

# Broad Bay Banter

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## **COMMODORE'S CORNER**

Hi Everyone,

I hope everyone is enjoying the 2008 sailing season. Jean and I have done some local trips and we used Shangri-la for the committee boat for the Broad Bay Regatta. The Lasers showed in force which was a welcomed surprise, along with the Hamptons and an open class. Scott Almond was the grill miester after the regatta and served us all the hot dogs we could eat.

BBSA's next sponsored small boat regatta is the 37<sup>th</sup> annual Richard B. Johnston Memorial Regatta, July 26<sup>th</sup> at ODU. Details are on the web or you can contact Emory Nemeth.

Our next meeting is at 7:00 pm on July 15<sup>th</sup> at ODU, this will be our annual flare shoot off. Our past events have shown us that many of our members have never struck or fired a flare - that may be a good thing. They have testified that this was a great educational experience which will certainly help to instill a little bit more calmness, should the time arise, seeing the flare go up and not down into their boat. So come out and bring your crew.

Since I have been doing a little bit more cruising this year due to the fact that we now have a boat we can cruise on, I have been checking out the club flags on other boats using my nifty little battery operated, high tech, stabilized binoculars. Yes sir, these are the bomb! Anyway, I notice a lot of sail boats don't have burgees, and the ones that do are not flying the BBSA flag. What is up with this? I'm looking for some friendly faces out there. This is the best club on the Southern Bay, heck, I'll even go as far as the whole Chesapeake Bay, so let's show our colors and get together. I'll be looking for you.

For you racers, the next big event is coming soon - The Little Bay Challenge at Little Bay, July 19<sup>th</sup>. This is an awesome race, so come on out.

I am enjoying being your Commodore and working with a great group of people. Keep up the good work and enjoy yourselves.

Jerry

**July Meeting - Tuesday, July 15, 7:00pm**

**Annual Flare shoot-off at the ODU Sailing Center**

Come on out for a fun evening on the Lafayette River. Please bring a snack to share. Beverages will be provided by the club for a small donation.

## **Our Vice Commodore Goes to Bermuda**

A story of the VICE, from the VICE.  
Brendan Drinkwater

For starters, I would like every member to know that I was a great ambassador for B.B.S.A. and all sailing in the lower Chesapeake Bay.

NEWPORT- BERMUDA RACE 2008.

Back in February I was invited to join the crew on Ed Whittmore's Swan 46 "Ticket to Ride" for a race in June called the Newport to Bermuda race. After a total of three seconds, I agreed to the commitment. What a GREAT decision that was. I had sooo much FUN!

Let's fast forward through two practices and a bunch of logistics, It's June 17th 2008, 5:30 a.m. and I'm sleeping in a van loaded with sails, coolers, and two other stinky guys outside a MA'S Donuts in Newport R.I. after driving all night from Norfolk VA. Around 7 am the van was too hot to sleep in anymore, so we got a few more donuts, a few cups of coffee, and off to find the Yacht! Upon arrival I found why I was invited. It must have been a half a mile from the parking lot, down the docks and to the yacht. Instantly I used the power of being a Vice Commodore to borrow (Hi-Jacked) a push cart for 5 hours. Up and Back, Up and Back, Up and Back, ohh what a bad dream!

The night of June 19th 2008 is when I forgot about all the hard-work and time invested in a boat race that had not even begun yet, but the Dancing had begun. Myself and two other young good-looking crew members (not to confused with the old, the boring, and the ugly crew members) went into a Bar that we now call "THE CANDY SHOP". Guy's in Newport must not be too exciting, because we stole many a girlfriends away from many a guys. With-in 1 hour we had eight girls walking us downstairs to the DISCO. We danced until closing and then "danced" some more down on the yacht. I guess five of the eight must of had a Ticket, in the morning their was five non-crew members sleeping on Ticket to Ride. The owner was not too excited about that, but we re-assured him that was exciting and that they will get off his boat right now!

June 20th 12:15 p.m., the start of the race. The harbor entrance was very busy with boats, spectators, race boats, and committee boats everywhere. Winds holding steady around twelve and a half knots, Upwind. After two or three tacks Ticket to Ride was on the rum-line to Bermuda on a slightly cracked off starboard tack. The shift rotations we had planned out were four hours on, and four hours off. Boy, I'm glad that they started at 4 p.m., (and I had the first off) because I was lights out. "I was tired from dancing all night, Buffy really made me work to keep up with her moves!"

Sunday Morning, June 22. Winds solid at two with a gust to three knots. Not too much sailing, but the G.P.S. said that we will be in Bermuda in seven months, thirty -six days, and eighty some hours. Still on starboard tack. Just around 4 p.m. the winds came in at 17- 22 knots, puffs to 24. With the heavy one up we tacked over to port only for 30 minutes to get the rum-line back, then back on to starboard. Looking back on the trip that was a great half an hour being on port, because it was the only half an hour being on port. The winds picked up Monday night to 24-29 knots, so the crew (all hands on deck) went to the Blade just for that night. Upon first light, the winds backed off and the number 1 Genoa went back up. We finished around 9:30 p.m. Tuesday night, June 24th with two gallons of drinking water left.

Waking up Wednesday morning at the dock, I still thought I was sailing on starboard tack up-wind with winds in between 17 and 23 knots. My flight departs on Sunday afternoon June 29, and a Swan 46 at the Royal Bermuda Yacht Club to call home until then. I am currently writing a book about my stay in Bermuda, which is going to be named "Raw Sweetness". Hopefully it will be on the shelves by fall 2009.

I would like to spend a moment right now to thank the crew of the Swan 46 for putting up with me during the trip. It was a lot of fun. Also the Gosling Girls for some new dance moves and drinks in Bermuda, The Albrights girls for the rock hot tub, My barber "Smooth" for the island look, DJ Genie for the club passes, and to the waterspout we sailed a mile away from in the middle of the Gulfstream.

The Vice is signing out, VICE.

Brendan Drinkwater

## RACING NEWS

### PHRF

by Scott Almond

First, a few interesting non-sailing competition reminders for your viewing pleasure:

- Tour de France - daily programming on Versus network until July 27.
- Beijing Olympics - daily programming on multiple NBC stations from Aug. 8 - 24.

Coming up locally, BBSA in conjunction with Portsmouth Boat Club is hosting the 15th Annual Little Bay Challenge. Last year, Old Point Comfort Yacht Club won the team competition and it has been a while since a BBSA contingent (WR or LCSA) has won the team event. Registration is easy on our website: [www.broadbaysailing.org](http://www.broadbaysailing.org). Last year's post-race party held at Rebel Marine was second to none as PBC had a fabulous spread of food to go along with an excellent band. I expect this year's party will be as good or better!

Also on the horizon is the BBSA-sponsored 13th Annual Hampton Roads Regatta / Little Creek Cup to be held on August 2nd, which benefits the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. The notice of race / entry form for this CBYRA-sanctioned event has been posted on our website as well. This year, the festivities will be back at Little Creek/Bay Point Marina and hosted by PDX Grille (formerly Bay Point Grille). Joe Maniscalco will be performing!! Special race awards include the Dick Schrader Memorial Award for the overall winner of the PHRF Fleet, Suzanne Pavlat Memorial Award for the winner of the Donation Handicap Racing Formula, and the Will Galloway Memorial Award for the overall winner of the Cruising Fleet. Let's show BBSA's support for this excellent cause with our participation! If you're going to compete in one charity regatta this year, make it this one. Please join us for a good time and a RACE for the children!

Some upcoming dates of which to be aware:

July 19 – PBC / BBSA Little Bay Challenge [www.broadbaysailing.org](http://www.broadbaysailing.org)

July 26 – Moonlight Triangle (Race #3 in the Chesapeake Bay Distance Racing Series) – [www.ccvracing.org](http://www.ccvracing.org)

August 1st-2nd – Little Creek Cup - CBYRA-Sanctioned Race #415 [www.broadbaysailing.org](http://www.broadbaysailing.org) or [www.hamptonroadsregatta.org](http://www.hamptonroadsregatta.org)

August 23rd-24th – Cape Charles Cup – CBYRA-Sanctioned Races #419-420 (Races #5 and #6 in the Chesapeake Bay Distance Racing Series) [www.CCCup.net](http://www.CCCup.net)

### Cape Charles Cup

Jim Williams

Hard to believe that it is almost time for BBSA's Fifth Annual Cape Charles Cup! August 23rd will be here before you know it. This event has become the fastest-growing regatta in the Southern Chesapeake Bay, and we need your support. Have you sent in your entry yet? Here are three great reasons to enter now:

1. You pay the \$50 early entry fee instead of \$75
2. You can order your choice of tee shirt sizes and sleeve lengths
3. You can't get your picture in the Yearbook if you enter after July 31

If you liked the photo of your boat that appeared in last year's Yearbook, you don't have to send it in again. If you didn't have a picture in last year's book, or if you have one that you like better than the one we used last year, please send it to me at [CCcup@cox.net](mailto:CCcup@cox.net).

*New and exciting this year* - we will award separate First Day Leader ("yellow jersey" pennants) and Cape Charles Cup (the Weems and Plath yacht lantern) awards to the winners in both the Racing and Cruising divisions. Both winners will also be inscribed on the perpetual trophy. So if you thought a Cruising Class boat couldn't win the cup, think again!

Also new this year, there will be no intervening marks from the course - you will start, then go directly to the finish line both days. This is intended to get you to the parties faster!

When you get to your dock, look for our Host Boats, which will be identified with light blue flags. These boats will be the place to grab cold water, beer, wine, or a rum beverage until the party starts on the pier. The Host Boats will be prominently identified in the Yearbook.

Many of you will also be happy to know that we have taken steps to improve food service on Saturday evening and coffee on Sunday morning. This is a work in progress, so let us know whether our changes work.

If you haven't decided whether to participate, please decide to JOIN US! This event is growing like crazy, but we must have solid support by BBSA members to ensure that we remain THE premier destination race in the entire Southern Bay.

I hope you saw our full page advertisement on page 37 of the June issue of Spinsheet Magazine. We also have smaller ads in the May and July issues. Spinsheet is a great sponsor for this wonderful event! (Speaking of sponsors, whenever you do business with one of them, PLEASE let them you know that you appreciate their sponsorship of the Cape Charles Cup.)

We were concerned about the depth in Kings Creek, so last month the Bay Point harbormaster did some soundings around the "skinny" parts of King Creek (markers 2,3 and 4) at a tide state that was similar to the tide we are predicted to have at 0700 on August 24th. He reported minimum soundings of a little over 6 \_ feet, with no offset considered. Looks like most folks should be OK, but some will want to leave earlier than 0700 or spend the night at Cape Charles Harbor.

Also, I STILL run into sailboat owners who haven't heard about our race. Please mention this event to any of your friends who may not know about the Cup.

Finally, we are still looking for sponsors. Entry fees pay only a small part of the cost of conducting this event, and our sponsors make it possible for us to put so much value into it. A sponsor can receive an advertisement in the Yearbook, a mention on our Sponsors Banners, and much more. If you know of anyone who might be interested, please let me know.

If you want additional information, please see the Web site ([CCcup.net](http://CCcup.net)) or give me a call at MAD-BOAT (623-2628) or an email at [CCcup@cox.net](mailto:CCcup@cox.net).

Jim Williams

#### **Note:**

There is a need for 5 gallon drink dispensing coolers for the host boats for the CCC. If you have one of these that we may borrow, please bring it to the meeting on Tuesday or contact Jerry Pattenaude at 543-3029 or [jpattenaude@cox.net](mailto:jpattenaude@cox.net).

#### **CRUISING NEWS**

Is it almost the middle of July? Before we know it the weather will turn more pleasant and perhaps the smoke will let up or go in some other direction than over our area. In spite of the humid and smoky conditions we hope you all had a grand Fourth of July.

From early reports the One and Two Week Cruises seemed to go according to plan. There are still a few opportunities for some additional cruises. July 26 - 27 is open as is August 9 -10.

August 16-17 is the Warwick YC Cruise sponsored by Frits and Sancy Isham. That has always been a fun and relaxing cruise. See details below.

August 30 - September 1 is the Labor Day Cruise sponsored jointly by Megan & Scott Almond with Sergo Diehl. Details follow.

Hope to you all all at our next meeting.  
Dave and Mickey Miller

## **Cruising Schedule**

### **JULY**

July 19th - BBSA/PBC Little Bay Challenge

### **AUGUST**

August 2nd - BBSA Little Creek Cup

August 16 -17th - Warwick Y. C. - Frits & Sancy Isham - 595-4860 george.isham@cox.net. Details pending.

August 23 -24th - BBSA Cape Charles Cup

August 30 - Sept 1st - Labor Day Cruise - Sergio Diehl - 635-1846 sergio.diehl@cox.net . Mobjack / River Walk Landing.

### **SEPTEMBER**

September 13 -14th - Great Bridge Locks - Dave & Mickey Miller - 481-7249 dmiller183@cox.net – Details pending.

September 27 -28th - BBSA Neptune Regatta

### **OCTOBER**

October 4th - Willoughby Memorial Regatta

October 15 -19th - Great Chesapeake Bay Schooner Race.

### **Cruise to Warwick - August 16-17**

Cruise to Warwick Yacht & Country Club, weekend of August 16/17. A perfect destination after a lovely sail up the James River. Refresh yourselves at poolside and at the Yacht Pub, (a deck area overlooking Deep Creek). Dine inside at the WYCC club facility.

Slips available. Call club manager Brian or club office for reservations for slips and dinner. 930-0651.

Frits and Sancy Isham

cell: 595-2975 let us know if you're coming.

### **Labor Day Cruise - August 30 - September 1**

Sergio Diehl

We plan on anchoring Saturday night in the East River of Mobjack Bay on Saturday, 30 August, and then head to Yorktown Riverwalk Landing for Sunday. I have been trying to negotiate spaces at the Marina and he would only promise me a small number, although originally he thought he could give me 10 spaces.

What I would like to ask is that those interested in the cruise please call the Marina (890-3380) and ask for a reservation for that evening. I ask that each individual just try and make a reservation without mentioning that you are with the club.

If anyone has any questions please do not hesitate to contact me. Also I would like to know if anyone has trouble getting marina reservations.

Sergio

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## Past Cruises

### 2008 Two Week Cruise - June 20 to July 6

Submitted by Kathie and Charlie Roberts

In late winter, a committee of four couples, who usually participate in the two-week cruises, met for lunch to formulate a schedule for this year's two-week cruise. We decided to concentrate the cruise on and around the Rappahannock River. This made for short hops between destinations. The schedule was published in the "Banter" for all who wanted to participate.

**Jackson Creek:** The cruisers gathered on Friday, June 20th in Jackson Creek. Modus Vivendi and Dreamtime anchored in the creek. Wind Walker was docked at Deltaville Marina. Rhumba was at Fishing Bay Yacht Club where their granddaughter had been in a week-long junior sailing school. They were live-a-boards for a week during the course.

**Dozier's Regatta Point:** The next day, the four boats rounded Sting Ray Point and headed for Broad Creek on the Rappahannock River. Mariah joined us from Bay Point. The day was spent enjoying the lovely pool and verandah. In the evening, we met for cocktails and a cookout, with each boat furnishing their own meat and a dish to share. This is a lovely place for a cookout and a favorite of the cruisers. Wind Walker and Mariah elected to stay at Dozier's another day for more pool time, shopping and another cookout.

**Corrottoman River:** On Sunday, Dreamtime and Modus Vivendi left for an anchorage in the Western Branch of the Corrottoman River. Rhumba left to visit friends on the River. Monday saw all of us, but Rhumba, anchoring in the Eastern Branch. Rhumba went to Tides to drop off granddaughter Katelyn. The one-week cruisers joined us there. Cocktails were enjoyed on Beach Magic and all the ladies were sporting matching visors, courtesy of Chris Beach. We had a fireworks display staged by another cruising group from Norfolk.

**Urbanna Yachting Center:** Tuesday, we left the Corrottoman and had a lovely day on the water going the short way to Urbanna. Bev and Jim Borberg hosted their traditional margarita party in the party room of the clubhouse. The one-week cruisers joined us, so it was quite a good-sized party. The recommended restaurant, Olivia's, didn't have its liquor license as yet, so we settled for the Virginia Street Café where the food was pretty well received. Ice cream and a lunch or two from Moo's Diner were also winners.

**Tides Inn:** Another short foggy and smoky day found us at Tides Inn. Modus Vivendi welcomed two guests as did Wind Walker. Dinner was in the Chesapeake Room. The next day the boaters and guests took advantage of the spa, the golf course, the pool, and two challenging rounds of croquet. Charlie won one game and Jim won the other. So much for youth! Not much talk about the results of golf. Lunches at the Commodore's Lounge next to the pool, and a happy hour there rounded out the second day. All agreed Tides is still a lovely spot. Adorable granddaughter Emily, who had been a guest aboard Rhumba, left with her parents during the day as well as Wind Walker's guests, Tom and Gloria. Rhumba departed the cruise and headed for home after this port.

**Indian Creek Yacht and Country Club:** We had a leisurely sail around Windmill Point to Indian Creek. The Yacht and Country Club extended a very friendly hand to our cruisers. Both the one- and two-week groups had a delicious dinner in the dining room. Docking the boats was a "shoe horn" drill, but all had slips at the dock. This was Mariah's last night with us.

**Somers Cove Marina:** Saturday, the trip to Crisfield found us down to three boats, Dreamtime, Modus Vivendi, and Wind Walker. We had a good crossing of the Bay that day, even though it was mostly downwind and we had moderate waves. We enjoyed a wonderful meal at Waterman's Inn. On Sunday, we rested, went to the pool, got groceries, etc. and had a great cookout with watermelon under a tent on the grounds.

**Onancock Town Wharf:** We altered our cruise schedule on Monday to include a stop in the charming village of Onancock. We threaded our way up the creek and found places at the dock for our three remaining boats. We enjoyed a delicious, leisurely dinner at Bizotto's restaurant. In fact, they recommend you allow one and a half to two hours for dinner, to enjoy it completely. We complied. It is a nice walk into town past lovely old homes and an historic church. We were happy that threatening weather (that never materialized) didn't keep us from visiting this nice town.

**Dozier's Regatta Point:** Tuesday was a great sailing trip back across the Bay to Broad Creek. Modus Vivendi said goodbye to his passenger, Misty. Her friend, Janice, had left us in Crisfield. We cooked out again. This time the meal was curtailed by a downpour. Fortunately, we had finished eating and quickly packed up everything and headed for the large

covered porch. We did have some wet items on our boats due to the rain, but no real damage. This was the last night we were all together.

**Bay Creek Marina:** Modus Vivendi left for home the next day and Dreamtime elected to anchor in the Piankatank due to the absence of water depth in the approach to Bay Creek. There was 6 feet 4 inches of water at mid-tide when Wind Walker entered and 7 feet at high tide when they exited. Aqua is under new management and has consolidated its activities to the first floor. The food was as excellent as ever.

**York River Yacht Haven:** After a rollicking ride back across the Bay into a strong west wind, Wind Walker met Dreamtime in Sarah's Creek. A delicious meal at the River's Inn culminated the two-week cruise. On the next evening we ate aboard and watched the Yorktown fireworks from our boats. Both boats made an intermediate stop at a nice and friendly Crown Point Marina before the final leg home on July 6th.

## July 4 Cruise

A miniature fleet of 3 anchored in the East River Friday afternoon. 'Beach Magic' with Bill and Chris Beach, 'Seascape' with Peter and Alli Briggs and 'Fresh Air' with yours truly, John and Susan Williams. Winds for the sail north were light and as we all know, on the nose. Temperatures for the day were not too hot due to the overcast skies.

Settling in for the evening brought more clouds, but the locals put on quite the fireworks show despite the impending weather. It seemed like the neighbors competed for the best display! Later in the evening the wind picked up and we got the true firework show- only with lightening. The boats were washed during the night and Saturday brought gray skies and mild temps.

Bill and Chris decided to return home. Windwalker and Dream Time made contact with us to go to Crown Point Marina, but we decided to stay in the rivers since the weather was so mild. We motored to School House Point in the Severn River for Saturday night. A few other boats joined us, and we enjoyed another late night boat washing by Mother Nature. Sunday morning we broke our raft about 11 and motor-sailed homeward. When we got to the Hampton Roads channel we were met with a heavy downpour (no wind) to make sure the boats were Really Clean! All in all a lovely weekend.

Susan SO. Williams

## Need A Crew?

This email was received on Monday.

Name: Dennis Kwapis  
Email: [dkwapis88@yahoo.com](mailto:dkwapis88@yahoo.com)  
Subject: Crew  
Hear About: search engine

Comments: I am going to be in VA Beach for the next 6 weeks, and am looking to join a boat possibly as crew. I am experienced with 18 years of racing. If you know of anyone needing crew can you please contact or call me 603.513.8777. Thanks and I hope see someone on the water.

## **BoatUS Cooperating Agreement**

We have renewed our Cooperating Group Agreement with BoatUS for 2007-2008. BBSA members may join BoatUS for \$12.50, half of the regular annual \$25.00 dues rate.

## **Burgees**

Beverly Borberg, 460-1051; bevborberg@yahoo.com

If you want a Burgee, I generally have them at the meetings and will also mail them. If bought directly from me, the Burgees cost \$18, but will cost \$19 if mailed. They look great on boats, especially at BBSA functions, so let's try to be close to a 100% Burgee club.

## **Sunshine Chairman**

As Sunshine Chairman, I am responsible for extending greetings, sympathy, or congratulations on behalf of Broad Bay Sailing. As I cannot possibly be aware of all that is happening within our membership, please help me to respond if someone is in need of some "sunshine". My phone number is (757) 497-5783 or e-mail will reach me at chassail@infionline.net.

Many thanks for your help. Kathie Roberts

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