



2010 Board of Directors

Ben Brown	Commodore
Johnny Cope	Vice Commodore
Dominic Velardi	Rear Commodore
Barbara Ficklin	Secretary
Gail Lucento	Treasurer
David Blalock	
Kevin "Fuzz" Krzeski	
Donald Hatchett	
Randall Hull	
James Dyer	
Gary Yarborough	

Club Hours

Office: Tues-Fri, 9am-5pm

Dining Room: Sun., noon, 9pm; Tues, Thurs, 5-9pm; Wed, Fri, 5-10pm; Sat, noon-10pm

Bar: Tues, Thurs, Sun, 5-10pm; Wed, 5-11pm; Fri., 5-midnight, Sat, noon-midnight

February Events

First Mates Meeting, Wednesday
Feb. 10, 7pm

Board Meeting, Wednesday,
Feb. 17, 6pm

Beach Party, Friday, Feb. 26,
8pm

From the Editor

If you know members who are not receiving the newsletter, send their email addresses to mdewall@cox.net. If they do not have email, have them pick up a copy in the club office. Articles for the March issue are due February 21.

Board and Club News

At the Membership Meeting, held January 15th, Past-Commodore Tommy Garner reported on the ten percent loss in membership. He urged members to focus on the positives of the Club and move forward toward improvements. Newly-elected Commodore Ben Brown presented his vision to have more volunteer involvement in the Club through the committees. He asked members to let him know which committees they would like to work on and to list three things that they would like to see improved or changed.

Three members were elected to the Nominating Committee: Norris

Monk, Marshall Denney, and Ken Penrose.

At the first meeting of the new Board of Directors, January 20th, Tommy Garner resigned the post of Rear Commodore. A motion nominating Dominic Velardi for the position was passed. Commodore Ben Brown gave the committee reports and asked Board members for suggestions for committee chairs.

The Board will continue to meet on the third Wednesday of each month, but the start time has been changed to 6pm. All members are invited to attend Board meetings, but to appear on the agenda, one must give the Commodore at least 24 hours notice.

Meet the New WYCC Manager

The Board of Directors hired a new manager who begins this week. Ken Prep has over 30 years of management experience at private clubs with both marinas and restaurants. He is experienced in staff hiring and training, budget projecting, pool operations, social event planning, menu development, food and beverage operations, marketing, and property maintenance. Ken's background has prepared him for dealing with expense management during times of economic challenges. His management philosophy focuses on high visibility, member satisfaction, fiscal management, co-worker satisfaction and staff development.



Ken has five children and two grandchildren. He likes to snow ski and play golf. Originally from Orlando, he has lived and worked in many different cities. Ken is a member of the Club Managers Association of America.

WYCC First Mates Reassemble for 2010

The First Mates met Topside on January 13, 2010 at 7pm. Sixteen members were present (Kathy Kutchen, Johanna Mayer, Genis Brown, Birdie Hornsby, Mary Nichols, Betsy Redman, Lynn Denney, Susan Parisher, Cookie Kundis, Betty Van Dyke, Pam Krzeski, Bruce Monk, Jane Dyer, Marily DeWall, Laura Nemceff, and Joelle Keffer). The past year's co-chair Genis Brown gave a report on

past activities, and treasurer Kathy Kutchen gave the financial report. First Mates has money in the bank, and needs to develop a wish list on how the money is spent. Lynn Denney offered to continue as the group's PR person and moved to nominate Genis Brown as the 2010 Chair, Kathy Kutchen as Treasurer, and Marily DeWall as Secretary. The motion was passed. Dues were discussed

along with a 50-50 incentive to participants (half the dues to First Mates and half to a winning individual). Genis suggested that someone be in charge of hosting each meeting. Meetings will be held the second Wednesday of each month at 7pm. The next meeting will be Wednesday, February 10. Each participant was urged to bring an additional member to the meeting. All WYCC ladies are invited.

Winter Scenes at WYCC—Can Spring be Far Behind?



Update on Club Bar and Kitchen

The granite bartop has been ordered and should be installed during the month. Ben Brown has suggested that members or their companies purchase bar stools with engraved plaques naming the donor/s. The bar stools will run about \$300 each. Ben also announced that Family Style Dinners on Thursday nights will no longer be all-you-can-eat. Beginning in February, fried chicken will be served every Thursday, and prices will vary with two, four, and eight-piece platters.

Ben has come up with a competition to name a new Club hamburger. The 12-ounce burger comes on a big bun with a choice of cheese, lettuce, and tomato, grilled onion, and deli pickle slice and sells for \$7.95. Each member who orders the burger has an opportunity to name it. Members will ultimately vote on the winning name from the suggestions. For now, it's nicknamed the "BAB" burger. Sundays will no longer have nightly specials. Instead, members can order from the limited menu from noon until 9pm.



Name that 12-ounce burger!



WYCC Committee News



Marshall Denney reports that the existing three Standing Committees (Piers and Docks, Slip Assignments, and Yachting, as outlined in the Bylaws) have been consolidated into one **Boating Committee**. This consolidation will improve inter-communication and availability of services to club members and provide much needed continuity and stability. Members must know who to contact for any issues or questions falling under the purview of this committee. The Boating Committee will also perform monthly readings of electric meters at each of the assigned slips and, in turn, provide these readings to book-keeping for appropriate billing. Because our club can no longer afford a paid maintenance employee, the committee asks that all boat owners take responsi-

bility for the routine maintenance and upkeep of their assigned slips, to include reporting hazardous situations, and even emptying their area's trash cans. Effective immediately, anytime a member requests a boat slip, an application will be kept on file, and the waiting list will be posted monthly for the benefit of those boat owners on the list. The chairperson for each assigned area will be boat owners' point of contact for any issues that may require committee assistance, i.e., purchasing of needed materials and/or additional manpower when required. The areas and contacts are broken down as follows: South Shed, Norris Monk, 871-8160; Front-side and "T" Docks, Allan DeWall, 869-5353; North Shed, Phil Dowding, 930-9536. More information is on the [Club website](#).

Social Committee Chair

Tommy Van Dyke reports that there will be a Beach Party at the Club on Friday, February 26. The fun will begin at 8pm with a DJ playing beach music. Bring you own beach chair and dress in beach attire. There will be drink specials and appetizers for sale. Tickets will be available soon for \$5 per person for both members and non-members. This is a great opportunity to introduce people to the Club so bring your friends!

On Friday, February 12, the Club will offer a special Valentine-themed drink and dessert along with the regular menu that features a prime rib special. Celebrate Valentine's Day by dining with your sweetheart.

Reminder: Please contact Commodore Ben Brown if you would like to serve on a committee.

Junior Sailing: A Critical WYCC Program

After a very successful program last summer, the Club's Junior Sailing program is looking for funds. A total of 53 kids participated in all or part of the four two-week sessions, with half of them coming from the Hampton Roads Academy, as part of their Summer Sailing Camp, a cooperative venture with WYCC. HRA projects that it will double the number of participants in the program next summer, as the sailing camp was by far the most popular of their offerings. Families coming over from HRA are prime potential new members for the Club. In spite of the fact that the Club's Junior

Sailing program has been growing (last year's participation represented a 20% increase over the previous year), the sailing fleet is ageing and too small to handle the projected increase for next summer. Many of the "FJ" class boats are more than 20 years old and show it. The FJ class has also been dropped from the roster of racing fleets by other area clubs, leaving only the single-handed "Optis" available for inter-club competition. The two safety boats and motors need overhaul and repair. Although last summer's sailing program netted a significant profit, only limited funds are available for

the needed repairs, as well as to purchase two more boats that might be obtained from another club. Please contact any [Board member](#), to voice your concern and discuss any ideas you might have to keep this important program on track.





WARWICK YACHT & COUNTRY CLUB

FEBRUARY 2010



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Club Closed	2 Limited Menu Boy Scout Troop 411 Meets 7-8pm Topside	3 Nightly Specials	4 Family Dinner Fried Chicken	5 Beef Tenderloin	6 Nightly Specials
7 Limited Menu Noon - 9pm	8 Club Closed	9 Limited menu Boy Scout Troop 411 Meets 7-8pm Topside	10 Nightly Specials First Mates Meeting, 7pm	11 Family Dinner Fried Chicken	12 VALENTINE'S DAY Dessert and Drink Prime Rib	13 Nightly Specials
14 Limited Menu Noon - 9pm	15 Club Closed	16 Limited Menu Boy Scout Troop 411 Meets 7-8pm Topside	17 Nightly Specials Board Meeting, 6 pm	18 Family Dinner Fried Chicken	19 Beef Tenderloin	20 Nightly Specials
21 Limited Menu Noon - 9pm	22 Club Closed	23 Limited Menu Boy Scout Troop 411 Meets 7-8pm Topside	24 Nightly Specials	25 Family Dinner Fried Chicken	26 Prime Rib BEACH PARTY 8pm	27 Nightly Specials
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