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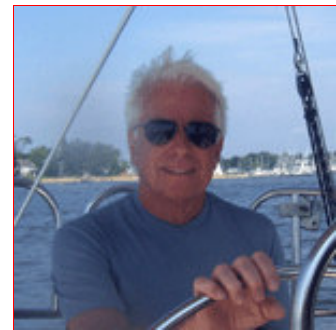
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### Commodore's Column

Dave Ewing, *Cherette*

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays! We are looking forward to the CSC Holiday Party at our home this Saturday the 4th. It looks like a good group of people are planning to come, but there is always room for more. So you can come even at the last minute! We are finishing up our stay in Florida. We attended a drumming circle in which drums and other percussion instruments are beat while dancers, hula hoopers, and any other movements are performed at sunset! We might try it at the party, so if you have any bongo drums bring them. Also bring your hula hoop! Last Saturday I went racing with Pim, Tim, and Jim (Luciano) on Pim's 23' Sonar. We almost came in first on the second race. We also had a great sail back home with 20 knot winds! Pim is a great racer and teacher and hopefully he can teach me something over the winter so we can challenge Frank! Janet also went racing with the girls racing crew on a Pearson 23, so she too will be ready for Frank!



We look forward to seeing everyone soon. Dave and Janet

**Holiday Greetings from the incoming Vice Commodore**

Joe Powers, *Aquavit*

As the incoming Vice Commodore I've got a tough act to follow. Liz has been doing such an excellent job I know we all want to thank her for her outstanding work and I know that I can rely on her for advice and assistance throughout the year.

I don't plan on any major changes to the general outline that Liz has followed for the past few years. One change I would like to make though is the location for the April get-together. We have used Squisitos past few years and I thought we might want to consider The Italian Market as an alternative. The format and menu are similar to Squisitos in that you order and pay for your meal individually and restaurant staff brings it to your table. This change is reflected in the proposed schedule shown below. I've also combined the Thanksgiving and Holiday party since people seem to be so busy this time of year.

Proposed 2011 Schedule for Social Get-togethers. This schedule is a draft and I would appreciate any comments.

- January 9, 2011, 5 PM, Powers, Heavy hors d'oeuvres Wine and soft drinks will be provided
- February 12 or 19, Final date will be determined in January. Need a host
- March 12 or 19, Final date will be determined in January. Need a host (Note I believe that Frank and Liz will host one of these)
- April 9, 6 PM, The Italian Market, 126 Defense Highway, Annapolis (between the Mall and Home Depot) Their menu is available at [www.theitalianmarket.com](http://www.theitalianmarket.com).
- July 23, West River location, either Pirates Cove or Thursday's Steak and Crabhouse. Comments on this are requested.
- August 13, Annual meeting, time TBD, Belvedere yacht Club
- September 24, time TBD, Sailing Emporium, Rock Hall
- October 22, Time and host TBD
- December 3, Holiday Party, time and host TBD

### **Member's Corner-**

#### **A Last Hurrah for the Season**

Glenn Whaley, *Bay GyPSy*

On a recent crisp, clear November Saturday morning, Susan, Skittles

the Seadog, and I headed down to the pier to tuck Bay GyPSy in for the winter. In the back of the truck was the anti-freeze, a big old tarp, some line for tying it down, and assorted tools. Winterizing. We had the stuff, the time and opportunity, and nice weather for the task ahead. It can be a pain, but it can be sort of cathartic, too. It's a chance to say goodbye to the sailing season with a little punctuation mark - all the warm fuzziness of raft-ups, sunrises and sunsets, and broad reaches remembered in tasks like taking down and folding the main and genoa for the last time.

Oh, did I mention the nice weather that day?

We got to the boat, climbed aboard with all the stuff, and then sat there in the cockpit just soaking up being there. The sun was really pleasant. The temp had risen to the low to mid 60's. There were a few scattered clouds. And a nice little breeze. I'll bet you can see where this is going. . .

After a little while of just sitting there and not saying much, Sue looked at me and said, "Why don't we call the kids and see if they're free?"

"Kinda short notice, don't you think?"

"They can always say no," she said as she dialed the number. Son Scott and family live in Cape St. Clair, about ten minutes from the pier and the boat. That made it a pretty local phone call.

Well, as it turned out Scott and his wife were in the middle of fall tasks, taking max advantage of the good weather to rake leaves and such. But they did have three grandchildren. (Well, okay, just 'children' to them. They're really our grandkids. But you get the idea.) So why don't the grandparents take them out for a couple hours? Great suggestion!

Quick like a bunny, Sue took the truck and exchanged it for three grandkids and a van while I stowed the winterizing stuff below and got ready to get underway. This sounded like a heck of a lot more fun than winterizing!

It's not like we went a long way out or did anything really adventurous or anything. That is, unless you count inspecting the anchor locker,

turning the winches (the four-year-old's favorite thing to do), or keeping a sharp lookout for pirates from the bow (the six-year-old's thing). Sandwiches and drinks make for a special 'picnic on the water', especially with gummy bear chasers - also a high point of an afternoon on the Magothy if you're a kid. Or a kid's grandparent!

So after a couple hours of genoa-only sailing (hey, that counts if you're a kid!), fixing lines (the three-year-old's favorite activity - we untangled them later), exploring, and wave-watching, it was time to return to port. After all, some kids still need naps in the afternoon. (How 'bout grandparents?) So we called it a day, moored the boat with the help of lots of little hands and got everyone home safe. And a whole lot happier than we would have been if we'd spent the day flushing raw water systems with anti-freeze and such.

That's why God created 'tomorrow', right?

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