



The 76th Annual
Queen of the Chesapeake
Pageant
2023



Dear Guests of the 76th Queen of the Chesapeake Pageant,

In this program you will find information about the Pageant, including this year's Queen, the club Princesses, and the Pageant Judges. You will also find the 2023 schedule of events and a brief summary of the pageant's history.

The advertisements herein are an integral part of continuing our Pageant tradition. Please be sure to support the businesses who have generously supported us. Thank you to everyone, vendors, family, friends, clubs and members, who supported the princesses by publishing in this program.

Sincerely,

The Queen of the Chesapeake Committee



Mission Statement

The Queen of the Chesapeake Program serves to empower young women, and to help them build self-confidence, through positive experiences within and around the yachting community on the Chesapeake Bay and surrounding tributaries. In addition to learning and experiencing Chesapeake Bay yacht club customs and traditions, the QOTC Program helps to expand young women's personal growth and inspire self-confidence through speech writing, public speaking, time management, relationship building, community service, conflict resolution, and fundraising.





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Patrons of the Queen of the Chesapeake





76TH ANNUAL
 QUEEN OF THE CHESAPEAKE PAGEANT
 23 - 24 JUNE 2023
 MARYLAND YACHT CLUB

Friday, June 23

3:00pm	Good Luck Pool Plunge
5:00pm	Pageant Run Through
6:00pm-10:00pm	Queen Michelle's Farewell Dinner & Party

Band: Crush

Saturday, June 24

9:00am-10:30am	Breakfast for Princesses
7:30am-10:30am	Family/Clubs decorate tents

Tent and Boat Decorating Judging at 10:30am

11:15am-2:15om Girls get ready

2:15pm-2:45pm Pageant Photos

3:00pm 76th QOTC Pageant

Immediately Following the Pageant

The Traditional Pool Splash
 Cake Cutting

Tent and Boat Decorating Awarded

6:00pm	76th Queen of the Chesapeake Welcome Dinner
7:00pm-10:00pm	DJ & Party





PAGEANT HISTORY

The Queen of the Chesapeake Pageant was founded by Maryland Yacht Club in 1948. The event, co-mingled with opening ceremonies at a fantastic new club home on the first Sunday in June, enriched the yachting community beyond traditional regattas and clubhouse socials. The pageant, along with the introduction of a new speedboat class, and three other powerboat events, highlighted the 40th anniversary of the opening of Maryland Yacht Club. This event, witnessed by over 5,000 spectators, was the first of its type to be televised on the Chesapeake Bay. Miss Rachel Holmes, representing Bush River Yacht Club (which didn't know she was coming until right before the event), won the coveted crown as she competed against six other young ladies then dubbed "Princesses."

In the early years there were no microphones, and the audience, made up of members of visiting clubs and families, pressed the fence behind the judges table to hear the questions posed to the participants. Times have changed, and rules have too, as the age allowed to compete was lowered to 15, and being unmarried became a requirement. MYC had a marvelous space set up as a dormitory for the 'Princesses' and the girls that participated in those years had a great time (even though they had a midnight curfew). House mothers watched over them from noon on Saturday until the evening after the Pageant. Unfortunately, a fire destroyed the building. Today, princesses have fun staying on boats over the weekend.

Over the years, the number of Pageant contestants has greatly varied — starting with 6 clubs participating and peaking in 1997 with 20 or more entrants. Recently the number of Princesses competing has ranged from 3 to 8. The Pageant has evolved to highlight significant changes in the roles of young women over the last 75 years, reflected in the Scoring Breakdown which weighs achievements and interview skills along with poise and presentation. Today's Queen of the Chesapeake and First Runner Up will receive scholarships toward their continuing education. We still hold strong to the tradition of wearing a beautiful white gown and speaking before judges and the yachting community as well as friends and family members. Paramount is the selection and support of a charity, especially chosen by each princess for heartfelt reasons.

In 2017, the 70th Queen of the Chesapeake Pageant grew from the Sunday segment of Maryland Yacht Club's Opening Weekend to its own premiere, weekend-long event focused on the Princesses and their achievements. The weekend includes a themed boat-decorating contest, scholarship fundraising activities, live music, food, and plenty of time to gather with friends, all to support the traditional pageant ceremony. It now takes place after all the yacht clubs have had their openings, allowing the Princesses to focus on their studies during finals and to attend openings. All of these activities have been made possible by the yacht clubs coming together and combining their efforts to making this a memorable event for these young women; an event reflecting the true meaning of community that comes with being part of a yacht club on the Chesapeake Bay.



QUEEN OF THE CHESAPEAKE COMMITTEE



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MARYLAND YACHT CLUB



Past Queens

1948 Rachel Holmes Bush River Yacht Club

1949 Jane Brooks Colonial Beach Yacht Club

1950 Charlotte Phillips Cambridge Yacht Club

1951 Mary Lou King Maryland Yacht Club

1952 Sylvia Ann Jarboe Miles River Yacht Club

1953 Diane Maxa North East River Yacht Club

1954 Jackie Rew Boumi Temple Yacht Club

1955 Mary Elizabeth Yewell Cambridge Yacht Club

1956 Barbara Kenny Boumi Temple Yacht Club

1957 Marla Simmons Cambridge Yacht Club

1958 Mary Williams Baltimore Yacht Club

1959 Joan Peters Cambridge Yacht Club

1960 Linda Watkins Baltimore Yacht Club

1961 Virginia Davis Bush River Yacht Club

1962 Alice Krizek Crescent Yacht Club

1963 Margret Porter Solomon's Island Yacht Club

1964 Ruth Ann Curry Bush River Yacht Club

1965 Carol Ann Matlock Boumi Temple Yacht Club

1966 Catherine Ugis Capitol Yacht Club

1967 Terry Ugis Capitol Yacht Club

1968 Paula Haislp Rose Haven Yacht Club

1969 Linda Sue Rabley Red Eye Yacht Club

1970 Mary Ellen Potter Maryland Yacht Club

1971 Diane Kazaharakis Rose Haven Yacht Club

1972 Jennifer Lynn Dobson Miles River Yacht Club

1973 Kathi Peterman Cambridge Yacht Club

1974 Debra Ann Studer Harbour North Yacht Club

1975 Joanne Hockman Sue Haven Yacht Club

1976 Cynthia Ripple Nabbs Creek Yacht Club

1977 Kelle Kipp Baltimore Yacht Club

1978 Natalie Phillips South River Yacht Club

1979 Karen Marie Seymour Rose Haven Yacht Club

1980 Kathleen Mary Quinn Bush River Yacht Club

1981 Susan Denise Jeffrey Baltimore Yacht Club

1982 Louisa Plummer Kent Island Yacht Club

1983 Laurie Anderson Galloway Yacht Club

1984 Lisa Rae Gundersdorf West River Yacht Club

1985 Kimberly Reichart Otter Point Yacht Club

1986 Carol Ann Doetlaff Maryland Yacht Club

1987 Colleen Cunningham Harbour North Yacht Club

1988 Tracy Leaman Boumi Temple Yacht Club

1989 Shelley Filar Eastern Yacht Club

1990 Kimberly Jean Frederick Baltimore Yacht Club

1991 Amy Lynn Pirozzi Riverside Yacht Club





Past Queens

1992	Tina Bressi	Trojan Harbor Yacht Club	2010	Caitlin Campbell	Middle River Yacht Club
1993	Tammy Anderson	Maryland Cruising Club	2011	Courtney Reed	Red Eye Yacht Club
1994	Kelly Darlynn McGonigal	White Rocks Yacht Club	2012	Lillian Vogelsong	Top of the Bay Yacht Club
1995	Sonja Rae Gladwin	Bodkin Yacht Club	2013	Shannon Czaplá	Eastern Yacht Club
1996	Rhonda Renee' Knight	Maryland Cruising Club	2014	Katie Lindsay	Bush River Yacht Club
1997	Katie Murray	Maryland Cruising Club	2015	Ashley Lindsay	Bush River Yacht Club
1998	Kathryn Watson	Kent Island Yacht Club	2016	Kylee Mills	Kent Island Yacht Club
1999	Tricia Figallo	Bodkin Yacht Club	2017	Gabby Kastrunes	Riverside Yacht Club
2000	Dayle Danecker	Bodkin Yacht Club	2018	Mia Sokol	Bodkin Yacht Club
2001	Candice Ann Steele	Crescent Yacht Club	2019	Dulayne Sterling	Bodkin Yacht Club
2002	Bridget Smith	North East River Yacht Club	2020	Jessie Mackrell	Kent Island Yacht Club
2003	Crystal Guthrie	Otter Point Yacht Club	2021	Ellie Hermann	Maryland Yacht Club
2004	Amber Venanzi	Sue Haven Yacht Club	2022	Michelle Studnicki	Bush River Yacht Club
2005	Erin Rumbley	Middle River Yacht Club			
2006	Lacie Bunting	Red Eye Yacht Club			
2007	Maegan Kyser	Great Oak Yacht Club			
2008	Renae Hunter	Baltimore Yacht Club			
2009	Kimberly Samm	Eastern Yacht Club			





Congratulations to Queen Michelle Studnicki
and Best Wishes to each of our Wonderful Contestants!

Tom and Jan Yanni
Tursiops, Essex MD
Middle River Yacht Club
Glenmar Sailing Association
Chesapeake Bay Yacht Clubs Association



Queen Michelle

BUSH RIVER YACHT CLUB

My name is Michelle Studnicki and I have the honor of representing the Yachting Community as the 75th Queen of the Chesapeake.

I am a junior at New Covenant Christian School. I have participated in Student Leadership during my middle and high school years, and I am currently serving as Captain of Augustine House. Each year Augustine House participates in multiple service projects. Some are collecting and wrapping presents for the less fortunate, coming together with Extreme Family Outreach, and serving in the community. I have made the honor roll throughout high school, which led to my membership in the National Society of High School Scholars.

Although education is of utmost importance, I love getting involved with clubs and extracurriculars. At school, I am involved in the ACE mentorship program. ACE stands for Architecture, Construction, and Engineering. This program helps high school students learn about ACE. This past year our assignment was to build a fictitious nature center in place of the Rusty Scupper, located in the Inner Harbor. My team won Most Comprehensive Design. I participate in our science fairs, this past year earning 2nd place. I am also involved in my school's chorus and perform for the winter and spring recitals. I have studied Latin for 9 years, and have competed nationally, 3 times scoring with Magna Cum Laude (highest honors). I am also involved with my school's theater. I have participated both in acting and with tech. My favorite play to put on was the 'Scarlet Pimpernel'.

Outside of school I participate in the Sea Cadets, a naval military-based program built to provide leadership opportunities, valuable skills, and a wide variety of career paths in the military to their cadets, located at Fort McHenry in Baltimore, MD. I am a member of the Teen Court in Harford County. This program offers first-time misdemeanor youth offenders opportunities to restore relationships within their communities and provides them the resources to improve future decision-making. I participate as a juror and hear every case. I swim year-round for the Arena Club. This past year I competed in 6 events at the State Championship and reached the final in my best event, the 50 breaststroke.

This year as Queen my charity is the Chesapeake Bay Foundation. The Chesapeake Bay Foundation is an organization devoted to the restoration and protection of the Chesapeake Bay. They spend time collecting trash, planting trees, and working hard to find effective science-based solutions to the pollution degrading the Chesapeake Bay and its rivers and streams. The Foundation teaches children what they can do in their everyday lives to help benefit the Chesapeake Bay and their communities.

I enjoy boating, swimming, spending time with family and friends, serving the community, attending my church's youth group, and most importantly cuddling with my dog.

With love,
Michelle Studnicki, 75th Queen of the Chesapeake

QUEEN MICHELLE



Princess Caroline

BUSH RIVER YACHT CLUB

Hello my name is Caroline Oliver and I am the Princess at Bush River Yacht Club.

I'm 16 years old and a sophomore in the Nursing program at Harford Technical High School. I enjoy hanging out with my friends, spending time with my family, cooking & baking, listening to music, and trying new things.

I have dual career goals: to be a nurse and to be in the military. My Parents have traced their ancestors back long before the American Revolution and can account for 11 generations of either medical or military personnel, so it must be in my blood to want to both! Exploring the world while serving my country and taking care of our soldiers is a true dream.

Writing stories is the love of my life. A few years ago I entered a writing contest for short stories, mostly because a determined teacher wouldn't let me say no. I placed first place in Harford County AND the state of Maryland, and the realization that people actually enjoyed my imagination on paper has given me a lot of confidence and motivation to continue sharing my ideas with the world.

My other great love is the water. Growing up on the Bush River gave me the love of power boating, and my Sea Scout Ship 1808 has given me the of sailing. I refuse to admit which one I prefer, but any activity that puts me near water is the one I choose.

In my spare time, I'm a member of the Creative Writing Club at school, an Honor Roll student, and a Sea Scout.

Being the Princess for Bush River Yacht Club has been a fantastic experience. I've become a public speaker, a socializer, a ball gown dancer, and an extravert. Every princess here will leave their post better than when they started, and it has been a whirlwind of fun hanging with this group of girls!

PRINCESS CAROLINE



Princess Piper

CRESCENT YACHT CLUB

Hello, my name is Piper Kaylee Cook and I have the honor of representing Crescent Yacht Club as their 2023 Princess. I attend Manchester Valley High School where I am in my senior year. My extracurricular activities include the Newspaper Club and Sources of Strength. "SOS" is a Youth Suicide Prevention group that works with students and their mental health issues. I have been involved with SOS for the past 6 years and am very passionate about helping others. When I graduate, I would like to work towards a career in the medical profession as a registered nurse.

This experience as a princess for my second year has continued to teach me so many valuable things. I have continued to grow into a mature young woman. Having a greater self-confidence, in public speaking and public appearances. I am so grateful and blessed for this continued opportunity. The charity that I chose is St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, which is very special to me, my nanny was on a fixed income of only \$1000 a month and she donated \$10 a month to this charity that meant so much to her and now means so much to me. To date, my charity has raised \$7,141.00 with the various fundraising events and from the love and support of the entire Crescent family and friends.

My hobbies and interests include swimming, soccer, arts and crafts, fishing, camping, traveling to new places and spending time with my family.

Princess Piper Cook
Crescent Yacht Club, 2023

PRINCESS PIPER



Princess Natalie

EASTERN YACHT CLUB

Natalie Lange is a 16-year-old Junior attending The Catholic High School of Baltimore. Natalie is enrolled in the Bio-Medical program at school because of her passion for science and health.

She is also a representative in the Nursing Club at school. Natalie is also involved with the Visual Performing Arts (VPA) program where she works in the production booth where she controls and operates the stage sound and lighting.

Natalie is serving her second term as Princess for the Eastern Yacht Club. She proudly represents the club her family loves and has spent nearly half her life at. This year Natalie is raising money for her charity, the Adolescent Self Injury Foundation. This foundation is near to her heart as it hits home with some challenges she has faced in her teenage life. Last year Natalie raised \$3,500 for Camp Possibility, a local summer camp for juveniles afflicted with Type 1 diabetes. She also raised \$4,000 for the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation. Natalie is a kind and compassionate girl who loves to socialize with people and has an amazing sense of humor. Natalie also loves helping people and working with disadvantaged and disabled kids. She is currently volunteering with a program called, "The Sky's the Limit" where she is teaching young men and women with mental illnesses how to dance and act.

PRINCESS NATALIE



Princess Hailey

MARYLAND YACHT CLUB

My name is Hailey Tate and I have the privilege of representing Maryland Yacht Club as the 2022-23 princess and the 2021-22 junior princess. I have been heavily involved with my club ever since I was little. I enjoy going to Maryland Yacht Club every weekend during the summer to fish and to spend time with my family. At the Maryland Yacht Club, I have been a part of the Jr. Sailing Camp by raising money with different events along with attending the camp when I was young. I have hosted a few bingos, face painting event, and a hot chocolate stand to raise money for my charity.

I am finishing my junior year at Glenelg Country School in Ellicott City and plan to attend St. Mary's School in Annapolis for my senior year. In school, my electives include sculpture and pottery II, where my art has been displayed at my school. I enjoy art very much because I find it to be relaxing and a good way for me to express myself. Over the past three years I have been a part of robotics, photography, health, and wellness club, art club, knitting and crochet club. My school has also hosted a blood drive where I donated blood for the first time. I also have been a part of Track and Field through my school in Sophomore year. Due to my steady 3.0 GPA, I have been selected to be a part of the National Society of High School Scholars. I have been awarded honor roll and efforts honors throughout my academic career.

Outside of school, I have volunteered my time to Linda's Legacy which is geared towards helping the homeless. Some of the things I did included helping pack backpacks filled with warm clothes and toiletries. I have also volunteered at a Believe In Tomorrow benefit auction which raised tens of thousands of dollars for children suffering from horrible illnesses and diseases. Over the summer I volunteered to host a snowball stand in downtown Ellicott City alongside my cousin to raise money for three different charities including Howard County Animal Shelter, Trevor Project, and Ellicott City Partnership youth events. I have been featured on Primitive Beginning's website modeling the latest spring and fall collection of clothing and accessories. I am also a member of Sea Scouts which is an organization focusing on teaching boating skills, marine heritage, and water safety.

I have also achieved 1st degree Black Belt in Tae Kwon Do where I learned how to protect myself in bad circumstances. Being a part of Tae Kwon Do also has taught me about some of the most important life lessons including discipline and respect.



Princess Sophia

OTTER POINT YACHT CLUB

Hello, my name is Sophia Smith, Princess of Otter Point Yacht Club. I am a sophomore at C Milton Wright High school, where I am a member of the Cheerleading Team. My freshman year I was an alternate on varsity then my sophomore year I was Captain of the JV team. It may seem like I dropped but truly I didn't varsity taught me the skill, but JV gave me the opportunity to practice and master my newfound skills. During the summer I am a competitive swimmer, for the Arena club stars swim team, where I also work as a lifeguard. Lifeguarding may be one of my biggest accomplishments in life, I've wanted to be a lifeguard since I was 4 years old. Mostly all my immediate family members were lifeguards as their first jobs, so I had to live up to the legacy. Another reason is it was my first ever real paying job.

My charity is a non-profit organization. The charity I chose to support and donate money to is autism speaks. According to its mission statement, this organization is committed to promoting solutions for the needs of people with autism and their families across the lifetime and across the autism spectrum.

PRINCESS SOPHIA



Princess Erika

RED EYE YACHT CLUB

Hello, my name is Erika Scarcella, I am the Princess of Red Eye Yacht Club. I am fifteen and a freshman at Sparrows Point High School. I am studying field and wildlife as a magnet student in the Sparrows Point Educational Center In Environmental Studies program, or SPECIES for short. On my free time, I enjoy Painting, sewing, computer gaming, and Paddle Boarding all summer long!

During my journey as princess this year, I have chosen a non-profit charity organization, Pets for Patriots. The organization helps adopt out overlooked shelter cats and dogs to Veterans. This gives the animals a new purpose as a service or support animal and a comforting friend to a deserving hero. In kind, the deserving Veteran who could be having a hard time in life after war, has a sense of purpose and someone care for. Thus, reducing the risk of depression and suicide in our Veteran heroes. I have truly enjoyed being a princess this year, learning how the charity works and how it greatly impacts the Veterans and their family.

After I graduate from high school, I plan to go to college and hope to study a major in Marine Biology. Once I graduate college with a degree in Marine biology and conservation, I would like to work in an aquarium/rescue center in Florida, such as Clearwater Marine Aquarium. I hope to help care and cure the permanent and temporary resident marine animals staying there. Currently, I am learning how to start my own non-profit organization, called "1 Peace at a time." I would like to organize and rally groups of volunteers in water shed communities all over Maryland to clear trash from our beloved Chesapeake Bay, as well as surrounding lakes and rivers, and parks. Together we will all do our part to make a cleaner environment for ocean life and humans.

PRINCESS ERIKA



SCORING BREAKDOWN & CRITERIA

INTERVIEW SEGMENT

ACHIEVEMENT - 20%

The Contestant's achievement will count for 20% of her final score. Her achievement score will be based on the information she provides in the achievement section of her Queen of the Chesapeake Pageant application. Achievements can include any extracurricular activities, leadership experience, academic honors, and awards received. Categories include school honors, sports activities, school organizations, and community activities.

INTERVIEW - 25%

The Contestant's interview will count for 25% of her final score. She will be expected to wear professional attire. The actual interview will consist of the Contestant talking to a panel of judges for 10 minutes. They will ask questions about the Contestant such as her interests, her aspirations, and her opinion on general subjects. Their goal is to learn more about the Contestant's personality as well as her ability to be engaging during a conversation. They will not ask her any trick questions or ask her questions with right or wrong answers.

PAGEANT SEGMENT

ESSAY - 20%

The Contestant's essay will count for 20% of her final score. Her essay should be 200-225 words on the specific topic which is included in her application. It should be submitted with her completed pageant application. Content will be the primary scoring criteria for this category. Willingness to follow guidelines and ability to use proper grammar will also be considered.





SCORING BREAKDOWN & CRITERIA

PAGEANT SEGMENT CONTINUED

OPENINGS - 15%

The Contestant's total number of yacht club openings that she has attended this season will count for 15% of her final score. Her attendance at openings reflect her participation and commitment to the yacht club community. She will announce this number during her introduction on Pageant Day. The judges will calculate her openings score by awarding 1 point for each Opening attended, with a maximum of 15 points.

POISE/PRESENTATION - 20%

The Contestant's poise/presentation will count for 20% of her final score. The Contestant's poise/presentation score will be based on the judges' overall impression while she is escorted; seated on stage; and speaking publicly during the Saturday portion of the Pageant. They will be looking for her ability to speak effectively and intelligently during her introduction; speech; and while answering questions. Her score will also be influenced by her ability to command both the judges' and the audience's attention by her poise and confidence.



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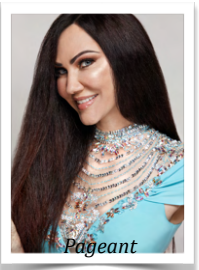
Interview & Pageant

Megan Myers, Mrs. Summit Korea 2023 and the former Mrs. Maryland American 2022 is a wife, mom of 7, nursing student at Notre Dame of Maryland University and a Maryland native.

She is an advocate for successful blended families and co-parenting relationships. As a Korean American adoptee and mom to a blended family of 7, she is well-versed in communication and relationship-building skills that are essential to fostering a positive, nurturing environment in a blended family. Megan also has a passion for raising awareness and offering support to those who deal with mental health struggles.

Her greatest strength is her natural ability to connect with others through her empathy skills. Through her personal experience, Megan is passionate about helping individuals going through the family separation transition and being a neutral ear for people who open up about the mental, physical and spiritual burden these experiences can cause. She is currently engaged with numerous social media groups in support of blended families as well as private groups amongst her peers. She continues to pursue face to face interactions with parents and families both one on one and in group playdates to ensure positive environments for open communication and bonding.

Megan has been featured in Harford Lifestyle Magazine, The Baltimore Sun and several modeling shoots and fashion shows in support of the AAPI Community, military personal and cultural awareness. She has been named the liaison for Central Maryland through the non-profit organization, The Asian American Chamber of Commerce and also likes to volunteer her time to charities, organizations, and animal rescues located up and down the East coast and looks forward to continuing her work throughout her reign.



Pageant

Helene Meister is a tax professional with two Master's Degrees in Public Finance and International Taxation from the University of Paris II and a Juris Doctor from American University. She previously worked as an associate for Hogan and Lowells in their affiliated office in Paris. She also interned for the Tax Division of the Department of Justice and volunteered for the Janet Spragens Tax Clinic to represent underprivileged communities and low income taxpayers before the IRS.

In 2021, Helene received the AmeriCorps President Service Award Bronze Medal for her community service to veterans and fundraising to various charities, including WemodelUSA, an organization committed to fight against human trafficking.

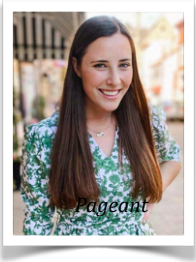


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Helene is a mother of a child with special needs and she advocates for children with learning disabilities helping parents to access resources though ADHD (Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder) support groups.

In her free time, Helene coordinates fashion events, she has been a stage director for four years for the fashion show fundraiser Beyond the Little Black Dress which promotes women entrepreneurship and the arts. She also worked at New York Fashion Week collaborating and styling runways for emergent and confirmed designers.

Helene is originally from France and lives with her family in Rockville. She is currently your International Mrs. Maryland 2023 competing in Orlando on September 2, 2023, for the title of International Ms. and International Mrs. USA.



Abby Popp was the former 2021 Anne Arundel County Fair Queen and a state finalist in the 2021 Miss Maryland Teen USA competition. Abby is currently Miss Maryland Agritourism 2023 and Miss Fire Prevention for Earleigh Heights Volunteer Fire Company.

Abby is currently a student at Anne Arundel Community College in pursuit of a degree in environmental Science.

Abby also is currently a participant in the 2023 Spring and Summer Semester Disney College Program, where she works at Disney Typhoon Lagoon water park as a deep water rescue lifeguard.



Lisa Angyelof is Mrs. Elite Agritourism for the state of Maryland.

Lisa is a volunteer at Earleigh Heights Volunteer Fire Company and a retired Firefighter from the city of Annapolis.

Lisa is the Chairperson of Christmas Corner at the Anne Arundel County Fair, and volunteer at the Anne Arundel County Animal Control and Care facility. Lisa has a Masters degree in Education.

Interview



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Interview & Pageant

Cha-Kema Levine, known as Kema to her friends, grew up in Baltimore. She is a proud single mother to a loving squad of 5 children. Kema is a woman fueled by God’s love, joy, and resilience. She embraces life as an adventurous journey and has committed herself to doing cool things and meeting new people. She enjoys learning, living out loud, laughing, uplifting others, and being a mother to her fantastic crew.

Kema takes pride in community outreach with her children and being a watch party leader at Elevation Church.

Kema graduated from John Hopkins University with a Bachelor’s in IT, Digital Forensics. Her career path landed her in the role of a Strategic Project Manager at Leidos a government contractor in support of the Nuclear Enterprise Command.

For the last few years, Kema has volunteered as a dyslexia tutor because she takes seriously her role in providing help to children with learning disabilities in low-income families. Kema is pursuing the Miss America Strong title to bring awareness to the immense need for volunteer tutors and the disparities of children who struggle to read.



Essay

Rebekah Ghosh is the Head of School at Maryland International School and was formerly Executive Director of the Eudaimonia Foundation and Principal of the Maryland Academy of Technology and Health Services (MATHS), both of Baltimore. Rebekah holds a BA in Chemistry and an MS in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology from Johns Hopkins University.

Rebekah served as the Director of the Children's Manor Montessori School in Ellicott City, MD and as a teacher at Northern High School in Baltimore. She holds Administration I and II certifications from the State of Maryland.





UNDER THE SEA



TABULATORS

SHERI CAMPBELL

Past First Lady of Marley Boat Club

CHRIS SCHENCK

Past First Lady Susquehanna YC, Bodkin YC, Veterans YC, CBYCA

Director of State Legislation for Pennsylvania and Delaware
CBYCA, Rear Fleet Captain Bodkin YC, Historian Susquehanna YC

SHELLY SPEICHER ALLOCCO

Vice Commodore, Chesapeake Commodores Club, PC Bodkin YC

PATRONS

Princess-in-Waiting Tatiana Marcic

Past Princess Adelle Marcic

Treasurer/PC David and Fleet Surgeon/PFL Tania
Marcic

Mia Sokol

IPC Rich Sokol & Lady Nicole

CCC PC Jerry Cramblett & PC Kate Cramblett

P/C David Campbell

Casey Cook

Maryland Yacht Club

Maryland Yacht Club

Maryland Yacht Club

Queen of the

Chesapeake 2018

Bodkin Yacht Club

Miles River Yacht Club

Crescent Yacht Club

Crescent Yacht Club





75th
Queen
Of
The
Chesapeake
Michelle
Studnicki



We are proud
of you and
love you.

Mom,
Dad,
Matt



**Congratulations
To
Princess Caroline**



**From
The Studnicki
Family**



MYC Mini Princess
2010

You were only 4
years old as Mini
Princess 13 years
ago.

We are so proud that
you have flourished
and have become
MYC's Princess
2023.



MYC Princess
2023



Good Luck Princess Hailey!

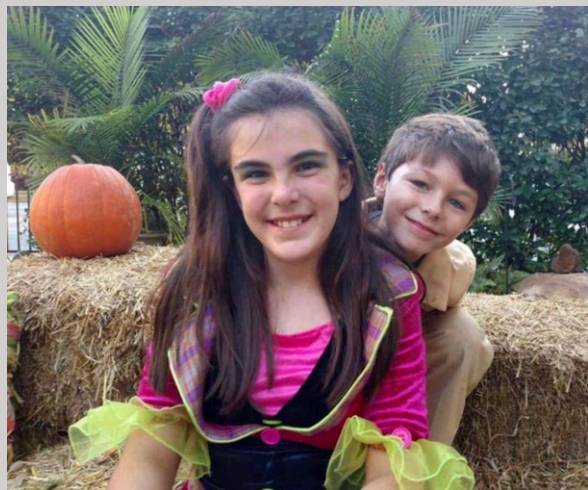


*F/C Lee, P/C Jon,
Noe, Gil, & Daniel
Budar-Danoff*



Sweet Hailey, the sky is not the limit for you! We are so proud of you! Keep soaring!

With all of our love, Aunt Yolanda, Uncle Rick, Michael, Landon & the whole family...





You shine so brightly Hailey...

Best Wishes Hailey & Good Luck during this year's Queen of the Chesapeake Pageant.

P/C Barbara and Captain Greg Franklin



Princess Hailey's Coronation Day, Nov. 19, 2022

Love and Best Wishes from your Family!



You are sweet and caring with a kind heart.

We are so proud of you and all you that you have accomplished.

*We love you very much!
Love, Mom and Dad*



Congratulations and good luck to our Princess Hailey! Have a safe and fun boating season.

Alice and Jaime Salcedo

CONGRATULATIONS

Princess Hailey



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Thank you Princess Hailey for your
dedication to the Maryland Yacht Club.

We wish all the princesses good luck!

Alan and Sylvia Toense

"Best Wishes
to
Princess Hailey"

The Captains of *Nautical Love*
P/C Emory & P/FL Pam
Quaskey, Mindy Girl



As 2021 First Lady of CBYCA, I would like to thank Queen Michelle for an exciting year.

With grace & poise, you've done MYC and our boating members proud. I know the sky's the limit for you!

The Bridge and Board of the Chesapeake Bay Yacht Clubs Association send Best Wishes to the future 2024 Queen and her court.

What an honor to toast you marking the Queen of the Chesapeake Pageant. Always know that in every girl, there is a princess with the strength of a warrior.



Rose Marie Killeen



**Good Luck Princess Hailey in the
Queen of the Chesapeake Pageant.
Catherine and Joe Joe**

**Best Wishes to Princess Hailey in the
76th Queen of the Chesapeake Pageant!**



**Commodore Carl and First Lady Angie
Maryland Yacht Club**

Best of luck Princess Hailey – from Richard and Nanny, crew of *Slowing Down*



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Princess Piper,

We have watched you blossom into this amazing, beautiful young woman who has always shown perseverance. You are selfless, inspiring, caring and above all determined to make a difference in the lives you've touched!! I know these last few weeks have thrown you a few curve balls but in Piper fashion you've maintained a smile on your face. We love you Piper Cook and know the sky is still your limit!!! We cannot wait to see what the future holds for you.

Always, Aunt Terry and Uncle Al



Best of Luck Piper, Ryan and Debi



Congratulations Queen Michele and the 2023 Princesses

***PC George Stromberg, Bodkin Yacht Club and
P/FL CJ aboard CJ's Too***

Good luck our
little hippy
princess
Love you
Uncle Teddy
&
Miss Laura





Piper Kaylee Cook

*Keep shining beautiful one,
the world needs your light.*



*"When the dreams you're dreamin' come to you
When the work you put in is realized
Let yourself feel the pride but
Always stay humble and kind"*



*You are going places Piper and I am so proud of
the young woman that you have become.*




*Love you Forever,
Ms. B*



Good Luck P!

**I love you,
MOM**

An underwater-themed background featuring various sea creatures like a crab, jellyfish, dolphin, turtle, coral, and fish. The year '2023' is prominently displayed in the center.

2023

Dear Queen Michelle,

Thank you for your leadership and
passion for our bay and community!
We are so proud of you.

With Love,

Commodore Colby & F.G.P.C. Wade



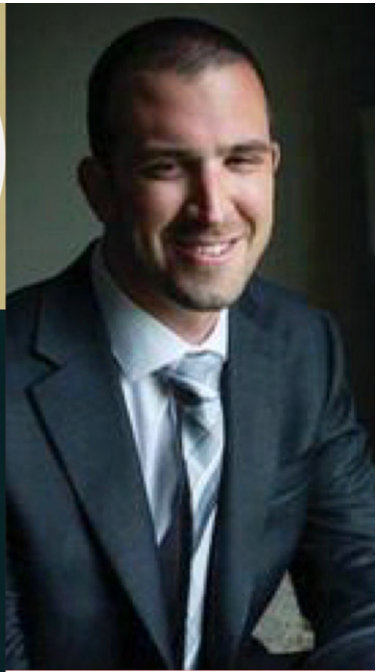
Dear Princess Caroline,

Thank you for your hard work. We are very
proud of you and appreciate all you have done.

With Love,

Commodore Colby & F.G.P.C. Wade





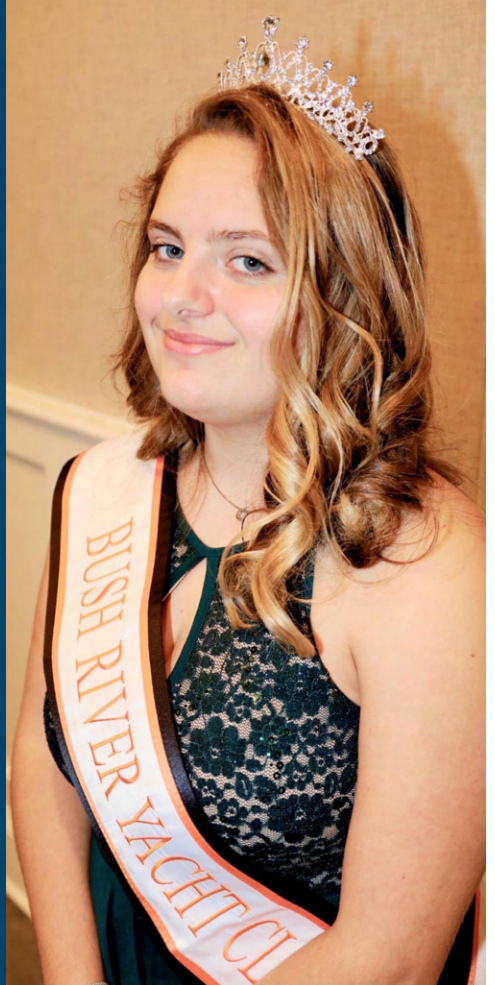
Princess Caroline:
Good luck today at
the Queens Pageant.
We are proud to have
you represent Bush
River Yacht Club!
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"It's not the destination, it's the journey."
Ralph Waldo Emerson
It's been exciting & a privilege to watch
you on your journey as BRYC Princess.
We are so proud of your accomplishments
& growth as our club's representative
around the Bay.
Caroline, good luck today, & in all
future endeavors.
PC BRYC Grant LaSeta & PFL Jeannie
Elliott (& Princess Godmother)



**Good luck
Princess
Caroline!
Love,
Dad, Mom
& Emeline**





*Enjoyed counting those pennies with you. Best Wishes in the Queen Pageant, Princess Caroline!
Miss Pat Scott*



Thanks for letting us join you on your journey as BRYC Princess and Queen of the Chesapeake. You will always be our Queen of Hearts.

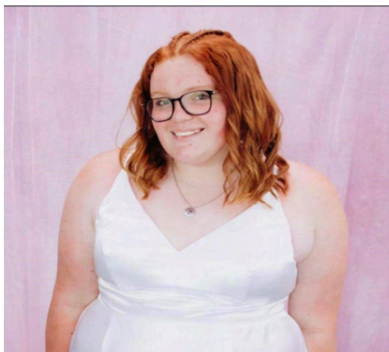
PC Grant La Seta and PFL Jeannie Elliott



**FIRST LADY ROSE & COMMODORE PAT
WISHING PRINCESS NATALIE AND ALL OF THE
PRINCESSES BEST OF LUCK AND A WONDERFUL
SUMMER**



PRINCESS NATALIE LANGE



Congratulations Natalie. We want to wish you an amazing summer and best of luck in the Pageant.

We are so proud of you and thank you for all that you do for EYC.



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Queen Michelle and QOTC Princesses

Best Wishes at the 76th
Queen of the Chesapeake
Pageant

*Believe in yourself and
you'll already be a winner!*

**Commodore Ira, First Lady Michele
and
Galloway Yacht Club Members**



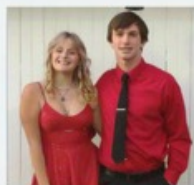
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Best wishes to Princess Sophia from Commodore Greg, First Lady Pamela, and everyone at Otter Point Yacht Club.



Good Luck
Princess Erika Scarcella!



Thank you for representing REYC so well.
We are so proud of you!

Great Work and Best Wishes to Queen Michelle and
all Princesses for your dedication to the Yacht Club
Community!



"Best Little Yacht Club on the Bay"

From the Membership of
Red Eye Yacht Club



"Best Little Yacht Club on the Bay"

PRINCESS HAILEY



THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU
DO TO SUPPORT MYC,
JUNIOR SAILING, AND FOR
HOW BEAUTIFULLY YOU
REPRESENT MYC ALL
ACROSS THE BAY.



GOOD LUCK IN THE PAGEANT!



MYC
AUXILIARY





**THANK YOU, PRINCESS
HAILEY
FOR A GREAT YEAR AT
MYC!**

**TREASURER
P/C DAVID AND
FS/PFL TANIA MARCIC**



**Captain Brad and First Mate Pat would like to
thank Princess Hailey for all that she has done
for Maryland Yacht Club
We wish her the best of luck in this year's
Queen of the Chesapeake Pageant**





From a wonderful
Junior Princess to an
amazing Princess
I want to wish you
the best of luck!



Good luck

To all of the princesses

Best Wishes

TO *Princess Hailey*



SHAWN, TOBBI, AMELIA & ABBY JUSTICE



MARYLAND YACHT CLUB



First Gentleman Rucker and I would like to wish the Princesses the very best of Luck for the 2023 Pageant. We have watched Each of you mature and grow during this past year, and into the beautiful young lady that you have become. Remember that EACH One of you is a Unique and Special Success... Take these experiences to help you Polish your Public Speaking Skills, and to assist you in developing the Poise and Confidence, and your self esteem – the collective experiences you have while serving as your Yacht Club's Princess, are character "building blocks" that will help support you in achieving your future successes, and also shows you the importance of contributing back to your local community.

We would like to Thank Queen Michelle for her graceful and exemplary reign as Queen of the Chesapeake for 2022. It has been a true pleasure to get to know you.

We are here to support each of you, and are honored to send the Best Wishes as well to you on behalf of the Chesapeake Commodores Club and All of its members.

*2023 Commodore Cheryl Blakey
& First Gentleman Rucker*

To the BEST SISTER
EVEN

PRINCESS
ERIKA



LOVE
Mason



To Queen Miehelle: Thank you for all of your support! I've had so much fun being a princess during your year as Queen! You are an inspiration, always with a smile, and confidence. I see you as the "Mom" of your princess court, with your amazing leadership and encouraging words! You have helped to shape me into the Princess I am today!



To all of my Best Princess Friends! Wishing Congratulations and Good Luck! We have all come so far together and had the best of fun getting there!



Love,
Princess Erika



To my Precious
Granddaughter,
Princess Erika



Congratulations and
Good Luck in the
Pageant!

You have come so far
since becoming Princess
and grown into a
young woman of
beauty and Grace.

I can't wait to
see where the future
takes you!

I love you a Bushel and a
Peck, All the T-I-M-E, Time!!

Love Always,
Mimi



To our Beautiful
Granddaughter
Princess Erika



Wishing you all the best as you journey
through the Queen of the Chesapeake
Pageant. You have grown into a caring
and adventurous young Lady.
We are extremely proud of you.

All our Love,
Oma and Opa





Princess
Erika
of Red Eye Yacht Club



Erika,
We are so proud
the of young lady
that you have
become. We are in
awe of your
Confidence,
Bravery,
Perseverance, and
Strength. You
amaze us each and
every day. You ARE
Unstoppable! A
Warrior and our
Beautiful Princess!

We love you, Always and
Forever!
Love Mom, Dad, and Mason!

CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES TO
OUR BEAUTIFUL DAUGHTER, QUEEN
MICHELLE AND TO ALL OF THE PRINCESSES!
WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOU!



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Princess Piper



Good Luck Princess Piper!
From: Jeff & Kathy McCoy



*Mirror, mirror on the wall
You're the bravest of them all!
We are so very proud.
P/C Mike and Cathy Urban*



Princess Piper

You are such a strong young lady.



*Congratulations on representing Crescent Yacht Club
with such great poise, grace and honor for 2022-2023.*

*We wish you all of the best as you compete in the
2023 Queen of the Chesapeake pageant.*

"May all of your dreams come true"



*Love you kido,
P/C Greg Reed (aka "Dad")
& PFL Stacey Reed (aka "Mom")*



*Princess Piper we are so proud of you!
Thank you for always representing Crescent
Yacht Club with grace and a smile!*



*Best of Luck for what's yet to come!!
Love, Commodore Steve, First Lady Melissa, Lilly,
and Annie Spicknall*



Congratulations to all contestants, former, current and future princesses.

Think like a queen. A queen is not afraid to fail. Failure is another steppingstone to greatness.

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