

YANKEE POINT NEWS!

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Hello from Yankee Point!

Has anyone noticed that we don't seem to get but one good day on a weekend lately? It sure seems that way. Well, that's April I guess. May is on the way and with it comes the best sailing time. This will, I predict, be the year when a much higher percentage of boats will leave the docks on the weekends. Why not use your investment here in Virginia rather than drive for hundreds of miles to some other destination! Rediscover the Rappahannock and Corrotoman Rivers. It doesn't get any better than this.

I have noticed that the power boats that have been coming in to the marina lately are operating in a much more courteous manner than in previous years. I would like to think that it is because everyone has become more aware of the action of their wakes but I suspect it may have more to do with the price of fuel. By the way, we had to purchase fuel last week and our pumps are now set at \$4.02 for mid grade gas and \$4.04 for diesel! I have heard that in Annapolis it is closing in on \$4.50. Good grief. Please don't blame us, we only change the fuel price when we purchase fuel and we prorate what is in the tanks at the time at the old purchase price plus \$0.55 with the amount added at the new purchase price plus \$0.55. The result is the price at the pumps. Trust me; we don't make any significant profit on this. We basically cover our environmental and equipment maintenance costs. We do this as a service to our customers. We do not serve, nor do we intend to serve (if we can help it), any ethanol or bio-diesel fuel. There is something that is just wrong about the government subsidizing production of a fuel that is less energy efficient than regular fuel and the result is that our food costs are increasing, our taxes are funding that increase, and the fuel can actually harm older engines and fuel tanks!

Free Vessel Examinations have been scheduled: We will be hosting both the Coast Guard Auxiliary and the Power Squadron for free safety examinations on May 10, 17 and 24. Please plan to use these exams to bring your boat up to the minimum safety standards to ensure that you are ready for the season. The Virginia Marine Police seem to be taking a much more active role (at least they seem to be out there more lately than ever before and several boats have been boarded). Make sure that your waste systems are properly installed and maintained and that any overboard discharge is either locked out or at a minimum wired closed. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask for advice. The fines are pretty steep for non-compliance.

Bottom Paint Special: For all of you who signed up for the bottom painting special, the free L.L. Bean polo shirts with the YP logo and YP hats are in! Be sure to pick up your Yankee Point Sailboat Marina outfit when you pick up your boat!

As we splash boats this season, we are noting quite a few instances of worn dock lines and running rigging: Please check out your lines. A broken dock line can harm your boat and those around you (damage that will be attributed to your boat's actions are your responsibility). A broken halyard usually happens just as you are heading out on a fun trip for the weekend, and they can't be fixed on the weekend, at least not by us! Of course you are welcome to climb your mast anytime. Important Note: If we see dock lines that appear to be an imminent danger to your boat or the surrounding boats and docks, we will replace the dock lines with new lines and charge you for them and for the time to replace them.

Reminder- A new insurance requirement has been laid upon us: We now have to have Yankee Point Sailboat Marina listed as an "additional insured" on your boat insurance policy. If you haven't done so, please do this. Your insurance agent may balk but tell him or her to speak with their home office. This has apparently become standard practice for boats in marinas because of one boat causing damage to either an adjacent boat or the marina itself. Thank you for your understanding. We live in a different world than the one we grew up in.

The YP swimming pool will be opened by May 15, 2008 or as soon as the trees stop dumping their seed pods! If you have not renewed your membership or signed up for membership for 2008, please contact Karen in the office. The rates are the same as last year. \$250 per family (includes grand parents, children, grand children and great grand children)! Single memberships are \$75. Daily use is \$5.00 per day.

The 9th Annual Lobster Roast will be held on July 19, this year. Please put it on your calendar. We will again restrict the tickets to 200 people. Karen has booked a new band this year but the rest of the program remains the same as years passed.

The 13th Annual Turkey Shoot Hospice Regatta will be held on October 10-12 this year. Another date to put on your calendar!

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Important Dates for the next three months:

May 3	Spring Regatta	Jul 11-13	Leukemia Cup Race
May 4	Fun Race	Jul 19	<u>YP Lobster Roast</u>
May 7	Spring Series Race #2		
May 14	Spring Series Race #3		
May 21	Spring Series #4		
May 28	Spring Series # 5		
Jun 4	Spring Series #6		
Jun 11	Spring Series #7		
Jun 14	Single Handed Race		
Jun 18	Spring Series #8		
Jun 21	All Women's Race		
Jun 25	Spring Series # 9		

Kiwanis Boat Auction and Marine Flea-Market: will be held at Yankee Point Sailboat Marina again this year on Saturday, May 10th. The Kiwanis Club is expecting to have 50 boats this year available for auction and more flea-market vendors appear here every year. By the way if you have a boat that you can't sell and just want it to go away, consider donating it to the Kiwanis Club. Call Karen for details.

The flea market opens at 8:00 AM or whenever the vendors arrive and the auction starts at 10:00 AM. If you want to set up a table and sell off your accumulated boating gear that is filling your garage or boat house or basement or boat, be sure to check in with the Kiwanis tent and register. The fee is \$10 which goes to the Kid's Foundation that supports kids in Northern Neck. Come on out, it's a great time for all and the Key Club will be providing doughnuts and coffee in the morning and hot dogs and sodas in the afternoon.

The local Garmin Sales Rep has agreed to join us and set up a full booth so you can see their many products. Trust me. You will not be able to better their prices on marine hardware **anywhere** else on this day. My promise. You bring me the best valid written price for a brand new (not reconditioned or re-manufactured) you can find and we will find a way to meet or beat it if it is in the Garmin line.

FOR SALE: 2005 AVON 8' RIB Dinghy with custom blue Sunbrella and a 2005 8 HP Nissan 4 Stroke O/B (10 hours). All in superb condition. \$3,000 or best offer. Contact Ken Knull at the office.

Thanks to all of the folks who are changing over the newsletter from snail mail to email. Now that postage is up again, if it is at all possible, please switch over to getting it Online - just Email me at ken@yankeepointmarina.com. Thanks for your cooperation.

Fair Winds,

Ken and Karen

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