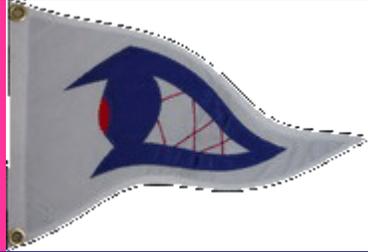


Courtney is Queen!



Red Eye Yacht Club Newsletter

The biggest little yacht club on the bay

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Message from Queen Courtney

Revised Edition

An error occurred in final editing, which omitted some of Courtney's message. It has been corrected and this edition is complete and accurate. Sorry for the inconvenience.



Courtney Crowned Queen Video



Officers jump in the pool video

Red Eye Yacht Club is proud to introduce
Queen of the Chesapeake Bay
Courtney Reed



On June 5, 2011, the 64th Annual Queen of the Chesapeake Pageant was held at Maryland Yacht Club. It was an eventful day for all the girls competing, including myself. We all felt the pressure, but, being a family, we all held hands, exchanged hugs and words of confidence, and cheered each other on. I felt the presence of my family in the yachting community more than I had ever felt on that day through their words of wisdom and their strong hearts. As the finalists, Sara Soistman of Eastern, Lara Prettyman of Miles River, Kristy Woods of Sue Haven, and myself were announced, we all held hands as we waited to be called back for our final question, and joined hands again before the results were announced.

I have been absolutely gifted with the honor of being the 64th Queen of the Chesapeake - I am extremely thankful to be able to represent this amazing community that has become my second family. I cannot think of a place I would rather spend my time and be around a group of individuals more unique and special in their own beautiful ways than this boating community. I look forward to a year even more memorable than the time I was princess with the Red Eye Yacht Club.

That being said, I can describe the bittersweet feeling of no longer having the title of Princess of the Red Eye Yacht Club. REYC is my home and all the members and officers are my family, and I want to extend my thanks to



everyone who has supported me in these past few months. I may represent the entire bay now, but the people of REYC will always be held dearest in my heart, and I will never forget my roots and those who first encouraged me and led me on my way. Love is not strong enough of a word to describe the loyalty and kinship I have with Red Eye. I will do my absolute best to carry the proud name of the Red Eye Yacht Club and bring prestige to everyone here through my actions as Queen.

Firstly, I would like to thank R/C Karen Frey and P/C Ken Zeisloft. You two were my entire introduction into the yachting community, and you have shown me incredible support. Karen had not heard that there was a new family at REYC with two daughters for a minute before the thought "PRINCESS!" jumped into her mind. During my first visit to REYC, I asked Karen what I had to do to be princess, and she happily replied "Just say you'll do it!" Ken immediately jumped on the computer to order me a sash and Karen pulled up a website to buy a tiara. That next weekend, I attended my first Commodore's Ball for White Rocks with Ken and Karen, and knew that this was going to be an amazing experience. I want to thank you both for your compassion and your willingness to introduce me to the yachting community, and for having faith in my abilities to fully represent REYC. I love you.

Secondly, I would like to thank F/C Irene and Ray-Ray Witmer. Irene, I hope you know I have proudly compared myself to you on several occasions; we share the same excitement toward adorable things (such as Ray-Ray dancing), and I felt an immediate bond between you and I when we attended Marley's Commodore's Ball. Ray-Ray, you are an especially bright light to my time at REYC. You never fail to make me smile, and you are compassionate in a quiet and subtle way that makes me feel so loved. I thank you both for your love, and I look forward to spending more time with you two over the summer and through this next year. I cannot think of a more adorable couple and a more wonderful pair of people than you two, and I love you both very much for all of your support.

To V/C Bob Carr, and, of course, the wonderful Nikki: you are both shining people who never fail to make me smile. Bob, you have been my backbone this year and I have been amazed in how you stand up for me, even though I have only known you for a short amount of time. You support me and you protect me. I will never forget the day in March when I broke down under the stress of my grandmother's illness and you came out into the parking lot and hugged me - sometimes that's all I need, and I thank you for understanding. You both mean the world to me, and I am so excited that you will be one of MY commodores, Bob. Thank you both for your love.

I would also like to thank, many times over, P/C Steve "Wrong Way" Rockel, and Terri for their love. Recently, you two have become an enormous part of my life, and I am eternally grateful for all the laughter and happiness you have given me. Steve, you are far too easy to pick on, and I just love it! I know you enjoy the attention, so it all works out in the end. I probably do not say it enough, but I do love you, Steve, and I am so thankful that we have become so close. I pray that you are not crying as you read this, but you have made an enormous difference in my life, and, in your own special way, have encouraged me and made me a stronger person. Terri, I always enjoy talking with you and you never cease to make me smile. You are a wonderful and inspirational person, and I admire how confident you are. Thank you for allowing me to share this part of my life with you and for being a part of my family. I am very excited to be YOUR Queen, Steve, and I look forward to sharing this year with the both of you. I love you dearly; please do not ever change, because you are both incredible individuals.

Additionally, I would like to extend much gratitude to P/C John Cashman and P/C and Treasurer Jill Cashman. Both John and Jill have been extremely hospitable to me by letting me spend many nights on their wonderful boat and also allowing me to have Princess Sleepovers, which comforted me through the entire pageant weekend and allowed me to grow in my relationships with the girls. Being around the two of you has been a



wonderful blessing - Jill, you never fail to tell a good story about John and you can always make me smile. You are a generous individual, in addition to being strong, witty, patient, and compassionate; in many ways, we are very alike, and I can always see that in all of our conversations. You have shown me enormous support and I know I can always look forward to being at REYC - you are always the first person I see, the first one to say hello, and the first person to touch my heart every time I arrive at my second home. You must understand the concept of REYC being a home to me, because it IS a home to you! I am so glad that you and John are always there when I need you. I've left countless items on your boat and have had multiple girls leave all their things all over your stateroom, and I know that you do not mind, and I thank you for that. John, I am sorry that I took the Princess position at Red Eye from you, but I must say, you looked very dashing in my tiara and sash the other day. You have supported me from the beginning and were the one who first encouraged me to run in the pageant - without your support, I may not be the Queen of the Chesapeake today. I love you both so much, and words cannot describe how grateful I am for everything you have done for me.

Finally, I would like to thank MY Commodore and MY First Lady. Jerry, as sad as I am to have only spent a few months with you, it makes me smile to know that you are the only Commodore I will ever have, and I wouldn't have it any other way. You have changed my life completely and have encouraged me to see myself in a positive light, even when I get down on myself. You are always there to supply a comforting hug, and I am extremely glad you were my escort at the pageant - losing my shoe was a lot easier to overcome with your hand to balance me and a warm hug to encourage me to do my best. I will always be your Meal Ticket, and you'll always be my Aztec Sun God! Your texts to say good morning every day always brighten my day, and you can always raise me up when I am down. You may spill beer on my presents, but I love you anyway - you ARE my family, and I'm thrilled that Liz refers to me as "your fourth daughter." Which brings me to you, Liz - you are beautiful, compassionate, thoughtful, intelligent, warm, respectful, generous, patient, comforting, strong, creative, enthusiastic, determined, forgiving, joyful, loyal, resourceful, wise, truthful, and sincere; you are everything I hope to be as an individual. I often address you as "Mom" and that's a good thing, believe me. I have had so much fun with you so far and I am thrilled to spend this next important chapter of my life with you and Jerry.

Words cannot describe how I feel about the two of you, so I'll use a song: "When I am down and oh, my soul so weary, when troubles come, and my heart burdened be, then I am still and wait here in the silence until you come and sit a while with me. You raise me up so I can stand on mountains; you raise me up to walk on stormy seas. I am strong when I am on your shoulders. You raise me up to more than I can be." Remind me to sing that for you the next time I see you! I love you both dearly, and I am so happy to have been YOUR princess. I will always be yours, even as Queen. I love you more than anything. Thank you for being a part of my life. You have changed me for the better.

Again, I would like to extend my thanks to every one who supported me this weekend and everyone who has helped me along. No matter how amazing of a Queen I may be, nothing can compare to the amazing family I have in all of you. Thank you for being unique and wonderful, and I look forward to showing everyone how amazing REYC in my reign as Queen. I love you now, and always will. I am always yours.

Love Always,
Courtney Reed

Queen of the Chesapeake 2011



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