

# Decklines



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## All Hands on Deck!

**Saturday, October 14, 2023 is an ALL MEMBERS Workday starting at 8:00 a.m.**

If you can join us, please do. Work gloves suggested. If you have a specific project in mind where you want to assist or have any questions about the day, reach out to Betty Kranz, [bkranz35@gmail.com](mailto:bkranz35@gmail.com)



## October 2023

### Clubhouse Hours

**MONDAYS & FRIDAYS**  
Lunch 11:00 am – 2:00 pm  
Bar opens at 5 pm  
Dinner 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

**SATURDAYS**  
See the Club Calendar

**SUNDAYS**  
Brunch only  
9:30 am – 2:00 pm

See the Calendar for special events and closings. Additions and changes announced by email.

## Adult Halloween Party

There will be an Adult\* Halloween party at the club on Mon., Oct. 30. Costumes are encouraged but definitely not required to enjoy the festivities. More details to follow by email.

\*The Kids' party is on Friday, Oct. 27.



**Help reduce club expenses!  
Please use cash/check/debit!**

At the July 26th Quarterly Meeting, Treasurer Katy Breuer informed us the club incurs about \$14,000 in credit card fees annually. You can help the club save that money to be allocated to other areas simply by paying with a debit card, check or cash.

**That's a substantial savings for the club -- at no extra cost to you!**

## Reservations

Please make advance reservations whenever possible. This helps us plan meals and staffing to better serve you! Walk-ins are welcomed but may have to wait, especially on Fridays.

DIRECT LINK TO MYC TOCK PAGE:  
[exploretock.com/mathewsyachtclub](https://exploretock.com/mathewsyachtclub)

Or call (804) 725-1365

## October

- 5 - Trivia (RSVP req'd)
- 9 - Book Club
- 12 - Wilson Ellis Club Night
- 13 - Kayak Outing
- 14 - Grounds Clean Up Day
- 19 - OCC Dinner
- 20 - Flag Lowering
- 27 - October Fest;  
Kids' Halloween Party
- 29 - Firepit Cookout/Pot Luck/Live Music
- 30 - Adult Halloween Party



## November

- 2 - Trivia (RSVP req'd)
- 4 - Oyster Roast
- 11 - Line Dancing;  
Champagne & Dessert Event
- 13 - Book Club
- 21 - 26 - Closed for Thanksgiving



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# October and November Calendars



\*\*\*Download full page, printable calendars at [bit.ly/MYCcalendar](https://bit.ly/MYCcalendar)\*\*\*

Watch email for updates and last minute changes!

**Mondays, Fridays:** Lunch 11:00 am – 2:00 pm;

Bar open at 5 pm, Dinner 6 - 8:00 pm

**Saturdays** - see calendar

**Sunday Brunch:** 9:30 am – 2:00 pm

\*\*\*\* WATCH EMAIL for updates, additions, or changes \*\*\*\*

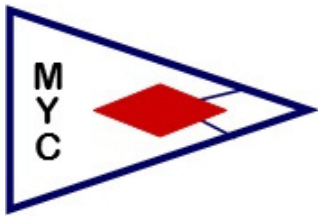
## OCTOBER 2023

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8 BRUNCH	9 LUNCH & DINNER BOOK CLUB	10	11	12 WILSON ELLIS CLUB NIGHT	13 KAYAKERS MEET - ROANES PT; LUNCH & DINNER	14 GROUNDS WORK DAY ALL MEMBERS INVITED
15 BRUNCH	16 LUNCH & DINNER	17	18	19 OCC PRESENTATION & DINNER	20 LUNCH & DINNER FLAG LOWERING	21
22 BRUNCH	23 LUNCH & DINNER	24	25	26	27 LUNCH; KIDS HALLOWEEN PARTY; OCTOBERFEST 5-7 PM	28
29 BRUNCH; FIREPIT COOKOUT & POTLUCK	30 LUNCH & DINNER ADULT HALLOWEEN PARTY - COSTUMES ENCOURAGED	31	<p><b>NOVEMBER 2023</b></p> <p><b>DRAFT</b></p> <p><b>Mondays, Fridays:</b> Lunch 11:00 am – 2:00 pm; Bar open at 5 pm, Dinner 6 - 8:00 pm <b>Saturdays:</b> See calendar <b>Sunday Brunch:</b> 9:30 am – 2:00 pm **** WATCH EMAIL for updates, additions, or changes ****</p>			

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5 BRUNCH	6 LUNCH & DINNER	7	8	9	10 LUNCH & DINNER	11 LINE DANCING CHAMPAGNE & DESSERT EVENT
12 BRUNCH	13 LUNCH & DINNER BOOK CLUB	14	15	16	17 LUNCH & DINNER	18
19 BRUNCH	20 LUNCH & DINNER	21	22	23	24	25
26 Closed for Thanksgiving	27 LUNCH & DINNER	28	29	30		



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# Commodore's Message

Commodore John Sieg

Thank you for your help and advice!

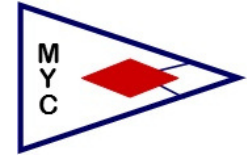
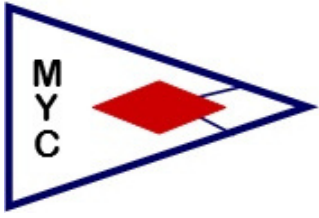
Board members appreciate those who were able to attend the in-person club meeting in late August and the 80+ members who completed the recent online survey. Below, I'll summarize the feedback we've received and share the ways we've tried to respond to it.

For the past several years, we have focused on making some much-needed repairs to the club's facilities while taking into account our financial realities. While not complete, we have been able to update the clubhouse's appearance and cleanliness, using volunteer labor when feasible. We've also improved the quality and attentiveness of our service staff and upgraded our meal offerings.

Most members say they appreciate the major improvements that have been made in each of these areas. We realize that we still have more to do, but it's now time to also focus on membership growth (retention and new members), increasing member utilization, and updating our club policies. We look forward to collaborating with you in the future.

Nine common themes have emerged from the recent survey, and we will address each of them as quickly as we can. We intend to follow up with an additional survey, one that targets specific subsets of our membership. This will enable us to better understand your expectations and needs. Your continued participation is important as we try to adjust our club offerings based on your input.

	Theme	Board Action
1	Simpler, less expensive menu offerings	Redesign our menus to offer good, moderately priced food on a regular basis. Periodic higher end meal offerings on special nights.
2	Walk-in accommodations for meals	We encourage TOCK and call-in reservations. Our staff will try their best to also accommodate walk-ins (except for 'special' events). Bar service does not require reservations.
3	Happy Hour offerings	Trial happy hours for bar purchases, perhaps paired with simple appetizers.
4	Open additional days of the week	Trial service and events on additional days based on member interest and sufficient participation.
5	Additional social club activities	Most club activities succeed when members are willing to organize them. Suggested new activities <u>include</u> : bingo, poker, regattas, themed weekend events, music events, and others. Please contact the Club Manager ( <a href="mailto:clubmanager@mathewsysc.org">clubmanager@mathewsysc.org</a> ), the Rear Commodore ( <a href="mailto:rearcommodore@mathewsysc.org">rearcommodore@mathewsysc.org</a> ), or the Commodore ( <a href="mailto:commodore@mathewsysc.org">commodore@mathewsysc.org</a> ) if you are willing to organize an activity. Activities need not include food or beverage.
6	Accelerated new member approval process	We have implemented a new process that takes ~2 weeks or less vs. ~ 2 months in the past.
7	Name tags and possibly directories with member photos to integrate new members into the club community	Members have suggested having name tags and adding voluntarily supplied pictures to the directory. We are evaluating how to proceed with these suggestions.
8	Preserve monthly trivia nights	We will improve the reservation process and will not cancel the monthly trivia night as long as forty or more members are willing to participate.
9	Better understand member expectations by demographics	Further survey members and ask demographic questions ( <u>i.e.</u> new members, women, frequent users, infrequent users) to better understand and respond to interests.



## What is Mathews Yacht Club?

Members have asked for a simple way to describe the Mathews Yacht Club when we try to tell others about it and invite them to join us.

**What:** The Mathews Yacht Club is a private club on Stutts Creek, near Hudgins, VA., appealing to people who enjoy a waterfront location, and want to socialize with other members and their guests. Our club provides a relaxing, respectful, and amicable environment for all.

**Who:** We welcome all individuals and families who appreciate our water-related offerings, value our quality meal and bar offerings, and enjoy socializing with others who live in or visit our community.

Our club members are actively involved in the local community. We support youth sailing programs, provide swimming instruction, and are a trusted partner with community institutions. Our members are broadly recognized for their leadership and support of charitable organizations in the community.

### Why join MYC? We offer:

- A marina that provides safe and easy access to the Chesapeake Bay
- A swimming pool-- the only club swimming pool in Mathews County
- A full-service restaurant with great food and bar service
- Year-round activities for all ages: organized member cruises, a book club, trivia night, mahjong, canasta, live music, adult and children's themed parties, and special events.
- Reciprocal privileges to other registered clubs in the Yachting Club of America (YCA) and Chesapeake Bay Yacht Clubs Association (CBYCA). This allows all members access to other member yacht clubs on the Chesapeake Bay and across the country.
- A private event venue at very competitive rates.

## Membership Update

### Secretary Tom Loeslein

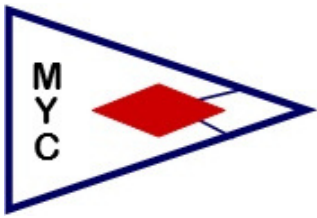
Fall is in the air! And it's a great time to think ahead about all the great activities, celebrations and dining events planned at the Club for the rest of the year. Our new members will be part of that! Three applications were submitted to the club this month. These potential New Members were presented to the club membership by email for a 7-day comment period, interviewed by 2 Board Members and presented to the Board Members for a vote within 10 days. We are pleased that our new, expedited process for welcoming new members is in effect.

Please seek out and welcome our New Members:

- C. Preston & Frances Herrington, III of Richmond sponsored by Keith Hudgins
- Jessica Story & Mike Peterson of Alberta, Canada sponsored by Martha Story
- Haden & Rebecca McMillian of Moon sponsored by John Sieg

Our total membership is currently at 227. There are still incentives for Sponsors and New Applicants applying for membership so let's keep our membership growing!

Please keep the Secretary informed of all address, phone or e-mail address changes at: [secretary@mathewsysc.org](mailto:secretary@mathewsysc.org).



## News from MYC Poolside! Fleet Surgeon Marymac Hoffman



Did You KNOW:

- The pool was open and guarded 138 days this summer!?! That's 4.5 months!?
- We offered Water Aerobics for 11 weeks this summer!?
- We had 60+ second graders from Mathews Elementary School participate in the "Learn to Swim " Program for 2 weeks in May!?
- We had 10 volunteers from MYC supporting the " Learn to Swim" for 2 weeks!?
- We had 33 children participate in weekly swimming lessons offered by the YMCA!?
- We had over 100 members come to the pool this summer!?
- We offered lunch poolside this summer when the club was open!?

We had a terrific summer!!! Many people joined us at the pool for the first time and will be back next summer. Thank you members for your suggestions!!! We love to hear from you! If you have suggestions or comments please email me at [marymac.hoffman@mathewsysc.org](mailto:marymac.hoffman@mathewsysc.org)



Pool cleanup was Sunday, September 24th and I had a bunch of "lifesavers" saving the day! And thanks to Kris and the servers who helped secure furniture on Friday before the storm!!



A special thanks to my 'lifesavers:"

Dave Deringer  
Paula Hersh  
Alan and Linda Fleming  
Bruce Dwyer  
Harry Doyle

MYC is hosting the [Ocean Cruising Club](#) dinner on October 19.



MYC members are invited to attend.

Watch email for details.  
Reservations required.

## Interested in Serving on the MYC Board?

Your MYC nominating committee is composed of board members and members in the club who are responsible for identifying candidates for the slate of officers for 2024! This year's committee consists of 2 current board members and five members from the club . Members of the nominating committee are: Marymac Hoffman, Jan Mohr, Dave Deringer, Mac Hall, Mark Chapman, Tim Hill and Dee Russell. We would like to hear from you !

Are you interested in being on the MYC board, or in supporting other projects within the club that involve : club house, marina , pool facility , or boathouse.

Please contact Jan Mohr ([jan.mohr@mathewsysc.org](mailto:jan.mohr@mathewsysc.org)) or Marymac Hoffman ([marymac.hoffman@mathewsysc.org](mailto:marymac.hoffman@mathewsysc.org))!



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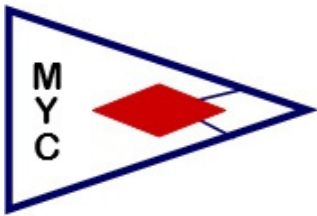
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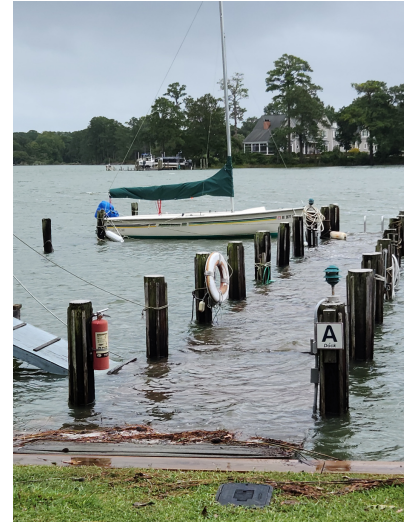
## Fleet Captain Scott Abeel

Good News!!! According to VDOT the Gwynns Island bridge will be open to on-demand marine traffic in early October. Until then mariners should plan on the scheduled openings– 2 a.m., 5 a.m., 11 a.m., 7 p.m. and 10 p.m. – until the on-demand openings resume. As for the Hole in the Wall channel dredging -- who knows?? No updates have been issued recently.

The docks had minor damage from Tropical Storm “Ophelia” with some loose and missing planks. One of our members retrieved the planks and re-fastened them in their places. THANK YOU!

The cruise to Newport News Yacht and Country Club and Hampton Yacht Club was unfortunately cancelled because of the weather. Some members made the best of a bad situation by scheduling a pop up cruise and anchoring out in the East River. They were joined for cocktails by a couple other members in day boats.

A cruise to view the fall colors is still scheduled in October. This will be a local cruise on the the Rappahannock River. Please keep an eye out for an email and a post to our Facebook Group with details!



### Nautical Term of the Month:

**Rummage:** Arrangement of casks in a vessels hold or cargo.

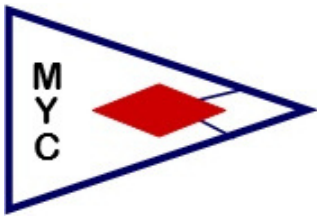
A Rummage Sale was a dockside sale of unclaimed or not paid for cargo.



## Biking Around Mathews



Join us for bike rides to see beautiful fall colors along our picturesque roadways in Mathews! Our MYC bike group will have a series of rides you can choose from. Some will be coordinated to leave and return to MYC but others will start from Put-In-Creek Park in the Courthouse. Starting time is usually in the 9:30-10:00 a.m. range. Once you are on the bike ride list, you'll be contacted with a time and place. Rides will continue as long as weather permits. Get outside, get exercise and enjoy the ride! Contact Anne Stevens at [achadwicks@gmail.com](mailto:achadwicks@gmail.com) to get more information and get on the list.



## Kids' Corner

### Amy Noel, Youth Events Coordinator

Now that schools are back in session and an abundance of community activities are going on, it's been much too quiet at the club. In fact, we really miss seeing all of the kids and hearing their laughter! Don't forget to support your local youth! Attend a sporting event or one of the M.H.S. Band exhibitions. You'll be glad that you did!



The next Kids Event at the club will be their annual Halloween Party, which will be held on Friday, October 27th, starting at 5:30 p.m. We'll be out on the deck as usual and we'll have plenty of activities for the kids to enjoy. Be thinking about your costume! Who doesn't want to pretend to be someone else? More details to follow.

Contact, Amy Noel, at [sleeplessnoel@yahoo.com](mailto:sleeplessnoel@yahoo.com) or call/text 919-389-8696, if you are willing to help in some way.

## October Birthdays

Jordan Sadeg  
Jocelyn Williams  
Katie Small



Anyone willing to donate a bag of wrapped candy can drop it off at the club office in advance of the party. Thanks so much for your support!



## FUN FACT

What type of phobia do you have if you have an intense fear of Halloween?  
Answer: Samhainophobia

## HALLOWEEN JOKE

What did the ghost teacher say to her class?  
Answer: "Look at the blackboard and I'll go through it again!"



# Kids' Halloween Party

Friday, October 27, 2023

Fun starts at 5:30 PM out on the deck - 7:00 PM  
Games, Craft and Fun Activities

Costumes encouraged but not required.

Please provide children's names, ages and contact information, so that age appropriate activities can be planned.

There is NO Charge for this event, BUT DONATIONS ARE GLADLY accepted.

THANK YOU for your Support

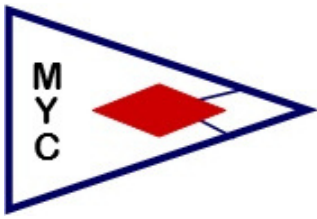
RSVP to Amy Noel no later than Monday, Oct. 23.  
[sleeplessnoel@yahoo.com](mailto:sleeplessnoel@yahoo.com) or text/call 919-389-8696



## BREAKFAST WITH SANTA



It's not too early to start making plans with your kids and grandkids to have Breakfast With Santa, which will be held on Saturday, December 2nd. Be sure to put it on your calendar. This is a popular event and fills up quickly. As always, volunteers are needed.



## **RSL Designer Designer House**

**Pat Daniels**

On Thursday, September 14th, an adventurous group of Mathews County Yacht Club members, and a few non-members, climbed aboard a Newton Bus Lines coach and headed for Richmond. Their destination was the 2023 Richmond Symphony League's Designer House at 2325 Monument Avenue. When we arrived, we learned that we were the first group to tour this wonderful historic house.

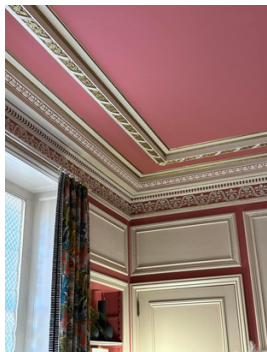
The Italian Renaissance Revival home, designed by renowned architect W Duncan Lee, was built in 1915 for Jacquelin Plummer Taylor, founder of Universal Leaf Tobacco Company. The garden was designed by prominent landscape architect Charles Gillette. This was the first opportunity for the public to tour the Taylor Estate.

Over 20 designers had collaborated in bringing the Taylor home to life. Fortunately, the timing of our visit allowed us to meet several of them or members of their staff. That allowed us to ask questions about specific items of interest or their design concept.

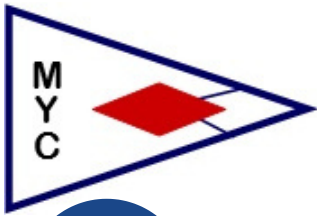
A pop-up café, catered by The Supper Club, was available at lunchtime. We had an opportunity to choose between a Chicken Salad Croissant or a Cheese and Charcuterie Sampler, Mezzo Sampler, or a Southern Sampler. Beverages and desserts. The day was somewhat cool and dining in the garden under the tent was delightful.

There was a Boutique and Gift Shop as well. In fact, one RSL volunteer commented that our tour group "bought a lot of pretty things!" Another said that, "Those Mathews people were so nice and so much fun!" When our coach pulled up to the front door at 3 pm, a pleasant surprise awaited each passenger: a little snack box, a napkin, a hand-wipe, and a glass that would soon be filled with a celebratory drink. All-in-all, it was a fabulous excursion! Positive comments continued for days and I'll bet there are some who might be a little jealous!

Every other year, the Richmond Symphony League organizes a Designer House as a fundraising event to benefit the Richmond Symphony. This was the 19th Designer House, the RSL has organized. Noted design professionals from central Virginia lobby for the space of their choice and create a design to showcase their talents. They are given a month to install their design and afterward, a month to restore their space to its original condition.







Join the [MYC Member's Only Facebook page](#) to see announce and reminders posted by the Communications Committee. You can also share photos and announcements with other members.



## Pets of MYC

The Abeels enjoy the "renewable energy" of their two "weed whackers" Sauvi (short for Sauvignon) and Blanc, mini Nigerian goats, on their farm in Redart.

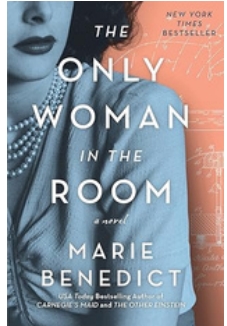


## Book Club

Book Club meets the 2nd Monday each month at 5:30.

October's book is "The Only Woman in the Room" by Marie Benedict.

Optional: come early for 5 pm Happy Hour and/or stay for dinner at 6:30 with the group!



Contact Dee Russell ([dee.t.russell@gmail.com](mailto:dee.t.russell@gmail.com)) if you are interested in joining!



## CANASTA at Mathews Yacht Club

Friday, October 13th and October 27th at 10:00 a.m.

Call your friends and plan a table of two or four.

Looking for fellow players?  
Just show up and we'll find you a spot!

Any needed instruction will be at individual tables.

Enjoy LUNCH at your Club

CONTACT Betty Kranz - [bkranz35@gmail.com](mailto:bkranz35@gmail.com) or 804-822-1803



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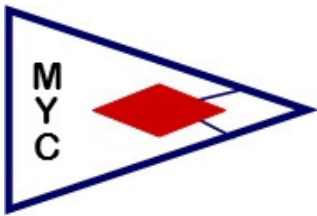
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## Need Tock Help?

Visit [mathewsync.org/tock-help](http://mathewsync.org/tock-help) or ask a staff member.





# What is Wilson Ellis Club Night?

Club Night is dedicated to Mr. Wilson Ellis who was an officer, past commodore of the Mathews Yacht Club and president of the Virginia War Memorial Museum Foundation. He was also active in several other historical associations.

Oct. 12th's guest speaker is John V. Quarstein. Mr. Quarstein is an award-winning historian, preservationist and author. The author of 17 books, his titles include Hilton Village: America's First Public Planned Community, A History of Ironclads: The Power of Iron Over Wood, CSS Virginia: Sink Before Surrender and The Monitor Boys: The Crew of the Union's First Ironclad, winner of the 2012 Henry Adams Prize for excellence in historical literature.

Topic and additional event details to be announced by email.

# MORE Pets of MYC



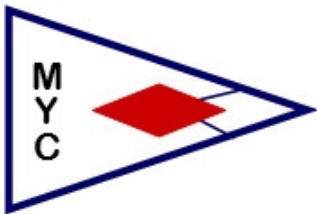
Meet "The Ladies." This pretty flock enjoys water views from their coop on Woodas Creek, and hand-fed treats from owner Leslie Scanlan.

(Send YOUR pet pics and info to us at Decklines! [Decklines@mathewsysc.org](mailto:Decklines@mathewsysc.org))

# bonjour Destination Dinner: Parisian Bistro

September's Destination Dinner was a 6 course gourmet Parisian Bistro menu .





## Mixology Class



Members enjoyed the Mixology class taught by MYC bartender extraordinaire, Jen. She taught us how to make a Vampire Kiss, a Witches Brew Lemonade, and the highly entertaining Poison Apple. Edible gold glitter was the hit of the class. Now all the students can use their newly acquired skills and their new shakers to enter the Holiday Cocktail Contest to be held on Saturday December 9th.

