

# Broad Bay Banter

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**MAY 2011**

## **COMMODORE'S CORNER**

It was great to see the large turnout at our annual April meeting aboard the Rover. The weather could not have been any better and everybody had a good time with plenty of food and drink. The Captain and crew of the Rover were once again wonderful hosts. The Rover is celebrating its 25<sup>th</sup> year and we have been doing our annual trip aboard for over half of that time.

BBSA will be hosting its first PHRF race of the year this month on May 14<sup>th</sup>. The Cape Henry Cup is a distance race around government marks. The entry fee is waived for all BBSA members. For those of you who don't usually race, there is also a cruising class. More information on this race can be found on our web site. I hope to see a big turnout from the BBSA fleet.

We have several cruises scheduled this month. The first is a weekend cruise to Waterside Marina on May 21<sup>st</sup> hosted by Jim and Bev Borberg with a South of the Border theme. The second is a Memorial Day weekend cruise hosted by Doug and Judy Rose. Check out the 2011 Cruising schedule on our web site to get more information.

Our May meeting will be held at the ODU Sailing center on Tuesday, May 17<sup>th</sup>. This meeting will be our annual pot luck dinner and presentation of the trophy's for the Cape Henry Cup.

Now let's get out on the water and have some fun!

David Hughes

## **MAY MEETING– Pot Luck Dinner – Cape Henry Cup Awards Presentation**

ODU Sailing Center, Tuesday, May 17<sup>th</sup> – 6:30pm

Our May Pot Luck Dinner will be held on Tuesday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, at the Old Dominion Sailing Center. Award winners in the Cape Henry Cup Race will be invited to share our feast and receive their awards. Sea stories will start around 6:30pm and will be followed by dinner and awards.

Please bring a covered dish, salad, or dessert to share. Adult beverages will be available for a small donation.

## **PHRF RACING**

by Scott Almond

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Racing (and diaper-changing) season is now in full swing. BBSA's first regatta of the year, the Cape Henry Cup, is this weekend, May 14th. The \$25 entry fee is **WAIVED** for all BBSA members. Registration is easy on our website: [www.broadbaysailing.org](http://www.broadbaysailing.org). Also posted there are the notice of race and the sailing instructions (link at the lower right corner of the homepage). There will be starts for all PHRF classes as well as a Cruising Class start. Awards will be presented at the

BBSA Potluck Dinner at ODU on May 17th. The Cape Henry Cup is the 2nd race of the Chesapeake Bay Distance Racing Series (CBDRS) <http://www.broadbaysailing.org/downloads/files/2011-0chesapeakebaydistanceracingseriesnor.pdf> .

Also coming up at the beginning of next month is the area's premier racing competition of the year - Southern Bay Race Week. Information can be found at: [www.blacksealcup.com](http://www.blacksealcup.com) . The organizers have revised the Cruising Fleet racing this year, which includes races on Saturday and Sunday around government/fixed marks in the area between Little Creek Inlet and Ocean View. Make your plans to race now!

Upcoming dates (and past date) of which to be aware:

3 May - Birth date of Harrison Hilton Almond, 5lbs 5oz. Mego and son are doing very well!

14 May - Previous due date of aforementioned boy. Megan is to be commended for clearing up the possible R/C conflict for Scott.

14 May - Cape Henry Cup - CBYRA Event # 405, Race #2 in the CBDRS - [www.broadbaysailing.org](http://www.broadbaysailing.org)

17 May - Cape Henry Cup Awards Presentation at BBSA Meeting - ODU Sailing Center

26 May - Jimmy Buffett in concert at Farm Bureau Live Amphitheater in Virginia Beach

27 May – Down the Bay Race - <http://www.hamptonyc.com/downthebay/>

3-5 June - Southern Bay Race Week - [www.blacksealcup.com](http://www.blacksealcup.com)

20-21 August - BBSA's Cape Charles Cup - [www.CCCup.net](http://www.CCCup.net)

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## **CRUISING**

Busy! Busy! Busy! What a start to the sailing season – below is a report on the Loop Cruise and reminders and information on the Waterside – South of the Border Cruise and Memorial Weekend Cruise.

Planning ahead for summer cruises – Cruising schedule and 2week and 1 week cruise details are on the BBAS website.

See y'all on the dock at Waterside! Jim and Susan

## **SOUTH OF THE BORDER PARTY AT WATERSIDE, May 21-22.**

If you like, come dressed in your senior and seniorita costumes and enjoy Jim's signature drink, Goombay Smash, at the dockside party. The fun starts at 4:30 in front of Dreamtime at Waterside. Later we will stroll over to Kinkaid's for dinner at 7:00. The reservations will be in the name of BBSA.

If there is any question (possible weather conditions) about the party, call me at 757 460 1051 or my cell 757 581 9250 or Jim's cell 757 581 9210.

Bad Weather Cruise will just be dinner at Kinkaid's at 7:00.

Those coming by boat are responsible for making their slip reservations at Waterside. And I need to know by Sunday May 15 whether you are coming for just the dockside party (we want enough drink!) or if you are coming for both the party and dinner at the restaurant. Hasta Luego!!!!

## MEMORIAL DAY CRUISE

Saturday- Sail to the home of Roy & Irene Weisert on the East River off Mobjack Bay. It is located about 1/2 mile north of Williams Wharf on the right hand side of the river. The pier is south east across the river from green marker 15. There is room for 5 or 6 boats on the dock, and lots of anchoring room. Bring something to cook on the barbecue Saturday evening.

Sunday- Take a lazy sail out the East River and around to the North River, then up the North River to Blackwater Creek on the right hand side. Anchor for the evening in Blackwater Creek in the vicinity of Red/Green "93GC"

Monday- Home

If you have questions or need more information, contact Doug Rose.

## "LOOP CRUISE" REPORT

The BBSA's inaugural , Palm Sunday Weekend, "Loop Cruise" began Friday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, with 1 boat already sailing to Elizabeth City, 2 boats sailing into the Dismal Swamp Canal, 2 boats sailing to anchorage just before the Dismal Swamp Canal, 3 boats sailing around to Waterside, and 1 boat staying put at it's slip at Tidewater Yacht. With such an organized beginning, this cruise was sure to be "interesting".

Saturday's historic weather would prove to be a challenging test to the disorganized flotilla as 1 boat, Rejoice, stayed at Waterside, 2 boats, L'Attitude and Va Breeze, left Waterside Saturday at 06:30, to be joined by Shangrila from Tidewater Yacht, and, about 08:00, from their anchorage , Dreamtime and Rhumba; while Restless and L'Stargeezer, proceeded South in the Dismal Swamp Canal from their dockage at the NC Welcome Center.

As winds increased, the flotilla(s) locked into, motored South on, and locked out of, the Dismal Swamp Canal, (in it's early Spring splendor), with some "locking" excitement, until, by afternoon, they approached the day's objective, Elizabeth City's City Docks.

Midday winds gusts to 40kts forced Restless and L'Geezer to abort the city docks and seek dockage at a nearby boatyard. Rhumba, sensing possible dockage difficulty's, chose to anchor at a protected ( secret) location on the Pasquotank River, leaving L'Attitude, Va Breeze, and Dreamtime to (sorta) skillfully dock their vessels as beam winds gusted above 30kts, and Shangrila to join Restless and L'Geezer. All boats ultimately settled into their "accommodation" without damage or injury. Most crews then enjoyed a wonderful dinner across the street from the City Docks at one of Elizabeth City's best new restaurants (on prom night). Immediately following dinner (about 9PM) all boats received a complimentary (and quite thorough) deck wash down from an intense squall line that produce numerous tornadoes in the region.

After a great night's sleep, on Palm Sunday morning, ALL boats ( except "Petto Rosso", who had felt the weather would be too threatening ) finely joined company for a glorious downwind sail out of the Pasquotank River, around Camden Pt, and up the North River to Coinjock, where we were the welcome guests of Midway Marina. Following a great Happy Hour on Shangra'La, all crews enjoyed a (by invitation to only BBSA crews) great dinner (and entertainment from the chief) at Midway Marina's fine restaurant.

Monday morning, Rhumba and Shangrila were underway early to cruise home, while the remaining 5 boats motored to Atlantic Yacht Basin at Great Bridge, where, thanks to the owner's VERY gracious offer of free dockage (thanks to his friendship with Chip and Lemoine Jones), we all eventually arrived safely..... But, not before swimming practice by a male crewmember of one yacht and a slight mid canal altercation by the crews of 2 other vessels. That evening most crews enjoyed yet another wonderful meal at one of Great Bridges's finest new Italian restaurants.

Tuesday, all but Va Breeze, completed their "circumnavigation" by returning to Little Creek, completing the Great Inaugural "Loop Cruise".

It should be noted that several awards were earned by BBSA members during this cruise ...

1 - The BBSA's "Kamakazai Docking" merit badge, was awarded to all crews who attempted to dock at Elizabeth City ...

2- The BBSA's " First Swimmer of the Season" merit badge, was awarded to and unnamed Va Breeze crew member ... and ...

3 – The BBSA's most difficult to achieve, " Boats-in-a-Tree" merit badge was earned by 2 other unnamed crews ... the details of which remain obscure.

This report submitted by ...

Your most humble "loop Cruise" director, and quasi first mate of L'Attitude, Bucky Harrison

## **BURGEES AND SHIRT AND CAP ORDER INFORMATION**

The Burgees are always for sale for \$20 and I will have my bag full with me at the meeting.  
I will also have the shirts and caps that were ordered by some of the members at the meeting.  
Bev Borberg

## **MEMBERSHIP NEWS**

We welcome Dave Groose and Liz and Kevin Hartz to membership in BBSA.

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