

Broad Bay Banter

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Commodore's Corner

By Jim Williams

Congratulations to everyone who participated in Cruise Week last month. From the pictures, it looks like it was a lot of fun.

July is a big month for BBSA's racing program. July 16th's Little Bay Challenge is a great event, with not only individual prizes but also an award for the best-performing club. BBSA will be going for the threeppeat this year, having won in 2003 and 2004. Also making this race interesting is the rule that disallows spinnakers and double headsails. This is fun for us, since we normally race in the nonspinnaker class on weekends, and it is fun to see how we do against some of our brethren who normally enter in a spinnaker class. In last year's race, we battled Mike Nestor and crew aboard Glory Days, fighting for the lead at the last mark with first place on the line. For once in my life I actually got Checks in the Mail in a strategically advantageous position, kept Mike from passing in his faster boat, and went on to win the individual trophy in PHRF 1. See the Web site or Scott Almond for information if you would like to join us for this year's contest.

BBSA's second annual Cape Charles Cup will be held the following weekend (July 23 and 24). I have never sailed closer to Cape Charles than the Old Plantation Light, and the whole crew are really looking forward to the event. With the super-light winds for this year's Cock Island race, the Cape Charles event could be the best party-race of the year! See the Web site or Bill Barnes for more information.

Speaking of the Cock Island race, congratulations are in order for BBSA member Bill Bounds, whose Wham Bam was the ONLY boat to finish the long course in this year's race.

While on the subject of racing, BBSA's Little Creek Regatta will be held on August 6th. This is a regatta to benefit the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. We'll hear more about this important and fun event at the July membership meeting, and the Notice of Race can be found – all together now – on our Web site.

We have a cruise event planned for July 16th as well, to the Poquoson River and Bennet Creek. If this event has passed by the time you read this and you need to get your cruising "fix", point-to-point races like the Cape Charles Cup have a cruising feel to them. The only thing is that you can't start up the old iron genny when the wind gets light, but I've been assured that there will be plenty of wind for this year's event.

Finally, speaking of plenty of wind, I am writing this Commodore's Corner from beautiful Key Colony Beach, FL. Most folks have no idea where Key Colony Beach is, or at best have seen a sign pointing toward it when passing through en route to Key West, but yesterday I saw a car in our little burg sporting a Hampton Yacht Club parking sticker. In any case, as I write these comments we are watching Hurricane Dennis strengthen and meander toward the United States. Hopefully, by the time you read this Dennis will have decided not to visit in the Marathon area this year.

I hope to see everyone at the membership meeting this month. Right now its time to relax on the porch, crack open a cold one, and wait for sundown. Hey, it's gotta be five o'clock somewhere!

Jim

July Meeting – on the 19th

The July meeting will be held on July 19th at Pancho Villa's of New York, 1069 Laskin Road, Virginia Beach (just east of Bird Neck Road). The meeting will begin at 7:30 and the program at 8:00. You are welcome to dine before, during or after the official activities. Our guest speaker will be Alicia Solomon, Development Director for the Pilot Schooner Virginia. This should be a terrific program, so put it on your calendar today!

One Design News

by Jean Pattenaude

The 34th annual Richard B. Johnston Memorial Regatta for one design dinghies will be held on Saturday, July 30th, on Broad Bay. Richard Johnston was a popular sailor who sailed Mobjacks and then Sharks in the '70s before he lost his fight with cancer.

The skippers' meeting will be held at the Narrows (64th Street extended from Atlantic Avenue) at 0930, with the warning for the first class at 1100. The move from the ODU Sailing Center was necessary since the waters off the sailing center will be filled with Optis sailing in the Optimist National Championships hosted by Norfolk Yacht and Country Club.

Racing News

by Scott Almond

This summer's schedule had a small reprieve in the big boat racing scene in late June (except for Cock Island Race which coincided with Megan's and my vacation to Ireland). I hear that light winds were the unfortunate story, however, congratulations are in order for Bill Bounds and the crew of *WHAM BAM*, as they were one of 5 boats (129 registered) that finished before the time limit and the only boat in PHRF B to finish (**1st Place**). Nice job, Bill!

It's time to put the gloves back on as BBSA is sponsoring THREE races in July and August! The first, Little Bay Challenge, will be held on July 16th. Registration for this team event (WR, LCSA, PBC, HYC, NNSA, OPCYC, etc.) is free. The second event is the Cape Charles Cup scheduled for July 23-24. This 2-day, CBYRA-sanctioned event (#413) is also the second race of the Chesapeake Bay Distance Racing Series. The third race is the Little Creek Regatta, which will be held on August 5-6. This important event supports St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and allows racers to enjoy a fun-filled weekend while contributing to a worthy cause.

Also scheduled this month is the Screwpile Challenge in Solomons, Maryland. As of this time, BBSA has 3 members registered for the event: Pam Burdett - *POLAR EXPRESS*, Martin Casey - *BOWMOVEMENT*, and Mike Nestor - *GLORY DAYS*. Good luck, gang! This regatta also has a team event (Battle of the Chesapeake Trophy). To be eligible, a club must have at least 5 boats entered. This is something we need to be thinking about for next year!!

The upcoming dates of which to be aware:

July 16th - Little Bay Challenge

July 23-24 - Cape Charles Cup - CBYRA-Sanctioned Race #413

August 5-6 - Little Creek Regatta

For information, notices of race, and/or questions regarding any of the above, please check our website (www.broadbaysailing.org) or contact me directly.

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

Cruising News

by Jim and Bev Borberg

Bennet Creek Cruise July 16 – 17

Don and Jewell Snyder are planning this cruise to Bennet Creek off the Poquoson River about 20 miles from Willoughby/Hampton & 23 miles from Little Creek. We will anchor out and eat at Owens Restaurant, but it is a small place and they need reservations. Let the Snyder's know by the 13th if you are going and for more details. donsgermanwerks@netzero.net or 464-9330.

Warwick Yacht & Country Club Cruise July 30 – 31

Frits and Sancy Isham are planning this cruise up the James River to Deep Creek. The Yacht Club has 10 slips available for the weekend at \$1.25/ft (no cost if with a reciprocal yacht club). Power is 30 amp only. Contact Briana the manager at 930-0561 or Fax 930-0844. They have good food and the dining room is available for us as well as a pool and tennis courts. The club is about 15 miles from Hampton Yacht Club and the James River Bridge stands 60 feet above the water, but can be lifted. This is a great destination because it boasts protected waters – a good channel into Deep Creek – not too far away – a very nice club facility for swimming, dinner and overnight – and other reasons to numerous to mention. This will be a fun cruise, nothing-hard core. Reserve the date and contact the Frits about a week before so he can make dinner reservations. George.Isham@cox.net or 595-2975.

Salt Ponds Cruise August 20 –21

This is a short cruise but a great destination. Ten slips have been tentatively reserved but you must call 850-4300 (\$1.25 per foot – group rate) to reserve your slip. The Buckroe Grill is available for dinner 850-6500. Channel depth at MLT is 7-8 ft. Tides on August 20 - - High 9:45 am, Low 4:20 pm (Back River). For more info, contact Bruce or Jo Clarke at 533-5133

July 4 th Cruise

BBSA members were cruising this Fourth of July. Jim and Bev Borberg planned a simple cruise. Anchoring one night in Severn River and another night in East River. We arrived at Severn River Saturday afternoon and some were anchoring just when a torrential rainstorm came. As some of us were drying out, we all received a call from Nina and George Treiber (Cheshire Cat III) to join them on their boat for Happy Hour and a baby back rib dinner. So except for George and Nina we, Jim and Bev Borberg (Dreamtime), Charlie and Kathie Roberts (Wind Walker), Frits and Sancy Isham (Rhumba), Marie and Art Quarnstrom (Q II), and Bill and Chris Beach (Beach Magic) did not have to cook or clean up, just enjoyed the yachting life!

Fritz and Sancy and Charlie and Kathie went home to celebrate the 4th there, so the four remaining boats sailed/motored to East River. We met that afternoon and relaxed and did a little dinghy time and then went to Beach Magic for another Happy Hour. Jim, a.k.a. The Margarite Man, made some wonderful drinks. So the last night we shared tall tales, good food, Margaritas, and a few fireworks. Perfect ending for a "simple" cruise.

Cruise Week 2005

by Charlie Roberts

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