



TELLTALE

Happy Hour
June 17

Pot Luck Cook Out
July 18

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From Your Commodore

Carol Mondshour

The Sailing Season is here! It has been two months since our last TT and a lot has been going on in the club. The Learning Sessions and Pot Lucks held at member's homes have been very successful. Thank you Lee Bloomfield, Diane Derr, Susan Davis and Michael Quitt, and Phyllis Shocket for opening your homes for these events; the food was great and the learning sessions by Fritz Werner, Smitty, Jeff Stennett and Susan were extremely informative, thank you all..... so if you did not attend, maybe next year you will have a chance to see what you missed. And all of those who learned about the wind and the knots will be ahead of the game when they get on the boats. I want to remind all those who are interested in learning knots or brushing up to visit the website: <http://www.animatedknots.com/bowlineboating/index.php?LogoImage>

And not to forget the Meet and Greet, held on May 16 at the River Watch Restaurant which was very successful thanks to the arrangements made by Diane Derr who is such a good organizer and addition to our club; thank you Diane. We had about 18 attendees, with Norm Kitzman rejoining and bringing a potential new member. (See new members from Membership). Five Skippers were awarded the CSA burgee flagFritz, Jeff, Susan our newest skipper, Neil and Charles Snipes. When they are on the bay, we will be able to recognize them by our CSA Burgee, neat eh? Bob Bathista offered to take some members out in his motor boat since it was not sailing weather (I guess we can allow that due to the weather, don't you think)? I understand they all enjoyed the tour of Middle River, thanks Bob for making the day a little more special.

The food was great and was enjoyed by all and oh! that dessert....ummmm. Smitty graciously opened his boat for members to tour. Ed Goode's boat was there also, but due to his health and the cold, rainy spring, Ed was not able to open his boat since he was not able to get it ready. Plans for three other skippers to have their boats open to members went down the drain with all the cold, rainy weather so the boats were not in the water yet. Almost all are

ready to sail now and some have been out sailing already. I urge crew and skippers to use the member's announcement email for sailing announcements and requests. June is one of the very best months for sailing....no bugs, not too hot...normally good wind...just great! All our skippers are raring to go and there are some who sail during the week, so if you are available, please put out the announcement.

Happy Hours during the winter were held at the Pikes Diner in Pikesville and Elvis added to the atmosphere by making an appearance. This past Thursday, now that the sailing season has started, some went down by the water to Captain James Landing Restaurant and sat on the deck, some eating crabs, myself included, and other delish food. We had 12 members attending with a gentle breeze off the water.....just lovely...but gals...listen up.....the gents outnumbered us so maybe you are missing an opportunity to get to know some of our skippers, guys and gals. Next month, same place, same time on the third Wednesday, June 17. Look for a reminder. See you there.

July 4th will be the day for fireworks by Eastern Yacht Club on Middle River, so try to reserve a place with one of the skippers sailing that day and then relax aboard and watch the fireworks on the water.....so exciting.

Bob Bathista has graciously offered his home on the water on Middle River for a Pot Luck cook out on Saturday, July 18 (with July 19 being a rain date). Diane Derr will be the contact person for food, so watch for an announcement sometime near that date.

For those of you who want to tour the U. S. Savannah with Bob Witt...we are still looking for a date and will put out an announcement when we get one. I am looking forward to it.

If you have suggestions for social/sailing events, you are always invited to come to the Board Meeting the first Monday of the month to present your ideas to the Board. Watch for the next Board Meeting place and time. Also, remember a good way to get involved is to volunteer to help on an upcoming event; that way you will meet and enjoy

what CSA has to offer. When it comes down to it...it is up to you...what YOUR club becomes. See you on the water and at Happy Hour at Captain James Landing!

Weekend on Blue Heron

Susan Davis

This was the first true sailing weekend for skipper Susan Davis and first mate Michael Quitt of the *Blue Heron*, out of Galloway Creek, on Middle River. The 28 foot 1978 Newport has been in the water for a few weeks, but unforeseen problems had to be addressed before she was seaworthy.

The couple who own Walden Rigging in Havre de Grace tuned the rigging and made repairs to the shrouds and other minor items. The boat was really not safe to sail until they made the corrections.

Howard (Smitty) Smith, Jeff Stennett and Fritz Warner were all kind enough to lend a hand at different times with issues related to the motor, bilge and electrical systems. During the winter, Jeff and Terry Sala helped to install the new roller-furling for the jib. This was definitely a CSA community effort!!

In putting up the jib, Susan, Michael and Terry found that unfortunately, there was a small screw missing on the furler, and the sail would not attach at the top. So, they decided to just go out and sail with the mainsail. They were out for several hours and had a nice sail with the 15 knot winds.

Under Terry's experienced guidance, Susan was hoisted up in the bosun's chair and was able to install a new screw and the jib went up smoothly afterwards. It was so hot and sticky that Susan and Michael passed out in the cockpit for a couple of hours and Terry went home.

On Memorial Day, Susan and Michael again ventured out, this time with a light wind, and the threat of thunderstorms in the afternoon. The sails went up easily, and the two became acquainted with the *Blue Heron* for a leisurely three hour sail around the mouth of the Middle River towards the Gunpowder.

Update on our fav readhead

Peg Massey

Hi Guys – **Surprise!. Surprise!**...Carol brought her laptop to me at Brightwood and I am going to write an article for the TellTale.

I am moving along slowly which is frustrating. But at least I am moving along. I am gaining feeling on the left side...I am able to move my arm and left leg somewhat. I have physical therapy every day, then I come back to my room and sleep. It is a wearing situation. I want to thank all of you who have sent cards with nice notes and messages. I really appreciate hearing from you and your visits. The club is lucky to have Carol as our Commodore as she has just moved along and picked up everything. Please help her when she asks as you know she has her hands full too.

I understand the Meet and Greet was good and the Happy Hour at Captain James Landing was successful and Carol is thinking about keeping it as a permanent venue, and it is ON THE WATER, which should make some members happy. Carol will check it out with the board and advise you with an announcement.

Hope to be back with you soon. Have a great summer of sailing. Peg signing off.



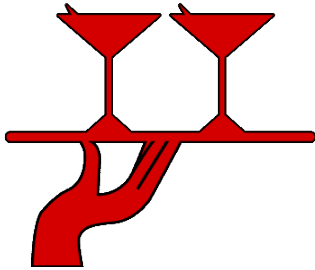
Get Well Wishes go to:

Peg Massey

Ed Goode

Ellen Katz

CSA HAPPY HOUR



HAS BEEN CHANGED TO THE 3RD WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH STARTING this month June 17 at Captain James Landing Restaurant around 5 PM on. Last month we were on the deck with nice breeze. See you there.

Diane and Lee's Excellent Adventure

Diane Derr and Lee Bloomfield

Diane Derr and Lee Bloomfield went on a three day, two-night cruise with Parker Hallam and his friend, Dave Fahrmeier. Also along was the master of the sailboat Kip(linger), the Portuguese water dog.

What a beautiful weekend it was; we returned just in time - before the rain on Monday. The cruise out of Eagle's Cove to the Magothy was accompanied by a moderate wind that billowed the sails and pushed us out at 5-8 knots. We enjoyed an evening

of cocktails, hors d'oeuvres and good company with the Glenmar Association, by rowing over to three boats that were rafted up. We did not win the appetizer prize, but the teenagers who finished off two of the three items had left before voting – I thought we were a shoe-in. On the return to our boat, a sailor, Kevin, Evelyn and their four children, dropped anchor next to us. Our night was regaled until the early hours with loud country music from a nearby party boat (those *@#?% motorboats – sorry, Bob). The next day we returned to Bodkin Creek and anchored there for the night – altogether an inexpensive way to sail.

We didn't learn much about sailing, though Diane did an expert job steering the boat the first day, with the wind blowing behind us around 15+ knots at times. What we did learn were the various parts of the boat. The sailboat is a beauty – 41 feet, in top-top shape and well-equipped for crew. Lee had the fore (how about that!) cabin, Diane and Parker had the grand salon and Dave had the aft cabin. The galley was very large with a freezer, fridge, dry storage, a double sink, storage for pots, pans, and bowls, a full stove (oven, two burners), lots of storage drawers... Both mornings Parker served a full breakfast, complete with Belgium waffles, syrup, strawberries, bacon, OJ and coffee. Dave cooked steaks one night and chicken the next on the grill, and we all enjoyed delicious dinners, with salads and Diane's perfectly cooked rice and vegetables.

The cockpit had a huge wheel (at least huge for us – about three feet across) and took up a lot of space. We learned the names of the lazarette, which we've seen on other boats, but didn't remember, and kept calling it the Lazarus. Lee learned what the shrouds were when Parker, at the end of the trip, shouted, at least four times "on the outside of the shrouds," when she was pulling on the dock lines.

We motored back the third day – there was as little wind then as there had been good wind on the first day. All in all, quite an adventure for Diane and Lee.



The thing about owning a sailboat is that you'll ALWAYS have to work on it, it's a matter of course, because you'll always have the constant UV of the sun breaking things down, while you use and fight with the power of the wind for propulsion, which will, of course, also stress all kinds of things on the boat.

So if you go into buying a sailboat as if you're buying a floating car, as power-boaters think, i.e go down to the boat and turn a key and drive away, then sailing is not for you. But I wouldn't listen to all the nay-sayer's if I were you.

Sailing, and the dance that is the relationship between you and your sailboat, are highly conscious and personal experiences, and every bit of that work, maintenance, and repairs on your sailboat are almost an intimate experience....every bit of it makes the two of you more bonded....it's like the bond you forge with your kids from the pain of birth....that boat becomes part of you.

But if you're not prepared to do it yourself, you better be rich enough to pay someone else to do it all, and then of course you don't have that deep bonding experience DIY'ers have....knowing every inch of their vessel. To me, it's a very Zen experience....the focus of will and consciousness to perfect and maintain something....teaching patience, attention to detail, and learning about things you never thought you could do.....very empowering !

It's definitely not for everyone....and even many long-time sailors don't really appreciate the points I'm talking about, and dread the work. But if you look at the experience as an empowering journey both you and your boat are taking, you'll both be better off for the effort. See details in the attached photo spread.

The Zen of Sailboat Maintenance

Jeff Stennett

CSA Fleet Captain

A new member recently commented to me that a friend, or friends, advised her NOT to buy a sailboat after she expressed interest in doing just that. She had had wonderful experiences with her father and his 27 years before, and thought she'd like to recapture those great experiences....but her friends had other ideas....the proverbial "hole in the water you pour money into."

I had other ideas....another way of looking at the experience....maybe the "glass completely full" vs. the alternative.....

BEST WISHES FOR A SPEEDY RECOVERY:

**PEG MASSEY
ED GOODE
ELLEN KATZ**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



We wish the following CSA members warm birthday wishes and calm seas!

May 6 Margarita Podyachev

June 4 Terry Sala
June 25 Phyllis Schocket
June 28 Diane Derr

If you have a May or June birthday and you are not listed please email me at Execdir16@comcast.net
-----Ellen Katz



WHO'S BEEN SAILING?

Carol Mondshour

Well the lucky skippers who have been sailing in spite of the cold, rainy spring with CSA crew members are:

Howard "Smitty" Smith five times he tells me, and had to cancel four times..Wow!... way to go Smitty. Fritz Werner has taken members out three times. And Ed Goode only was able to get his boat back into the water before he went to the hospital, so hopefully June will be a better start for him and we

hope you are on the water soon. Parker, after having some club members help him sand and paint his boat bottom, got into the water and had a great Memorial Day Holiday weekend sail with two members for their first overnight, Diane and Lee. Susan Davis, our newest skipper after a lot of work, finally sailed this past holiday weekend and just loving it, master of her own boat and took a member as crew Terry Sala. Jeff Stennett, our Fleet Captain, has taken on the huge task of refinishing his boat from bottom up and still has more to do to finish but hopes to be in the water by the third week in June all sparkly and with a new color, it will be a surprise. Some of our members were very helpful to some of the skippers ...Kudos to them and of course it puts you on top of the list for that skipper. Make use of our Yahoo Announcement email to get out on the water....Hope to see you there.

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