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**For Upcoming Events....**

Check out our Calendar on the PSC Web Site at [www.pentagonsailing.org](http://www.pentagonsailing.org)

**State of the Ship**

**Larry Paulson**

**Commodore 2011**

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**The Sailing Season is half-over. We have had two successful River Training Classes, and record participation in our Memorial Day and Fourth of July Raft -Ups.**

**Our River Training classes are well-subscribed and we expect this to continue; however, our chartered boats for bay sails have been harder to fill. We do not want to cancel any more bay sails, so please sign up if you are thinking about gaining hours on the bay.**

**Elections for Commodore, as well as Treasurer, Training and Bay Commodores will be held at our September Membership meeting. Nominations are being accepted until August 30 and we need you! Many of our Bridge and active members have given their all; please step up and participate. Get all the details in the Vice Commodore's article on page 2.**

**Finally, please complete the membership survey that was sent out to all club members. The answers to the survey questions will help us to make strategic and programmatic choices as the club moves forward.**

## Vice Commodore's Page

**Tony Skivo**

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### Here's what you need to know!

#### Annual Elections

As per our By-Laws we elect all of our Bridge members for two year terms, half are elected in even years, and half in odd years. This provides continuity from year to year. This year we are seeking nominees for Vice Commodore, Membership Commodore, River Commodore, Secretary and a new position Racing Commodore.



The slate for new officers must be finalized 21 days (30 August 2011 before the September election, which will take place on 19 September. We are holding elections in September in order to have more time for the newly-elected commodores to turn over with their predecessors.

We will not accept any nominations from the floor the night of the election but you may write in someone's name on the ballot. If you wish to nominate someone for the position, please ensure that they concur with being nominated and send me an email. Each nominee is asked to write up a short paragraph of not more than 500 words on why they want to run and what their goals are for their position.

In order to vote, you must be current in membership dues. You will be able to renew the night of the elections, but please don't wait! Renew now! It makes things run much smoother on election night.

Absentee ballots may be requested and must be received NLT 18 September 2011. If the membership roster does not show you as having a current membership on 18 September, then your absentee ballot will not be counted.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at [vicecommodore@pentagonsailing.org](mailto:vicecommodore@pentagonsailing.org)

**Tony Skivo, Vice Commodore**

## The Bay and Beyond

Ryan Yost, [baycommodore@pentagonsailing.org](mailto:baycommodore@pentagonsailing.org)

Fellow PSC sailors,

This year's Bay sails were filled early in the summer but we need more folks to sign up now. We are using new boats like *Blue Heron*, *Blown Away*, and *Time For Us*. We'll be using *Blue Heron*, a 2011 Beneteau 34, for our day sails and *Blown Away* and *Time For Us* along with old faithfuls like *Steel Aweigh* and *Flying Cloud* for our overnights.

Some of our overnight sail costs have dropped from \$300 to \$210 by taking advantage of 4-day charter rates; those particular overnight sails will span Friday-Saturday and Sunday-Monday.

**However, we need to start filling those sails.**

Give me your feedback on these sails; [baycommodore@pentagonsailing.org](mailto:baycommodore@pentagonsailing.org).



Lisa August did a spectacular job in organizing the Fourth of July Raft-Up. More details in the rest of the Lubber's Line.

Our annual trip to the British Virgin Islands had three PSC skippers with fully crewed boats. Look for pictures and stories on this in the next Lubber's Line.

We really need for people to sign up for Bay Sails as we have a number of empty spots.

See you on the Bay!

**Ryan Yost**  
**Bay Commodore**

## On the River

### Eddie Conde and Tom Pullin

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As a courtesy to Morale, Welfare and Recreation's (MWR) customers, please do not park in front of the doors or loading area of the building. For your convenience the map on the right highlights the areas off limit unless you are doing business with MWR. Management has authorized us to park near the Slip Inn (close to the water) or the single line between Arnold Ave and McGuire Ave. Please do not park on the double spaces unless you are towing. If you have any questions please drop us a line at [river-commadore@pentagonsailing.org](mailto:river-commadore@pentagonsailing.org).



Check out our new online Boat Reservation system. Before going on the water, you must submit your request and allow 24 hours for your confirmation. Your confirmation will include your boat assignment and other valuable information about the boat.

[PSC Boat Reservation form](#)

Also, if you are one of those brave and wild volunteers that helps on the River, please use the link below to log your hours. Don't forget that your hard work will earn you FVSMs (Frequent Volunteer Sea Miles) that can get you free boat rentals and discounts on training and other PSC activities. [PSC River Volunteer Hours](#). Any questions, drop us a line at [river-commadore@pentagonsailing.org](mailto:river-commadore@pentagonsailing.org).

## Membership

### Cynthia Houston and Ross Rosiak

#### [Please Fill Out the Membership Survey!!!](#)

Former Training and River Commodore Roger Hammer is leading an effort to define the club's strategic direction. Membership of the ad hoc steering group includes the Membership Commodores.

Key to this strategy study is a survey that we have sent out to the club membership. Please take the time to respond to it.

Ross Rosiak and Cynthia Houston  
Membership (co-Commodores)



**Training Corner**  
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## **SAFETY!!!**

**Many of us were saddened to learn of a 14-year old sailor who died recently while racing a 420 dinghy in Annapolis. She was wearing a trapeze when the boat broached, and was either knocked unconscious or unable to extricate herself in time. The accident is still under investigation.**

**Although we do not sail dinghies (our racing boats are keel boats) or use trapezes, the accident highlights the importance of continued vigilance to avoid sailing accidents.**

**Examples of things to do or not to do that fit in with the “PSC style” of sailing.**

- **Use preventers when sailing downwind.**
- **Always clip in with a harness, tether, life vest, and jack lines when sailing at night or in stormy weather. Have a knife, whistle, and strobe light attached to your life vest. If you go overboard, especially at night, without those things your chances of recovery are slim, even in the Bay.**
- **The NUMBER ONE location where boats are damaged is in the MARINA!**
- **The NUMBER ONE location where sailors are injured or killed is the MARINA!**
- **The NUMBER ONE location for material losses (expensive personal items) is the MARINA!**
- **Be careful of trip hazards in marinas, and ensure you have a good hand hold. Only pass items between boat and shore one article at a time.**
- **Be careful of having topping lifts attached on the River Boats with the main fully hoisted. Be sure to unsheet the main and jib if you are about to get an overpowering wind on the River Boats.**
- **Be wary of booms under any circumstance.**

**Always wear shoes. Boats and marinas are very unforgiving of bare feet.**

## Rigger meets Pentagon Sailing Club at Bailey's

By Lynnette Hupman

Fifty-five members and friends were treated to a whale story, a chance for two tickets to the Leukemia Cup Regatta, and sailing updates at the August monthly membership meeting. Once again on the third Monday of the month we met at Bailey's in Crystal City and enjoyed swapping sailing stories from the Potomac River, Chesapeake Bay, and the British Virgin Islands. Vice Commodore Tony Skivo welcomed everyone and had new members or those who were attending their first meeting introduce themselves. After an update on elections, Bay sails, River events, racing and training, we had a special speaker.

Steve Madden, owner of Madden Masts and Rigging, shared his sailing journey from beginning with an eight-month sail from South Africa. His racing adventures ranged from finding water over a foot deep in the cabin to "running into" a whale. He compared the latter to running aground, only softer. Steve showed damaged rigging and explained why things happen; he did admit that lightning is still a mystery to him so make your own decision in dealing with that phenomena. He expertly answered questions and we applauded his decision to seek US citizenship.

Several fortunate people won tickets to the 2011 Leukemia Cup Regatta, September 9-10, 2011. Read more about it on Page 17.

Find out more about the National Capital Region's participation to help the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society at <http://www.leukemicup.org/nca>.

Come out to vote on September 19 at Bailey's and share your Labor Day Raft-Up sailing story! All the details are at [www.pentagonsailing.org](http://www.pentagonsailing.org).



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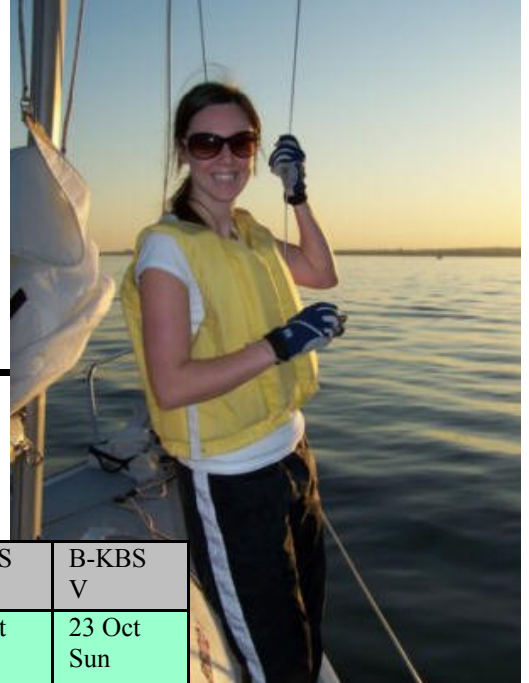
**Teaching in the B-KBS / ASA 101-103 classes is a great way to get to know new members as well as fellow instructors, expanding your sailing network. It is a lot of fun !**



Class	B-KBS IV	B-KBS IV	B-KBS IV	B-KBS IV
Weekend Dates	17 Sept Sat	18 Sept Sun	24 Sept Sat	25 Sept Sun
Lead Instructor	John Buescher	John Buescher	John Buescher	John Buescher
Primary Instructor	Hal Moore	Larry Paulson	Ryan Yost	Jorge Gracia
Primary Instructor	David Kunselman	David Kunselman	David Kunselman	David Kunselman
Primary Instructor	Shep Barge	Shep Barge	Eddie Conde	Eddie Conde
Primary Instructor	Jorge Gracia	Jorge Gracia	Jorge Gracia	
Asst Instructor			Lisa August	Lisa August
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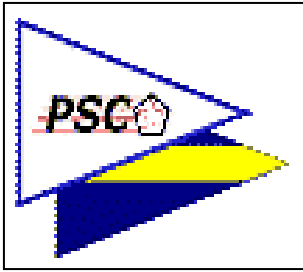
**You earn 10 FVSM hours per day for teaching on the River! You can use these FVSMs for River Boat Rentals, Bay Sails, Winter Training, and the December Annual Awards and Holiday Party!**



Class	B-KBS V	B-KBS V	B-KBS V	B-KBS V
Weekend Dates	15 Oct Sat	16 Oct Sun	22 Oct Sat	23 Oct Sun
Lead Instructor	Jorge Gracia	Jorge Gracia	Jorge Gracia	Jorge Gracia
Primary Instructor	Hal Moore	Larry Paulson	Eddie Conde	
Primary Instructor	David Kunselman	David Kunselman	David Kunselman	David Kunselman
Primary Instructor	John Buescher	John Buescher	John Buescher	John Buescher
Primary Instructor				Tom Pullin
Asst Instructor				



## MDRU David Kunselman



The Memorial Day Raft-Up (MDRU) began with boats converging from all over the bay to Crab Alley Bay on the upper reaches of Eastern Bay. Winds were 10-15 knots from the south, which was a little rockier than planned. VALIANT had the furthest to go, but flying the spinnaker all the way, she made the 45-mile journey in about 6 hours. After anchoring, the participants enjoyed festive dinners and drinks.

The theme for MDRU 2011 was the “Wild Wild West.” VALIANT won best costume for dressing up their boat as a “horse” with a “rider” (Sabrina Moore), while STEEL AWEIGH (Rich Unis, Lisa August, Katie Harrison and John O’Connor) blew everyone away with their elegant dinner buffet spread and unique western saloon costumes, winning the best boat overall award.

After an interesting night at anchor and a pleasant breakfast, the boats split up for a nice morning sail in steady breezes from the south. Some proceeded directly to St. Michael’s, while others cruised around Eastern Bay until lunch time. The gathering of such a diverse group of boats generated quite a bit of attention at the marina and all the crews enjoyed walking around historic St. Michael’s.

Sunday night’s dinner was quite delicious at the St. Michael’s Harbour Inn, which offered a spectacular view of the harbor and Miles River. The next morning the fleet sailed back to their homeports with winds continuing from the south at 10-15 knots.

Participating boats were:

Steel Aweigh	Delphi 40	Rich Unis (PSC)
Time for Us	Jeanneau 43	Bob Manning (PSC)
Valiant	Navy 44 MK I	Hal Moore (NPSC)
Splash Landing	Catalina 36	Jerry O’Connor (Private)
Jenny	Tartan 41	Mike Steiner (Private)
New Horizons	Catalina 350	Ted Stewart (Private)
Etude	Island Packet 31	Ray Widmayer ( Private)
Sundance	Catalina 320	Susan Seymour (Private)

# MDRU PHOTOS David Kunselman



## FJRU Lisa August



### Fourth of July Raft-up

The Fourth of July Raft-Up was billed as a “fireworks” tour extraordinary. Saturday night featured fireworks in St. Michael’s, Sunday night featured a display in Oxford, and Monday featured displays in the various homeports of Annapolis and Solomons Island.

Participating boats included:

<b>Time for Us</b>	<b>Jeanneau 43</b>	<b>Will Kelchner (PSC)</b>
<b>Magnolia</b>	<b>Morgan 44</b>	<b>Anthony Baker (Private)</b>
<b>Dnaal</b>	<b>Unknown (27ft)</b>	<b>Larry Paulson (Private)</b>
<b>Splash Landing</b>	<b>Catalina 36</b>	<b>Jerry O’Connor (Private)</b>
<b>Etude</b>	<b>Island Packet 31</b>	<b>Ray Widmayer (Private)</b>
<b>Valiant</b>	<b>Navy 44 MK I</b>	<b>Hal Moore (NPSC)</b>

Although the fleet did not raft, members did enjoy festive meals at the Town Dock in St. Michael’s and the Oxford Inn in Oxford.

The July 4th weekend was the first time that MAGNOLIA (Annette and Anthony Baker) actually took on crew. Most of those on board are friends along for the ride or experienced sailors that know their way around a cruising boat. It was the first time that Annette and Anthony were expected to be the experienced ones. MAGNOLIA sailed (actually motored – NO WIND) across to St Michael’s and watched the fireworks on Saturday and then again motored down to Oxford, MD for the fireworks on Sunday. Everyone had a great time!

# FJRU Lisa August



## Fourth of July Raft-up



**MAGNOLIA and TIME FOR US**



**MAGNOLIA**

## FJRU Lisa August



### PENTAGON SAILING CLUB

#### Fourth of July Raft-up

**VALIANT** had been scheduled for a Southern Maryland Association (SMSA) race in Patuxent River on Saturday afternoon, so she could not depart until 1800 on Saturday, and had to miss the St. Michael's festivities. The initial plan was to head north and wait in privateer fashion as the boats from St. Michaels began to leave Eastern Bay and pounce on them.

With a following wind of about 17 knots through most of the evening, she made Bloody Point by about 2 in the morning. **VALIANT** decided to take a detour into Annapolis so that the crew could see what the Severn looked like at night. However, on approaching Greenbury point, a lightning storm came up. Wind was almost non-existent, and there was no rain, but Hal Moore had not seen so many lightning bolts in a 30 minute interval in his life. In short progression, **VALIANT** dropped her jib, went through a first, then a second reef, then decided to drop sails, turn on the engine, and anchor off of the Naval Academy.

The expected big howling storm did not materialize. After a few hours of rest, the crew awoke to one of Hal's omelet breakfasts, and got underway. Once **VALIANT** turned south into the Bay, there was enough wind to beat our way to Oxford. We tried looking for and calling our "prey" coming out of St. Michaels on the radio, but could not find them.

Jeff Aebischer did a masterful job as a relatively new big boat helmsman as he kept us close hauled with 7 knots of boat speed as we went through the passage on the north side of Sharp's Island into the Choptank. **VALIANT** arrived around 1500, just after **MAGNOLIA**, which loaned them a needed pigtail for the "only" 50 amp service at the Batchelor's Point Marina.

The Oxford Inn did not fail to impress us. Not only was the food fabulous, but the owner even shuttled the boat crews from the marina to the restaurant.

# FJRU Lisa August



## New Qualifications Bravo Zulus !!

The following PSC Members have successfully attained the following qualifications:

### PSC River SOR (B-KBS)/ASA 101 and 103

Melissa Kees	Jeff Menges	Tony Baugh
Lisa August	Brendan Ruddy	Jeff Aebischer
John Cottingham	Jason Yeh	Seth Greenia
Thomas Carcone	Ben Lyttleton	Vittorio Pomante
Aaron Pritchard	Raul Barrientos	Niki Ersoy
Jeffrey Abramowitz	Philippe Duverger	Silvia Duverger
Deborah Ford	Greg Jaworski	Kelly Jeffs
Steve Jeffs	Kristen Lobeck	Chris Mahoney
David Nordstrom	Scott Serkin	Brian Tolbert
Matt Warner	Heath Wimberly	Richard Naughton
Stephen Ruwe	Jason Cho	Jared Thigpen
William Diehl	Christopher Bailey	James Kajdasz
John Strock	David Mayberry	Richard Douglas
Denise Thigpen	Jan Watson	Rachel Alt
Sabrina Moore	Barry Murphy	

# New Qualifications Bravo Zulus !!

## ASA 206

Hal Moore

## D-CS/PSC Bay SOR

Mike Moreau  
John O'Connor

## D-CS OTW I

Justin Keys

## Navigator

David Kunselman

If individuals desire recognition with a certificate at a Club Meeting, please let the Training Commodore know a week in advance. Otherwise, your qualifications are posted in the ASA, Navy Sailing, and PSC Qualification Databases



# Leukemia Cup



## How Can I Support the Pentagon Sailing Club in The Leukemia Cup Regatta?

- **Join One of the Club's Boats as Crew**
- **Help PSC Obtain Corporate Donations**
- **Seek Out In-Kind Donations for the Leukemia Cup Raffle and Auction**
- **Solicit Food/Drink Donations from Local Restaurants for Leukemia Cup Events**
- **Reach Out to Friends and Family for Individual Donations (And Use the Club's Online Fundraising Pages!)**
- **Participate in the Racing Team's New Wednesday Social Sails (Contribute a Small Donation to Learn More about Racing, Practice Skills on the Water, and Socialize with Club Members)**
- **Support Leukemia Cup Activities at Club Meetings and Events (Penny Wars, Giveaways and Special Activities that Benefit the Club's Fundraising Effort)**

For more information or to become more involved in Leukemia Cup activities, please contact PSC Leukemia Cup Representatives:

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## Navy Sailing

### **In Memoriam: CAPT Henry Morgan, USN (ret.)**

The sailing world lost one of its stalwarts in May 2011, VADM Henry S. Morgan, USN (ret.). He began sailing in 1930, cruising in 1938, sailing offshore in 1955; he was still racing and coaching the Naval Academy Offshore Sailing Team up until his death. He died after a brief bout of pneumonia May 6, 2011.

Bermuda Race sailors, friends, and family remember him as an accomplished yachtsman who sailed his first Newport Bermuda race more than a half century ago and just last year took second place in Class 3. He is an interviewee and story subject for many books written on Bermuda racing.

He was a member of the Cruising Club of America, as well as the New York, Annapolis, Off Soundings, and Storm Trysail clubs. He sailed his 16th Newport-Bermuda Race in 2010 and was still coaching the Naval Academy Offshore Sailing Team.

He was a member of the Annapolis Yacht Club, the Sailing Club of the Chesapeake and the Cruising Club of America. He was an active racer and sailed the opening AYC Wednesday Night Race the week before he died. He skippered his boats in the Annapolis to Newport Race nine times, beginning in 1957 and sailed the race several other times on his father's boat. He won his class in the 2005 Annapolis-Newport Race and was awarded the C. Gaither Scott Memorial Trophy for his performance.

### **New Director of Navy Sailing**

Longtime PSC member Bob Howe has passed the baton for Navy Sailing to Mike Christman. Mike is an alumnus of the Naval Academy and Annapolis resident. He is an active sailboat racer in the Annapolis sailing community and a former Annapolis city councilman. He recently raised money for charity by paddling on a paddle board from Norfolk to Annapolis.