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Yacht Club



The Burgee
March 2011

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February was a sort of quiet month around the club. There were a lot of smaller activities to keep you occupied including movie nights, sports parties and bar games. If you haven't been around much in the winter you're missing out on some good times. Where else can you go to be with your friends for such a small expense?

Slip Assignment is only 26 days away. I usually try to have my boat in the water by that time. This year, it looks like I'm running a little behind. I always enjoy slip assignment day. If you are a newer member, or otherwise need a permanent slip, attendance is a must to take care of business

Now is a good time to remind you about your coupon books and the event coupons they contain. Most of you know that you paid a little more for your coupon books this year. That's because, in October, the membership approved a change to the coupon books for 2011. Your book contains two types of coupons. The one dollar coupons are good at the bar for food and drink. The five dollar coupons can only be used to pay for ONE admission to select events throughout the year. The St. Patrick's Party, on March 19, is the first event which will accept five dollar coupons. If you're wondering what other events you'll be able to spend them on, check your club calendar card and look for the dollar (\$) sign. Eligible events are marked on the calendar with the dollar sign (\$) after the event name. There are nine such events throughout the year.

Jay and I hope to see you around the club soon.

Commodore Gary

Here it comes! Finally the month we have all been waiting for -SLIP ASSIGNMENT MONTH! Don't be late and miss the festivities and find out who your neighbor will be, or welcome back your "old" neighbor. Oh , I guess I missed all the plans in the rest of the month and went right to March27th didn't I?

This is a pretty busy month, so I hope to see all of you coming out of your hibernation and begin the year celebrating with us. Pull out the little blue calendar you got in your renewal packet so you don't miss anything.



Talking about busy times. PC Deb Noon has really kept the house hopping this year with her great bar events. If you missed her first two movie nights, you missed a good time. She has so many things planned and has really made the cold months go by faster. Thanks, PC Deb, for doing such a terrific job in managing the house and bringing the members out.

As tradition has it, PC John Dittus has gathered his helpers and is getting ready to party hardy at our St Patrick's Day party March 19th. That's right. He has the Irish cooking crew ready to roll and all the drinks and entertainment that go along with it. Thanks for your dedication to arranging and putting on the party hats for all the members to have an Irish Good Time!

By the time you are reading this, we will have been to Atlantic City for another annual fest, thanks to yet another dedicated PC, Jack Fitzgerald. He always puts in every effort to make his excursions fun, entertaining and definitely Black Duck material. Thanks PC Jack.

Vice-Commodore Ken Peddicord





Well it's March and Spring is just around the corner. It is definitely time to start getting the Club in order for the boating season. The first Work Party is scheduled for Saturday, March 26th at 9 a.m. We will need a lot of participation, as there is much to accomplish. Remember, this is a great time to get those work hours completed. Please bring power washers, leaf rakes, etc. If you see anything around the Club that needs to be addressed, contact either P/C Bill or me, so it can be included on the work list.

Don't forget slip dues cut off is March 6th. All permanent slip holders should have received their renewal notices. If you have not, call Capt. Mike Higinbotham 410-836-1742 or email me at diceinsurance@aol.com ASAP. The slip cutoff date is strictly adhered to; therefore, all payments must be received by March 6th. Any *Regular Member* requiring a slip for the first time, must fill out a *slip request form*. Put it in the Slip Assignment box outside of the kitchen. Additionally if you need a dinghy slip, trailer slip or a slip assignment change, fill out a *slip request form*. To make sure Slip Assignment Day (March 27th @ 2 p.m.) runs smooth, take a few minutes to go over the Rules listed in the February & March Burgees. As a reminder, you must have proof of current Insurance information to give to our Fleet Registrar, P/C Tom Dice. This can be done in advance by mailing (to the Club) or fax your verification to 410-823-3990.

Don't forget the highlight of Slip Assignment Day, the "One Moor Chance" raffle. We can use the Members support in the form of donations for the door prizes: sports tickets, t-shirts, hats, company logo items, etc. Contact me, drop them off at the Club or bring a prize with you on Slip Assignment Day. Don't forget the last ticket drawn receives a cash prize. Anyone who has not attended this event is missing a great day. If you are a new Member this is a great time to meet the whole gang.

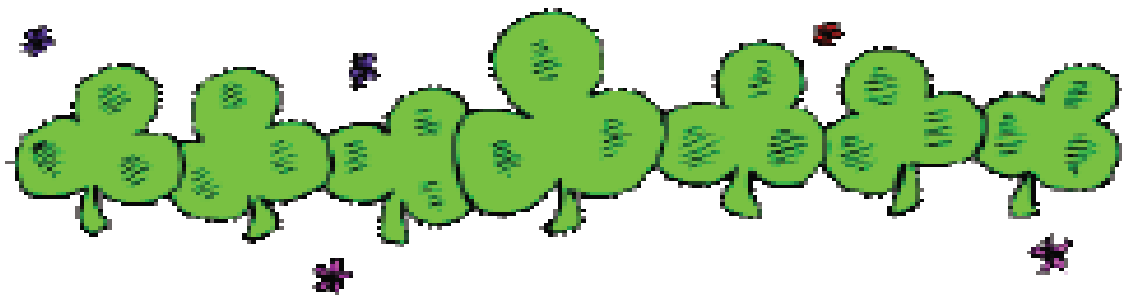
Check your Events Calendar for all the great activities taking place during the month of March. Tom and I will see you all around the Club.

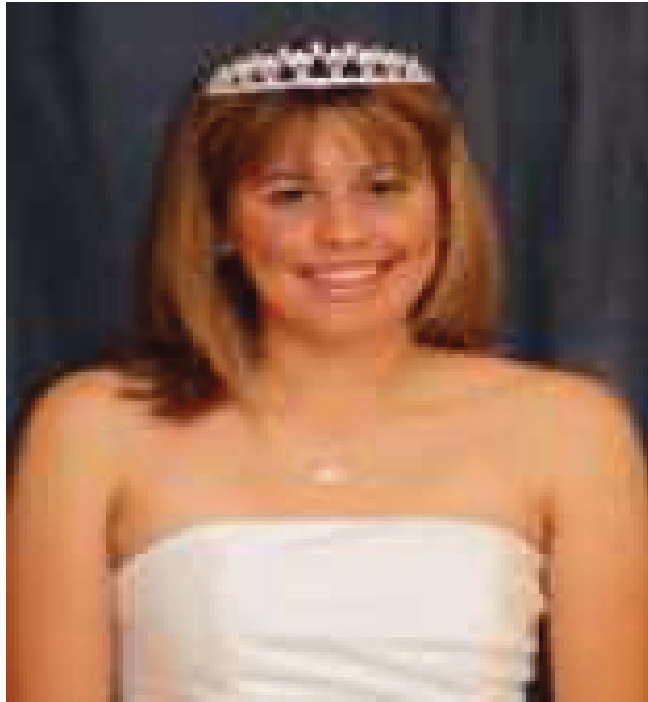
R/C Janis



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Looking Forward to Cruising Weather.

HAPPY
ST. PATRICK'S DAY





February has been a whirlwind of balls, P/C Dice and V/C Peddicord can really cut a rug. I had so much fun spending time with the other princesses and dancing the night away, and I always have fun with the other princesses. Now, I have opening season to look forward to and I can hardly wait.

March is here and that means slip assignment day, boating is just a few weeks away. I will be coming around at slip assignment with raffle tickets for a reserved parking space. This is a great chance to support the Beacons and win the parking space of your choice for the season.

April will be here before I know it and the openings will be starting. I am really excited to be representing BRYC at clubs around the Bay.

I am just waiting for a few more responses from colleges. It is really exciting, but then I will have to choose. This is going to be a very busy spring but a wonderful one.

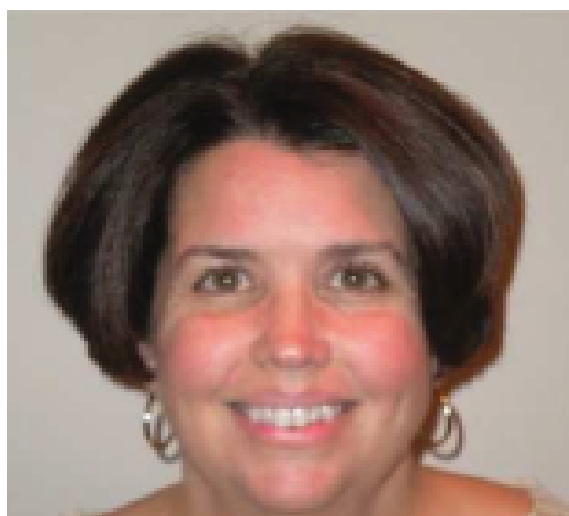
See you around the club. I will be the one in the tiara,

Princess Emily



March is here and that means Spring and Boating are almost here, I am so excited and I hope you are too! The Beacons have several events coming up in March that should make it a busy and exciting month.

While you are doing your Spring Cleaning, please consider donating your gowns, evening shoes, evening bags, accessories etc. CCC, in partnership with the Baltimore Yacht Club Ladies Auxiliary, is collecting for Cinderella's Closet.



Cinderella's Closet is an organization which provides young ladies with prom dresses, if they are not able to afford them, so they are able to enjoy their prom. If you have dresses or other items to donate please drop them off to the Beacon's room by March 3, 2011. Questions? Please let me or Karen Corum know.

The St. Patrick's Day Silent Auction is coming up on the 19th and we are looking for donations. If you have something you would like to donate, please let either myself or Cheri Whiting know. Items can be dropped off in the LAX room or brought to the event that evening. Remember all proceeds go to the good of the club and local community.

My favorite part of March is Slip Assignment as it's a great time to catch up with friends and start to plan for boating season. The Beacon's will be sponsoring lunch and raffling off a reserved parking spot so come hungry and bring your luck☺

Look for more information in the April Burgee about the Children's Easter Party it should be a hoppin' good time.

See you around the club,

Kim

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Slip Assignment Day is just around the corner. All current slip holders should be sure to get their check in my hands by the March 6th cut-off-date or your slip **WILL** be made available for reassignment. Just a reminder, a postmark does not constitute receipt. This deadline will be strictly enforced without exception.

Remember to fill out a slip assignment request form (and submit prior to Slip Assignment Day) if you are a new member needing a slip, received a temporary slip after last year's Slip Assignment Day, want to change slips, want to change or need a dinghy storage slot or a trailer/boat parking site, or if you need a 2nd slip. You can obtain a request form from the bulletin board (outside the kitchen) or electronically on the BRYC website. Put the completed form in the envelope provided on the bulletin board or you can e-mail me your request form to higgyslady@zoominternet.net.

Remember, your boat **MUST** fit in the slip you select. This includes bow pulpit, swim platform and allowances for free space between your boat and the pier. If you bought a larger boat that no longer fits in your current slip, had a temporary slip last year, or you were in a slip last year that was too small you **MUST** fill out a slip request form. When it is your time to pick a slip you **MUST** pick a slip of appropriate size. Also remember that according to Slip Assignment Rule 3, all fees for new slips, slip upgrades, dinghies, or trailers are payable on Slip Assignment Day, so be sure to bring your checkbook. If you cannot be present on Slip Assignment Day, you can appoint a proxy to act on your behalf. Make sure I receive a written copy of the proxy prior to Slip Assignment Day.

Even if you don't intend to change slips or are not a slip holder, come to Slip Assignment Day for a good time. It is a great kick-off to the season and should get you in the boating mood

One more reminder, make sure your insurance is up to date prior to Slip Assignment Day. If your insurance is not in compliance, you will not be allowed to occupy a slip or trailer site until your insurance is in compliance.

Remember, any slip holder that received any type of slip after Slip Assignment Day 2010 received a *temporary slip* and will not receive a bill. If you want to receive a permanent slip you **must fill out a slip request form** and be present on Slip Assignment Day to pick a permanent slip. If you are unable to be present on Slip Assignment Day, you can appoint a proxy to act on your behalf. Be sure to put this in writing and get it to me before Slip Assignment Day.

Remember to fill out a slip assignment request form if you are a new member receiving a temporary slip after last year's Slip Assignment Day, want to change slips, want a dinghy storage slot, or want a trailer parking site. You can obtain a request form from the bulletin board outside the kitchen and put the completed form in the envelope provided, OR you can email me and I will send you an electronic version. I will also try to have a form posted on the website. Remember, your boat **MUST** fit in the slip you select. This includes bow pulpit, swim platform and allowances for free space between your boat and the pier. Also remember that fees for a new slip, an upgrade to a bigger slip, dinghy rack, or trailer parking site are payable on Slip Assignment Day, so be sure to bring your checkbook.

The rules for slip assignment are included in this Burgee. The rules for dinghy rack assignment and trailer parking sites are the same as for slips and are not included in order to conserve space.

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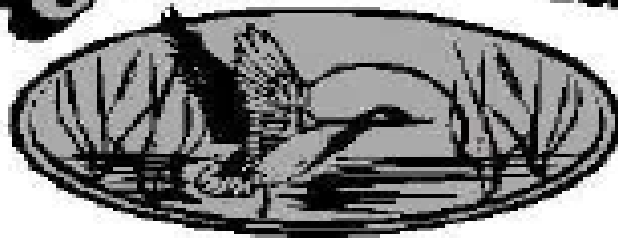
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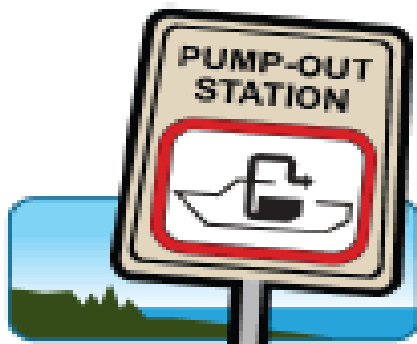
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Well, February was a lot of fun for this little duck. I got a bird's eye view of a lot of great events, but much of what I saw has prompted me to ask a few questions:

1. How many bar stools does it take PC Deb to watch the Superbowl? Every time we looked her butt was in one and Wade was trying to get her feet out of the other.
2. PC Deb seemed to have a very interesting time at the Superbowl. Why was she in the men's room with Rusty? Did he need help?
3. How many people did it take to get our Rear Commodore's rear off the floor on a certain Friday night? I heard her tell Tom she only had 2 little glasses of wine. It's a good thing she did not get to number 3.
4. As I traveled the tables on Bingo night all I heard at one table was ball jokes, and why does the Commodore keep wanting to discuss balls with Wade?
5. Also, I noticed both Bryan and Renee at the club at the same time. What happened guys? Did you lose track of the visitation schedule? Anyway, it's always good to see you both.
6. Don't Art & Don S. make a lovely couple? They spent the whole day together in Atlantic City and they didn't even separate to eat. Now what are the odds of that?

Watch where you step! This little black duck is EVERYWHERE.



The Little Black Duck

P.S. The Little Black Duck can certainly use all the help he can get, so if you have an item that would be of interest to the Little Black Duck, please email the editor at speedbirdfa@gmail.com.



MEMBERSHIP SPECIAL

"Cold Foot Night"

For Maryland Residents Only

Applications for Cold Foot Night will be accepted up to, and including, the 2nd General Membership Meeting in April. Annual dues must be submitted with application.

(Please consult the bulletin board for complete rules)

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Looking forward to seeing everyone on March 27th for a great time.

Capt. Mike Higinbotham

New Member Orientation

The New Member Orientation scheduled for March 26, 2011 has been postponed.

We will combine this date with the orientation scheduled for Saturday, July 16, 2011.

Respectfully Yours,

P/O Bob Fisher

P/O Russ Bunker

Capt. Eric Salant

Capt. Randy Dean

Membership Committee

SLIP ASSIGNMENT RULES

The following rules will be adhered to for Slip Assignments:

1. Invoices for slip rental will be mailed to all previous slip assignees prior to January 30th.
2. Receipt for slip rental will be returned if stamped, self-addressed envelope is enclosed with payment.
3. All slip fees must be paid prior to the slip cut-off date as posted in the club calendar.
Any additional fees (dinghy, trailer, extra electric, second slips) shall be paid on Slip Assignment Day. All new slip holders shall pay their fees on Slip Assignment Day. Failure to pay for any of your slip fees at this time will result in your slip(s) becoming available for reassignment immediately.
4. Current members wishing to upgrade their membership status to REGULAR so that they may acquire a slip must do so by the February 15th dues cut-off date. No membership upgrades will be permitted from February 15th through slip assignment day.
5. Failure of not receiving a bill for slip rental does not constitute grounds for voiding slip cut-off date.
6. All requests for slips shall be in writing, membership application does not constitute a request for a slip.
7. All slip rentals not renewed by the cut-off date will be available for reassignment.
8. All slips available for reassignment will be posted after slip cut-off date on fleet information board (in bar).
9. A member must be in good standing on slip cut-off date to retain slip.
10. The failure to receive a bill for membership dues does not relieve the member of the responsibility of maintaining his membership in good standing.
11. Slips will only be assigned on slip assignment day. Bids for a particular slip may be in writing or in person during the hours of 1400-1600 and assignment thereafter. After this assignment, future assignments will be on a temporary basis and only for the current boating season.
12. Requests for reassignment of a slip will be made in writing prior to slip assignment day, or in person on slip assignment day, no second party requests will be honored unless so requested in writing.
13. Slips will be assigned on slip assignment day in order of membership seniority. Seniority is defined by contiguous membership, and only Regular, Distinguished Life, Life, or Senior members accrue slip seniority. (See Constitution Article VII - Membership - Sec. 11) (This rule does not apply to any permanent slips assigned prior to April 3, 1992.)

SLIP ASSIGNMENT RULES (cont.d)

14. Slips, which become vacant as the result of a new assignment, will be reassigned on slip assignment day. (It is suggested that members desiring a change in slip assignment be present on slip assignment day to request reassignment should a desired slip become vacant.)

15. A request for a 2nd slip, in water or trailer slip must be in writing to the Slip Assignment Chairman prior to slip assignment day.

16. The decision to assign a slip to members requesting the same slip and with the same seniority will be decided by a disinterested 3rd party drawing the name from a hat.

17. Slip must be vacated within one week of sale of boat to a non-member. Slip assignee is responsible for the vacating of slip by new owner.

18. Once a slip has been assigned on slip assignment day, no one may claim slip for any reason.

19. Slip assignment chairman or Rear Commodore may temporarily assign vacant slips.

20. Voluntary exchange of slips between two members in good standing will be permitted on approval of the slip assignment chairman for one season only, then both slips will revert back to the original assignee.

21. A member, who is delinquent of dues, will vacate slip within twenty-four (24) hours.

22. No half-year slip rental will be accepted unless assignment is after July 30th.

23. Assignments of dinghy storage will be by seniority, with previous assignees maintaining their dinghy slip and in accordance to the Dinghy Rack Assignment Rules, which are consistent with the procedures followed for regular slip assignment. (A dinghy slip is not considered a second slip.)

24. Each slip holder shall provide Bush River Yacht Club annually, a Certificate of Insurance, showing bodily injury and property damage liability insurance in the amount of \$300,000 per occurrence. This Certificate is to be returned with each years slip fees and/or no later than slip assignment day. Those not providing a Certificate of Insurance at slip assignment day will be required to comply prior to using slip. Bush River Yacht Club shall be named as Holder of Certificate on the policy. Those not providing a Certificate of Insurance will not be allowed to occupy a slip or trailer site until such a certificate is provided.

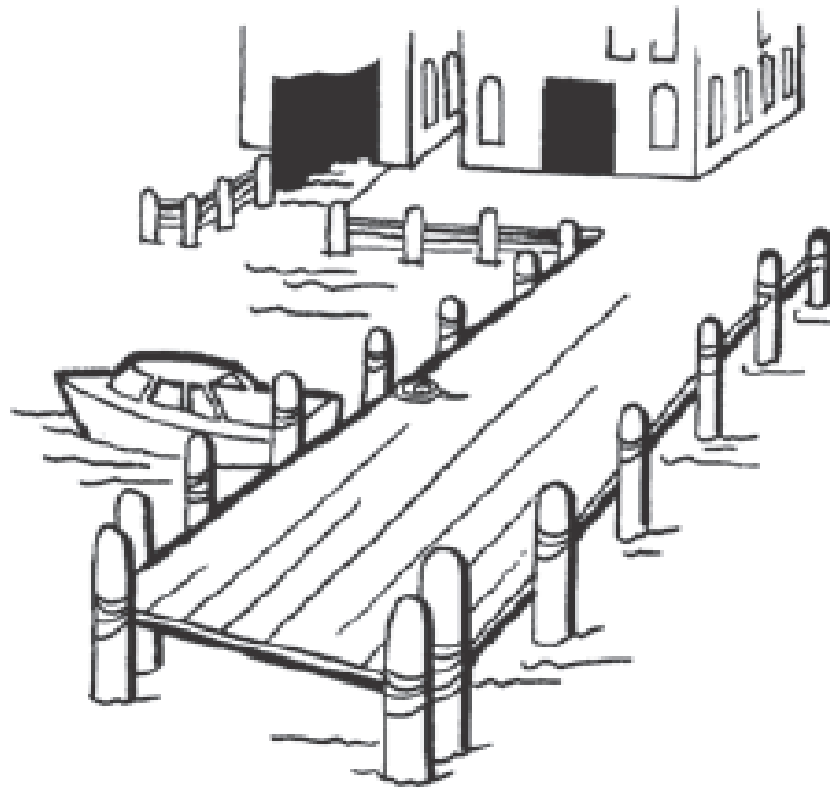
** It is the slip holder's responsibility to maintain current insurance. If insurance lapses, your boat will be towed at your expense. **

SLIP ASSIGNMENT RULES (cont'd)

25. No permanent slip assignment will be permitted after April 3, 1992 allowing a boat to occupy a slip where the boat, bow pulpit to stern end of the swim platform protrudes beyond the outer most piling of the slip.

A boat may be assigned to a slip against this rule only on a temporary basis and may only be done so after slip assignment. Any boat given this temporary assignment, to an incorrect size slip, must be moved within seven (7) days, when a correct size slip becomes available.

If a member purchases a boat, after slip assignment day that requires a larger slip than the member currently holds the member is required to notify, in writing, the Board of Governors, prior to the arrival of the new vessel. If a slip of the correct size is available, the owner will be required to put the new vessel in the temporary slip of the correct size on a temporary basis. If no slip of the correct size is available, the owner will be permitted to keep the boat in his slip of the incorrect size until a correct temporary slip becomes available, where upon the boat must be moved from the permanent slip of the incorrect size to the correct size temporary slip.



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BRYC Volunteer Bartender Calendar

<i>March 2011</i>						
						
M	T	W	T	F	S	
		1 Club Closed	2 P/C Andy Anderson	3 Club Staff	4 GMM	5
6 P/C Cocktail Party	7 Club Closed	8 Club Closed	9 Kim Cowie	10 Club Staff	11	12
13	14 Club Closed	15 Club Closed	16 Don Schlissler	17 Club Staff	18 GMM/LAX	19 St. Patrick's Party
20	21 Club Closed	22 Club Closed	23 Mike Kates	24 Club Staff	25	26 Club Cleanup Party
27 Slip Assignment	28 Club Closed	29 Club Closed	30 Peggy Burkholder	31 Club Staff		

<i>April 2011</i>						
						
M	T	W	T	F	S	
				1 GMM	2 Land Cruise	
3	4 Club Closed	5 Club Closed	6	7 Club Staff	8	9
10 BOG Cocktail Party	11 Club Closed	12 Club Closed	13	14 BOG	15 GMM/LAX	16 Spring Event
17	18 Club Closed	19 Club Closed	20	21 Club Staff	22	23 Children's Easter Party
24 Easter Club Closed	25 Club Closed	26 Club Closed	27	28 Club Staff	29	30 Club Cleanup Party

Calendar of Events - 2010

March - 2011

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Time</u>
03	Pool Tournament	1900
	BOG	1930
04	GMM	2030
06	P/C Cocktail Party	1400
	SLIP FEE CUT OFF	
10	Pool Tournament	1900
14	DUES CUT OFF	
18	GMM/LAX	2030
19	St. Patrick's Day Party	1800
	Pool Tournament Awards	
	LAX Silent Auction	
26	Club Clean Up Party	0900
	New Member Orientation	1300
27	Slip Assignment	1400
	One Moor Chance Raffle	
	LAX Lunch	
31	BOG	1930

April - 2011

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Time</u>
01	GMM	2030
02	Land Cruise	1000
10	Flag Officer & BOG Cocktail Party	
14	BOG	1930
15	GMM/LAX	2030
16	Spring Event (TBD)	1600
23	Children's Easter Party	1300
24	Easter - Club Closed	
30	Club Cleanup	

March 2011 Birthdays & Anniversaries

Happy Birthday!

Dean Wuerfl	Mar. 05	William Saddington	Mar. 20
Mary Grider	Mar. 06	Penny Grendell	Mar. 22
David Christman	Mar.06	Matthew Stewart	Mar. 22
Margaret Garrety	Mar. 07	Cathy Kleinota	Mar. 23
Susan Bowser	Mar. 10	W. Bruce Carminati	Mar. 24
Earl Templeton	Mar. 10	Carol Burdette	Mar. 25
Matt Harman	Mar. 10	Karen LaRicci	Mar. 26
Peggy Adams	Mar. 12	Brian Ogle	Mar. 26
Patty Dohn	Mar. 17	Cindy Wallace	Mar. 26
Ernest Sadera	Mar. 17	Carol Silverberg	Mar. 27
William Hengemilhe	Mar. 19	Daniel Powell	Mar. 28
		Ned Gilley	Mar. 31

Happy Anniversary!

Richard & Denise Thomas	Mar. 04
Dave & Patti Pearce	Mar. 07
James & Kathy Turek	Mar. 09
Brian & Lisa Edwards	Mar. 11
W. Bruce & Diane Carminati	Mar. 12
David & Cookie Christman	Mar. 13
Charles & Illona Lucas	Mar. 16
William & Sharon Walters	Mar. 16
Wade & Monica Graham	Mar. 17
Gary & Jeannette Parr	Mar. 18
Todd & Andrea Ess	Mar. 22



**Luck o' the Irish To Ye
from the officers of
Bush River Yacht Club**