



Broad Bay Banter

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COMMODORE'S CORNER

Jim Currie, commodore@broadbaysailing.org

The banter is one way BBSA attempts to keep you apprised of all the activities regarding sailing in the Southern Bay. However our monthly meetings are still the best way of keeping up to date with news and also to meet old and new friends. The details of this month's meeting are outlined below. Our April meeting will, as normal, be held aboard the American Rover and I would urge all members to include this date in their diaries as it is one of the fun events of the season. The date will be announced shortly.

I have heard rumors that Spring is on its way so it should not be much longer before we are back out on the Bay.

Safe sailing to all our members.

Jim Currie

This month's membership meeting will be Tuesday, March 18th, 6:30pm, at:
Cypress Point Country Club
5340 Club Head Road
Virginia Beach, VA

RACING NEWS

Scott Almond, racing@broadbaysailing.org

PHRF Racing News:

The 2014 Southern Bay racing calendar has been posted on the lower right hand corner of our homepage, www.broadbaysailing.org . The first big-boat races of the season are only a month away as Little Creek starts their Wednesday Night Race Series on April 2nd and Willoughby starts their Thursday Night Series the next day. Registration for these games is on March 22nd and March 20th, respectively. Racing dues can be paid by credit card at www.broadbaysailing.org/renew/index.asp . Also on the horizon is the area's most competitive regatta of the season, Southern Bay Race Week, scheduled for May 29 - June 1. The Early Bird Entry deadline is April 28th; details can be found at www.blacksealcup.com . Start fairing those keels...

Some important dates of which to be aware:

March 20th - Willoughby Racers Thursday Night Series Registration

March 22nd - Little Creek Sailing Association 2013 Awards and 2014 Kick-Off Social

April 2nd - LCSA Wednesday Night Series begins

April 3rd - WR Thursday Night Series begins

April 27th - CCV Spring Series Race #3 - Race 1 in the Southern Bay Distance Racing Series (SBDRS) - www.ccvracing.org

May 17th - Cape Henry Cup - CBYRA Event #404 - Race 2 in the SBDRS

This year's Southern Bay Racing Schedule is posted on the lower right hand corner of our homepage: www.broadbaysailing.org .

Little Creek Sailing Association Wednesday Races – Randy Goodman:

lcsa@broadbaysailing.org

Mark your calendars.....

The LCSA 2013 awards and 2014 kickoff meeting will be on **Saturday March 22nd from 2:00 to 5:00PM** at our house:

3721 S. Queensgrove Circle

Virginia Beach, VA 23452

Racing Season is just around the corner for Little Creek Racers. This is the first year you can pay your BBSA and LCSA dues online. \$55 covers both. We will also be collecting at the kick-off party and will have Race Committee sign-ups. RSVP for the Awards/kick-off party to Randy Goodman, if you haven't.

This year we will have a slightly different season format, with 5 x 5-race series, all with set dates.

2014 Sailing Instructions and more on the Racing Rules Refresher seminar will come out soon.

Skippers should get their 2014 PHRFs applications submitted.

Join the Little Creek Sailing Association Facebook site at

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/250807138384289/>

Key dates below:

19 Mar LCSA Racing Rules Refresher Seminar at offices above Surf Rider restaurant

22 March 2013 Awards Ceremony and 2014 Kickoff Party

02 April LCSA Series 1 Starts

Willoughby Racers Thursday Races – Rick Perkins:

willoughbyracers@broadbaysailing.org

It hardly seems appropriate to think of racing on the heels of a 25 degree day – Brrr! Nevertheless, Spring is coming. Don't let that lubberly groundhog get you down, Thursday Night racing begins in just a few short weeks. If you haven't yet signed up, \$80 covers all three series and includes BBSA Membership. Skippers who have already paid their 2014 BBSA dues should deduct \$35. Entries received after April 1, 2014 will pay \$20 a series plus \$35 for your 2014 BBSA dues if not already paid. You can download the application at <http://www.broadbaysailing.org/about/join.asp>.

Important Dates:

March 20, 2014 – Willoughby Racers Signup and Orientation Night, 630PM at Rebel Marina.

March 27, 2014 – Refresher on how to do "Your Race Committee Night," 6PM at Rebel Marina.

April 3, 2014 – Willoughby Racers Spring Series begins.

Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions are coming soon. Check our website

<http://www.broadbaysailing.org/racing/willoughby.asp> and our Willoughby Racers Facebook page for updates and more information.



SOUTHERN BAY RACE WEEK

May 30, May 31, & June 1, 2014

Hampton, Virginia



- **AS ALWAYS!** SBRW Southern Hospitality where the Racers are the Top Priority - 3 Days of Great Racing and 4 Nights of Great Parties!
- **BEST BANG ON THE BAY FOR YOUR RACING BUK\$!**
\$25 SBRW LOYALTY DISCOUNT for all returning SBRW 2013 boats, plus **Early Bird incentives** - \$150/\$155 **EARLY BIRD** Entry fee + 10 complimentary regatta drink tickets. Entry after April 28th - \$160 USSA members, \$165 non-USSA members, \$99 Cruising Fleet - racing on Saturday and Sunday only. (*Early Bird Cruising*, \$89)
- **NEW! ON-LINE ENTRY** available at www.yachtscoring.com as well as paper entry form
- Check-in and Welcome Party - Thursday evening, May 29th, at SBRW Regatta Headquarters, Hampton Yacht Club, Hampton, VA;
- **Racing on a different venue in a different format each day for PHRF Spinnaker Classes A, B, C, PHRF Non-Spin (double headsail allowed), One-Design classes, and Cruising;**
- **CBYRA Wild Card** - SBRW score counts in every Region for High Point;
- Outstanding race management, mark boat operation, and fast results;
- SBRW finish procedure designed to minimize wait time between races;
- Smaller, tighter fleets that create closer, more exciting racing;
- **AGAIN! Very special rates for SBRW racers at Crowne Plaza, Hampton;**
- Morning breakfast buffets and carry aboard lunches available at HYC;
- **PHOTOBOAT** will be on the course photographing the action;
- **SBRW gear** - **CORAL REEF SAILING APPAREL** on-line option means racers can **order regatta gear in advance ON-LINE** or purchase at the regatta: use **10% discount code EARLYSB** if ordering by May 12th.
- **BOAT of the DAY** recognition and daily fleet awards each night;
- **BLACK SEAL CUP** presented to overall winner of the regatta;
- Awards, entertainment, shirts, vendors, food, drink, and more each night;
- Reasonably priced food selections under the regatta tent or in HYC lounge

Y'ALL Come Racin'!

SBRW Event Chairman: Jack Pope, Principal Race Officer: John McCarthy
For info: Lin McCarthy, (757) 850-4225 mcbear@earthlink.net or www.yachtscoring.com



Southern Bay Race Week (SBRW) – John McCarthy:

Fellow BBSA Members,

Let me take this opportunity to recommend to you Southern Bay Race Week. Many BBSA folks are already enjoying SBRW as part of their summer schedule. For those who are not, I urge you to take a fresh look at this truly unique event.

Lin and I have seen SBRW grow and mature into what we honestly feel is now the best racing event on the Chesapeake Bay. Consider:

*Three wonderful days of racing on three different venues in three different formats:

- Friday – Triangles in the harbor (Cruising Fleet does not race)
- Saturday – A unique and exciting distance race in the Bay off Buckroe/Salt Ponds
- Sunday – Traditional windward/leeward racing off Ocean View

*Four nights of great parties:

- Thursday – Welcome Party & Skippers Meeting (**free beer and eats**)
- Friday & Saturday – Live music, adult beverages, food, and awards galore
- Sunday – Awards party with music, hot dogs and beverages, and tons of awards

*A special Cruising Fleet designed for our cruiser/racers:

- Racing only on Saturday and Sunday (but still party every day)
- **Reduced entry fee**
- Somewhat more relaxed racing
- **No need for skipper or crew to take time off from work on Friday**
- All the same awards and prizes including “Cruising Boat of the Day”

*Best bang for your racing buck\$ you’ll find anywhere

- **Early Bird entry of \$150 (for PHRF and One Design) plus 10 free drink tickets**
- **Special Early Bird Cruising Fleet entry fee of \$89 (plus 10 free drink tickets)**
- **Additional \$25 “Loyalty Discount” to all boats returning from 2013**
- Absolutely the best racing value we know of

Given all this, I urge each of you to consider coming out and enjoying SBRW 2014.

Indeed, “bookend” your summer with SBRW in June and Cape Charles Cup in August. You’ll be enjoying the two best racing events this side of the Potomac River (or beyond)! Trust me, it just gets no better than that!

For information, contact Lin or me at (757) 850-4225 or mcbear@earthlink.net

OR click on www.yachtscoring.com for tons of information:

**Everything you need to know about the regatta

**Enter on-line or print out paper entry if you prefer

****Enter early and save \$\$\$ plus receive 10 free drink tickets (just to get you started)**

**This is a great regatta, right at your front door, carefully designed and formatted to offer something for every racing (and partying) taste. And all for a wonderfully low cost!

So, what are you waiting for? Let’s go racing!!

CRUISING NEWS

Bev Borberg, bevborberg@yahoo.com, or cruising@broadbaysailing.org, or 460 1051

The cruising planning meeting was held at our home on March 9. It was great, because everyone was so enthusiastic about planning a season of sailing, and the food and sea stories were delicious and fun to hear.

The weather is so unpredictable for March and April that no cruises were officially planned, but if anyone wants to at the last minute plan a week end get together just let me know and I will have Karl send out a quick note to the membership with details.

May 3 – 4 is our official kick off cruise at Waterside. My assistant Jim will make reservations for 10 boats at Waterside for BBSA, but each individual will have to make their own reservations. On Sat. at 4:00 we will have a party on the dock outside our boat, *DREAMTIME*. Jim will make his specialty drink Goombay Punch and appetizers can be brought to the party. After the party you can either eat on your boat or make your own dinner plans. Please let me know if you are coming, just so enough punch is made!

May 17 – 18 Cape Charles City Marina: Andy and Carmen Spittler will sponsor this.

May 24 – 26, Memorial Day week end: Bucky Harrison and Leslie will be in charge of this. We plan to go to East River with at least one night at Roy and Irene Weisert's dock.

May 31 – June 1 – Hampton Pirates' Festival raft up. Capt. John Scott will sponsor this.

Details of the two week cruise are on the next page.

Capt. John Scott has an alternate cruise for the two week cruise for those who can't take that much time off. **The cruise is from June 26 to July 5.** Includes Cape Charles, Onancock, Crisfield, Tangier, Indian Creek, Good Luck Winery (with BBSA), Sarah's Creek, Fishing Bay, Cape Charles. Call him for details, 757 729 1990, or flyingblueyes@hotmail.com

July 12 – 13, Waterside: Tides baseball game, Capt. John Scott is sponsor

July 26 – 27, Cape Charles City Marina: John and Mary Bergman sponsors

August 9 – 10, Warwick Yacht Club: Frits and Sancy Isham sponsoring

August 16 – 17: Cape Charles race

August 30 – Sept 1: Susan and Jim Currie and Doug and Judy Rose will sponsor this. Details will follow.

Sept. 2 – 5, Dinner cruise: This will be going only to marinas and having dinner out. Sergio, Jim and Bev will coordinate this.

Sept. 6 – 7 Hampton Bay Days

Sept. 13 – 14, Back River: Ronda and Karl Shulenburg will sponsor a raft up

Sept. 19 – 21, Yorktown: Lemoine and Chip Jones will sponsor.

October 3 – 4, Smithfield: Sergio Diehl will sponsor.

I have asked all sponsors to give me the information about their cruise so that it can be put in the Banter and then I would like a write up after the cruise to put in the Banter. I always want people to know what good times they are missing.

Thank you to the ones who came to the meeting, it was really fun. Let me know if I need to make any corrections to this information. I am writing this after the party and I have had plenty of good food and wine!

BBSA 2-Week Summer Cruise June 21 through July 6 – Sergio Diehl sergio.diehl@cox.net:

Below is a draft for this year's cruise, and as always some decisions need to be made early to ensure reservations at the marinas, especially around the holidays. The cruise is made up of a few inputs I received over the last few months and I hope provides an equal amount of marinas and anchorages in order to accommodate all. Of course none of these plans preclude anyone from making any individual plans for a particular day (hopefully each of the locations has a convenient Marina or Anchorage in the vicinity). Some highlights:

1. This is primarily a lower Potomac River Cruise.
2. I have of course included a stop at the Krop's winery and as before, Paul and Katie will put on some sort of dinner to enjoy our wine with.
3. Please pay particular attention as this schedule has us enjoying the Fourth of July at the Tides Inn, I thought that if there would be any weekend where everything would be up and running it surely must be Independence Weekend. I have already spoken with Stormy the Marina Manager and he assures me that there is space available, but we will need to make reservations as soon as possible and he will not hold a block for long. If you are interested in that stop, please let me know as soon as possible and I will get a list to Stormy, but to guarantee the reservations you will need to call him in the near future as well, it's a credit card thing. Remember it is easier to cancel a reservation than it is to try and make one later.

Please give me your thoughts and I will tie up any loose ends and start making the block reservations. All this planning and I am ready to go sailing today.

Tentative Two week cruise itinerary:

Date	Day	Mileage	Where			Mooring
21-Jun	Saturday	41	Jackson Creek			Anchor
22-Jun	Sunday	22	Great Wicomico	Cockrell Creek		Anchor
23-Jun	Monday	29	Yecomico River	Shannon Creek	White Point Marina	Marina
24-Jun	Tuesday	13	St Mary's River	Cartagena Creek	St Mary's Yachting Center	Marina
25-Jun	Wednesday	5	St Mary's River	Horseshoe Bend		Anchor
26-Jun	Thursday	23	Nomini Creek			Anchor
27-Jun	Friday	7	St Clements Island			Anchor
28-Jun	Saturday	10	Herring Creek	Tall Timbers Cove	Tall Timbers Marina	Marina
29-Jun	Sunday	15	Glebe River			Anchor
30-Jun	Monday	33	Great Wicomico			Anchor
1-Jul	Tuesday	15	Indian Creek	Indian Creek		Marina
2-Jul	Wednesday	3	Kilmarnock		Chesapeake Boat Basin	Marina
3-Jul	Thursday	36	Tides		Tides Inn	Marina
4-Jul	Friday	0	Tides		Tides Inn	Marina
5-Jul	Saturday	11	Deltaville		Dozier's Regatta Point	Marina
6-Jul	Sunday	43	Home			
	Total	306				

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Sergio Diehl, membership@broadbaysailing.org

Membership Renewal:

This year's Membership renewal forms have all gone out by e-mail and I ask everyone, if you have not done so already, to take a few minutes to fill out the form and e-mail it back to me. I am in the process of creating a fully electronic database which I will then use to generate this year's roster. This form also includes all of the necessary data to sign up for either the Little Creek Sailing Association or Willoughby racers. This year's fees are the same as last year (\$35 BBSA Membership and either \$20 for LCSA or \$45 for the Willoughby racers). Please either mail a check made out to BBSA for the amount indicated or use the following link to pay by credit card or PayPal.

<http://www.broadbaysailing.org/renew/index.asp>

Sunshine Chair News – Kathie Roberts, chassail@infoline.net

As BBSA's Sunshine Chairman, my responsibility is to convey congratulations, sympathy, condolences, get-well wishes, etc. to members or their close relatives when the occasion arises. I am happy to do this, but I need the help of all the membership for this to be effective. So, if you hear of someone in need of any of the above, please let me know. You can reach me at (757) 497-5783 or e-mail chassail@infoline.net. Many thanks for your assistance.

Ship's Store News – Bev Borberg, 757 460 1051, bevborberg@yahoo.com

Burgees will be on sale at the next meeting. The price is \$20 and \$21 to mail. Time to check the condition of your Burgee. If you want a cap or shirt with BBSA logo and ship's name embroidered on it, contact Sean Myers, kila2351@yahoo.com. Tell him Bev suggested it. He does a good job.

Baxter Sailmakers News – Dave Baxter:

I'm very excited to announce my new sailmaker apprentice, Clarke Smal.

Clarke Smal started sailing at a young age, and soon took it head on, sailing the Cape to Rio race on a J28. After high school, he sailed around the world for two and a half years. Upon his return and eventual studies, Clark was selected to the Olympic team, and after that to Team Schosalaza, for the South African bid in the America's Cup. Finishing his degree, he joined the British Army and their offshore sailing team. This allowed him many sailing opportunities, and is how he met his wife, Mary. After 2 tours of Afghanistan, and a wife in the US Navy, he resigned from the British Army, and moved across the pond. Wanting a career in the sailing community, he can now be found at David Baxter Sailmakers, in Norfolk, VA.

BoatU.S. Membership:

BBSA Membership Group ID for BoatU.S. Insurance: **GA81617S**

BBSA members who have their boat insurance with BoatU.S. should be sure they are getting the 50% annual BoatU.S membership discount by using the BBSA Group ID number, GA81617S. If you are not a BoatU.S. member but would like to obtain an application or find out the benefits of a BoatU.S. membership, you may contact Membership Services at 1-800-395-2628 or www.boatus.com for a BoatU.S. Membership application. Those joining for the first time can also receive a 50% discount by mentioning our Cooperating Group ID number GA81617S.

Boat for sale: Independence

Graham Field is selling his boat, Independence, for **\$14,000**. She is an Islander 36. More information appeared in the November and December banter. If you would like to see it again, please contact me (Karl Shulenburg) at the editor email address on the Membership page and I will send it to you. You can also contact Graham at lgrahamfield@gmail.com or 488-3931.

Banter Submissions:

email BBSA Secretary **Karl Shulenburg** at editor@broadbaysailing.org or call (757)374-6034.

The third installment from the Currie's on their Caribbean adventures.

Not much sailing to talk about this time around. As you know we had spreader trouble and had to make it into a marina pronto as the mast had the possibility of falling. We went to the main rigging company in Road Town operated by a Mr. Richardson. He assessed the problem and as a first option would contact the mast manufacturer, Sparcraft, for a replacement insert. The insert is the stainless steel spar that goes through the mast to support the spreaders, which had failed at the weld and on inspection lacked adequate penetration. We also required new end fittings as one was damaged as the spreader fell on deck. The damaged parts were quickly removed but finding a replacement went on over Christmas and Sparcraft were less than helpful. Mr. Richardson is a part time preacher and was preaching on Christmas Day at the little church on Jost Van Dyke and then went to St Kitts for his holiday and returned on January 4th. They had decided to weld the two parts of the insert and this was done by his son who was by all accounts the best welder in the BVIs. Mr. Richardson also made a couple of end fittings from spare parts he had available.

4 weeks in a marina was not how we envisaged our holiday but we did have some interesting times. On the second day a 120 foot yacht took the next berth to us and the crew quickly apologized for intruding on our privacy. When they left the next day they gave us some freshly baked blueberry muffins from the ships galley. The next day a 150 foot yacht parked next to us but unfortunately they did not bring gifts.

We got friendly with a 54 ft catamaran on the adjacent slip. The owner had a 35 ft sailboat in San Francisco but his house was burned down by one of those fires in Colorado and this gave him the opportunity for a life style change.

A live aboard on our dock was Kev a local fisherman. He indicated that since during the months of November and December the amount of fish caught in the BVIs was down 70% and that he had only being able to fish on about 6 occasions because of the strong winds.

The marina was not the most salubrious and the water was a very interesting color. When we eventually left, the bottom of the boat had long entrails that appeared to have become affixed to the seabed. At the first available opportunity I was under the boat scraping off the muck. This was highly appreciated by the shoals of fish that were gorging themselves on the scrapings.

Our original plans were to proceed to Antigua and pick up our long time friends Sue and Harry, who were flying in from the UK. However the weather had been so unpredictable that we decided to stay in the Virgin Islands and our friends would fly into Tortola. This proved a wise decision as the weather was still stormy when they arrived. After spending the first night in the marina we left at around noon time with the sun shining. By the time we had reached Drakes Channel the visibility was almost zero and the wind was blowing 25-30 kts with driving rain. I suggested to our friends that it might be better to proceed downwind to St John's rather than upwind to Virgin Gorda as first planned but they both agreed to proceed to Virgin Gorda. The weather as they said was no worse than the weekends we spent in the English Channel. After about 2 hours of rain and wind the skies suddenly opened and the sun came out. By the time we anchored at Bitter End there was not a cloud in the sky. We had great sailing during the 10 days they were aboard and this brought back good memories of the numerous sailing adventures we had in the past.

The rules of the road as they apply to sailing appear to have no place in the Virgin Islands according to the number of times boats have tried to run into us. On one occasion we were on starboard tack

sailing straight down a channel without any boats in sight when a boat appeared around a headland. Its original course would have taken it in front of me by quite a way but the helmsman had too much sail up for the windy conditions and was losing control. At this point it would have been easy for him to have passed behind me but he fought with his wheel to make sure he was going to pass in front. I kept sailing my line knowing that I could have altered course at the last minute but I wanted to show the idiot how close we were going to pass if he kept going on his course. We missed by the proverbial inches and I could have quite easily have come between him and his dinghy. The fright must have worked as he took down all his sails after the near miss.

The weather in January was more reminiscent of typical Virgin Island weather. The occasional rain shower and winds around 15 kts during the day and lighter at night.

Beating up to Virgin Gorda one day we managed to rip the mainsail. It was along a seam and not too bad but it still meant having to remove the mainsail, including Ballslides and full battens and spending another night in a marina while the mainsail was repaired. We then spent 2 nights in Charlotte Amalie harbour restocking the boat with food and booze. We left on a Sunday morning and proceeded out the east side of the harbor hugging the red buoys to avoid any large boats entering the harbor. At the time there were no boats in the main channel. As I looked forward a large power boat (approx 100 ft) came round the entrance buoy and proceeded to head straight for us. I continued on my present course traveling at about 4 kts. The power boat was approaching at about 20 kts with no thoughts of his speed or proximity to us. I changed course and the boat missed us by about 2 ft and almost swamped our boat. There were people at the helm but they completely ignored us.

As a final note I am amazed at the variety of sports involving sailing/water now available. In my day windsurfing was the adrenalin sport which had superseded surfing. Then along came kite surfing which added a new dimension and now I have seen it all. In St Bart's we witnessed a new craze, the sport of air boarding. This essentially is a board that levitates about 10 ft above the sea using water jet propulsion produced by a jet ski connected to the board with hoses. This sport is not for the faint hearted as the air boarder was catapulted head first several times into the sea while we watched. Each time he magically resurfaced on top of his board to begin again. Oh to be young again.

By the way we are back again in our favorite location, Francis Bay in St John's still enjoying our time in the islands!

AHOY! FROM ONANCOCK TOWN WHARF

We hope that 2014 finds all in good health, good spirits and looking forward to a season of boating to old and new ports. We are reaching out to all with an update of the Onancock Town Wharf. For those of you who may not remember or who want to share this with boaters who have not visited Onancock before, we would like to take this opportunity to give a little information about our town and wharf.

The new Harbor Office is finally finished and ready for use. The new facility has 4 restrooms, each equipped with a shower. Two are handicap accessible. The new facility has a laundry room with a washer and a dryer which is available for use for those renting a slip at the wharf. We also have a new pump out system.

Now that we are fully operational, our rates are \$1.50 per foot per night and electricity is \$5.00 per 30 amp per night and \$10.00 per 50 amp per night. If you rent a slip overnight - the pump out is free. If you are just day sailing or staying on the hook, it cost \$5.00 per pump out. For those who choose to be on the hook, there is a charge for the use of the showers as well. We will be giving a 20% discount on docking for boating clubs when a minimum of 5 vessels dock with us on the same date. Proof of membership is advised. Free WIFI.

The Onancock Creek, which dead ends just past our small wharf, is a 5 mile journey from the mouth of the Bay. Onancock Creek has a depth of 12 feet and is easily navigated. Right before you reach the town wharf, the creek branches into the North Branch, Central Branch and South Branch. The wharf is actually on the Central Branch. Onancock Town Wharf is owned and operated by the Town of Onancock. We have a total of 16 fixed slips. We also have a 94 foot fixed bulkhead for those who prefer a side to tie up. Out of the 16 fixed slips, 11 are transient slips. Out of the 11 fixed transient slips, 3 of those are 20 foot wide and the other 8 are 14 foot wide. 30 amp service is available at all slips and the bulkhead. 50 amp service is available at the bulkhead and the first 5 slips. Potable water is available at all moorings. Depth at the wharf varies. We have a minimum of 6 feet of water at the bulkhead. #1 slip is nearest the office and has 5 - 6 foot of water but by the time you make your way down the dock to #16, it is reduced to 2 - 3 foot. Because we are so small, reservations are recommended. Our tide variance is about 2 feet.

Between the months of May and October, there is a ferry that goes to Tangier Island twice a day. Onancock hosts a number of activities such as the St. Patrick's Day parade coming up in March and the Ice Cream Social in the middle of the summer. Stay connected to Onancock for events.

Onancock is an historic town of approximately 1300 people. Most of the businesses are owned and operated by the local citizens. The town has several fine dining establishments - The Blarney Stone Pub, Bizotto's, Inn & Garden Cafe, Janet's, and Market Street Grill, to name a few. And if after boating all day, you are too tired to walk up town, Mallard's at the Wharf is within sight of your vessel, offering excellent food and on the weekends you get a bonus of live music. The town also has several Bed & Breakfast accommodations as well as a hotel - The Charlotte Hotel - also being one of the finest restaurants around. There are places to get good coffee and fresh pastry like the Corner Bakery and The Bank. Scoops offers not only ice cream but a variety of subs and sandwiches as well. On Saturday mornings the town hosts a Farmer's Market which has a variety of goods which are all local ranging from fresh produce and baked goods to honey, jewelry and other crafts. Shops in town range from galleries and antiques to electronics, jewelry and hardware. Onancock is home to Police, Fire & Rescue Departments, DMV, Sun Trust Bank, Historic Kerr Place, Town Hall, Post Office, Movie Theater and many churches. From the wharf to the nearest business is only a short 3 block walk and most of the businesses are

within walking distance. For those boaters that want or need to venture further to perhaps Wal Mart or Food Lion or even to other towns like Chincoteague for the day, there is public transportation - Star Transit - which can accommodate most interests. If you have bicycles, Onancock is a great place to explore on 2 wheels. Located at the wharf is Southeast Expeditions which rents bikes as well as kayaks for those that wish to explore the streets and creeks. The Town Wharf hopes to be able to rent golf carts this year – please inquire when you call. There is a place in a neighboring town that has rental cars should boaters want to explore the Eastern Shore on their own, visiting local vineyards or just taking a back road cruise to the sea side of the Shore. We do not have a ships store, but if a boater is in need there are a couple of very good marine shops that will gladly come to the wharf to lend a hand such as K&E Marine or Sandpiper Marine. Andy Dize with Shore Electronics can help with any electronic problem on your vessel and is located 4 blocks from the wharf. Once you have visited the Shore by water, then by land, perhaps you would like to have a view from the air. Eastern Shore Hang Gliders is nearby and its owner will provide transportation there and back if you choose to take a flight. Highly recommended!

During these winter months, our hours of operation are limited but come April 1, we will be open 8 am till 5 pm every day. Until then, please feel free to reach out to us by this email - onancockharbor@gmail.com - and as soon as we get into the office we will respond. Also our phone number at the wharf is 757-787-7911 and you are welcomed to leave a message if we are not in and we will respond as soon as we get into the office.

Safe Journey to all.

Kathleen Stevens - Harbor Master
Chuck Herron - Harbor Assistant
Albert Crockett - Harbor Assistant

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