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Hail the fair sailing season - 'tis upon us, at long, long last! I write this on the eve of the Memorial Day cruise, which starts on the Magothy this year. Very convenient for us Belvedere folks as Susan and I will have a delayed start but do plan to join everyone for the cruise. We're expecting a half dozen or more boats, which will be great! It has been way too long since we've had an hors d'oeuvre or two and a glass of wine on the water with our friends. And the weather is forecast to be great, too. Good friends, nice weather, a bunch of sailboats - it don't get much better than that!

And the summer cruise isn't far behind. Starting a bit later in the month this year, let's hope that the nice, cool weather continues and nature does penance for the long, cold winter with a prolonged spring with great breezes, moderate temps, and low humidity. Fleet



Captain Mary Jo has us set for a visit to some haunts in the south-central Bay with a couple day stop in Cambridge for wandering around and seeing some of the local color. Sounds like it will be a great time! Hope many boats can join in the fun. We love the summer cruise, especially - the long days on the water, the great anchorages, the laid-back happy hours. Skittles the Seadog says she loves fishing in the kayak, too. Getting away from it all for ten days or a couple weeks is about as relaxing a time as I can imagine. It's almost sad to have to come back to the world and catch up on our other life!

Oh, one small footnote on the joys of spring. Many will recall our various adventures with Oscar and Opal, the two ospreys who have declared Belvedere their own private nature preserve. Remember how they used to stake out our mast for their preferred nesting site? Well, a couple years ago Frank and I conspired to try and persuade them that a nice, flat nesting platform would be far more attractive as a home than a pointy ol' sailboat mast. And it worked: For the past three seasons they have happily taken up residence on the pole and nest erected for their convenience. And this week we've just observed three fuzzy little ospreylets in their nest. So I guess that makes us godparents again. Way to go, Oscar and Opal!

We love being on the water and all that goes with it! Let's celebrate the Bay by spending lots of time on it this season!

Vice Commodore's Report

Liz Cingel, *Southern Lady*

Welcome to new members Sandy and Jim Saxton who joined us on the Memorial weekend cruise. We look forward to seeing you on our cruises, weekend raftups, and land events this year.



The following land events are on our CSC schedule for this year. This club likes to eat.

- July 12 - Cheshire Crab Restaurant, Bodkin Creek, either sail there and anchor or take a slip. Let me know if you plan to come but make your own slip reservations at Pleasure Cove Marina, phone (410)437-6600, transient rates \$2.50 on Saturday, 30 amp \$10 and 50 amp electric \$15 daily.

- August 16 - Picnic and business meeting at Belvedere Yacht Club on Forked Creek at 2 PM. We have a few slips available if you want to sail there. The Yacht Club is located at 419 Alameda Parkway, Arnold, MD 21012 if you plan to drive. Fried chicken will be served and everyone is asked to bring either a hors d'oeuvre or side dish. I will supply dessert. Wine, beer, soda and bottles of water will be available. Let me know if you plan to attend as we get closer, what dish you will bring, and if you want a slip since I need to notify the Fleet Captain.
- September 27 - Annual crab feast at the Sailing Emporium Marina in Rockhall. If you plan to sail there make your own slip reservation, phone (410)778-1342. They charge \$2 per foot, 30 amp is \$8, and 50 amp or two 30 amps are \$16.00. We usually have our picnic in the park unless it rains then we move to the gazebo. The crab cakes are delicious but if you cannot eat them let me know as we get closer to the date and we will cook a chicken breast for you.

Fleet Captain's Report

Mary Jo Harris, *Circe*

Ahoy fellow CSC Sailors!

Our annual spring cruise is fast upon us. We will plan to be on the water for 10 days... or more. The cruise starts on Saturday, June 14, but you can drop in any time.

Please text or call your Fleet Captain to confirm that you are joining us. 215.760.4641. Or email me [see latest roster]. And if you're joining late, be sure to phone and make sure where we will be the evening that you join us!



Here is our tentative float plan for the June Cruise, and the rest of the season:

Spring Cruise (TENTATIVE) 10 or more days

- Day 1 June 14. Whitehall Bay
- Day 2 Little Choptank, Slaughter Creek

- Day 3 Little Choptank, Madison Bay
- Day 4 Choptank, Edgar Cove
- Day 5 Cambridge Municipal Marina
- Day 6 Cambridge Municipal Marina
- Day 7 Choptank, La Trappe Creek
- Day 8 Choptank, Dun Cove
- Day 9 South River, Church Creek
- Day 10 (optional) Annapolis or home port.
- Day 11 extra day to return to Homeport

Optional August Cruise

Going South we will go as far and as fast as we wish. We start with the CSC Picnic at Belvedere. Each day will be decided as we go, but at a minimum we will go beyond the Patuxent, and spend time further south. We will try to be back in the Middle Bay for Labor Day weekend to meet up with other members who may not have traveled south with us.

Labor Day Weekend

Meet up in the Middle Bay - or on our own. Keep in touch with Fleet Captain to co-ordinate sailing plans.

Fall Cruise starts at Belvedere on 9/14

- Belvedere YC
- Rock Creek
- Worton Creek
- Ordinary Point
- Sassafras above the Bridge
- Georgetown Yacht Basin
- Worton Creek or Stillpond Creek
- Swan Creek or Bodkin Creek
- Home

Columbus Day Frost Bite Cruise

Wye River Ramble with optional cruise extension to St Michaels

Cruise Report-

The Memorial Day Cruise - Breaking the Winter Ice!

Glenn Whaley, Trinity

Well, okay, maybe that's a bit overly dramatic for a title. But you get the idea. It was our first outing of the year, so it at least did serve as our shakedown cruise. There was



hardly any ice around, though, as it got comfortably into the 80's each day. So it was decidedly warmish for an icebreaker cruise - no parkas or snow boots for us!



I already sent Newslettermaestro Frank a note from the Commodore, but the cruise hadn't happened yet then and the trip was way too much fun to have to wait a whole month to talk about. So I thought I'd double-dip this time and write another love note for our favorite newsletter. This is how it happened:

The CSC Flotilla got underway from their various home ports on Sunday, May 25, and made their way to Broad Creek on the Magothy for a buffet supper, the launch of the inaugural boating extravaganza of the new sailing season. There were five boats in attendance: *Ariel*, our gracious host (thanks, Dave and Lois!), *Southern Lady* (Frank and Liz), *Circe* (Mary Jo and Toby the Seadog), visiting boat (but now a CSC family member) *Aerandir* (Jim and Sandy Saxton), and *Trinity* (Glenn, Sue, and Skittles). We feasted fine and wined even better, most of us rafted up with *Ariel* at least for the dinner. Much later that evening, we went to our bunkies glad to have had a chance to catch up after the too-long absence from the water and having enjoyed lots of sea stories. Some of them were even new 😊.

Monday morning, Memorial Day proper, found us waking to a glorious dawn in a picture-perfect Chesapeake cove, complete with nesting ospreys and welcoming ducks and geese. (At least we think they were welcoming. They were at least loud.) Glenn and Skittles kayaked around the cove and to the little island in the center of the creek that is slowly eroding away. That made Skittles very happy (the visit, not the eroding part). Others chatted over the gunwales and enjoyed breakfast, reading, or just relaxing. Around eleven-ish (not sure we remember exactly), we all got underway for the Severn. Although there wasn't much wind to start with, most of us did enjoy a nice sail once south of the bridge and right up into the Severn.

By around 1500, all of us were rafted together on a mooring ball in Saltworks Creek on the south shore of the Severn. Well, not quite all of us. *Southern Lady* had to depart due to another commitment. But *Cherette* (Dave and Janet Ewing) joined us for the raftup so we were still five boats. That night, Glenn, Susan, and Skittles hosted Happy Hour and we shared even more sea stories and fun things. It was

another beautiful sunlit afternoon and evening with a nice breeze to keep everything cool. We felt comfortable on the mooring ball, so all five boats stayed rafted up for a quiet night and another beautiful dawn on the Bay.

Next morning, we woke, chatted a bit, and all broke up and were underway around 0900 as there was weather predicted for the early afternoon and some had to make it back to Rock Hall before the T-storms hit. So that was the official end of the cruise, at least the social part of it. The south wind was nice for the sail home, as all were headed north, and made for a great day on the water. Although favorable, the wind wasn't always really strong so sometimes forward progress was more on the order of three knots. But, hey, what's the hurry so long as you beat the weather home?

So we had a great time getting back to homeport. *Trinity* dropped a line over the stern - three knots being ideal trolling speed - and caught a nice 25" rockfish. It got filleted and became dinner for their son and family who live nearby.



So there endeth the first CSC cruise of the season. Fun times, new friends (welcome aboard, *Aerandir!*), and great weather. Does it get any better than that?

Here's hoping to see lots of boats joining us for more of this kind of fun on the summer cruise!

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