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Commodore's Corner

By Jim Williams

I really had a good time at our last meeting. Besides the opportunity to chat with folks that we don't normally see except at meetings, I got to relive some happy memories of the trips I have taken to the Florida Keys. Putting together the presentation reminded me that we always run across something new, unusual, interesting and/or fun every time we go. Fantasy Fest ends this year on Saturday, October 29. We're going to miss it for the first time since 2001. If you go, please take lots of pictures and email them to me (bbsa@cox.net), even the ones that don't show public indecency.

We're not going this year because I'm driving to Texas to bring home our "new" Hobie 33. Although I'm really excited about racing this hot little boat, I'm a little sad that our last race on Checks in the Mail will probably be the Hot Buttered Rum race in November. She has been a marvelous vessel, having taken better care of me than I have of her.

Elsewhere in this issue of the Banter Scott Almond writes of club members who did well in the Neptune's Atlantic Regatta. I'll just add that BBSA did well BY the Neptune Festival as well. Because of our efforts, the charities that benefit from the Festival will have more funds with which to do their good work. These events don't just happen – they take countless hours of work behind the scenes. Mike Nestor and Eva Daily were our contact points with the Neptune Festival organizers. This gave us continuity, as well as the experience that was needed at times to wade through the Festival's bureaucracy. They also got our major supporters on board. The next time you do business with Bay Mechanical or The Raven, please mention how much their support is appreciated. Mike and Eva also provided energy to the team, and gave your commodore a gentle nudge when he needed to get on track. Jean and Jerry Pattenaude worked hard to ensure that the catamaran folks were taken care of, and that their experience would be a pleasant one. This is important, because in addition to adding revenue for the charities, the beach racing done by the cats drew interest and provided color for the Neptune Festival attendees. Scott and Megan Almond once again sacrificed their day of racing to run the race. But their efforts went far beyond, with behind-the-scenes efforts such as finding a race committee, drumming up participation and ensuring that the race was conducted in a manner that made BBSA proud. Finally, I must admit that I would never have been able to do my share without the help of my wife Barbara. In addition to making good suggestions, she made sure that I stayed on top of my follow-up items and performed a lot of the tasks that were my responsibility. She also provided the painting that was used as the background for the trophies.

We tried a new twist at this year's race. We obtained three very nice prizes and sold them in a silent auction. Barbara and I won a sunset cocktail cruise for six on Mike and Eva's Tayana 55. Leo Wardrup won an impressionist painting of his first-place boat Black Widow, to be painted by the award-winning local artist Barbara Williams (she also happens to be the only woman in the world to whom I am married.) Mike and Eva won a beautiful print of the Pilot Schooner Virginia, signed by artist John Poague MacLeod and by the skipper of the new Virginia, Captain Nicholas Alley. These three items alone provided the charities with an additional \$575.

If you supported the regatta in any way, from actively working behind the scenes to just telling a friend about it, thank you very much.

I'm really looking forward to our second ODU meeting of the year. What a great place for sailors to meet. See you there!

Jim

October Pot Luck Dinner Meeting – Tuesday the 18th

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 18th at the **ODU Sailing Center**. It's our second Pot Luck Dinner of the year. Sea stories at 6:30pm will be followed by dinner and more sea stories. Come on out to the sailing center, check out the excellent facilities on the Elizabeth River and drool over the numerous dinghies 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 and beer will be available for a small donation. Water and soft drinks will be available as well.

Our final meeting of the year will be on November 15th at Pancho Villa's. BBSA member and proprietor of Salty Dog Marine Mike Miller will discuss rigging and how to avoid catastrophes.

Directions to the sailing center

From Hampton Blvd. turn west toward the Elizabeth River on 49th Street. When you reach the stop sign at Powhatan Ave., take a left onto Powhatan. Just past the grey apartments you will take a right into the entrance to a parking lot for Powhatan Apts. and Whitehurst Dorm. Travel all the way to the back of the lot and you will bear around to the left and see the boathouse and sailing center.

Racing News

BBSA has just about wrapped up their racing season for the year with last week's Neptune's Atlantic Regatta. Twenty racers enjoyed the 8-10 knot breeze and sunshine with a finish off 24th Street at the oceanfront. Special thanks to Mel Brock for supplying the Race Committee boat. The top BBSA finishers in each fleet:

A Fleet

2nd Place - **Glory Days** - Mike Nestor

C Fleet

2nd Place - **Aria** - Jay Wright

N Fleet

1st Place - **Black Widow** - Leo Wardrup
2nd Place - **Checks in the Mail** - Jim Williams
3rd Place - **Dreamtime** - Jim and Bev Borberg

Cruising Fleet

3rd Place - **Outward Bound II** - Dave Wilbar

If you're not ready to stop racing yet, join the Willoughby Racers on Willoughby Bay on November 5th for the Hot Rum Race. Racing will be non-spinnaker, single headsail only.

Upcoming dates of which to be aware:

October 22 - 'Round the Lights Race - CBYRA Race #426 (BBSA Distance Racing Series #6) -

<http://opcyc.tripod.com/>

November 5 - Hot Rum Race

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

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Racing Fleet Captain

Cruising News

By Bev and Jim Borberg

Back River Cruise

Sad as it is, we had our final cruise for 2005 on September 17 and 18. Nice SW wind of 5-10 knots on the way up and then we anchored behind Messic Point in Back River. Rafted together so we could have our drinks and tall tales on Dreamtime (Jim and Bev Borberg) for one last time. Rhumba (Fritz and Sancy Isham). Q2 (Marie and Art Quarnstrom), Torby (Tom Smith), Chief (John Calahan) joined us and Marigot and friends were nearby. It was a beautiful night to be on the water with a full moon.

The next day we motored about half way out of Back River and sailed the rest of the way with 10 - 15 knot NE wind. A nice ending for a fun cruising season.

Mariners' Museum Requests Volunteers

The Mariners' Museum in Newport News is seeking to expand its volunteer corps. We invite all who may be willing to consider volunteering time and talent to support the museum's work to contact the museum to discuss volunteer opportunities. Volunteers are needed for such roles as museum tour guides, artifact conservation, collections management, library research and landscaping, as well as a host of other services that support the museum's programs.

Join the Mariners' Museum volunteer corps and learn about the benefits that can be yours while supporting one of the nation's leading maritime museums and one of our region's greatest treasures. For more information about volunteer opportunities or to indicate interest in volunteering, contact Daniel Maher, Manager of Docents and Volunteers, at (757) 591-7747 or dmaher@mariner.org.