



## Wounded Warriors

Photos courtesy of Alexi and Zoe Stavropoulos, and Yvonne Johnson.

## Calling All Club Members!

### Fall Grounds Clean-Up Day

Saturday, October 16th

9 am until til Noon

Bring your gloves and tools!



# The BEACON

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## Volunteering - And Thanks To Alexi Stavropoulos

By Gene Diotalevi



Sometimes people do great things that just come to be expected by others. In the case of MVYC, you need only look at the volunteer staff (past, present and future) who ensure the house, grounds and docks are being managed for your unfettered use.

I would like to particularly point out one person who reinvented and established the gold standard of what members have "come to expect." Your MVYC Power Fleet Captain, Alexi Stavropoulos. Under Alexi's leadership, Alexi has led the MVYC Power Fleet in becoming one of the most active and fun aspects of the club that is enjoyed by the ENTIRE membership - after all, we are a Yacht Club right? What most folks don't understand is the effort associated with throwing local/long distance raft-ups, parties on the point and other Power Fleet coordinated events throughout the year. When you consider how active the Power Fleet is, one can only imagine the work involved in coordinating people, preparation, planning an execution of the many events brought to the membership by YOUR Power Fleet. Of course Alexi is not alone, he has the standard group of members to help and support Power Fleet efforts, but he is ultimately responsible for the planning and outcome of these events. So the next time you see Alexi, tell him thanks; job well done and that you still don't like him - just like his friends do.



Finally, what's the moral of the story? YOUR club can't maintain it's vitality with the same 20 or so people doing all the volunteer work year after year. With the new year membership year around the corner, please consider the exciting aspect of becoming an active volunteer of MVYC.

## Upcoming Meetings...



### Membership Meetings

October 6  
November 3  
1st Thurs of the month

### Board Meetings

October 17  
November 21  
at 7:30 pm  
3rd Mon of the month

### Social Committee Meetings

October 10  
November 14  
at 7:30 pm  
2nd Mon of the month

## Toon Fleet News

by Bart Hewitt, Toon Fleet Co-Captain

This has been a very disappointing month for the Toon Fleet. I mean, take a look at the Potomac River if you get a chance. The water is a kind of disgusting brown color, festooned with floating detritus such as dead fish, plastic water bottles, sticks/limbs/logs, dead fish, and other gross floating things usually found only in New Jersey. This brings new meaning to the term, Float-in, if you catch my drift. So, the Toon Fleet has chosen to remain in its slip, also closely surrounded by dead fish, plastic water bottles, sticks/limbs/logs, dead fish, and other gross floating things usually found only in New Jersey. The only good news I can offer is that this article contains the word "replete," a fancy-dancey word which, in New Jersey, can often be found in sentences such as "I flunked first grade and had to replete it six times."

# HALLOWEEN TGIF

FRIDAY OCTOBER 28TH

JOIN YOUR FELLOW MVYC GHOSTS AND GOBLINS FOR A HOWLING GOOD TIME!

BRING A GOULISH GOOD DISH TO SHARE

*COSTUMES HIGHLY ENCOURAGED*



HOSTED BY DAN AND CHRIS O'KEEFE

## **Social Committee Report**

by Clay Collier, Social Committee Chair

Summer is now over, kids are back in school and fall is in the air; a great time to be around the , and my favorite time on the water. It's also a wonderful time of year because the social committee is back in full swing with another round of great events.

Saturday, September 3rd we hosted the Wounded Warriors and families from Ft Belvoir's Warriors in Transition unit. The event is under the leadership of our own, Bill Gard. This was a wonderful event and a chance to thank many of our servicemen and their families who show us every day that "Freedom is not Free". There were boat cruises, games on the point, an old fashioned cook-out and much more!! A big thanks to everyone for all the help in making the day a success.

September 24... Oktoberfest was Wunderbar!! Expertly hosted by Peter Esser and Stefan Tahmassebi, it is one of the best eating and drinking events of the year. Thanks to all who helped make this a fun evening! And a special thanks to Stefan for having enough Apfelkorn for my wife.

Coming up:

**October 23, 2-4pm... Kids Halloween Party** will be hosted by Amy Walker and Jen Collier. Lots of treats, a few tricks, a fortune teller and lots of fun stuff are planned. Please bring a treat to share, and wear your costume, if you like.

**November 12... Commodore's Ball:** Angie Miskimens has the planning underway so get your formal attire out and pressed.

December will be busy with the **Adult Holiday Party** on **December 10**, the **Kids Holiday Party** hosted by Julie Thomas and Dawne Ragland the following day; and - we will welcome 2012 in style with the **New Year's Eve Party** on **December 31**.

The next Social Committee meeting is on Monday, October 10th at 7:30 at the club so please plan on attending and joining the fun in planning one or more of our fall events at the club.

See you on the docks!!

# On The Docks

Submitted by Jerry Gray, Marina Chair  
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The marina survived Hurricane Irene as it passed close enough to give us heavy winds, and far enough east of us to avoid a storm surge, in fact just the opposite occurred as the tide dipped very low following the storm. Tropical Storm Lee was not suppose to be a big problem, but ended up dumping torrential rains causing minor flooding around the docks. I know various club members suffered damage from one or both of these events and our thoughts are with you all.

Storm preparation was superb, everyone heeded warnings about the potential for Irene to come much closer than it did. Members spent the week leading up the storm securing boats and removing canvas and in many cases removing boats from the water. The end result was that every boat was prepared to ride out the storm and there was no damage within our marina.

I want to thank all of the members that showed up the evening of the storm and stood watch through the night, frequently making forays out to check lines and make adjustments.

The recent floods tides caused even more wood to float into the marina, please avoid removing wood from the water and leaving it lie on the grounds. Push large pieces in the channel at high tide and allow them float away. If you must remove it, then deal with it immediately by placing it in a dumpster, cutting it and/or removing it from the premises.

Nautical term of the month:

## **Batten down the hatches**

Definition: To prepare for inclement weather.

# Save the Date!



2011 Commodore's Ball  
Saturday, November 12th  
Mount Vernon Country Club

Cocktails 6:00 pm  
Dinner 7:00 pm

Cash Bar  
Black Tie Optional



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# Oktoberfest! Prost!

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# St. Mary's/Red Brown Memorial Cruise



# October 2011



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