

Chesapeake Sailing Club

Annapolis, Maryland

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March 2013

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Newsletter of the Chesapeake Sailing Club

Calendar at a Glance

Mar 16 - Winter party, 5 P.M. - Susan and Glenn host

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Commodore's Column

Mal Singerman, *Tieve Owna*

From the wilds of Pennsylvania, we have received word that the groundhog has promised us an early spring, and we have it on the good authority of our Texas correspondent, Dave Nance, that the koshare has confirmed this prognostication. This being the case, it behooves the club members who live on or near the Bay to think about preparations for an early launch date, while members who have wintered in warmer climates can start planning for their return trip to the Chesapeake.



Our Cruise Captain, Mary Jo Harris, has planned an interesting and exciting schedule of cruises for us, with both familiar and new destinations, and some built-in flexibility on the longer cruises so that we can make the most of wind and weather conditions during our excursions. I think it would be a good idea to get the cruise dates on our calendars now, before events of the summer conspire to grab these dates and keep us off the water.

Club members, like myself, who are not wintering in the Annapolis area, have read with some envy of the parties and planned and coordinated by our able Vice Commodore, Glenn Whaley. Besides fun for all who attended, there is a good chance that these events will bring some new members to our club.

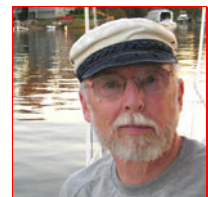
Our 2013 club dues, a modest \$20 per family, are now payable. Sue Whaley, our diligent and conscientious Treasurer stands ready to receive your payments, which can be mailed to the home address.

Anne Marie and I are beginning to get Tieve Owna ready for its trip North on the ICW. We look forward to the journey, and to seeing our northern friends again.

Vice Commodore's Report

Glenn Whaley, *Trinity*

So here it is March already! We'll soon be de-winterizing and spiffy-ing up our boats for the season just around the corner. There was even an early sighting of an Osprey in the Magothy earlier this week. You know spring is almost here when the Fish Hawks show up. ☺



To keep the CSC spirit lively, the Northern Contingent had a fun party at our home (Glenn, Sue, and Skittles) on Saturday, Feb 16th. Besides the three of us Whaleys and Frank and Liz Cingel, there were new members Phil Hobby and his wife Bobbie Brown. Also joining us were guests (and new Belvedere members) Dave and Judy Hobson and Michelle and Paul Buckingham. Some others had planned to come but life got in the way. (That just happens

sometimes.) But we had lots of fun anyway. It was a true potluck - folks brought whatever they felt like bringing that day. With some fine ham, great potato salad, delicious baked beans, corn bread mini-muffins, and scrumptious pumpkin pie/crisp thingy (you'll have to ask Liz about that one - it was great!), we didn't go wanting at all. Sue even whipped up some meat-wrapped gherkins as an appetizer that also went over pretty well. In fact, you might be seeing some of those during raftups this season.

There was one 'oops!', though: Host Glenn broke out some white wine for the occasion and mistakenly grabbed a bottle of moscato (sweet dessert wine) instead of whatever else. Chardonnay was what he thought he was reaching for. Not a great crisis, to be sure, but it didn't go over all that well with pickles as appetizers. The look on Liz' face after her first sip of that stuff on the heels of a gherkin appetizer was worth the price of admission!

If that's the worse crisis we have in the new sailing year, I think we're doing pretty well. So you all in the Southern Contingent, hurry on back now, ya hear? We're missing you. If you can swing it, try to make it back in time to attend the next (last pre-sailing season warmup) party, also at the Whaleys, on Saturday, March 16th. Come and bring some friends!

Fleet Captain's Report

Mary Jo Harris, *Circe*

Ahoy, fellow CSC'ers. It's getting to be about that time again. Some of us are going to be bottom painted, launched and in the water by the end of the month. Burr....it's still too cold on the Bay for me to return from FLARADAH, but I've got you on my mind. And I've also got sailing on my mind. First comes our "General Orders from the Bridge", then comes the fun.

See 2013 Cruising schedule below:

From the Bridge - Now Hear This:

- Try to RSVP and keep lines of communication open just in case destinations must be modified due to weather:
Call me, email, text, or hail on channel 16.
- We will raft up or anchor separately depending on weather conditions and willingness of each skipper to raft (please share dinghy rides with other members when necessary).
- We will plan short happy hours on most raft up evenings, but we often try to have a pot luck dinner at least one evening during the long cruises. Host boat volunteers will be accepted the week prior to each cruise. Healthy snacks are requested, and we may occasionally elect to limit the cocktail hour to beverages only and one hour only - in honor of our growing waistlines, acid reflux, and the fact that we have all heard everyone else's sea stories at least once per trip already.
- When we cruise with another club, each CSC member should make an effort to raft with, or snack with at least one member of the other organization to make them feel welcome.
- Have fun!



CSC Float Plan 2013

May 25-27 Saturday-Monday

Memorial Day Cruise

(We hope to partner with Rock Hall Sailing Club- Destination TBA in coordination with RHSC)

June 7-23

CSC Spring Cruise

This will be a two week get-away for all who can make the whole trip. The second part of the cruise will be planned to go with the wind and the weather conditions. See SUGGESTED destinations below. We will plan to be in Solomon's on Tuesday 6.11 for those who must join the cruise late. Those who wish to terminate after Tuesday 6.11 may use the remainder of the week to sail home.

Friday June 7

Rhode River, raft up

Saturday June 8

Little Choptank River, Hudson Creek. raft up

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See the [complete Cruise Schedule](#).

Also find distributed by email a PRINTABLE 2013 CSC CRUISE BOOKLET which has some options for the Spring Cruise.

Dues are Overdue

Sue Whaley, CSC Treasurer

It's that time of year again -- the chance to renew your membership in the Chesapeake Sailing Club for another season. It's a mere \$20/year - you certainly can't beat that! Please send along a check made out to "CSC" to-

Susan Whaley

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And thanks to all for a quick response! I would like to be able to get a new roster out by the end of February.

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