



# Red Eye Yacht Club Newsletter

*The Biggest little yacht club on the bay*

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## Red Eye Yacht Club Newsletter

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### Message from Commodore Randy Hamilton

Inching closer to boating season! First of all, I would like to send a huge thank you to everyone who made the Chesapeake Commodore Club's weekend what it was. John and Dana put so much time and effort in to our decorations that it turned out way better than I could have imagined. Everyone that helped load and unload the stuff, our bartenders, and everyone that helped out made it an absolute blast. Ken pushed them cherries so hard that we ran out pretty quick and I recieved numerous compliments on our room. But back to reality. We have Bodkin coming in on a land cruise on the 1st. It would be nice to see some club members come down and greet them as they did us on the land cruise I put together a couple years ago and to help clean when they move on. Slip assignment day/member appreciation day is the 9th. Even if you aren't participating in the slip portion, come on down and enjoy a free meal and feel appreciated. Bullroast tickets will be on sale soon. Keep in mind that we may only have 3 events this



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year and this could be one out of the way. As always- feel free to email, text, or call me with any questions, concerns, problems, solutions, good jokes, whatever.

-Commodore Randy Hamilton

### Message from Vice Com Stephanie Gaff

Not much going on at the Clubhouse lately. With the colder months, its pretty quiet.



I'd like to thank those helping me out with the trash for the building. The text communications have been perfect.

My goal is to schedule a Work Party for every Saturday beginning February 1st. This is, as always, weather permitting and as necessary. The constant focus during the off-season will be making sure the bathrooms are cleaned, floors are swept and/or mopped, windows are clean, everything is dusted, plants are watered, bar area is clean and stocked, and kitchen is in order to Erni's standards. If this only takes an hour or four hours, then that is it. Once the weather breaks, we will begin on items outside of the clubhouse; including the crab shack, garage, old meeting room, etc. Emails will be sent out prior to any Work Party. If you are unsure whether one is taking place, please email me at [familygaff@gmail.com](mailto:familygaff@gmail.com) or text me at (443) 682-1541.

Sunday, February 9 is Members' Appreciation Day. This is when the club provides a free full-fledged turkey dinner to every member of the club and their significant others. We have a little bit of business to take care of prior to our meal. The Stockholders meeting will take place 1pm - 3pm. Slip Assignment will take place 3pm - 4pm. Member's Appreciation will begin right around 4pm. We have 5 turkeys that we will deep fry, mashed potatoes, stuffing, vegetables, dinner rolls, and plenty of desserts. Please make every effort to attend. It is a great time to socialize with fellow members and allow the club to provide a FREE meal to our members in appreciation of your continued support and loyalty.

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## REYC EVENTS

Reminder...

The Bar is always open to members during private parties.

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*Friday night dinners are currently suspended until the Spring.*

*How do I reserve the clubhouse for a private gathering?*

*Contact Erni Heiser*

Rental Agreement

## New Members

## Welcome!

### **ATTENTION**

**General Membership Meetings are held the second Friday of each month.**

**The next Meeting Date is:**

**Friday Feb 14, 2020**

**Dinner at 6:00 pm**

**Meeting 7:30 PM**

Our next meeting is scheduled for Valentine's Day Friday, February 14. Dinner will take place at 6:00 PM and the meeting will promptly begin at 7:30 PM. Please, when in the meeting, refrain from socializing while items are being discussed. It makes it extremely difficult for the Officers to hear what is going on when mini conversations are taking place in the audience and it makes for a much longer meeting. I, for one, would like to get through business and then be able to socialize with our fellow members at the bar afterwards.

Thank you so much for your continued support!

Vice Commodore Stephanie Gaff

### Message from Rear Com Jerry Selig

I would like to begin by thanking the Red Eye membership for their display of confidence in electing me to the office of Rear Commodore at January's membership meeting.



There is a good deal of pier work planned for this year as detailed in my letter to the membership last October. In summary, we have a contractor coming in to rebuild a section of B-pier. The Club will be re-decking the beginning of C-pier, running additional electric to the new section of C-pier, re-decking the outside of B-pier that is not part of the contractors' agreement, as well as repairing sections of electric and water on B-pier. This is a lot of work to be completed in a single season and can only be accomplished with the help of our membership. With the right amount of help we should be able to move along at a good pace. Lumber is already on the property and weather permitting our current plan is to begin work sometime in February. Work party reminders will be sent out accordingly. We have at least five (5) dock boxes that will need to be moved before we begin the C-pier decking/electric project. The owners of those boxes are responsible to relocate them by February 15 th to prevent possible damage. Red Eyes' demolition crew will not be responsible for any damage to them if left in the construction area. After the C-pier decking and B-pier contractor work has been completed there will be some dock boxes on the outside of B-pier that will need to be moved. I will give at least two (2) weeks' notice to

SEE BELOW FOR MEETING  
NIGHT DINNER...

## Menu

**The Dinner starts at 6:00  
PM. To be determined.**

We are currently looking for a  
"Mystery Chef" for our Friday  
Night Dinners. If you are  
interested, please contact Erni  
Heiser

## Work Hours PDF

As of 1/25/2020

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## Health & Welfare

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## Health & Welfare:

If you know someone who  
needs a cheer from the club,  
please let me know. Nothing is  
better when you are feeling  
down to get some attention.

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## Club Apparel for Sale:

GET YOUR RED EYE  
GEAR HERE

I am now taking orders for  
REYC shirts, hats, jackets,  
anything you would like to  
order to show your RED EYE  
YACHT CLUB support.

those slip holders. For questions regarding pier work  
please contact me at 443-465-0973 or  
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Don't forget slip assignment day on February 9th.  
Stockholders meeting starts at 1:00pm, followed by slip  
assignment at 3:00pm. Even if you are not bidding a slip  
come on down to enjoy a "Members Appreciation Day"  
complimentary fried turkey dinner to start @ 4:00pm.

RC Jerry Selig

## Message from Princess Katie Gaff

I have been quite busy attending Balls for  
our Sister Clubs. I was able to attend Bush  
River and Galloway this past month. I  
have had a lot of fun with Commodore  
Randy and the privilege of walking in  
with both him and IPC Kim Ryan  
Galloway's Ball.



The first Ball of February was Middle River Yacht Club.  
All the Princesses showed up in support of Princess  
Stephanie by wearing pink. Princess Stephanie and I have  
a special bond since we have watched each other grow  
throughout our roles with the Yacht Clubs and in her  
recent struggles, I'm glad I can be here for her.



Since my last article, I have made some changes to my  
fundraising platform for this year. I continue to collect

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the catalog on top of display  
case and contact:*

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Quick Links...

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*Check out our website*

## Suggestions!

**Some members have  
expressed an interest in  
having more social events  
at the clubhouse.**

If you have any ideas on  
what events you'd like to  
see take place at the club,  
please contact Cheryl

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**Something You May Not Know**

can tabs for the Ronald McDonald House Charities Maryland. All tabs collected are recycled and used to pay for gas for the shuttles used to transport patients and their families at the Ronald McDonald House.

I announced my main Charity this year is the Gary Sinise Foundation. At January's Veteran's Yacht Club Association meeting, Commodore Bubba and First Lady Beth personally donated \$200 and IPC Joe Kalista personally donated \$50 towards the Gary Sinise Foundation. If you are unfamiliar with the works of this organization, I encourage you to visit their webpage at [www.garysinisefoundation.org](http://www.garysinisefoundation.org) for more information.

Just this past Fall, Gary Sinise and the Foundation made arrangements for over 1500 Gold Star Children to vacation at Walt Disney World in Florida. This is a trip of a life-time for many of the children, to remind them that although they lost a family member serving, the Nation did not forget about them and are here to lend support. I will be selling silicone bracelets this Spring and all the proceeds will be donated to the Gary Sinise Foundation. I will have the following bracelets available: Thin Blue Line, Thin Red Line, Support Our Troops, Support Our Veterans, and the American Flag. I will also have two different pins available as well, one is Support Our First Responders, and the other is American Flag Ribbon pin. Images and pricing to follow.

Recently, I have decided to campaign for the Maryland Waterways Foundation. This is a very new organization that directly impacts us here in the Upper Bay. If anyone is familiar with Commodore Sam Weaver and Karen Wynn, formally of the Back River Restoration Committee, you know they are huge advocates for the clean-up of the Back River and surrounding areas as well as education to the communities' youth about how their actions impact our waterways. Many of you are aware that I regularly play Taps or sing the National Anthem at different Yacht Club events. The majority of the time I receive compensation in forms of money, gift certificates, or trinkets for my services. I am asking that in place of these items, for the Yacht Club to make a monetary donation to the Maryland Waterways Foundation. All that I collect will be presented to Commodore Weaver and Mrs. Wynn. If you would like more information about the Maryland Waterways Foundation, please visit and like their Facebook page at



Past Commodore's Message  
P/C Gene Schenck

**There's More To The Story**

Most of us know each other from our clubs and cruises. Familiar faces and names from around our clubs, but in many cases you and I may not know who they were before they were our yacht club friends. Ken Zeisloft is well known as a Past Commodore of Red Eye Yacht Club. Seems he and Karen Frey are everywhere during the Flag Raising Season. He's been Emcee of Red Eye's Opening Ceremony many times and we all know his big smile and red face.

Karen is a Professor of Accounting at Gettysburg College. My wife, Chris and I met Karen through the yacht club community. But I have known Ken for 20 years. Fifty years back I was a television reporter and got to know Ken when he was a Pennsylvania State Trooper. This is Ken when you had to behave yourself!



Ken graduated from the PA State Police Academy in 1969. One of his very first assignments was to attend the funeral of York City Police Officer Henry Schaad, who was a rookie police officer shot and killed during the race riots in York.

Trooper Ken Zeisloft worked in York, Harrisburg and Millsburg before settling in Gettysburg, where he mainly worked crime. He can tell fascinating stories about crimes and autopsies and adventures on a well-respected police force.

P/C Gene Schenck continued...

In 1989 he was sent to help with the Camp Hill prison riots, where for a couple of days they worked around the clock, sleeping whenever they could find a few free minutes.

In the early 80s he was promoted to Corporal and that required him to leave Gettysburg for at least a year. He went to Homestead, in the far northeast corner of PA, for a year or so, returning to Gettysburg to finish out his career. He has many fond memories of his service as a State Trooper and the State Police force was sorry to see him go. He retired in Jan 1990. We all need to show more respect for the boys and girls in blue. You can start by learning about Red Eye P/C (Trooper) Ken Zeisloft - ask him for a war story or two. He may even tell you that he and I crossed paths fifty years ago when he was a Trooper and I had hair.

P/C Gene Schenck  
CBVCA 2018

**This past month, Past Commodore Gene Schenck of the Chesapeake Yacht Club Association featured an article on our very own Past Commodore Ken Zeisloft. As many of you may know, Ken is former Pennsylvania State Police. The article is a great tribute to our very own and I hope you take the time to read it.**

[www.facebook.com/Maryland-Waterways-Foundation](http://www.facebook.com/Maryland-Waterways-Foundation)

The last weekend of January was a very busy weekend. On Friday January 24, I attended a BINGO for Princess Tori at Crescent Yacht Club on behalf of her charity Sempi Fi Fund. Saturday January 25, I was honored to represent Red Eye at Galloway YC's Ball. Sunday January 26, the Queen put together a Princess Team Building event at All In Escape Room. The Princesses competed against members of the Queen's Committee. Regardless of what they say, Team Princess won because we Rock! It was a lot of fun and I am looking forward to our next bonding experience with our Annual sleepover during Bodkin YC's Ball. Queen Dulayne has asked all the Princesses to wear their Converse in memory of Commodore Ray Haber who recently passed away unexpectedly.

Unfortunately, I will not be able to participate in Red Eye's Members' Appreciation Day since I will be attending a Princess Orientation with the Queen of the Chesapeake Committee at Maryland Yacht Club on that day. At this meeting, I expect to receive my application to run for the Queen of the Chesapeake as well as what is expected of me throughout the remainder of this year. I am very excited and looking forward to preparing for the Queen of the Chesapeake Pageant. I hope that all my fellow Red Eye members will support me and please make plans to attend the pageant scheduled for June 26-28, 2020. This will be a cruise to Maryland Yacht Club. A dinner/party will take place Friday night, the Pageant is Saturday, and we will cruise back to Red Eye on Sunday for a reception. Hopefully, this will be a Queen's reception!! I will be sending out "Save the Date" magnets shortly to all my Red Eye members.

Thank you so much for your continued encouragement and support. I only hope to make all of you proud.

Princess Kaitlynn



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### Message from Steve Culhane Chaplain

Let us at this time take 30 seconds raise our hands and say thank you for all that we have received in our lives.

Heavenly Father,

As Always let us remember the true peace of God begins anywhere on the water.

In your Name,

AMEN

Chaplain

Stephen Culhane, Jr.

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### Health & Welfare Cathy Delorenzo

- Continued prayers for PC Bob Carr.
- Continued Get Well encouragement for Past First Lady Terri Rockel during her recovery.
- Get Wells to Bubba and Beth Tuck. They both have been sick with Bronchitis.
- Get Well for Janet Yodris, who had a fall recently. Other than a few bumps and bruises, all is well.
- Condolences to Beth Tuck on the recent passing of her Aunt. Sympathy cards can be sent to her at:
  - 1440 Belvidere Road
  - Port Deposit, MD 21904

If you have any one who is in need of encouragement, get well wishes, or condolences; please contact Cathy DeLorenzo at [cathydelorenzo90123@gmail.com](mailto:cathydelorenzo90123@gmail.com)

## **Duties available for Work Hours**

If you are available to do any of the projects listed below, please contact VC Stephanie Gaff at (443) 682-1541 or [familygaff@gmail.com](mailto:familygaff@gmail.com)

1. Trim branches over-top dinghy rack and cooler room.
2. Old meeting room:
  1. Remove drop ceiling panels and replace with new.
  2. Paint walls and floors.
  3. Move pool table to center and level.
3. Clean leaves from gutters.
4. Check straps on a/c units for dry rot.
5. Weld railing spindles in place around deck.
6. Re-attach outdoor speaker near men's room.
7. Replace light outside men's room.
8. Replace heater in men's room with correct heater that fits the cutout (already have on hand).
9. Tighten bolts on both men's commodes to help with rocking.
10. Repair frame and rehang mirror in men's room.
11. Replace ceiling tiles in men's room, vestibule, upstairs hallway, back hallway, and women's room.



12. Repair and repaint stairwell.
13. Upstairs ladies room, replace exhaust fan with exhaust fan/light combo.
14. Replace light fixture on the upstairs ladies room wall.
15. Hang fire extinguisher box on wall at top of stairwell.
16. Re-attach towel dispenser in downstairs ladies room.
17. Replace switch plates in men's room.
18. Repair valve leak on bar sink wash station.
19. Replace faucet on stand-alone bar sink.
20. Clean and stock men's room and ladies room.
21. Prior to and after VYCA meeting, our General Membership, and other events. \*Contact VC Stephanie or Erni for dates
  1. Clean and mop the clubhouse.
  2. Take out all trash including bathrooms and bar area.
  3. Restock bathrooms.
  4. Wipe down bar area and bottles.
  5. Restock coolers and sodas.

Other projects may be available. Please contact VC Stephanie Gaff if you know of something that needs attention and its not on the list.

## **Board of Governors ("The Club")**

The Board of Governors met on Friday, January 26th and discussed an ongoing issue of the clubhouse being left unsecured. The Board voted and effective immediately, when the building is found unlocked the security footage will be reviewed in order to determine the offender. The disciplinary tier is as follows: 1st offense is a written warning, 2nd offense is a \$25 fine, and 3rd offense is disciplinary action by the Board.

### **Next board meeting is:**

**Friday, February 28, 2020 at 7:00 pm.**

We will meet at Red Eye Yacht Club.

The board meets on the 4th Friday of the month from October to March and April to Sept on Thursday at 7 pm. All Members are welcome to attend these meetings. If you want to address

anything at the meeting, please notify the board 7 days ahead of time so it can be put on the agenda.

### **Board of Directors ("The Holding Company")**

Chairperson, JJ Troiani  
Vice Chairperson, PC Jerry Selig  
Rec. Secretary, PC Bill Hill  
Treasurer, Steve Culhane  
Director, PC Ken Zeisloft  
Director, PC Kevin Minton  
Director, Bill Freburger  
Director, Bob Guilday  
Director, PC Steve Rockel

The board meets on Slip Assignment Day on the **2nd Sunday of February**, and as needed throughout the year.

### **Chesapeake Commodores Club Report**

Congratulations to Dana Snyder on winning "Best Dressed Individual in a Skit" for her Miss Kitty outfit.

Red Eye was honored to take home 2nd Runner-up for Hospitality Room. Everyone should be very proud of themselves for making the room a success, but a big "Thank You" goes to John and Dana Snyder as well as Commodore Randy for their vision and ability to make an idea come to life.

### **Bar Report**

**Bar Chairman:**  
Mark Vahlkamp.

"The bar is still in need of volunteers to bartend during events at the club throughout the year. Knock out some of your hours and help the club at the same time!

Contact Mark Vahlkamp at 410-365-5714 or by email at [lidarman@verizon.net](mailto:lidarman@verizon.net)"

## Nominations Committee

**PC Jerry Selig has been elected as Rear Commodore.**

The Nomination Committee is always looking for individuals who have an interest in serving as an Officer. We are currently looking for a Fleet Captain for this year. Fleet Captain is the most fun year and allows you the ability to meet a lot of members from our Sister Clubs while building lasting friendships. If you are interested in serving as an Officer, please contact Nominations Chairperson, PC Mike Gaff at [mikegaff@yahoo.com](mailto:mikegaff@yahoo.com) or (443) 682-1785.

### Officers for 2020

COMMODORE	Randy Hamilton
VICE COMMODORE	Stephanie Gaff
REAR COMMODORE	PC Jerry Selig
FLEET CAPTAIN	VACANT
RECORDING SECRETARY	PC Mike Gaff
CORRESPONDING SECRETARY	PC Cheryl Phelps
TREASURER	PC Karen Frey

### Board members for 2020

- Commodore Elect Randy Hamilton
- Erni Heiser '21
- PC Jerry Selig '21
- Mike Delamar '21
- Ned Featherson '21
- John Gosnell '20
- Mark Vahlkamp '20
- PC Mike Gaff '20

- Jim Lewis '20

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## **Facilities Committee:**

Mike Delamar

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### *For Sale*

#### **Men's Dress Black Uniform Jacket - \$200**

Custom tailored to fit gentleman 5'10" - 6'0" who weighs between 190lbs - 200lbs. Brand new, never worn (just tailored). Already set up with braiding, trefoil, and 3 silver stars on each arm.

Contact VC Stephanie Gaff at (443) 682-1541 or [familygaff@gmail.com](mailto:familygaff@gmail.com).

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### *Flyers & Attachments*

#### **Work Hours**

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#### **Editors Comments**

If there is anything you want added in future editions, please email me to let me know. You need to have the articles to me by the board meeting date which is the forth Thursday of the month.

As you can see, I took a lot of things out of the newsletter that many people have requested in the past. If you ever need to see the information or want me to add it back in, please let me know.

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Also, if your profile information changes, please let me know.

Sincerely,

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