
BQS NEWSLETTER

Bay Quarter Shores, Inc. 1004 Bay Quarter Drive, Heathsville, Va 22473 March 2009

SCAVENGER HUNT
5:00 PM

SATURDAY APRIL 11

EASTER DINNER
6:00 PM

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING

SATURDAY MAY 23

4:00 PM

PICNIC TO FOLLOW

POOL OPENS

SATURDAY, MAY 23

REGISTRATION FORM
ENCLOSED
DUE MAY 1

4TH OF JULY PICNIC

SATURDAY, JULY 4,
5:00 PM

FIREWORKS 9:30 PM

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT, JENNIFER TROY-BLACK

The birds are singing, the sun is shining, and the Bay Quarter Shores community is buzzing with Spring activity. It is no accident that our community is well-maintained year round. This is due not only to those on the board, but also those who work for BQS. We are very fortunate to have a strong team of volunteers, who make up our often unsung BQS support team. Everyone knows Mike Silagyi and Frank Stewart, who continue to volunteer countless hours, working often on a daily basis. And then there are Jim and Jean Ince, who unfailingly create and publish our quarterly newsletters, and have done so for years. We sincerely thank them for their ongoing support, and praise them all for their good work.

We have seen an increase in more and more people asking how they can help and get involved with projects, and we can always use another pair of hands. Please consider helping out when you can, it's a great way to make new friends and learn more about our community.

Beyond that, we are actively looking for nominations for new BQS board members. So please let us know if you want to toss your (or someone else's) hat into the ring.

On a more serious note, we are starting a Neighborhood Watch campaign that Ruth Franck and Bud Stotz are chairing. We all need to step up and give them a hand.

Unfortunately, a number of incidents have occurred that have led us in this new direction. Thanks to an alert BQS member who noticed that the barn door was ajar and notified us immediately, the Police were able to investigate the break-in and apprehend those believed responsible, and they are now awaiting trial. Please use our Memorial Day celebration as a way to get involved. You can talk to any board member and they can help you get started.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT, JENNIFER-TROY BLACK (cont)

You will also notice signage and bumper stickers with the Northumberland County crime watch phone number prominently displayed. We all need to be vigilant in reporting any and all suspicious and/or criminal action.

Please be assured that we are taking steps to ensure that Bay Quarter Shores will remain the quiet little haven that we all know and love. Each member has an obligation of responsibility for the behavior of their families and guests, and we hope no one will allow the bad behavior of a few affect the serenity that we all enjoy.

COMPLIANCE REPORT—RICHARD LACY

I am currently serving as the board member in charge of Compliance. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have concerns or suggestions pertaining to Compliance issues. My e-mail address is RVVDCL@AOL.COM. Phone numbers are 804-740-2757 and 580-9587.

The primary responsibility for the issuance of BQS ID stickers for boats and trailers rests with me. Request forms for the ID stickers can be downloaded online (<http://bayquartershores.org>) or picked up at the clubhouse bulletin board. Completed request forms should be returned by mail (Compliance, Bay Quarter Shores, Inc., 1004 Bay Quarter Drive, Heathsville, VA 22473) or placed in the In Box in the clubhouse. (Note: ID stickers are only for BQS members; they are not to be given to anyone else.)

There have been a number of revisions and additions to our rules and regulations, and even those that are unchanged are easily forgotten. Therefore I encourage you to review them at your first opportunity. This can be done by going to the website above. We are also placing a copy (**BQS: Rules and Regulations**) under the Bulletin Board in the clubhouse.

Thoughts are already turning to spring and a new boating season. To ensure that all BQS members fully enjoy the facilities provided for boating and swimming, it is important that we all adhere to regulations established for Boat Ramp, Dock, and Beach. Please note that to ensure the safety of swimmers, **the beach area is off-limits to all engine powered watercraft**. Provisions for mooring Jet-Skis and other small water crafts are underway, and will be located on the upstream side of the boat ramp. The boat slips at the main dock are for use of larger boats only. New signs are being placed to inform boaters of these changes.

I hope that we will all be mindful of the fact that the rules and regulations for our community exist to ensure the maximum enjoyment and safety of each resident. Their enforcement benefits us all; therefore each of us should share in this responsibility.

REPORT FROM FRANK KLEIN

Update on Wireless Internet

Kaballero has finished its reprogramming of the “tower” behind the clubhouse and we now have a wireless access point at the clubhouse. If you bring your laptop, PDA, or WiFi-enabled smart phones to the clubhouse you should be able to connect. For those residents who live in the lower part of BQS (closer to the clubhouse), you should be able to purchase your own service for your homes. The pole behind the barn is not yet reprogrammed so if you live in the upper part of BQS (from the entrance to the barn), you may still have to wait. As noted before, if people begin to abuse the system, we will enable security on the wireless router at the clubhouse and you will have to request access.

Internet Note from Charles Franck

Charles has connected to Kaballero at his home. He provides the following details:

“To inquire about service, call Kaballero at 804-436-9428 to schedule a hook-up. The fee is \$225 for installation and thence \$37.95 per month, which is negotiable depending on the length of contract.

I have had it installed and found it extremely good with a 100 MBPS service.”

REPORT FROM RUTH FRANCK ON NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

Several incidents recently have led us to organize a Neighborhood Watch. If you are interested in becoming part of the program, please call Ruth Franck at 580-2470 or Bud Stotz at 580-7686. More information will be available at the Semi-Annual meeting in May.

REPORT FROM ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR, DONNA deTOLL

BQS Scavenger Hunt and Easter Dinner, April 11.

Please come enjoy fun, food, and fellowship at the BQS Scavenger Hunt and Easter Dinner. Please bring a dish to share, as BQS will be providing a main dish, drinks, cake, and plates and utensils.

REPORT FROM ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR, DONNA deTOLL (cont)

The scavenger hunt will start promptly at 5:00 PM and dinner will be at 6:00 PM. You must pre-register by April 1 for the hunt, as space is limited. Golf carts, scooters, bikes or on foot are welcome—NO CARS please! Prizes will be awarded. RSVP for the hunt and for the dinner by April 1 to Donna deToll at 540-834-9332. See you then!

BQS REMINDERS

911 Addresses

Members who have homes in Bay Quarter Shores should have the blue 911 emergency address markers in the front of their residences. These markers will enable emergency response personnel to locate your home more easily and quickly in the event of an emergency. The blue 911 emergency address markers are available at the Northumberland County Building and Zoning office, 7154 Northumberland Highway, Heathsville, Va 22473, 804-580-8910.

Moving

Let BQS know when you move so that the database contains your correct mailing address for newsletters, special notices, telephone directories, and billings.

Pool Passes

Pool passes are available from the attendants. Purchasing a pass means you do not have to carry cash for your guests when they want to enter the pool. The attendants will punch the pass for each guest. A 5-punch pass is available for \$15. A 10-punch pass is available for \$30. A pool pass is good from one season to the next. BQS will not replace lost or stolen pool passes.

BQS REMINDERS (cont)

No Wake Zone

Virginia Marine code/law

- “No Wake” is defined as the slowest possible speed required to maintain steerage and headway.
- It shall be unlawful to operate any motorboat greater than “No Wake” speed when within 50 feet or less of docks, piers, boathouses, boat ramps, and people in the water

Watercraft Operators

All operators of personal watercraft (PWC) and motorboats will eventually be required to complete a boating education course and obtain an operator’s license. This includes wave runner operators. More information is available at www.dgif.virginia.gov.

- PWC operators 20 years of age and younger by July 1, 2009.
- PWC operators 35 years of age or younger by July 1, 2010.
- PWC operators 50 years of age or younger and motorboat operators 20 years of age or younger by July 1, 2011.
- All PWC operators, regardless of age, and motorboat operators 30 years of age or younger by July 1, 2012.
- Motorboat operators 40 years of age or younger by July 1, 2013.
- Motorboat operators 45 years of age or younger by July 1, 2014.
- Motorboat operators 50 years of age or younger by July 1, 2015.
- All motorboat operators, regardless of age, by July 1, 2016.

Boat Ramp

Boats in the water waiting to exit have right of way over boats on land for use of the ramp. Once a boat is pulled out of the water, it must be immediately moved away from the ramp to allow others access to the ramp.

BQS REMINDERS (cont)

Golf Carts

People having a valid driver's license are the only individuals permitted to operate a golf cart on public roads in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Children not having a valid state driver's license are not permitted to operate a golf cart anywhere within the confines of BQS.

ATVs, Go-Karts, Mules, Bad Boy Buggies, Rhinos and Gators are not included in the Virginia code/law definition of golf carts.

Speed Limits

The speed limit on all paved roads in BQS is 25 miles per hour. The speed limit on Barn Road, Camp Road, and the Clubhouse grounds is 10 miles per hour.

Renters

Renters of houses within the confines of BQS do not have access to any of the BQS amenities unless they become an Associate Member. A landlord may choose to sponsor his/her tenant as an Associate Member. Applications and directions are available online or at the clubhouse.

Barn Parking

Members may temporarily park a boat or trailer at the barn. Do not park the vehicle in front of the barn or equipment shed. Leave these areas open for easy and safe access to retrieve and store the large BQS maintenance equipment.

Clubhouse

Under high wind conditions the clubhouse may be temporarily locked because the automatic door gets sucked open. Damage to the door or facility or injuries to individuals could occur in high-wind conditions.

RECYCLE FISHING LINE

This information from the Northumberland Echo has been provided by Ruth Franck.

Fishing line that is carelessly discarded is likely to pose an entanglement hazard for both aquatic animals and birds alike and can wrap around propellers causing damage to boat motors.

Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries (DGIF) and Virginia Marine Fisheries (VMF) are leading an effort to recycle fishing line. Simply remove all hooks and sinkers and deposit the monofilament in the containers provided in this area.

To recycle your old line, there is a collection container at Jett's Hardware and Fishing Tackle Store in Reedville at 18425 Northumberland Highway.

NOTE:

- The Bay Quarter Shores March 2009 phone book is available in the clubhouse in the library. Please take one copy per family.
- The May 23 meeting time has moved to 4:00 PM—Pot Luck picnic to follow.
- The rain date of the meeting is May 24th at noon—Pot Luck picnic to follow.
- The Sept 5 meeting time has moved to 4:00 PM—Pot Luck picnic to follow.
- The rain date of the meeting is Sept. 6th at noon—Pot Luck to follow.

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