



VIEW FROM THE BRIDGE
 APRIL 2018

STATE OF THE SHIP

Ed Wells, Commodore

Well, I was a little premature announcing in last month's VFB article that "Spring is here"! Exhibit A: a wintertime weather scenario for our signature event kicking off the season, Sock Burning, that included snow, sleet, wind, and cold temperatures. Was Mother Nature chastising me? Still, we had a great turn-out in the Aft Deck, highlighted by PC Sharon Hadsell's traditional reading of the "Sock Burning Poem" by Jeff Holland.

Many thanks to our "firemeisters" for building and maintaining a scorching fire in the fire pit (some rumors that eyebrows were singed) and our oyster shuckers for providing a seemingly endless supply of tasty oysters!

As if to reinforce her point, Mother Nature followed up the next day with enough snow to force the decision to close the clubhouse. Six inches, really? My only defense is that I did caveat my ill-advised pronouncement with an "almost"...

If you didn't attend the Commodore's Ball, you missed an extraordinary party. PC Carey Kirk spearheaded the planning and organizing of this year's event, and it

was masterfully implemented by Theresa Somes, Chair of House Committee, and the dedicated committee members. This year we decided to return to our traditional EYC formal, and we had a great turn-out. There were many beautiful evening gowns and cocktail dresses, and as EYC-traditional, a wide variety of men in "EYC Formal" attire.

Our new Executive Chef, Mark Sanders, hit several home runs in the fine cuisine department; I can't tell you how many rave reviews I received from the party goers. And, I want to thank our staff; they did an exceptional job in providing us impeccable service!

Our DJ provided an excellent mix of songs that brought out everyone to the dance floor, including yours truly, and the "dance floor" kept expanding to encompass almost the entire available bar floor.

Looking forward, Easter is on the horizon. It's early this year, so events may come sooner than you expect. For instance, the Kid's Easter Egg Hunt is upon us; scheduled for Saturday, March 31.



Then, Easter Sunday Brunch is the next day, April 1. Come out and celebrate!

For the racer enthusiasts, April 7th is our annual Race Committee Training Day. This day-long event provides morning classroom instruction followed by an on-the-water exercise. This is a valuable day for not only new members to the committee, but returning members as well.

Another early arrival; the annual "Let's Go Sailing" pot luck party to kick off the cruising sailing season. The time has been changed to 4 p.m., so bring your favorite appetizer to share and plan out some great summer excursions.

It's also the time for the captains and crewmembers to get organized for the 2018 sailing season. We're again hosting SpinSheet's Crew Party on the 22nd of April, so if you're looking for crew or a boat, this is the event to attend.

Finally, I want to draw your attention to a change in schedule for the Blessing of the Fleet. This year it will be held on Saturday,

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APRIL CALENDAR

(as of March 15; please check for updates online)

eastportyc.org/calendar

Special Events:

- * [Easter Brunch](#), Sunday, April 1
- * [Family Movie Night](#), Friday, April 6, 6 p.m.
- * [New Beers Eve](#), Friday, April 6
- * [CPR/AED/First Aid Training Courses](#), Sunday, April 15, 8:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.
- * [New Member Reception](#), Friday, April 20, 6 p.m.
- * [Blessing of the Fleet](#), Saturday, April 28
- * [SpinSheet Crew Matching Party](#), Sunday, April 29, 4 p.m.

Mark Your Calendars:

- * [Family Movie Night](#), Friday, May 4, 6 p.m.
- * [Fawcett Friday Night Racing](#) begins, Friday, May 11
- * Mothers' Day Brunch, Sunday, May 13
- * Blue Angels, Tuesday – Wednesday, May 22 – 23
- * [Wye Island Cruise](#), Saturday – Monday, May 26 – 28
- * [Leukemia Cup Regatta](#), Saturday, June 2
- * [Latitude Adjustment Party](#), Thursday, June 7, 5 p.m.
- * [Annapolis 2 Bermuda Ocean Race Start](#), Friday, June 8
- * Family Fun Day, Saturday, June 9

EYC Cruising:

- * [Let's Go Sailing Pot Luck](#), Sunday, April 8, 3:30 p.m.
- * [Flotilla Friday](#), Friday, April 27, 6 p.m.

EYC Racing:

- * [Race Committee Training](#), Saturday, April 7, 8 a.m.
- * [Racers' Forum](#), Sunday, April 22, 3 p.m.
- * [Pursuit Race Seminar](#), Sunday, April 29, 2 p.m.

Committee Meetings:

- * Junior Fleet Committee, Monday, April 2, 8, 6:30 p.m.
- * 'Green Team' (Environmental Committee), Tuesday, April 3, 6 p.m.
- * Long Range Planning Committee, Tuesday, April 3, 6 p.m.
- * Annapolis to Bermuda Ocean Race Committee, Tuesday, April 3, 7 p.m.
- * IT Committee (Transition Team), Wednesdays, April 4, 11, 18, 25; 6 p.m.
- * Executive Board, Thursday, April 5, 6:30 p.m.
- * EYC Families Committee, Monday, April 7, 7 p.m.
- * Race Committee, Monday, April 7, 7 p.m.
- * Leukemia Cup Committee, Tuesday, April 10, 6:30 p.m.
- * House Committee, Wednesday, April 11, 6:30 p.m.
- * Membership Committee, Monday, April 16, 6 p.m.
- * Outfitters Committee, Tuesday, April 17, 6:30 p.m.
- * Bylaws Committee, Tuesday, April 17, 7 p.m.
- * Finance Committee, Wednesday, April 18, 7 p.m.
- * Executive Board, Thursday, April 19, 6:30 p.m.
- * Cruise Committee (Wye River), Thursday, April 19, 7:30 p.m.
- * EYC Foundation, Monday, April 23, 6:30 p.m.
- * Marina Committee, Monday, April 23, 7 p.m.
- * Special Events Committee, Tuesday, April 24, 6:30 p.m.
- * Cruise Committee, Thursday, April 26, 7:30 p.m.

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April 28th, at 2:00 p.m. In past years it has been conducted on Mother's Day, and we have had comments that it conflicted with members' Mother's Day celebrations, but there have also been comments that some members liked the simultaneous events. So, we are going to try this option; let me know what you think.

Speaking of attention to upcoming events, I want to make a special point to thank Heidi Frist for stepping up to take the helm of the biennial Latitude Adjustment Party. We can all look forward to this colossal bash on June 7, just ahead of the start of the Annapolis-Bermuda Ocean Race.

Carol Vilardo is briefly stepping out of retirement as Special Events Chair to lend a hand with the early setup (thanks, Carol), but there will still be a lot to do as the date approaches. Heidi is already actively seeking event sponsors as well as volunteers for her organization team and for the night of the party. I encourage you to join in!

One administrative note: you should have received your 2018 Directories with your parking sticker. Please affix your 2018 sticker to your windshield now, I would hate to see you the target of the "tow, tow, tow" mantra!

As always, please let me know your concerns, questions, and interests. I am interested in talking to you anytime I'm at the club, as well as via email.

I look forward to seeing you in the club!



THE MANAGER'S DESK

Bill Kocan, General Manager

Commodore's Ball

What a wonderful night it was! Special thanks to our Commodore Ed Wells who hosted one of the nicest club events of the year. Our new Chef Mark Sanders put together a terrific spread and of course the EYC sailboat luge was another huge success. The staff did a great job putting the event together and I think I speak for them when we say thank you for attending and we hope that everyone had a memorable evening.

Marina slips

Things have settled in the marina for our 2018 season, but we do still have two wet slips available to our EYC members. Of course, annual rates are prorated for new tenants for whatever portion of the year is remaining. Please contact Nan Walker (waterfront@eastportyc.org) or me (gm@eastportyc.org) for further information. Enjoy the convenience of having your boat docked next to the most unique club in Annapolis!

Extra Parking Sticker Form

All eligible EYC members should have received their annual free parking sticker in the mail with their 2018 directory and member card sticker.

For additional parking stickers the club has instituted a new form for members to fill out to help maintain the value of membership by curbing (sorry about the pun) non-member use of our main parking lot. The forms are available solely from the office and require some basic information about the vehicle so that the stickers can be readily identified in the event of a parking problem. We would like to remind members that additional stickers are non-transferrable and are intended for member use only.

Vigorous towing will commence in April so please be sure to affix your sticker to the driver's side front lower windshield.

NEW AED for 2018

Automated external defibrillators or AEDs are a critical part of our club's safety program. We are very excited to announce that we have added a third AED for our

members' and guests' safety.

As I hope many of you have already noticed the club has had a unit located across from the popcorn machine in the bar area to the left of the double doors leading to the deck. The Race Committee also maintains an AED for use on the water and for their special events. This year we have added a third AED that is located in the first-floor hallway next to the back door.

For those who may not know these units are HIGHLY automated and will "coach/talk" an uninformed person through the whole process of helping a person who has suffered from cardiac arrest. It is also worth noting that these units sense the impulses from the human heart so it is impossible to shock a person who has a normal heartbeat and there is no need to fear this potentiality.

The club will also be hosting some training classes for CPR so those of you who wish to participate are encouraged to do so. The Blast will announce the dates



and times for upcoming sessions.

Emergency Plan

What you do in the event of an emergency is a question that should always be answered BEFORE the time occurs and you are pressed into action. Although we hope something of this nature never occurs at EYC we have plans in place to deal with them. Located in the office, at the bar and in the junior office are binders that give instructions in dealing with natural disasters, man made threats and many other events. Feel free to request to take a look at the materials the next time you are at the club and we will show you the locations and give you the opportunity to peruse the materials.

WHAT'S COOKING?

- * **Sundays:** Brunch, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.; Taco Sunday, Daily Specials & Full Menu, noon – 9 p.m.
- * **Mondays:** Daily Specials & Full Menu, 5 – 9 p.m., **Kids Under 12 Eat Free!**
- * **Tuesdays:** Burger Night & Full Menu, 5 – 9 p.m.
- * **Wednesdays:** Windy Wednesday Happy Hour 5 – 7 p.m.; Daily Specials & Full Menu, 5 – 9 p.m.
- * **Thursdays:** Galley Menu, noon – 4 p.m.; Prime Rib Night & Full Menu, 5 – 9 p.m.
- * **Fridays:** Galley Menu, noon – 4 p.m.; Daily Specials & Full Menu, 5 – 9:30 p.m.
- * **Saturdays:** Galley Menu, noon - 4 p.m.; Daily Specials & Full Menu, 5 – 9 p.m.

Check out the Menu on the "[Clubhouse](#)" page

(under the "Ashore" tab).

Call 410-267-9549, ext. 1, to make your reservations.

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AROUND THE HOUSE

Theresa Somes

March started us out by putting on the green with our own St. Patrick's Day party. We enjoyed some Irish fare and a pint or two. We were entertained by the Irish Step Dancers and our own EYC member Dave Aland kept us entertained with tall Irish tales and had us singing Irish tunes for the evening. There were Guinness glasses and lovely Irish hats and scarves that were raffled off. Thank you to Dave for donating an Irish walking stick for the raffle. Thank you to Glen Somes for doing a fantastic job in selling the raffle tickets.

We continued the celebration on the day itself with O'Brien's Irish Pub. We enjoyed more Irish food and a pint. I want to thank my decorators, Dale Schulz, Leslie Lawton, and Jeanne McCoy, for helping me get our club all decked out in green.

In traditional EYC style, the rain and snow did not stop us from getting together for our annual burning of our socks to celebrate the equinox and the first days of Spring. We were able to keep warm and burn our socks thanks to our wonderful fire pit starters. Thanks to Glen Somes and Jamie Roell for doing a fantastic job in getting a roaring fire going for us. Thanks to Sharon Hadsell for reading the history of the event.

We did partake in the consumption of some fantastic oysters. A big Thank You to our shuckers, merf Moerschel, Richard Dein, Angus Phillips and Chris Mikesell, for their hard work on shucking those oysters. Thanks also to Bill Sieling for bringing them to us. They were fantastic. A huge Thank You to Cheryl Lecourt for all of her hard working in putting this event

together. I really appreciate it.

There is a chest of drawers in the foyer for donations of packages of new socks to be donated to the Lighthouse Shelter. Let's see if we can't fill that up for those in need.

I hope you were able to attend the Commodore's Ball, which is the party of the year. We had music and dancing; hors d'oeuvres and food stations throughout the clubhouse. Thanks to Betsy Schulz for taking care of our lovely flowers for the evening. A big Thank You to Carey Kirk for all of his hard work in making this a wonderful and fun event.

We are trying something new this year for the **Kids' Easter Egg Hunt**. We are holding the hunt the day before Easter. We wanted to make this an extra special day for the kids by having the hunt and the moon bounce the Saturday before. The Easter Bunny will be there for picture taking and the kids are going to be treated to an ice cream sundae. If you have any comments about this, please e-mail me at house@eastportyc.org

Our Easter Brunch Service begins at 10 a.m. on April 1. Reservations are recommended; walk-ins are welcome with limited seating in the bar and open deck. I hope you have a wonderful Easter and you are able to spend it with family and friends. Happy Easter.

New Beer's Eve will be on Friday, April 6. We're offering three different craft-brewed beers each day for \$2 leading up to New Beer's Eve, when all draft beers will be half off.



This year's Blessing of the Fleet will be held on Saturday, April 28, at 2:00 p.m. We are fortunate to have EYC Chaplain Reverend Jeff Paulson to officiate and bagpiper Randy Welch returning again this year for the ceremony! Those who have boats on premises, please try to "dress" them or display your burgee proudly. If you can't bring your boat to the club for the event, never fear—once again there will be vials of blessed water to take away and share with your vessel

Have a good look at the calendar as we have frequent theme nights or events during the month that are not publicized – you just gotta look for them.

We value your comments and suggestions so please fill out a comment card when you receive it with your bill. You can also find them on the table by the hostess stand.

Reminder: the House Committee meets every month on the first Wednesday at 6:30 in the conference room. All are welcome to attend a meeting and see if you would like to join us on a regular basis.

Date change - April's meeting will be held on April 11th at 6:30 in the conference room.

Upcoming Events for May:

May 13th – Mother's Day Brunch
May 22nd and 23rd – Blue Angels

Watch the Newsblast and Bulletin Board for more great events brought to you by House Committee.



FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT APRIL 6!

Join the fun for another rendition of Family Movie Night on Friday, April 6. We'll be screening "The Rise of the Guardians" and the fun starts at 6 p.m.

Kids' dinner includes pizza and chicken tenders and will be served in the Aft Deck. Parents can enjoy some adult conversation across the hall.

NO WALK-INS PLEASE.

Read More / Reserve at eastportyc.org/movie



NEWS FROM THE WATERFRONT

Nan Walker, Waterfront Manager

The **Indian Creek High School Sailing Team** is back out on the water even though the weather seems more like frostbite conditions with low temps and gusty winds. The team is growing with 17 sailors including 2 new 8th graders this season. They will compete at both Varsity and JV regattas this Spring. EYC will be hosting a MDSA JV Regatta on April 14th so contact waterfront@eastportyc.org if interested in helping or come out and watch the action.

The **Junior Summer Program** has almost 200 sailors signed up already! We have added an additional week to beginning of summer starting June 18th to get jump start and, also new 'Bay Cruiser' exploration classes to spread Bay Week fun out over whole summer. Don't delay and check out ['BY WEEK' Schedule](#) to find the course and times that fit your whole family's needs and take advantage of 10%

multisession & multifamily discounts.

Sailing Instruction is not just for kids! We have also added Spring and more Summer Adult Sailing classes mid-week and on weekends to get you out on the water sooner and confident to crew or skipper. Classes will utilize J/22, Sunfish and CFJ fleets to meet more skill and interest levels. J/22 Team and Match Racing will also start in Spring, so get prepared to take full advantage.

Member Water Access Program: This is a great member amenity for an easy, affordable way to get out on the water at the Club. We just put in Spring delivery order for new paddleboard fleet! And soon Kathleen Elliott will be cheerleading to get the Sunfish out for TESOD series starting in May. Carol Robinson and Jeff Borland will be helping to build EYC Team & Match

Race teams in fun weekly local practice/competition on Monday and Tuesday evenings. Let us know if you are interested (you don't have to be a Rockstar!).

EYC is hosting **US Sailing Safe Powerboat Certification** courses monthly starting in April in 2-day, or accelerated 1-day or new 4-evenings format. In addition to Safe Powerboating we are offering a Rescue Boat class June 10th. These are very important classes to ensure the safety of racers and recreational powerboaters on the Bay. If you are new to operating a powerboat or new to race committee, consider signing up.

EYC is hosting a **CPR/FA/AED certification course** with Bayside CPR & AED Training Center on April 15 in 2 sessions - AM: 9:00am-12noon or PM 1:00-4:00pm session. Cost is \$65/person. Space is limited.

Contact Nan Walker with any questions or interests at waterfront@eastportyc.org.

Chance to Show your Support & Program Appreciation – VOTE Best Learn-to-Sail and Kids Programs in Chesapeake Bay Magazine Annual Best of Bay Awards Survey. Deadline April 15!

Join our Team - We are always looking for new members to join the Junior Committee with new ideas to help get more members and kids out on the water.



MARINA COMMITTEE

Mike Lehmkuhl

Slip Availability: The marina is at near full capacity but there are a few spots still open. A10 (34') and A11 (32') are open on the party dock, and we have space on the shore-side bulkhead on B-dock. These won't be available for long. Contact Nan Walker EYC's new Waterfront Manager (waterfront@eastportyc.org) if you are interested or if you'd like to get on the waiting list.

Annapolis NOODs regatta May 4-6 this year. Even though it is a month away, put it on your calendar. Anticipate that the dry sailing area and floating (B) dock in the marina are

going to be quite busy at times. This is an extremely well attended event that draws a lot of racers to EYC.

Visiting racers will arrive Thursday, racing is Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Expect early mornings and late afternoons (earlier afternoon Sunday) will be busy with boats being launched and hauled. Lift slip holders should anticipate that there will be boats docked on the floating dock each night.

The floating dock will be available during the day for members who want to come to the club for lunch.



EYC ON THE WATER

Greg Kelly & Carroll McGillin

Kick Off Your Season with the EYC Cruisers' Appetizer Potluck!

IT'S AN APPETIZER POT LUCK EXTRAVAGANZA

Bring a Sample of Your Favorite Appetizer to Share

When: Sunday, April 8, 4 - 6 p.m.
(please note the time change!)

Where: EYC Conference Room and Aft Deck

It's almost time for us all to get back on the water! The preliminary 2018 EYC Cruise Schedule has been posted, so join us & learn about EYC 2018 Cruising Events (Power and Sail).

Meet fellow EYC cruisers! Share your ideas for additional cruising destinations and events!

Read more and RSVP at eastportyc.org/potluck



ATTENTION NEW MEMBERS!

A RECEPTION FOR YOU ON APRIL 20

Where: Eastport Yacht Club lower conference room and aft deck

When: Friday evening April 20, 2018 from 1800 to 2000 (6 - 8 p.m.)

Why: To celebrate new members and welcome them to EYC

The EYC Membership Committee is hosting a reception for all new EYC members who came aboard in 2017 and 2018. On Friday, April 20, 2018, in the lower hallway, new members are invited to enjoy heavy hors d'oeuvres and cocktails (Cash Bar) and the opportunity to meet one another and a chance to chat with representatives from each standing committee and the Executive Board.

We expect a great turnout so please RSVP with your name, member number and the name of your guest to membership@eastportyc.org as soon as possible.

We look forward to seeing you there!

— The Membership Committee Team 2018



A2B UPDATES

Beth Berry & Mike Lehmkuhl

www.bermudaoceanrace.com

Our entries are growing and we are on track to have a decent fleet for the race this year! Deadline to enter is May 1 for the race starting June 8.

But if you want to be entered into the \$1500 Bacon's sailmakers-give-away, we must have your entry by APRIL 5, 2018. The drawing is only open to registered and PAID A2B entries and will be held at the club Happy Hour for A2B skippers on April 6 at 6:30 p.m. The \$1500 credit can be used toward a sail for the race. More details at www.bermudaoceanrace.com.

Also, put June 7 on your calendar for this year's Latitude Adjustment Party which will be a fun send-off for the skippers and their crew.

The party benefits the EYC Foundation while recognizing marine professionals in our community and providing a fun opportunity to send off the racers in EYC style.

Tickets go on sale soon, but meanwhile you can volunteer to help or nominate your favorite marine professional. Business sponsors also wanted! Learn more at eastportyc.org/latitude.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED IN BERMUDA

Come Join In the Fun This Summer!

The Annapolis to Bermuda Race is on again this June, and EYC's organizing committee needs your help in Bermuda to welcome and check in the racers, give them the necessary information for their stay at the Royal Hamilton Amateur Dinghy Club (our partners), and be their EYC shoulders to lean on.

This is light duty for all ages, not physically demanding but vital to the representation of EYC as co-host of their celebrating having completed the race.

This is only the second time with our co-host in Hamilton harbor, RHADC, and it was mutual love at first sight; they are the British version of EYC- they love their sailing and drinking rum and having fun, and they're quite accomplished at all three activities.

Here is what is needed from our volunteers: availability for shifts of 1 or 2 hours at the Duty Desk with a co-volunteer from RHADC for the four days of racers' checking in and be the general information desk for them. You'll take in their paperwork, hand them paperwork on the what when where and how to's during their stay, act as their landside support.

When: the actual days of volunteer time are Wednesday June 13th – Saturday June 16th. All flights to Bermuda leave the States in the morning and arrive in Bermuda in the afternoon, too late in the day to volunteer for the same day arrival. On Saturday evening the 16th there will be the gala prize giving, followed by a sit-down dinner, a not to be missed party, so plan on flying out on Sunday at the earliest.

To volunteer/sign up or ask for more information contact PC Carey Kirk at: Carey@careyreidkirk.com or 443-254-0754.

RACE COMMITTEE NEWS

Keith Jacobs

We've turned our clocks forward by one hour and burned our socks – it really does feel like the sailing season is right around the corner.

As Race Committee gets ready to get back out on the water, Tom Stalder has been offering his GPS Training class for the past several years. This very informative class has been very well-received by participants, and this year was no different. A total of 7 people came to EYC on March 17 to shake off a little winter rust and get back into race course setup and navigation.

Thanks to Tom for the time and effort he donates every year!

Next up the on the schedule is our annual Race Committee Training Day. Our approach is to spend some "classroom" time in the morning reviewing basic information and approaches, followed by on-the-water practical application in the afternoon. The local Harbor 20 fleet has been invited to join us to add some realism to what we do.

This is a great introduction for people newly interested in Race Committee, as well as the veterans looking to knock off some of the winter rust, and most importantly – share their knowledge with others. We hope you will come out and join us!

Race Committee has been hard at work this winter getting all of the Notices

of Race (NoRs) updated for the 2018 season. I am happy to report that the NoRs have been posted and registration opened for nearly every event on the calendar.

Registration for all events can be found at eastportyc.org/regatta-registration. We hope people will appreciate a "one-stop shopping" approach to having all events open at the start of the season.

Finally, it is important for volunteers to keep their SOARS accounts up to date. All RC volunteers are urged to create a SOARS account on the US Sailing website. It allows volunteers to list each event they have been to and every role they have performed.

If or when you decide to take the next step and obtain formal certification, US Sailing will rely upon the SOARS entries to verify that you have met the minimum experience requirements.

You can establish or update an account at ussailing.org/race-officials. Scroll down the page a little & look for the "SOARS" block. Also, because we have been logging volunteer hours for the past three years, we can help you easily fill in any missing details.

The 2018 season is nearly here, the Annapolis NOOD Regatta will be here in ~30 days. And, the Fawcett's Friday Night Beer Cans will get underway only one week later!



OUTFITTERS HAS WHAT YOU WANT!

Maybe April will bring Real Spring!

We've already had some hints of warm weather--a day or two, here and there, but then cold winds or a surprising snow storm wipes that hopeful smile right off our faces.

Outfitters is always ready to put a smile right back on, regardless of weather follies. Right now the new Danskin cardigans are moving fast for good reason. They are very stylish with an asymmetrical front closing and soft and snugly to wear. Both the slate blue and pale green are eminently suitable for all occasions.

Mid-April will feature many new temptations. Because of your requests, we will have new light weight sweatshirts for warmer weather in Coral, Tidal Blue, Pewter & Mist. These are all in unisex sizing. From Port Authority we will offer a soft shell jacket for women in Royal Blue and Red and one for men in Charcoal and Navy. Both are 100% waterproof and breathable. Also for women, a full zip heather jacket will be available in Raspberry and Pearl Grey.

Another new offering for men is a Legend Windshirt that will come in three color options: Navy with white trim, Tan with navy trim and Red with white trim. These will be great on the water when you need just a bit of protection between yourself and the elements.

Finally, don't forget to grab your camera and/or phone to start getting great pictures of spring arriving in Annapolis and at EYC. Outfitters will soon have an e-link so you can download pictures directly.

Outfitters will be happily open and cheerfully selling on the following days and times:

- Friday, April 6, 2018, New Beers' Eve, 6:00 - 8:00 PM
- Sunday, April 8, 2018, Let's Go Sailing Open House, 5:30 - 7:30 PM
- Tuesday, April 10, 2018, Burger Night, 6:00 - 8:00 PM
- Thursday, April 19, 2018, Prime Rib Night, 6:00 - 8:00 PM
- Sunday, April 22, 2018, Sunday Brunch, 1:00 - 3:00 PM
- Friday, April 27, 2018, Friday Flotilla, 6:00 - 8:00 PM
- Saturday, April 28, 2018, Blessing of the Fleet, 3:00 - 5:00 PM
- unday, April 29, 2018, Spinsheet Party, Time TBD



EYC FOUNDATION NEWS

Tim Wilbricht & Tara Potter

eycfoundation.org

THANK YOU EYCF CAREER EXPO VOLUNTEERS

Thank you to all 2018 Marine and Maritime Career Expo volunteers for volunteering at this year's career expo. It was a successful event, thanks in the largest part to our volunteers who kept everything running smoothly. From the beginning of the set up to the final breakdown it was amazing how effortlessly you all worked as a team to get everything done!

The student turnout was substantial, we had over 600 attendees not including exhibitors and volunteers. The students had many positive comments about what they learned on this year's new career challenge. The generous time you gave in support of the expo helped us in our mission to expose students to all that the marine and maritime industries have to offer.

Click here to see the video from the Career Expo <https://m.youtube.com/watch?feature=youtu.be&v=bPLJqvZ7Y3o>

THANK YOU TO THE EYC TRIVIA WINNERS

Thank you to all of the Trivia Night teams who donated their winnings to the EYC Foundation. \$811 of your winnings were given to the Foundation to help the great work of STEM scholarships, Marine Wizards, and much more. Congratulations to this season's winning team, iSmile, and all of the Trivia Night winners and players, and a big shout out to Monica Arnold for making Trivia Night 2018 so much fun!

SAVE-THE-DATES for our 2018 5th GRADE STEM THROUGH SAILING & BOATING PROGRAM

Once again, your EYC Foundation will be holding our STEM program for 5th graders from Georgetown East, Eastport, and Annapolis Elementary Schools. The dates for 2018 are set for Tuesday, May 29th, Wednesday, May 30th, and Thursday, May 31st. More information regarding the need for teachers, boats, boat captains and dock masters will be forthcoming in the May VFB and the Newsblast. In the meantime, if you have questions or want to sign up early, please contact Palma Wilson, Co-Chair, STEM Education Committee, pewilson@usa.net

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LATITUDE ADJUSTMENT PARTY 2018

THURSDAY, JUNE 7

Dance, Eat, Drink ... Celebrate Outstanding Marine Wizards

Send the Bermuda Ocean Racers off with a Bang!

eastportyc.org/latitude

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Lee Maynard & Hollace Snyder

AH, SPRING!

As we move toward boating season, the Membership Committee is starting to see an increase in applications, which means it will be a busy season of interviews and posting of applications, and the welcoming of new members. We hope that you take the time to review these applications when they are on the bulletin board and provide the committee with any comments, as your feedback contributes to the committee's decision to approve an applicant for membership or not. So please, take a look and tell us your thoughts!

The Membership Committee under the direction of the chair, Lee Maynard, is reorganizing into two groups. One is the current group of voting members, the "Membership Committee" that is responsible for choosing the best candidates for EYC, moving them from application to membership. The second group, known as the "Membership Team," includes not only the current members of the committee, but also members of the club who will be assisting the committee in a variety of ways. The team is not included in formal interviews, that is limited to the committee only.

Ann Mikesell will be joining the team as the club "ambassador" to reach out to our newest members from 2016 to present to make sure that they feel welcome, and that they are actively volunteering and involved in club committees and activities.

Following up on new members' use of the club is a priority of the Membership Committee, and something that really hasn't been done before. Ann's excellent communication skills make her perfect for this job, and we hope her effort will result in an increase in participation of our newest members in club activities.

Another member of the "Membership Team" is none other than our MEMBER NUMBER 1, Ivon Paulin. Ivon has graciously agreed to be the historian for the committee and will present an oral history of the club to each class of applicants that come for their formal interview with the committee.

What a treat for new applicants to hear how EYC got started and grew!

Other club members will be invited to join the Membership Team as committee needs arise. If you think you'd like to be part of this effort, please contact Lee at membership@eastportyc.org.

March statistics:

Voting members- 625; Non-resident- 140; Associate (22-25)- 1; Associate (26-29)- 8; Associate (30-35)- 8; Senior-51; Junior- 3; LOA- 9; Approved waitlist-9; Waiting for interviews- 9.

AROUND THE GREEN CAN

Virginia Tippie & Phil Renaud

The Environmental Committee welcomed the onset of spring with a special lecture on the health of the Chesapeake Bay by Ben Grumbles, Secretary, Maryland Department of the Environment on March 28th. Ben is currently the Chair of the Chesapeake Bay Executive Council Principals Staff, which is the federal/multi-state governing board for the restoration and protection of the Bay. Prior to his appointment by Governor Hogan, he held several national environmental leadership positions including President of the U.S. Water Alliance and Assistant Administrator for Water, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

The lecture provided an opportunity for club members to become better informed about bay clean up efforts and how they can help - just in time for the boating season!

To address some of the key stewardship issues in our area of the bay, the EYC Environmental Committee is hosting a workshop on "Building a Bay Stewardship Partnership in Annapolis Local Waters" on April 6th. Key organizations in the area that will be participating in the workshop include: Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay, Annapolis Environmental Commission, Severn River Association, Spa Creek Conservancy and Back Creek Conservancy. Mayor Gavin Buckley will be providing the Opening Remarks for the workshop.

The purpose of the workshop is twofold: 1. to share information on the goals & objectives of partner organizations in the area and 2. to develop a plan to further collaborative

efforts toward shared goals & objectives.

During the months of April and May, the Environmental Committee will be preparing for our 2018 Clean Regatta Season, continuing our Clean Club Efforts, addressing opportunities to make the club more energy efficient and increasing awareness of environmental issues.

On Earth Day, April 22, the Environmental Committee will host the U.S. premier of a special film "Global Reef Expedition: The Indian Ocean" produced by the Living Oceans Foundation. The film documents for the first time coral bleaching in a pristine coral reef. Visually seeing this phenomenon, which is due to excessively warm ocean waters, makes you believe in global warming!

After the film we will discuss the challenge of saving our oceans from reducing our carbon footprint to ending plastic pollution (this year's Earth Day theme).



Stay tuned for additional events in June when we celebrate World Ocean Day.

HELP! I CAN'T LOG IN!

There are a lot of things going on in the Members Only section of the EYC website, including minutes of Executive Board meetings, albums of pictures of club events, reports from the various committees, and a wealth of member-only information.

Once logged in, you can find out how to order an EYC license plate from the State of Maryland; how to access the directory of reciprocal yacht clubs; where to find reference documents including club policies and by-laws; back issues of this newsletter, and check the latest financial presentations and other reports of importance ... and more.

If you are a current EYC member with an email address in our website database, you can access the EYC Members Only side of the website with a little help from our automated system.

In most cases, your user name is a function of your member number, with an m on each end, like this: m1234m (or, if you have an older, shorter member number, with the addition of one or more zeros at the front to make four digits: m0345m or m0056m, e.g.). More instructions are available on the home page of the EYC website.

With your user name, you can request a password reset, using the other link on the Member Access page. Ask for a reset code, and it will send one immediately to your email address. Use the link in the email to reset your password.

If your email address isn't current or isn't in the system, or if other things seem to be going wrong, ask for help (but please don't call the office). Email communications@eastportyc.org. Please include your member number in the message. We'll take it from there.

EYC MEMBER CLASSIFIED ADS

Welcome to the EYC Member Classified Ads section. Classified ads for goods and services, boats, getaways, wanted items, etc. are available at \$15 for 30 words. Order forms can be found in the Communications/Publications box in the lower level conference room of the clubhouse, or e-mail copy to communications@eastportyc.org. For more information, contact Nancy Noyes, communications@eastportyc.org or call 410-263-5028.

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for the May 2018 View from the Bridge Newsletter is

Sunday, April 15

Please send copy to communications@eastportyc.org

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EYC OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the Eastport Yacht Club, Ltd. shall be:

- A. To promote and encourage the challenges and rewards of sailing.
- B. To expand and modernize the concept of Corinthian yachting.
- C. To develop and sustain interest in and to sponsor competition among water craft of all types.
- D. To recognize the role of youth as essential to the vitality and growth of the Club.
- E. To create and sustain an active social and community involvement.

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