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**Weather or Not** Lynnette Hupman

**I**t's all about the weather! Or at least it was on February 18 when 45 PSC members and guests met at Floyd's in Alexandria, Virginia. We were surprised to lose about half of our usual meeting space, but that only made things cozy in the fireplace room where we listened to Bryan Jackson, the assistant marine forecaster for this area. He hails from Nebraska and works for the National Oceanic and Atmosphere Administration (NOAA). His presentation on weather was very interesting and informative. He shared a story about how NOAA is using the buoys that were placed in the Chesapeake Bay marking the "Captain John Smith Water Trail." The slides he used are posted on the Web site under Club Meetings, Last Meeting (be sure to look at these before the March meeting because after that they disappear).

The evening started out much like most PSC Membership Meetings. We mingled and enjoyed refreshments. It was great to meet prospective members

Rhonda Hoglund, and I reunited and discovered we are going to be in the British Virgin Islands (BVI) together this year.



Bridge members gave updates on training, river and bay activities and as usual, we have a lot going on. Our racing squadron gets active in March with meetings and basic racing classes. Chris Elenbaum invited us all to join in the fun. Sharon Baker shared the fun she and Brenda Moy have planned for the Memorial Day Raft-Up. Duane Covino gave an update on the Puget Sound sailing trip and we heard from Vince Ferrer about the BVI trip. You really have no excuse not to be sailing this year!

like Mike Murphy, the Director of Government Relations for the American Maritime Officers. I met up with Michael Graham, a retired Air Force officer who served on the bridge in 2002. Glad you are back in the DC area Michael! An Army friend,

Remember, going to these meetings is a great way to introduce a friend to the PSC. Bring one to the March 18 meeting and hear about sailing clothing and equipment. See you there!

**UPCOMING EVENTS** See our web site for details and more events

**March**

7	Winter Training Program Class-Anchoring, Rafting, & Raft-Up Planning, Beatley Library, Alexandria
17 & 28	PSC Racing Series Basic Racing Course-Classroom sessions, Furnari Hall, Anacostia
18	Membership Meeting, Floyd's Bar and Grill, Alexandria
21, 22, 28 & 29	River Boat Maintenance-Capital Cove Marina, Bolling AFB



## Looking Ahead Vice Commodore Wesley Moy

**M**arch is upon us, spring is in the air, and the Pentagon Sailing Club will be doing everything it can to help you get back to the Potomac River, Chesapeake Bay, and on the water again. The river and bay training schedules have been finalized and posted to the website and slots for both are filling nicely.

Planning for the Memorial Day Raft-Up is well underway and it sounds like there are just one or two slots left. In July, we have over 40 sailors heading to the British Virgin Islands and we may have others heading to the Puget Sound in the Pacific Northwest. Personally, I can't wait that long. Brenda and I along with River Co-Commodore Roger Hammer and PSC member Sharon Baker are spending a week in March sailing the Caribbean Windward islands of St. Lucia and Martinique.



The next three Membership Meeting programs are specifically designed to help you get out on the water. In March we'll take a look at the river and bay schedules and we'll have materials available so that you can sign up right there. Make sure you bring your calendar along. We are also going to talk about the gear you need to go sailing. What's must have, what's nice to have, and what's a waste of money. In April, new(er) member Jordan Gottfried will be sharing his research on what skippers and sailors think makes a good crew member ... the kind that always seem to be welcome on a boat. Jordan has been surveying PSC skippers and crew since last fall and

will be reporting on his research. At May's meeting Communications Commodore Don Hupman will be giving us the ins and outs of chartering boats. If you've ever wondered what to put in a sailing resume this is the time to find out.

If it seems like the MDRU and training sails are filling up fast, remember there are other ways to get out on the water. All of our qualified B-CSN and D-CS skippers can charter boats through Annapolis Bay Charters and other companies on the Bay (and beyond). They may be organizing a charter or might be interested in being a skipper for a trip that you organize. If you are a B-KBS skipper our fleet on the Potomac River is waiting for you. In addition, Annapolis MWR will charter a boat, up to about 30 feet, to you to sail on the Chesapeake.

Commodore Tony Skivo and I have been discussing destinations for the Commodore Sails. Once a month, we are going to try to coordinate a place to meet up somewhere on the Bay, about a day's sail from Annapolis. The idea is to give you enough time to plan to meet up for diner, for sightseeing, or whatever the location seems to offer. As we get the plans together we'll announce them at Membership Meetings, on the website, and here in the Lubber's Line. These sails will be great opportunities for our skippers to organize a boat and for our boat owners to raise a crew and meet up to enjoy one of the finest sailing destinations in the world. Some of the places we discussed include Rock Hall, Annapolis, Kent Island, Knapps Narrows, Solomons Island, Oxford, and Galesville. We are not always going far and Annapolis and Galesville are our home ports.

### 2009 Membership Meeting Calendar

March 18th	No Speaker	River Programs 2009 Bay Programs 2009 Clothing & Equipment
April 15th	Being Good Crew Jordan Gottfried	MDRU Announcements
May 20th	Chartering Don Hupman	Annapolis MWR/ABC MDRU Skipper Meeting



# Training Corner

**T**he Winter Training Program is almost over, but we still have a couple of great classes left before we are done. On Saturday March 7th we have a comprehensive class on Anchoring, Rafting, & Raft-Up Planning. In April we will again have a Red Cross First Aid & CPR certification class (date and location TBD).

Our WTP sessions are normally held on Saturday mornings, but this year Vice Com-

modore Wesley Moy gave his class on VHF Radio Procedures on a Thursday evening. This was the first WTP class given on a week-night in a number of years. We can add more evening classes if members want them. Let Training Commodore [Will Kelchner](#) know what you think.

See the WTP Schedule below for the dates, times, and locations of our remaining classes.



*"We still have a couple of great classes left."*



Date	Time	Class	Cost	Instructor(s)	Location
Mar. 7, 2009	9:30 am to 12:30 pm	Anchoring, Rafting, and Raft-Up Planning	\$25	Lynnette & Don Hupman	<a href="#">Beatley Library, Alexandria</a>
TBD in April	TBD	CPR & First Aid	TBD	TBD	TBD

## From the Bay Ray Widmayer

**\*\*\$50.00 Discount for Raft-Up First Timers\*\***

Well folks, as I write this short note, February is toast, Spring is really close at hand...check out the emerging daffodils on the south-facing hills in Rock Creek Park... and boat owners are starting to do their Spring get-the-boat-ready-thing. Soon we will be sailing again on Ches Bay! Note...the first PSC bay sail is 25-26 April and there are seventeen other two-day PSC bay sails planned, including the Memorial Day and Labor Day Raft-Ups. That is a LOT of opportunity to chill and train on the Bay.

**WARNING**...these sails fill up quickly...they *always* sell out (five bay sails are already filled and space on the two club boats for Memorial Day is almost gone)...so sign up **now** with Duane Covino for **Bay training sails** ([ducovino@earthlink.net](mailto:ducovino@earthlink.net)); or with Sharon Baker or Brenda Moy for the **Memorial Day Raft-Up** ([smismmb10@gmail.com](mailto:smismmb10@gmail.com) or [bemoy@cox.net](mailto:bemoy@cox.net)). Schedule, cost, and availability for the bay training sails may be found in the PSC website under "Cruising Skipper (Bay)." Further details on the Memorial Day Raft-Up are provided below, as well as the website.

### ► OK...so what's the Memorial Day Raft-Up?

I know, I've talked about this in the past, and I know that Brenda and Sharon have talked about this in the past, and I know that Don Hupman has all this information on the PSC website; but just in case some you are just coming out of winter hibernation and missed all of this, I am going to...again...talk about the **Memorial Day Raft-Up 2009**. The Memorial Day Raft-Up 2009 is going to be FUN, no question! If you want to hang out with a bunch of your PSC sailing buddies, sail three days on the Bay, raft in a beautiful, secluded cove on the Eastern Shore, then sail to the Inner Harbor of Baltimore to a modern marina (and all that the Inner Harbor of Baltimore has to offer), and partake in a catered BBQ at the marina, then the MDRU is for you!

On 23 May, we will all meet at Reed Creek off the Chester River on the Eastern Shore for our raft-up. We chartered two boats, and we anticipate many other boats of the private variety to participate, hopefully with berths filled with guests. Typically at least ten boats participate in these raft-ups. At Reed Creek we will party...what else can I say? On Sunday, 24 May, we will all sail across the Bay to the Inner Harbor East Marina where we will remain overnight. There are all the cool attractions associated with Baltimore's Inner Harbor to enjoy, and Sharon and Brenda are planning a catered BBQ to be held at facilities at the marina. We plan to invite not only the participants of the raft-up to this BBQ, but also PSC

members and guests who might want to take the drive up to Baltimore just for the BBQ...and to hang out on some of the boats...partying. Then we all head back to our homeports on Monday morning, Labor Day, 25 May 2009.



I personally can't wait! I think I have participated in at least a dozen PSC raft-ups...and they just keep being more and more fun! Details are on the PSC website. I know there are *very* few berths available, but there is always the possibility of chartering more boats...maybe. Remember there is a \$50 discount for PSC members on their first raft-up. So watch the PSC website for more details, and sign up with Brenda or Sharon for any remaining berths on the PSC chartered boats. Private boat owners should also sign up with Sharon or Brenda, and take as many *guests* along as possible...the more the merrier. Again, Sharon or Brenda's emails are [smismmb10@gmail.com](mailto:smismmb10@gmail.com) or [bemoy@cox.net](mailto:bemoy@cox.net).

Remember, PSC Bay Sails...**training or raft-ups**...*ALWAYS* sell out...hint, hint.



*Nipper says: "PSC Raft-Ups are great fun. Don't miss out on some of the best times you'll have on or off the water!"*

**SIGN UP NOW!!**

**MDRU 23-25 May 2009**

## On The River Chris Elenbaum

### PSC Racing Squadron Offers New Training Opportunities

**A**re you looking for a local venue on the Potomac to continue developing your sailing skills beyond your basic keelboat rating? Looking for a new challenge in sailing with a more competitive edge? Are you looking for all of this in a relaxed social environment at a bargain price? Then the PSC Racing Squadron (RS) is for you!

In addition to continuing another great season of racing with the Dangerfield Island Sailing Club (DISC), this year the RS will offer weekend racing seminars and a match racing series. The season will kick off with the Basic Racing course on March 17<sup>th</sup>, a classroom session covering the fundamentals and theory of racing. Six additional seminars and match racing events will be held through September. Each of these events will include two hours of additional academic instruction at the clubhouse followed by practical on-the-water practice of skills and match racing against our own PSC boats. Members will be organized into regular teams, who will compete for awards to be presented at our end of season Hydrilla Cup picnic.

This year, the RS will continue participation in DISC with

three boats in Tuesday evening races. We will continue to offer spinnaker and non-spinnaker entries for all levels of racing experience. New for this year, the RS will establish a dedicated Tuesday evening team in the non-spinnaker class, seeking to improve our place in the DISC standings.

For the bargain price of \$200, RS members can take advantage of up to 16 hours of academic training, 30 hours of on-the-water instruction, six PSC races, and more than 24 DISC races. To be a part of the RS, you must be a PSC member and possess a US Navy B-KBS certification or an equivalent US Sailing or ASA rating. Check out the PSC calendar for the dates of this year's RS events and the DISC website <http://disc.org.googlepages.com/home> for their race schedule.

It is our goal this year to provide a relaxed team learning environment focused on safe, social, and fun sailing. If you have any questions, please contact us at [RS@pentagonsailing.org](mailto:RS@pentagonsailing.org).

*Chris Elenbaum*  
Chris Elenbaum



## Wanted: River Instructors Rick Robey

The switch to Daylight Savings Times marks the pre-dawn of our 2009 sailing season. With red skies at night, this season will be a delight. The club is looking for both seasoned keelboat instructors and our newest B-KBS qualified sailors to serve as assistant instructors on the river. Our first two basic keelboat classes are already full plus we will have a "new" boat in our fleet to break in. We need a lead instructor and four primary instructors for each class. Assistant instructor basic responsibilities include assisting the primary instructors in the conduct of sail training, maintaining sail gear, assisting new students with life jackets, rigging and de-rigging boats, and finally sharpening your own sailing skills.

Our basic keelboat course is the club's primary income generator. Its' success completely depends on the volunteering of all club members – seasoned and new. Please consider teaching at least one day on the river during the 2009 sailing season. B-CS or D-CS qualified members can serve as lead instructors with the approval of the Training Commodore. As an incentive, each lead, primary and assistant instructor will be able to log additional sailing hours against their next level of qualification, and receive a FVSM coupon for every 8 volunteer hours. All of the Saturday and Sunday

on-the-water classes start at 8:00 AM and end at 5:00 PM.

Instructor training sessions will be held April 18<sup>th</sup> (Saturday) and 19<sup>th</sup> (Sunday) at the Capitol Cove Marina, Bolling AFB. All prospective river instructors must attend one of these two sessions, which will cover safety, club policies, training program conduct and objectives, lessons plans, administrative information, and other pertinent topics.

If you would like to sign up for a river class and an instructor training date, please contact River Training Coordinator **Rick Robey** at [rivertraining@pentagonsailing.org](mailto:rivertraining@pentagonsailing.org) to get your prime slips reserved.

- ▶ **Class No. 1 - 25/26 April and 2/3 May**
- ▶ **Make-Up Class – 9/10 May**
- ▶ **Class No. 2 - 20/21 June and 27/28 June**
- ▶ **Make-Up Class – 18/19 July**
- ▶ **Make-Up Class – 25/26 July**
- ▶ **Class No. 3 - 15/16 August and 22/23 August**
- ▶ **Class No. 4 - 12/13 September and 19/20 September**
- ▶ **Class No. 5 - 17/18 October and 24/25 October**

## PSC Looking for New Membership Meeting Location

PSC is looking for a new location for our monthly membership meetings. For well over a year we've met at [Floyd's Bar & Grill](#) in Alexandria. Floyd's has worked pretty well up to now, but we would like to consider some other venue options; perhaps to alternate with Floyd's or perhaps to replace Floyd's. We *could* meet at Bolling AFB, but we would really like to continue meeting at an off base non-military location to make access easier for our growing number of non-DoD club members and to avoid the dreadful rush-hour traffic crossing the DC bridges.

The ideal location would be a civilian facility with food and beverage/bar service available located in DC or the "inside the Beltway" areas of VA or MD. It

should have ample (and preferably free) parking available and a reasonably private (and quiet) area for our meetings with a projection screen and ample electric outlets for laptops and projector.

We would really like a facility we could use at no charge (with the facility making it's money from food and beverage sales), but will pay a reasonable amount for an adequate location. Typically we have anywhere from 30 to 50 members, prospective members, and guests at our meetings.

If you have an idea for a new meeting location, please contact [Vice Commodore Wesley Moy](#) with your suggestions and recommendations.

## 2009 BVI Trip Update Vincent Ferrer

**T**here has been an absolutely fantastic response by PSC members to this year's British Virgin Islands charter trip.

We started out planning on only four boats this year, but we are now up to seven boats and 47 people with a good possibility of adding an eighth boat. We will, however, need another skipper if we do add an eighth boat.

Remember that anyone may go on this trip: all PSC Members, their families, and guests are welcome.

The dates are July 10th through July 20th, 2009. That is 11 full days on the

water for the price of only 7 days. We can, of course, accommodate any travelers who can't take off more than a week.

Our itinerary will include visits to some of the most beautiful islands in the Caribbean: Tortola, Virgin Gorda, Jost Van Dyke, Norman Island, Peter Island, Cooper Island, and Anegada (also known as the "Drowned Island").

Most of our days in the BVI will consist of relatively short sails with ample time for relaxing lunch stops and plenty of time for snorkeling in warm, crystal clear water and sightseeing. Our boats will often spend the night at the same

anchorage, which allows crews to socialize and eat meals together. There will also be scuba diving opportunities for any interested divers.

On Saturday, April 4th, we will have a trip dinner meeting at a place and time to be determined. We'll get together to meet other BVI bound sailors, to discuss the BVI, to talk about possible itineraries, to answer any questions, and to have some good food and fun.

Anyone interested in joining the 2009 BVI adventure, please contact Vince Ferrer at [vincentjferer@gmail.com](mailto:vincentjferer@gmail.com).



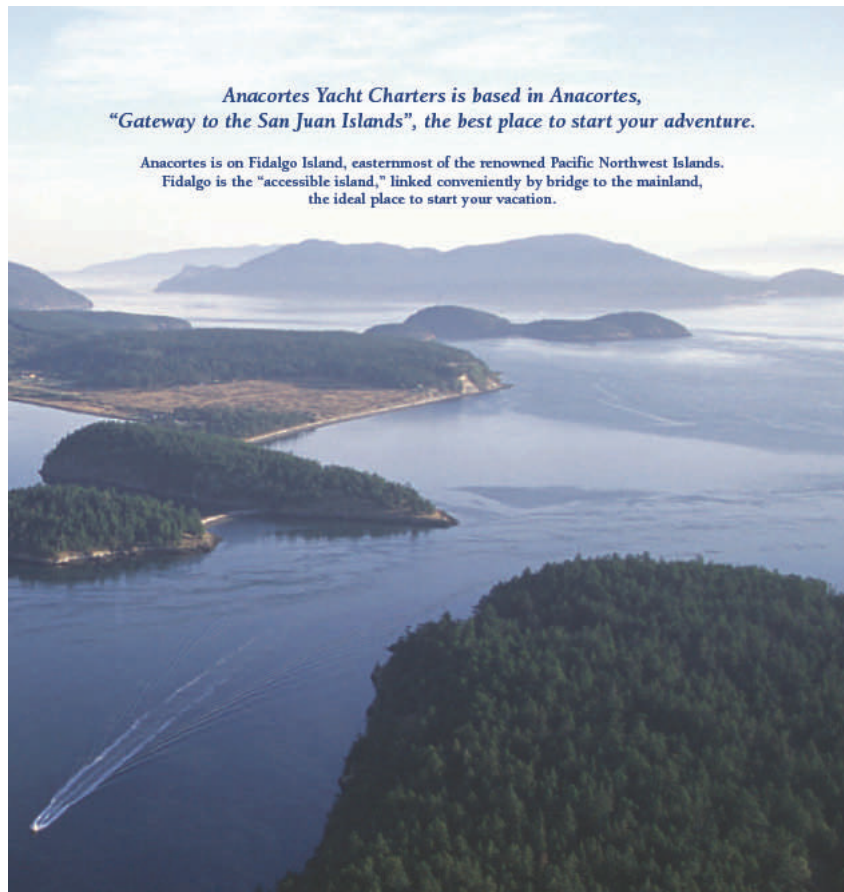
## 2009 Puget Sound Charter Trip Duane Covino

**P**uget Sound is waiting for the PSC! The planned trip to the Puget Sound by PSC members and friends is still on, but we want to find a week that works for those who can make this trip.

The sailing window for this trip is from May through September. We would board the boat in Anacortes, WA early on a Saturday afternoon (fly into SEATAC airport on Friday) and return the boat NLT late Saturday morning one week later.

Including airfare, total cost (excluding fuel, provisions, and any hotel accommodations evening before boarding and evening after returning the boat) is approx. \$1150). PSC member Dick Morton is skipper for the first boat, hopefully a ketch.

Send an e-mail to trip coordinator Duane Covino ([ducovino@earthlink.net](mailto:ducovino@earthlink.net)) and let him know you are interested and what dates will work for you.





## News of Interest Don Hupman

**T**he 30th annual **Safety at Sea Seminar** will be held on March 28 & 29 at Alumni Hall, U.S. Naval Academy, in Annapolis. The seminar will focus on offshore and inshore safety issues. The live on-the-water demonstrations and helicopter rescue are features of the Annapolis seminar that are unmatched in this country. The seminar is sponsored by the Marine Trades Association of Maryland and the U.S. Naval Academy Sailing Squadron. Contact the [Marine Trades Association of Maryland](#) for information and to sign up.



**C**urrent State Boating Course Requirements (information extracted from *Chesapeake Bay Magazine*).

**Delaware:** Required for boaters born on or after January 1, 1978.

**Maryland:** Required for boaters born on or after July 1, 1972.

**Pennsylvania:** Required for boaters 12-15 years old and all personal watercraft users.

**Virginia:** Required for personal watercraft users ages 14 and 15.

**District of Columbia:** Required for all boaters.

### 2009 Memorial Day Raft-Up!!!

*Sign Up Now*

*May 23 to May 25, 2009*

*Details at [www.pentagonsailing.org](http://www.pentagonsailing.org)*

**T**he PSC is an organization run by volunteers, so we need your help in every single function we provide for our members!

The "Frequent Volunteer Sea Miles" (FVSM) Program compensates you with coupons for your volunteer time. FVSM coupons can be redeemed for use of the river boats, trips on the Bay, or for other PSC activities like the Holiday Party.

**HERE'S HOW IT WORKS:** You invest some of your talent and expertise into the club. Every 8 hours that you volunteer earns you a Frequent Volunteer Sea Mile coupon. Each FVSM coupon is worth \$25, and can be redeemed to offset use of the River boats, the cost of a Bay sailing trip or other PSC activity.

FVSM coupons are valid for one year from the date of issue.

This is an exceptional deal! You work at the marina, help maintain boats, instruct in the Basic Sailing Classes, etc. And in return, we'll reward you with Frequent Volunteer Sea Miles! Plus, we'll give you the training you need to do any job right; for most volunteer opportunities, no previous experience is required! Just think, while doing something enjoyable and helping the PSC, you'll collect coupons to use towards great sailing opportunities on the River and the Bay!

PSC needs your time and commitment in order to survive and thrive ---VOLUNTEER TODAY!!

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## Help Wanted Don Hupman



**N**ewsletter editor for the Lubber's Line. The Lubber's Line is currently being prepared using MS Publisher. It is published monthly from May through August and every other month from September through April. Any member who would like to volunteer for this significant and important task (and earn some Frequent Volunteer Sea Miles) should contact Communications Commodore Don Hupman at [commcommodore@pentagonsailing.org](mailto:commcommodore@pentagonsailing.org).

