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Shadows get longer as sunlight fades over the harbor.



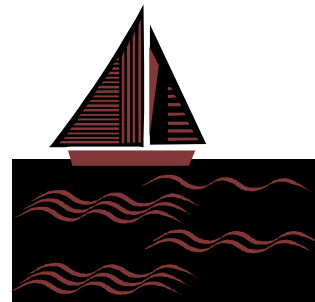
Members sit and visit following the Fall Hog Roast.
Curtains installed earlier in the day provide welcome shade.

Fall Workday & Hog Roast

The Fall Workday was very successful. The grounds were cleaned up in preparation for winter and some improvements were made to the grounds. Most notably, curtains were added to the shelter. These simple additions really enhance the usability of the shelter by providing shade and windbreak when needed.

Thanks to all the club members for helping at Fall Workday and other times throughout the year.

That evening a good bunch of Club members turned out for the Hog Roast. Everybody brought food to share and there was an abundance of good food and fellowship to go around.



The first Dam Sailors Coffee Club will be held 9:00am December 13 at Edesia's in downtown Manhattan. On the agenda is Opti-Pram Fund raising proceeding with hopes of boats by spring. All BVYC members and guests are encouraged to attend.

Come early..... Stay late..... Drink coffee.

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All members of the Club are encouraged to submit articles for inclusion to the newsletter.



John with bagpipes in hand and Ann Murray await the Gatewood's arrival aboard CAMELOT.
(Photo courtesy of Ned Gatewood.)

Editorial

By Daryl Strouts

And then there were 5

Boats are beginning to disappear from the moorings in the cove and take their place up on the hills.

The days are definitely getting shorter and the end of Daylight Savings Time can really put a crunch in those evening sails, but it's a beautiful time to be out. I hope you all take the opportunity to get in a few more hours on the water before we pull the dock up onto the ramp. That's scheduled for December 6 in conjunction with the winterization workday.

We are getting into the time of year where we are reminded more of the "Club" part of BVYC than we are of the "Yacht" part. We wrapped up our annual meeting with a fall banquet on November 8 with over 40 members and guests. Many thanks for the Shaw's getting things set up for this event, Maarten van Swaay for handling the financials, and the Mullens for being the consummate hosts. It was a great time to appreciate the human resources the Club has to offer.

Also, thanks to Commodore Ron Frey and his leadership during the past year. The harbor and grounds got some improvements this year and nearly all the members pitched in at some time to make that happen.

The Club activity doesn't end when the weather turns cold. The unsanctioned Dam Sailors Coffee Club will get together monthly, beginning December 13. This is a great time to get unsolicited advice on how to improve your boat and sailing skills. There will be plenty of talk about ways to enhance the Club and stories of great sailing in warmer weather. I hope everyone will make an attempt to participate.

Soon, the days will be getting longer instead of shorter. Remember.....Only 4 more months till the start of the sailing!

Just my thoughts

Friends Far From Here

This past summer, Ned and Barbara Gatewood sailed their Pacific Seacraft Dana 24 from Deltaville, Virginia, up the Chesapeake Bay and then up the Chester River to visit friends and BVYC members John and Ann Murray. John and Ann recently moved from Manhattan to Chestertown, Maryland.



Commodore Ron Frey delivers his remarks at the BVYC Annual Meeting.

For Sail

BVYC t-shirts and hats are available in many sizes. Hats are \$10. Shirts are \$13.00. Contact Bob at 539-4759.

Congratulations to those elected to the 2009 Board of Directors

Commodore Ron Frey
 Vice Commodore Wayne Martin
 Rear Commodore Matt Loyd
 Treasurer Maarten van Swaay
 Secretary Daryl Strouts
 Race Director Jonathan Mahorney
 Social Director Jim Crespino

Many thanks

to retiring board members
 Bob Mullen
 Gene Lindgren
 Marty Ottenheimer
 Rob & Kris Shaw
 and to webmaster Bart Bartholomew
 for their dedication
 and service to the club!

COMMODORE'S MESSAGE

The 2008 sailing season at Blue Valley Yacht Club is drawing to a close. BVYC members started the sailing season with great anticipation; then the rains came mid season along with high water which curtailed sailing for many of us. Fortunately there was not much debris accumulation on the grounds this year as compared to last year, so when the water went down, clean-up was minimal.

The past several months have been wonderful for sailing on our lake. Several social events throughout the summer were enjoyed by many members, making our club an organization that I increasingly appreciate and value for what the club has to offer.

I want to thank all the current Board members for their efforts, contributions, and leadership. The 2009 Board will have some new members and I know their fresh ideas and enthusiasm will be welcomed as we start a new year at BVYC.

I also want to thank all of you as members for being active in the club. Volunteering your time in getting work done at the club is appreciated very much.

It has been my honor to serve as Commodore this past year. BVYC is a strong and healthy organization and with your continued support and enthusiasm for sailing, our club will prosper.

Ron Frey, Commodore