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Waterline April 2022



North East River Yacht Club

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	EVENTS
Friday April 1	Darts & Game Night
Saturday April 2	8:30 Workday: Clubhouse, gardens, docks
Friday April 8	Birthday/Anniversary/New Member Night
Thursday April 14	BoG Meeting
Saturday April 23	Cruising Season Kickoff: Fun at the Club, UD Regatta (Sat & Sunday)
Saturday April 30	Spring Season Sail Race # 1
Friday May 6	Opening Weekend: Margaritaville Party
Saturday May 7	Opening Weekend: Sail Race, OD Ceremony, Kentucky Derby Party
RESTAURANT	Thursday, Friday, Saturday evenings

Commodore: Claire Brecht



Dear Members,

Happy Spring Greetings to all!

On behalf of the BOG, I am happy to provide you with this update on the recent member survey and our actions.

Because NERYC is a volunteer organization, the BOG is responsible for all areas of the club's operations. As you can imagine, we must carefully weigh all of our decisions, especially financial ones.

Last year the House Committee proposed a club improvement called the "Level Up Initiative" focused on taking full advantage of the space and view of the Commodore's Ballroom as the main dining room. The original concept for the initiative included constructing a new bar. The BOG agreed to consider the proposal with the understanding that additional fundraising and strong member interest would be required.

Given NERYC's long list of needs and wants, we sent out a member survey in the fall to assess members' interests in the Level Up initiative as well as other areas of the clubhouse and grounds. Thank you for completing the survey as it is now helping us with both short and long-term planning and the next steps for the Level Up initiative.

The top areas of club improvement expressed in the survey were:

- Renovate the restrooms
- Utilize the main ballroom for regular restaurant dining (with or without a new bar)
- Update the veranda (with interest in an outside bar)
- Improve the view of the exterior of the club from the parking lot side

Of course, there were many other suggestions, covering just about all areas of NERYC from the walkways to the waterfront!

After careful consideration, I am happy to report that the BOG is currently taking action in the following areas:

- Purchasing new tables & chairs for the veranda
- Purchasing a restaurant-quality portable bar to use in the dining room and the veranda (which also serves as a "test" before we determine if we should construct a permanent additional bar)
- Evaluating new furniture options for the Commodore's Dining room

- Adding shutters to the outside windows facing the parking lot
- Installing planters to provide a partial screening of the exterior of the building. This is the first step in a larger scheme to rework the garbage/outside bathroom area.

Also, based on your survey comments -

- We have contracted with a pest control service to treat for spiders on the exterior of the building and dock lighthouses with a safe and environmentally friendly application.
- We plan to acquire at least 2 new picnic tables for the picnic grounds.
- We have asked Chef Brandon to add a children's menu and additional lite fare options.

We are excited about these improvements and hope all members will enjoy them!

There are less obvious, yet critical investments in NERYC that you likely have not noticed. We have recently moved forward to replace essential aging kitchen equipment, along with some related plumbing and electrical systems. Also, after incurring the damage and expense of a fallen tree last year, we will be removing a couple of dead trees on our property that pose additional risk.

Given the above, we have not yet made a plan to move forward on the bathroom renovations. This will be a big project and is on the list for us to tackle as part of our long-range planning.

All of us on the BOG appreciate your continued support and your willingness to help. As we approach the opening of our 93rd year, thank you for helping to make NERYC the Best on the Bay. We are looking forward to a fantastic season!

Claire Brechter, 302-229-0148, cbrechter@gmail.com

Vice Commodore: Lori Lukeman



See the flyer for all the Opening Day Festivities



NORTH EAST RIVER YACHT CLUB

93RD Opening Day Weekend

MAY 6-8, 2022

On behalf of the Bridge Officers and Board of Governors of NERYC, my husband Chris and I are looking forward to welcoming you to NERYC's 2022 Opening Day Weekend festivities!

We have an exciting weekend planned, so come and enjoy our amazing restaurant and beautiful waterfront setting. Guests are welcome to use our state-of-the-art marina with floating docks. In addition to our traditional ceremony, we have a Margaritaville Party with dinner and dancing on Friday and a Kentucky Derby Party and Hat Contest followed by dinner and dancing again on Saturday. To top it off, our restaurant will offer a fabulous brunch on Sunday.

Hope to see you there!

Sincerely,
Lori Lukeman, Vice Commodore 2022

WEEKEND PROGRAM

FRIDAY, MAY 6

1700-2400 hours	Margaritaville Party - Dinner with Margaritaville Specials - Music by Alex & Grace
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SATURDAY, MAY 7

1100 hours	Spring Series Sail Race 1
1500 hours	Opening Day Registration Complimentary Lite Fare
1600 hours	Opening Day Ceremonies
1700-2200 hours	Restaurant Open for Dinner
1700-2400 hours	Music by How's My Hat & Dancing
1800 hours	Kentucky Derby Party & Best Hat Competition
1830 hours	Basket-of-Cheer Raffle Drawing

SUNDAY, MAY 8

1000-1200 hours	Commodore's Brunch
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FRIDAY, MAY 6
Margaritaville Party

SATURDAY, MAY 7
Opening Day

SUNDAY, MAY 8
Commodore's Brunch

FREE DOCKAGE
Reservations required
Contact Dock Master
Brian Fuchs
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DINNERS/BRUNCH
Reservations required
Call the Club
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Rear Commodore: Amy Grove

Hello everyone!

We managed to squeeze a lot of fun into March, with a special edition of **Birthday / Anniversary / New Member Night** kicking off St. Patrick's Day week. Paul Miller won the raffle again while celebrating his anniversary month, this time taking home an NERYC duffle. A special thanks to Patty Reno for selecting the prize from the ship's store and to Ronnie and Corrine Boyd for providing the music. Our week of celebration capped off with an Irish themed menu and a **St. Patrick's Day Party** with live music from Mark Boyle, who mixed some classic rock with traditional Irish music.

We had great attendance for our **Beer Tasting Dinner featuring Elk River Brewery**, with everyone enjoying four delicious courses paired with a different beer selection, while Rick Holbrook, percussion and vocalist of How's My Hat, played a wide-range of songs on guitar.

As for April, swing by the club for dinner this month to swap plans for putting boats in the water and join in the growing excitement for our 2022 season that is just around the corner. And make sure to show up if you're a new member or it's your birthday or anniversary month for your chance to win some great NERYC gear and enjoy your free drink.

Amy Grove, Rear Commodore, amypgrove@gmail.com



Fleet Captain: Bob Gamble

Hello NERYC Members. Greetings from New Bern, NC where Cindy and I just arrived to start a cruise north. We're also pleased to share with you that plans for our "NERYC Puzzle Cruise" are coming along nicely as we ready ourselves for our upcoming 2022 season in just 4 weeks!

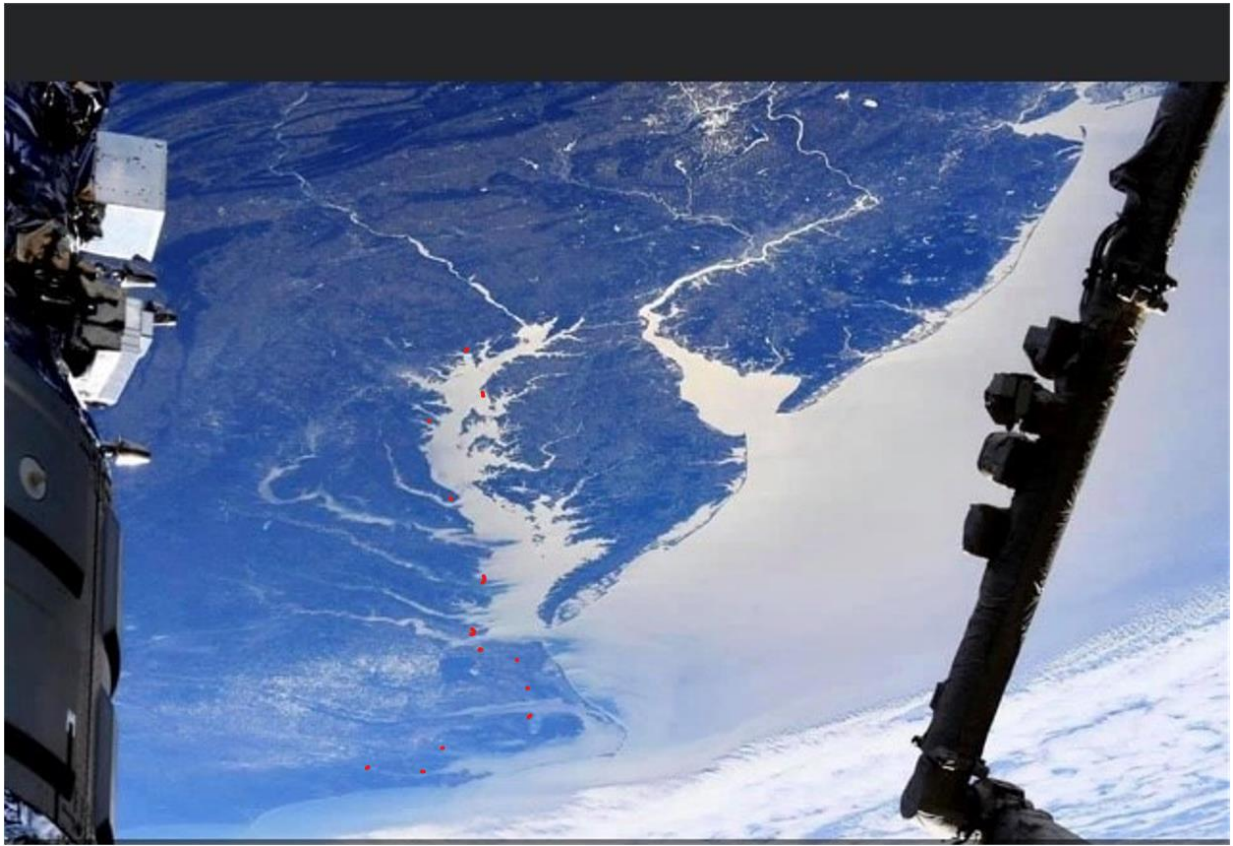
Mark your calendars for Saturday April 23rd for our Cruise Kickoff which will be an afternoon and evening of fun at the club. There will be a UD Sailing Regatta where the club will host several college sailing clubs coming into town to race right off our docks, something which is quite enjoyable to watch right from our front lawn or while you commission your vessels. Bring your old winter socks and join us for a good old-fashioned sock burning bon fire beginning at dusk that will carry into the evening. The club will be buzzing, and we look forward to seeing everyone shake off the winter blues.

The Puzzle Cruise program offers something for everyone in our club. Boater and Social Members will find opportunity to enjoy both land and sea cruises in the schedule. Whether it's a ride over to Turner's Creek to swim around and join in on a raft-up, or hope onboard with someone heading over to an afternoon raft up in Cara Cove or an afternoon land cruise to Toni & Len's place for a summer party or a weeklong cruise way down the bay in September to new places not seen before. We hope you will enjoy this year's program.

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From	To	Event	Where	Coincides with
Saturday, April 23, 2022	Sunday, April 24, 2022	NERYC Puzzle Cruise Kickoff	NERYC	Coincides with UD Regatta/ Invite Regatta Families to join Coincides with Dart League
		Opening Day	NERYC	
Friday, May 27, 2022	Monday, May 30, 2022	The Memorial Day Weekend Cruise	Baltimore Yacht Club Stops in Workton Creek	
		NERYC Invitational		
Saturday, June 11, 2022	Sunday, June 12, 2022	Turner's Creek Weekend Cruise	Turner's Creek, Sassafras Anchor off Turners Creek Pavilion (Folks can drive in and find a vessel to sleep over)	Coincides with Birthday Night on June 10th – folks come to Friday Bday night, stay over and then set sail to Turners for an overnight raft up Club Race by Matt
Saturday, June 25, 2022	Sunday, June 26, 2022	Land Cruise Celebration	Toni & Len Land Cruise Destination Celebration Anchor/Raft up off Turkey Point	Coincides with a Wedding at the club
Friday, July 1, 2022	Monday, July 4, 2022	Independence Day	NERYC Cara Cove Havre De Grace sandbar Raftup	
Saturday, July 16, 2022	Sunday, July 17, 2022	Raft Up Cara Cove	Cara Cove	
Saturday, July 30, 2022	Sunday, July 31, 2022	Raft Up to somewhere NEW Surprise Raftup	NOTE: Gov Cup is July 29th	
		NERYC Moonlight Run		
Saturday, August 20, 2022	Sunday, August 21, 2022	Weekend Cruise to Chesapeake City	Chesapeake City - Anchor or a Marina	
Friday, September 2, 2022	Saturday, September 10, 2022	Labor Day Cruise	Rock Hall then extended cruise further south on the Bay Labor Day Cruise then extend the cruise to explore the southern part of the Bay (options include Solomon Island,	Tracy and Brian maybe just for Rock Hall
Saturday, October 1, 2022	Sunday, October 2, 2022	HDG Invitational		NERYC Annual Meeting
Saturday, October 22, 2022	Saturday, October 22, 2022	End of Year Land Cruise to NERYC	NERYC	
Saturday, October 15, 2022	Friday, March 31, 2023	October / November –	Cruise to Oriental, NC	

You will also see in the schedule a "Cruise to Oriental, NC". This is something that I'd like to see if there is interest by members who would like to do a trip down and up the ICW next year. Foxdog and Silver Star made the trip last October and we'll both be sailing north in April.

Anyway, little tight on the Waterline deadline so I'll share in a future Waterline article information from our trip. For reference, the little red dots on the picture from the International Space Station photo below mark our planned stops over the 400-mile trip north. New Bern, NC -> Oriental, NC -> Bellhaven, NC on the Pungo River -> Alligator River -> Elizabeth City, NC -> Norfolk, VA -> Hampton Road, VA -> Deltaville, VA -> Solomon Island, MD -> Annapolis, MD -> Rock Hall, MD -> and to NERYC for opening day!



**Warm Regards,
Bob Gamble**

NERYC Fleet Captain & Past Commodore



Sail The *Kalmar Nyckel*

Save the Date! Friday July 22nd NERYC Private Sail on the Kalmar Nyckel

Targeting a 5PM to 7:30PM evening sail out of New Castle.

Additional details will follow along with sign up thru constant contact probably in April.

Currently the headcount will be limited to 49 but hope that may increase as we get closer.

IPC Dave Brzezowski – 610-308-8708



Birthdays

3	Beth England
4	Mary Campbell
4	Bill McQueen
5	George Frankel
7	Lynn Fowler
8	Charlie Jackson
9	Edward Bogdan
9	John Suchyj
10	Gloria Ryan
10	John Spanitz
10	Troy Vogt
12	Neil Campbell
12	John Pietuszka
13	Tim Donnelly
15	Natalie Whyte
16	Carol Anderer
16	Debbie Walters
16	Tina Webb
18	George Braun
18	Justine Roecker
23	Sue Carey
23	Margaret Hill
24	Brian Fuchs
24	Courtney Gorski
25	Linda Child
30	Jayme Horsey

April 8 New Members/Birthdays/Anniversaries Celebrate with friends



Welcome

Glad you're here!

New Members:

Travis & Jennifer Howell

Mary & Carmen Lagarelli

Gretchen Huhn

John & Diane Patterson

David & Lynda Woodside

David & Catherine
McDugall

Anniversaries

6	Frank & Ceil Keenan
7	Drew & Mary Adair
7	Mike & Molly Rowen
7	Cliff & Pat Shaw
8	Alexander Milne & Kate Sahmel
15	John Hakemian & Kay Brawley
19	John & Caroline Molter
29	Darrel & Natalie Whyte

Notes from the Sail Chair, Matt Sheldrick



Thank you to Rick Hanson for providing a fun and informative session a few weeks ago. I hope that it encouraged some of you to get out on the racecourse. That opportunity is fast approaching, Spring racing begins on April 30th so Skippers get your boats ready and gather your crew. Crew, chat to a skipper and come out racing.

The Spring Race Series Calendar:

Spring Series Race 1	April 30th
Spring Series Race 2	May 7th
Spring Series Race 3	May 14th
Spring Series Race 4	May 21st

All races start at 1pm with a Skippers meeting at 12pm.

Please keep an eye out for emails with more details as our race program gets closer.

Matt Sheldrick, Sail Chair NERYC
610 757 5023



Buildings & Grounds: Magda Nogalski Krapf



Help Needed:

Please join Building and Grounds Chair on the next workday Saturday April 2. Our facilities and gardens stay beautiful with help from **all** our members. See Magda's and Susan's emails with the tasks that need to be completed to get the club ready for the summer season.



LEARN TO SAIL



Expand Your Kids' Horizons And Try Something Different This Summer

Sailing is loads of fun, it gets kids outdoors, it builds life skills, and it fosters camaraderie and friendship.

No experience required

During their time with us, youngsters learn all the essential elements of sailing using a combination of lessons, practice drills, games and lots of time out on the water.

- Boat parts
- Rigging
- Launching
- Wind & points of sail
- Steering and sail trim
- Essential knots
- General Seamanship
- Boat handling skills

Program

Our summer sail camp program follows a building block approach, which allows sailors to progress from beginner through to advanced levels. Sessions are bi-weekly and run 8 days on Mondays through Thursdays over 2 consecutive weeks.

Staff

Our instructors are selected for their love of sailing, experience, mentoring and leadership qualities and are US Sailing Small Boat Instructor Certified.

Situation

On the Northern end of the Chesapeake Bay, the Northeast River is a safe and protected body of water, making it ideal for teaching young sailors. The yacht club is an easy commute for residents of Cecil, Harford, New Castle and South Eastern Chester Counties.

Ages 8-16 Sessions start June 20th, 2022

FIND OUT MORE & REGISTER
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From the Dockmaster, Brian Fuchs

Hello Slip and Mooring NERYC Members.....

April is time to think about safety. Keeping yourself and others safe and healthy. Accidents do happen, so prevention and preparedness are the best way to have a safe and fun boating season.

I would suggest visiting the State of Maryland DNR watercraft website and brush up on your “Boating Safety” skills.
<https://dnr.maryland.gov/nrp/pages/boatingsafety/personal-water-craft.aspx>



NERYC Docks & Mooring Marina Policy

http://www.neryc.com/documents/waterfront/Docks_Moorings_Policy_Approved%207-18-14.pdf

Brian Fuchs
Dockmaster and Past Commodore
NERYC



Membership Chair Lynn Sweeney

Welcome New Members

Gretchen Huhn has lived and raised 3 kids in Cecil County since 1980 and now babysits her grandchild and does medical transcription. Her husband Ted joined NERYC last year to 'try it out' and now they are both members. They love the water and boating and Ted enjoys fishing. You'll see them enjoying dinner in the burgee lounge on Friday



evenings.



David & Lynda Woodside

Dave and Lynda Woodside live in Bear, Delaware.

They have two children David, 24 and Kelly, 20 years old. Dave works for A T & T and is the co-owner of How Do You Brew. Lynda is the Early Head Start Director in Elkton. Interests include kayaking, home brewing, hiking, and travel. We are very interested in learning how to sail.

(If you are new over the past few months and would like to share your photo in the Waterline, please send it to jzveater@yahoo.com)

Huge Basket of Cheer Raffle tickets for sale in Burgee Lounge



Member Profile:

Paul Pudlinski

After high school I joined the Army and was assigned to HHC 1st Brigade, 8th Infantry Division, Airborne as a radio teletype operator in Mainz, Germany. After the Army I went to college and studied Architecture.

Paul Pudlinski an Architect:

I worked on many projects but enjoyed the challenge of complex projects like St. Jude Cancer Research Center for St Jude Children's Hospital and worked on several pharmaceutical company's drug production buildings.

I started sailing when I was 30 working for H2L2 Architects. The specification writer had a Telstar Trimaran and invited Jean and I to go sailing for the day. I was hooked and we took sailing lessons and began chartering sailboats on the bay.

Paul Pudlinski and Jean Sailing, 1980 to 1994

Jean and I sailed with our two children and chartered many different sailboats on the Chesapeake Bay. It gave me an idea of what boat I might buy, but I just could not sign on the dotted line during those years.

After Jean died of Ovarian Cancer I didn't sail for over a year and didn't know if I would ever sail again. My family and friends encouraged me to continue sailing.

My next sailing adventure was a celestial navigation course sailing from Marsh Harbor, Bahamas to Norfolk. Just a few hours after leaving we encountered 12 to 20 foot waves and 50 knot winds. The autopilot was unable to keep the boat on course so we hand steered. It was so rough we had to crawl. Now came my shift; I had to constantly move the wheel to keep the boat on course. The following sea had waves coming over my head filling the cockpit to the tops of my boots. Then, all of a sudden, it was calm and I heard a spirit say, "it was OK to go on with my life". I felt it was Jean telling me to go on with my life. Then the waves came back as soon as they had left.

A dear friend told me about Singles on Sailboats and it took me three months to be able to join. That is where I met Gail Procter who would become my wife for the next 24 years until she died of a heart arrhythmia during a Triathlon.

I bought "OPPORTUNITY" a Tartan 37c in 1996, which I still own.

Paul Pudlinski and Gail Procter Cruising the Caribbean November 2004 to May 2007 and Cruising the Bay for 18 years.

2 ½ years, an 8,000 mile trip, sailing on "OPPORTUNITY" With Gail Procter

Caribbean cruise:

ICW with two short ocean passages from North East, MD to Florida

Five day ocean passage to Belize. Three months island hopping off the mainland of Belize.

Day sailing, island hopping to Guatemala for hurricane season. Stayed six months at a marina in Fronteras. Traveling on shore.

Sailed on to Bay Islands Honduras. Island hopped between Roatan, Utila and Guanaja. Sailed from Guanaja to Providencia, Colombian off of the coast of Nicaragua. We had four days of eight foot seas and high wind. Stayed anchored in Providencia for a month. Then sailed on to Panama.

First anchorage in Panama was Bocas del Toro then stayed at the Colon Marina, Panama which has been demolished and a ship port built in its place to support the ships traversing the Panama Canal.

Sailed on to Portobello, Panama. Then onto The San Blas Islands, Panama where we spent three months and visited 30 islands where the Kuna Indians live. It was one of the most memorable times cruising. The Kuna Indians were a joy to be with and could give anyone a life lesson on how to live.

Sailed on to Cartagena, Colombia. Spent three months in a marina and traveled to Nazca and Machu Picchu.

Of the ABC Islands off of Colombia and Venezuela we visited the Islands of Bonaire and Curassow and spent too much time there because the weather was changing.

On to Evie islands off of the coast of Venezuela and again we spent too much time there. It was too dangerous to go to the mainland. Winds changed direction and made it impossible to sail east.

Since the Trade Winds and current now have picked up we made a choice to turn north and sail to Ponce, Puerto Rico. We spent three months there and stayed for Carnival. Made friends with a master mask maker.

Now on to the Dominican Republic where we spent weeks in Samana then onto Luperon. Now tired of fixing everything on the boat, it was time to go home. Sailed up through the Bahamas; island hopping over the next three months.

We left Bimini and made a three day ocean passage to Beaufort.

The last leg was on the ICW to the Chesapeake Bay then home.

After we came back people would ask me if I was afraid of pirates and I said "No I am afraid of route 95." There were pirates but we avoided them by not going to certain places or by sailing farther offshore. A funny thing that went on for some time, was being awakened from my sleep by a front coming through. I would be startled and wonder if I needed to get up and check the anchor. Well, I was at home in bed.

In 2013 Gail and I sailed to Maine where Lois Shiley met us in Maine and she sailed back with us.

Continued sailing on the Chesapeake until 2019 then I was unable to go to the boat until two years later.

Paul and Gail go on a trip with the Jungle medic to help people, who had no medical care, in the remote villages in the Highlands of Guatemala. We went on four mission trips with the Jungle medic.



The village Chief invited us for dinner to thank us for our help. We declined the chicken because it was the last chicken the village had. The Jungle Medic made the excuse that we were Americans and had weak stomachs and could not eat their food. Only men and no women were invited.



Paul ready to board a C141



Paul enjoying the ride!



Paul boarding a C130



Just a typical cruiser in the Caribbean. Jerry cans on deck, life raft on bow, canvas covering V birth, wind generator, solar panels and dinghy, tools and spare parts overloading the boat.



Kuna Indians, Island off of main land Panama



Masks from Carnival Puerto Rico

Photos:







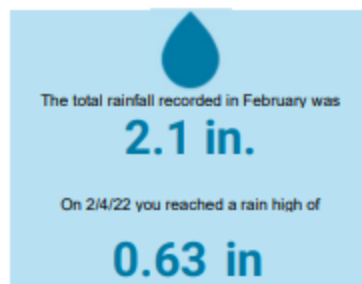
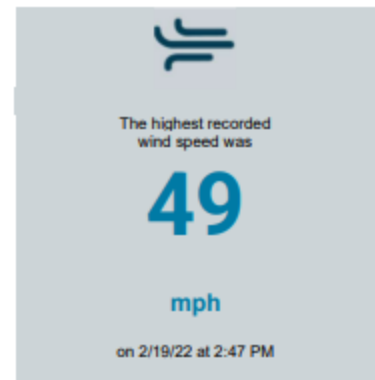
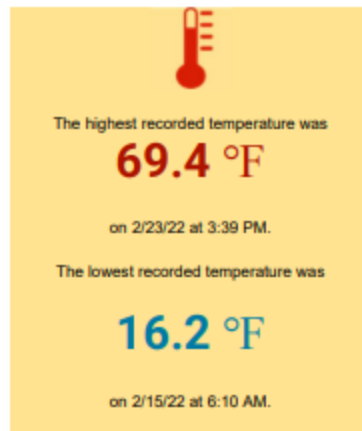






Your February Weather Report

We put together this personalized report for you based on the data reporting to My AcuRite® from your **AcuRite Atlas** in **North East**.



To see the current weather at NERYC go to neryc.com and click on the Weather Underground icon.



Worried about running aground?

Evergreen Marine Corp.'s ship Ever Forward ran aground in the Chesapeake Bay after departing the Port of Baltimore's Seagirt Marine Terminal on March 13 and hasn't moved since, according to mapping data compiled by Bloomberg.

On Sunday, experts led by the U.S. Coast Guard launched a dredging operation to refloat the 334-meter (1,096-foot) vessel, which was en route to the Virginia International Gateway terminal in Norfolk. So far, the Hong Kong-flagged ship is



not disrupting trade.

Source Bloomberg March 21 2022

On Tuesday March 29 tug boats were attempting to free the ship.