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Annapolis, Maryland

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Newsletter of the Chesapeake Sailing Club

Calendar at a Glance

Oct 10 - Broad Creek - Anchor Up Race

Oct 24 - Round Bay

Nov 8 - Early Thanksgiving Party

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Commodore's Column

Tom Muha, *Taj Muha*

What a great picnic the club had in Rock Hall again this year. Last year Dave and Lois Nance started what appears to be a new tradition for our club - a picnic on the beautiful grounds of their home marina, The Sailing Emporium. The weather was spectacular, as were the local crab cakes and corn on the cob.



Special thanks to Anne Marie and Mal Singerman for contributing all of the beer and wine for the event. Vice-Commodore Liz Cingel had the event well coordinated, as she always does for our land parties.

The sailing season is winding down, so I'm hoping that members will be able to use their boats to come to our last

couple of on the water rendezvous. Fleet Captain Judi MacDonald has scheduled a couple more fun week-ends on the water. Looking forward to seeing lots of folks out enjoying the fine fall weather and good company.

Vice Commodore's Report

Liz Cingel, *Southern Lady*

The party recently held at Sailing Emporium was a huge success but not without the help of club members and non-members. I want to thank Lois and Dave Nance for their help to organize the party, order the delicious crab cakes and Eastern Shore corn, they donated the fantastic tomatoes, and helped me set up. This was a feast with great appetizers, scrumptious dinner and desserts, and lots of beer, wine and soda. Do you get the idea the food was delicious, well it was? The Singermans provided TONS of wine and beer and Mal was the ultimate host and provided drinks while we sat at the "Sunset Dock" and watched the gorgeous red sky sunset. Others who helped set up were the Whaleys, Powers, and Frank, thank you. Tom Muha and I donated the sodas, thanks Tom, and thanks to the photographers - what fantastic pictures you took - Susan Whaley, Shirley Berson, and Frank.



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The fall weather was delightful - what a great weekend.

The Ewings are hosting the Early Thanksgiving party on Sunday, November 8, at 4 PM at Severn House in Annapolis. They request you bring a dish inspired by a "Julia Childs recipe" but it is not a requirement to get in the door. Call them if you are coming and tell them what you want to bring. The Ewings will prepare the turkey. We need turkey gravy

and dressing as well as sides and desserts. Guests and prospective members are welcome.

It is a good time to bring prospective members to the winter parties as they can look us over and we can get to know them. We need new members so bring your boating friends.

You know I like to plan ahead and am looking for hosts for the winter parties for February and March. Let me know if you would like to host one of these parties.

Fleet Captain's Report

Judi MacDonald, *Evergreen*

CSC Fall Cruise: We sailed up the picturesque Chester River visiting, Queenstown, Grays Inn, Langford Creek, and Comegys Bight. One of the boats had a problem and the three male sailors replaced an impeller. The next day we were off to Chestertown. We visited the lovely quaint town and the ladies shopped, of course. We had a fabulous dinner at the Fish Whistle at Chestertown marina. We all stayed at the marina for one night. We then headed for the Corsica River. We shared a Mexican dinner with chicken and beef enchiladas and salad. The dinner was great! We also shared a brunch one day. We had cocktail hour every night around five. We headed to the Magothy River. We rafted up in Broad Creek, and had a great happy hour.



For the Labor Day Race the wind was blowing like stink. The starting line was the Baltimore Light House. It took us four hours to get to the G #1UC the first mark. We made it to the second mark, just shy of five hours. During the race my boat sailed 1.5 knots to 6.8. It sailed backwards, in circles and just plain stopped. Five hours was our time limit for the race. We

were ready to call it a day. Black clouds hovered over and we then headed back to Broad Creek we had the best wind of day steady, strong and coming from the right direction. We all sailed to the anchorage to celebrate. It was truly a Labor Day Race Challenge.

The Rock Hall was again a great success. I want to thank all that did the preparation and set-up. Thanks to the Singermans for hosting.

I would appreciate any suggestion for our 2010 Summer and Fall Cruises and our week-end outings. I am interested in where you might like sail next year. Please -
Email judithmarie@verizon.net

CSC Fall Cruise - The Chester River and Thereabouts *Glenn and Susan Whaley Bay GyPSy*

So there we were, three intrepid boats setting out upon the Bay in search of adventure and fun. And we found it, too. Yes, we did. Let us tell you about it.



We, you see, are *Evergreen*, *Southern Lady*, and *Bay GyPSy* - sailboats of the finest cut, ready for wind and sea. Fine boats, all. And fine crews, too. Those would be John and Judi MacDonald (our noble Fleet Captain), Frank and Liz Cingel (our estimable Vice Commodore), and Glenn, Susan, and Skittles the Sea Dog Whaley. But, while we really were ready for wind, there seemed not to be much of that. Oh, well . . .

Undeterred, a fleet of two of us (*Southern Lady* and *Bay GyPSy*) set forth from the Western Shore bound for the Chester River on Sunday morning, August 31st. While we would have preferred a noble western, or northern, or

southern, or at least some kind of breeze, we made do with diesel assist to make our way to Queenstown Creek for a raftup and happy hour that made for a truly successful day. We were few, but we were happy! Happy Hour can do that to boat crews, we've found.

The next day, Monday Sept 1st, found us six miles further up the Chester River at Greys Inn Creek off the Chester, joined by *Evergreen* and a three-way happy hour, again hosted by the elegant *Southern Lady*. We motored again, absent any useful wind, but we partied hardy and had a great time. It's amazing how a little wine makes up for no wind sometimes.

Tuesday the 2nd found us on Langford Creek, just to port of Cacaway Island, a favorite spot of Franks. And now of the rest of us. We celebrated a fun and peaceful anchorage with a great brunch hosted by *Evergreen* the next morning, which would be Wednesday, just before taking off for Chestertown. Which we didn't quite make it to. That, you see, was on account of because there was a teensy engine problem on *Evergreen*. As in a blown raw water impeller. Which caused an overheated engine. Which caused us to all have a serendipitous and spontaneous anchorage at Comegys Bight, and a happy engine repair party. Not only did we get to fix a sick diesel engine, but we also got to send Glenn up the mast of *Bay GyPSy* to remove a bunch of tree limbs, looking suspiciously like a nest wannabe, that some wayward bird had put on top of her mast. And it had stubbornly refused to come down by itself over three days of cruising. Dumb birds. So while Glenn sent branches and limbs showering down on the assembled multitude below from his bosun's chair, the others celebrated with yet another happy hour. Happy hours are fun! And so was our stay at Comegys Bight on the Chester.

The next day, Thursday Sept 4th, we made it to Chestertown 16 miles upriver, against a mild north wind and an ebbing tide.

But such a time we had! We explored beautiful downtown Chestertown, had an incredibly wonderful supper at the Fish Whistle restaurant (both Seafood Pasta and Cioppino in tomato sauce highly recommended!), and had a generally wonderful day.

Friday found us migrating to the Corsica River, on the southern course of the Chester, at anchor, all three of us rafting up with *Southern Lady*. We had another memorable happy hour and a fantastic chicken enchilada and Caesar salad buffet on *Bay GyPSy*, certifying this as an All Time Great Fall Cruise.

On Saturday, Sept 5th, we sadly left the Chester and made our way (again, sadly, using diesel assist) across the Bay 26 miles to the Magothy River and Broad Creek, for an anchorage at one of the nicest, quietest, quaintest spots on the Bay. Joined by *Clipper Cat* (Frank and Judy Lyman), who hosted the evening Happy Hour, and also by *Taj Muha* (Commodore Tom and Gina Muha), we had a grand time celebrating friendship and the Brotherhood of the Sails. We didn't want the cruise to end!

Sunday, Sept 6th, was Race Day. We'll let Fleet Captain Judi tell you about that separately. Suffice to say, all returned with sea stories a bunch to share at happy hour that evening aboard *Taj Muha*. It was a day of celebration and joy and story-telling. Which needs wine, of course, to work right. Let's just say it worked pretty right. Hors d'oeuvres and wine is hard to beat on race day.

Alas, all good things must come to an end. And so must this tale. On Monday morning, Sept 7th, the Labor Day holiday, we all dispersed and went back to wherever it was we came from. Happy with lots of memories. And sad that it was all over. But there's always next year. What fun we all had! Don't miss the fall cruise next year. Perfect weather. Great Bay cruising. All

it lacked was a little breeze from a useful direction. Happiness in the water. Who could want for more? Hope to see many more out for the next CSC cruise event!

The 2009 Fall Picnic

Glenn and Susan Whaley

What a wonderful day! In fact, what a wonderful weekend! The assembled multitude - and it was a grand crowd - were in fine fettle. All 24 of us. The denizens of The Sailing Emporium, our hosts, treated us all very well indeed. Dave and Lois Nance (Ariel) sponsored the whole crew. Mal and Anne Marie Singerman provided wine for all. (Ever seen a party with too much wine? Well, we had one!) And to top it all off, the weather couldn't have been more perfect.

A number of boats made the trip to Rock Hall on Friday, September 18th, the day before the picnic, including Frank and V/C Liz Cingel in *Southern Lady*, Joe and Margie Powers in *Aquavit*, and Glenn and Susan Whaley in *Bay GyPSy*. Then the next day, Jim and Dona Force, with guests Pat and Karen Vaillant, sailed in on *Andiamo* to join the fleet. So the Sailing Club was well represented on the water.

On Saturday the whole crew, including a whole passel of drive-ins, assembled at the picnic area at TSE, masterfully set up by the Cingels and Nances (assisted by assorted minions in attendance) for the Crab Feast of Crab Feasts. After a host of hors d'oeuvres, catered crab cakes (and chicken breasts for those not of the crustacean persuasion), corn on the cob that was to die for, and desserts that no one needed (but ate anyway), we all migrated to the Sunset Deck to watch another spectacular - or, at least, very memorable - sunset and drink just a little more wine. (Mal insisted.)

Here's the list of attendees, floaters and drivers combined: Paul and Shirley Berson (guests), Mike and Sherry Bernard,

Frank and V/C Liz Cingel (hosts), Dave and Janet Ewing, Jim and Dona Force, John and F/C Judi MacDonald, Commodore Tom and Gina Muha, Dave and Lois Nance (hosts), Joe and Margie Powers, Mal and Anne Marie Singerman, Pat and Karen Vaillant (guests), Glenn and Susan Whaley

Those who drove to Rock Hall left full and happy. The rest stayed on their boats full and happy. And Mal and Anne Marie went back to *Tieve Owna* happy, too, except that they had to schlep back all the wine that wasn't consumed. Somehow, we think they'll find a way to deal with that problem.

So that's the way it was. A glorious success - so good, in fact, that the Club is maneuvering for a replay next year. Wherever it ends up being held, though, hope to see everyone there!

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