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Commodore's Corner

Jim Williams

Spring is actually here! For me, the ritual of resetting all our watches and clocks is what triggers that realization, not the astronomic certainty of the equinox. I am excited to be well enough after knee surgery to resume working on our boat's electrical system, and am confident that we will be able to answer the bell when racing season starts on Thursday, April 14. Then we have the American Rover cruise on the following Tuesday. Life is GOOD! Speaking of the American Rover cruise, club volunteers will bring delicious hors d'oeuvres for everyone. But don't leave your money belt at home! You will want to purchase a libation or two from the ship's galley, and the crew will be working hard to earn your generous tip.

We have been working over the last month to do a little spring cleaning on the BBSA Web site. Doing so reminded me of how much the Internet has done for the sailing community. In the first place, publishing the BBSA Banter via email saves money, time, and is environmentally responsible. When the club was founded in 1958, a first-class stamp was 4 cents and a gallon of gas cost about a quarter. While the cost of tangible goods continues to rise, the cost of electronic information transfer continues to decline. If we were still sending physical copies of the Banter to all of our members, we would no doubt have to raise additional operating funds, most likely through increases in dues.

I know that some folks still receive paper copies of the Banter. In some cases, folks might not have Internet access and/or may not be Internet savvy. Some may just prefer to read a physical copy. Either case is fine, since we send few enough copies so that this is not a significant cost to the organization. But if anyone is getting the Banner mailed to them because of frustration with email, the Web site, or with Adobe Reader, let me know. These types of problems can usually be easily resolved, and I would be happy to help.

Do you have some favorite sailing Web sites? Send them to me and I'll share them with everyone in a future Commodore's Corner. Here are a few from my collection.

Have you read the Racing Rules of Sailing and studied the Cases and Appeals? Feel comfortable with your knowledge of the rules? Put your expertise to the test by taking the quizzes at <http://www.uksailmakers.com/RulesQuiz>. Learn more fine points at http://www.sailingworld.com/sw_experts.jsp?typeID=402&catID=595.

Weather sites make up the bulk of my sailing bookmarks. In fact my home page (the Web site that opens automatically when I start my browser) is the Sewells Point weather sensor at <http://www.iwindsurf.com/windandwhere.iws>. I also like the radar images at <http://weather.noaa.gov/radar/latest/DS.p19r0/si.kakq.shtml>. I will sometimes call up the local television stations' sites to access their radar images, but I think the NOAA site is best. The wind forecast found at http://co-ops.nos.noaa.gov/CBOFS/wind_forecast.shtml is a great idea, but I haven't found it to be particularly accurate. It's still fun to compare predictions from this site with conditions we find on the water, and I expect the predictions to get better as more is understood about local weather patterns. And the marine forecast is available at <http://weather.noaa.gov/pub/data/raw/fz/fzus51.kakq.cwf.akq.txt> in case you don't have a weather radio receiver available. There are several sites that feature tide tables. My favorite is <http://tbone.biol.sc.edu/tide/tideshow.cgi?site=Hampton+Roads%2C+Virginia>.

I dropped a few positions in last year's Plantation Light race because I was not aware that the light at the Cape Charles mark had been replaced with a temporary light with different characteristics. Since then my new best friend has become the Local Notice to Mariners page, <http://www.navcen.uscg.gov/lnm/d5/>.

I also frequent many of the retail sites for price comparison before making any significant purchase. Surprisingly, Amazon.com had the best price on the latest addition to our GPS collection. There are too many other retail sites to mention, as well as brand-specific sites for gear (instruments, radio, autopilot, engine, stove, lighting, wood finishes, etc). But in closing I want to mention one final site: http://list.sailnet.net/read/all_forums/. This is an index to the multitude of email distribution lists hosted by retailer Sailnet. I subscribe to the Catalina 38 list, and find it very valuable and informative to have an easy way to communicate with other C38 owners.

Finally, we have an email forwarding system at BroadBaySailing.org. You might want to plug these in to your email address book, and then you won't have to remember who's who when the officers change every year. Here is a list of the addresses currently in the system, and where they currently go:

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But don't spend too much time in the virtual world! Spring is here and it's time to sail. See you on the Rover!

Jim

April Meeting – American Rover Moonlight Sail

Enjoy a moonlight cruise on the Elizabeth River with our host, Captain Brook Smith, and his crew of the American Rover. We will board Rover at **1845 on Tuesday, April 19th, at Waterside**. The ship's cash bar will be open and club volunteers will provide delicious hors d'oeuvres. As the Commodore mentioned above, "the crew will be working hard to earn your generous tip."

The **Blue Full Moon** * will have been full on Sunday prior to the cruise - but that's close enough to help make this a delightful evening. Don't miss it! *Farmers Almanac

The Cape Henry Cup / The May Pot Luck Dinner and Awards Presentation

BBSA's Cape Henry Cup Race will be sailed on **Saturday, May 21st**. On the following **Tuesday, the 24th**, one of our famous pot luck dinners will feature the presentation of the **Cape Henry Cup** and other awards for the race. This will be held at **Old Dominion University's Sailing Center**. Mark your calendars for both these events. Details on the dinner will be found in the May Banter.

Racing News

Scott Almond

The prep flag is being lowered.... the big-boat racing season is nearly underway! Megan and I attended a day-long US Sailing Association Basic Race Management Course at the Rappahannock River Yacht Club on February 26 and learned lots of good information (like how to create wind for the Cape Henry Cup and how to avoid foul currents for the Neptune's Atlantic Regatta!).

Anyway... here are some upcoming dates of which to be aware:

April 13 - BBSA Little Creek Wednesday Night Series starts (contact John Bergman: bergmans@infionline.net)
April 14 - BBSA Willoughby Racers Thursday Night Series starts (contact me: AnejoShot@aol.com or 471-2663)
April 17 - The first southern bay CBYRA-sanctioned race of the season (CCV Spring Series #1)
May 21 - The first BBSA sponsored (3 total this year) CBYRA-sanctioned race of the season (Cape Henry Cup).

If you have any questions regarding any of the above, please contact me and I will get you the information!
Long horn....

Scott Almond
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Racing Fleet Captain

One Design News

On behalf of the Portsmouth Boat Club, I would like to invite the Broad Bay Sailing Association to the Merrimac Memorial Regatta. Here are the details:

Merrimac Memorial Regatta
Saturday May 28th (Memorial Day Weekend)
Hosted by the Portsmouth Boat Club

The annual Merrimac Memorial Regatta will again be held in the waters of the Elizabeth River off of Portsmouth City Park in Portsmouth, VA. The regatta is open to all sailboats under 22'. Any 4 boats of the same class will receive their own start. The open fleet will be scored under the Portsmouth Handicap system. Trophies will be awarded to the top 3 finishers in all fleets. The skipper's meeting is at 09:30. The first gun is at 10:00. A Memorial Day cookout will be held at lunch. Racing will resume after lunch. Awards will be given out later in the afternoon.

Camping and/or boat storage is available to out of town competitors at the Portsmouth Yacht Club. Please see our website for more information including pictures and results from previous years:
http://portsmouthboatclub.org/psc_merrimac.htm

Please feel free to contact Jack Herbert (Jack.Herbert@noaa.gov) with questions.

Cape Charles Cup Preliminaries – Trip to Bay Creek

Bill Barnes

The second and last social, before the CCC Race, at Bay Creek Marina, Cape Charles, is scheduled for May 14th, 2005. The bus will depart, Bay Point Marina, at 6:00 PM and return around 11:20 PM.

This time we have the benefit of sun, sand and warmer weather. The sunset should be spectacular from the patio or the bar on the second level.

Hopefully, we will have more folks from Willoughby and Hampton.

Please pass the word and reserve your seat soon. Call Lou, 757-286-2500. If you can't reach Lou, call Bill, 757-286-7500, but I am not as dependable as she.

Cruising News

Jim Borberg

The complete cruising schedule is listed below for your information along with the person leading each cruise. If you want to be kept up to date on any changes and you weren't at the cruise planning party, send me an email at gnsailn@yahoo.com.

2005 - Cruising Schedule

May 28-29-30	Memorial Day Mobjack/Kings Creek	Harrison
June 4-11	First week of the two week cruise	Roberts
June 11-19	Cruise week & second half two week cruise	Roberts

July 2-3-4	Severn River and East River	Borberg
July 9-10	Nansemond River/Bennett Creek	Snyder
July 30-31	Deep Creek – Warwick YCC	Isham
August 20-21	Salt Ponds	Clark
September 3-4-5	Labor Day – Destination to be announced	Rose
September 17-18	Destination to be announced	Beach

Cruise Week(s)

Charlie and Karhie Roberts

Broad Bay Sailing Association Cruisers welcome all members to come cruise with us on this years cruise. You can come with us either or both of the weeks. There is not much in the way of new turf this year and we have all been to these places numerous times and we will all help you get up and down the Bay. We have the waypoints for the cruise and would be happy to meet with you and provide them to you.

The two-week cruise will start out with a sixty-mile trek to Reedville, just below the Potomac River and the northern most significant port in Virginia on the Chesapeake. The Reedville Marina and the Crazy Crab are the same place and have excellent food. It started as a restaurant and the owner added the marina as a means of attracting more customers. There are plenty of anchorages around and taking your dinghy to the restaurant is common practice. It can be noisy until ten as the outdoor patio is next to the dockage.

Next is about 35 miles around Tangier Island, past the Tangier light spider into Tangier Sound and up to Crisfield. Crisfield is on the Little Annemessex River. Somers Cove Marina is a state owned marina operated under contract. It is a large marina that is enclosed with an anchorage in the center. I've seen a lot of catamarans anchored in the center pond. There are several good restaurants and we will start with the Side Street Cafe, which is a crab house with brown paper for crabs. There is a swimming pool or two and pavilions for picnics. We can adjust the second night with a good restaurant or a cook out. There is a decent grocery store within walking distance. The best grocery store is Woodburn's in Solomons, which is the next stop.

After an extra day in Crisfield, it is now about 35 miles to Solomons where I have chosen to anchor just north of Zahniser's and in front of the museum. Also we will be in front of The Captain's Table, which is scheduled the next time through. It is very easy to dinghy over there to the restaurant. We could raft up here for a while for cocktails and supper. It is also about a mile dinghy ride to the downtown strip (Tiki Bar).

The next stop is Oxford with the Robert Morris Inn for dining. It has some of the best crab and seafood cakes on the Bay. There are no reservations but at this time of the year and mid-week, there should not be a problem. This is a 35-mile trip up the Choptank River to the Tred Avon River and a 35-mile trip back the next day. There are several anchorages at Oxford. One is in the creek that separates the peninsula and the other is off of the ferry landing on the Tred Avon and in front of the Inn. I have not been to the Hinckley Boat works but have been to the previous owners place many times, which was Crockett Boat Works.

Now, we are back to Solomons and the Spring Cove Marina. It is a very well managed marina with a nice pool and a wooded picnic ground. It is within walking distance of Woodburn's Grocery, which is large and very good. This is an excellent place to stock up for the next week cruise. They have an excellent salad bar lunch. Just one block away is an excellent bar-b-q place, also a good choice for lunch. Spring Cove also has block ice to stock up your ice chest for another week. One year they had 25lb. blocks. They also have excellent laundry facilities available.

The final stop is about 32 miles around Point Lookout on the Potomac and up the river ten miles on the Maryland side to Smith Creek. It is an old fixed dock marina with a good rate. It has a pool and pretty good showers. Spinnaker's was wiped out by the hurricane of 2003 and has been rebuilt and has been excellent in the past. It should be a dining treat that evening.

With an early start, we are off to join those starting the second week at Jackson Creek, just off of the Piankatank, about 43 miles away. This is slightly further than the cruiser coming from the south must cover. We will anchor in one of the two branches and probably raft up for cocktails and supper. There is a marina for those interested on the eastern branch, Deltaville Marina, telephone 804.776.9812. I have not stopped there since the 2003 hurricane but went by there last year and it looked substantially rebuilt.

We will pay a second visit to Reedville, which will be 25 miles to the north. The same information on the previous Reedville paragraph applies.

The next day we will come back to Dozier's Regatta Point, at the entrance in Broad Creek on the Rappahannock River side of Stingray Point, just past the point. The rates are good with a pool and A/C restrooms and a grill to have a cook out on the grounds. Also for those interested, there is the Boat House Restaurant a short dinghy ride across the creek. It is supposed to be good.

On Tuesday, we will be off to the Eastern Shore and Onancock and a night on the hook near the oil pier in the center of the town harbor, about an hour's time from the outside R2 entrance into the river. It is less than 200 yards to the town piers where we will spend the next evening. We plan to eat on board. For anyone interested there is the town bakery on the east side of the road in the town center at the top of the hill, quarter-of-a-mile. They have great sticky-buns that may require a reservation the day before. You can also check when you can pick them up the next morning.

Wednesday, we'll have another day on the boat and will tie-up at the town dock around noon. They have a nice city restaurant for lunch next to Bizotto's where we plan to dine for the evening. The restaurant for lunch moved into town center from the highway about three years ago. Onancock is noted for antiques.

Thursday, we cross the Bay to Windmill Point Resort with a pool and a new face-lift around the marina. I will go there in May and may have an update after my initial visit with the new look. This is a 29-mile trip and with an early start, should have the afternoon for the pool.

On Friday, we go around Windmill Point Spider to Indian Creek and another anchorage, somewhere in Indian Creek depending on a couple of factors. We will plan on eating on board that evening. The details for Indian Creek will be worked out prior to departure from Onancock.

The next morning we will leave early for York River Yacht Haven, which is past Windmill Point Spider, Wolf Trap, York River Spit Spider and up the York River-about 43 total miles. They have a nice pool and places for a picnic. YRYH has the RiverO's Inn Restaurant and I plan reservations inside which is resort casual dress (collared shirt, long pants and shoes). They have a deck, outside, for the really casual.

Sunday is a leisurely trip down the York and home (24 miles total).

Two Week Cruise (June 3-June 19)

Charlie Roberts - - - chassail@infionline.net

DATE	DAY	LOCATION	PLACE/PHONE/RATE	EAT
June 3	Friday	Reedville	Marina (804.453.6789)(\$1/ft)	Crazy Crab
June 4	Saturday	Crisfield	Somers Cove(410.968.0925)(1.75/ft)	SideStreet
June 5	Sunday	Crisfield	Somers Cove (\$1.5/ft)	Waterman's
June 6	Monday	Solomons	Anchor	Eat Aboard
June 7	Tuesday	Oxford	Hinckley(410.226.5113)(\$1.95/ft)	RobertMorris
June 8	Wednesday	Solomons	Spring Cove(410.326.2161)(\$1.85/ft)	Picnic
June 9	Thursday	Solomons	Spring Cove	Cptn Table
Jun 10	Friday	Smith Creek	Point Lookout(301.872.5000)(\$1/ft)	Spinnakers

One Week Cruise (June 11 - June 19)

Jun 11 Saturday	Jackson Crk	Anchor	Eat aboard
Jun 12 Sunday	Reedville	Marina (804.453.6789)(\$1/ft)	Crazy Crab
Jun 13 Monday	Broad Creek	Regatta Point(804.776.6711)(\$1.25)	Picnic
Jun 14 Tuesday	Onancock	Anchor	Eat aboard
Jun 15 Wednesday	Onancock	Dock(757.787.7911)(\$1/ft)	Bizotto's
Jun 16 Thursday	See Below		
Jun 17 Friday	Indian Creek	Anchor	Eat Aboard
Jun 18 Saturday	Sarah Creek	YRYH(804.642.2156)(\$1.5/ft)	Rivers Inn
Jun 19 Sunday	Home		

Stormy Pearson has called me and said that the new marina at Windmill Point will not open until July. We will not go on June 16th. I am leaning toward Horn Harbor off of the Great Wicomico and eat at that nice restaurant.

Please make sure that you call each marina listed and make a reservation where you may desire tie-up. Also, I would like to know your intentions of each week or both to assist in the planning of activities.

1. The telephone numbers of the marinas and the cost per foot are listed. Most have a \$3-\$5/night charge for electricity, however, I believe it is inclusive at Windmill Point. Hinckley, Spring Cove, Onancock, and York River Yacht Haven are expected to be crowded, so early reservations are recommended.
2. I have waypoints setup for the cruise. If anyone desires a copy, I can mail one.

Stormy Pearson formerly with Tides is now at Windmill Point Resort, under new ownership and it is being upgraded to include dredging to 6'. Look at their "ad" in "Chesapeake Bay Magazine" and their website. I am optimistic. Also, Tide's Lodge marina will be open one more year before the private condos set in. This is not relevant for this cruise. After that about 10 slips at the Inn will be the availability.

Ship's Store

I will try to have a bag full of BBSA burgees at every meeting. So that way if you would like to look at one or buy, it will be easy. They are \$15.

Bev Borberg, 460 1051

Membership News

We received renewals from Bert Parolari and Harry Tenney too late for them to make the 2005 Roster of Members which you should have received by now. Here is the start of page 24 of the roster.

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