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Glenn Whaley, *Trinity*

Happy New Year to all! Here we are on the cusp of what we all hope will be a wonderful fresh year of fun, fellowship, and frolic on the Bay! But first we have to survive the Dark Ages. That's what Midshipmen at the Naval Academy call the period from January through March when everything is gray and brown and - at least in my day - when final exams loomed. Pretty dismal time for us back then. No finals now, of course. But no sailing, either. More's the pity!



We understand that the party at Jim and Dona Force's last month was a great time, with lots of folks and even more food. Great! Really sorry we missed it - we were on a plane at the time, going out to visit my mom and brother/sister in law in California for the week. We had a great time, too, but we still missed you all and the warm comradeship of our 'other family.' We'll try hard not to miss the next event!

So welcome, 2015! May you be filled with fair winds and broad reaches, peaceful anchorages, fun cruises to exciting Chesapeake coves and ports and, especially, great happy hours and fellowship ☺.

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Liz Cingel, *Southern Lady*

It's that time of the year when we are busy with shopping and eating and eating and eating but we always make time to get together. Boating is "on the back burner" for a few months so we enjoy the land parties.



Everyone had a great time at the holiday party at the Force's house in December.

Thanks Dona and Jim for a great party. Their house was filled with gorgeous decorations including a very tall tree filled with white lights. Those attending were Weinfelds, Paynes, Ewings, and Cingels. The Forces also invited some of their neighbors including Belvedere Yacht Club members Karen and Pat Vaillant, Susan and Brian Lynch, and Kelly, David and baby Dylan Brokate. We missed Commodore Glenn and Susan who were visiting Glenn's mother in California.

We will meet each month this winter and since everyone enjoyed going out to dinner last winter we can do it again if there are no offers to host a party. It's nice to get together. Commodore Glenn and Susan will host the January 17 party at 4 PM and information will be sent out later about food.

I wish everyone a Happy and Healthy New Year.

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