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Holiday Party & Awards Dinner

Jill Roberts

December marks the high tide of the PSC social season as we meet for our annual Holiday Party & Awards Dinner.

The Holiday Party is the one non-sailing event of the year that you absolutely should not miss as a member of our club. It is the culmination of all we work for each year as we recognize the instructors, students, Boat Captains and their helpers, the outgoing Bridge, and the many other volunteers who make our club one of the very best sailing clubs around. Plus it is a heck of a lot of fun.

This year's party is Saturday, December 3rd at the Fort Myer Officers' Club in Arlington. The festivities begin at 6:00 PM.



The party starts with pre-dinner socializing. There will be a cash bar that is open all evening. About 7:00 PM dinner will be served. This year's menu includes a choice of a Roasted Prime Rib of Beef or Fresh Atlantic Flounder. Dinner also includes salad, vegetables, dessert, and

coffee or tea. Following dinner will be the award presentations and the installation of the new Bridge. Then the real party starts with more socializing and dancing until they kick us out. Music will be provided by D.J. Darnell.

The party is an amazing event where PSC sailors turn out in everything from party casual outfits to tuxedos (generally the guys) and formal gowns (usually the gals). No matter how they are dressed, we always have a great time.

Act fast, space is limited and reservations are due no later than 21 November. Turn to page 6 for a copy of the party invitation and a reservation form.

Contact Party coordinator [Jill Roberts](#) for more information.

UPCOMING EVENTS See our web site for details and more events

November

- 5 Winter Training Class-Rules of the Road, Immanuel Bible Church
- 19 Winter Training Class-VHF Radio Communications, Immanuel Bible Church
- 19 River Maintenance Day, Capital Cove Marina
- 21 PSC Membership Meeting, Bailey's Pub & Grill

December

- 3 Holiday Party & Awards Dinner, Fort Myer Officers' Club
- 10 Winter Training Class-Anchoring, Rafting, & Raft-up Planning, Immanuel Bible Church
- 17 Winter Training Class-Advanced Sail Trim, Immanuel Bible Church



2012 Pentagon Sailing Club Bridge

At the September 19, 2011, membership meeting, members of the PSC elected new Bridge members for 2012. Because we elect Bridge members for 2-year terms, not all positions were up for election. The positions that were up for election this year were:

Commodore
Training Commodore
Bay Commodore
Communications Commodore
Treasurer

The 2012 Bridge will assume their duties at the PSC Holiday Party & Awards Dinner on December 3, 2011.

2012 PSC Bridge	
Commodore	Eddie Conde
Vice Commodore	Tony Skivo
Bay Commodore	John Buescher
River Commodore	Tom Pullin
Training Commodore	Rick Robey
Membership Commodore	Cynthia Houston
Communications Commodore	Ross Rosiak
Racing Commodore	Hank Lavery
Treasurer	Roger Hammer
Secretary	Rosaura Conde



2011-2012 Winter Training Program

Vilma Baez

Each year the PSC conducts an exciting Winter Training Program (WTP). This is a program of specialized classes...e.g. Sail Trim, Navigation, Anchoring, Big Boat Systems, and many, many more....taught by PSC experts, and aimed at those who want to learn more about sailing than can be taught in our basic sailing classes. In particular, for those of you who are Bay Skipper Candidates, the WTP was made for you. Don't miss out on this marvelous opportunity to gain skills and knowledge that will help you greatly in successfully completing the Bay Skipper written exams.

Plus...as with all PSC activities...we have fun! Refreshments are served, and it is a great opportunity to hang out with your PSC buddies.

Sessions are normally held on Saturdays from November through April although occasionally some shorter classes may be held on evenings during the week. See the WTP Schedule below. Except when otherwise noted, Saturday classes begin at 8:30 AM.

WTP classes are held in Room 203-205, [Immanuel Bible Church](#), 6911 Braddock Rd., Springfield, VA. Students are charged a nominal fee per session to cover course materials and other expenses.

See the [PSC web site](#) for more details and a registration form. Contact Winter Training Program Coordinator [Vilma Baez](#) for more information.



Vilma

Date	Time	Class	Cost
11/05/2011	8:30 am to 3:00 pm	Rules of the Road	\$25
11/19/2011	8:30 am to 3:00 pm	VHF Radio Communications	\$10
12/10/2011	8:30 am to 3:00 pm	Anchoring, Rafting, and Raft-Up Planning	\$25
12/17/2011	8:30 am to 3:00 pm	Advanced Sail Trim	\$25
01/07/2012	8:30 am to 3:00 pm	Weather	\$25
01/21/2012	8:30 am to 4:30 pm	Big Boat Systems: Diesels, Heads, & Electrical	\$25
01/28/2012	8:30 am to 3:00 pm	CPR & First Aid Certification Class	\$49
02/04/2012	8:30 am to 1:00 pm	Bareboat Chartering	\$10
02/11/2012	8:30 am to 3:00 pm	Training Clinic	None
02/25/2012	8:30 am to 4:30 pm	Piloting & Navigation Part I	\$75 for both sessions
03/03/2011	8:30 am to 4:30 pm	Piloting & Navigation Part II	
03/10/2012	8:30 am to 3:00 pm	Introduction to Racing	\$25
03/17/2012	8:30 am to 3:00 pm	Training Clinic	None
03/24/2012	8:30 am to 3:00 pm	Cruising Skipper Exam Series	Exam cost

Humor, Weather, & The Hydrilla Cup

Lynnette Hupman & Katharine Lavery

“(T)he stories couldn’t get any bigger without more adult beverages...”

It was a ~~dark and stormy night~~ I mean cold and blustery day on the Potomac River as adventure-seeking sailors gathered at Capital Cove Marina at the Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling for the annual PSC Hydrilla Cup Race and Picnic. It was Saturday, October 1st and despite their zest for adventure, some less enthusiastic (such as those lacking really good foul weather gear) were exchanging concerned looks as rumors of Small-Craft Warnings circulated.

On the other side of the water, Hank and Katharine Lavery pulled their vehicle up near the picnic tables and grills. Hank used his herculean strength to open the back doors against the mighty gusty wind but soon he and his first mate agreed another plan would need to be made. Thank goodness for the PSC Clubhouse!

Meanwhile John O’Connor, the Presiding Hydrilla Cup Organizer, had many(?) determined sailors who were dedicated to continue the ancient tradition of the annual male vs. female race. Skippers gathered their crews and with all the foul weather gear on to brave the elements, hardly anyone(?) noticed Brenda Hallam aboard the men’s vessel. There were valiant efforts to sail despite the roiling waters and bucking winds but the driving rain soon drove everyone to the same conclusion – **this is not going to happen!** Everyone soon retreated to the confines and comfort of the Pentagon Clubhouse.

Back at the clubhouse, the gritty Laverys had pulled out the grill, moved the big table,

and sent runners out for steaming hot coffee to warm hearts and shivering bodies. Those arriving a little later found the clubhouse filled with wet club members and some amazing stories being told. Somehow a tale was spun that the men’s boat was declared a winner but nothing official was heard from John. It is doubtful there will be a new plate on the Annual Hydrilla Cup Trophy, but come to the Annual Holiday Party & Awards Dinner to find out for certain.

With the grill on the side of the clubhouse, Hank hunkered down and kept his umbrella from sailing away (we’re a sailing club – get it?). He kept the fire going and served up scrumptious chicken, burgers, and hot dogs complete with all the trimmings. As the wind and rain continued to whistle outdoors, everyone gathered around the food – yummy potato salad, chips and dips plus tasty brownies and cakes.

Upon realizing the wind wasn’t going to cease and desist and knowing the stories couldn’t get any bigger without more adult beverages, this enthusiastic group of sailors voted to call an end to the Annual Hydrilla Cup Race. Everyone gave a hearty thanks to Hank and Katharine Lavery and to John O’Connor for making this day a memorable one for the over 20 people who braved the elements and continued the tradition. Can’t wait for next year!



PSC Hydrilla Cup racing in an earlier and gentler year.



Hank



Glenn

News of Interest **Don Hupman**

October 18, 2011

Navigation update

Shoaling in Havre de Grace Channel

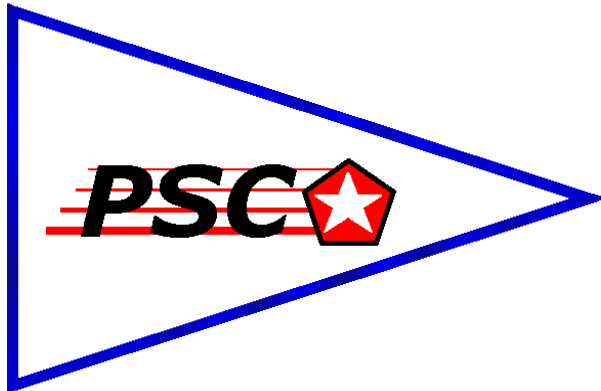
The Coast Guard has received reports of shoaling to a depth of 4.0 feet MHW across the channel between Havre de Grace Yacht Basin Buoy 4 (LLNR 27685) and Havre De Grace Yacht Basin Buoy 5 (LLNR 27690). Chart: 12274.

(Extracted from *Chesapeake Bay Magazine*)

PSC Phone Number

The PSC now has an actual telephone number:

202-681-4PSC (202-681-4772)



One Knot is Always 100 Feet

Some math formulas are worth committing to memory. One I've always found useful defines the simple relationship between speed in knots and the number of feet traveled through the water in a minute. This is known as the "one-one hundred-one" formula. For example, if your boat is moving at 1 knot, it will cover 100 feet in 1 minute; at 2.6 knots, 260 feet in 1 minute, and so forth. It's easy to use when you're maneuvering your boat in a tight space or if you have a MOB situation.

Charles Mason in the Oct. 2008 Sail magazine

The 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!

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

New Qualifications - Bravo Zulus !!

Hal Moore

PSC Members have successfully attained the following qualifications:

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

Matt Bunch	Young-Lan Landry	Jean McLaughlin
Christopher Farrell	Scott Maile	Edward Sloan
Michael McCarthy	Scott Cooper	Reginald Vaval
Rick Devereaux	Helen Edelberg	Jason Edelberg
Zane Egithanoff	Janet Gieckel	Troy Hammon
Mike Kingsley	Marc Langer	Jill Warner
Doug Webb	Ed Winslow	

D-CS/PSC Bay SOR

Justin Kees
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



The 29th Annual PSC Holiday Party & Awards Dinner

*The Pentagon Sailing Club requests
the pleasure of your company at
the 2011 Holiday Party & Awards
Dinner.*

When: Saturday, December 3rd, 2011

Where: Fort Myer Officers' Club, Fort Myer, VA

Time: 6:00 to 11:00 PM

Dress: Cocktail attire



Cost: \$60 per person (by check) OR \$35 (by check) PLUS one
Frequent Volunteer Sea Mile (FVSM) coupon per person (FVSMs
are non-transferable).

Details: Entertainment, food choices, directions, identification
needed to access the base, etc. can all be found on the PSC web-
site. www.pentagonsailing.org

Questions: Email the Holiday Party Committee
at holidayparty@pentagonsailing.org
or call Jill Roberts at 202-215-4212.



-----cut here and return with payment no later than 21 Nov to the address listed below -----

Member Name: _____ Member/Guest Name: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____ Total number of Tickets: _____

Please choose from the following entree selections:

Prime Rib _____ **Atlantic Stuffed Flounder w/ Maryland Crab** _____

To reserve your ticket, fill out this form, and mail it with a check made out to PSC, and if applicable, a FVSM coupon to:

Jill Roberts, 5806 Royal Ridge Drive, Unit J, Springfield, VA 22152. Questions? Call (202) 215-4212.