



# Chesapeake Sailing Club

Annapolis, Maryland

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### Newsletter of the Chesapeake Sailing Club

Calendar at a Glance

Jan 26 - Winter party - 5 P.M., Frank and Liz Host

Feb 16 - Winter party - host needed

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#### Commodore's Column

Mal Singerman, *Tieve Owna*

As we start the New Year, and look back at the old, it is appropriate that we thank the two outgoing Club Officers for a two year term well served, and a job well done.

Dave Nance, our able Fleet Captain, used his extensive knowledge of the Chesapeake to lead us on many a happy adventure. His was never an easy task, involving careful preparation, planning and poring over charts. Often, Dave's job was complicated, mid cruise, by wind and weather. Dave's thoughtful efforts provided days and weeks of great cruising experiences for the club.



Joe Powers, our retiring Vice Commodore planned and managed a great series of land events for the club, including some impromptu events mid cruise when the club found itself in a marina far from home. The land events required strong attention to logistical issues, especially for the annual meeting and the club picnics at Rock Hall. While other club officers might relax in the colder winter month. Joe's duties continued as he organized club events in Annapolis for the stay and home members and in Florida for the southern contingent.

I am sure everyone in the Club will join me in a hearty vote of thanks and appreciation for Dave and Joe.

On January 1st, when your Commodore and Treasurer officially begin the 2nd half of their two year terms, the Club will welcome two new officers: Mary Jo Harris will become the Fleet Captain, and Glenn Whaley will assume the duties of Vice Commodore. Since the virtues and abilities of these two stalwarts have been thoroughly presented when they were voted into office at annual meeting, I need not repeat them here. I would, once again, like than to thank them for accepting the call of the nominating committee and undertaking the duties and responsibilities of their respective offices.

In an informal meeting with Mary Jo Harris in Fort Lauderdale, she outlined some of her plans for an interesting cruising schedule. Knowing Glenn, I am sure that we can count on him for some lively land events as well. Like all the other members, I am looking forward with great anticipation to the Spring, and the beginning of the new sailing season on the Bay.

#### Fleet Captain's Report

Mary Jo Harris, *Circe*

Ahoy, fellow CSC'ers. If we haven't met yet on the sea or at a shore event, I'm Mary Jo, skipper of *Circe*. I sail with my "best friend" Toby, whom I'm sure you will soon meet



as our 2012 Chesapeake sailing season gets underway a few months from now. As Fleet Captain this year I will be in touch, via these pages, throughout the year.



First off, I want to extend my warmest thanks to outgoing Fleet Captain, Dave Nance. Dave has taken us sailing to places some of us have never been before, and regaled us with sea stories that entertained and enlightened us all year round. I don't pretend to be as well-read as Dave, and I know nothing about classical music or how to link its melodies and rhythms to the subject of Chesapeake sailing, but I hope I can be half as resourceful as Dave, and come up with an agenda of cruises that are as enjoyable as the ones he has led us on over the last two years.

Thanks for the memories, Dave!

Over the next month or so I will be assembling a cruise schedule for the coming sailing season, and I hope that all of our stalwart CSC members will join on at least one, two, three, or ALL of the cruises. Our agenda will once again feature two all-out, far-away-from-homeport, long sailing adventures - one in June, and the other in September. The Spring Cruise in June will attempt to cover some waters that we haven't partied in the recent past, and we will try to get everyone together to stay out on the briny seas for a fortnight (a bit longer than usual) so that we will have time to visit some ports and anchorages that you can't get to in just a weekend trip from home. Why not... most of us are gainfully unemployed, so what's holding us back?

So, be forewarned to plan for a nice open-ended 10 day or two week vacation in June with your CSC sailing buddies. We will, however, figure out how to make a shortened (week long) version of the Spring Cruise available for those who must join late or leave early.

Another socially-expanding new wrinkle will be the possibility of one or more multi-club cruising events in our summer schedule. More on that to come.

And the last challenge that is under consideration will be the introduction of a little friendly competition. Hint: in sail boating the word "competition" translates to a contest of who can get there first without turning on the engine. We will welcome any ideas/volunteers to organize some impromptu, good natured, self timed, honor- system, point-to-point racing along the way to some of our cruising destinations. Anyone with knowledge about handicapping (and a good calculator) will be welcome.

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