

Broad Bay Banter

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Commodore's Corner

DEAR BROAD BAY SAILORS,

Last month's cruise on the ROVER was great with great weather, great company and great food. Thank you Eva. We are grateful to Captain Brook Smith, our host, for inviting us aboard his fine ship as he has for the past eight or so years. Thanks Brook!

This month's meeting is the famous POT LUCK DINNER. The meeting is a week later on the 25th of May, at the ODU Sailing center. This meeting is for the presentation of the trophies to the winners of the CAPE HENRY CUP race. Good luck to all competitors.

The CAPE HENRY CUP is the first in the 2004 CHESAPEAKE BAY DISTANCE RACING SERIES. This is a series of five races on the bay that count for a new class of trophies. The five races include CAPE HENRY, May 25, NOT SMITH POINT July 25th, PLANTATION LIGHT, August 27th, NEPTUNE'S ATLANTIC REGATTA, Sept 25th, and 'ROUND THE LIGHTS RACE, Oct 23rd. Five races, one throw out, low point scoring, top three finishers in each class. There is a cruising class for sailors who don't do PHRF races. This is an opportunity for the sailors who would like to get into competition sailing without committing to racing every week. Sailors who would like to get into the race can get an entry form from Scott, or me and get a guest rating, I would like to see all of you at the race. Connie and Dodge Hickman will provide their big cat TS for the race committee, thanks guys.

May has brought us some beautiful days for sailing. I hope everyone is out enjoying it. Jim Williams (CHECKS IN THE MAIL) and crew joined GLORY DAYS and crew for a mothers day romp in the ocean in prep for our upcoming ANNAPOLIS-BERMUDA RACE, June 11th. Wish us luck.

See you on the water!

Mike

NEXT MEETING
TUESDAY MAY 25, 2004
POT LUCK DINNER (see next page)
Old Dominion University Sailing Center, Norfolk, VA
SOCIAL/SEA STORIES 6:30PM
DINNER FOLLOWS

POT LUCK DINNER - CAPE HENRY CUP AWARDS PRESENTATION

Our May Pot Luck Dinner will be held on Tuesday the 25th at the Old Dominion University Sailing Center. Winners in the Cape Henry Cup Race will be invited to share our feast and receive their well deserved awards. Sea stories at 6:30pm followed by dinner and awards.

Come on out to the sailing center, check out the excellent facilities on the Elizabeth River and drool over the numerous dingies mounted on dollies ready to go. Look over the sailing team's trophies and All American awards, and, while you are at it, enjoy the good company while watching the setting sun.

Please bring a salad, dessert, or covered dish to share. Wine, beer, and soft drinks will be available for a small donation.

CAPE HENRY CUP RACE

BBSA's long distance race will be sailed on Saturday, May 22nd. Unlike the past two years where the HEAVY WIND GODS prevailed there **WILL** be a 2004 Cape Henry Cup Race. Scott Almond, Fleet Captain for Racing, has devised several alternate courses within Hampton Roads in case it is blowing too hard on Chesapeake Bay.

The Cape Henry Cup Race was first sailed in 1974. The long course started off Willoughby Spit, proceeded out of the Thimble Shoal Channel opening of the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel, then leaving mark R2T to port sailed through the Chesapeake Channel of CBBT to Willoughby Spit.

During the first nine years of the race the first leg of the course down the Thimble Shoal Channel was invariably a reach or run with the fleets bunched up. In several races this became an embarrassment as a tanker or container ship headed up the channel. In 1982 the simple solution of reversing the course, with the start and finish at Thimble Shoal, was devised. The course was now inside of both channels with no conflict with the large ships. The present day course is roughly the same except that the start is off Buckroe Beach and the finish is off Fort Monroe.

For several years in the mid eighties BBSA was criticized for endangering boats by running the fleets through the openings of the CBBT, after several boats found the rocks with their keels. In response, and while shaking our heads in disbelief, permission was requested to use the government marks separating the main and auxiliary channels as rounding marks. Permission denied! Then for two years orange balls were anchored - at least attempted - off of the rocks. Finally the sailing instructions noted that keels and rocks were not compatible. The warning in the 2004 sailing instructions states "Boats are warned to stay well clear of rocks when passing through either opening of the CBBT."

In addition to PHRF A, B, C, and N there will be a Cruising Fleet.

BBSA skippers are urged to sail in this old and well established race. The race circular and sailing instructions can be found under "Downloads" on the BBSA web page. The Cruising Club of Virginia General Sailing Instructions, which apply to this and the other BBSA races, are also posted as downloads as is the 2004 CBYRA entry blank. Those without internet access may get copies from any member who is also a CCV member, or by calling Scott Almond at 471-2663.

ONE DESIGN NEWS

The Virginia Fleet of the American Shark Association is holding the Shark Nationals on Chesapeake Bay from the beach at First Landing State Park. The dates are August 10 thru 13. The Virginia Fleet consists of our BBSA Sharks sailors.

At the Virginia Fleet's (Jean and Jerry Pattenaude, et al) request Broad Bay Sailing Association will act as official host for this event. Jean states that John McCarthy, also a BBSA member, will be the Principle Race Officer for the regatta.

BBSA 2004 CRUISE SCHEDULE

May 29,30,31 Memorial Day Cruise to York River Yacht Haven on Sat. the 29th. and Chisman Creek anchor out on the 30th. Home on Monday the 31st. Don't forget to call for your slip reservation if you plan to take a slip. Afternoon party at the pool and dinner at the Rivers Inn! 804-642-2156

June 12-13 June 12 /13 cruise to Bay Point Marina, Little Creek. Bring fixings for an afternoon cookout with BBQs and picnic tables; restaurant on the property for dinner, etc. Call 362-8432 for slip reservations. No anchorage available.

June 26-July 4 Cruise Week- Potomac River Exploration- See details below

July 24-25 Bay Creek Marine- Cape Charles

Aug 14-15 Salt Ponds Marina

Aug 28-29 Back River Cruise- Anchor out

Sept 4-5-6 Labor Day Cruise- Mobjack Bay-4th, Cape Charles-4th
Return home-6th

Sept. 18-19 Poquoson River Cruise-Anchor out

Oct. 9-10 Deep Creek- Anchor out- Herman's Harbor House
Restaurant

Information on each specific cruise will be posted on the BBSA web site event calendar link for the day.

2004 CRUISE WEEK SCHEDULE

Potomac River Cruise

“Cruise the river of George Washington and Robert E. Lee”

Sat. June 26th.

55 miles- Depart home port and sail to Reedville, Va. Anchor at Sandy Point on the Wicomico River. Eat onboard or.... Alternate Marina w/ restaurant- The Crazy Crab in Reedville.

Sun. June 27th.

32 miles to Olverson's Lodge Creek Marina on Lodge Creek, off the Southern branch of the Yeocomico River, off the Potomac River. 800-529-5071 Gas, Diesel, Heated pool, picnic grounds, near-by restaurants & courtesy car- Voted “top ten” on the bay. Anchorage available nearby.

Mon. June 28th.

25 miles to Saint Clements Island- Day trip stop to explore the first landing site of settlers to Maryland- continue to anchorage in Canoe Neck Creek, off St. Clements Bay. Alternate marina site- Colton Point Marina, St Patrick's Creek 1 ? mile away 301-769-3121 (5 ft. channel) Note: When traveling up the Potomac past Piney Point, keep an eye on the depth sounder to see the resting place of the German U-boat ,U1105 about 1 mile west of the tank farm on Piney point! “Wreck” shown with 65 ft. of water over the sub....

Tues. June 29th.

10 miles to Shymansky's Marina behind Cobb Island at the mouth of the Wicomico River, off the Potomac. 301-259-2221 Restaurant ... anchorage

Wed. June 30th.

15 miles to Cole's Point Plantation off the Potomac just S-E of Ragged Point. Restaurant, Tiki Bar, Pub, pool,etc. 804-472-3955 No Anchorage available.

Thurs. July 1st.

15 miles to the Coan River - Anchor in the Southern branch. Cook's delight on board.

Fri. July 2nd.

14 miles to Smith Creek and Point Lookout Marina. Restaurant, pool, fuel, ice, etc. 301-872-5000 Optional anchorages close at hand in Smith Creek or Jutland Creek.

Sat. July 3rd.

43 miles to Fishing Bay on the Piankatank River. Anchor in Fishing Bay. Optional, Fishing Bay Harbor Marina, with pool and facilities, no restaurant. 804-776-6800

Sun. July 4th. Home

It's the skipper's responsibility to make and confirm slip reservations at the various marinas. Please notify me by phone or E- mail if you intend to go on the cruise so we can give the marinas a rough boat count.

Doug Rose

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

WE WELCOME THESE LITTLE CREEK SAILORS:

JOHN and GAY MOORE and Catalina 30, EAGLET V
JIM CASAZZA who sails a Mayflower 48 Ketch, MISS TEAK
FRANK and BARBARA VAN DEMAN with Choy Lee 30, KICK BACK

Page 29 of the 2004 BBSA Roster of Members follows. Please print it and add it to your copy of the roster.

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