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Newsletter of the Chesapeake Sailing Club

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Commodore's Column

Mal Singerman, *Tieve Owna*

Congratulations and best wishes to our Vice Commodore, Glenn Whaley and our Treasurer, Susan Whaley on the purchase of a new sail boat; a lovely and larger Hunter to replace their first vessel. Members who have been aboard were lavish in their praises of the vessel, which will bear the name "Trinity" when it joins the club on cruises in the future. I am sure that I speak for all of the membership when I wish Glen and Sue many, many happy years of sailing and enjoyment on Trinity.



A few stalwart members waited out one day of strong winds and bad weather, then set sail on a windy Sunday to meet in Broad Creek off the Magothy. This alternate destination, selected by our knowledgeable Cruise Captain for its sheltered waters and quiet location, proved an excellent venue for our first Club rendezvous. *Tieve Owna* acted as the host boat: the crews of *Ariel*, *Southern Lady*, *Circe* and *Trinity* gathered in her cockpit to exchange news of winter happening, and plans for the sailing season over a glass of wine and some munchies. A good time was had by all, and the diminishing winds of Sunday evening, and the shelter of the anchorage provided a calm night's sleep for everyone in attendance.

Our two week Spring Cruise is scheduled to begin on a Friday, June 7th. Our Cruise Captain, Mary Jo Harris, has laid out a float plan that is designed to make it easy for people who want a later start to join the cruise at several points. Complete details are on the web. I hope to see a lot of members on all or some of the cruise "legs". As a club, we welcome potential new members; if you have a boat that you would like to invite along on our cruise as a 'guest' please do just that.

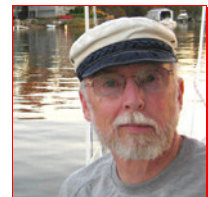
Looking forward to a summer of fun water and land events.

Vice Commodore's Report

Glenn Whaley, *Trinity*

The Memorial Day Shakedown Cruise

Well, at long last the sailing season is afoot! (Or is that 'afloat'?) In the face of a way-too-windy start to the Memorial Day weekend, the fleet decided to stay home until things calmed down a little. So we really only had a one night soiree for our maiden voyage of the year. But, when we finally got underway, was it ever great to be out on the water again!



With a strong (as in 20-30 kt strong) N or NW wind out on the Bay, prudent sailors thought it a good idea to delay testing sails and diesels after the long winter layup until conditions were at least a bit more agreeable. The original plan had been for everyone to hook up in the Severn (or

maybe Bodkin, depending) on Saturday evening, May 25th. With the delay, it turned out to be only a single overnight on Broad Creek in the Magothy. It almost didn't matter where we were, though - we were afloat and we were away from home port. And we had wind, wine, and water. Mix in some good friends getting together on a host boat and you have the formula for CSC fun!

Because of some concern for possible night breezes - which didn't pan out, as it happened - the five boats in the flotilla anchored separately. No raftups. Our first happy hour of the season was hosted by *Tieve Owna* and Commodore Mal and Anne Marie. Joining in the fun from Rock Hall were *Circe* (Fleet Captain Mary Jo and First Seapup Toby) and *Ariel* (Dave and Lois). From just across the river, two boats joined in from Belvedere YC - *Southern Lady* (Frank and Liz) and new boat *Trinity* (V/C Glenn, Treasurer Sue, and Skittles). The hosts made all welcome aboard with wine for everyone, which was a wonderful inducement to warm fellowship and conversation about the months gone by since we'd last all been together.

The evening was long and wonderful. The temperature was perfect, the sky clear, and the breeze very light. After sunset, Dave showed us all where to look for a very rare appearance of Jupiter, Mars, and Mercury in the late evening sky. It's great being on the water away from all the lights of civilization! That must be why God created boating. 😊

Everyone enjoyed a leisurely Memorial Day morning at anchor soaking in the great scenery of one of our favorite local coves. Eventually, though, all had to return home after a too-short inaugural cruise. But it was an absolutely great opening salvo to the sailing season. And we are so looking forward to the Spring Cruise!

Fleet Captain's Report

Mary Jo Harris, *Circe*

Ahoy, fellow CSC'ers. Our fabled **Summer Cruise** is about to begin.

RSVP ASAP.

We plan to have cocktail-get-togethers or pot luck dinners throughout the cruise, so please call to volunteer to serve as host for at least one event. We also plan several opportunities for eating ashore. Let me know if you are willing to volunteer to host one or more of the potluck dinners and at least one cocktail hour event. The host boat for each assigned event should provide wine, and everybody else will show up with munchies.



The first part of the cruise will be a leisurely sail southward to the Patuxent. For those who can get away on Friday afternoon (June 7), we will meet at the Rhode River for our first evening raft up. Saturday night we will gather at Hudson Creek in the Little Choptank. Let's look forward to a beautiful sunset over Caisson Point. Sunday night we will meet on St. Leonard's Creek where we can anchor or take a slip at Vera's White Sands Beach Club. We will plan a dinner ashore overlooking the creek. The following day, Monday, we will cruise down to Solomon's Island where we will spend two leisurely days taking advantage of the shore amenities, shopping, stocking up provisions for future Happy Hours, and enjoying a few meals ashore. Solomon's also will be a good place to fuel up in case we are met with windless days during the following week while we ply the southern and lower middle Bay. Cruising days, after we depart Solomon's Island on Wednesday (June 12), will be determined by our group's preference for favorite destinations, and, of course, the weather conditions. We plan to be back in our home ports by Saturday (June 22), or Sunday (June 23) at the latest.

Please contact me at 215.760.4641 if you have any questions and to RSVP and volunteer to host an evening get together. After we are underway, please hail other members on ch. 16, and switch to a working channel. Any underway changes or emergencies should be communicated to all boaters.

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