

# Broad Bay Banter

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## August Meeting

**The August BBSA general meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 18th,** at the ODU Sailing Center. The social hour will be at 7:00 with a movie at 7:30 or so.

**Please bring some snacks and sea stories.**

## Racing News

By Scott Almond

WR wins again! BBSA's Willoughby Racers won the team event of this year's PBC/BBSA Little Bay Challenge by a narrow margin of 2 points over Hampton Yacht Club and Old Point Comfort Yacht Club. Once again, PBC put on an outstanding post-race party complete with plenty of food and a live band. Also big thanks to Rebel Marine for allowing us the use of the Breezeway Cafe. Special thanks to Amy Bourne for the use of her boat for Race Committee.

Top BBSA Finishers:

RED FLEET - 1st Place - TREATY OF GHENT, Jim Williams

BLUE FLEET - 1st Place - BOO NASTY, Dave Bettis

BLUE FLEET - 2nd Place - FINE, Jonathan and Bethany Phillips

BLUE FLEET - 3rd Place - MELANTHO - Jack Clayton

Complete results can be found on our website at:

<http://www.broadbaysailing.org/racing/phrf.asp>

BBSA also participated in the 14th Annual Hampton Roads Regatta / Little Creek Cup. Big thanks to those BBSA members who came out to participate and support the worthy cause of the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. This year's race featured great weather and an outstanding post-race party! Complete results have been posted on our website and can be seen using the above link. Below are the winners of the 3 perpetual trophies:

Suzanne Pavlat Memorial Award - Donation Handicap Racing Formula

GRACEFUL - Rob Beck

Dick Schrader Memorial Award - Overall Winner - PHRF Fleet

FIVE SPEED - Eric Schwab

Will Galloway Memorial Award - Overall Winner - Cruising Fleet

CYMRU - Bob Howell

Coming up this month is the Cape Charles Cup. There are currently over 70 entries, but there's plenty of room for more! For more information, please go to [www.CCCup.net](http://www.CCCup.net) . Hurry up as the entry deadline is 17 August 2009!

Some upcoming dates of which to be aware:

Plantation Light – August 14 – Race #3 in the Chesapeake Bay Distance Racing Series (CBDRS) - [www.hamponyc.com](http://www.hamponyc.com)

Cape Charles Cup – August 22-23 – Races #4 and #5 in the CBDRS - [www.CCCup.net](http://www.CCCup.net)

CCV Moonlight Triangle – August 29 – Race #6 in the CBDRS - [www.ccvracing.org](http://www.ccvracing.org)

CCV Fall Series #3 - September 20 - Race #7 in the CBDRS - [www.ccvracing.org](http://www.ccvracing.org)

Neptune's Atlantic Regatta – September 26th – Race #8 in the CBDRS – [www.broadbaysailing.org](http://www.broadbaysailing.org)

## Cape Charles Cup

By Jim Williams

It's not too late to enter the Cape Charles Cup! We'll take your entry right up to the cutoff time of Monday evening, August 17th at 5:00! Bay Creek Resort Marina is ONLY taking reservations from Cape Charles Cup participants, so ya gotta BE in to GET in!

The channel has been freshly dredged, the first gun on Sunday is an hour later than it was last year and the musical performers at Bay Creek will be the same as last year. All of this adds up to an event that will be even more fun than last year's edition.

Don't miss this great event! Check the Web site ([www.CCCup.net](http://www.CCCup.net)) for details and to download the entry form. If you have further questions, please call me at MAD-BOAT (623-2628), or Scott Almond at 471-2663

## Breaking News!!! Shark Bites Jerry

Shark Catamaran National Championships were held in Put-In-Bay, Ohio on Aug.6th -8th . Jerry Pattenaude tries for his fifth National title. Disaster in race #5 of six causes Jerry to fall from 2nd place after four races to 6th place overall. Oh no! More details to follow next month.

## Commodore's Comments

JULY has been a busy month for the sailing. Boat delivery's, race weeks, thursday nights, and log canoes. Sailing is a lifestyle for alot of people. Weather it is cruising or racing, or just sailing. It's fun sailing on big boats, but small boats are great! (so much closer to the water, the feeling of nature is greater I feel).

High School Sailing is starting up soon. Try out's start on the 17th of August, and the final regatta will be held on the 30th of october. estimating 215 hours of labor for the season. Lot of time on the water.

Sailing really is a sport for all people. weather male or female, skinny or large, short or tall, rich or poor, young or old. And for some reason you can meet some of the world's biggest character's through sailing, and hear some really funny stories. I think that's why sailing is a lifestyle.

Keep your bottoms and props clean, and keep your crew happy at all times.  
Full sails and happy smiles, Commadore Drinkwater

## Cruising News

### BBSA 2009 Summer Cruise

Plans for this year's cruise started early with a large group of folks meeting at the Raven on a cold wet winter night, if nothing else we were all dreaming of sailing, warm anchorages and of course sun downers .

**Jackson Creek:** Day one had us all anchoring in Jackson Creek just in time for a beautiful sunset, one of which we had to earn. A front had passed the night before leaving us with strong winds out of the North West creating those well known Bay rollers and to add insult to injury the current was against us so that at times our speed over ground was just a little over 3kts. A long day but all of us on Modus Vivendi, Windwalker, and Dreamtime were rewarded with enough time left in the day to play and explore the creek, culminating with dinner on board under the stars.

**Coan River:** Our second night, July 4th, was to be an anchorage in the Coan River located just a few miles up the Potomac. The winds continued to be out of the North West, although they were considerably lighter and we all managed to sail, at least until we turned into the wind for our transit of the Potomac. Arriving in the Coan River, we chose to follow the Glebe and anchored in a beautiful little cove where we settled in for play and relaxation. July 4th of course would not be complete without fireworks, and we were not to be disappointed as our anchorage provided us with a variety of shows in all directions lasting well into the night. Fireworks and air horns onboard as well, with the crew on Modus Vivendi setting

off firecrackers on the bow, where one of them even tried to blow their Mom's hair off her head. A great night, with no traffic or multitudes to contend with.

**Solomons:** Tonight was to be our first of many Marina stops and our only bad weather of the entire two weeks. The winds continued out of the North West, the day was cloudy with a few rain showers, although the forecast was for the worst to be late in the afternoon, and just a little cold. Foul weather jackets in July? Although chilly, it was a good sail arriving at Zanheiser's early in the afternoon. The plans of course were to spend the afternoon at the pool but with the chilly weather and cloudy day, we spent the day in search of provisions. As forecast, the rain held off until the cocktail hour, where we all huddled under canvas to enjoy those sundowners before dinner at DiGiovanni's Dock of the Bay.

**Oxford:** Leaving the Solomons early on Monday morning to cross the bay for the Choptank River and then the Tred Avon. The sun was back, the temperatures climbing and light winds of the North requiring us once again to motor sail, at least until we entered the Choptank. Oxford is a quaint village, boasting the Scottish Highland Creamery serving some of the best all natural handmade ice cream I have ever had (Be cautious of the Peppermint as it will knock your socks off). If for no other reason, this ice cream shop makes this a must stop on a cruise north on the bay. We ended the day with our first BBQ of the cruise at a wonderful picnic area at Mears Yacht Haven. The food was great, but the night would not have been complete without our world class Frisbee demonstration.

**Cambridge:** Our shortest transit of the Cruise. The winds continued out of the North providing us a great Broad Reach all the way into the Cambridge Yacht Club. A club located on a point of land boasting a small bar and restaurant that claims to have the best food in town. The club provided us all with a warm welcome, although we should mention that their slips which are numerous, are as wide as they are long, making it a real chore to tie up.

**St. Michaels:** Leaving Cambridge early in the morning, while the rest of my crew sleeps, Windwalker, Dreamtime and Modus Vivendi set a course to Knapps Narrows for our transit. The crew on Modus Vivendi especially liked this part, as it included a bridge lift and a view of the workboats returning with their catches. Once through the Narrows we were forced once again to motor sail north through the Poplar Island Channel with winds on the nose and it was not until we were able to alter our course through the Eastern Bay and the Miles River that we were able to sail. Once in St. Michaels we tied up to the St. Michaels City Docks, located in town and only a short dinghy ride or walk to the Crab Claw restaurant and of course the Chesapeake Maritime Museum. St. Michael's is filled with shops of all genres with something for everyone to explore. Of course, the most important and frequented was the Ice Cream Parlor on the south side of the town. The Chesapeake Maritime Museum, with wonderful tours of the lighthouse, the boat shed and the Waterman's exhibits where we all tried our hand at crabbing and oystering. Reservations for dinner on our first night was at the Crab Claw, a great casual place complete with newspaper for the crab pickers.



**Annapolis:** Following two days in St. Michaels, we once again set sail with a southerly breeze for Annapolis. A relaxing sail until we arrived in the vicinity of this famous sailing capital where boat traffic increases considerably. Windwalker, Dreamtime, and Modus Vivendi tied up at the Annapolis Yacht Haven in downtown Annapolis after weaving our way into the harbor. Our flotilla grew here with the addition of L'Attitude and Stargazer II. With two days to explore, we visited the Naval Academy, watched the new Plebes spending their summer learning to march, walked up the hill to visit the State Capital, visiting the shops along the way, stopped at the Ice Cream factory along Ego Alley for great cones, and of course Pussers for their world famous Pain Killers.

**Rockhall:** Our next and most northerly stop before starting our transit back to the Hampton Roads area. The make-up of our flotilla changed once again, with Stargazer II and L'Attitude opting to stay a third night in Annapolis and Modus Vivendi losing all of her crew as they land cruised back to the Beach. The winds had clocked once again to the West and we started the sail with plans for a wonderful Beam Reach, which was just that until we reached the Bay Bridge. Not forecast but the winds clocked once again right on the nose, which seems to have become a common occurrence. We all checked into Rockhall Landing Marina, where the staff was by far the most helpful and enthusiastic and enjoyed a relaxing afternoon prior to dinner at Waterman's.

**Dunn Cove:** The start of our southerly transit with a planned track back through Knapps Narrows into just north of the Narrows. A quiet spot just off Harris Creek, although as with a lot of places on the bay, the shallows outnumber the deep spots. We met L'Attitude and Stargazer II already in the cove, and we were joined by Nuance where we all rafted up for the evenings get together. In addition to our own club, we were joined by one other boat who; upon seeing a gathering; quickly put together some great appetizers and rowed over to see if they could join us. Sailors; all are welcome.



**Solomon's:** Our departure from Dunn Cove was truly a Kodak moment, a great picture with all of the boats in a line on a Broad Reach heading for the Choptank. The sail was just fantastic. The wind survived until we reached the bay where Mother Nature, seeing that we had too much of a good thing, left us becalmed. Frustrating, but still a beautiful sun filled day for our return into the Solomons. The Flotilla divided up, with some heading for the Solomon's Yacht Club, where they were also joined by Restless VIII and some to Spring Cove. The Solomons a great stop for sailors complete with most everything that a sailor would need ashore. We all explored, enjoyed a great meal at Boomerangs on the first night and BBQ'd on the second. A few of us tourists even took time to visit the Calvert's Maritime museum where they too have a restored lighthouse (which they claim to be better than the one in St. Michaels, which we all agreed). As luck would have it, the replica of John Smith's Shallop; which was used in the reenactment of his travels on the bay was also on display. I am not sure that I would have wanted to row this boat around the bay.

**Great Wicomico:** Leaving the Solomon's with a forecast of 15-20kt winds out of the South West, we hoisted reefed sails for an anticipated bumpy ride south. A great sail with speeds of more than 7kts across the bottom, all the way to the Potomac where once again we were becalmed. We motored the remainder of the way, successfully negotiating the maze of fish traps protecting the entrance to this magnificent river. Our flotilla rafted up near Horn Harbor, with plans for dinner at the Horn Harbor Restaurant. A quiet night under a full moon, perfect for relaxing in the cockpit.



**Indian Creek Yacht and Country Club:** We returned to Virginia and a grand BBSA get together at this idyllic setting for a club. We all arrived early in the afternoon with time enough for socializing and relaxing on the dock and at the pool, at least until the afternoon thunderstorms passed through. A spectacular light show, with over 100 lightening strikes in the area and enough rain to fill various dinghies. Our flotilla now had grown to 9 boats, with the addition of Beach Magic, where we filled two large tables at the club for dinner. This was the last night for many as they headed back home, leaving only Dreamtime, Windwalker and Modus Vivendi for the last stop at Dozier's Regatta Point.

**Deltaville:** Light winds, but only a short distance to travel, saw all three boats under full sail to round Windmill Point. Dozier's is a wonderful destination for the final night of any cruise, with a great area for cookouts, and then of course the rocking chairs on the veranda of which we all enjoyed. As we rocked with our final drinks in hand, thoughts and plans turned to next year's BBSA cruise with plans already in the works of where to anchor, dock and what towns to visit.

## **Membership News**

### **Burgees**

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I generally always have Burgees at our meetings, and the cost there is \$18; however, if I mail one to you the cost is \$19. We have new members, and I would be very happy to supply you with a Burgee! I am hoping that soon we will have a large majority of boats with burgees.

### **Email changes**

Here are two email address changes:

BISHER MUFTI [BFMufti@gmail.com](mailto:BFMufti@gmail.com)

PHILIP HARRISON [pharrison2@verizon.net](mailto:pharrison2@verizon.net)

Phil has retired from Haynes.