



BQS NEWSLETTER

Bay Quarter Shores, Inc. 1004 Bay Quarter Drive, Heathsville, Va 22473

ANNUAL MEETING
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AUGUST 30, 2008
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BOARD ELECTIONS
AUGUST 30, 2008

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT, JOHN COLLIER

It has been five years since I was honored to assume the role of president of Bay Quarter Shores, Inc. This fall I will step down from that role.

My relinquishing this task is bittersweet. I have enjoyed so much the friendships I have made and the accomplishments of the Board of Directors in enhancing this community. I do, however, have many commitments that prevent me from devoting as much time as I should to the great team of leaders who manage this organization.

I reflect on some of the milestones we have enjoyed. We lost our historic clubhouse to fire. But we came together quickly to continue the management of BQS. We used the "barn" for meetings until we could rebuild, and we never lost a beat. We raised money by disposing of excess property owned by the corporation—controversial yes, but the money raised enabled us to build the fantastic facility we have today.

We have managed to keep the dues at a fixed rate for 5 years—that is about 3 times longer than the average for property owners' associations in Virginia. Even though a probable raise is coming, the cost of membership here, including the amenities we have, is still amazingly low compared to other communities. That is due in great part to conservative fiscal management. We now prepare, and adopt, an annual budget that includes reserve funding line items. The entire Board of Directors participates in the process, unlike before where one or two members made all of the financial decisions. Our meetings are conducted with decorum, minutes are accurate and

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available quickly to the membership, and discussions surrounding issues that affect the community focus on the singular value, which is that the board shall act in the best interest of the entire community.

We have a “sense of community” in BQS, where your neighbors wave as they pass, stop to offer help when someone needs it, and enjoy the fellowship that our three big outings a year bring. Some would point to the decline of those things in America, but not here in BQS!

My life has been enriched by this experience, and if anything, I hope that I have left some tracks. Tracks are those imprints one makes on others that help guide the future journeys of those yet to come. I am leaving the community leadership in excellent hands. The new board can only improve on the past, and I look forward to BQS maintaining its status as the premier community in the Northern Neck.

Thank you for letting me serve.

FROM THE TREASURER, JENNIFER TROY-BLACK

Well, here it is, the month of August! Where does the time go? I have been reflecting on the last three years as a BQS board member, and must say that the past three years have flown by. I wasn't sure what to expect when I agreed to run for the board. The truth is, it's very rewarding to know that our contributions help to keep BQS the beautiful haven that it is.

Not every meeting is fun, and sometimes difficult discussions occur, but it is all part of the process. I have forged friendships both within the board and within the community that I feel will continue to enrich my life forever. Being on the board is a rare opportunity to give back and be a part of something special, and I would encourage anyone to give it a try. I have learned much from being on the board, and am grateful to have served with such a professional group of people. I thank you all for the opportunity to serve, and I hope that more of you will step up and become active participants in the community.

HIGH SPEED INTERNET AT BQS, FRANK KLEIN

I had hoped to report that residents of BQS could now enjoy high speed internet via Kaballero wireless. As of this writing, the service has not been activated. Kaballero has installed the poles with their antennas, run power to the poles, and everything is in place and ready to go. I call them daily, and all they can tell me is “soon”.

As soon as the service is available, I will place a note on the “Announcements” page of the BQS website. The web address is: www.bayquartershores.org.

BOATER EDUCATION COURSE—DO IT NOW—AVOID THE RUSH

If you, a family member or guest operate a boat with a 10-HP or larger motor, you will eventually need to complete a boating education course approved by the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators.

Here's the schedule:

July 1, 2009 PWC (personal water craft/jet ski) operators 20 years of age or younger

July 1, 2010 PWC operators 35 years or younger

July 1, 2011 PWC operators 50 years or younger, and motor boat operators 20 years or younger

July 1, 2012 All PWC operators, and motor boat operators 30 years or younger

July 1, 2013 Motor boat operators 40 years or younger

July 1, 2014 Motor boat operators 45 years or younger

July 1, 2015 Motor boat operators 50 years or younger

July 1, 2016 All motor boat operators

Operators of sailboats with less than a 10-HP motor are exempt, as are those in kayaks, canoes or row boats.

This applies to all state public waters.

If you choose to get your boater education card online go to www.boat-ed.com.

You will pay only after successful completion of the course, which is accepted by the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries.

Another option is through courses conducted by the Coast Guard Auxiliary. Flotilla 310 offers six opportunities for a one-day course. They have a study booklet available. For information call: (all area code 804), Judy Julian 529-6765, Carroll Barrack 453-0541 or Gary Palsgrove 453-3370.

A member of the U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary will be at the Annual Membership Meeting to answer members' questions.

COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE, STAN JOHNSON

GOLF CART WARNINGS

In recent years the leaders of Bay Quarter Shores worked hard to get approval from the State of Virginia to be designated as a Golf Cart Community. Now that the designation is in effect and the speed limit signs are posted, many residents find it convenient to use the golf carts as part of a slower-paced lifestyle.

In summary, Virginia law limits golf cart operations as follows: Golf carts may be operated only on highways with 25 mph speed limits. No person shall operate any cart on any public highway unless he has a valid driver's license. Every cart must display a slow-moving vehicle emblem (triangle). Carts can only be operated on highways between sunrise and sunset, unless they are equipped with proper lights (headlights, taillights, and turn signals).

An unexpected development, however, is the growing use of golf carts by families who allow their young children to drive the carts. According to paragraph 46.2-300 of the Virginia Code, driving without a license is a Class 2 Misdemeanor. In addition to any penalties, the court may delay an applicant's right to get a license.

Furthermore there have been instances when carts have been observed driving after sundown without lights. This is a very dangerous practice, and not only is it against the law, it can lead to serious accidents and sad consequences.

The Board of Directors of BQS is considering the development of special rules for golf carts that may include some kind of registration and visible number plate. Adoption of such a requirement would help identify the owners of carts being operated in an unsafe manner or by under-age drivers. Golf cart owners should make sure their carts are properly equipped and operated only in a safe manner by licensed drivers.

BOAT RAMP USAGE

In order to launch boats at the BQS boat launching facility near the clubhouse, both the boat and the trailer must have affixed to them a "green crab" BQS decal. The decal for the boat should be placed in line with the state issued boat number, and the trailer decal should be on the tongue of the trailer near the hitch on the driver's side of the tongue.

BOAT USAGE (cont)

This rule also applies to jet skis and their trailers and to utility trailers. Applications for the decals can be found with all the other blank forms in the clubhouse (or on the association's website) and must be signed by the property owner of record.

On some holiday weekends quite a few users of boats and trailers without proper decals attempt to use the BQS facilities. At times, BQS hires local off-duty law enforcement officers to check for the decals. Since this is expensive, it is not done all the time.

The BQS Board of Directors is discussing additional ways to limit the use of the facilities by unauthorized people. Several methods have been discussed, including hiring a tow truck to haul away all trailers not displaying the decal. Other suggestions include installing a powered lift-gate operated by a pin-pad with a changeable code, or possibly installing a wire-rope across the entrance with a BQS member checking decals while another member is available nearby to issue decals to authorized members. Each of these methods has its limitations and advantages. (Members are welcome to offer suggestions at the Annual Meeting or by sending comments to Compliance at the BQS address.)

Members should apply for decals for all their boats and trailers and attach them so that they do not experience any difficulties in case more stringent enforcement methods are put into force.

USE OF CAMPING VEHICLES; NOISE

Recently the Board of Directors received a complaint about a resident who was allowing guests to stay overnight in camping vehicles parked on his lot. Also the complaint alleged that music/shouting were so loud as to irritate residents of nearby lots.

A delegation went to the home of the offending resident and pointed out the BQS rule that forbids use of camping vehicles and tents on a house lot for overnight accommodation. The owner quickly had the vehicles moved to the campground.

The main lesson here is the importance of recognizing the responsibility each resident has to be sensitive to the contents of the Covenants, By-laws and Rules & Regulations of Bay Quarter Shores. All of these documents are posted on the BQS website and are written to protect members and assure that we can all live together in harmony. Keeping a presentable lot, avoiding offending behavior, and working to make the community better is an obligation of all residents.

Residents should take the time to read the various controlling documents which can be found on the internet at www.bayquartershores.org.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Annual Membership Meeting of the BQS Board of Directors and the election of officers for the board will soon be upon us. Now is the time for all members of BQS in good standing to vote. There are four vacancies to be filled by this election. However, we have only three candidates so there will be one vacant block for a write-in on the ballot.

Bay Quarter Shores is fortunate to have three well-qualified members who have volunteered to be candidates for this election: Donna deToll, Richard Lacy, and Robert J. Morris, Jr. A brief biographical sketch of each candidate is included in this newsletter.

Your official ballot is included in this newsletter. Please review the ballot and the biographical information carefully. Vote for the candidates and return your ballot as soon as possible. It must be received by 4:00 PM Saturday, August 30, 2008 in order to be counted. Voting is limited to one (1) ballot per family or owner group in good standing.

IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT YOU ENTER YOUR NAME, HOME ADDRESS, AND LOT NUMBER(S) ON THE OUTSIDE OF THE ENVELOPE CONTAINING YOUR BALLOT. This information is used to validate eligibility for voting and to update BQS records. Ballots received without this information are NOT counted. Please assure that your vote is counted by complying with these procedures.

We hope to see you at the Annual Membership Meeting and Election on Saturday, August 30, 2008, at 4:00 PM at the clubhouse. Plan to attend and meet your candidates and your Bay Quarter friends and neighbors.

NOMINEE PROFILES

DONNA deTOLL—I am originally from New York, and I came to Virginia to teach. I will be starting my 20th year of teaching (all of which was in special education) in Stafford where we reside most of the time. Our second home at BQS was officially finished in December of 2006. We, my family and I, enjoy boating, hosting family-oriented fun days, and swimming. BQS has been a very welcoming community, and I would like to see more events throughout the year (not just during the summer). I hope my suggestions will be considered, and I will be happy to help coordinate any or all of them.

RICHARD LACY—Dick holds degrees from Washington and Lee University (B.A.) and the University of North Carolina (M.A.), and he taught political science at J. Sargeant

NOMINEE PROFILES(cont)**RICHARD LACY(cont)**

Reynolds Community College in Richmond for almost 30 years. Dick and his wife Dolly have been enjoying their home on Presley Creek since 2001. Most often they split the week between their homes in Richmond and BQS.

As a board member, Dick's priorities would be to ensure open, two-way communication between the residents and the board, and to advocate decisions that would preserve and enhance the remarkable beauty of our community.

ROBERT J. MORRIS, JR. —My family roots are from the Roanoke VA Mountains (Buchanan). Born and raised in Maryland, I have always been people oriented; that is what led me to open my own construction company in 1989. Castle Construction has been a small remodeling company that specializes in kitchens & baths, but we also have been able to do complete home restorations, additions and small jobs, too, like handy-man stuff. The main reason I have kept my company small is because I am 100% concentrated in customer satisfaction. For eight years I was an active member of Immanuel's Church and led a home group. I belong to The Sons of Abraham Group, which is a group of businessmen that study the bible every Thursday.

My strong skills are: sales, organizing projects and following through; I'm good in troubleshooting and I love God above all; my hobbies—fishing, carpentry, refinishing furniture and nature.

Since the very first day we (my wife Lucky and daughter Dani) came to visit the neighborhood, we fell in love with it, and there is not a better place for me to be than the pier with my fishing pole. Although I am three hours away (with no traffic) I try to spend most of my off days here and I am looking forward to finishing my retirement house.

My company requires a lot of my time and probably I will be limited on time with the responsibilities as a member of the board but I am willing to help and work in any possible way.

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