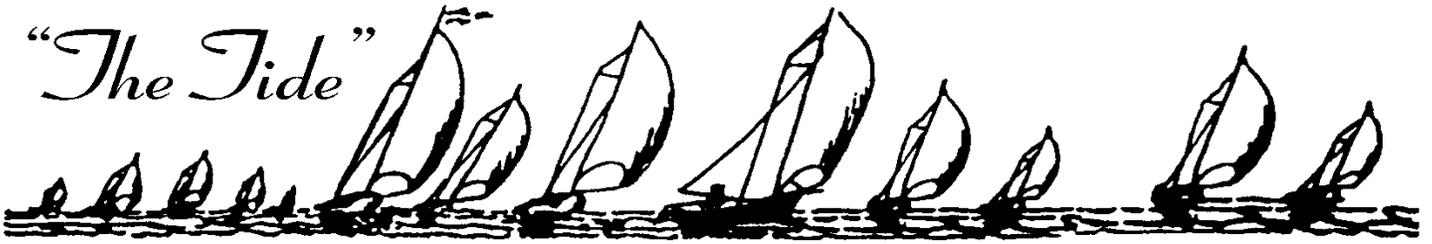


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TRED AVON YACHT CLUB



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At the Next Mark FEBRUARY

- Sun. 14 Valentine's Day Brunch - 1200 Bar 1230 Brunch
 - Sat. 20 Italian Family Style Dinner \$15 - 1800
 - Fri. 26 Cabin Fever Friday - 1730
- (More event details on TAYC Happenings Page)

MARCH

- Sat. 5 Wine Pairing w/ Small Plates - 1730
- Fri. 11 Trivia Ales and Tales - 1730
- Thu. 17 St. Patrick's Dinner - 1800
- Fri. 25 Ales and Tales - Burn Your Socks - 1/30
- Sat. 26 Clean Up Fix Up - 0900 (Rain Date April 2nd)
- Sun. 27 Easter Brunch
 - 1st Seating - 1100-1230
 - 2nd Seating - 1330
 - Little Tots Activities - 1245
 - Egg Hunt - 1300



Commodore's Message

Hello, Members!

Happy 2016! Despite the impending snow storm as I write this, we have enjoyed an unseasonably mild start to winter. I thought it was particularly impressive that a couple of members came to the Commodore's Ball by boat. The band "Three Penny Opera" played to a sell-out crowd. We had a wonderful cocktail hour upstairs before the main event and Colin had an imaginative offering of appetizers. Barbie Calvert and Susan Friedel developed a great theme and transformed the whole club to a magical setting. We also thank Vicky and her staff for their help in the wonderful transformation with the festive holiday décor. We had fifteen Past Commodores in attendance which is a tribute to the continual support of this group in making our club so special.

Also in December was our ever popular Christmas with Santa party. We had Mike Rose with his magic show which was enjoyed by both the kids and grown-ups attending!

The Sunday after Christmas we had our first planning meeting for the 2016 Race Committee Volunteers. We had a good turn out and got a great start at getting the volunteers signed up for the 2016 sailing season.

The Club started off 2016 with a New Year's Day brunch featuring a feast of assorted offerings by Chef Colin that provided something for everyone. The brunches at TAYC have seemed to be well received in 2015. We will continue the tradition by having our next brunch on Valentine's Day which is Sunday, February 14. Please make reservations early so we have an idea of how many members to expect. One of the challenges of having events in the off season is getting the provisioning correct. This is much easier if we know in advance the numbers to anticipate. We will continue to have a children's food table included at



TIDE DEADLINE: February 15 for the March Issue

Submit articles to:

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the brunch so plan to bring the whole family.

The third week in February we have the group from TAYC traveling to the British Virgin Islands for the club sponsored cruise on the sailing yacht *Arabella*. The boat has a professional crew and a varied offering of water toys is provided. It should be an elegant and fun experience!

I hope most of you are receiving the level of communication from the club that you desire. Allison Downes, our Communications Chair, has worked for many years developing what the Board feels is an appropriate level of electronic contact with the membership. Our goal is to send out an email message, usually limited to once a week, that keeps you informed about the upcoming events at TAYC. The start of the New Year is a good opportunity for you to request any changes in our communication with you. Please send a message to Allison at CommunicationsChair@tayc.com if you would like to add, change or confirm your email on the list. We encourage you to include the email address of both spouses if you have interest in the weekly updates coming to each person's individual email account.

Not many of us are thinking of our gardens this time of year but our House and Grounds Chair, Jerry Friedel, was busy in January getting the plumbing installed for an automatic sprinkler system for the shrubs and beds around the clubhouse. The installation will be completed in plenty of time for spring flowers. The Officers and Board want to express their appreciation to Catherine Alspach for her untiring efforts as the TAYC Garden Chair. We also need to recognize the help of so many women and men who responded to Catherine's call to man the hoses and sprinklers to keep our plantings alive. Jim Drayton has accepted the position of Garden Chair for the coming season. We welcome Jim to this very important role. Hopefully many of our faithful volunteers will continue to support Jim's efforts and we hope to also see some new faces. Anyone interested in helping with the gardening at TAYC are encouraged to contact Jim Drayton.

It may seem early to be talking about race committee volunteers and gardening but a new season will be upon us before we know it! I hope everyone is having a safe and snug winter wherever you are. We are looking forward to welcoming you back to a great spring at TAYC!

Sincerely,

Commodore H.D. Slaughter

TAYC in Cuba

You read that correctly. Hall Palmer has entered his Beneteau 52, *Relativity*, in the 2016 Miami to Havana Race. On board *Relativity*, representing TAYC, will be owner/skipper, Hall Palmer, P/C Brud LaMotte, Mike Rust and Mike Rajacich. As you may or may not know, skipper John Todd and crewman Jack Streeton brought back the Havana Cup to TAYC in 1957 in the Star Class. This should be a very exciting return to this historic race for American entries after being prohibited for almost 55 years! We expect to bring home another Havana Cup. The race starts from Miami on February 10 with the final festivities in Havana on February 14. We will do our best to document this adventure so we can tell the story at a Wednesday Night Dinner along with some hopefully great photos. God willing, Castro lets us return home safely... stay tuned!

-Past Commodore, Brud LaMotte



Junior Sailing News

Hello Junior Sailing Families!

A new year offers more opportunities for TAYC sailors to develop their skills and have fun this summer! Registration for the 2016 TAYC Jr. Sailing Program is now open, and I hope you'll join our program mission. We build lifelong sailors through excellent coaching to meet the diverse sailing interests and needs of our youth. Novice sailors seek confidence on the water and quickly get hooked on the natural independence and excitement found behind the tiller of their own boat. As sailors mature, some become competitive and aspire to improve their boat speed and tactics to succeed at racing. Regardless of sailor confidence and ability at the start, we nurture a passion for the sport at all levels to help each sailor have the most fun.

This summer's program offers classes suited for all levels and sailors between ages 6-18. The curriculum is designed to further sailor confidence and experience through developing a skill set of seamanship, rigging and tuning, handling, safety, and boat care/maintenance. From this foundation we encourage each sailor's passion for the sport, whether that is enjoying the pleasures and adventures of cruising or sharpening racing skills for success on the course. Our coaches are selected from the best with proven expertise to build upon talent and strengthen skills, while maintaining a safe and fun learning environment for sailors. Here are some highlights of this summer's program.

- Beginner Opti Racing - a new class to inspire and prepare sailors for racing locally.
- Evening Practice & Regatta Coaching for C420/Laser Sailors with summer jobs.
- Extended private lesson options for sailors needing a custom class and/or wanting more one-on-one time with coaches!
- Junior Instructor Program to offer leadership opportunities for sailors (ages 16-18).

Complete details are at tayc.com!

The program is off to a great start and I look forward to serving the needs of the club and its members this summer and for many to come. Please contact me if you have any questions.

See you on the water!

Scott Williamson

TAYC Jr. Sailing Director

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FOS News

Dear Sailors,

We had a great season last year trying new formats, informal instruction, big boat crewing, new social events and even some new faces. We are on budget and will be buying new sails this year. Basic maintenance will be done in the off-season and some planning for programming will soon begin.

FOS will be putting a programming committee of 3-4 members together to discuss next season and we value all members' ideas. (Yes, even if you do not belong to FOS!) Programming ideas under discussion include: basic instruction for 1.5 hours on one weekend day in spring for 5 sessions, the competition schedule and events (one day instruction and one night race), a regatta against or with the juniors, big boat night and instruction, TAYC and AYC seminar or team racing, and of course, social events. Please join us in making next season exactly what **you** want it to be- fun, competitive and informative- by volunteering your time or ideas. Send your comments to ideal18tayc@gmail.com.

FOS Members! We want you to sign up for 1-2 hours work (a season) on programming, social, and communications to make sure all runs smoothly. Please email ideal18tayc@gmail.com or call Pat Shehan [410-310-9411](tel:410-310-9411) to help out.

Stay warm,

Pat Shehan

Ideal 18 Fleet Captain

Participant Form:

Damage Responsibility Agreement & Waiver of Liability

I understand that no FOS Program boat may leave the dock without a FOS participant aboard, who takes full responsibility for the safety of the boat and the crew. I acknowledge and confirm my understanding that boating and volunteer activities to assist with these activities, including the use of docks, hoists and other TAYC facilities, involve a certain degree of risks, and hereby voluntarily assume these risks for myself and my guests.

I further agree, as a condition of FOS Program participation to release, indemnify and forever hold harmless, the Tred Avon Yacht Club and its Focus on Sailing Program and their respective directors, officers, members, volunteer, employees, heirs and assigns from any and all liability in connection with any persons or any property. I agree to and accept my liability for any such injury or damage to any persons or any property. I agree to and accept my liability for any such injury or damage.

Furthermore, I agree that I am fully responsible for damage to FOS boats, TAYC facilities and any other boats resulting from any boating activity involving such boats and for all arrangements and logistics related to having necessary repairs made with respect to any damage resulting from the use of such boat. Such liability for FOS Program damage is limited to \$500 per Program boat involved and \$1000 for any other boat or facility. In the case of a boating or racing incident, liability for damages will be determined by application of the current ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing, including US Sailing Prescriptions.

Participant Signature

Date

Spouse Signature, if Family participation is elected

Date

Please have Participant Children (18 to 23 years) and/or related Legacy children sign below:

Date

Date

Date

Tred Avon Yacht Club

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► *From the TAYC Staff...*

We would like to extend a big *THANK YOU* to the Membership for their support and generosity in donating to the 2015 Christmas Fund! We feel very fortunate to work in an environment that recognizes our hard work and dedication. Your kindness, not only at Christmas but year round, is very much appreciated and you made the holiday season very merry for us all!

Thank you!

Vicky, Nancy, Katlin, Kim, April, Randy, Tiffany, Colin, Heather, Erin, and Buddy



NOTICE



Please remember! This spot is reserved for our
Jr. Sailing Benefactor!
Thanks for your cooperation!



Commodores Ball:

Martha and Commodore, H.D. Slaughter



Christmas with Santa:

The Bishop Family

TAYC Happenings

Valentine's Day Bunch

Sunday - February 14

1200 hrs Bar

1230 hrs Brunch

Adults \$20:

Raspberry Cheesecake French Toast, Corn Blini with House-Cured Gravlax and Dill, Savory Crab and Bacon, Bread Pudding, Warm Berry Crepes, Poached Eggs with Asparagus and Lemon Hollandaise, Maple Sausage, Fresh Fruit Salad, Red Velvet Cupcakes

Kids \$7:

Scrambled Eggs, French Toast, Sausage, Fresh Fruit Salad

Reservations required by 2/10/16
manager@tayc.com ■ 410-226-5269

Cabin Fever Friday

Friday, February 26

1730 hrs

You must be tired of sitting in the house!
Bundle up and come down to the club for a
delicious meal...we promise you'll be warm!

Trivia Ales and Tales

Friday, March 11 – 1730 hrs.



Italian Family Style Dinner

Saturday - February 20

\$15 * 1800 hrs

Reservations are required.

**** Save the Date ****



Wine Pairing with Small Plates

Saturday - March 5

1800 hrs

White Wine Pairings:

House-Made Seafood Sausage, Crispy Potato, Scallion Crème Fraiche, Chicken Liver Pate, Ciabatta, Dried Chutney, Chincoteague Oyster on the Half Shell, Horseradish-Tomato Granita

Red Wine Pairings:

Braised Lamb, White Bean Puree with Rosemary, Smoked Beef Tenderloin, Mushroom Duxelles with Crispy Onion, Selection of local Chocolates and Raspberry Gelle

Reservations are required!

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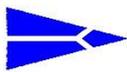
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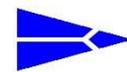
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February



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