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COMMODORE'S CORNER

Stephanie Sweeney, commodore@broadbaysailing.org

Hello everyone!

April brought BBSA back to the water, which makes me super happy. We started racing, cruising, and getting back to what we all love to do. Please see the racing and cruising updates by Jay and Eric in this Banter!

I had a busy month. And this was the first time I have felt like a little bit of my old "normal" life was back and it was wonderful even if I was wearing a face mask! I started my racing season in our first Wednesday night race on Restless. That Wednesday night was beautiful and the perfect kickoff to the year for BBSA. From there I left for Charleston, SC to join my friend Wilson Hachett from Norfolk Yacht Club at Charleston Race Week on a Wauquiez 40. It was great returning to the premier regatta on the east coast. This year's regatta had 174 boats entered on different race circles. Due to COVID, the event was modified. The modification was no regatta party, which was weird because the Charleston Race Week events are the best I have ever attended in this country. Not having a party did not make a difference. They had boxed food and a bottle of rum that could be picked up for each team. My team stuck together over at the city docks and had a blast just being together. After the event, I spent time with world champion sailor Greg Fisher, who is currently managing the Evolution Sail Loft in Charleston. I left Charleston for Stevensville, MD for the Bay Bridge Boat Show. While I was there, I had dinner at Annapolis Yacht Club with my friend Larry Leonard. If you do not know Larry, he grew up sailing in Annapolis, went on to sail in America's Cup in Australia and built sails for America's Cup 12 Meter boats in California and founded the Quantum Sails Group. We had a fun time talking about this year's America's Cup! I left there for Belhaven and Washington, NC to measure a boat and have a meeting with Pacific Seacraft at the plant where they build Pacific Seacraft boats. Our very own Hank Gifford has a PSC-designed and built boat, so I always think of Hank when I am there. Since coming back home I raced in CCV's Spring Series 3 race on Voodoo 2. Not a bad month even though I spent a whole lot of it driving!



I hope that all of you are getting vaccinated. The state recently opened vaccines to everyone. I feel that we need to give it a few more weeks before I start planning membership meetings. I want to see the vaccination rate higher in our area before we do anything organized within state guidelines. Norfolk and Portsmouth are showing low vaccination rates. The percentage of vaccinated people should be rapidly increasing now that vaccines are easier for everyone to get. The board and I will have a meeting in the upcoming weeks to decide how to move forward. I do want to start having activities as soon as we can responsibly as an organization within state guidelines.

I am looking forward to BBSA's May – warmer weather, warmer water in the bay, Cape Henry Race, and cruises. We have a lot to look forward to as an organization! I will be offshore for part of the month. I plan to fly to Puerto Rico to help my friend, Captain Jim Tingley, bring Hylas 70 "Archangel" back up to the states. I will have my Garmin InReach tracker on the boat and will put the link to the tracker on Facebook so any of you can see where I am. Our departure will be weather-dependent but should be on or close to Sunday, May 16th. Feel free to find me on Facebook and look at the link! Vice Commodore, Jim DiSomma will be here for the Cape Henry Cup and helping with anything needed while I am away. I

hope you all have a great May and get out on the water! Until next time, please look out for COVID updates as I would expect our policies on gatherings, at least outside should start changing as those vaccination numbers begin to increase!

Sail fast,
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RACING NEWS

Jay Thompson, racing@broadbaysailing.org

Jerry Pattenau, onedesign@broadbaysailing.org

The big boat races have started at both Little Creek and Willoughby. The weather has been a little crazy so far and certainly favoring the bigger boats (plenty of wind). Results from these fleets can be found on the website: www.broadbaysailing.org.

To register for the LCSA or Willoughby Racers' weeknight beer can series, notice of race, and details go to website: www.broadbaysailing.org.

Calling our skippers!! BBSA's first big race of the year, the Cape Henry Cup, is scheduled for Saturday, May 15th. The \$25 entry fee is WAIVED for ALL BBSA members... so GET WITH THE PROGRAM and register NOW at <https://broadbaysailing.org>. All members are urged to participate in this race, which was first sailed in May 1974. Details and the notice of race are posted on the website in the Cape Henry Cup documents section. The sailing instructions will be posted by May 12th. There will be starts for all PHRF classes as well as starts for Cruising and CRCA; PHRF N class will be sailed with 2 headsails this year. Awards will be presented at a future date, as COVID – 19 restrictions are eased. The Cape Henry Cup is the 2nd race of the Southern Bay Distance Racing Series (SBDERS); <https://broadbaysailing.org>.

We still need help with committee boat duties for some of our upcoming distance racing. The first race being the Cape Henry Cup on May 15th. If interested, please contact me as soon as possible. racing@broadbaysailing.org

Coming at the beginning of June is the area's premier racing competition, Southern Bay Race Week! To get your summer started off right, this regatta offers area racers 3 great days of racing with 1st class race management and parties every night! There is a Cruising Fleet, which features 2 days of racing for a reduced entry fee. Saturday's race will be a middle-distance race for most fleets (part of the SBDERS).

Please make note of these upcoming dates: May 15th – BBSA Cape Henry Cup - CBYRA Event #403 and Race 2 in the SBDERS – www.broadbaysailing.org.

For questions on the above information or anything about sailboat racing, please do not hesitate to contact me!

Jay Thompson

Racing Fleet Captain

racing@broadbaysailing.org



Broad Bay Sailing Association Presents:

Cape Henry Cup

Saturday – May 15, 2021

ENTRIES: Online entry at www.broadbaysailing.org . Entry Fee - \$25.00 (WAIVED for BBSA members; make checks payable to BBSA or pay during online entry). Entries must be received by 1200 hours, May 14, 2021.

Or send standard CBYRA entries to: Jay Thompson • 2416 Dillingham Rd. • Virginia Beach, VA 23456

The Cape Henry Cup Sailing Instructions can be obtained after May 12 by calling Jay Thompson @ 757-544-7126 or racing@broadbaysailing.org) or at www.broadbaysailing.org .

STARTING LINE: Between an orange flag on the R/C Boat and Day Beacon R “2”/Buckroe (CCV Bay Mark “Y”). In the case of unseasonably high winds, an alternate starting/finishing line location inside the Hampton Roads Harbor may be attempted. The alternate starting/finishing line will be between Nun R N “20”/Hampton Flats (CCV Harbor Mark “H”) and an orange flag on the committee boat. An announcement on VHF channel 72 at approximately 0830 hours on race day will be made if there is a cancellation or change to the race venue.

FINISH LINE: Unless relocated inside the harbor as described above, the finish line will be between “R-22” (CCV Bay Mark “Q”) and an orange flag on the shore of Fort Monroe bearing approx. 280° from “R-22”. The orange flag is a change from the finish line shown in the RRS. Observers will be on shore from 1300 to 1800 hours. Boats finishing in another time period are responsible for recording their own finish time and reporting it to the Race Committee. It is each skipper’s responsibility to call his/her boat’s sail number to the Race Committee on Channel 72 at the finish line. Any boat dropping out of the race is requested to notify the Race Committee on Channel 72 or cell phone 757.876.6067.

MARKS: Chesapeake Bay Marks: “K” – FI R 4s R “2T” (CCV Bay Mark “K”)
“L” – Whistle Buoy Mo(A) W RW “HC” (CCV Bay Mark “L”)
“V” – FI G 4s 15ft “1BR”/Back River Entry (CCV Bay Mark “V”)
“Y” - Day Beacon R “2”/Buckroe (CCV Bay Mark “Y”)

Hampton Roads Harbor Marks: “E” - FI R 2.5s 15ft 4M “2”/Hampton Bar (CCV Harbor Mark “E”)

“I” – Day Beacon G “1”/Hampton Flats (CCV Harbor Mark “I”)

“H” – Nun R N “20”/Hampton Flats (CCV Harbor Mark “H”)

“O” – FI R 4s R “10”/Newport News Channel (CCV Harbor Mark “O”)

“Z” – FI R 2.5s R “8”/Norfolk Harbor Reach (CCV Harbor Mark “Z”)

COURSES (#'S WILL BE USED ON COURSE BOARD):

#1 Start - "K" to STARBOARD (via the Chesapeake Channel of the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel) - "L" to PORT (via the Thimble Shoal Channel) – Finish. HANDICAP LENGTH = 27.2nm

**** BOATS ARE WARNED TO STAY WELL CLEAR OF ROCKS WHEN PASSING THROUGH EITHER OPENING OF THE CHESAPEAKE BAY-BRIDGE TUNNEL****

#2 Start - "L" to PORT - "V" to PORT - "Y" to STARBOARD – Finish. HANDICAP LENGTH = 18.2nm

#3 Alternate Start - "I" to PORT - "O" to PORT - "H" to PORT (thru S/F line) - "I" to PORT - "O" to PORT – Finish. HANDICAP LENGTH = 9.8nm

#4 Alternate Start - "Z" to PORT - "E" to PORT - "H" to PORT (thru S/F line) - "Z" to PORT - "E" to PORT – Finish. HANDICAP LENGTH = 9.9nm

CLASSES: PHRF A, B, C, N (Double headsail allowed) with current PHRF rating / Cruising (non-spinnaker - single headsail only) and CRCA. CRCA must obtain a valid rating through ORA prior to the event. The Cruising class is open to all boats that do not have a valid PHRF rating and/or skippers who race only occasionally; a courtesy rating shall be assigned by the race committee, if needed, and shall not be subject to redress. Classes with 4 or fewer entries may be combined for awards and/or starting.

Starting sequence (RRS 26) – Cruising, CRCA, N, C, B, A

TIME: First Flag = 0930 hours (1000 hours for high wind Harbor start/finish). The finish of one boat by 1730 hours shall make the race valid for all boats in that class.

RULES: The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*. Boats shall conform to US Sailing Safety Equipment Requirements for Near Shore (https://www.ussailing.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/US_SER_2019.0_Categories.pdf) as modified in the Sailing Instructions.

RESULTS: Results will be posted at www.broadbaysailing.org.

AWARDS: Class Awards based on number of entries in each class. Award winners will be notified of the time and place of the awards presentation. Please include phone number and e-mail address on entry form. This is Race #2 of the Southern Bay Distance Racing Series (SBDRS)

From John and Lin McCarthy, SBRW is back in 2021!



June 3 - June 6, 2021, *the weekend after Memorial Day.*

Y'ALL COME RACING!

SBRW 2021 – Back and better than ever. Southern hospitality extended to racers, families, and friends is a SBRW and HYC trademark. Thursday, June 3rd is for the Opening Welcome and Skippers Meeting. Racing is Friday through Sunday. The racing format will include three divisions – PHRF, One-Design, and Cruising and Multihull (Sat. and Sun. only at a reduced entry fee). Viper, S2 7.9, J70, J24, and other classes with a minimum of 4 entries are expected. And, the ULTIMATE 20 Class will be competing in their 2021 NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP at SBRW. Award presentations and social gatherings will be subject to whatever COVID19 protocols exist at the time of the regatta. The intention is to provide the best social experience possible. **For details and entry click on <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=14283> or call Lin at 757-850-4225.**

SBRW Chairman: Jack Pope; SBRW PRO: John McCarthy





**59th BROAD BAY DINGHY REGATTA
IN CONJUNCTION WITH
WOLCOTT MEMORIAL REGATTA at
NORFOLK YACHT & COUNTRY CLUB**

When: Broad Bay Regatta - Saturday, June 26th & Wolcott Memorial Regatta - Sunday, 27th 2021

All dinghy classes invited; Multi hulls, Sunfish, Lasers, Comets, Hamptons, etc.. 3 boats will constitute a class.

Registration information:

Race Dates: June 26th and June 27th

Where: Norfolk Yacht & Country Club

Skippers meeting: 0930

Start time: 1100

Registration fee: \$ 15.00 single handed, \$ 25.00 double handed

Event fee is waived for BBSA and NYCC members.

If you cannot participate in one of the fleets on the water and you are interested in joining in on the fun, you may man one of the 3 safety boats as a skipper or mate. Your club would welcome your helping hand. If you would like to participate on the race committee boat, positions are available. Just give me a call.

Thank you in advance,

Jerry Pattenau

757-449-2157 or onedesign@broadbaysailing.org

Message from the Leo Wardrup Memorial Cape Charles Cup Chair

Greetings BBSA participants and members;

We are happy and proud to announce this year's 18th annual Leo Wardrup Memorial Cape Charles Cup will be run at full destination format with the traditional overnight stay in Cape Charles. Certain details will be announced as we draw closer to the date so we are sure to follow any Covid-19 precautions in place at the time of event. Landside festivities may be modified. We will publish information as available, with full details ASAP. We are expanding the CRCA fleet this year to offer more class choices for boats not ready to race in PHRF fleets but are more than just cruisers.

We thank you for your participation through the years and hope to see the great turn out we do every year. Registration opening soon.

Al Brazzi 2021 Event Chair



March 26, 2021

Capt Randy Goodman (RET)
Broad Bay Sailing Association
PO Box 14324
Norfolk, VA 23518

Dear ^{Randy}~~Capt Goodman~~:

On behalf of the Nauticus Foundation, thank you so very much for Broad Bay Sailing Association's generous gift in support our Sail Nauticus program. Your gift of \$5,000.00 was received on 3/26/2021.

The Sail Nauticus mission is to inspire, instruct, and impact Hampton Roads youth using sailing and maritime sciences. Your generous gift helps us to spread that mission and to provide opportunities to develop academic, social and leadership skills to local underserved youth. Acts of philanthropy like yours truly are an investment in the future of our region and the maritime culture we know you treasure.

Thank you again for supporting our vision and for your commitment to helping best utilize the Nauticus waterfront area. We appreciate the confidence that you have placed in Nauticus through your donation, and hope that our efforts on behalf of the Hampton Roads community will continue to merit your support. Please contact me at (757) 664-1011 if you have any questions regarding your gift.

Sincerely,


Rehn West
Development Director

Randy,
We're so grateful for Broad Bay's
continued support. We hope to
see you on campus soon!
Thank you!

The Nauticus Foundation is a nonprofit organization under the Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3). Your donation is tax deductible to the fullest extent allowed under the law. For your benefit and as required by law, we state that Nauticus did not provide any goods or services in consideration, in whole part, for this contribution.

FLEET RACING

Little Creek Sailing Association Wednesday Races:

Fellow Sailors:

Little Creek Sailing Association is off to a breezy start. Races with gusts to 30 Knots, it's definitely big boat weather. The general consensus on Wharf Rat is to rename her Drowned Rat. If you're interested in who's who in the zoo for the first four races, let's go to the LCSA scoring page on the BBSA website. Results posted here: <https://broadbaysailing.org/LCSAResults>.

Did you know we had 19 boats competing for Series 1/Race 4 honors? I believe that is a club record. BZ to the intrepid sailors of Little Creek.

Not much more to say, but I expect a great showing from LCSA sailors in the Cape Henry Cup and the LMWCCC (Cape Charles Cup) races. If you haven't signed up YET, I encourage you to do so. Sign up here and let's keep LCSA in the record books: <https://broadbaysailing.org/Racing>. Hey, the Cape Henry Cup is free to all BBSA sailors. I know we like free.

Well, to quote Porky Pig from Loony Toons... "That's all folks!"

See you about the water, Andy



Andy Spittler

LCSA Racing Coordinator

littlecreek@broadbaysailing.org

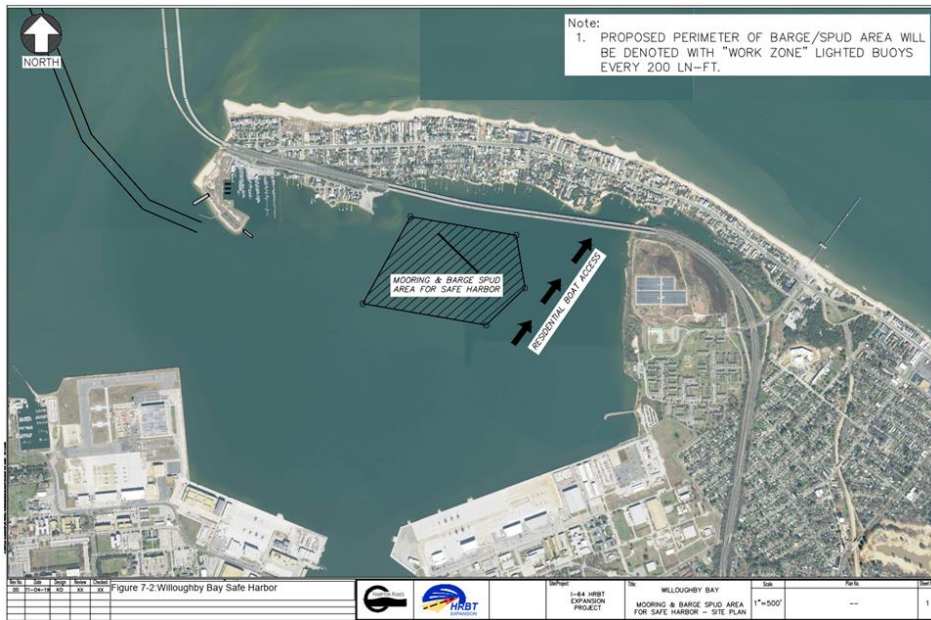
LCSA Face Book Page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/250807138384289>

Willoughby Racers Thursday Races:

Check out the Willoughby Racers link from the BBSA website at <https://broadbaysailing.org/WRHome> and our Willoughby Racers Facebook page for updates and more information.

Reminder of Construction Barge Spud Area in Willoughby Bay:

"This area is now in place and will be in operation for 5 years estimated, during Road and Tunnel construction for the new HRBT expansion. The area marked by the line of white buoys that defines the perimeter of the Spud Area for Safe Harbor is an obstruction.



Hobie Fleet 32 News:

Jeff Nelson is this year's Hobie Fleet 32 lead. His contact info is as follows:

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jeffnelsonsails850@gmail.com

TRAINING NEWS

Larry Baun, training@broadbaysailing.org

The BBSA Training Committee is working on an “in-season” training calendar, as well as the winter 2021/2022 “off season” training calendar.

We have not, previously, done much organized “in-season” training... but think “outside the box”. Maybe a combined classroom/on-water training approach for tactics/strategy such as starts, mark rounding, etc. For cruisers & racers - maybe...man-overboard recovery techniques. For cruisers (and racers without wind), maybe anchoring, or sharing cruising favorite gunk-holing spots, favorite sail-up or sail-to dining locations, etc.

Send your thoughts and recommendations to BBSA Training Captain, Larry Baun at training@broadbaysailing.org”.

CRUISING NEWS

Eric Brinsfield, cruising@broadbaysailing.org

From the Cruiser Cockpit

We have finally taken a few “test” cruises. Cathy and I, being retired, were able to head out on a Sunday to East River in Mobjack Bay when the wind was perfect. We sailed from Little Creek #2 all the way to Williams Wharf on one tack with steady wind for the entire trip. What a beautiful way to start off the cruising season. I am hoping that we have similar conditions for Memorial Day Weekend, so please come out and join us.

Unfortunately, most of us decided not to go to the Yorktown Pirate Invasion at Riverwalk Landing. The weather deteriorated and sent an east wind, which makes for a less than comfortable evening at that marina. For those who went, I do hope you had a nice weekend.

CRUISE TO SMITHFIELD STATION

Jean and Jerry Pattenaude have organized and will host a cruise on May 15, 2021. They plan to sail up to Smithfield on Saturday, May 16, stay at the Marina at Smithfield Station, and return on Sunday, May 16. Please make your own registrations at: <https://smithfieldstation.com/marina/>. Their site will route you to Dockwa.

Please let Jean and Jerry know if you will be attending or if you have questions.

Contact: (757) 644-7609 or jean@leofjohnscontractor.com

MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND CRUISE – MOBJACK BAY, EAST RIVER

May 28 or 29 - 31, 2021 – sail up on Friday or Saturday

This is an anchoring cruise for the long weekend. You can head up whenever you want, but most of us will sail up on Friday or Saturday and leave on Monday.

On Friday, people can gather as they see fit or not. We will not be organizing an official event for Friday night. Everyone will arrive at a different time, so no pressure.

On Saturday and Sunday evenings at 5:30 pm, we will organize dinghy raft ups at Flight Risk. If the weather is nice, we may let the dinghies drift through the anchorage on one of the nights. Because we are still in the early stages of COVID-recovery, everyone will stay in their own dinghy, tied to Flight Risk or to each other. Given that most of us have been vaccinated and the virus does not typically spread through food, please plan to bring an appetizer to share. We can pass it around the dinghies. If you are not comfortable sharing food, just bring enough for yourselves. Bring your own drinks.

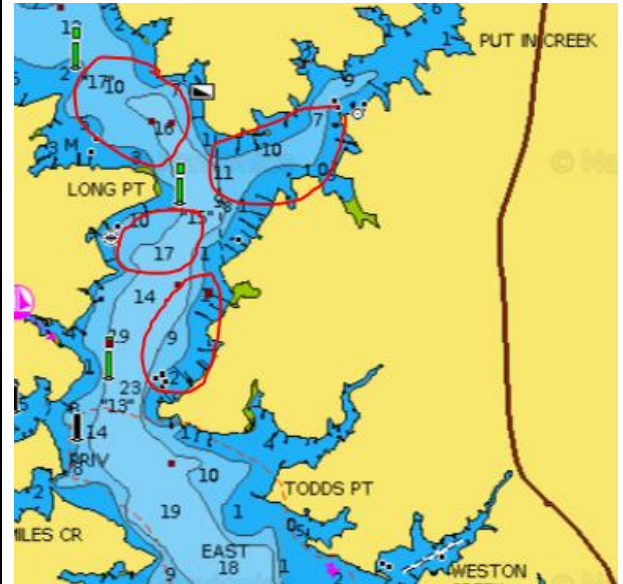
East River is a great place to explore by dinghy or on foot. If you have any questions contact the cruise captain, Eric Brinsfield. Hope you can join us for a relaxing weekend.

Cruise Captains: Eric and Cathy Brinsfield, eric@ecbrinsfield.com, 919-302-3747

Figure 1: Track into East River via Mobjack Bay:



Figure 2: Favorite anchoring locations in East River:



NORFOLK HARBORFEST

The Harborfest Cruise is happening even though Harborfest 2021 is a virtual event. This means that all the traditional festivities will not be happening live or in person. The Parade of Sail and fireworks display have already been cancelled this year, although it appears that the organizers may still have live music on the stages located at Waterside. The City of Norfolk is still encouraging folks to support the local businesses by shopping and dining in the Waterside district.

We will sail on Friday to Hospital Point and are planning a Friday evening cocktail hour from 5-6PM at S/V Argo. This will be either on board or alongside in your dinghy. Bring your favorite libation. I will have snacks, feel free to bring something to easily share.

Saturday morning, we will host a bloody Mary bar at S/V Argo from 10-11:30 AM. Bring your own cup and ICE!!!! There will be no other formal events after the bloody Mary bar.

If you prefer to get a slip, dockage is still available at Waterside Marina, (757) 625-3625 or via Dockwa. I encourage you to do so sooner than later!

We will head back to HYC on Sunday morning. We hope you will join us, and please RSVP so that I have enough supplies onboard.

Ben & Christina Ritger

S/V Argo

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(757) 206-9100

Summer Sailstice – Indian Creek YC Cruise, 18-20 June

The plan is to try and get underway on the Friday and anchoring at a Marina in Fishing Bay on the Friday night, with a leisurely underway on Saturday to arrive at Indian Creek in the afternoon. We will plan to have dinner and party at their gazebo down near the docks. We are planning a return on Sunday, but if you prefer you can always extend a day or so at the Yacht Club. Please let us know if you plan to join us and celebrate the Summer Sailstice. The summer Sailstice is a global event for sailors, more information can be found at www.summersailstice.com.

George & Ann Christian

S/V Nauti Girl

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NOTE: For BBSA members, who are not members of a yacht club, you will be able to stay at the Indian Creek Yacht Club as guests of the HYC members. This is a joint HYC-BBSA cruise.

4th of July Cruise – Cape Charles, 2-5 July

This is a cruise we must plan before the Christmas holidays, as Cape Charles quickly fills up. As of today, we have 27 boats signed up with slips already reserved for 25, and a couple on the wait list. Cape Charles is always a great time, and not having any celebration activities last year due to COVID we are ready to get back out and enjoy the charm this Eastern Shore town has to offer, from wine tastings, gift shops, ice cream and a parade with all the small-town charm. The town has yet to post its schedule of events and activities of course will be COVID restriction dependent. Our plans are to sail over on the Friday, where we plan to host impromptu docktails, on whatever dock Modus Vivendi is located. Docktails are planned for Friday, Saturday, and Sunday evenings. Please bring your favorite libation, and whatever your palette desires to nibble on. Dinner plans, with such a large group, are too wieldy, so no group dinners are planned. In previous years we have always had a small competition for the best dressed ship, so bring your flags, lights, statues and what nots and our judges will do the best to find the best in class. If you are interested in joining the cruise and have not signed up, please let me know and I can try to add you to the waiting list. For those that have already signed up, no need to contact the marina as I have already taken care of your reservation. Please check in with them upon arrival to complete your registration.

Sergio & Misty

S/V Modus Vivendi

(757) 635-1846

Sergio.diehl@cox.net

Lower Chesapeake – Week Cruise, 5-9 July

Following the 4th of July weekend, we will continue our cruise around the lower Chesapeake Bay, where the idea is not to cover great distances, but to sail... what a concept. Here is the thought process: S/V Coriolis will be departing Cape Charles July 5th, 2021. Not in stone, but what I'm thinking... York River Yacht Haven (Sara's Creek) Monday night, Yorktown Tuesday night (perhaps around the buoys race on the way over?), Wednesday evening at Salt Ponds, Thursday and Friday nights Hampton City Docks (I like Hampton). Saturday return to home port.

You get the drift. Let us know if you are interested, and when I call the Marinas for my reservations, I'll have a number of participants I can ask the marinas to hold slips for. It's up to the various venues as to how many and how long they will hold slips for us. Once you are notified of the final schedule, it's up to you to call and reserve your spot.

Evenings will start with docktails, and then we are on our own for dinner plans... Looking forward to seeing you on the water, at the marina, the restaurants and pools.

Andy & Carmen Spittler
S/V Coriolis
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Cruisers Survey

We still have lots of weekends open for cruises. I will be sending BBSA members a survey soon that attempts to understand what cruisers are looking for. If you are interested in joining one of our cruises or just have questions, please fill out the survey when it comes to your email box.

Eric Brinsfield
2021 BBSA Cruise Captain
eric@ecbrinsfield.com 919-302-3747

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

membership@broadbaysailing.org

The 2021 BBSA Roster is in the mail, and hopefully everyone has received their copy by the time you are reading this. Please let me know if you have any suggestions regarding the publication and how we can make it better in the future.

Sergio Diehl

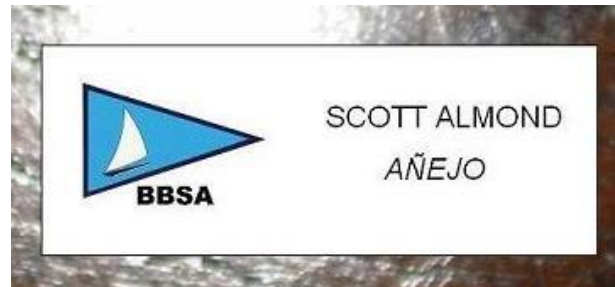
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Ship's Store News: Bev Borberg, (757)460-1051, bevborberg@yahoo.com

Life seems to be improving and this will bring more opportunity for the sailors to enjoy "sailing". So, while you are checking your boat out, do not forget the condition of your Burgee. Let Sergio Diehl, sergio.diehl@cox.net, know if you need a new one. If so, mail a check for \$25 payable to BBSA to Sergio and I will put one in the mail for you.

BBSA Name Tags:

The BBSA name tag has the BBSA Burgee on it along with your name and, if desired or applicable, your boat name. If you are a first-time new member, you get up to 2 free name tags (one per person) if ordered the 1st year of your membership. The name tags were brought back so we can put a name with your face. Please wear yours to meetings and other gatherings. Hopefully, we will be able to get together soon. If you are not a new member, the name tags are \$10/each. We will post the link to order in the May Banter. It can only be ordered through the website. Please email Mary Greblunas at marygreblunas@yahoo.com with any questions. The next opportunity to get your name tag will be mid-May. ***You may order your name tag through link posted in the May Banter.*** We only ship name tags twice a year, May & October. Thank you.



U.S. Coast Guard Changes

Certificate of Documentation to 5 Years

New rule will spare some boaters a yearly task

SPRINGFIELD, Va., April 14, 2021 -- Of the nation's nearly 12 million registered recreational boats, those owners who [federally document their vessels](#), or about 165,000 boats, will be spared the hassle of renewing their U.S. Coast Guard Certificate of Documentation every year as a result of recent rule change that now makes documentation valid for five years. The move was the result of Coast Guard cost-saving efforts and [requirements set forth in the Frank LoBiondo Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2018](#).

"The change to a five-year documentation period will be a time-saver," said BoatUS Manager of Government Affairs David Kennedy. Kennedy notes the new rule also eliminates some options that were formerly available.

"Going forward, the five-year Certificate of Documentation is the only option available for recreational vessels as the 2018 Act did not allow for alternatives," added Kennedy.

Formerly, documentation was \$26 per year and boaters could select the number of years, from one to five. The new five-year documentation cost for is fixed at \$130. Additional fees apply for initial documentation as well as exchanges. The Coast Guard will not issue refunds if an owner chooses to cancel documentation before its five-year expiration or if a vessel is sold during the renewal period.

Boat owners generally choose to federally document vessels with the U.S. Coast Guard versus the more common practice of state registration, for one of two reasons: the boat was purchased with a bank loan and the lender required it or the owner plans to travel beyond U.S. waters. A Certificate of Documentation is internationally recognized and makes it easier for American vessels to enter and leave foreign ports.

Documented vessels must also be a minimum of 5 net tons, which is about the size of a 26-foot boat. BoatUS notes that net tons are more about (cargo) volume, than weight.

In a related issue, BoatUS continues to advise boaters to be vigilant when renewing U.S. Coast Guard vessel documentation as [official-looking vessel documentation renewal notices can lead to confusion and higher costs](#).

Some BoatUS members have received notices that are not from the Coast Guard but rather third-party companies whose name or return addresses may appear similar to that of the official U.S. Coast Guard National Vessel Documentation Center (NVDC).

BBSA Website Tips

I am trying an experiment on our website. I added a “For Sale By Owner” section to the Store page at <https://broadbaysailing.org/Store>. Just scroll down to see what is for sale.

If you want to list something (boat-related) for sale, just send the following three items to webmaster@broadbaysailing.org.

1. Brief text description used to draw people into your item along with contact information.
2. A single photo (jpg or png).
3. A PDF file that contains any details and additional photos that you want to provide.

The option to list items is only open to BBSA members, but anyone can buy. BBSA will not be involved in or responsible for any of the transactions. At this point, it is a manual process for the webmaster, so please set your expectations appropriately.

BBSA Webmaster

webmaster@broadbaysailing.org

Looking for Volunteers to Help with Website and Data Management

We need some extra help with several “IT” like jobs for the club. I want to be sure I have some people trained to support the BBSA website when I finally sail off into the sunset. We also need some extra support for the Leo Wardrup Memorial Cape Charles Cup. Sometimes, I go cruising and we need faster responses when I am gone.

I can use people with all skill levels for some tasks as long as you are comfortable with computers.

What I am looking for are people who:

- Understand computer systems, the internet, and cloud storage (such as Dropbox)
- Are comfortable working with a team (with frequent communication with team members)
- Can be available to respond to requests on short notice. Mostly that is for CCC because as we get close to the deadline, the committee needs quick updates.
- Have better than average Microsoft Excel skills
- Are willing to help with data entry along with other support

- For the website:
 - Have basic concepts of web design and data management.

- Understand how to work within the constraints of an application such as Wild Apricot or WordPress

It would also help to find someone who:

- Has experience with more advanced features of Excel, such as:
 - Power Query and connections
 - Pivot Tables
 - Excel worksheet formatting and conditional processing
 - VBA programming
- Knows programming languages, such as Python.
(we are not using this now, but would consider it.)
- HTML, XML, and JSON

If you are interested, please contact me at 919-302-3747 or eric@ecbrinsfield.com

Eric Brinsfield
BBSA Webmaster

Here is a link to a Chesapeake Bay magazine article about enforcement of a new boating cutoff switch law:

<https://chesapeakebaymagazine.com/uscg-to-enforce-new-boating-cutoff-switch-law/>

Information about various navigational concerns of note in VA, provided by Andy Spittler (copied from BoatUS.com) (most of the membership are already aware of... but in case you aren't):

New from Tom and Mel Neale of BoatU.S. East Coast Alerts 4/2/21

NEW: VA – Little Creek Nav Aid Change Proposal:

The Coast Guard Fifth District is proposing the following changes to the Little Creek Harbor Range.

Convert: Little Creek Harbor Range Front Light (LLNR 10495) and Little Creek Harbor Range Rear Light (LLNR 10500) to Day/Night LED optics.

Change: Little Creek Harbor Range Front Light flash characteristic from a flashing Iso 6s; G, to a flashing 2.5s (1); G, second flash.

Change: Little Creek Harbor Range Rear Light flash characteristic from a Fixed; G, to a flashing Iso 6s;G.

Interested Mariners and other stakeholders are strongly encouraged to comment on the potential impacts this proposal would have on navigational safety. You may provide feedback using the U. S. Coast Guard Fifth District Waterway Data Sheet, available online

at: https://www.navcen.uscg.gov/pdf/Inms/D05_Proposal_Feedback_Form.pdf

All comments will be carefully considered and are requested prior to May 24, 2021 to be considered in the analysis. Refer to project number 05-20- 061(D)

Send comments to CGD5Waterways@uscg.mil or mail to:

U.S. Coast Guard Fifth District Waterways Management (dpw) 431 Crawford Street, Room 100
Portsmouth, VA 23704

Attn: Albert Grimes Portsmouth, VA 23704 Charts: 12205 12221 12222 12254 12256 (*5th District LNM Week 13/2021*)

VA – Thimble Shoal Channel Dredging:

Starting approximately 25 November 2020 and continuing until approximately 30 June 2021, Weeks Marine Hopper Dredge “MAGDALEN” and support equipment will be operating in the Thimble Shoal Channel (between Thimble Lighted Bell Buoy 9 (LLNR 9255) and Thimble Shoal Lighted Buoy 7 (LLNR 9235) stopping west of Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel). All dredged material will be transported to the Dam Neck Ocean Disposal Site – DNODS - Cells 5, 6 & 7. Dredging operations will continue twenty-four (24) hours per day, seven days per week basis. The dredge will monitor VHF-FM channels 13 and 16. For more information or questions, contact Matt Henry at 985-237-5050. Chart 12256 (*5th District LNM Week 45/2020*)

VA – Hampton Roads Bridge Tunnel Construction Hazard:

Construction on the North Island of the Hampton Roads Bridge Tunnel has begun and 27 steel poles will be installed around the North Island that are 6 inches in diameter and extending vertically out of the water 3 to 8 feet. The steel poles will be marked with flashing white lights and retroreflective tape. Mariners shall use caution when transiting in vicinity of the North Island of the HRBT. For more information or question, contact the Hampton Roads Connector Partners at 757-373-4799. (*5th District LNM Week 44/2020*)

VA – Hampton Roads Bridge Tunnel Construction:

The second phase of the Hampton Roads Connector Partners construction will begin on the west side and parallel with the Hampton Roads Bridge Tunnels, and will start at the north side at the Hampton Roads land side extending to the south side at the Willoughby land side. There will be at any given time several crane and barges along with several material barges as well as the tugs Uncle Mike, Robert T, Angelina Autumn, Miss Morgan and the Seaward 8, Seaward 9, and the Seaward 12. The following crew

boats will be on site Seaward 10, Seaward 5, and the Brittany Lynn along with several outboard motor type safety vessels. All of the job site vessels will be standing by on VHF channels 13 & 16. This notice to mariners will be updated from time to time as per the scope of the project increases. All barges will be lighted at night by solid white lights on their four corners. All floating mooring buoys shall be lighted with flashing white lights. All mooring piles will be lighted at night with solid white lights on each pile. All mariners when in the vicinity of the job site and approaching or leaving the area of operations, should remain a safe distance away from any and all buoys and or mooring piles. For more information or questions contact Shannon Gresham 757-685-3392, Kareem Myers 757-256-9715, Nathan Sebura 757-449-4652. Chart 12245 (*5th District LNM Week 43/2020*)

VA – Churchland Bridge, Western Branch, Elizabeth River, Replacement: Extending until Mar 2023 McLean Contracting Company will be conducting bridge demolition, and replacement of the Churchland Bridge on the Western Branch of the Elizabeth River. Signs have been installed on both sides of the bridge worded “OVERHEAD BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION 500 FEET AHEAD”. A temporary pile crane trestle will be extending approximately 600ft from either shoreline on the North side of the bridge, installed parallel to the bridge. Crane barges, spud barges and tugs will be on scene throughout the project and may be contacted on VHF-FM Channels 03, 13 and 16. For more information, contact Scott White, Project Manager, 757-641-2132. Chart 12253 (*5th District LNM Week 23/2020*)

VA – I-64 High Rise Bridge Construction, AICW Mile 7.1:

An engineering firm, on behalf of Virginia Department of Transportation are performing bridge construction at I-64 High Rise Bridge over Elizabeth River Southern Branch, mile 7.1, in Chesapeake, VA. Mariners should expect construction activity and related equipment in the vicinity of the bridge 24 hours a day; 7 days a week. A crane barge is currently being used within the navigation channel to complete the final stages of bridge fender system work and is removed from the channel at the end of each shift. Work vessels may be reached on VHF-FM channel 13. The project manager can be reached at (757) 579-8400. Mariners should use caution and proceed at a safe speed to minimize wake for work vessels when transiting the area. Should you have any questions or concerns regarding this matter, contact US Coast Guard Sector Virginia Waterways Management Division at 757-668-5580 or email at viriniawaterways@uscg.mil. Chart 12253 (*5th District LNM Week 43/2020*)

Treasurer's Report:

BBSA P&L 1/1/2021 through 4/30/2021

Category	4/1/2021- 4/30/2021	1/1/2021- 4/30/2021
INCOME		
BBSA		
BBSA Dues	360.00	4,770.00
BBSA Merchandise Sales	0.00	25.00
BBSA Burgee Sales	25.00	75.00
BBSA Name Tags	0.00	20.00
TOTAL BBSA Merchandise Sales	25.00	120.00
TOTAL BBSA	385.00	4,890.00
BBSA Racing Revenue		
Cape Charles Cup		
CCC Catering - Parties		
CCC Saturday Party	225.00	225.00
TOTAL CCC Catering - Parties	225.00	225.00
CCC Entries	855.00	855.00
CCC Merchandise Sales		
CCC Hats	60.00	60.00
CCC Hoodies	40.00	40.00
CCC T-Shirts	90.00	90.00
CCC Tech Shirts	315.00	348.62
TOTAL CCC Merchandise Sales	505.00	538.62
CCC Sponsors	0.00	500.00
TOTAL Cape Charles Cup	1,585.00	2,118.62
Cape Henry Regatta	75.00	75.00
TOTAL BBSA Racing Revenue	1,660.00	2,193.62
Hobie 32 Revenue		
Hobie 32 Dues	0.00	210.00
TOTAL Hobie 32 Revenue	0.00	210.00
Interest	0.87	3.47
LCSA Revenue		
LCSA Dues	80.00	540.00
TOTAL LCSA Revenue	80.00	540.00
Willoughby Revenue		
Willoughby Dues	45.00	990.00
TOTAL Willoughby Revenue	45.00	990.00
TOTAL INCOME	2,170.87	8,827.09
EXPENSES		
BBSA Expenses		
BBSA Bank Card Fees	19.44	171.69
BBSA Insurance Expense	2,686.95	4,002.95
BBSA Roster Expense	556.93	556.93
BBSA Sales Expense	768.32	768.32
BBSA State Corporation Fee	0.00	25.00
BBSA Storage Unit	96.00	384.00
BBSA Web Services	80.00	1,176.16
TOTAL BBSA Expenses	4,207.64	7,085.05
BBSA Racing Expenses		
Cape Charles Cup		
CCC Admin	0.00	134.00

Category	4/1/2021- 4/30/2021	1/1/2021- 4/30/2021
CCC Awards	905.83	905.83
CCC Catering - Parties		
CCC Awards Party	0.00	673.96
TOTAL CCC Catering - Parties	0.00	673.96
CCC Cup Web Services	20.00	20.00
CCC Donations	0.00	5,000.00
TOTAL Cape Charles Cup	925.83	6,733.79
CCV	0.00	330.00
TOTAL BBSA Racing Expenses	925.83	7,063.79
Fees & Charges		
Bank Fee	0.00	20.00
TOTAL Fees & Charges	0.00	20.00
Hobie 32 Expenses		
Hobie Bank Card Fees	1.08	9.02
TOTAL Hobie 32 Expenses	1.08	9.02
LCSA Expenses	0.00	29.85
LCSA Awards	0.00	586.45
LCSA Bank Card Fees	1.85	20.96
TOTAL LCSA Expenses	1.85	637.26
Willoughby Expenses	21.19	21.19
Willoughby Bank Card Fees	5.55	35.78
TOTAL Willoughby Expenses	26.74	56.97
TOTAL EXPENSES	5,163.14	14,872.09
OVERALL TOTAL	-2,992.27	-6,045.00

CLASSIFIEDS/WANTED

Jonathan Romeo has a lot of items for sale:



6-inch White light Stainless Steel Cabin Dome Lights, \$45 set or \$15 each.



75 feet coaxial cable RG-59U with PL-259 connector, \$85.



West Marine 6 inch Deck Inspection Plate, \$10.



3 Series Double Deck Organizer. Sheaved for 11mm max line, \$65.



Magna Round Charcoal Grill with Rail Mount, \$25.



Pair of Sony Marine 140W Stereo Speakers, \$60.



Spinlock 3-gang Clutches, 6-8mm line size \$175.00 for 3, or 75.00 each.

Jonathan Romero

nursejromero@gmail.com

(757) 285-6017

Roy Weisert is selling Arete:

For Sale
Arete



1982 Watkins Sailboat
32 feet
4 foot draft (Great for bay)
27 HP 3 CYL Yanmar
Hot water heater
Refrigerator
Optima Batteries
Portable Air Conditioner
Well kept at Norfolk Naval Base
Hull and bottom repainted in Fall 2019
New sails in Fall of 2019
Took boat out twice in 2020
155 Genoa (Somerset Sails)
Main (Somerset Sails)
Great cruiser or racer (Willoughby Thursday Nights/222 rating)
Has been to Bermuda twice
Can find its way to the East River/Put-In Creek
Contact: Roy Weisert
Cell: 757-636-0632
weisert1@verizon.net
\$16,500

Russell Fink is selling an anchor:



33 lb. Stainless Steel “Blue Star” brand plow anchor \$100 or best offer
Contact Russ & Melody Fink at 757-288-1339 or rfinklegal@gmail.com

Sergio Diehl is selling a solar panel controller:

Victron Energy MPPT 100/30 (12/24V - 30A) (Part # SCC020030200)

I have had to replace my solar charge controller to a larger unit and will sell this smaller controller. The unit is two years old, price new is \$196.50, and I am asking \$125 OBO.

Charge current up to 30 A and PV voltage up to 100 V

Victron Energy 100/30-MPPT Charge Controller is able to charge a lower nominal-voltage battery from a higher nominal voltage PV array. The controller will automatically adjust to a 12 or 24V nominal battery voltage.

Feature Highlights:

- Ultra-fast Maximum Power Point Tracking (MPPT)
- Advanced Maximum Power Point Detection in case of partial shading conditions
- Load output on the small models
- Battery Life: intelligent battery management by load shedding
- Automatic battery voltage recognition
- Flexible charge algorithm
- Over-temperature protection and power de-rating when temperature is high

Please contact me at sergio.diehl@cox.net or (757) 635-1846 if you are interested.

If you, or you know someone that wants to earn a little extra money this summer:



AQUATICS DIRECTOR NEEDED!

Do you love the water, enjoy working with youth, and have sailing experience? Then Chanco on the James will be the place for you for the summer!

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Requirements:

Must be 21+

Sailing Experience

Lifeguard certified/ability to pass Lifeguard Certification

Ability to plan fun aquatic activities for youth aged 8-16

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Pay is \$3000 for the summer, split into bi-weekly paychecks.

Position includes housing and meals for the summer.

The summer begins June 18th -interviews are happening now!

Email us at programs@chanco.org for more details or to learn about other available positions!

IT'S THE LAW. The U.S. Coast Guard require that all boats 16' and larger carry non-expired (current) day & nighttime approved signals.

CHECK YOU FLARE DATES EVERY BOATING SEASON.
Flares are the most effective approved distress signals.





As a member of Broad Bay Sailing Association,
a BoatU.S. Cooperating Group, you are invited to **become a BoatU.S. Member**
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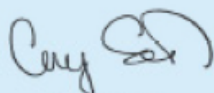
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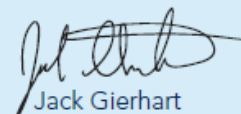
Broad Bay Sailing Association

*In appreciation for its standing as a member of US Sailing,
and for its commitment to the integrity and advancement of
the sport of sailing in the United States.*

Membership Valid Through December 31, 2021



Cory Sertl
President



Jack Gierhart
Executive Director

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Broad Bay Sailing Association

2020 Executive Committee and Volunteers

Elected and Voting Board Members

Commodore	Stephanie Sweeney
Vice Commodore	Jim DiSomma
Treasurer	Sergio Diehl
Secretary	Karl Shulenburg
Cruising Fleet Captain	Charity Gavaza
Racing Fleet Captain	Jay Thompson
One Design Captain	Jerry Pattenau
Training Captain	Larry Baun
Rear Commodore	Eric Brinsfield

Volunteer Leaders

Training Committee	Randy Goodman, Larry Baun
Executive Committee Member at Large	
Ship Store	Bev Borberg
Sunshine Committee	Vicki Lane
Membership Committee	Mary Greblunas
Little Creek Sailing Association	Andy Spittler
Willoughby Racers	Curt Hauger
Hobie Fleet 32	Jeff Nelson
PHRF Delegate	Bob Magoon
CBYRA Delegate	Bob Magoon
Cape Charles Cup	Al Brazzi

- The Commodore is ex-officio member of all committees.