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2016 Commodore Elect Doug Sopher
and 2016 First Lady Jackie

LOOKING FORWARD TO 2016.....

While we are sadly starting to contemplate the end of the 2015 boating season, let's look forward to 2016!

First, we hope you will make plans to join us at our annual Change of Watch being held at the Hotel Mount Laurel in Mount Laurel, New Jersey on Saturday, January 23rd. This is the same location as our 2015 ball and the event got wonderful reviews from those that attended. The hotel, its amenities and banquet were top notch. Please mark your calendars! More information for this event will be coming our way soon.

Next, we are reviving a cruising calendar for the 2016 boating season. Incoming Fleet Captain Herb Clerval has lined up some exciting cruises and hopes you will join us, whether it be for a raft out, an overnight or the Mid Bay Cruise. The dates and ports are noted on the last page.

Look for more information to come as we revive the splendor of Great Oak Yacht Club from years gone by!

Please contact Fleet Captain Elect Herb Clerval, 609-929-4131, if you have interest in any of the cruises or if you have any questions.

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ANNUAL MEETING AND VICE COMMODORE'S DINNER

The Club's Annual Membership Meeting and Vice Commodore's Dinner was held on September 26. The meeting provided some news to the attending members as to how the club did during the year along with what is already planned for next year.

The primary event for the meeting was the election of officers for 2016. The nominating Committee Chairman, Past Commodore Jim Blackwell, presented the committee's list of nominees. The membership in attendance unanimously voted them to their positions. Below is the full list of 2016.

2016 Officers and Directors:

Commodore Doug Sopher
Vice Commodore Sam Samman
Rear Commodore Bea Talotta
Fleet Captain Herb Clerval
Secretary Amy Manfredi
Treasurer Pinkie Blackwell

First Year Directors

Al Martineau; Howard Kyser; Les Peters; Sam Devonshire;
Buddy Nichols*

Second Year Directors** - Bill Seibert; Jim Blackwell

*Automatic position for immediate past commodore

**Automatic positions

The Annual Vice Commodore's Dinner was well attended and for those there it was well worth the wait. Mangroves served up a delicious meal. The carving station served prime rib, turkey and ham. All were cooked to perfection.

By all accounts, it was Doug Sopher's day. Not only did he become next year's commodore, but he also had the winning ticket for the 50/50 raffle. Congratulations to Doug.



GREAT OAK OUT

The annual Great Oak Out is one of the clubs events that is enjoyed by anyone, young and old, who wants to stay at the marina for a week and simply have fun. This year it was held between June 29 and July 3. From the pictures you can see it was filled with events, competition and hilarity.





NEWS FROM THE DOCKS

F Dock –

In case you haven't heard, Jack Dignam and Anne said "YES" in Key West on February 11, 2015.



C Dock –

Congratulations to Dooney Arnett and Jeanne DeBarardinis on their 38' Carver.



C dock took to cruising the bay this summer from raft outs to Herrington Harbour, the Hyatt Cambridge and Annapolis.





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2016 CRUISING CALENDAR



Saturday, May 14th

Shakedown Cruise to
Chesapeake City, MD

Saturday, June 18th

Raft Out – Still Pond,
Worton Creek or
Fairlee Creek
(overnight if interested)

**Saturday, July 16th thru
Monday, July 23rd**

Mid Bay Cruise** - Hyatt
Regency, Cambridge, MD.
(Note, the 3rd night is free),
Oxford, Herrington Harbor

**Friday, August 19th and
Saturday, August 20th**

Annapolis Yacht Basin
(feel free to make this a 1 or
2 night cruise)

Saturday, September 17th

Clam Bake on
local shoreline

**Friday, September 30th
and Saturday, October 1st**

Fells Point Arts Festival,
Henderson's Wharf Marina

** The Mid-Bay Cruise itinerary has not been finalized. The ports noted are not necessarily in correct chronological order.