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Newsletter of the Chesapeake Sailing Club

Calendar at a Glance

July 26-25, Rideout Cr, Whitehall Bay

Aug 8-9, West River, Dinner at Pirate's Cove

Aug 15, CSC Picnic and Annual Meeting. Belvedere YC

Aug 29, Purdy Point, Magothy

Aug 30, Queenstown, Beginning of the Fall Cruise

See the detailed [Cruise Schedule](#)

Commodore's Column

Tom Muha *Taj Muha*

We're in the middle of our sailing season, and our on the water gatherings have been a lot of fun. Adding to the joy is the fact that the weather has been exceptional for some of our events. I hope that those of you who have not made to a rendezvous will be able to get a CSC cruise on your schedule.



Next month is our annual picnic, at which time we will be holding elections for Commodore and Treasurer. In accordance with the by-laws, I created a nominating committee consisting of myself, John MacDonald, and Carolyn Smith. We have nominated Dave Ewing for the position of

Commodore and are seeking a nominee for Treasurer. While the election will take place at next month's picnic, the new officers will not take office until January 2010.

July 09 is starting off very nicely.

Judi MacDonald, Fleet Captain *Evergreen*

On Saturday, the 4th, *Evergreen* sailed from Back Creek, Annapolis, to under the Bay Bridge. Heavy winds made for an exciting sail. We reefed the main, spilled wind with the traveler, and for the first time reefed the jib. Great sailing up to the Baltimore lighthouse.



We then dropped the sails to motor through the Magothy River entrance channel - the wind was on the nose. Once through the entrance we could have sailed to Purdy Point, but we had had enough sailing for the day. Plus we wanted to join up with the other cruisers who presumably were there and anchored. At Purdy Point, also referred to as Eagle Cove, although you won't see that name on any chart, we tied up to *Southern Lady* who hosted a Happy Hour. The other boats at Purdy were *Cherette*, rafted up to *Aquavit*, and *Captain Queez*, our motor yacht guest. *Aqua Vite* showed up later with their usual dessert - marinated fruit in liquor and real whipped cream.

We saw great fireworks because of the generosity of the local homeowners. After several exciting displays, and when we thought it was over, the horse farm directly across from us started their show. It was spectacular.

On Sunday the 5th, *Evergreen* and *Southern Lady* left to sail across the Bay to Langford Creek. We motored up the Chester to Langford, a pleasant journey other than the motoring. We anchored to the right of Cacaway Island in Langford Creek and again rafted to *Southern Lady*. *Ariel* and

Bay Gypsy arrived and rafted together. *Capt Queez* also joined the trip and later hosted a delightful happy hour.

On Monday the 6th we headed home to Back Creek. Again the wind didn't cooperate and we motored all the way. *Southern Lady* and *Ariel* planned to stay another day and tempted us with a promise of steak for dinner, but we did not think our can of chili was good enough to share and we did need to get back. *Bay Gypsy* and *Capt Queez* also had to get back to their homeports in the Magothy and Kent Narrows.

In spite of the little sailing on Sunday and Monday, we did have a terrific sail on the 4th. The weather overall was spectacular - in the 80's during the day and in the 60's at night. It has been an unusually cool summer here. Fabulous.

Ariel and *Southern Lady* reported spending a lazy day enjoying the mild temperatures and gentle breezes while anchored in Langford Creek. Frank went fishing. Both yachts pulled up anchor Tuesday morning and blew up the Chester River and across the Bay with 15 knot SW winds, with gusts to 21 in the Magothy River as the winds were funneling. NOAA predicted 5 knots NW.

New Itinerary for the Fall Cruise -

Please note that the itinerary for the Fall cruise has changed a bit. We will start on the weekend of August 29 with a raftup at Purdy Point, Magothy River and head to the Chester River for the week. Here is the detailed schedule:

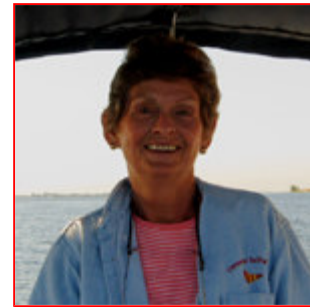
- 29 Aug Sat Purdy Point Magothy River
- 30 Aug Sun Queenstown Chester or home for those not going on the fall cruise
- 31 Aug Mon Grays Inn Chester
- 1 Sep Tues Langford Creek Chester
- 2 Sep Wed Chestertown, marina, Chester
- 3 Sep Thurs Chestertown, marina, stay over
- 4 Sep Fri Corsica Chester

- 5 Sep Sat Broad Creek Magothy,
- 6 Sep Sun Broad Creek Magothy w/Labor Day Race from the Balt Light House to 1UC to LP and return to Balt Light House, (same as the Memorial Day Race.) and return to the anchorage at Broad Creek
- 7 Sep Home

Social Report

Liz Cingel, Vice Commodore *Southern Lady*

The sailing club picnic will be held on Saturday, August 15, at 2 PM at Belvedere Yacht Club, Fork Creek, Magothy River, Arnold, MD. There is a map on the CSC Cruise Schedule with the date. If you get lost coming by car call on Frank's cell phone at 410-925-0975. We have a few slips available if anyone wants to come into a slip otherwise you can anchor out in front of the marina. Let me know if you want a slip. The menu will be pork barbecue and fried chicken and I'm asking everyone to bring either a side dish or dessert including your serving pieces. In order to have enough food please bring food to serve 8 people. I'll coordinate the food so let me know what you want to bring. We will also have a book exchange table, so bring your unwanted books.



On Saturday, September 19 the club is going to the Sailing Emporium for a picnic. Arrangements are in progress so mark your calendar and I'll have more information in the August newsletter. We will need a head count for this party as we are ordering food from a caterer. Make your slip reservations early.

We need a host for the Early Thanksgiving party on November 8.

A Truly Grand Weekend Up the Severn (Saturday and Sunday, June 27-28)

Skittles the Seadog

'Twas a glorious trip, way up the Severn River and nestled in Rock Cove. There were five boats at lazy anchor for the overnight, and six for the Saturday night festivities. It was way fun for all of us, and especially me since I usually get left out of a lot of things. But seeing as my boat was hostess with the mostest that night, I was right there in the middle of it.



Maybe I should introduce myself. I'm Skittles the Seadog, captain of *S/V Bay GyPSy*. That's right, Skittles. (Sort of rhymes with "piddles" if you think about it. So don't.) My crew is Glenn and Sue Whaley. And this is the story of our weekend.

There wasn't much wind that good Saturday, although the weather was otherwise pretty much perfect. Temp in the 80's. Low humidity. A seadog couldn't have asked for much more. Well, that's not true, is it? We be a sailing family, after all, and that sort of requires at least a breeze. Which there wasn't much of. So we all mostly motored from wherever we started from and made our way to the mouth of the Severn. And then we motored some more, about eight miles up the river to the neat little cove just behind Pat Sajak's pad (he of *Wheel of Fortune* fame).

So who's this 'we' I keep referring to? Like I said, there were five of us who rendezvous'd at the cove: *Aqua Vite* (Warren and Ann Brown), *Ariel* (Dave and Lois Nance), *Chaos* (Don and Patty Snodgrass, friends of the Nances), *Evergreen* (John and Fleet Captain Judi MacDonald), and *Bay GyPSy* (moi plus Glenn and Sue Whaley). The theme was "French



Maid" (or, as some spun it, "French Made"). Whatever. Judi showed us the Parisian look with a cute doily, apron, and the works. But Ann, chef

extraordinaire, took the prize with some incredible delectables for our collective dessert that evening: a lemon chiffon confection that was "ooh la la!", and a chocolate concoction that was really, really good, too. Howsomever, you probably didn't want to have too awfully much of that chocolate thing, at least not and have to drive home. But fortunately, that wasn't an issue.



You know what? I'm not sure why I'm talking about all that food stuff. They didn't give any of it to the dog. Nada. Zip. So I'm done with that. However, I will say that one highlight of the evening was the arrival of *Cherette* (Dave and Janet Ewing) with passengers Commodore Tom and Gina Muha in time for some of the major appetizers everyone enjoyed and just in time for all of the dessert. (Taj Muha had a sick

engine, poor thing. But at least Tom and Gina made it.) Unfortunately, the press of life required *Cherette* and company to leave after happy hour for the return trip. (What's up with this 'life' stuff that keeps getting in the way of sailing?)

Saturday dawned fair and bright and everyone, in best CSC one-at-a-time fashion, found their way back down to Round Bay and from there to the Bay. Motoring again, as the wind - what there was of it - was not very helpful. However, once past the mouth of the Severn, there was a nice breeze on the Bay and the sail home was really, really good. So when can we do all this again? A curious seadog wants to know.

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