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Deltaville Maritime Museum To Rebuild

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Free Sailing Seminar



Deltaville Maritime Museum To Rebuild

Needs Your Help

By Robert LeBoeuf, DMM & HPNP President

The fire of July 18, 2012 at the Deltaville Maritime Museum was physically and emotionally devastating. Hundreds of thousands of dollars of material and volunteer labor went up in smoke and briefly, people wondered if we could do it all again.

It took no time at all for us to realize that inside this tragedy was an opportunity: an opportunity to rebuild our wonderful little museum and the outdoor pavilion bigger and better than ever. The board and our other tireless volunteers immediately set to work retrieving artifacts, dealing with the insurance company, clearing away the debris and most importantly, designing the new facilities.

The DMM Board approved final plans for a new museum reminiscent of the Stingray Point Hotel (known by some as the Red Barn) and a larger pavilion and Bistro - with a portion of the pavilion structure designed for year-round use.







The structures are designed to be built in stages, and we will build only to the extent that money in hand permits. Thanks to good insurance coverage and incredibly generous contributions of time and money from the community, we are confident that we will be able to rebuild to a usable level of completeness without having to borrow a cent. Construction will begin in early January 2013 with all volunteer labor.

As 2012 ends, you may be pondering your final donations. Please consider Deltaville Maritime Museum Rebuilding Fund. Every cent donated will go directly into the new buildings, exhibits and infrastructure. We will work hard to make you proud of the results.

Send Donations to:

Deltaville Maritime Museum Rebuilding Fund, P.O. 466, Deltaville, VA 23043





✓ Save the Date

January 1

DYC Boatel Closed thru March 31

February 2

DYC 'Home from The Sea' Wine & Cheese Party 7 to 9 PM register

February 10

Deadline for DYC 2013 Golden Helm Photo Contest

February 24

Announce Winners of 2013 Golden Helm Photo Contest

March 2

DYC Service Seminar 1 to 4 PM register

April 1

DYC Boatel Opens

April 6

DYC 'Sail On' Sailing Seminar 10 AM to 3 PM register

May 4 & 5

Deltaville Dealer Days Boatshow w/ CYS Open House 9 AM to 4 PM

May 25

DYC Boaters' Party 6:30 to 10 PM register



Visit Us at www.DeltavilleMuseum.com

Don't Miss!
"Friday's at 5"
Socials

APRIL

Saturday,6th, 2 pm, Easter Egg Hunt

Friday, 26TH, 5-9pm. Members "Shrimp & Bar-B-Q" Gala and Dance, Site cooked ribs, steamed shrimp and barbeque, On the Bandstand:Charles Arthur and the Belluvue Rythmaires 27TH – Sat. "Working Watermen's Weekend" lOam4pm – The Official Season Opening of the Museum. Creek rides, classic workboat exhibits, Billz Bistro open at 8am, Farmers' Market,9am-1pm

First Groovin' in the Park,6-8pm:Ray Pittman & the Revivial

MAY

25 th - Saturday Farmers' Market! 9am-lpm, and Billz Bistro open at , 8am

Groovin' in. the Park, 6-8pm: Gayle McGehee and the Nocturns, Can you cha-cha, can you boogie!.



JUNE

22nd - Saturday Farmers' Market 9am-lpm, Billz Bistro opens at 8 for breakfast! Groovin' in the Park. 6-8pm, TBA. They'll be great!



Family Boatbuilding Week, finishing touches

JULY

14-20th - Monday - Saturday Family Boatbuilding Week 20 - Saturday Family Boatbuilding Fish Fry & Boat Races and trophy presentation,

27 - Saturday Farmers' Market, 9am-1pm, Billz Bistro Opens at 8 for breakfast! Yumsters! Groovin' in the Park, 6-8pm: You know it'll be GREAT!.

AUGUST

24th - Saturday Farmers' Market 9am-lpm, Billz Bistro opens at 8am for breakfast Groovin' in the Park, 6-8pm: 31st::Labor Day SaturdayBonus Groovin in the Park, 6-8pm with the Josh Walker Trio and a very special

SEPTEMBER

7th – Saturday: Annual Museum Membership Meeting, 4-5pm

7th-Reception & "Member's Oyster Roast and Dance", 5-9pm. On the stage: Don't worry, you'll love 'em. 28th –First Autumn Farmers' Market, 9am-lpm. Billz Bistro Open for breakfast at 8am Groovin' in the Park 6-8pm.It'll be hard to beat last years, but, guess what, we'll give it a try.

OCTOBER

11th-Friday, 5-8pm,Artists Wine & cheese preview 12th- Saturday: 10 AM-4 PM. Holly Point Art & Seafood Festival, Artists, Car Show, Pierwalk displays,seafood at Billz Bistro, food court, free creek cruises & Pirates Abound. "Best Little Festival on the Peninsula"



Join the newly formed John Smith's "Explorer Society". Learn 1600's boating techniques.

26th -Second Autumn Farmers' Market, 9 am-lpm Billz Bistro open for breakfast at 8am. Hungry?? 31st –Thursday, Scary Halloween at Holly Point Park. Date may change, check the paper and website

NOVEMBER

1-23 - Friday-Saturday- 56th Annual Urbanna Oyster
Festival, Museum boats at Upton Point
23rd -Thanksgiving Saturday Holiday Farmers'

Market,9am-lpm, Billz Bistro open. with special menu and "to go" lunches

"Pierwalk Promenade", free creek cruises, exhibits, hayrides, Fun for the family. 10am--2pm.

DYC Cruisers At Sea

Updates from DYC Cruisers

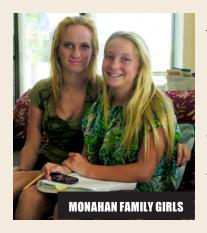
- * Brinkerhoff's "Bodacious" Krogen 39: Port of Spain, Trinidad to launch 'Bodacious' for a season of cruising in Eastern Caribbean. North to Grenada for a month, with island tours of chocolate factories and rum distilleries. Tutored kids with reading issues and took watercolor and cooking classes. Onward to Grenadines, Tobago Cays, Beguia, St Lucia and Martingue. Scuba diving, snorkeling and hiking. Humpback whales showing off for prospective mates! Arrived in Falmouth Harbor, Antigua in time for Classic Yacht Races. Beautiful old sailing yachts with multiple masts is a wonderful sight. We volunteered at the evening parties as food servers and bartenders. More fun than work. Headed north to Barbuda and then returned to Trinidad for hard work prepping 'Bodacious' for 6 months of storage on the hard.
- * Hoiry's "Ile'na" Santorin 46: From DYC (completed) passage to West Africa during the summer. Spent winter in Canarias Islands, Senegal and Gambia. Crossed Atlantic to Martinique and then Panama Canal. Navigated along the West coast of South America to Callao, the harbor of Lima, before sailing to Patagonia. After a long track of 2100 NM, on the wind, we reached Valdivia in Chile. From there we sailed among the Patagonia channels to Puerto Williams. With two crew members it has been a great joy aboard 'lle'na'





as we went on to the Graham Land, Antarctic Peninsula for a wonderful voyage. Thank you to Lew & the 'crew' at Deltaville Yachting Center for your attention and the good work. We want to say that we don't forget your contribution to our success.

- * Lazarus' "Maia" Grand Banks 42: In route of adventures doing the Great Loop 2012-13. Check out their blog www.maiasgreatloop.blogspot.com
- * Drummond 'Royal Serf' Catalina 42: Waiting in Florida for January crossing to Bahamas.
- * Monahan Family 'Promises Kept' Catalina 42: Home schooling family of two beautiful teenage daughters left DYC for Chesapeake Bay and Washington D.C. explorations. Home schooling onboard, Tesse (11 yrs) and Tara (14 yrs) had mixed feelings. Tesse says "It is a fun thing for us to do. A lot of our friends haven't gotten out of California." She hopes to learn to scuba dive and see beautiful places while cruising. Both girls have some 'nerves' about sharks and crashing into rocks. "I guess my Dad and Mom know what they are doing", Tesse commented. Eli the family dog was learning to get past the fear of jumping from the boat to the dock. From the mega US Navy facility in Norfolk, Va "Promises Kept" headed south on the ICW with 5 other boats they met along the way. 28 miles of the beautiful, skinny 'deliverance type' waterways offered their first experience with locks that rose and fell 8 to 9 ft while tied to a wall. They had bustling city one moment and secluded



jungle swampy river with floating logs and bears the next. Darling quaint towns like Oriental, Elizabeth City, huge cities like Charleston and quite a few small historic towns made for perfect waterfront jogs. 4'high marshlands that make it look like you are boating through fields. Birds were amazingly abundant. First sight of 'Mr. Alligator' in Georgia waters. The family completed a 1014 mile cruise and is waiting in Palm Beach, Florida for a good weather window to jump over to the Bahamas.

DYC Service Department Update

DYC marine technicians continue to stay busy with interesting upgrades, maintenance and factory warranty work. Storm haul outs in preparation for Hurricane Sandy along with winterization work have made the Fall season move quickly into Winter. Interior restoration of a Sabre 40 has included new engine installation, along with new A/C installation. In January, Lew Grimm, DYC owner & Service Manager will complete the latest Cummins electronic engine/Smartcraft technician certification. Winter projects for the DYC Service Department will include a Mainship 30 hull paint refurb, a Catalina 30 engine and furling system install, a Catalina 32 A/C installation and a Grand Banks 42 bow thruster installation. Call DYC: 804-776-9898 or Email: Imartin@dycboat.

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Catalina 315 Named 2013 Best Inshore Cruiser

By Catalina Yachts

Friday, December 9, 2012

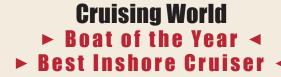
Cruising World magazine announced today the winners of the 20th Annual Boat of the Year Awards. Decisions on the winners were based on extensive dockside inspections and sea trials of the boats.

The Catalina 315 won the Award for Best Inshore Cruiser, proving a point that the New 5 Series is a great success. The 315 joins two other models in the 5 Series that have win similar awards. 2011 saw the Catalina 355 win "Best Midsize Cruiser" and :Domestic Boat of the Year". 2010, the Catalina 445 won "Best Full Size Cruiser".

Congratulations to all at Catalina that made this award possible, and thank you to the Catalina dealer for your continued support of the New Catalina 5 Series.



BOAT #YEAR









What electronics does the Catalina factory install on new Catalinas?

CLICK HERE

Click here to watch 2012 Catalina Electronics Video



Fishing With B.T.



The boating and fishing season is winding down as I write this in the middle of December. We certainly have been blessed with warmer than normal temps this fall. The Striped Bass fishermen have had a good year with beautiful specimens caught in the bay and in the Rapp. The Spot bite this fall was fair with lots of #2 size but not many of the big yellow bellied #1's. Hopefully next year those rascals will get a lot bigger. Spadefish were plentiful but I didn't see a single citation registered this year. Still we had plenty fun with the 6 and 7 pounders. Croaker

fishing was good early and then it developed into a shallow water early morning - late evening bite as the summer temps rose. The Speckled Trout and Puppy Drum fishing was on fire this year and should go down as one of the best in years. Our Flounder were a little off and you had to be lucky to time it just right to even get a few for dinner this year. This is a recap of some of the more popular species we try for in our area and I hope everyone had some success this year. I'm sure everybody got to enjoy their time with family and friends on board their boats this season. I know I did and am already looking forward to another great year at DYC. Those of us who just can't give up the fishing addiction there is plenty of opportunity during the winter months if you have access to a small skiff. Catfish, crappie and yellow perch are available on the upper reaches of the Rapp, Pamunkey, Mattaponni and James Rivers. Pick a nice day and give them a try. The Dept. of Game and Inland Fisheries usually stock some of the impoundments in the Richmond area with Rainbow and Brown Trout in the colder months. Check out their web site for more information on this fishery. I've done it and it is not only fun but you get some tasty fresh fish also. Hope everybody has a Merry Christmas and a Happy prosperous New Year.

NERVOUS WRECK

B.T.



More Fishing Info Click Here



Annual DYC Service Seminar Saturday, March 2, 1 to 4 p.m.

Join other boaters who benefit from the Free Deltaville Yachting Center Annual Marine Service Seminar. Topics for the 2013 Service Seminar will be "Why, When & How of Painting Boats & Bottoms" by George Dunigan, Interlux/Awlgrip, "Choosing the Appropriate Steering For Your Boat" by Uflex USA and "Detailing for the Non-Professional" by Scott Sagman, 3M.



Onna will make her 'now famous' chili, corn muffins and brownies. Captains' bags full of marine service freebies for each boater attending. Drawings for Doorprizes throughout the day. Bring your boating friends. Seating is limited so REGISTER NOW onna@dycboat.com or 804-776-9898.

Home From The Sea Wine & Cheese Party

Saturday, February 2, 7 to 9 p.m.

Kick 'Cabin Fever' & come to DYC on (February 2nd). Join us for a relaxing evening of 'sea tales'. The semiannual 'Home From the Sea' Wine and Cheese Party is a way to learn from other boaters experiences 'at sea'. Our sailing speakers for the 2013 event will be Barry and Margaret Kennedy owners of Catalina 350 "Irish Magic", who will share some of their day sail advice and boat delivery details when taking their daughter's Beneteau from Virginia to South Carolina. For the first time since owning DYC & CYS, Lew and Onna Grimm will be speakers for 'Home From the Sea'. They will share stories about the use of the different boats they have owned and enjoyed on the Chesapeake Bay, Logan Martin Lake, Alabama and Lake Superior. Lew and Onna will also share information about charter experiences in the BVI's, Florida and Bahamas. Following each speaker there will be time for questions and discussion.

'Home From The Sea' is a good time to bring your friends and introduce them to a bit of boating. Virginia wines and international cheeses will be served, along with Chocolate Raspberry Truffles for dessert. This event is FREE but our seating is limited, so invite some friends and register now if you plan to attend. Contact onna@dycboat.com or call 804-776-9898 to tell us how many will be in your group.



DYC Boaters' Party Saturday, May 25, 6:30 to 10 p.m.

Bring a dish of something to add to the dinner buffet and wear your dancing shoes! DYC has hired The Delvers to play again this year. Anyone who attended last year can tell you how great the music was. DYC will provide sodas/water/ etc. (You are welcome to bring your own additional libation:) The pool will be open for anyone brave enough to swim (bring your kids & grandkids!) We look forward to having you join us for this wonderful annual event which kicks off the boating season at DYC. Contact onna@dycboat.com or 804-776-9898 and let us know how many will be your group.



Hurricane Sandy Video October 2012



(Click here to watch Boat U.S. video of storm's effect)

Sign Up Now for 2013 DYC Annual Storm Haul Out List!

In October Deltaville Yachting Center implemented our Storm Policy and hauled boats into boatyard for (3) days prior to Hurricane Sandy's arrival.

Fortunately, the Deltaville area did not receive the brut force of Hurricane Sandy. As you can see by news reports and the video pictured to the left (produced by Boat U.S.), named storms deserve attention. Our thoughts, donations and prayers go out to boaters, home owners and marina managers in New Jersey and New York.

Contact DYC Service Dept. Imartin@dycboat.com each year ANY TIME AFTER January 1 to get on the DYC Annual Storm Haul Out List.



DYC 'Sail On' Sailing Seminar

April 6 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. DYC Ship's Store

Seating Is Limited
Must Register to attend/How
many in your group:

Call 804-776-9898 or email onna@dycboat.com

Topics:

10 AM

'Ten Things Everyone Should Know About Sails' by Jerry Lattell, Ullman, Sails Virginia

11 AM

'Masts, Furling, Blocks & Rigging' by Scott Williman, Selden Mast Inc.

Noon Lunch provided by Chesapeake Yacht Sales

1 PM

'No Stress Docking' by Bill Simpson, ASA Certified Stingray Point Sailing School @ DYC



Sailing Semi

For many boaters, both sail and power, docking and undocking the boat can be a daunting task with stressful moments and downright relief when completed. If you add in some moderate crosswinds or currents, some boaters have been known to give in to their feelings of dread and decide to stay in their slip instead of enjoying a great day on the water.

The free class (1 PM) on April 6, will give you some basic knowledge and theory about maneuvering your vessel which, if applied might mitigate some of that docking stress.

We plan to cover some of the following basics:

- Forces on the vessel during docking/undocking operations
- Controlling these forces from the helm
- Engine and rudder control
- Use of spring lines in docking and undocking
- Crew member duties while docking and undocking
- Safety considerations while docking and undocking

Smith Point Sea Rescue Thanks DYC

From Vincent Haynie, President, Smith Point Sea Rescue

The economy has brought challenges to SPSR financially. However, we have been able to provide services to boaters in distress whenever called. All of our missions in 2012 were conducted without mishap, or injury. The many hours of preparation and practice paid off with the successful rescue efforts of our volunteers.

The Fishing Derby, now approaching it's 30th year, has been a major fund raising effort for SPSR. Although fishing tournaments have become very numerous on the Chesapeake Bay, the Derby has continued to provide the residents of the Northern Neck with a fun filled weekend of fishing and great entertainment. We wanted to let you know that the efforts of Deltaville Yachting Center have helped us immensely. We only hope that you feel the you are a part of the many rescues of disabled boaters who were brought safely back to port. Thank you!

Send Donations to:

Smith Point Sea Rescue P.O. Box 662 Burgess, Va 22432

Superstorm Sandy- Before & After



Info from Australian Broadcasting Corp.



Stingray Point ASA Sailing School

Onsite at DYC



Click here for Stingray Point Sailing School News/Classes

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 - Boating tips
 - Boating education
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 - Boat show information
 - Storm prep & storm updates
 - Service reminders

If you already 'Like' Deltaville Yachting Centers Facebook page, you can still have a chance to win a \$50 DYC Gift Certificate.

Just post on our wall - your best boat tip, boat picture, favorite recipe, ect.



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Look for email to be sent in January

about DYC's Golden

Helm Photo contest!

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Thanksgiving For Zoar Baptist

By O. Grimm

In Deltaville, we have much to be thankful for. The beautiful waters of the Chesapeake Bay, Rappahannock and Piankatank Rivers, Broad Creek, Jackson Creek and all the other waterways sparkle with Fall sunlight, reflecting the trees bright leaves all around us. Boaters, cottage owners and local residents respond with helpful kindness to community needs. When you go into Hurds' Hardware, the faces who greet you...really know you! The DCA (Deltaville Community Association) in the center of our town is an example of how we work together.



Many Deltaville homes were destroyed in April 2011 by a terrible tornado. We are thankful that most of these homes were rebuilt and finally have been reoccupied by loving owners who will be able to enjoy Christmas 2012 under their own roofs. The DCA building, pool and tennis courts along with our precious church, Zoar Baptist, suffered destruction.

The spirit of both the DCA and Zoar Baptist Church demonstrate what is possible when people who are thankful for where they live, work together to rebuild what was lost.

Many of you have helped to make Deltaville what it is today. For that many people are thankful.

I wanted you to see the picture of progress as of 11/25/12 at Zoar Baptist Church. We have worshipped on the beach, at the Lower Middlesex Rescue Squad, at Phillippi Church and currently in our repaired fellowship hall. The picture you are looking at will be the Zoar Baptist Church sanctuary and we hope to be using it for worship in August 2013.

After almost two years with donations and utilization of insurance funds to rebuild the church, renderings have been drawn and plans have been made, but we still have a shortfall of \$500,000 to complete this project.

Any donation to help rebuild Zoar Baptist Church is greatly needed and appreciated.

Thank You for your help so far, you are a blessing to our town and church!

If you would like to make further (tax deductible) donations, they are needed:

Zoar Baptist Church, Rebuilding Fund, PO Box 1010, 17097 General Puller Hwy., Deltaville, Va 23043 Be thankful for the blessings around you.



Deltaville Named Boating Capital of The Chesapeake

In 2012, Middlesex County Board of Supervisors through Virginia State Proclamation named Deltaville, Virginia "Boating Capital of The Chesapeake." This proclamation resulted from the \$50 Million economic impact which the marine industry has on Middlesex County each year.

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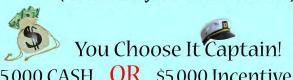


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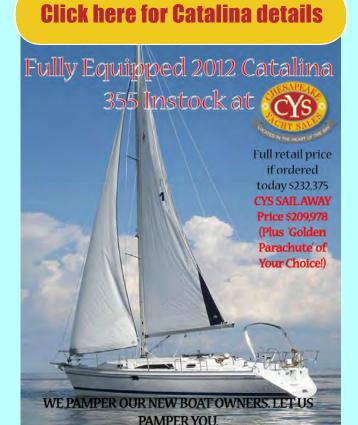
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Tips For Storing Fishing Equipment

From Take Me Fishing Blog

Unless you're fortunate to live in an area that offers year-'round fishing, many of us are faced with the prospect of storing our gear until next season. The other day I told my kids that if they take care

of their gear then their gear will take care of them. I know I didn't come up with that line myself. I probably heard it from my dad or some of the men who taught me about fishing. While there is a never ending amount of repairs and replacing, here is a list of some important activities that should not be missed.

- 1. For rods, check the guides and wraps If a guide has a scratch, nick, or groove, replace it. If the guide wraps are loose or exposed, rewind with a few wraps of winding thread and some rod spar varnish.
- 2. Take your reels apart to clean, grease and oil. Also, clean and oil the reel handles and reel seat hardware. Lubricate all moving parts so they don't freeze up with corrosion.



- 3. Examine the hooks on your lures and replace them or sharpen.
- 4. Examine monofilament and braided lines for wear and replace where necessary.
- 5. As you reorganize your tackle box, be sure to replace all hot lures, necessary tools (like pliers or hook hones) and terminal tackle.
- 6. If you decide to remove the fly line completely from a reel, wait until you're closer to the next season to re-spool. Fly line has memory, and kinky fly line is harder to cast. Most fly lines can be cleaned with dish detergent.
- 7. Store your rods using rod sleeves to keep tips and butts from getting mismatched.
- 8. Store your rods vertically to keep the blanks straight and avoid a bend.
- 9. Keep rods at room temperature. Storing them in a hot place can weaken them.
- 10. Check your waders for leaks. Most leaks are easy to find, but pinhole leaks are challenging at best. One way to find a pinhole leak is to go into a dark place, turn on a flashlight, and put the flashlight inside your waders. Light will pop out of the pinhole. Circle the hole with a pen and patch with any waterproof adhesives Let dry, and hang waders in a cool, dry place.

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A Working Bilge Pump Saves The Day

From USPS Compass News

Your bilge pump might be the most overlooked device on a boat—that is, until you need it. With proper planning and routine maintenance, your bilge pump will work when needed, and you won't be forced to man the bailing buckets to stay afloat.

Make sure your pump has enough capacity for the job. What size pump do you need? In my view, to move water out of the boat, you need at least a 2,000-gallon-per-hour pump; bigger boats and those going offshore should have more.

While that sounds like a lot, consider that a 1-inch hole (say, a broken-through hull) one foot below the waterline will flood at 12 gallons per minute—that's 720 gallons per hour. Once installed, however, a 1,000-gph pump may lose 15 to 30 percent capacity depending on hose type, head and filters. Assuming a 25 percent loss, a 1,000-gph pump will only evacuate 750 gallons per hour at best. That leaves a small 30-gph margin of error.



Pumps themselves seldom fail, but putting an electric device in saltwater invites electrical issues. Check those connections as part of your routine maintenance and test the float-switch at the same time. I believe every pump should also have a manual switch just in case it's needed.

While it costs a little extra, consider carrying a spare pump so you can replace a failed pump on the fly. If you store it with a battery clip pigtail and some hose, it can serve as an additional pump for yourself or others. Mine came in handy late one night when my dock neighbor's boat was in danger of sinking because they had inadequate pumps. –Scott Morris

Virginia Boating Safety Education Course

The Stingray Pt. Sailing School in Coordination with the Deltaville Yachting Center will present the Virginia Boating Safety Course on Saturday, March 30, 2013. The class will be from 8:00 AM to 4 PM and there is no charge for this course.

On July 1, 2013, all recreational boaters who operate any vessel with a motor of 10 HP or greater and who are 40 years old or younger must meet this Virginia requirement. All Personal Water Craft (Jet Ski type vessel) operators are currently required to have completed this course.

If you are interested in attending this course, please apply on line at:

http://www.register-ed.com/programs/73/page:6 and click on the March 30th class given by Stingray Point Sailing School. Scroll to the bottom of the page and click on Register Now. All information such as directions, times and etc are on the web page. If you need further information, call Bill Simpson at 804-909-2655.