

***Cobb Island Yacht Club 2009 Summer
Kickoff***

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The Cobb Island Yacht Club

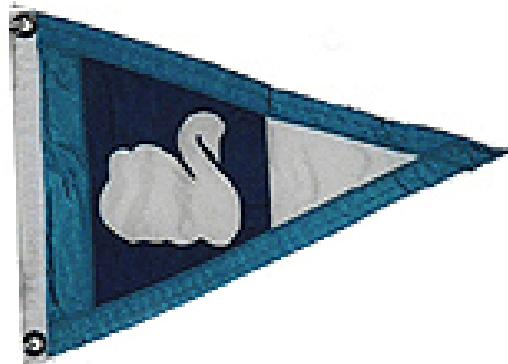
Commodore Don Thayer

Vice Commodore Allan Hopkins

Secretary Martha Clements

Treasurer Karen Bartholow

Fleet Captain Barbara Thayer



Welcome,

As I informed the Bridge of the Potomac River Yacht Clubs Assn (PRYCA) last fall, the Cobb Island Yacht Club (CIYC), started on a cold February night in 1982, is going back to its roots.

The result, which we have worked on for about six months, is reflected in this program. CIYC is dedicated to operate and maintain a Club for the benefit of persons interested in boating, to offer social, recreational, and educational opportunities to our members, families, and guests; while promoting the highest standards of skill in the handling and navigation of watercraft. Since our initiation into the company of the PRYCA; each year, we have invited the member clubs to our annual celebration of the beginning of summer.

Over the years, the original purposes of this celebration have eroded, giving way to other purposes and other agendas, and in the process losing some of its dedication to addressing the interests and needs of boaters.

I hope and trust that the program, in which you are going to engage, will provide means to test your talents, scintillate your senses, give you opportunities to observe and learn from the skill of others, to display your own talents and capabilities, and, running out of adjectives, just provide you one darn good time!!

Thanks for coming and enjoy yourselves:

Donald M. Thayer
Commodore, Cobb Island Yacht Club

Friday June 19, 2009

When you arrive at the Island, Karen and Marshall Bartholow aboard “Southern Comfort” will respond to your radio call and direct you to your slip or anchorage. Our Dock Masters Roger Fajan and Billy Mudd are currently scheduled to welcome you to historic Cobb Island.

The CIYC has arranged slips and a number of very nice anchorages.

There are no specific planned events on Friday evening. You are welcome to explore Cobb Island on your own. There are three restaurants on Cobb Island within walking distance from each of our four marinas: Scuttlebutt is having its usual well received Steak Night, followed, starting at 9:00 p.m. (2100) by D. J. Ron with Karaoke. Captain John’s and Shymansky’s each brags about its own variety of seafood. Local “Cobbonites” continue to debate which establishment has the coldest beer.

For bicyclists, Cobb Island also provides a unique biking experience. Our quaint island boasts a 3.5 mile road circling the island offering a number of water and nature watching opportunities. Watching the sun set from the Northwest side of Cobb Island is breathtaking.

Saturday June 20, 2009

The following events are scheduled with hard start times.

0830 (8:30 a.m.) Scavenger Hunt Briefing

At 0830 there will be a short Scavenger Hunt briefing at the Cobb Island Gallery for early risers. Participants will be given a series of challenges and/or clues for their all day self directed scavenger hunt. The player with the most beads collected will receive a special award to be presented at the Captain's Hour scheduled at 1630 (4:30 p.m.). For the sleepy heads that can't get up in time for the 0830 briefing, there will be information available about the Scavenger Hunt at the Cobb Island Gallery and Coffee shop in the center of town. The Scavenger Hunt and other visits on Cobb Island are at your leisure.

0845 (8:45 a.m.) Kayaking Adventure

Participants will paddle through historic Neale Sound (Home of the "Oyster Wars") with local naturalist Mike Callahan. Waypoints will be determined by weather conditions and tidal activity that morning. A small number of kayaks will be available for borrowing on a first come first serve basis. It is recommended however you bring your own kayak, water shoes, sunscreen and life vest.

1200-1230 The Ghost Whisperer

A local historian will appear at the Cobb Island Gallery and Coffee Shop and share the story of the "Ghost of Swan Point".

***1400 (2:00 p.m.) Cobb Neck Crab Cook Off**

Location: Cobb Island Gallery and Coffee Shop. 12133 Neale Sound Drive.

Attendees will cool off after kayaking by taste testing the 2009 contestants crab dishes. Entrants will vie for the coveted Cobb Neck Crab (King or Queen) Crown. Examples of last years entries include Crab Quiche, Crab Pasta, Cream of crab and the winning dish "Betz Folly Crab Chowder"!

Attendance/Tasting Donation: \$5.00 per person with **ALL** proceeds donated to the local Wayside Food Bank. Limited seating available. This event is sponsored by Linda Riggs, owner of the Cobb Island Gallery.

***1630 (4:30 p.m.) Captain's Hour and Crazy T-shirt Contest**

Commodore Don Thayer and his wife Barbara will greet all yacht club members and guests at "Someplace Special". Located at 12092 Neale Sound Drive, the Thayer's "landward yacht" has one of the most spectacular views of historical Neale Sound on Cobb Island. So you don't worry about what to wear, casual with T-shirts is the dress. The crazier, the better! Wearing your T-shirt to the Captain's Hour is an automatic entrance in the contest. Our Fleet Captain, with the aid of her dedicated sharp eyed assistants, will judge the craziest T-shirt contest. (Don't forget to ask Barbara about her famous piano!) Prizes will be awarded for the Scavenger Hunt winner, the Best Dressed Boat and the Craziest T-shirt.

***1800 (6:00 p.m.) Scuttlebutt's Sun down Pig Roast**

Scuttlebutt's famous pig roasts are the talk of Cobb Island. You can't live on or visit Cobb Island without sampling Bob's famous pig!

***2100 (9:00 p.m.) Live music at Scuttlebutt provided by the popular Jimmy Cole Band!**

All Day Relax – Hone Your Skills!!

For those who have their boats decorated; have exhausted themselves kayaking, or have solved all of the challenges related to the Scavenger Hunt and wish to undertake some other, less stress related, activity related to honing their water related skills, consider stopping by "Someplace Special" where one can practice tossing skills, necessary when using "life rings: etc, by participating in the sport of "Horseshoes," or "Bean Bag Tossing." Both of these sports require the use of reflexes and muscles equally necessary for the accurate tossing of a life ring in a rescue operation! At "Someplace Special," we are setting up both Horseshoes and Bean Bag Tossing. We will also have coolers with ice under the tent if folks want to bring liquids to slake their thirst or adjust their attitudes while participating in these strenuous games (The Bar for the Captain's Hour will not open until @1630).

The Best Dressed Boat contest will be judged by Commodore Thayer. Ballots and entry instructions have been provided in your registration packages. First Prize is a nights free slip fees at the Scuttlebutt Marina.

Sunday June 21, 2009

Light fare and a variety of coffees are available at the Cobb Island Gallery and Coffee Shop.

Both Shymansky's and Captain John's offer breakfast for your pleasure before you depart for your next port of call.

Bon Voyage!

Cobb Island Yacht Club 2009 Summer Kick off Scavenger Hunt

The Scavenger Hunt is meant to be a self directed exploration of Cobb Island and its history. Participants are all Boat in guests, CIYC members and guests, and all others who are participating in any of the scheduled events during the weekend. Each player will receive a necklace with 20 spacer beads and a Cobb Island Burgee bead.

Necklaces and Beads will be on a first come first serve basis. For those not receiving their necklaces in advance, a small number of necklaces will be available at the Cobb Island Gallery.

Your Mission is to obtain the most number of scavenger hunt beads throughout the day. Since the game is on the honor system it is requested that you only take one bead at each point of interest.

Scavenger Hunt Beads Available

Cobb Island Yacht Club-This Bead Only Available to CIYC members.

Commodore's Jolly Roger Bead-Commodore Thayer may bestow this bead for any reason he chooses. As always he gets to make up his own rules as he goes ☺. We hear that the first person to tell him how handsome he is might increase their odds of receiving one of these limited but coveted beads.

Pig Bead- Summer kickoff participants who pre-registered for the Saturday evening Pig Roast will receive a "Piggy Bead".

Kayaking Beads-All morning Kayakers will receive a kayaking participation bead.

Naturalist Bead –Our Naturalist will bestow beads on those Kayakers who share his passion for the outdoors. You might even learn a few bird calls on the way.

Crab Ball bead-For those attending the Cobb Neck Crab Cook Off you will receive a hand painted Cobb Neck Crab Ball.

Crab Cook off Entrants Bead- Entrants submitting dishes for the Cobb Neck Crab Cook-Off will receive their own hand made special bead.

Best Dressed Boats entrants Bead-Just for entering your boat in the Best Dressed Boat contest you could be one bead ahead of your landward opponents.

Boats in Bead-For those boating in from our sister organizations you get you're your own hand made bead recognizing your trip.

Boat Inspector Bead- For those having their boats Coast Guard Inspected

Love Bead-Visit our church in the center of town on Cobb Island Road and look for the bead bucket. Kiss your significant other to show your love and the bead is yours for the taking.

Captain Hour Bead-For all attending the Captain's Hour you will receive another bead to get you closer to the winner's circle.

Cocktail Bead-Ask for the Cobb Island Yacht Club Special at Scuttlebutt. You will receive a cocktail Bead. Since Scuttlebutt doesn't open until 12 noon purchase a cocktail if you wish.

Drink bead-Purchase any beverage at Scuttlebutt or the Cobb Island Gallery and receive a star bead. This is the only category where you can receive an unlimited number of beads until the supply runs out.

Coffee Bead-Ask for the Cobb Island Yacht Club Special at the Cobb Island Gallery and get your glass coffee bead.

Ask Barbara about her piano Bead-Could be a popular question at the Captain's Hour.

Chance Bead- Do you feel lucky? Look for the wandering Cobbonite wearing a white hat and apron. Pick a card and you have a chance to win up to four beads.

Dock Masters Bead-The dock masters will have their own bead earned for their contribution to the event.

Ring the bell at "Sound Waters" Bead. (12116 Neale Sound Drive) Ring it once to get your bead. No ringing before 0830.

First wireless station-This bead celebrates the first wireless voice communication. Look for the Bead Bucket at the historical marker at the end of Cobb Island Road and claim your prize.

Osprey Bead-Once again we had a great return of our nesting Osprey. Our Osprey usually spend their winter in Mexico, the Caribbean and South America. And return back here to Cobb Island in March each year. By mid June many of the nests contain one or two babies. You will find this bead near the Cobb Island Bridge where at least two Osprey families have built homes.

Pearl Bead-The old Oyster Pier can be found outside Scuttlebutt below the outdoor dining area. The pearl represents our local oyster and watermen heritage. The famous Oyster Wars were fought on the Wicomico River straight ahead. Watermen continue to use this pier to deliver crabs and oysters. Look for the Bead Bucket at the end of the Oyster Pier and claim your prize.

Second oldest House on Cobb Island bead-

Villa Sans Souci. (The House without Mallace) located at 12468 Neale Sound Drive near Cyprus Road. This gorgeous home has a wall made of ballast rocks and is one of the most impressive...Constructed circa 1899. Even though the historical marker sits at the end of Cobb Island Road, Mr. Very and his partner Mr. Fessenden transmitted and received the first intelligible speech by radio near this site. Prior to this work radio waves had only been used to transmit Morse code. Look for the Bead Bucket and claim your prize.

Current Stewards: Mr. and Mrs. Ciconne

Oldest House on Cobb Island Bead-

Located at 12380 Neale Sound Drive near Audrey Road is the Vickers Home. Stop by and see the Vickers home the oldest home on the island. George Vickers bought Cobb Island for \$5000 in 1889. He built this beautiful fine Victorian house. The Vickers and friends traveled to the Island each summer by steam boat which docked at Lancaster's Landing at Rock Point. Look for the Bead Bucket and claim your prize.

Current Stewards: Mr. and Mrs. Chapman.

Citizens Association Bead-In 1926, there were 87 homes on Cobb Island, with a summer population of 600. The Cobb Island Citizens Association formed in the summer of 1928, at a cost of \$11,000, the community hall was built. The current address is 13201 Main Avenue. Near the intersection of Neale Sound Drive and Sycamore Drive. Look for the Bead Bucket and receive your "Key to Cobb Island".

Cobb Island Yacht Club Officer Bead-Most of these folks will be busy all day. We only thought it right to give them their very own bead since they will likely be behind in the tally count.

Gold Nugget Bead-If you are not able to make the Ghost Whisperer presentation you could still grab a piece of the fabled gold that the ghost left behind. Look for the bead bucket outside of the Cobb Island Gallery.

Ghost of Swann Point Bead-For those attending the Ghost Whisperer presentation you will receive a hand made Ghost Bead.

Treasure Island Bead-Kayakers may find treasure as they land at the fabled Rock Point. Some say the Lancaster family buried treasure here during the great Oyster Wars. Others say it was the Rum talking.

Rock Point Shell Bead-Sea glass and shells are a popular collectible these days. Walk the beach at Rock point to find the shell bead. This bead can only be captured by attending the Kayak adventure.

Kayak Adventure Guide Beads-Your guides on the Kayak trip will earn their own special bead.

Good luck Mateys! Till we meet again at 1630 (4:30 p.m.) at “Someplace Special”. Wear your crazy T-shirts and necklaces to show off your scavenger prowess. The player with the most booty wins the coveted Cobb Island Yacht Club Treasure chest!

Scavenger Hunt Map

