



# Red Eye Yacht Club Newsletter

*The Biggest little yacht club on the bay*

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### Message from Commodore Randy Hamilton

I will start by saying I hope everyone is staying safe and healthy during these crazy times. It is very difficult to try to plan anything for the upcoming month(s) not knowing what is going to happen with the virus situation. What I do know is that for now, the club is shut down and appears is going to stay that way for several more weeks. When we do open back up like normal, the first thing that will need



to be done is a deep, intense cleaning. Anyone that has/will be going in to the club- clean up after yourselves. If there is a mess left, I do plan on watching the videos and finding out who left it. I will remain in contact with my fellow officers about the upcoming future and try to get information out in a timely fashion. I have also been in contact with some of our sister clubs. While hope to return to normal soon is common, there isn't much we can do besides wait it out and keep ourselves safe. Stay safe, stay healthy, and stay positive.

-Commodore Randy Hamilton

### Message from Vice Com Stephanie Gaff

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## Board Chairperson

I want to start off by saying, I hope everyone is well and staying safe!



Obviously, things are quite crazy right now everywhere. We don't know what's going to happen in the future as deadlines have been extended. The clubhouse is currently closed. According to our Food License and Liquor License, we are not to prepare any food in the kitchen, nor sell any items from the bar. Absolutely, no gatherings especially more than 10 people. With the current restrictions, unfortunately recreational boating is also prohibited. I did get clarification from DNR, kayaking and paddle boarding is still allowed because it is exercise and boats can be used for the sole purpose of acquiring food for sustenance. Keep in mind though, all current regulations are still in place. That means you must have a fishing license either for each person or a vessel sticker and you are limited to the current guidelines as to how many and what size fish you can keep. Unnecessary travel has been prohibited and they are beginning to set up check points to crack down on those who are out on the road and should not be.

As you have already been made aware, all events for April have been cancelled. Since, we don't know what the future holds in store for us, a decision for May events have not yet been made. Please read any emails coming from the Club to make sure you are informed of any changes. Marley Boat Club met and decided to cancel their Opening Day Activities for the 2020 year. I imagine other clubs will follow suit, especially the first weekend in May Openings.

Just a little housekeeping to keep you informed. First off, On March 18, I was informed that our commercial freezer was no longer functioning. I contacted the Officers and Kitchen Chair to inform them. Commodore Randy was gracious enough to check things out for me since he was already on his way home from work. Unfortunately, we lost all the contents of the freezer. While he was there he discarded everything, quickly scrubbed and mopped the kitchen, turned off the tv, and emptied all the trash. He also made a stop into the men's room to check out things. I'm going to say right here...I'm an extremely disgusted by whomever left that men's room in the state that it was in. I'm am not going to resort to checking cameras, but I am calling you out. You should be ashamed of yourself and I hope to God you do not live like this in your home. This person literally crapped all one of the men's toilet and seat. After a long day at work, then dealing with rotting meat our Commodore was forced to clean someone else's crap out of the men's room. This is totally unacceptable.

Getting back to the freezer, I met the repairman and found out the the compressor had went up because over the many years the coils and grate had never been cleaned and it starved for air and burned up. This was a totally preventable \$2,200 fix that has come out of the House and Grounds budget. That means that I have to cut some things out. I have not made a

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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:  
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Dinner at 6:00 pm  
Meeting 7:30 PM

SEE BELOW FOR MEETNG  
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

decision yet where to cut corners, but as soon as I am able to speak with our Treasurer to figure things out I will let everyone know.

Once we are cleared to resume business, my first work party will be a deep intense disinfecting cleaning of the entire Clubhouse and Grounds. Everything will be pulled out from behind the bar and kitchen, so that those areas can be completely disinfected. Added to the list will be a cleaning of the refrigeration ventilation on all coolers recurring once a month.

One final bit of housekeeping. If anyone knows there whereabouts of the cannon, please contact me immediately. The box is in the back office, but the cannon itself is missing. I had someone already lined up to repair the cannon because it has to be done by someone qualified and when the member in charge of it went to retrieve it, it was gone. Not only is this an expensive piece of equipment to replace, It is necessary to inform the Vice Commodore if you plan to take on a repair project before you start so you can make sure some else isn't already responsible for the job. Since I don't know the date that it may have been removed, I felt I would give the person who has the opportunity to inform me first before I have someone review the security footage.

Finally, I want to say I miss you all. Being confined to the house is not the best way to spend the Spring. I only hope that it doesn't continue on too far into boating season. Please stay safe, disinfect, isolate / quarantine and be smart...follow the rules for all our sakes!!

-Vice Commodore Stephanie

## **Message from Rear Com Jerry Selig**

I hope everyone is well. I would like to start out by saying THANK YOU to the many members that came out to work on the pier projects and braved the elements that Mother Nature threw at us. There were a lot of cold and windy days. A few members have gotten most of, or exceeded their yearly work hour commitment to keep this project moving forward for which I am truly grateful. There is



still much to be done and work parties will continue as soon as social distancing requirements are relaxed. Boating season is not far off and completing this work before that would be a good stroke of business but becoming more unlikely with social constraints. When we are back in business, I would love to see some new faces come out and help with our efforts. Our contractor has come and gone leaving us electric and water service to be hooked back up not to mention the additional decking work that we as a club elected to complete this year. Take care and be safe.

## Work Hours PDF

As of 3/27/2020

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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.*

*When ordering, please use the catalog on top of display case and contact:*

STEVE ROCKEL

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Quick Links...

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*Check out our website*

RC Jerry Selig

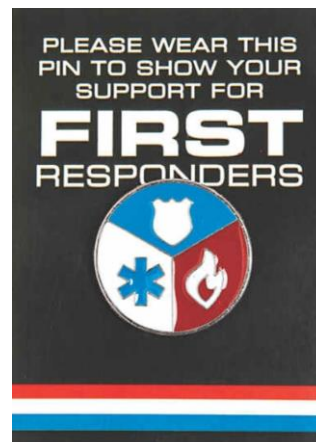
## Message from Princess Katie Gaff

I hope that everyone is staying safe and not going completely crazy being stuck inside. I've been trying to keep up on work from school, but at the moment there isn't a lot for me to do. I've been doing a lot of reading, helping around the house, chatting with friends through social media.



One thing I would like to say is "Thank you to all who are putting their own safety at risk to take care of all of us. Thank you to the Police, Firefighters, National Guard, Public Officials, and deployed Military for keeping us safe and leading us through these hard times. Thank you to the EMT/EMS who are transporting the sick. Thank you to all the Nurses and Doctors who are on the front line battling this War face to face. Finally, thank you to the truck drivers, the warehouse workers, the stock workers, the grocery store/pharmacy employees, all the small businesses and restaurants for remaining open and offering delivery or carry-out during this time. Thank you all Essential Employees!" We owe our lives to these people, because without them we wouldn't have our basic necessities to survive.

As you know, my Charity of Choice this year is The Gary Sinise Foundation. This foundation supports Military and First Responders. At the beginning of all this craziness, the Foundation announced that they have grants for First Responders who need to purchase their own PPE (Personal Protective Equipment). To help, I am selling "Support Our First Responders" Pins. All proceeds will be donated to The Gary Sinise Foundation, which is a tax exempt public charity (Federal ID #80-0587086). I am taking pre-orders and will ship the pin directly to you. All prices includes shipping. 1 for \$5, 2 for \$8, and 3 for \$10. More than 3, please email me at [katiekakes21220@gmail.com](mailto:katiekakes21220@gmail.com) so I can accurately calculate shipping.



## 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  
[captcheri@gmail.com](mailto:captcheri@gmail.com)

Please stay safe and follow your governments guidelines, so we can all get through this and see each other on the other side.

Princess Katie

### Message from Steve Culhane Chaplain

Dear Heavenly Father,

As we move forward with what is going on with the world let us not forget to keep our faith. At times it has been difficult to write a prayer that would not offend an individual based on their belief. At this time I am going to ask my Savior the Lord Jesus Christ to watch over everyone Family, friends and even my enemies. Moving forward with some uncertainty of what may come in the future let us all keep our FAITH as we believe.

In your Name I pray,

AMEN

Chaplain

Stephen Culhane, Jr.

### Health & Welfare Cathy Delorenzo

Nothing to report

### 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:**

**Thursday, April 23, 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 '22  
Vice Chairperson, PC Jerry Selig '21  
Rec. Secretary, Cambria Hall '21  
Treasurer, Steve Culhane '22  
Director, PC Ken Zeisloft '21  
Director, Kevin Minton '22  
Director, John Snyder '22  
Director, PC Steve Rockel '21  
Director, Bill Freeburger '21

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

### **Chesapeake Commodores Club Report**

#### **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**

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) (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

## Facilities Committee:

Mike Delamar

## *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).

## *Flyers & Attachments*

## [Work Hours](#)



## House & Grounds work parties are currently suspended due to Governmental Restrictions

### 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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