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September brought us lovely weather, a break in the humidity and some nice air for sailing. CSC Members who were fortunate enough to participate in the Fall Cruise enjoyed some brisk winds, sunny days and cool crisp night just what we think September on the Bay should be.



September ended on a high note with a Crab Cake picnic and party at Sailing Emporium in Rock Hall. This event, first launched several years ago by Lois Carey and Dave Nance, has become a CSC tradition. This year's festivities were attended by 11 members and 6 guests...including some prospective CSC members.

Vice Commodore Glenn Whaley loaded soft drinks, table settings, utensils, and condiments onto Trinity, and he and Sue delivered them to the dock at Rock Hall in a timely and seaman like manner. Working with Lois Carey, who identified a new supplier for him, Glenn was able to negotiate delivery of crab cakes, corn on the cob and homemade Eastern Shore potato salad. Lois rounded up the last batch of scarce



Eastern Shore tomatoes and presented these to the club as Ariel's treat, adding a dash of color and burst of flavor to our plates, Veteran Crab Cake picnic attendees agreed that these were the best crab

cakes in recent memory. Appetizers and deserts, supplied by the members and guests in attendance rounded out the meal, and the weather cooperated to give us a glorious day for a happy *al fresco* event.

In October, the club's last on the water event, the Frost Bite Cruise, will take place over the Columbus day weekend and the first of the famous Annapolis land events, will take place near the end of the month. Watch your email for further details as to date, time and place!

Vice Commodore's Report

Glenn Whaley, *Trinity*

The Annual Labor Day Sail-Fest, 2013

This will all be old news by the time another edition of the CSC newsletter comes out, but it can't be helped. Labor Day is what it is, and comes when it does. Time, tide, and holidays wait for no man (or woman)!



As it turned out, the weather looked a bit 'iffy' and not very breezy as we all set sail (okay, 'set engine') with some rain and humidity prophesied for the Labor Day weekend cruise. But since it was the only Labor Day weekend we had, we decided to make the most of it. So off we went!

From the Magothy and Rock Hall, we converged on Reed Creek in the Chester River by mid-afternoon on Saturday, August 31st. Blessedly, the breeze picked up once well out into the Bay and pretty much all

the way up the Chester, so it turned out to be a very good sail after all. There were 15 of us all told: *Ariel* (Dave Nance and Lois Carey), *Captain Queeze* (Paul and Shirley Berson), *Circe* (Fleet Captain Mary Jo Harris and Seadog Toby), *Southern Lady* (Frank & Liz Cingel), *Eternity* (Mike & Sherry Bernard), *Trinity* (V/C Glenn & Treasurer Sue Whaley and, of course, Skittles), and two visiting boats from Rock Hall captained by Dan & Jan Ferguson, and Denny & Muriel Bichart. Happy hour was hosted by *Ariel* with all joining a three-boat raftup so there was room for everyone to visit. We talked long and late over wine offered by *Ariel* that flowed freely, along with lots of fine hors d'oeuvres. A very good time was had by all.



The advertised rain finally did arrive during the night Saturday in the form of a serious but short-lived downpour. It was intense enough to wash off the deposits from the visiting swallows that seemed

to fall in love with our masts - perching on the spreaders, the Windex arrows, even the little rotating windvane anemometer thingies on top of the masts, keeping us company during Happy Hour. Actually, it was kind of entertaining watching some of the swallows sit on the aft fixed "V" part of the Windex while others sat on the arrow, making it go roundy-roundy, and had fun knocking their friends off. It was fun, except for the stuff they left as calling cards (calling crap?). But, like I said, the rain mostly took care of that. So, all in all, it was a pretty great evening and night.

Sunday dawned cloudy but calm and pleasant. After a leisurely morning, we left Reed Creek with a gentle South wind. That meant mostly motoring out of the Chester where we largely split up, with *Circe* and *Trinity* headed to the Rhode River to continue the cruise while others departed for other parts and ports. The approach to the Rhode was nice and breezy, allowing a nice sail past Thomas Point and into the West River. Gotta say, though, that it was adventuresome

trying to avoid the major crab pot farms in that part of town while looking into the low sun, and through the jib. We made it fine; it just added to the fun :-)

At anchor in the Rhode River, *Circe* and *Trinity* were joined by a Beneteau 47, *Vision Quest II*, with Mary Jo's friends Charlie, George, and Gordon from Rock Hall on board. We enjoyed a fun happy hour hosted by *Trinity*, with lots of new sea stories and shared experiences. (Wait - aren't those the same thing?)

After a quiet night on the hook, we departed the anchorage the next morning, *Trinity* transiting back to the Magothy while the other two boats sallied forth across the Bay to Cambridge. Just like that, the 'official' cruise was over. And, too soon, thus endeth another grand adventure on the Bay. ☺

Fleet Captain's Report

Mary Jo Harris, *Circe*

Ahoy, fellow CSC Sailors....

How did it get to be Fall so soon? Here we are with only one cruise remaining. Hope it's not too chilly in October for a FROSTBITE CRUISE Columbus Day Weekend. That will be October 12 - 14, and we will stick close to home - anchoring in the Chester River and maybe the Wye it all depends on the weather. Plan to bring your boat heater or your honey to cuddle up with, and don't forget the warm socks. Call me to RSVP for this cruise. Since we don't expect a large turnout, we will be flexible about destinations for the two nights.



Just a quick report on our Fall Cruise.... We had a fabulous time! We met a new club friend and enjoyed our typical last minute float plan changes and goofy raft-up tricks. It's good we are a resilient bunch of

sailors! The weather couldn't have been better, winds more fair, or the currents more favorable. Our gerbroni hours afloat and our dinners ashore were gatherings to be remembered.

Hoping to see you for one last outing on the water Columbus Day weekend.

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