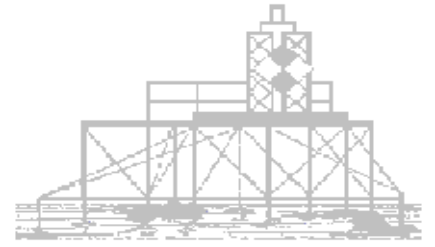


# The York River BEACON



York River Yacht Club

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## **A Few Thoughts from the Ohio Branch Office (or is that the Crown Pointe district office?)**

Charlie and I are very glad that winter is over and are at long last back at the boat. Weather is beyond great, it's been spring monsoon season in Cincinnati.

Four months of snow on the ground is a bit too much. Rufus hates snow almost as much as he hates swimming (which he has done three times from the boat). Apparently the cat thinks the water's still too cold for a dip so far.

We'll be participating in the Blessing of the Fleet this year and hope we'll see you there!

### **Blessing of the Fleet - Saturday, May 7**

It's that time of the year again... Spring is in the air, boats are in the water. Tradition says that participation in the BOF ritual will assure cruisers of fair weather and safe passage, and racers of success on the race course. Others say this is mere superstition, but why take chances? Come join us on Saturday May 7<sup>th</sup>. Here's the schedule of events:

- 9:00-10:00 Registration at the YRYC clubroom
- 10:30-11:00 Procession of boats from the mouth of the Perrin River to "B" dock at Crown Pointe to be blessed
- 11:30 Brunch (including mimosas) in the CPM Activity Room, \$10/person
- 12:30 "Burning of the Socks" ceremony
- 1:00 Radio-controlled sailboat races off "B" dock

Free dockage is being offered for all visiting boats on "A" pier. Please plan to attend this fun event, by land or by sea, and RSVP to Kathy at 804-832-0471 or [sbowen@printpack.com](mailto:sbowen@printpack.com) so we can get you on the list.

## **From George Jones, Vice Commodore and Membership**

Hi All,

I've got the finalized schedules, documents, new member info, etc. for the 2011 YRYC Membership Book all edited up and ready to print. If you've been a member of the club for a year or more and your name appears in last year's book, please make sure that your contact information, boat information, marina, etc. is correct. If you would like me to make any changes or add any information please send an e-mail [gjones1735@cox.net](mailto:gjones1735@cox.net) and I'll get it taken care of.

I'm waiting on one last new membership package and then I'll begin printing over the weekend. I'll be passing out the new books at the blessing of the fleet and then mailing out the remainder. If you need any information between now and then, please feel free to e-mail me. See you all at the Blessing of the Fleet at Crown Pointe Marina on Saturday May 7'th!

**Yacht Club Website** - <http://foxfamily.typepad.com/yryc/>

If you haven't checked it out lately, take a look. The site has been getting updated lately. So, if you're curious about what's happening, or need a detail about a meeting, cruise, etc you should be able to find it there.

Also, watch this space for further developments. We will likely be getting our own domain sometime during the Summer, something like [yryc.org](http://yryc.org).



## 2011 York River Yacht Club Meeting Calendar

Date	Meeting program/Plans
May	The Blessing of the Fleet will be the only meeting in May.
June	Will have speakers talking about Godspeed and Jamestown. The Meeting date will be worked around Cock Island race.

### April 16 Meeting

Due to a strong thunderstorm, we lost power but we continued with an excellent pot luck dinner by candlelight.

Because of the concerns about the storm (and lack of power), we cancelled the presentation and we will reschedule at an upcoming meeting.

## 2011 York River Yacht Club Cruise Calendar

\* Note that the Long cruises can be easily shortened if time does not permit\*

Date	Destination
May 7	Blessing of Fleet: Crown Pointe Marina
May 28 – 30	Mobjack Bay Cruise
June 18-July 4	New England Cruise: Newport, Nantucket, Block Island, Martha's Vineyard, Cuttyhunk
July 9 – 10	Deltaville/Windmill point or other port of call
August 6 – 7	Governor's Cup – Ware River Yacht Club
September 3 -5	Annual Cape Charles Cruise, Labor Day Weekend
September 24- 25	Cruise to anywhere – Go where the wind blows i.e. concrete ships, Seaford, Goodwin island, Poquoson
October 6-11	Urbanna/Tides Inn/ Turkey Shoot Regatta



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