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Commodore Passage

Welcome to 2022 - Happy New Year!

I want to thank the membership for electing me to be the club's Commodore for the 2022 season. I pledge to do my very best for all of you and to lead, with your help and support, the club through 2022.

As we start the new year, I reflect and thank those of you who volunteered and helped make the cruises and land events of last year so successful. I want to recognize and applaud Bill Poot, our 2021 Commodore, for doing such an outstanding job as we came out of a pandemic year. We are hopeful that the worst is behind us.

We had a wonderful in-person Annual Meeting again at Schaefer's Canal House on December 4th. Thirty-three members attended the luncheon, followed by our meeting and installation of club leaders for 2022.

A special thanks and appreciation gifts were presented to the following Cruise and Cruise Co-Captains, and Event organizers; Bill & Ann Poot; *Stage Door Canteen*; Jeff & Carla Pyle; *Wings*; Lee and Yvonne Craven; *Luna Sea*; Phil Dodge & Barbara Hoffman; *the blue note*; Vince & Linda Wright; *Wright Aweigh*; Jean Korten & Carl Moser; *Danu*; Ed & Pat Land; *Finistere*; Tom Lillis & Stephanie O'Connor; *Dragonfly*; Bruce & Dot Govan; *Long Reach*; Jack & Debby Evans; *Rising Sun*; Ray Sample; *Second Step*; Debra Woodruff-Capper; *Flying Tiger*; Jim Semmler & Margie Caplan; *Tuesday's Child*; and a special appreciation gift to Madelyn Reni; *Spring Cove Marina*.

Bill and Ann Poot (*Stage Door Canteen*) won the Vice Commodore's Cup, presented to the members who attended the most on-water events.

Our Watch Meeting, where we plan the 2022 cruises and events will be held on January 15th at the home of Bruce and Dot Govan, and all are welcome and encouraged to attend if possible. If you cannot attend, please let Jane Randall, our new Vice Commodore, (or me) know of any cruises or events that you would like to lead or that we should consider adding to our Cruise and Event Schedule. Please use our BRMSA website to sign up for the Watch Meeting and then let me know what you would like to bring to the potluck supper that will follow the meeting. A flyer with the Watch Meeting details is included with this issue of Sails & Tales.

In addition – mark your calendars - a tentative date for an in-person symposium on March 5, 2022, has been chosen. The venue will again be at the Historic Odessa Foundation bank building with a luncheon at Cantwell's Tavern in Odessa, as in previous years. Ideas for programs are being generated – please let me know of someone who has an appropriate presentation that we would enjoy.

I am interested in having in-person meetings and gatherings again this year. However, with an eye toward the lingering pandemic problems, I will be very cautious about organizing in-person events. If it is not feasible to hold in-person gatherings as this season progresses, we will use the ZOOM format to enable as many members as possible to participate at our events. We should all continue to follow the CDC protocols and we will get through this.

I wish you all a happy and healthy New Year, and a sailing season of good wind, few storms, and no boat problems.

See you on the water!

Jack Evans
Rising Sun



Vice Commodore Rode

Happy New Year to all!

I want to thank you for electing me to be Vice Commodore for 2022. I will do my best, with your support.

I find myself somewhat concerned about our coming 2022 season with the Omicron variant sweeping through the country. Maybe the worst will be during the winter. I am so glad that we got to have our annual meeting in December.

With the watch meeting coming up January 15, I implore everyone to consider what water events you will support. Please be in touch with me or Jack Evans about being cruise captains. I hope many of you will attend the watch meeting in person and help us plan our cruises and land events for 2022.

I wish everyone health in 2022, with fair winds and following seas. As Jack mentioned in his column, I certainly wish for no serious boat problems for myself and all of you.

Jane Randall—Dream Catcher

FUTURE EVENTS

2022 BRMSA Watch Meeting

2 - 5 P.M. Saturday, January 15, 2022

All members of BRMSA are invited to attend and help the Watch plan BRMSA cruises and events for 2022. This was originally scheduled as an in-person meeting at the home of Bruce and Dot Govan followed by a pot-luck supper. However, in view of the worsening scenario around COVID-19 and the Omicron variant, Jane Randall and I have determined that a virtual meeting on ZOOM would be the safest alternative for all of us for this event.

This meeting will be hosted using ZOOM by Commodore Jack Evans. Vice Commodore Jane Randall will chair the meeting and lead us through our discussion to start assembling a viable 2022 Event/Cruise Schedule. You are invited to give this some thought in advance by considering options / your ideas / your participation comfort level /etc.

If you cannot attend the meeting but would be willing to Captain or Co-Captain a cruise, or if you have ideas for a cruise or an event, please let Jane or Jack know.

You will receive a separate e-mail shortly with an invitation to join the ZOOM Watch Meeting using a provided meeting ID and Password.

Thank you.

Jack Evans,
BRMSA 2022 Commodore

Jane Randall,
BRMSA 2022 Vice Commodore



I hope everyone had a really good 2021 boating season.

I am helping out our new Vice Commodore with next year's planning of the event calendar. I know many of you don't attend the Jan-Feb Watch Meeting, so, we don't want to leave anyone out that may have wanted to be a cruise captain/co-captain. So, for 2022 we are going to do something a little different. We are asking members prior to the Watch Meeting if they would like to head up an event. This gives you a voice ahead of time to select your event. If you are interested, please email me at pdodge@ptd.net with the event and tentative date that you would like to arrange. We will block out the event calendar for you. If you have a new event that you would like to see the club run, please let me know that also.



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PAST EVENT REPORTS

BRMSA Annual Meeting/Change of Watch 2021

It's official, I have joined the ranks of BRMSA Past Commodore's. Thirty-three members attended the Annual Meeting/Change of Watch at Schaffer's Canal House on December 4, 2021, to witness the passing of the guard.

The event began on time with our Secretary, Debby Evans, delivering a heartfelt prayer.

Following the luncheon and Pledge to Flag, guests were welcomed, and new members were introduced: Walt Clark, Donna Ferron and John Pittman, Lou Malzone, Harry and Tina Deal, Jimmy and Maryann McCrea, Don and Debbie Bergen, Bob Tacher and a welcome back to Tom and Denise Tontarski for rejoining this year.



Linda Wright, Debby Evans and Jane Randall and Members gather for the 48th Annual Change of Watch

Following reports, the traditional recognition gifts were then presented to the 2021 Watch and Executive Committee by the 2021 BRMSA Commodore, Bill Poot.



Jack Evans 2021 Vice Commodore

Debby Evans 2021 Secretary

Barbara Hoffman 2021 Treasurer

**Ed Land 2021 Membership****Pat Land 2021 Winter Sails and Tails Editor****Donna Ferron (CBYCA) to
CBYCA Delegate Phil Dodge**

A Commodore's Thank You to Those Who Made It Happen - One Great Crew

How many ways can you say thank you to a Watch and the Members of the Executive Committee for the opportunity to work with a super group of people. I leave knowing the next watch and executive committee will continue to move us forward. Here are the words I used to try to convey what they mean to me:

Jack Evans-First I want to recognize and thank Jack Evans for putting together and executing a stellar cruise schedule for 2021. I think the use of zoom to work out the details of the long cruise was exceptional. I also want to thank him for his advice and assistance in helping me carry out my duties as your Commodore for 2021. When we began this trek together, I said to Jack". If we aren't having fun, we're out of here". **It was fun** and I'm sure it will continue that way with him at the helm.

Debby Evans- Thank you Debby for keeping exacting notes and providing reports and minutes when needed. I also want to thank her for her critique of the various emails and documents I sent to the membership.

Barbara-Thank you Barbara for keeping the books and for providing financial assessments, reports, research, and advice for the initiatives put forth by the leadership.

Tom-Thank you to Tom Lillis for keeping the store inventory at par and for his timely response to member's orders.

Ed- What can I say, I have probably logged more time on the phone with Ed than any other member of the leadership. I was going to declare us phone buddies, but on looking up that term on Google I thought otherwise. "Google says a phone buddy is a volunteer who calls an older adult to check on them, share stories, and make sure their needs are being met." I'm older than Ed, so I nixed that idea. Anyway, many thanks to you for making and continuing to make the enhancements to our web site and for your assistance in helping members and resolving issues as they occur. In addition, I want to thank you for serving as our Membership Registrar.

Jean Korten-I presented the recognition gift to Jean for her excellent work as our Sails and Tails editor at the Goose Cruise get together (see November/December 2021 issue of Sails and Tails). I hope Jean and Carl are busy enjoying the Florida sunshine.

Pat (and Ed) Land- I want to thank Pat (and Ed) for stepping up to publish Sails and Tails over the winter months until Jean returns in the spring. They published the November/December issue and did an excellent job.

Phil-I want to thank Phil for being our Delegate representative to CBYCA. He has agreed to continue to be our representative in 2022. Both Phil and I believe we are just scratching the surface of the advantages of being members. So, stay tuned in 2022. We took the opportunity to have Donna Ferron, fellow member, and Commodore of CBYCA, to restage the presentation of the CBYCA Delegate Burgee to Phil Dodge.

Vice Commodore Presentation of Gifts -Jack Evans

Jack took the podium to present the Vice Commodore Cup to Stage Door Canteen for participation in the most on water events, and to recognize Bill Poot for serving as the 2021 Commodore, and to acknowledge the 2021 Cruise Captains and Co-captains.



Bill Poot, Vice Commodore Cup

Yvonne Craven, Mexican

Phil Dodge, Comradery/Oyster Boys

**Carla Pyle, Memorial Day****Vince Wright, Meteor Cruise****Ray Sample, Knot New Sale/Picnic****Bruce Govan, Comradery/Goose****Deborah Capper, 4th July Picnic****Bill Poot, Labor Day 2, etc.****Patricia Land, Northern Bay Cruise**

Additional Recognitions

The following members who could not attend in person; have, or will receive a recognition gift:

Tom Lillis and Stephanie O'Connor, Goose Cruise

Margie Caplan and Jim Semmler, Crab Feast

Madelyn Reni, Captains Lounge Cruise Rescues

Jeff and Carla Pyle, Crab Feast

Nomination Committee – Phil Dodge

Phil Dodge then took to the podium as representative of the Nomination Committee and introduced the following nominees for election to the Watch for 2022:

Commodore – Jack Evans
Vice Commodore – Jane Randall
Secretary – Debby Evans
Treasurer – Barbara Hoffman

No nominees were advanced from the floor. Phil asked for a motion to accept the nominations as presented. It was seconded and carried, and the Watch for 2022 stood to be recognized, followed by the passing of the flags ceremonies.



**Bill Poot to Jack Evans for
2022 Commodore**



**Jack Evans to Bill Poot for
2022 Immediate Past Commodore**



**Jack Evans to Jane Randall for
2022 Vice Commodore**



**Jack Evans to Debby Evans for
2022 Secretary**



**Jack Evans to Barbara Hoffman for
for 2022 Treasure**



The BRMSA 2022 Watch

(Barbara Hoffman, Jane Randall, Jack Evans, Debby Evans)

Old Business – Bill Poot

Bill announced that per the bylaw's requirement, a vote was taken on the raising of dues for 2022 by email earlier in the year. The dues will increase to \$25 per year for primary membership. A quorum participated in the vote with yes votes from the 29 of the 33 memberships who voted. Notices to renew memberships for 2022 were sent out December. A suggestion was made to convene a new Bylaws committee to review and update the current bylaws for clarity.

New Business – Jack Evans

The meeting was then turned over to the new members of the Watch.

Commodore Jack Evans announced plans for 2022:

- There will be quarterly Watch and Executive Committee meetings held on Zoom to promote better communication and for efficiency.
- The tentative date for an in-person symposium of March 5, 2022, has been chosen. The venue will be the Cantwell Tavern in Odessa, as in previous years. Ideas for programs are being formulated.

- It is hoped that the cruise schedule for 2022 will be framed out at the Watch meeting on January 15th at the home of Bruce and Dot Govan in West Chester, PA.
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Vice-Commodore Jane Randall spoke next, asking members to send her ideas for cruises and other events, and to volunteer to run these.

There being no more business, the 2021 Annual Meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Out for now,

Bill Poot

Immediate Past Commodore 2022

ARTICLES

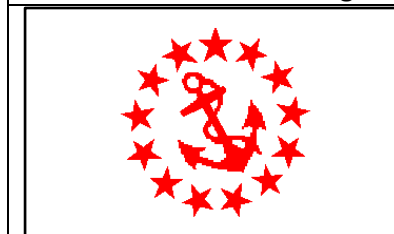
What's in a Flag - Immediate Past Commodore Observations



Commodore Flag



Vice Commodore Flag



Rear Commodore Flag



Past Commodore Flag



Honorary Commodore



Commodore Emeritus

I was struck during the Flag Ceremony at the 2021 Change of Watch that the Past Commodore Flag was the only Commodore's Flag not sporting 13 stars, representing the 13 original colonies that became states. I haven't been able to determine why, but it's an interesting quest to find out why, that flag amongst all of the others, was stripped of 10 stars. Personally, I would have chosen a red background with 13 stars and fouled anchor in blue. But nobody asked.

In doing the research, I also noted that the anchor was referred to as fouled.

One definition states that the Fouled Anchor is the emblem of the Rate of Chief Petty Officer of the United States Navy. In terms for the Chief, the fouled anchor symbolizes the trials and tribulations that every Chief Petty Officer must endure on a daily basis.

A second definition reveals that the history of the fouled anchor dates all the way back to the original seal of Lord Howard of Effingham who served as Lord Admiral of England during the defeat of the Spanish Armada in 1588. It represents the challenges faced every day in the English Navy and the need to prepare for issues before they become disasters.

Flags designating the presence of officers of American Yacht clubs used to be similar to the Navy Burgee in shape but are now generally rectangular. Traditionally, the club commodore flies a blue flag with a white design, the other officers follow suite as shown in the listing to the left. Such flags were first used by the New York Yacht Club in 1874.

Even though it is missing a few stars, I will prize my flag for what it represents for the role I played as your Commodore in 2021. I believe the Watch and the other members of the 2021 leadership can be satisfied that they met the challenges presented to us during a very difficult period. In their honor, I will fly my three-star flag in tribute.

Immediate Past Commodore, Bill Poot

Helpful article in Spinsheet about crossing the Swan Point Bar.

[Click here to view article](#)

Link provided by Barb Hoffman

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