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Brrr! Would someone please turn off the cold? Hey, if we wanted this kind of weather, we'd have all packed up and moved to Fargo. Enough, already! (Okay, you guys in Florida can stop laughing now.)



It's been a long winter already and here it's only early February! But we CSC types, we're pretty good at adapting. Through partying, of course. Snow, ice, and all. Take the shindig last month at the Cingels. V/C Liz does know how to put down a spread! There was an even dozen of us who were able to make it that day to enjoy Italian beef and all the fixin's: Besides hosts Frank and Liz, the Ewings, Forces, Mancillas', Paynes, and Whaleys made up the revelers. And a really fine time was had by all! Thanks, Liz, for taking us all in out of the cold!

There are still some parties to go before we break the boats out for the season. Let's try to make a grand time of them all - why not bring a few friends along for the festivities? The more, the merrier! So let's be really merry until the sun shines bright and the spring winds lift our spirits and our sails.

I should probably note here by way of sort-of news that I am actually

doing double time this year as commodore of both the CSC and the Belvedere Yacht Club here in Arnold. I didn't plan it that way but, being a fan of conspiracy theories, I'm sure someone did. How's that old saying go? "Just because you're paranoid, it doesn't mean they're not out to get you!" So I'll be a tad busy this year. I'm already learning to sleep faster than I used to, as there's more to do in the boat club world, especially this time of year, than you might think. That's mostly for my Belvedere job. But being as we do have this dual-hat thing going, there is the angle that we might have an 'in' for coordinating BYC and CSC activities this year. So there are some advantages to it, I guess. But I'll tell you, if it wasn't for the double pay it probably wouldn't be worth it 😊.

Keep thinking warmish thoughts, and spring will be here before we know it. And make sure to come alongside for the winter party raftups Liz has planned. Next stop is our home in February. Hope to see lots of folks here!

### **Vice Commodore's Report**

Liz Cingel, *Southern Lady*

The sailing club continues to be active this winter. The December party at the Force's house was very nice. Their house was filled with holiday decorations. Frank and I enjoyed hosting the January party. The Whaleys have volunteered to host a party on Sunday, February 16. Since Glenn is wearing two hats this year as Commodore of CSC and



Commodore of Belvedere Yacht Club he has commitments on Saturday that prevent him from attending CSC activities that day. I need a host for a party in March. In April the Ewings will host us for dinner at the Eastport Yacht Club. Dates will be announced later for the March and April parties. The sailing club's annual picnic/business meeting will be held at Belvedere Yacht Club on Saturday, August 16. We will have the very popular crab cake party at Sailing Emporium on September 27 - although I have not contacted them yet.

### Sympathy

Our sympathy to Gale and Bob Doremus on the recent death of Gale's brother.

## Fleet Captain's Report

Mary Jo Harris, *Circe*

Ahoy, fellow CSC'ers.

Temperatures in the North East are slated to go way below freezing over the next week as I write this in sunny South Florida. OK. Don't start throwing rotten eggs my way just yet. Within another month I shall return to the land of civilized sailors. I will be moving back to chilly Philly, and loving every minute of it! So if I sound a bit distracted and/or miss a beat now and then, please forgive me because I'm just in the throes of moving back to the city and renovating a house. All of that work is supposed to be complete before spring launch, however, and I hope to hit my stride by Memorial Day.



After consulting my charts and picking the brains of fellow sailors, I have begun plotting the framework of our cruising schedule for the coming months. Here is a preview of cruising dates to enter on your calendar and set aside for CSC events on the water.

But wait.....I need feedback!

To help me put flesh on the bones of this schedule, let's have some member input. Specifically, some of us belong to other sailing clubs which also sponsor sailing weekends - often on the major holiday weekends. Others of us like to chill out and avoid crowded anchorages on holidays.

Therefore, I am considering making Memorial Day and Labor Day Cruising completely optional. In other words....CSC just won't schedule its own cruise, but that does not mean that those of us who want to rendezvous and enjoy each other's company can't do it. As Fleet Captain, I would act as "clearing house" for any member who wants to get together.....we have several usual suspects who really like being on the water, so I have no doubt that there will always be at least four or five CSC members out sailing. If you are going out on the weekend (alone or with another club)...don't forget to invite your fellow CSC members to come along. So, here's a thought....as each major holiday approaches, and you start making plans to sail, please check in with me, and we will put an itinerary and meal plan together for all who want to be out on the

water. Just an idea.....Send me an email and let me know if hanging loose like this on the two big holiday weekends would work for you. Majority rules. So stay tuned.

MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND (optional, TBD)

SPRING CRUISE, JUNE 14-24

Destinations to be centered right here in our own Middle Bay. With generally short travel days, we will ply the waters from the Severn to the Little Choptank and the Choptank, and plan a couple of days in Cambridge where we will enjoy small town life and some good meals ashore.

MIDSUMMER DINNER CRUISE, in conjunction with the club's summer restaurant meet-up in July. TBD

NEW EVENT. LATE SUMMER LONG CRUISE TO DESTINATIONS IN THE SOUTHERN BAY

As we learned last year (as though we didn't already know this), sailors are at the mercy of wind, heat, rain, thunder storms, currents, and general ennui. After setting out from our home ports and getting together a day or two later in the Patuxent - maybe this year we will actually get up river to Vera's White Sands - we will plan our travels to destinations further south a day or two at a time depending on the weather. Perhaps we will return to the Tangier Sound, maybe Tangier Island for a night. A trip back to Onancock is always fun. Or...the Rappahannock awaits with interesting anchorages and a possible visit to Urbana to check out the City Docks and visit town and restaurants. Tentative dates are August 16 - 31, and if other CSC members who didn't attend this cruise wish to sail over Labor Day, we can meet them for the weekend on our return to home ports toward the end of this cruise.

LABOR DAY CRUISE, Optional - TBD

FALL CRUISE, SEPTEMBER 13 - 21 in the Northern Bay. Perhaps this time we will be lucky enough to actually anchor off Captain Dave's quarters above the Rt. 13 Bridge for a night.

COLUMBUS DAY FROSTBITE CRUISE, OCTOBER 11-14

After a Thursday or Friday visit to the boat show, let's get out there Saturday morning and do some real sailing. We might return for a relaxing fall weekend in the Chester River...or maybe we will go to the Wye with a night in St. Michaels....we'll see!

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

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