THANKS FOR 63 YEARS OF LEADERSHIP
by Marshall Patterson, Commodore

Over the last 63 years of the Club's history, we have had leadership from an amazing group of women in our Auxiliary. From Sara Hardcastle in the early 50's to Sue Gardner today, the Auxiliary has been filled with strong energetic women taking on the leadership role for women in the Club. But after 63 years of helping the Club get to where we are today, the Auxiliary will be suspending its activities for the time being.

But where will this leave us as a Club? Does this leave the Club without any strong energetic women in leadership positions? Quite to the contrary! Looking around the Club today, we find that women are involved in all aspects of the organization. From committee members and chairs to line officers and past commodores, our Club is filled with women serving in that leadership role.

There have been some traditional activities that were organized by the Auxiliary in the past. For example, the Auxiliary has traditionally run many of the kids parties at the Club over the year. Have no fear - the Club still has a strong commitment to the free and fun activities we provide for kids. From kids holiday parties to big events like July 4th, other groups like the Entertainment Committee and the hard working staff will be taking on lead roles.

As we transition away from an organization where the Auxiliary played an important role, I’m sure we will have some growing pains. We will work hard to incorporate all aspects of a strong Auxiliary into a strong Club as a whole. But one aspect of an active Auxiliary is already well in place - Leadership.

Over the last 63 years, there have been literally hundreds of women who have helped the Club grow to what we are today. We thank you for making us the Miles River Yacht Club.

ICE EATERS NEEDED

The Club is short about six ice eaters. If any of you have one that you are no longer using and would be willing to donate or lend it to us, we will happily put them to work. Although we really would be happier if we didn’t need them at all over the winter, but that is wishful thinking.

HAPPY NEW YEAR
by Tim Hanlon, Vice Commodore

My best wishes for a happy, successful and prosperous 2015!

Prior planning is going on in earnest at MRYC. Our hard working committees help maintain the vibrancy that the Club has going for it. It’s amazing to see how well our committees function.

One of the committees I work on is the House Committee. They meet each month to review a number of Club support activities which include: a General Manager’s report on the Club, review of entertainment activities, a facilities and grounds update, as well as a discussion of other activities and comment cards. This helps to maintain a smooth running Club and works to ensure the condition of the Club is maintained and kept in order.

As you probably know, comment cards are given to you when you dine. Your cards are read and tracked each month. Your suggestions are discussed and used to develop action plans on the running of the Club, menu, maintenance and development, as well as general food service. The numerical ratings put us in an excellent range and have remained in this area for over the past years. This is good news. Thank you for your comments.

Our dining crowd on the first Friday of December packed the Club and this carried over to a very large group of members at the Quarterly Meeting. It’s great to see. We are reaping the rewards of a lot of prior planning and hard work from past Commodores and their committees.

The CCC’s (Chesapeake Commodore’s Club) will hold their winter meetings and ball in early January over the weekend of January 16-18 in Ocean City. P/C Kate Cramblett is heading up a committee that has recruited over 30 Club members to attend this weekend event. This is a fun weekend which gives us a chance to get to know our Club members better. We will have a MRYC Hospitality Room which will promote St. Michaels and Miles River Yacht Club to other clubs. If you are interested in learning more let P/C Kate know you are interested.

I look forward to hearing your comments and seeing you at the Club.
SETTLING IN TO WINTER
by Anita Hulo, Rear Commodore

Can you believe it’s already 2015! It feels like just the other day we were all wondering what would happen to our computers when their clocks/calendars flipped into the new millennium. As with many things, the media had made much ado about what turned out to be nothing, even 15 years ago.

This month brings the Chesapeake Commodore’s Club weekend in Ocean City. It’s an opportunity to socialize with other yacht clubs from around the Bay in one venue and get a little break in the middle of winter. This will be my third year attending and each year is as much, if not more fun, than the one before. All Club members are invited, so I hope to see you there!

I’m learning more and more about all the details involved in the operations of our beloved Club. Our Finance Committee runs a tight ship to keep us on course for paying down our debt, and saving for inevitable maintenance requirements. Our House Committee is working hard to assure our happiness with the Club; from addressing comment cards about service and food, to trying to get entertainment that appeals to our wide range of tastes. We really do want your honest feedback. We have a new general manager who’s anxious to please you, so please communicate. We value your opinion.

At our last General Membership meeting, I asked you to please provide pictures for our next yearbook, if you have shots you think are worthy candidates. The organized pictures taken at ceremonies and special events are great, but sometimes the impromptu pictures you get make for fun memories too!

I want to be available to you. Please do not hesitate to email me at rearcommodore@milesriveryc.com or call at 301-613-9801.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

January 1 – Commodore’s Open House
January 7 – Burger Bash
January 8 – Sail Committee Dinner Speaker
January 9 – Mike Miller in the Lounge
January 22 – Oyster Magic
January 23 – Joe Martone in the Lounge
January 30 – Casual Buffet

REMINDER - CELL PHONE RULES IN CLUBHOUSE

Every so often we need a reminder on the House Rules concerning cell phone usage in the Club.

Members and guests are asked to lower the ring volume on cell phones or change to the vibrate mode upon entering the Club. Phone calls should not be initiated in the dining areas, including the lounge.

If a member or guest receives a call, they are required to immediately leave the dining area and continue the call in a suitable location.

While many restaurants and private clubs have banned the use of cell phones within their facilities, we would rather take the approach of asking that common courtesy prevail. Please also remember that members should not reprimand other members. If there is a problem, please refer it to the Manager of the Day to handle.
SAIL COMMITTEE WINTER SPEAKERS
By Ron Weber, Sail Chair

Our first Sail Committee Speaker Dinner Series, on January 8th at 6PM, features award-winning environmental filmmaker, Sandy Cannon-Brown. She will show three documentaries: Spat! Bringing Oysters Back to the Chesapeake Bay, a short film about efforts to restore oysters north of the Chesapeake Bay and, Restoration of the Edna Lockwood.

Sandy and her husband, Omer Brown, have a home in St. Michaels and are members of MRYC.

Our second Speaker Dinner will be February 5th and features Dr. William S. Dudley who will present the "War of 1812 on the Chesapeake Bay." Bill will also have his book, The Naval War of 1812: America’s Second War of Independence, available for sale.

The cost of each event, including a buffet dinner, is $20pp, and reservations are required.

KNOW A MEMBER WHO NEEDS SOME SUNSHINE

If you know of a member who could use some sunshine because of an illness or family loss, let Karen Harrison know at 410-310-2519 and she will get word to the Club.

THE FLEET CAPTAIN BOUGHT A BOAT
by Glenn Higgins, Fleet Captain

I wasn't even really looking. I was driving down the road and there she was.

Now, I've owned boats before. I've bought used boats and I've had a boat built. My son and I have even built a boat from plans. Have you ever built a boat from plans? You stand there looking at a pile of plywood and two by fours and wonder what you were thinking!

After some self-evaluation, I've discovered that the boats I've owned fairly reflect where I was in the grand scheme of things. Boat one was a great little fishing boat. Twenty three feet, fast and outfitted for fishing, period. Suffice it to say that during inclement weather you "wore your cabin."

Next was a larger sport fishermen with a tower and cabin. You know, she was comfortable running, but at anchor? As the old timers would say,"She'd roll the soda out of a cracker."

After that, I went with a deadrise Bay-Built. Outfitted for Charter, I entertained clients and friends. Many great times were had on that one.

So anyway, I'm driving and suddenly my bank account lightens up. Now what? Well, I now have a winter project. After a repower and some cosmetic work, "Osprey" should give very good service on the Miles. And I'm left wondering what this purchase says about me.

Osprey is a twenty six foot Shamrock with a small cuddy cabin. I'm thinking she would make a nice back up committee boat, but only in a pinch. There are rod holders and a nice work station for some fishing. With all this said, the term "Picnic Boat" stubbornly stays in my mind.

Well, there it is. A new chapter of leisurely rides, wicker basketed meals, and gingham table clothes. Spring will be here before we know it.

MRYC FOOTBALL FANS

Football season well underway and you are welcome to join the football enthusiasts for the remainder of the season. We watch the Sunday games in the lounge now, so if you want to enjoy the games, the company, and $1 hot dogs with all the trimmings with other football lovers, come join us in the lounge!!!
WARM UP WITH MRYC LOGOWEAR

Chase the cold away with new, warm MRYC logowear from members Charles and Dot Low at Embroidered Images (410-745-6280). They provide the Club with beautifully embroidered MRYC logowear and can help you with customization – think name, boat name, custom items – from their many catalogs, or you can purchase from the display case in the lounge. They can embroider a whole lot more than they display at the Club!

Ask in the office or at the bar, if you want to purchase an item from the case or visit Dot and Charles in their shop on Fremont Street (behind Acme). Every purchase you make helps the Club whether you order it at the Club or at their shop.

WINE CLUB NEWS

After a very successful first year, the Wine Club is excited about 2015.

Please mark these dates down on your calendar, iPhone, iPad or tablet:

Wednesday, February 11, 2015
Wednesday, April 15, 2015
Wednesday, June 17, 2015
Wednesday, September 16, 2015
Wednesday, November 18, 2015

We are planning an educational and entertaining program for the coming year. We hope that you will be able to attend.

John Lippke
jolippk@aol.com

Deadline for the February LongHauler is January 15

Please send submissions to:
info@milesriveryc.org

The LongHauler is in color on the web site www.milesriveryc.org

HERRING ISLAND NEWS

by Gary Nylander, HISF Croaker

The Herring Islanders have hauled their boats and are now planning for the 2015 season. We hope to have most of the fleet back on the water, although we will miss Bob Larsen’s Blew Bird (who only has run JAM for the last couple of years - but did a lot of Wednesday Night stuff). By the way, Blew Bird is back to her winning ways in Washington State - with a series of ‘bullets’ in her first races.

Rumors have it that Ostinato will be back on the water as will Redbeard, and there may be some more new entrants…. we’ll see.

Herring Island has a number of special trophies which can be seen in the Trophy Room at the Club - these have been donated in past years to recognize some special accomplishments by HISF racers.

The first is the Earle Pierce Bassett trophy for the Long Distance race winner. Donated by Past Commodore Earle, it originally honored the group winner between Miles River Yacht Club, Herring Island Sailing Fleet, and Tred Avon Yacht Club. But, when Tred Avon decided not to participate and most of the HISF folks were also MRYC, it became the prize for the winning boat for the HISF race. This year, it was won by Doug Abbott on his Cal 40 Flyer as the best HISF boat in the Annapolis to St. Michaels race.

Second was Hans Nilsen’s Ericson 38 Redbeard and third was Rick Morgan’s J-80 Evil Woman.

Next, Past Commodore Gordon Miles donated a trophy for the boat which wins the most races in the year and that went to Tom Gore and Willem Roosenburg’s J-80 Javelin.

Jack Cane donated a trophy named for a long time sailor with a fast boat - the Frye trophy. It celebrates the boat which finishes first the most times, regardless of handicap (as it is still true that a slower boat may ‘correct’ ahead of those speedy ones once the handicaps are counted). Javelin won that one, too.

Hugh Kabler’s family donated a trophy for the overall winner of the racing series for HISF. This year, Rick Morgan on Evil Woman was the winner.

And, Doug Abbott donated a trophy in honor of his father, Doug Sr. It is awarded to the winner of the Jib and Main series. Doug himself almost won it this year, but was beaten on a tie-breaker by Dennis Glackin on his C&C 115 ReJoyce.

Bob Foley was honored as Rookie of the Year (not technically a rookie, but a rookie on his new boat). A couple of other awards were given out - Fritz Moritz and Brian Gill-Price were both given MOB (man overboard) trophies for going for a swim while racing, Fritz off of Pagan and Brian off of Terroir. Each promises to be more careful on the foredeck next year.
MRYC FOUNDATION RECEIVES MAJOR CONTRIBUTION FOR SOS PROGRAM

The Miles River Yacht Club Foundation has received a $7,500 contribution from the Mid-Shore Community Foundation to underwrite partial 2015 costs of the MRYC Foundation’s signature program – “SOS: Sink or Swim.” The Foundation seeks in five years to teach every Talbot County non-swimming child how to swim. Last summer, 275 non-swimmers became swimmers in a program carried out in partnership with the St. Michaels Community Center and Critchlow Atkins Children’s Center at the St. Michaels Community Pool. The Foundation hopes to increase that number to 1,000 next summer as it expands the program. According to Dr. Sherry Manning (above right), MRYC Foundation Chairman, “nineteen people drowned in Maryland waters in the last year, including several on the Eastern Shore. Learning to swim is not a luxury, but a necessity when you live near the water.”

In making the grant to the SOS program, W.W. “Buck” Duncan (above left), Mid-Shore Community Foundation President, said “swimming is a basic life skill that every Chesapeake Bay child should have, both for safety and as a prelude to being a boater and learning to enjoy the Chesapeake Bay. It is also an athletic accomplishment that will enrich every child’s life. We are pleased to partner with the MRYC Foundation in supporting this important program.”

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

If you see your name below, tell the bartender and get a free drink to celebrate. To have your special days listed in the LongHauler, email INFO@MILESRIVERYC.ORG with your information.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

1 Jerry Jana
5 Kate Alt
5 Mathew Kealy
6 Danny Mautz
7 Ken Aneckstein
7 Carol McLain
8 Chip Heartfield
8 Lawrence Rudner
12 Rayona Bennett
15 Joyce Fairbank
15 Jerry Peek
17 Dot Low
20 Russ Dwyer
23 Dixie Hughlett
23 Frank Phifer
25 Joanna Clark
27 Jack Ellwood
28 Elizabeth Foulds
30 Robyn Kealy
30 Dick Tanczos

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

13 John & Christine Butler
28 P/C Suellen & John Gargalli

NEW MEMBERS

The Board of Governors has approved the following new members. Please welcome them.

Dennis & Joyce Glackin – Newtown Square, PA

LIKE THE NEW MEMBERS’ NAME TAGS

Well, you can have one too. Contact Karen Thomas at karennthomases43@gmail.com with your first and last name and the year you became a member. Turnaround time is about two weeks.

Planning an event…let us help you make it special

Miles River Yacht Club is a wonderful venue for your special event with capabilities of up to 150 guests. Let us help you make that wedding, birthday, anniversary, or casual party an event to remember.

Please call our Special Events Coordinator, Vicki Bland, at 410-745-9511 for more information.
Meet the Manager

The Board of Governors of the Miles River Yacht Club is happy to announce that, with the change to the new year, we have hired a new General Manager of the Club, Cheryl Alfes, who comes to us with 30 years of experience in the hospitality industry including many years working for Harbortowne and the Aspen Institute.

The General Manager position is a special position at the Club because she oversees all the staff at the Club and also reports to the Board. She helps us work on the day to day activities, but also works with the Board to implement longer-term goals.

I know Cheryl is very excited to meet you all and discuss the Club with you. She already has lots of ideas about how we can get the most out of our membership and how to encourage new people to join us.

Please welcome Cheryl Alfes to our Club!

In Memorium

Leo Foulds
July 5, 1934 – Dec. 5, 2014

Janet Raitt

Support our Yearbook Advertisers

Without our local advertisers, MRYC would not be able to provide members with the high-quality yearbook we now enjoy. Please, when you are considering a purchase, make your first choice one of our advertisers.

They need our support to continue to bring you their goods and services, as well.

Upcoming Events

Commodore’s Open House
Thursday, January 1
1-5PM

Valentine’s Day Dinner & Dancing
Friday, February 13

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Don’t keep us in the dark! Club management and your House Committee needs your feedback so we know what is working well and what is not. We need to know what our members want and expect of our Club. If you have a problem while in the Club, tell someone then, so the problem can be fixed when it happens. There is always a Manager of the Day on duty and usually an officer or House Committee member in the Club.

So, tell us what you think about the menu, the food, the service, the entertainment, the pool, the marina. Please email comments to the House Committee at MRYCCHC@VERIZON.NET.

We want to hear from you and we will respond.
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Romantic Valentine’s Dinner & Music by JAZZ Pianist Fred Hughes
Introducing his new CD “LOVE LETTERS”

$110.00++ per couple  Reservations: mrycsm@verizon.net
2015 Speaker Dinner Series

“Focusing on the Bay”

Sandy Cannon-Brown
Environmental Filmmaker

Thursday, January 8th
6:00 pm

Featuring 3 Documentaries:

Spat! Bringing Oysters Back to the Chesapeake Bay

Premiered in 2014 at the Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History, aired on Maryland Public Television and featured at several festivals.

Premiering tonight a short film about efforts to restore oysters north of the Chesapeake Bay

and

Restoration of the Edna Lockwood

About Sandy Cannon-Brown

SANDY CANNON-BROWN’s award-winning work as an environmental filmmaker has taken her from the Chesapeake Bay to the Northern Great Plains of Montana, the rainforests of Central and South America, and West Africa.

Sandy’s personal awards include a “Woman of Vision” from Women in Film & Video and Special Achievement Awards for script writing and directing from TIVA (Television, Internet and Video Association). In addition, the company she founded in 1985, Video-Takes, has earned dozens of top awards in international festivals.

Sandy also is an associate director of the Center for Environmental Filmmaking at American University and was honored as CEF’s first senior scholar for 2013-14. She taught environmental filmmaking at AU and received the 2011 Award for Outstanding Teaching in an Adjunct Position.

Before founding Video-Takes, Sandy worked for U.S. News & World Report, the Associated Press, Austin American-Statesman, McGraw-Hill, WJLA-TV7 in Washington, DC and KTBC-TV7 in Austin, TX. She was president of Women in Film & Video DC in 2011-2012.

Sandy and her husband, Omer Brown, have a home in St. Michaels and are members of MRYC.

Reservations Necessary
RSVP: 410-745-9511
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Cost: $20 per person
Pay at door by cash, check or house account
Buffet; Cash Bar