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#### Commodore's Column

Mal Singerman, *Tieve Owna*

September was an eventful month for the club, and saw us on a short Labor Day cruise, the annual Rock Hall Crab Cake event and week long Fall Cruise to Baltimore and select locations on the Northern Bay.



Those members who participated in the Fall Cruise had a delightful time. Forecasts of bad weather drove us into the Harbor East Marina a day early; but the good news was that day was free. We enjoyed a potluck on the dock, and then a delicious group dinner at Della Noche a few blocks from the marina. Strong winds, and a forecast of thunderstorms, caused a change of plans, and the club broke up after anchoring in Bodkin Creek. The Rock Hall contingent enjoyed a sail home on a beam reach with winds around 20 kts, with higher gusts.

While his term will not official expire until the end of December, the Fall Cruise marks the end of the wonderful events that have been planned and led by our retiring Fleet Captain, Dave Nance. I'm sure that the club members who participated in the events that Dave planned for us over the last two years will join me in extending to him a heart felt "Thank You" for all the fun times that his thoughtful planning has provided for us. We understand that Dave has been spending some time with his able successor, Mary Jo Harris, so that we can look forward to some more interesting cruises when the next boating season arrives.

Though there are still a few land events to take place under his auspices, this season also marks the end of the two year term of Joe Powers, our able and dedicated Vice Commodore. His hard work, thoughtful planning and careful communication and coordination made for a series of delightful land events during his tenure. I'm sure all the members of the club are, as I am, grateful for his hard work, and will join me in extending him a well earned "Thank You". Joe's successor, Glenn Whaley, assures me that he is ready to follow in Joe's wake in planning the land events for the club.

Tieve Owna and crew are heading for Fort Lauderdale. We understand that some CSCer's will be in the area this winter, and we are hoping to see them, perhaps to even have a CSC Southern Branch luncheon like that organized by Joe Powers last year.

Mal

#### Vice Commodore's Report

Joe Powers, *Aquavit*

The Crabcake picnic at the Sailing Emporium was held on September 8th. We held it in the gazebo because of the threat of severe weather. Luckily, the



weather held off until dessert, allowing us to enjoy the crabcakes, corn on the cob, the tomatoes brought by Lois and a little bit of the watermelon furnished by Bill and Sandy. When the weather did arrive it came in with a rush, with strong winds and heavy rain. Brought the party to a quick close.

We close out the third quarter with a pizza party at Paul and Shirley Berson's home on the 29th. It was Shirley's idea to have a pizza party. It is a good idea and we all shall have a great time.

Jim and Dona Force have volunteered to host the annual holiday party in early December. We will send out more specifics on this a little bit later.

Joe

## **Fleet Captain's Report**

Dave Nance, *Ariel*

Planned cruises for this year are over but I hope those of you that live in the region get in a few more sails during the fall. While you are reading this, Tieve Owna is sailing south to its winter home in Florida. Ariel's owners are in a car pointed toward Texas and other members are soon headed toward Florida.



September started with a cruise to Redhouse Cove and from there to Reed Creek. Only Tieve Owna and Circe made it to both places as the others broke down and limped home early. It was reported that there was a great pot luck at Reed Creek.

The picnic at The Sailing Emporium was a great success despite the strong thunder storm that arrived for dessert. That broke things up for the evening but a dock party continued the next morning in the cool dry air.

The fall cruise started off with mild weather for the first night. This cruise is noted for being harassed by hurricanes but this year it was strong thunder storms and a cold front that had the fleet scamper to Baltimore for three days. The sail to Fairlee Creek was calm but crab pots resembled the flotsam that prevailed during last years cruise. The Rock Hall boats had the best sail of the season when they left Bodkin Creek and enjoyed winds of 15 to 20 knots on the beam for a fast sail home. The Magothy boats beat their way home against three foot seas for a sail probably best forgotten.

We look forward to Mary Jo's plans for next year. I know that she will lead us to many places we may not have ventured to before.

See you all on the water next year.

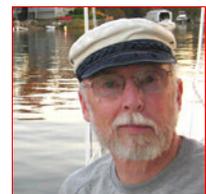
Dave

## **Cruise Report-**

### **The CSC Crab Cake Feast**

Glenn Whaley, *Bay GYPSY*

Once again, The Sailing Emporium served as host for a Really Wonderful Feast of to-die-for crab cakes, great hors d'oeuvres, and various side dishes and groovy desserts. On Saturday, September 8th, 22 intrepid sailors and assorted guests mustered on station in Rock Hall for the annual get together that has become a favorite tradition of the Club. And what a blast it was!



We had lots of folks there this year. Attendees were Commodore and First Lady Mal and Anne Marie Singerman, their guests Burt and Dana O'Neil, V/C Joe and Margie Powers, Dave and Lois Nance, Dave and Janet Ewing, Bill and Sandy Stine, Paul and Shirley Berson, Mike and Sherry Bernard, and Mary Jo Harris. Plus Treasurer Sue and Glenn Whaley,

with Glenn's brother Harold visiting from California, in Bay Gypsy and Frank and Liz Cingel in Southern Lady - trusty sailors who made the trek over to Rock Hall by boat aided by a great north breeze, some 15 kts worth. If you weren't there, you missed a great time - right up 'til the heavens opened up.

Yeah, that was the real excitement of the afternoon. After a mellow and fun time of food and fellowship, we were gearing up to have some really enticing desserts (not that our tummies had room, though, if that mattered!). And that happened to be just as the sky was gearing up to let us have it. In fact, we had moved the affair to the gazebo area at the marina, adjacent to the picnic area we usually occupy, due to the forecast of possible thunderstorms. Possible. Yeah, right.

We saw the sky turn jet black (not just slate gray!) and then the wind swept through and the downpour started. We gathered up all the stuff as quickly as we could, and some even made a run for it to their boats as the storm unleashed. All that did, though, was get them wet quicker than the rest of us. About half the crew huddled in the corners of the gazebo and tried, mostly unsuccessfully, to stay dry. With winds that gusted close to 40 kts, and swirled around at that, it was a pretty futile exercise. But that's okay. The warm temp made it okay (assuming soggy is okay, of course).

At some point, when the flood had been reduced to a mere torrent and the wind had died down to a respectable 10 or 15 kts, the rest of us made the trek from the gazebo to our boats and some dry clothes. But those crab cakes were worth it. After all, what's a little wetness compared to incomparable crab cakes?

If you were there, you loved it. And if you weren't you should have been. It was an adventure, and it was fun. Isn't that what the CSC is all about?

Glenn

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