



In 1958, all the "boating crowd" who used to rendezvous at Mollie's Point, went to Crisfield Crab Derby. In order to participate in the Derby's boat parade you had to belong to a yacht club. It was Mr. V.V. Hughes who told these boating enthusiasts "tell" them were the Mollie's Point Yacht Club. Mr. Hughes got pennants made for each boat of this newly named yacht club. V.V. and Mary Hughes led the parade of "Mollie's Pointers" in their boat "Marsha Ann". Other Participants included Upton and Ginny Wilson in "Ginny's Mink", Frank and Marguerite Brewington in "Plum Bob", Newton and Anna Carey in "Skipper", Bob and Jane White, Buddy and Marty Venables, Tom and Frances Jones, Ben and Rebecca Bennett, and Newell and Irma Howard.

Newell Howard, who had also been active in the Wicomico Boat Racing Association, was the first Commodore of the Mollie's Point Yacht Club.

V.V. Hughes was well liked by all members and was looked to for guidance. He was instrumental in obtaining the land for the present Wicomico Yacht Club and was the first Commodore of the Wicomico Yacht Club.

In the fall of 1959, many organizational meetings were held, property on the Wicomico Creek was purchased, the name was changed to Wicomico Yacht Club, and the Charter and By-Laws were drawn.

December 1, 1959 was the official opening and charter date of the Wicomico Yacht Club, and on November 12, 1959 officially incorporated.

An old farmhouse on the property served as the clubhouse, after much renovation, with the members doing all the work. The parking lot and front yard were filled and leveled. By 1960 boating season "A" dock was completed, followed quickly by "B" dock.

The first Commodore's Ball was held in November of 1961.

In the winter of 1963, the old porch was torn away and replaced by a much larger one and was used until the early 90's. The funds for the porch were donated by club members.

The Wicomico Yacht Club was responsible in getting 17 channel lights and 3 day beacons on the Wicomico River in 1964. Until that date the river was dark and unmarked.

"D" pier, with 16 covered slips, was built in the spring of 1964 with financial assistance of the 16 members.

"C" pier was completed in 1967 with 12 covered slips.

In the fall of 1976 the original clubhouse was torn down to make room for the newer modern clubhouse. The clubhouse was completed in the spring of 1977.

1995 an addition was built that doubled the clubhouse size. Bathrooms and showers were added. The bar and dining area was refurnished and brought up the dining seating to 80 people and 14 bar stools. A few years later an in ground pool was installed to further accommodate the membership.

December 16 2016 a fire devastated the club's building. Commodore Ray Semski formed building committee that consisted of current bridge and senior members Peter Hanulak, Tom Jones, Scott McCurdy, Richard Carey, Dennis Webster and Dean Murray. The plan was put into motion for construction of a new building. The Board of Governors approved the motion and general membership voted and approved the project. Construction started February of 2017 and completed in May 2018.

Opening ceremonies on May 26 2018 the club welcomed the new boating season with an official ribbon cutting ceremony and officially opened the new clubhouse. Commodore Peter Hanulak welcomed the large crowd in attendance that included Commodore Mike Snapp, their bridge and members of Solomons Island Yacht Club. Guest Speaker was Delegate Chris Adams. Senators Jim Mathias and Addie Eckhardt, Delegates Chris Adams, Johnny Mautz, Mary Beth Carozza, Carl Anderton, Sheree Sample-Hughes presented Maryland General Assembly Official Proclamations congratulating the club on their new building and their community involvement.

Many other well-known people have participated in the Wicomico Yacht Club opening day festivities, Memorial Day weekend, throughout the years. Among them the late U.S. Representative Rogers C.B. Morton, Secretary of State Lloyd L. Simpkins and Maryland Governor J. Millard Tawes. Current dignitaries also include Wicomico County Sheriff Mike Lewis and county executives Rick Pollitt and Bob Culver.

Today the Wicomico Yacht Club membership is over 350 members and continues to grow. The club is involved in the local community whether fundraising through

donation of clothing, food for the less fortunate and the traditional "Christmas Boat Parade" which raises money for 'Blessed our Children" and toy drive for "Toys for Tots".

For further information on the club and how to be a member please visit our web site at [www.wicomicoyachtclub.com](http://www.wicomicoyachtclub.com)