



# Chesapeake Sailing Club

Annapolis, Maryland

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### Newsletter of the Chesapeake Sailing Club

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Apr 21 - Eat Out - The Italian Market

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#### Commodore's Column

Mal Singerman, *Tieve Owna*

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It has been spring, officially, for a few days, and if past experience is any guide, covers are coming off boats around the Bay and owners are aboard preparing for their annual launching. The southern branch of the club, those of us who are still in Florida, are planning our journeys North, by whatever means: Anne Marie and I plan to reverse our journey and hopefully benefit, on our way back to the Bay, from the lessons learned on our way down to Florida on the ICW.

I'm sure all of us are looking forward to the upcoming season, to renewing acquaintances with good friends, and to visiting familiar places and to discovering new ones - on the Bay and on the shore - under the direction of our adroit Cruise Captain, Dave Nance, and our resourceful Vice Commodore, Joe Powers.

Hope to see you all soon.

#### Vice Commodore's Report

Joe Powers, *Aquavit*

We had a nice surprise in March with an early warm spell. That gave us the opportunity to get started with spring commissioning tasks. That being the case it seems like we ought to be moving on to the raft-ups but given the uncertainties in the weather for this time of year we still have one more on-shore dinner before going on to the sailing get togethers.



So April's get together will be at the Italian Market on Defense Highway. It will be held on April 21, at 5 PM. We had a gathering there last year and everyone seemed to enjoy it. For those of you who haven't been there the format is similar to Squisito's. You order and pay for your food as you come in and it will be delivered to your table. If you prefer to have a drink first you can do that and order food later.

Hope to see you all there!

#### Fleet Captain's Report

Dave Nance, *Ariel*



I envy those of you that are enjoying an early spring and have your boats in the water awaiting the first sail of the season. The two of us in Texas are enjoying RAIN for the past three weeks and not complaining. Being stuck inside does have its merits. We watch live streaming of the Volvo Ocean Race from New Zealand and search the web for dumb things.

One thing that I found on the web is an explanation of oil for our diesel engines by Cox Engineering. Now I know most of you change the engine oil at the end of the season in preparation for the winter lay up, but some just keep sailing all winter. If you are the former, you might want to mark this site for the fall.

[coxengineering.web.officelive.com/oil.aspx](http://coxengineering.web.officelive.com/oil.aspx)

This is a British company and you may ask about their creditability on the subject of oil, but remember that the British know more about leaking engines than any other. Everyone understands that the British do not build computers because they can't make them leak oil.

Spring is here so get ready for sailing on the Chesapeake. The Robins and the Monarch butterfly's are headed your way from their winter home in Mexico as I write this so get ready!

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