🚢

-Kenny DePascale

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Dock Directors' Corner

 **Stay in the Know Around the Docks!** 

Your Dock Directors are here with the latest dockside news and happenings! From exciting events and community projects to unforgettable gatherings and impressive catches off the stern, we've got all the highlights covered.

 Whether it's a boat party, welcoming a new neighbor, sharing updates about the marina, or extending an invitation to a backyard BBQ, our goal is to keep our dock family connected, informed, and engaged.

There's always something happening on the waterfront, and we can't wait to share it with you. So keep an eye on the latest updates, join in the fun, and make the most of life on the docks.

 **Anchors up—it's shaping up to be a fantastic month on the water!** 

A DOCK DIRECTOR: ANN EICHENMULLER

Thanks to everyone who helped out with A Dock BBQ Dinner. We had a good turnout, plenty of food, and Yacht Rock Bingo was a hit! Thanks to Tammi Shook for coming up with idea. Get well wishes to A Dock's Guy Wood—glad you were able to stop by!

-Ann

B DOCK DIRECTOR: Craig Cook

B Dock has been fortunate to host several visiting transient boats this month. It's always nice to welcome newcomers to our marina and to hear compliments about our Olversons home and the people who live here. They also sometimes bring a lot of experience and a lot of war stories with them. Some of them have completed the great loop, some commute to the Caribbean, and others winter in Florida every year. However, one common thread we hear is that Olversons is unique, comfortable, and friendly to visitors. After speaking with our guests, it is clear that we are the lucky ones who keep our boats here.

— Craig

C DOCK DIRECTOR: Kathie Thompson

Great to see the slips full and familiar faces on the pier as we move through the heart of the season. Wishing everyone fair weather and safe passage all August long.

– Kathie

D DOCK DIRECTOR: Sharrie Harrison

It has been a wonderful summer—where has the time gone? It's hard to believe we're already starting to think about cooler weather, and I know the folks on Dock D aren't quite ready for it!

A big thank you to Dock A for hosting such a wonderful evening. The BBQ and all the delicious dishes were fantastic, and the musical bingo was a huge hit! Everyone had a great time.

We also had a meeting Saturday morning to discuss our upcoming Dock D event. We're excited to announce that we'll be preparing oysters again this year, along with Andy's famous chicken for those who aren't oyster fans. We're looking forward to another fun evening together. Here's to enjoying these last few days of summer!

- Sharrie

E DOCK DIRECTOR: Jason King

Looking forward to our E Dock sea food function on September 19th! It will be a great time with our Marina Family. September is also Bobby's birthday on the 6th and mine on the 10th which we are hoping to celebrate during our function.

- Jason

FROM THE SAFETY OFFICER

August 2026 Reminder: Have You Had Your Vessel Safety Check Yet?

Make sure your vessel is safe, compliant, and ready for the water with a **FREE Vessel Safety Check (VSC)**!

What's a VSC?

A complimentary, 20-minute inspection conducted by a Certified Vessel Safety Examiner. Whether you own a paddleboard, kayak, fishing boat, pontoon, or a 65-foot yacht, every vessel can benefit from a safety check.

Why Get One?

- Verify your vessel meets recommended safety standards
- Receive a VSC decal recognized by law enforcement agencies
- Reduce the likelihood of unnecessary safety inspections while underway
- Gain confidence knowing your vessel is prepared for a safe boating season

Did You Know?

America's Boating Club–Richmond conducts dozens of vessel safety checks each year, helping local boaters stay safe and informed on the water.

On-Site at Olverson's Marina

We're fortunate to have two Certified Vessel Safety Examiners available:

- Dave Teets
- Jim Zeigler

Schedule Your Free Inspection Today!

A few minutes now can help ensure a safer, more enjoyable season for you, your family, and your guests.

 Safe boating starts before you leave the dock!



2026 EVENT CALENDAR

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



SEPTEMBER

Pirate Beach Float In:
 September 5th
E Dock Function:
 Saturday,
 September 19th
Tentative Cruise Date: Fri/Sat,
 September 12th/13th
 or 26th/27th

Details to follow

OCTOBER

D Dock Function:
 Saturday, October 17th

Starts at 4pm



GUEST FEES:

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

	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

Lodge Creek Yacht Club – Past Commodores

Year	Name	Year	Name
2025	Rich Verdillo		
2024	Bobby Andrade	1997	Byrd Chancey
2023	Antonia DePascale	1996	John Phipard
2022	Bill Sullivan	1995	Ellie Culbertson
2021	Bob Woodburn	1994	Bill Selden, V
2020	Jay Novak	1993	Ron Sowers
2019	Barbara Woodburn	1992	Dick Roop
2018	William Ward	1991	Charles "Skip" Campbell
2017	William Weber	1990	Sandy Campbell
2016	Ed Rest	1989	George Thompkins
2015	Bill Sullivan	1988	Susan Secoy
2014	Steve Thompson	1987	Lee Bedsoe
2013	George Utt	1986	Wayne Burgess
2012	Theresa Sullivan	1985	Mason Cole
2011	Bruce Williamson	1984	Bud Ziherl
2010	David Teets	1983	Wayne Hedges
2009	Tony Andrade	1982	A.B. Skepstedt
2008	Bob Ryan	1981	James Harper
2007	Sarah Harman-Hopkins	1980	John Gupton
2006	Ed Rest	1979	James Bricker
2005	Jerry Hopkins	1978	Jimmy Morrison
2004	J.T. Taylor	1977	Charles Winder
2003	Ed Williams	1976	Gene Kohler
2002	David Deal	1975	Melvin Duke
2001	Tom Redford	1974	Joe Giannotti
2000	Mike Steele	1973	Bob Costner
1999	Parker Carwile	1972	Leo Huckstep
1998	Ken Brooks	1971	Leo Huckstep



Honoring Our History, Inspiring Our Future!

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 – email webmaster@lodgecreekyachtclub.com if you need it)

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.