



The 75<sup>th</sup> Annual  
Queen of the Chesapeake  
Pageant

2022



*Queen Ellie Fight On !!*

*Love*

*Mom, Dad, Bailey and Lilly*



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**Dear Guests of the 75th 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 2022 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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75<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL  
**QUEEN OF THE CHESAPEAKE PAGEANT**  
 24 JUNE 2022 - 26 JUNE 2022  
 MARYLAND YACHT CLUB

**Friday, June 24**

3:00pm	Good Luck Pool Splash
5:00pm	Pageant Rehearsal
5:00pm-10:00pm	Time Capsule Drop-Off
6:00pm-10:00pm	75th Anniversary Dinner & Queen Ellie's Farewell Party
	Band: Crush
7:00pm	Pennv War Winner

**Saturday, June 25**

9:00am-10:30am	Breakfast - Clubhouse Patio
7:30am-10:30am	Tent and Boat Decorating Judging at 10:30am
3:00pm	75th QOTC Pageant
	<u>Immediately Following the Pageant</u>
	The Traditional Pool Splash
	Cake Cutting
	Tent and Boat Decorating Awarded
7:00pm-9:00pm	75th Queen of the Chesapeake Welcome Dinner

**Sunday, June 26**

10:00am-2:00pm	Receiving Line for the 75th Queen of the Chesapeake, Former Queens and Princesses. Brunch 75th Anniversary Slideshow, QOTC Trivia Game, and Burying the Time Capsule.
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## 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.





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## Past Queens

1948 Rachel Holmes	Bush River Yacht Club	1968 Paula Haislp	Rose Haven Yacht Club
1949 Jane Brooks	Colonial Beach Yacht Club	1969 Linda Sue Rabley	Red Eye Yacht Club
1950 Charlotte Phillips	Cambridge Yacht Club	1970 Mary Ellen Potter	Maryland Yacht Club
1951 Mary Lou King	Maryland Yacht Club	1971 Diane Kazaharakis	Rose Haven Yacht Club
1952 Sylvia Ann Jarboe	Miles River Yacht Club	1972 Jennifer Lynn Dobson	Miles River Yacht Club
1953 Diane Maxa	North East River Yacht Club	1973 Kathi Peterman	Cambridge Yacht Club
1954 Jackie Rew	Boumi Temple Yacht Club	1974 Debra Ann Studer	Harbour North Yacht Club
1955 Mary Elizabeth Yewell	Cambridge Yacht Club	1975 Joanne Hockman	Sue Haven Yacht Club
1956 Barbara Kenny	Boumi Temple Yacht Club	1976 Cynthia Ripple	Nabbs Creek Yacht Club
1957 Marla Simmons	Cambridge Yacht Club	1977 Kelle Kipp	Baltimore Yacht Club
1958 Mary Williams	Baltimore Yacht Club	1978 Natalie Phillips	South River Yacht Club
1959 Joan Peters	Cambridge Yacht Club	1979 Karen Marie Seymour	Rose Haven Yacht Club
1960 Linda Watkins	Baltimore Yacht Club	1980 Kathleen Mary Quinn	Bush River Yacht Club
1961 Virginia Davis	Bush River Yacht Club	1981 Susan Denise Jeffrey	Baltimore Yacht Club
1962 Alice Krizek	Crescent Yacht Club	1982 Louisa Plummer	Kent Island Yacht Club
1963 Margret Porter	Solomon's Island Yacht Club	1983 Laurie Anderson	Galloway Yacht Club
1964 Ruth Ann Curry	Bush River Yacht Club	1984 Lisa Rae Gundersdorf	West River Yacht Club
1965 Carol Ann Matlock	Boumi Temple Yacht Club	1985 Kimberly Reichart	Otter Point Yacht Club
1966 Catherine Ugis	Capitol Yacht Club	1986 Carol Ann Doetlaff	Maryland Yacht Club
1967 Terry Ugis	Capitol Yacht Club	1987 Colleen Cunningham	Harbour North Yacht Club







## Past Queens

1988	Tracy Leaman	Boumi Temple Yacht Club	2005	Erin Rumbley	Middle River Yacht Club
1989	Shelley Filar	Eastern Yacht Club	2006	Lacie Bunting	Red Eye Yacht Club
1990	Kimberly Jean Frederick	Baltimore Yacht Club	2007	Maegan Kyser	Great Oak Yacht Club
1991	Amy Lynn Pirozzi	Riverside Yacht Club	2008	Rena Hunter	Baltimore Yacht Club
1992	Tina Bressi	Trojan Harbor Yacht Club	2009	Kimberly Samm	Eastern Yacht Club
1993	Tammy Anderson	Maryland Cruising Club	2010	Caitlin Campbell	Middle River Yacht Club
1994	Kelly Darlynn McGonigal	White Rocks Yacht Club	2011	Courtney Reed	Red Eye Yacht Club
1995	Sonja Rae Gladwin	Bodkin Yacht Club	2012	Lillian Vogelsong	Top of the Bay Yacht Club
1996	Rhonda Renee' Knight	Maryland Cruising Club	2013	Shannon Czapla	Eastern Yacht Club
1997	Katie Murray	Maryland Cruising Club	2014	Katie Lindsay	Bush River Yacht Club
1998	Kathryn Watson	Kent Island Yacht Club	2015	Ashley Lindsay	Bush River Yacht Club
1999	Tricia Figallo	Bodkin Yacht Club	2016	Kylee Mills	Kent Island Yacht Club
2000	Dayle Danecker	Bodkin Yacht Club	2017	Gabby Kastrunes	Riverside Yacht Club
2001	Candice Ann Steele	Crescent Yacht Club	2018	Mia Sokol	Bodkin Yacht Club
2002	Bridget Smith	North East River Yacht Club	2019	Dulayne Sterling	Bodkin Yacht Club
2003	Crystal Guthrie	Otter Point Yacht Club	2020	Jessie Mackrell	Kent Island Yacht Club
2004	Amber Venanzi	Sue Haven Yacht Club	2021	Ellie Hermann	Maryland Yacht Club





*Queen Ellie*

MARYLAND YACHT CLUB

Hello my name is Ellie Hermann and I am the 74th Queen of the Chesapeake and past Princess of Maryland Yacht Club. I am a 2022 graduate of Northeast High School. During my time at Northeast High School, I was involved in Student Government Association (SGA), I served as the Class Vice President. I also was the President of Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD), a member of the National Honor Society (NHS), Yearbook Editor, and President of Interact (a division of the Rotary Club). In addition I served on the Anne Arundel County Superintendent's Teen Advisory. I was involved in my school's drama department where I have designed numerous costumes for the Wizard of Oz, The Little Mermaid, The Twelve Incompetent Jurors, Once Upon An Island, and Frozen. I was the Historian for the International Thespian Society as well. In my spare time, I also participated all four years in both Cheer and Track and have been on Honor Roll for all 4 years. As you can probably tell, I firmly believe that sleep is highly overrated.

Over the past 3 years, I have collected over 1,000 dresses to be distributed to students throughout Anne Arundel County under my Pasadena Princess Project. In 2021, I received the Presidential Gold Volunteer Service Award in recognition of my Prom Dress Drive. In addition, I have been a Girl Scout for 12 years, and have received my Bronze, Silver, and Gold Awards. My Gold Award was in the field of Mental Health. I sit on numerous Mental Health Advisory Boards within Anne Arundel County and the National Board of One Choice. I have also organized several community outreach events including the House of Addictions (2018), the Human Experience (2019), and the Sound of Silence (2021/2022) where I played an integral role in planning and executing the events from start to finish. We highlighted the realities of addictions and mental health and presented recovery and coping strategies. These events have reached several thousand people in Anne Arundel County.

My charity was the Queen of the Chesapeake scholarship fund. This year is the 75th Anniversary of the Queen of the Chesapeake Pageant. This pageant has a rich history and tradition, and over the last 75 years, has touched the lives of thousands of young women. The Queen of the Chesapeake Pageant serves to help empower young women, helping them to 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 Queen of the Chesapeake helps expand young women's personal growth and inspires self-confidence. Over the past 75 years, Queens have used this experience as a platform to enrich their communities and help support numerous charities.

My hobbies include boating, traveling, scuba diving, paddle boarding, swimming, and spending time with friends and family. I will be attending the University of Southern California, School of Dramatic Arts (USC) as a Theater Major this fall to pursue my passion in Theatrical Costume Design.



*Princess Gabriella*

PAGEANT CONTESTANT

BALTIMORE YACHT CLUB



Hello my name is Gabriella Hiemstra. I am the first-born daughter of Captain Eric & Tristan Hiemstra. I am sixteen years old and a junior enrolled in the Advanced Academics Program at Loch Raven High School. Within my first quarter of attendance, I was nominated as Loch Raven's Raider of the Month. When I am not studying or representing my Club as Princess, my hobbies include philanthropy, missions, watercolor, caring for animals, strength-training, and spending time with my friends.

While new to the Yacht Club Community, I enjoy life on the water at the Baltimore Yacht Club and back at home in the forest in Glen Arm. As a child I attended the Baltimore County Sailing Center Camp and spent many weekends boating on my parent's previous vessel. Me and my six siblings have enjoyed the many events offered by the Yacht Club Community. I love to meet people and have already made some life-long friends.

I am proud to be the Baltimore Yacht Club's Princess for the 2021-2022 boating season. I have personally solicited over \$8,000 in donations to The Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation and The Johns Hopkins Children's Center. Being able to raise awareness for these charities as a Princess has meant so much to me as my 6-year-old sister Cassia was diagnosed and treated for a brain tumor at the age of 17 months.

Before COVID, I have participated in missions, trips, and other philanthropic work. On one particular missions trip, I volunteered at a camp in Charleston, West Virginia for disadvantaged children and spent time with senior citizens at a nursing home. Along with my siblings, I helped collect over 50 pajamas for children at the Johns Hopkins Children's Center. As a part of a teen high school group, I helped prepare snack bags for parents whose children are in long-time care at the John Hopkins Children Center. Annually I participate in the Ronald McDonald House Charity Red Shoe Shuffle raising money for to subsidize temporary housing for families who need to spend time away from home, near the hospital because of their child's illnesses. I have volunteered cleaning up and preparing the facilities at Indian Lake Camp. All these endeavors represent what is important to me, which is serving others.

I am excited for the opportunity to compete for the 75th Queen of the Chesapeake. I feel as though I have already won with the amazing friends and connections I have made as Princess of the Baltimore Yacht Club.



*Princess Jordan*

PAGEANT CONTESTANT

BODKIN YACHT CLUB

Hello, my name is Jordan Pritchett. Serving as Bodkin Yacht Club's Princess for this past year has been an honor. My family became a member of Bodkin Yacht Club in September 2020. I have enjoyed visiting other clubs and meeting so many wonderful people along the Chesapeake Bay.

I recently just finished my junior year at Frederick High School where I am part of the Yearbook Committee and was in the executive committee of the past 3 years. I intend to continue that in my senior year.

I have also played multiple sports over the years including soccer, golf, basketball, gymnastics, and softball. And although I love sports, my one true love is dance. I have been hip hop dancing since I was 8 years old. Dance has taught me patience and discipline. Throughout my years of playing sports and dancing, I have had the opportunity to meet people that have encountered challenges with family life and difficult living situations.

These experiences have inspired me to choose the charity I am supporting. The Women's Giving Circle of Frederick County assists women and families in need and provides them the necessary tools to succeed.

During my reign I have enjoyed attending balls and openings with all the other Princesses. I look forward to representing BYC for the remaining boating season.



*Princess Michelle*

PAGEANT CONTESTANT

BUSH RIVER YACHT CLUB



My name is Michelle Studnicki and I have been princess of Bush River Yacht Club for 2 years. I am a Sophomore at New Covenant Christian School. And I am a proud member of my school's student leadership council. I am also involved in the ACE program, a way for high school students to explore the world of Architecture, Construction, and Engineering. I am involved in my school chorus, Latin language club, debate team, and I also take part in the annual science fair each year. Outside of school I participate in the Sea Cadets, an introduction to naval military knowledge. I also swim with Arena Club Aquatics year-round. My charity is Extreme Family Outreach which is a non-profit, Christian organization that seeks to help children in underprivileged neighborhoods. I enjoy spending time with my family on the boat, playing with my dog, and eating ice cream.

PRINCESS MICHELLE



*Princess Piper*

PAGEANT CONTESTANT

CRESCENT YACHT CLUB

Hello, my name is Piper Kaylee Cook and I have the honor of representing Crescent Yacht Club as their 2022 Princess. I attend Manchester Valley High School where I am in my junior 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 5 years and am very passionate about helping others. When I graduate, I would like to major in Psychology and work toward a career in criminal justice.

This experience has taught me so many valuable things in such a short time. I have grown in the past six months as a person and matured into a young woman. This has provided me with the self-confidence that I lacked and the ability to perform public speaking, and public appearances, something I had not done prior to becoming a princess. I am so grateful for this opportunity, and I look forward to continuing my journey.

The charity that I chose is the American Cancer Society, which is very personal for me. Losing my stepdad to an aggressive undetected cancer in 2021 has made me realize that life truly is short and that you need to embrace every moment with those that you love. We are all in this fight together and with everyone's help, we can and will make a difference in the lives of many. To date, my charity has raised \$12,198.00 through various fundraising events and the love and support of the entire Crescent family and friends.

My hobbies and interests include paddle boating, swimming, camping, traveling to new places and spending time with my family.

As my journey continues, I look forward to spending time with the Princesses and attending the upcoming events and the openings around the Bay.



*Princess Natalie*

PROGRAM PARTICIPANT

EASTERN YACHT CLUB



Hello my name is Natalie Lange. I live in Parkville, MD with my family — mom, dad and twin brother and sister. I am the youngest of the three. I am fifteen years old and just completed my sophomore year at The Catholic High School of Baltimore. There I am enrolled in the Bio-Medical Program and I am also part of the Visual Performing Arts Program. This year I worked in the sound booth for the spring and fall productions where I managed the sound and lights. I love boating and fishing with my family as well as playing games, swimming in my pool, and hanging out with my friends. This summer I am looking forward to getting my driver's license and maybe my first real job. I've really enjoyed being Princess of Eastern Yacht Club and want to thank everyone for their support, and wish all the competing princesses good luck in the pageant.

PRINCESS NATALIE



*Princess Kailey*

PROGRAM PARTICIPANT

MARYLAND YACHT CLUB

Hello! I'm Kailey Schissler, MYC's 2021-2022 Princess. Prior to being crowned, I enjoyed two years as Junior Princess from 2019-2021. I attend Chesapeake High School as a junior Superintendent's Honor Roll student taking advanced placement and honors classes, and I look forward to attending a 4-year university majoring in computer science.

I'm a Key Club member and a member of the National Honor Society where I offer tutoring services. As a previous member of the National Junior Honor Society, I participated in the Polar Bear Plunge raising money for athletes of Special Olympics Maryland. With this experience, and support of the yacht club community behind me, I ran multiple donations drives for our military during my time as Princess. For Wounded Warriors Day on the Bay, I was honored to collect nearly 1,000 school supplies and prizes to provide to 200+ military heroes and guests. Also, I enjoyed creating a donation drive to support Operation Gratitude's Handmade-with-Love initiative, collecting 118 handcrafted scarves and hats to send to our military stationed all over the world.

I'm also very active in athletics. At CHS, I'm a member of the varsity soccer team, varsity indoor and outdoor track and field teams, dance program, and played goalie on the junior varsity lacrosse team as a freshman and sophomore. Outside of school, I've played club soccer since I was four and am a member of the Pasadena Soccer Club's Travel Elite Development Program. I've enjoyed dancing with Creative Force Dance Center, as well as golfing with Compass Point Golf Course golf camp.

Aside from sports, I'm part of the CHS Orchestra and have played violin since third grade. Outside of school, I play and compose my own piano music, play guitar and ukulele, and have even enjoyed teaching myself a few songs on clarinet and cello. My interests also include art, and I was lucky to have one of my pieces displayed at the Walters Art Museum.

I enjoy traveling and am thankful I've had the opportunity to travel around the U.S. as well as to Canada, Mexico, Bahamas, France, Germany, Switzerland, and Japan, expanding my knowledge of the world.

One thing I've realized at MYC is that learning to sail isn't just fun for adults. Taking part in MYC's Junior Sailing program, I learned to sail my very own sailboat! This program helped me develop improved independence, confidence, and teamwork, which is why I selected MYC Junior Sailing 501(c)3 as my charity to help other kids do the same. With the help of Junior Princesses Kamryn, Mairead, and Tatiana, and the generosity of MYC's members and friends, I collected enough donations to buy two O'Pen skiffs for our junior sailors to learn and experience new skills and sailing adventures.



*Princess Ryleigh*

PROGRAM PARTICIPANT

MILES RIVER YACHT CLUB

Hello my name is Ryleigh Kealy and I am the 2022 Princess of Miles River Yacht Club! I am 19 years old, and I graduated from Saints Peter and Paul High School in 2021. I then went on to attend welding school, and while working for my dad at his automotive shop, I have been slowly building my skill and looking for jobs. I love to sail, and I spend most of my summers out on the water, whether on my family's SeaRay, sailing my Capri, or out on the Miles River log canoeing.

I spent my childhood at the Miles River Yacht Club, going out to lunch with my family, sitting at the pool, or going to Junior Sailing Camp. I remember always getting grilled cheese for lunch every time I went there as a kid, and it still is my favorite grilled cheese of all time. The club has always been a home for me, especially now as Princess, as I get to meet new members and hang out at the club more often. I love my club more than anything and I am so incredibly proud to be their Princess. I am excited to go to openings and can't wait to see other beautiful clubs, and I wish everyone a happy boating season!

PRINCESS RYLEIGH



*Princess Shayla*

PAGEANT CONTESTANT

OTTER POINT YACHT CLUB



Hello my name is Shayla Piper, the Princess of Otter Point Yacht Club. I attend Perryville High School as a freshman. I am a cheerleader on their varsity cheer team, and I have been cheering for nine years on an all-star cheerleading team at Lunar Viper Allstars. In the past three years I have received honor roll, the presidential award, and cheerleader of the month. I have gotten bids in 2019, 2020, and 2021 for the D1 and D2 Cheerleading Summit in Orlando Florida. Through the next three years of high school I plan to join photography, and I am in the process of joining Drug Free Cecil in Cecil County.

My charity is the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. I chose my charity because mental health and suicide runs in my family. I personally deal with mental health issues myself and I want to be able to help as many people with them as well. The American Foundation for Suicide Prevention raises money to fund research, education, and to advocate against suicide.

PRINCESS SHAYLA



*Princess Autumn*

PROGRAM PARTICIPANT

RED EYE YACHT CLUB

Hello my name is Autumn Almony, Princess of Red Eye Yacht Club. I was crowned September 19th, 2021. I am a twin; my sister Summer is my junior princess and I love having her by my side. I am a freshman at Chesapeake High School and I am a Lance Corporal in J.R.O.T.C. My charity is BARCS (Baltimore Animal Rescue & Care Shelter). I chose BARCS because I am a great animal lover. There are so many animals that need shelter, food, medical treatment, foster care, accessories, and BARCS is there for all their needs. I have been coming to the yacht clubs since I was seven. I have been in princess courts, Queen's court, and a lot of parties which I always enjoy. The yacht club community has so many wonderful and caring people. I have made so many great memories that I will always keep in my heart so I can cherish though the years of my life.

PRINCESS AUTUMN



## SCORING BREAKDOWN & CRITERIA

### INTERVIEW SEGMENT

#### ACHIEVEMENT - 25%

The Contestant's achievement will count for 25% 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 - 15%

The Contestant's essay will count for 15% 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 - 10%

The Contestant's total number of yacht club openings that she has attended this season will count for 10% 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 using the following scale:

20+	Openings Attended	=	10 Points
18-19	Openings Attended	=	9 Points
16-17	Openings Attended	=	8 Points
14-15	Openings Attended	=	7 Points
12-13	Openings Attended	=	6 Points
10-11	Openings Attended	=	5 Points
8-9	Openings Attended	=	4 Points
6-7	Openings Attended	=	3 Points
4-5	Openings Attended	=	2 Points
2-3	Openings Attended	=	1 Point

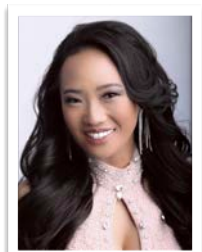
#### POISE/PRESENTATION - 25%

The Contestant's poise/presentation will count for 25% 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 Sunday 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.





## JUDGES



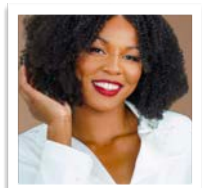
*Interview & Pageant*

**Megan Myers**, 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.

Her greatest strength is her natural ability to connect with others through her empathy skills. Through her personal experience, Megan is passionate about helping parents, stepparents, grandparents and guardians be comfortable and confident reaching out for support before, during and after this important transition. 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. She also likes to volunteer her time to local charities, organizations, animal rescues and looks forward to continuing her work throughout her reign.



*Interview & Pageant*

**Gabrielle "Gabby" Richmond** is a 27-year-old acclaimed athlete, successful entrepreneur, and staunch advocate for women's health. She was born and raised in the frigid yet aptly named Windy City of Chicago, where she discovered her love for the game of basketball at the early age of 7. Gabrielle went on to play on the Division I level at Saint Bonaventure University in upstate New York from 2012-2017.

After college, Gabby battled with whether to focus on utilizing her Marketing degree and MBA to find a career, starting a photography business, or pursuing a modeling career. In 2019, she decided she would follow a career opportunity with the Department of Defense in Maryland, and pursue modeling and photography part-time. Three years later, Gabrielle resigned after realizing where her true passion lay, in photography and modeling, which she began to pursue full-time. Gabby ultimately chose freedom, peace, and purpose over financial security and comfort.

The unapologetic self-starter is not only a professional Photographer now, but she owns a production company. Gabrielle feels deeply connected to the maternal world, so she photographs maternity portraits, births, babies, and even weddings. The company's service





## JUDGES

offerings are not at all by accident. Due to being so engrossed in the birth world, Gabby discovered the flipside of beautiful birth stories, which is infertility. Infertility is the inability to conceive after one year of unprotected sex and it sadly affects 1 in 8 couples. Gabrielle felt a strong urge to educate her community via social media on the importance of learning your fertility status before you are ready to conceive. She received countless direct messages from women sharing their infertility journeys. The instant yet private vulnerability of these women confirmed for her that this issue needed to be addressed and publicly.

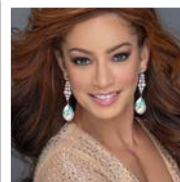
Gabrielle was crowned 2022 Miss Maryland for America Strong and is now vying for the Miss for America Strong title. With her title, she plans to start a non-profit organization to help provide resources for women battling infertility. Gabby's goal is to raise funds to donate to women undergoing in vitro fertilization (IVF). IVF is a complex and rather costly series of procedures used to assist with the conception of a child. Gabrielle also wants to use the money to find resources that will further educate women on what steps to take to find out their fertility statuses and prevent infertility.

For Gabrielle, winning Miss America would mean receiving a larger platform to help women arguably do the single most magical and honorable act in the world, procreate. Being a photographer who literally captures a baby's first breath or first few weeks into the world and witnessing the joy from mothers, it breaks Gabby's heart to know every woman who desires to may not be able to experience childbirth. In certain cases, just having the financial means and access to the correct resources would make all the difference. With or without a title, crown, or sash, Gabby is committed to the lifelong journey of ensuring that women have the resources needed to bring new life into the world.



*Pageant*

**Abby Popp.** Abby is the current Anne Arundel County fair queen and ambassador. She is the current Earleigh Heights Volunteer Fire Company Miss. Fire Prevention, the former 2020 Sunburst Pennsylvania teen queen, the former 2019 Sunburst Miss Merry Christmas, and was a state finalist in the 2021 Miss Teen Maryland USA Pageant. Abby volunteers at Ealeigh Heights Volunteer Fire Company and at the Anne Arundel County Fair Grounds. Abby is a student at Anne Arundel Community College. She plans to transfer to Salisbury University to receive her bachelors degree in environment science.



*Interview*

**Aziza Howard** is a U.S. Army Combat Veteran who advocates for Wounded Warriors. With her day job, she continues her commitment by holding a career within the public sector. She finds her career in public service rewarding, as it offers her the opportunity to still be a mentor. She pursues every opportunity to continue with her passion of assisting veterans, particularly female veterans, as well as a platform







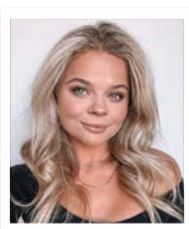
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and time to focus on her charitable work on behalf of Wounded Warrior Project (WWP).

As a veteran herself, she relates to the emotional and physical struggles of today's military, including preparing for and transitioning to a post-military life. She participates with every capacity possible to help those who served our country and to assist them with avenues to transition back into civilian life, especially wounded or disabled veterans who often require more assistance to cope with that transition.

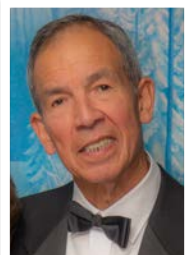
This year, she competed in her first official competition, placing fifth in the National Physique Committee (NPC) Maryland State East Coast Classic Championship. She also entered and garnered a quarter-finalist place in the "Ms. Health & Fitness" Magazine competition, representing the top 1% of all entrants. This summer, she was crowned "Miss Annapolis Maryland for America" 2021. In November, she joined the National Pageant in Las Vegas as a Delegate representing the state of Maryland and was awarded the Governor of Maryland Citation. Last but not least, SSG Aziza Howard was inducted into the Military Women Museum Repository, HERstory Collection, where she took her place in history.

Placing so highly in these competitions allowed her to further her support and advocacy. In further support of Wounded Warriors, She expended by becoming a brand ambassador for fitness wear, where she can highlight to other veterans that despite the injuries and the challenges, there is a way to achieve great accomplishment previously perceived impossible.



*Interview*

**Sierra Mitchell** Paving her way through the world of woman's entrepreneurship, Sierra is a business owner in the cosmetic industry, as well as growing her online platform where she inspires women to create the life they dream of through hard work and vision. Sierra has competed in the pageant industry for seven years. Her determination in public communications, beauty, and poise has lead her to compete in the Miss Maryland USA system holding the titles of Miss Congeniality and Best Dress Award. The International Junior Miss pageant placing 1st Runner Up and represented Florida for Queen Beauty USA in their National competition.



*Essay*

**Jaime Salcedo**, Director of the Office of Special Projects Coordination (SPC), U.S. Department of State, is responsible for the execution of over \$3.0 billion in Capital Construction Programs in China (Beijing, Guangzhou, Shanghai, Shenyang, Chengdu, and Wuhan), Russia (Moscow, Vladivostok, St. Petersburg and Yekaterinburg), Cuba, and Vietnam..

The New Embassy Complex in Beijing was completed and occupied in





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October 2008 and received four architectural and engineering awards. The New Consulate Compound in Guangzhou was completed and occupied in July 2013, and received five architectural and engineering awards. Two large Building Annex projects in Beijing and Moscow were recently completed. Projects under his management are complex and unique, demanding extraordinary security and technology. The projects are extremely high profile within the Department, the Intelligence Community, the Office of the Inspector General, the Office of Management and Budget, and the Congress.

Prior to becoming the Director for the Office of Special Projects, he served in OBO as a Senior Project Manager for the new embassy construction projects in Lima, Peru and Bogota, Colombia. In addition, he managed major renovation projects in London, Havana, Luanda, Kinshasa, Helsinki, Copenhagen, Stockholm, and Oslo.

Mr. Salcedo served as the Acting Managing Director for the Program Development, Coordination and Support (PDCS) Directorate from September 2015 through September 2016. He provided program direction to PDCS subordinate offices that are responsible for all aspects related to the development, coordination, and support of OBO's global annual capital, major rehabilitation, and security upgrade projects to achieve the Department's strategic objective for safe, secure, functional and sustainable facilities.

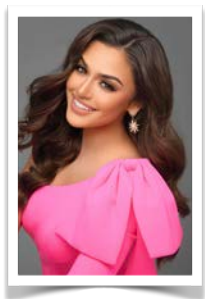
Mr. Salcedo is the recipient of numerous Department of State awards including, Superior and Meritorious Honor awards, the Bureau of Administration Assistant Secretary's Award for Excellence, the Senior Executive Service Performance Awards, and a Presidential Rank Award in December 2015. He entered service with the Department of State in 1989 and joined the ranks of the Senior Executive Service in 2008. Mr. Salcedo was selected in 2017 to be the State Department's participant in the U.S. Defense Departments Premier Vanguard Senior Executive Development Program.

Mr. Salcedo graduated as Valedictorian from the Republic of Colombia Naval Academy, and served at sea as an Engineering Officer on a Colombian Navy destroyer. He received a Bachelor's degree in Electrical Engineering from John Hopkins University and a Master's degree in Engineering Management from George Washington University. Mr. Salcedo completed the Federal Financial Management Certificate Program and was also awarded a Certificate in Public Leadership from the Brookings Executive Education Program, a partnership of the Brookings Institution and Washington University of St. Louis, Missouri. Prior to joining the government in 1986, Mr. Salcedo worked in the private sector for ten years. Mr. Salcedo serves on the Board of the NASA Federal Credit Union as a volunteer. He is married with two children.





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*Pageant*

**Maria Derisavi** of St. Mary's County, Maryland is excited to judge this year's Queen of the Chesapeake Pageant. In July of 2021, Maria competed in her first pageant and won the title of Miss Maryland Teen USA. Through her year with the title, she promoted her platform #SeizeYourOpportunities and engaged with her Maryland community. Maria went on to compete in Miss Teen USA and placed in the Top 16 at the competition. A graduate of Leonardtown High School, Maria currently attends the University of Alabama and participates as a Student Government Senator, Law Journal editor, and Alpha Chi Omega sorority member.

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KAMRYN, AND TATIANA,  
FOR ALL YOUR HARD  
WORK & TIME SPENT ON  
BEHALF OF OUR CLUBS  
AND YOUR CHARITIES. WE  
WISH YOU ALL THE BEST!**







Best wishes for our very own Baltimore Yacht Club's Princess, Gabby Hiemstra. We have had so much fun getting to know you this year! We are proud of you and impressed with your poise and grace in representing Baltimore Yacht Club for 2022!

Commodore Bill Ortman & First Lady Karen, Baltimore Yacht Club

CONGRATULATIONS AND GOOD LUCK

# Princess Gabby



**we love you!**

**MOM, DAD, GAMMY, ZOE, LISSY, ETHAN,  
GEMMA, CASSIA, VERA, KRONK, MISSY &  
LUCY**

CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES TO

*Princess Gabby*



ED AND LINDA  
GERNER

*Baltimore Yacht Club's 2022 Princess Running for the  
Queen of the Chesapeake*

**GOOD LUCK**  
***Princess Gabriella***



**ERNIE AND CHERYL PASZKIEWICZ**





Best Wishes & Good Luck to Princess Gabby Hiemstra!

You're a wonderful young lady, we are honored to be a part of your journey.

Jeff & Aimee Mitchell  
Galloway YC  
Red Eye YC



**Congratulations!!  
and Best of Luck  
to**



**Princess Gabby**

**From - Commodore Joe Drzewiecki &  
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Love, The Crites Family



**Good Luck  
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Princess Gabby Hiemstra  
for her work supporting Baltimore Yacht Club  
and her philanthropy with  
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and The Johns Hopkins Children's Center.



We wish all the Princesses the best of luck in the pageant!

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*Commodore Rich & First Lady Nicole*





We are so thankful to our beloved Princess Jordan for all her hard work and dedication to the Bodkin Yacht Club!

You are amazing Jordan! And you have such a bright future to look forward to.

*the Bobbins*

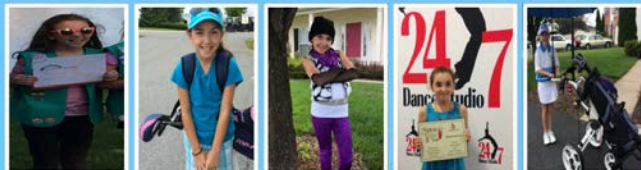
## BODKIN YACHT CLUB PRINCESS JORDAN PRITCHETT



Our Princess Jordan Pritchett,  
You have already made us so proud of all you have set your mind  
to and accomplished over the years!!

Best wishes at the QotC Pageant and we hope you have the best  
time ever!!

Love, Mom & Dad



Congratulations Queen & Princesses  
Commodore George Stromberg  
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**BRYC PRINCESS MICHELLE  
WE LOVE YOU SO MUCH  
WE ARE PROUD OF YOU  
MOM AND DAD**



BRYC Commodore Fred and First Lady Terri Branscome wish our Princess Michelle Studnicki the best of luck in the Queen's Pageant. Thank you for all you do for our club and the community!

BEST WISHES AND GOOD LUCK  
TO PRINCESS MICHELLE  
BRYC - P/C Jack Fitzgerald





As 2021 First Lady of CBYCA, I would like to thank Queen Ellie 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 2022 Queen and her court.

What an honor to toast you marking the 75th Anniversary of the Queen of the Chesapeake Pageant. Always know that in every girl, there is a princess with the strength of a warrior. Happy Diamond Jubilee!



*Rose Marie Killeen*

### 2022 Queen of the Chesapeake Pageant

Galloway Yacht Club would like to thank 2021 QOTC Ellie Hermann and all Yacht Club Princesses for their tireless support to their clubs, charities and the yacht club community as a whole. Without your commitment, our events would not be as fulfilling.

We would also like to send best wishes to the 2022 QOTC Contestants: Princess Gabby, Princess Jordan, Princess Michelle, Princess Piper, and Princess Shayla. Each of you possess the poise and true character necessary to represent the Yacht Club community. Good luck!



2021 Queen Ellie Hermann

Ryleigh Kealy@Miles River YC

Piper Cook@Crescent YC

Shayla Piper@Otter Point YC

Gabby Heimstra@Baltimore YC



Kailey Schissler@Maryland YC

Autumn Almont@Red Eye YC

Michelle Studnicki@Bush River YC

Natalie Lange@Eastern YC

Jordan Pritchett@Bodkin YC

# Best of luck, Piper



You'll always be our Queen.

Commodore Larry and First Lady Judi Pruett



## Princess Piper Cook

*What an amazing young lady you have become. You have represented Crescent Yacht Club with Class, Beauty and Integrity. You are loved and respected by so many in the Yacht Club Community. We wish you the very best in the Queen of the Chesapeake Pageant and much success in all of your future endeavours.*

*Love ya kiddo,  
P/C Greg Reed PFL Stacey  
Past Princess Gracie  
Crescent Yacht Club*

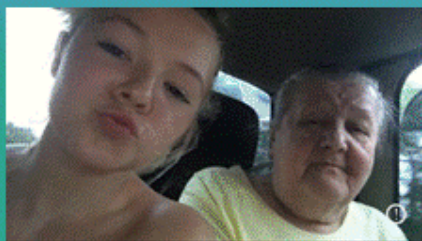


**Wishing you all the best  
Piper!!!**

**Continue to reach beyond  
the stars, we love you and  
are so proud of you.**

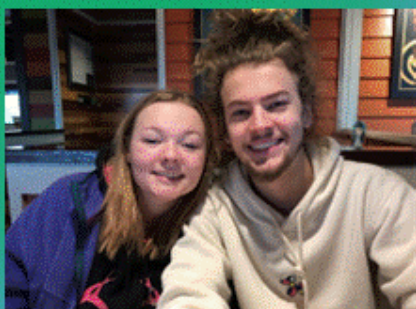
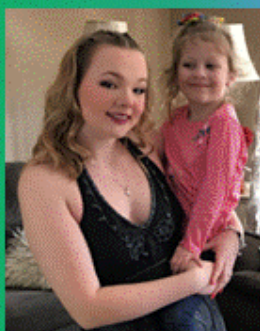
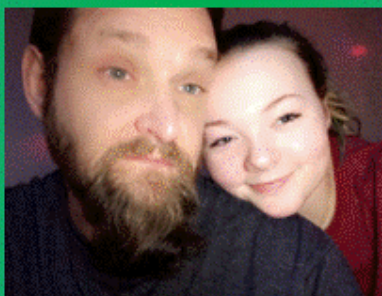
**Aunt Terry and Uncle Al  
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*To our beautiful Princess Piper,  
We want to wish you the best  
of luck as you compete in the  
75th Queen of the Chesapeake  
Pageant. We love you so much!!!*

*Mom, Casey, Nate, Whyton,  
Kadence, Eddie, Rhea, your  
angel's Nanny, Dad Steev and  
Paw Paw*





*Good luck, Piper*

*from  
Tom Phillips  
and  
Jill Litz*

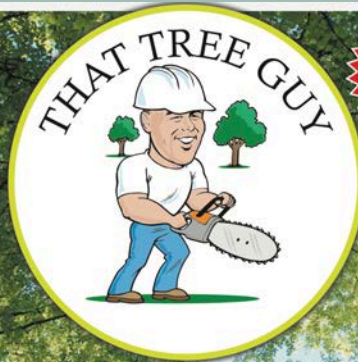
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**Thank you Queen Ellie & Princess Kailey!**



**Jeanne, Ralph,  
and Sebastian  
Richter  
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# Best Wishes

TO PRINCESS KAILEY



SHAWN, TOBBI, AMELIA & ABBY JUSTICE



**MARYLAND YACHT CLUB**





Thank you, Princess Kailey, Queen Ellie, and Junior Princesses Tatiana, Mairead, and Kamryn for a great year at MYC!

Treasurer P/C David and  
FS/PFL Tania Marcic

**Best Wishes to all Princesses in the  
75<sup>th</sup> Queen of the Chesapeake Pageant!**



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

Brad and Pat Houck wish all of the competing princesses the best of luck. We would also like to thank Queen Ellie and MYC Princess Kailey for their dedication to Maryland Yacht Club and all of their hard work over the past year.







**Good  
Luck  
To All  
75th  
Pageant  
Competitors!**

*Queen of the Chesapeake  
Program & Pageant!*

**Thank you Queen Ellie!  
Thank you Princess Kailey!  
Thank you Jr Princesses!**

**We appreciate your support  
of our clubs, Junior Sailing,  
and the QOTC.**

**SFC Lee, PC Jon, Noe, Gil,  
and Daniel Budar-Danoff**



**MARYLAND YACHT CLUB**



# WE LOVE YOU, PRINCESS KAILEY!



Love, Mom, Dad, & Junior Princess Kamryn

# We love you, Princess Kailey!



LOVE, PAPA, MAMA, & JUNIOR PRINCESS KAMRYN



KEEP SMILING,  
PRINCESS  
KAILEY!



WISHING YOU ALL  
THE BEST!

LOVE, GOD, MOM, & AUNT ERIKA



Enjoy the Pageant &  
the Friendships!



May God give you...  
For every storm, a rainbow,  
For every tear, a smile,  
For every ear, a promise,  
and a blessing in each trial.



Wishing each princess  
a glorious year!



CBYCA PFLs  
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THANK YOU, PRINCESS  
KAILEY!



Love,  
Junior Princess Kamryn



SAILOR SISTERS





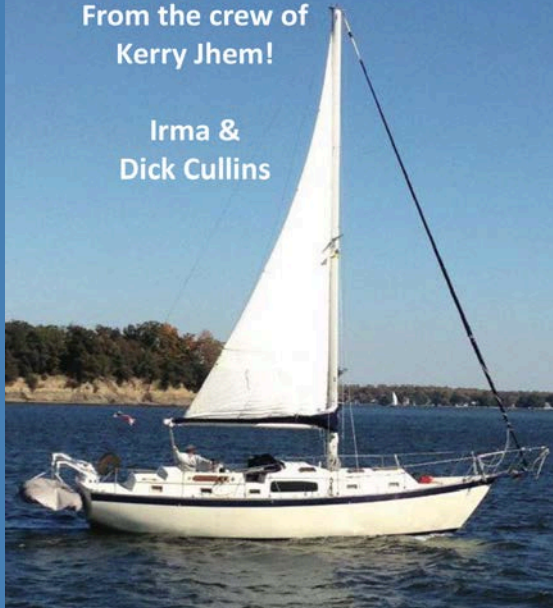
*Wishing the best of luck to all  
our Princesses.*

*Thank you, Queen Ellie for  
all your hard work. Can't wait  
to hear about your successes in  
the future.*

*Sue and Rick Baseley  
Buen Camino*

**Have a safe and fun filled  
boating season.  
From the crew of  
Kerry Jhem!**

**Irma &  
Dick Cullins**







Walking with the flamingos to the 75th Queen of the Chesapeake Pageant. Best wishes to all our beautiful princesses.

PC Barbara and HC Greg Franklin



Queen Ellie & Princess Kailey  
Thank you for everything you have done this past year.

The Captains of *Nautical Love*

P/C Emory & P/FL Pam Quaskey, Mandy Girl

Good luck Princess! We are very proud of you. We have seen you come a long way this year. You grew up before our eyes in the few short months since you became princess, and you have learned so much. We are so proud of you. Reach for the stars Princess. You maybe a yacht club princess for now but you will always be our princess. I'm so glad we got to take this journey together as family walking side by side at balls and openings. Love you always and forever. We will always be your number one fans .

Love, Mommy & Lenny



Princess Shayla





# PRINCESS SHAYLA



*Good luck Princess Shayla! You are growing into an amazing young woman, who we are so very proud to call our Granddaughter. You never cease to impress us. You are incredibly talented, beautiful, and caring. Shay, you are always there to help other people; you have such a good heart and soul. Don't ever stop being you, because you are one extraordinary young woman and we love you more than you could ever imagine. Good luck baby girl!*

*Love, Grandma & Pop*

*Good Luck Shayla! Love, Aunt Chris, Uncle Brian and Wynter*



# Good Luck Princess Shayla!

Have a blast and enjoy  
the camaraderie!

Love You,

Grandma Lori & Pop Jerry



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Wishing Jordan Luck  
From VC Roger & Trs. Liz



Best of luck to all the Princesses in  
the pageant. You are all Queens to  
us!

P/C Bubba and P/P Beth,  
Veterans Yacht Club Association

Best of Luck to all the  
Princesses in the Queen of  
the Chesapeake Pageant

Wishing you all the best for  
the future! Keep reaching  
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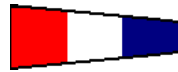
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—TO—

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