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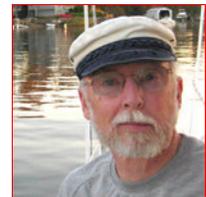
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Vice Commodore's Report

Glenn Whaley, *Trinity*

Happy 2013, everyone! I probably should have said that in the January Scuttlebutt, but had a stutter-step in timing (i.e. I blew it). Sorry 'bout that.



So happy February instead! At least we're a month closer to sailing season ☺. And we still have some shore-based parties on tap. Speaking of which, we had a jim-dandy one on Saturday, January 26th. Who said dreary January's can't be fun?

Thanks to hosts Frank and Liz Cingel, we had a great shindig to celebrate 'winter hump month' - you know, sort of like Wednesday is each work week's 'hump day.' (Well, at least that's what it is to the poor working stiff who still take note of such things.)

I referred to this time of the year as The Dark Ages in my version of the events schedule sent out awhile back. That's Naval Academy-eze for January and February: the doldrum months of the winter. We used to hate that time: Everything was gray, brown, and dreary. Final exams were held in January back then. All the upper classmen were in lousy moods. It was just a yucky time. But not for us CSC-ites. No siree. We be party folks -- thanks to the Cingels...

On that fine January Saturday, the 26th, we partied hardy with 17 folks in attendance including some new members and some guests. That may be a record for a winter party! The roster of attendees included: Hosts Frank and Liz, V/C me and Susan, Richard Payne (Leslie was SIR -- Naval Academy-eze for Sick In Room), Dave and Janet Ewing, Jim and Dona Force, new members Phil Hobby and Bobbie Brown, and John and Debra Valliant, and guests Bill and Kathy Barbour and Jim and Verna Wilson.

We all feasted on fine fellowship and a really prime beef dish prepared by host Liz with supporting vegetables, salads, killer potatoes, and bodacious desserts contributed by the assembled multitude. If you weren't there, you missed a great time! But it's not too late...

On Saturday, February 23rd (Note the change in date from the previously advertised schedule!) we will celebrate a belated Valentine's Day at the Whaleys (566 Wayward Drive, Annapolis, 21401). Actually, we could call it an Anniversary Party just as well, as the hosts will be celebrating 38 years of wedded bliss that week. So celebrate Valentines Day or party with the semi-newlyweds, take your pick: Either way, we plan to have a blast. Come be part of it!

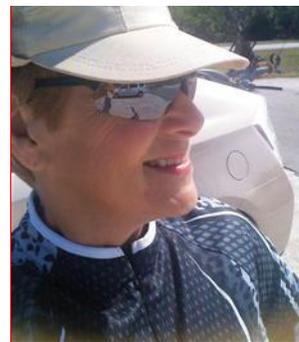
Hope to see everyone on Feb 23rd! We'll be just that much closer to sailing season - which, of course, is the real reason to celebrate ☺

Fleet Captain's Report

Mary Jo Harris, *Circe*

Ahoy, fellow CSC'ers. Those of you Northerners who are freezing, landlocked, and feeling lubberly, have hope! Spring WILL return again, and with it will come bottom painting season, followed shortly by the SAILING SEASON and LIFE ON THE CHESAPEAKE BAY.

As promised, I have been consulting my charts, picking the brains of fellow sailors, and plotting the framework of our cruising schedule for the coming months. Cruising destinations aren't cast in stone quite yet, but here is a preview of cruising dates to enter on your calendar and set aside for CSC events on the water.



- MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND, MAY 25-27
- SPRING CRUISE, JUNE 7-23
- MIDSUMMER DINNER CRUISE, JUNE 20
- LABOR DAY CRUISE, AUGUST 31- SEPTEMBER 2
- FALL CRUISE, SEPTEMBER 15-21
- COLUMBUS DAY FROSTBITE CRUISE, OCTOBER 5-7

Just thinking about the wonderful gunk holes and ports-of-call we will explore makes me anxious to be back at the helm again.

I'm especially looking forward to our long Spring Cruise when we will get a chance to visit anchorages and ports that may be new to some of us, and most of which are off our regular beaten paths. Those of us who can get away on the 7th of June (a Friday) will follow a fairly standard cruise plan from our home docks to the Patuxent River. On the Patuxent, we will plan an evening dining beneath the banana trees at Vera's White Sands Beach Club before our rendezvous in Solomon's with any late-comers on the 10th and 11th (Monday and Tuesday). We will take time in Solomon's to relax, fuel up, grocery shop, tour the town, and gather together over a meal ashore to plan the following week's cruising schedule - which will be based on weather and tides, and, of course, subject to change as the days roll on.

Some of the possible, tantalizing destinations MIGHT include: Tangier Island, Onancock, and the Tangier Sound...or we might take a Potomac Holiday and visit the St. Mary's River, Breton Bay, or the Upper Machodoc, or a Rappahannock Ramble to Urbana and the Corrotoman River. Then there's the lovely Great Wicomico (where I almost always sail with the dolphins).

Ohhh...so many places to cruise to and so little time!

Dues are Due

Sue Whaley, CSC Treasurer

It's That Time of Year Again! Spring is coming!

2012 was a fun year for sailing and friendships. Let's see how much fun we can share in 2013.

Some of us have new boats to break in so this will be even a special-er season. I know Glenn and I are chomping on the bit to sail *Trinity* (our new-to-us 356 Hunter).

It's that time of year again -- the chance to renew your membership in the Chesapeake Sailing Club for another season. It's a mere \$20/year - you certainly can't beat that! Earlier is better, so please send along a check made out to "CSC" to-

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And thanks (in advance) to all for a quick response! I would like to be able to get a new roster out by the end of February.

To those who have already ~~contributed to my New Boat Fund~~ I mean, paid your dues at the January feast at the Cingel's THANK YOU.

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