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Well, how about that?! Spring has finally sprung! Doncha just love it when the days get longer and warmer (well, to a certain point at least), and the breezes pick up? We sure do. We took Trinity out for an inaugural spin in the Magothy this past weekend and everything worked just great - engine purred like a kitten while getting out of port, the 10-15 kt NW breeze let us test the sails, and the freshly scrubbed topside looked great in the bright sunlight. Even the corkscrew in the galley worked fine. I love springtime!



Before that first sea trial, though, we enjoyed our last pure shore event of the winter with some of our CSC family at the Eastport Yacht Club, hosted by Dave and Janet Ewing. That was on the 13th of April, a fine late Saturday afternoon if a bit brisk for sailing quite yet. Besides the Ewings, the Whaleys, Cingels, and Paynes made up the party of eight that were able to attend. It was a small and intimate affair, but really nice -- looking out at the water of the Bay, watching the gulls trying not to capsize in the windy air, admiring the few small power boats bouncing across the whitecaps. Being glad we weren't on it, by the way, on account of the strong, cold wind that was setting down on us from the North that day. But we didn't care, since we were looking out over it all

from the comfort of the covered patio of EYC. Very nice setting, good food, and fun people to visit with. Thanks, Dave and Janet!

With the start of the sailing season, I hope lots of folks will be able to take part in the Memorial Day cruise on May 24-26, our first boating soiree of the season. Trinity will unfortunately not be able to join the fun, as we plan to sail up to Baltimore to attend three yacht club Opening Ceremonies that weekend. (Remember that I am double-hatted as Commodore of both CSC and the Belvedere Yacht Club this year. Blame that on poor planning, I guess!). But we will be looking forward to the annual Spring Cruise starting on June 14th. That long cruise is always a highlight of our sailing year. It starts a bit later this year than usual, so let's hope the weather doesn't heat up too much before we all get underway. But I understand several marina stops are in view for the cruise, so that will be a blessing for those with A/C. Here's hoping for a great turnout for the cruise - it's always lots more fun when more are involved in the raft ups and happy hours. And the sailing, of course!

So here's to a great start to what we all hope will be a grand sailing season! Thanks for the privilege of serving as CSC Commodore - I look forward to sharing a glass of wine and some sweet hors d'oeuvres afloat with all of you at some point during this season. Let the sailing begin!

### **Vice Commodore's Report**

Liz Cingel, *Southern Lady*

Did you think Spring was going to come? Well, it has in Severna Park and Frank is busy getting our boat ready to go in the water in early May, I hope. I hope everyone is ready to go sailing and we look forward to the summer cruise.



Eight CSCers had a nice dinner at Eastport Yacht Club in April hosted by Janet and Dave Ewing, thanks for hosting. Commodore Glenn did a good job of covering that dinner in the newsletter so I'll not repeat.

So far Cheshire Crab on Bodkin Creek is our destination on July 12, take a slip at Pleasure Cove Marina or anchor out, and we will have dinner at the restaurant. I'll take suggestions for a place with a marina and a restaurant with good food.

We look forward to seeing everyone at happy hour soon.

## Fleet Captain's Report

Mary Jo Harris, *Circe*

Ahoy, fellow CSC'ers. For THOSE WHO WANT TO GO SAILING IN ONE MONTH, IT'S TIME TO PLAN OUR FIRST ON THE WATER WEEKEND - MEMORIAL DAY Weekend!

Be sure to call or email me (or come up to me at the dock) and let me know your Memorial Day cruising preference. Email: mj.harris at comcast dot net. Phone: 215.760.4641.

Otherwise, I'll make the decision for you .....

where we will sail..... or if we go sailing at all over the holiday weekend. Here are some questions to think about:

Will you be sailing that weekend, or do you still have shore tasks to perform?

Where would you like to cruise (plan two nights out), weather permitting?

Is there another club or group of boaters that you would like to join, and can the rest of us join the group too?

All suggestions are welcome. We'll collaborate, and I will communicate with the whole club in time to set out Saturday morning whether we have a large group or small.

Below is a list of cruises in addition to the yet to be determined Memorial Day Weekend. Be sure to clear your calendar for the June, August, and September cruises.

- MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND (optional, TBD)
- SPRING CRUISE, JUNE 14-24. Destinations to be centered right here in our own Middle Bay. With generally short travel days, we will ply the waters from the Severn to the Little Choptank and the Choptank, and plan a couple of days in Cambridge where we will enjoy small town life and some good meals ashore.
- MIDSUMMER DINNER CRUISE, in conjunction with the club's summer restaurant meet-up in July. TBD



- NEW EVENT. LATE SUMMER LONG CRUISE TO DESTINATIONS IN THE SOUTHERN BAY, the last two weeks of August. As we learned last year (as though we didn't already know this), sailors are at the mercy of wind, heat, rain, thunder storms, currents, and general ennui. After setting out from our home ports and getting together a day or two later in the Patuxent - maybe this year we will actually get up river to Vera's White Sands - we will plan our travels to destinations further south a day or two at a time depending on the weather. Perhaps we will return to the Tangier Sound, maybe Tangier Island for a night. A trip back to Onancock is always fun. Or..... the Rappahannock awaits with interesting anchorages and a possible visit to Urbana to check out the City Docks and visit town and restaurants. Tentative dates are August 16 - 31, and if other CSC members who didn't attend this cruise wish to sail over Labor Day Weekend, we can meet them for the weekend on our return to home ports toward the end of this cruise.
  
- LABOR DAY CRUISE, Optional - TBD
  
- FALL CRUISE, SEPTEMBER 13 - 21 in the Northern Bay. Perhaps this time we will be lucky enough to actually anchor off Captain Dave's quarters above the Rt. 13 Bridge for a night.
  
- COLUMBUS DAY FROSTBITE CRUISE, OCTOBER 11-14 After a Thursday or Friday visit to the boat show, let's get out there Saturday morning and do some real sailing. We might return for a relaxing fall weekend in the Chester River..... or maybe we will go to the Wye with a night in St. Michaels..... we'll see!

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