

# Chesapeake Sailing Club

Annapolis, Maryland

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April 2010

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### Newsletter of the Chesapeake Sailing Club

#### Calendar at a Glance

April 10 - Dinner at Squisitos

May 15 - Harness Creek, South R

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#### Commodore's Column

Dave Ewing, *Cherette*

The weather is getting better! I even took our boat out this past Saturday. Unfortunately we got only to the Watergate Apartments a distance of about 500 yds, when steam started to come out of the exhaust and the engine stopped! We quickly turned around and we started thinking of plan B and C. But the boat was drifting back towards home so we stayed the course. We kept moving at about 1/2 knot and were soon on track back to our slip. We turned into the slip perfectly without even touching the pilings and Warren Brown happened to be walking around the bulkhead and handed us our lines. All was calm and right. Unfortunately when I called my friend who knows all about boats he said the dreaded words, "You need to call a Diesel mechanic". Even with his recommendation and that of the owner of the Catalina dealership I could only get an appointment in 2 weeks. O' the joys of boat ownership! But this too will pass and we will all soon be on the water with all of our wonderful planned raft ups to look forward to.



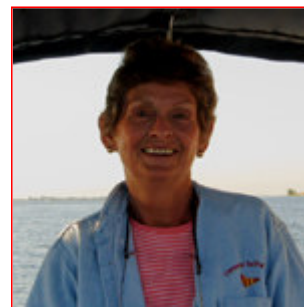
Coming up next is dinner at Squisitos and then we will be on the water. Last weekend we had a great turnout at Jim and Donna Force's with at least 30 people representing CSC, Belvedere, and neighbors enjoying a great presentation by Rich and Leslie Payne about their great trip to Maine last summer. I was impressed how well they worked together to survive the trip and to share the presentation equally. Great job! I'll be looking for you on the water.

#### Vice Commodore's Report

Liz Cingel, *Southern Lady*

It was a gorgeous spring day for a party at Dona and Jim Force's home in March. Thanks Dona and Jim for hosting. Twenty-seven people came to hear Leslie and Richard Payne's talk about their cruise on their boat "New Life" up the Atlantic

Ocean last summer. They left on June 18 and returned on September 27 and took 28 movement days to get to Mt. Desert Island and only 18 movement days to come home. They provided pictures of their trip that Leslie took. Their most northern anchorage was Northeast Harbor at Mt. Desert Island. There were a few problems along the way - the motor mount brackets broke twice before they



found a mechanic who could solve the problem. The boat was in maintenance 4 weeks on the way home. On the days they moved the average movement was 5.5 hours and they logged 195 hours under power and 54 hours sailing.

Those attending were Dona and Jim Force, Vickie Coover, Karen and Pat Vaillant, Robin

Blanchard, Jeff and Angela Bullock, Janet and Dave Ewing, Susan Whaley, Susan's Dad Bob Adams, Leslie and Richard Payne, Leslie's Mom Jane Basil, John Snyder, George and Rita Rohloff, Fred and Irene Weinfeld, Gina Muha, JoAnn Palmer and Gary Davis, great to see JoAnn, friends of the Cingels Verna and Jim Wilson, and Liz and Frank Cingel.

The next CSC gathering will be at Squisitos in Eastport, 1007 Bay Ridge Avenue in Annapolis. We will meet for dinner at 6 PM. Send me an email or call 410-647-5184 if you plan to attend.

Check the [Cruise Schedule](#) for the Social Calendar for the year

### **Fleet Captain's Report**

Judi MacDonald, *Evergreen*

John and I are really looking forward to cleaning up *Evergreen*, shine and polish her for our spring weekends and the trip to Philly. I am sure all of you are eager to get together on the Bay, especially after this particular winter.

We may have a surprise couple coming on the Philly summer cruise- the Buckleys. Sue and Jack are planning to come to the Bay this summer and we hope they join us for the cruise. Both John and Jack grew up in Philly and can discuss the really important history of the place- the evolution of the cheese steak at Geno's, Pat's and Jim's.



We investigated the Philly marinas and found that Piers Marina is unavailable- it is still shoaled up. So the newer marina it is- the Philadelphia Marine Center. We spoke

to the dockmaster who at this point can accommodate us, but we need to make reservations early for the June 3-5 dates. We plan to arrive on the 3rd and leave the morning of the 6th. The rate is \$2.75 a foot, including electricity. Here is the [marina web site](#), phone 215-931-1000. Ask for Barb.

Please let me know as soon as possible during the first week of April if you plan to go with us on the summer cruise. I can block the spaces with Barb to better insure space available when you make your reservation. June and July are a big deal for tourists in Philadelphia, so the earlier we lock in the better. I hope we can identify the Philly cruisers by the April 10 date at Squisitos so we can start planning the trip.

We have an ambitious sailing schedule this year going to far flung places on the Bay, north and south to satisfy everybody's interests. I am looking ahead to sailing with all of you! Judi, Fleet Captain

### **Meet new member John Snyder**

I am a divorced father of three grown children. I've wanted to learn how to sail for a very long time but waited until they were all finished with college and married before giving it a try. I started with an old MacGregor 'trailer sailor' to see if I really liked sailing. Last year I joined the Belvedere Yacht Club and bought an old 30' Pearson. This year I'm looking forward to improving my skills and going on a few short cruises.



### **Members Corner-**

#### **Contest for "The Worst Anchoring Experience" (continued).**

*Dave Ewing, Churette*

It might have been around 2000 and I was living on my boat up Spa Creek beside Truxton Park. The weather forecast said a hurricane was coming! More lines were put out by me and our sailing partner *China Moon*. We were well prepared. Just before the storm was due a newcomer in a 28 O'day arrived and quickly threw down one anchor. We spoke to him on his lack of preparation for a hurricane and he said that he had been on an Annapolis mooring and the city dockmaster had thrown all the mooring people off and he had nowhere else to go. He then made a hasty departure in his dingy. That afternoon saw the clouds come over us, the rain start, and then the wind started to blow. Soon it was indeed a hurricane. And sure enough the O'day started to drag. It soon was crosswise on the bow of *China Moon*. It was now about 11 at night and the rain and wind were really whipping around. I went by dingy over to *China Moon* and Dave [from *China Moon*] was also in his dinghy and together we frantically tried to push the boat off of us. Finally we got it clear but the question was what do we do with it? The weather was too wild to try to anchor it and there was only one anchor anyway. We finally sighted a private dock across the creek and with both dingy's pulling we secured the O'day to the dock. We figured the owner wouldn't be going out! Later that night a tree crashed down across the dock but it missed the boat. After we dried out, we were relatively comfortable aboard and the storm was soon over. Spa Creek is a very good place to weather out a hurricane as long as you are well prepared.

## RULES

Dave Nance

Many sailors consider anchoring an art. Others treat it as a spectator sport. CSC members are of both kinds, but usually sit back and watch for the great comedies that occur as a boat drags on the tide or wind with the crew frantically running to and fro on the deck.

After reading all the exciting tails of anchoring mishaps, it is apparent that our members cruise a lot, are not very lucky in anchoring and, are good tellers of stories.

As instigator of the "Tall Tales Of Anchoring Mishaps" competition I get to make the rules. So, the rules are that there will be four categories, and additional tales can be presented in person at the May 29 cruise happy hour at Purdy Point/Eagles Cove. At that time the winners of each category, or other categories proposed by the members, will be selected.

The categories are:

1. The member(s) with the most bad experiences
2. The member(s) most endowed with flawless insight and nautical omniscience
3. The member(s) with the worst charter boat anchoring experience
4. The member(s) with the most mortifying anchoring experience

It may be (actually most probably will be) that the winners will be selected after copious bottles of wine have been consumed by the voters, so it would be most wise to be in attendance to lobby for a favorable vote.

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