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### Commodore's Column

Dave Ewing, *Cherette*

Sadly summer is over and we have, or will soon put the boats away for the winter. As I again spilled oil over various places on the boat while changing the oil, I remember my first boat, a Catalina 22 with a 6 hp 2 stroke engine that was so easy to winterize. Of course that was too simple, so there have been 3 diesels since! That 22 was great on the little lake in western Pennsylvania where we were known as the big boat people! I even trailered the 22 to the Chesapeake a couple of times but the allure of a bigger boat soon overtook me! So progress means more responsibilities. We are now in Florida and getting to race the Sonar 23 with Pim, Tim, and Jim! It is again a simple boat with no systems to worry about so we are looking forward to just sailing. We are also looking forward to socializing with all the CSCers at the December party at the Forces. We hope to see everyone that is still up north on December 3rd. See you then. Dave and Janet Ewing



### Vice Commodore's Report

Joe Powers, *Aquavit*

I guess snow on the ground is a pretty clear signal that our get-togethers for the next six months will be held on land. The last event on this year's calendar will be a holiday party, to be hosted by Jim and Dona Force, on December 3rd. We'll have more information as the date draws closer.

We will draw up a calendar for next year in early January. We do have some events tentatively scheduled. Frank and Liz Cingel will host a January dinner. Glenn and Susan Whaley have volunteered to do the same for February. Margie and I will have a St. Patrick's Day party at our house. These will be firmed up and the rest of the year scheduled in cooperation with Dave Nance when we compile a cruising schedule for next year.



As always, suggestions for themes, events and locations are welcome.

We hope you all enjoy a happy Thanksgiving and to see you in December.

### Fleet Captain's Report

Dave Nance, *Ariel*

The end of October finds our fleet either sailing to new winter locations (see *Tieve Owna's* adventure) our boats put up for the long winters nap, or awaiting a fall weather window for a quick sail. I envy those of you that have the convenience of location that allows for that sudden fall or winter sail. So, for the benefit of us that are land locked for the season, go for a sail and rub it in by telling us about it!

In the words of David W. Shaw, noted author of numerous books on ships and the sea ".....a boat should go places, that it should take you to distant areas where nature is somehow more important and reality more real than the press of ordinary responsibilities back home."

Look for next seasons cruising schedule that I will have out in January and plan on sailing to a distant area.

## Cruise Reports-

### Wasn't that a Great Party?!

Glenn Whaley, *Bay GyPSy*

Well, The Sailing Emporium crowd did it again. Thanks to Fleet Captain Dave Nance and Lois Carey, the stately - if just a bit soggy - grounds of one of the neatest marinas on the entire Bay hosted us for our annual crab cake picnic on Saturday, September 24th. Including fellow Sailing Emporium denizens Mike and Sherry Bernard, Mary Jo Harris, Mal and Anne Marie Singerman, and Bill and Sandy Stine, the locals accounted for almost half of the entire crew assembled for the fun. And what a time we had!



All the recent rain made a huge puddle, almost a lake, of the grassy area that is our usual haunt for the picnic. But that posed no problemo for stalwart CSCers. We just moved to the nearby gazebo with its attached covered areas and spread out our spread. And quite the do it was, too - hors d'oeuvres to die for followed by the famous local crab cakes and some primo potato salad. And, to top it all off, more great desserts than normal people should eat. (However, not being so encumbered, that didn't stop us!)

There were twenty one of us all told: Besides the aforementioned Nances, Bernards, Singermans, Stine and Mary Jo, also present were Commodore Dave and Janet Ewing, V/C Joe and Margie Powers, Frank and Liz Cingel (the sole out of towners who came by boat), Jim and Dona Force, Paul and Shirley Berson and Glenn and Susan Whaley. That's a pretty nice turnout - although more would have been even wonderfuller. Maybe next year we can shoot for an even two dozen?

The cloudy, kinda-rainy day eventually cleared up and, after dinner and some great conversation salted with appropriate sea stories, most of us adjourned to the board walk overlooking the harbor with its long row of Adirondack chairs. That's the tradition - after the party, gather to watch the sun go down over picturesque Rock Hall Harbor with the Bay in the background. And, although it wasn't quite as spectacular a sunset as it has been in past years, it was inspirational enough; a truly fine epilogue to a really grand party and a wonderful day.



[click Sue's picture to see it in all it's glory]

### A Fun Fall Affair

Glenn Whaley, *Bay GyPSy*

Now that the sailing season is winding down, we are shifting into our off-season mode which means mustering at local restaurants or homes for our get togethers. So for the first event of the fall, those

of us who could sortied down to Galesville to Thursdays Steak and Crabhouse. A fine affair it was, too. But, as seems to happen this time of year, the birds and many stalwarts of the CSC migrate to the Southland (primarily Florida, we understand) about this time of year. Because of that, there were only four couples that were able to make the pilgrimage down to the West River. The happy celebrants were Vice Commodore Joe and Margie Powers, Treasurer Sue and Glenn Whaley, Frank and Liz Cingel, and Fr and Irene Weinfeld.

While the day was brisk and breezy, we were all warm and comfortable in the glass-sided restaurant situated on a pier built out into the river. It was on the water and everything - almost like a raftup. (Well, okay, it wasn't that cool!) But we did get to see boats dancing around at anchor in the stiff fall breeze and a late-season osprey surfing the 25+ kt gusts. If you weren't able to make it, you missed a good time with food that got raves - both seafood and otherwise. We all decided that Thursdays is definitely worth a repeat visit!

Next up is the holiday buffet at Jim and Dona Force's home on Dec 3rd. Hope all the still-locals can make it! We're looking forward to another great time together, even though it won't be on the water.

### **Member's Corner-**

#### ***Tieve Owna Heads South - Travel down the ICW***

To all of you who expressed an interest in our trip and/or asked that we keep in touch: please accept our apologies for doing a rather poor job of communicating. Access to the web has been limited mostly to connections via our iPad. This lets us get email OK, But limits composition to hunting and pecking on a "virtual" keyboard with a mind of it's own.

So you will understand if this summary of our journey to date is a short one (and you will forgive the occasional typo and computer inserted nonsense).

We are currently staying at the Dowry Creek Marina, about a mile off the Pungo River section of the ICW in North Carolina. We pulled in last night to avoid some really bad weather today, and as we sit here in 25mph winds we know we made the right decisions. Previous stops, working backwards, were-

- At anchor on the Little Alligator River just after crossing Albermarle Sound. Winds 15 to 18 knots, mostly on the port quarter, made for a great sail.
- Elizabeth City, where we met some good friends who took us to parts of Elizabeth City that the average tourist rarely sees, fed us a great dinner at their astounding and beautiful riverfront home and accompanied us on the city's annual Ghost tour.
- The highway rest stop in the middle of the Great Dismal Swamp Canal. We had a nice ride on the boat bikes.
- The Tidewater marina in Portsmouth, VA. We spent a couple of days here. Got a flat tire on one of the bikes fixed, and had the bikes tuned up by a Dahon dealer (lucky find). Took the Ferry to Norfolk, which did not live up to our expectations based on our memory of long ago stops there. We found a great restaurant in Portsmouth called The Still.
- Deltaville Marina on Jackson Creek. We had planned to anchor out, but a forecast of miserable weather called for a change in plans. One of the bikes developed a flat tire on the way to town, and there was no tube that fit available. We borrowed a marina bike to do some exploring. Deltaville was our last stop on the Chesapeake Bay.
- Travels stops while coming down the bay included Annapolis, West River and Mill Creek in Solomons.

So far, we have been able to spend a lot of time under sail, which has been fun. We are well, happy, and enjoying ourselves, and we hope you are the same.

Anne Marie and Mal

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