



# Fair Tides

MARCH 2017

## THE HAVEN YACHT CLUB



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Open

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[www.thehavenyachtclub.com](http://www.thehavenyachtclub.com)

## NEXT THYC MEETING

May 12, 6:00 PM  
Haven Harbour Marina

By: Mitch Hill

Hopefully by the time this issue of Fair Tides hits your inbox, the last and final blast of winter will be a thing of the past allowing us to focus on the "fun" things associated with spring, boating and fun family oriented social events.

We have all probably heard the saying "I have big shoes to fill" and for me personally, nothing could be truer than this as I step into the role of our Club's Commodore for this year following in the footsteps of my predecessor, Hal Gilham, who really knocked it out of the park on behalf of all of the Membership. Thanks a bunch Hal and suffice it to say, my work is cut out for me.

Our Board held the annual planning session meeting for the 2017 season on Saturday, March 11<sup>th</sup> and I am excited to announce that we have a lot of great things in store for all of our members. Rest assured that the responses provided on the Member Survey returns of this past fall have been thoroughly reviewed, analyzed and utilized in our focus moving forward. The respondents made it very clear that they wanted to have fun social events including more boating trips and to continue with our philanthropic endeavor associated with the Scholarship so this is the focus of the Board consisting of our elected Officers and Governors of which I am both proud and honored to be a part of.

A question that is often encountered on the docks or around town when approaching prospective new members for our Club is "what's in it for me?", so I want to seize this opportunity to capture just a sampling of tangibles that are on tap for us this year:

- Our Club just renewed our membership to the Chesapeake Bay Yacht Clubs Association whose purpose among other

things, is to further yachting and yacht clubs in the Chesapeake Bay area. Your individual THYC Membership Card gains you access privileges to numerous yacht clubs throughout the Bay. Visit the website at [WWW.CBYCA.ORG](http://WWW.CBYCA.ORG) for more details.

- Our Fleet Captain, Tony Capuano, and his assistant (some guy by the name of Mitch) are firming up plans for our 1<sup>st</sup> formal outing of the season, our “Season Kick-Off Cruise”, formerly referred to as our “Shakedown Cruise”, for Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup> at a location easily reachable by both power and sail. Additional detailed information to follow via a separate e-mail blast. So watch for that. There are also plans in the works to showcase additional easy to reach cruises with fun activities at each so stay tuned for those updates.
- Our Social Committee, Chaired by Janet Forman, is working on the plans for our combined Opening Day and New Member Recognition party scheduled for Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Klaus Burkhardt, who is our Education Chair, is also working on details associated with vessel inspections that will be provided by the Coast Guard Auxiliary for that same day.
- Plans are well underway for our annual Crab Feast which is being Chaired by Beth Dunn (THYC Secretary) for Saturday July 8<sup>th</sup> which includes a great lunch, safety topic presentations, fun activities for the “young boaters”, the crab feast and music to shake your body to (just check out the crew of Green Eyes).
- Our Social Committee is working on plans for a “Pirates Party” on Friday, August 11<sup>th</sup> which is the same weekend as Pirates & Wenches.
- Our “Silent Auction”, which exists solely for the benefit of the Scholarship Fund, is scheduled for Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup> prior to the Haven Harbour Slip Holders Appreciation Feast. Paul Genereux (THYC Vice Commodore) and his wife, Roseann, are the Chairs for this event and

more information will follow. Please start thinking about quality donations so that we can make this the most successful Auction ever.

I have touched on just some of the activities with the bullet points listed above and we will be providing surprise updates as the season begins to unwind. So back to the question of “*what’s in it for me?*”? ..... a very simple answer with that being, “*as much as you want*”. We are plowing new territory with new ideas to make this fun and can use help, so I ask everyone to be an integral part of spreading the word about our Club as well as getting involved. There is plenty of room and need for assistance, after all, this is “OUR” Club.

## **VICE COMMODORE’S REMARKS**

*By: Paul Genereux*

The winter storms are finally over and spring has arrived. The storage yards are filled with owners preparing their boats for the new season. Shrink wrap is discarded, new application of bottom paint, a fresh coat of wax and it’s almost ready to launch. There is always one more thing to be done.

In response to the member survey last fall, there will be a slight course change with the Yacht Club activities this year. The vast majority of members wanted more boating events to different places and more social activities on shore. We will do our best to accommodate these wishes. Check the schedule of events, the Haven Yacht Club website or the Facebook page for new postings.

As always, your participation is vital to make the Haven Yacht Club a success. If you have a suggestion for a trip or social event, let any of the Governors or officers know. Good ideas are always welcome.

We look forward to a fun and safe boating season. See you on the bay.

## SECRETARY'S SALUTATIONS

*By: Beth Dunn*

I'm happy to announce that so many members have renewed their THYC membership for 2017. A copy of the application is attached to Fair Tides for those members who are still traveling from the sunny South.

A shout out from my hometown and your summer home, Rock Hall - Restaurant Week will be held April 22<sup>nd</sup> to April 29<sup>th</sup>. A fund raiser kick off will be held at the RH Fire Hall on April 22<sup>nd</sup>. More information can be found on the town website.

## FLEET CAPTAIN'S FLOAT PLAN

*By: Tony Capuano*

Reserve the date of Saturday May 20<sup>th</sup>. for the first cruise of the new season. Destination will be announced in coming weeks. Additional cruises and events will be planned and added to the Schedule as we get closer to launching our boats so stay tuned!

### **THYC 2017 Cruise & Event Schedule**

May 20	Season Kick-Off Cruise
June 3	Opening Day & New Member Recognition
July 8	THYC Crab Feast
Aug 11	Pirates and Wenches Party
Sept 16	Silent Auction
Sept TBD	Crock Pot Cook-off
Oct TBD	Fall Dinner
Jan TBD	Winter Ball at Corinthian YC

## EDUCATION AND SAFETY

*By: Klaus Burckhardt*

We all love the Chesapeake Bay! Our Bay offers probably the most prolific series of harbors, lagoons, sounds, inlets, creeks, backwaters, (etc. etc.) of any accessible water body useful to recreational boating. Wind and wave conditions are usually friendly to sail and power boaters alike. And fishing and even swimming are part of our lives here as well.

But the Chesapeake Bay is more than just a Bay. It's actually an ESTUARY. Estuaries start with a river on one end and are open to the sea on the other. This creates a transition zone between saline water, and sea creatures that move by tidal flow to mix with the fresh water and sediment coming from multiple river inflows. The result is high levels of nutrients making estuaries very productive in supporting both flora and fauna including along the shores.

This natural wonderland can be quite beautiful as well as bountiful which often draws human population and development. And as we know, this can lead to human pollution as well as farm runoff and just plain soil erosion. This has been a real problem for the Chesapeake as fertilizer runoff in particular can over stimulate algae production especially in warm months to the point they consume all dissolved oxygen and die. The resulting dead zones unfortunately damage or kill everything else living there as well.

The Maryland Department of Natural Resources reports that dissolved oxygen levels in 2016 were better than recent averages in previous years ([eyesonthebay.dnr.maryland.gov](http://eyesonthebay.dnr.maryland.gov)). So, yay! The ongoing efforts to reduce excessive nutrient loads to the Bay may be having their intended effect?

Salinity is another key factor affecting aquatic life. Some species do well only in salt or only in fresh water. Others can deal with variation. Open ocean water is around 3.6% salt and fresh is of course zero. In the Chesapeake, salinity usually ranges from 0.5% in non-tidal areas to 3% near the mouth of the Bay. Salinity varies daily as well as seasonally due to tidal flows and rain volumes affecting river flows. It's usually in the 1% range just off Rock Hall.

Ever notice how much better you can float while swimming in the ocean vs in a pool? That's because salinity adds weight to water making it denser. That means YOU are relatively less dense (despite what your spouse might think), so you float higher in ocean water. Well the same goes for your vessel. If she floats right to the boot stripe at Rock Hall, she'll float higher and show some bottom paint should you take her to Norfolk. If your boat displaces 20,000 lb, and salinity varies by 2.5%, this would be like removing 500 lb. or 72 gal diesel. Now if only a powerboat ride to Norfolk consumed no more than 72 gallons. Oh yeah that's right, that would have to be on a SAILboat!



## ***The Haven Yacht Club***

2017 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL / APPLICATION FOR NEW MEMBERSHIP

### **OUR MISSION**

The Haven Yacht Club's mission is to create a welcoming environment for individuals and families interested in boating and gathering for friendship, camaraderie, community service and the furtherance of boating education, safety and enjoyment on the Chesapeake Bay. We provide an active and enjoyable family-oriented social environment which members and their families will support, and in which they can participate, with pride and enthusiasm.

### **ACT NOW!**

Please complete the enclosed application to renew your 2017 Membership in The Haven Yacht Club. It is important to print clearly as this Application is what feeds the Member Directory. Please note:

In the "Crew" field please include names and ages of children so we may better consider various new "age appropriate" activities for the children of our Members.

2. We need greater volunteer participation to keep our Club and various events running smoothly. Please consider lending a hand and indicate your preference for the type of committee(s) you prefer to be involved in and if you are interested in being considered for a future Officer or Governor position.



## ***The Haven Yacht Club***

2017 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL / APPLICATION FOR NEW MEMBERSHIP  
(PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY – BOTH SIDES)

Captain: \_\_\_\_\_ Co-Captain: \_\_\_\_\_

Crew Members/Ages: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: Street: \_\_\_\_\_ PO Box #: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Fax #: \_\_\_\_\_

Captain's Cell Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Co-Captain's Cell Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Capt. Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Co-Capt. Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

(CHECK HERE  TO ALLOW US TO USE YOUR EMAIL TO SEND YOU VARIOUS CLUB COMMUNICATIONS)

Yacht Name \_\_\_\_\_ Power  Sail  Electrical Power Requirements \_\_\_\_\_

Length \_\_\_\_\_ Marina \_\_\_\_\_ Slip No. \_\_\_\_\_

### **OPTIONAL:**

Cap't. Business Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_ Co-Cap't. Business Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

Title or Description: \_\_\_\_\_ Title or Description: \_\_\_\_\_

Captain's Business Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Co-Captain's Business Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Captain's Business: Fax #: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Co-Captain's Business: Fax #: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**THE HAVEN YACHT CLUB**  
**2017 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**  
(Continued)

THE HAVEN YACHT CLUB IS A VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATION. OUR EVENTS CAN ONLY BE SUCCESSFUL WITH THE HELP OF OUR MEMBERS. PLEASE CHECK ANY OF THE FOLLOWING AREAS OR EVENTS THAT YOU ARE WILLING TO ASSIST OR PARTICIPATE IN AND A CLUB MEMBER WILL CONTACT YOU TO GIVE YOU ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Social Activities Committee   | <input type="checkbox"/> Safety/Education Committee      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Membership Committee          | <input type="checkbox"/> Clothing Sales Committee        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Finance Committee             | <input type="checkbox"/> Scholarship Committee           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cruising Activities Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Marketing/Advertising Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Future Officer Candidate      | <input type="checkbox"/> Future Governor Candidate       |

I enclose my check or money order, payable to "The Haven Yacht Club" or "THYC":

RENEWING MEMBER DUES: \$ 100.00

OR

NEW MEMBERS DUES (Including a Burgee) \$ 125.00

In addition to my Dues, I wish to contribute to the Susan Scovill Memorial Scholarship Fund.  
Amount added: \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM ASAP TO ENSURE THAT YOU WILL BE INCLUDED IN THIS SEASON'S MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY! FILL IN THE FORM AND MAIL IT ALONG WITH YOUR CHECK PAYABLE TO "THYC" TO:

The Haven Yacht Club  
P.O. Box 603  
Rock Hall, MD 21661

Check #: \_\_\_\_\_  
Check Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Membership Card sent:  Burgee Sent