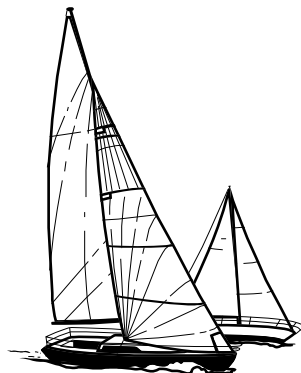


The CAT Tales

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View from the Bridge

Pete Denholm
Commodore

As you all know the winter months are especially hard on sailors and those recent snowstorms did not help. Those storms served as a bitter reminder that we live way too far north. Seeing our boats hard aground or rather on the hard ground is disappointing too. But spring is right around the corner and it is time to focus on the important things, like the Flag Raising Brunch on April 2nd and getting our boats back in the Bay. I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the Flag Raising Brunch to help celebrate the 20th anniversary of the charter of CCYC.

A couple of months ago I mentioned that I read through the list of past CCYC Commodores and I was honored to join such an elite list of Catalina sailors. I thought it would be nice to share this list with rest of you. I am sure that as some of the "old guard" members read through the list, it will spawn fond memories of the club's past and old friendships formed. For the newer members please take the time to read the list. The next time you see or meet someone on the list, then shake their hand, buy them a beer (or glass of wine), and thank them for their contribution to the club.

Hilda Gohrband.....	1981
Marbury Councill	1982
Roman Klimkewicz.....	1983
Jack Hysong	1984
Jerry Helldorpher	1985
Freda & Charles Gandy.....	1986
Rod Waite.....	1987
Ed Van Reuth	1988
Sue Dennison	1989
Ken & Diane Lang	1990
Max Munger.....	1991
Ray & Laura Danner	1992
Ken & Diane Lang	1993
Bill Wesley.....	1994
Joan Smith Savage	1995
Paul Payne.....	1996
Mark Eller	1997
Wayne Savage.....	1998
Bill Weeks.....	1999

CCYC has been fortunate enough to make it through 20 years, while other Catalina fleets have formed and disbanded during the same time period. Recently, Catalina 30 Fleet 25, known as the Northern Chesapeake Bay Catalina 30 Sailing Association, made the tough decision to disband after 16 years. I would like you all to join me in welcoming any of those members from Fleet 25 that would like to join our Fleet. In fact, Don and Maryann McBride, *Coelummar*, have already joined the club, and I had the pleasure of meeting them at the diesel engine seminar. Welcome aboard! ⚓

**Member Meeting
Sunday, March 19th
5:00 PM**



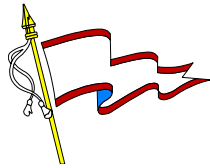
Ray Nieves
Vice Commodore

The Meeting on the 19th of March will be at 5pm at Mama Lucia's Restaurant in the Dunkirk Shopping Center. To get there: Take Rt 4 South from I-495 beltway. After approximately 22 miles you will see the Dunkirk Fire Station just past the traffic light. Take the next driveway entrance on the right into the shopping center. Guess what folks - lots of parking and it is free!!!!!!

The guest speaker is William (Billy) Ray, the Training Officer from the U.S.N.A Fire Department. He will speak on boating safety.

Plan on joining us for dinner and staying for the meeting. ☞

**Flag Raising Brunch
Sunday, April 2nd, 9:30**



Ray Nieves
Vice Commodore

The location for the April 2nd Flag Raising Brunch is also at Mama Lucia's. I have made arrangements for a combination breakfast/lunch serving schedule during the meeting as follows:

When members start arriving a breakfast type menu will be served – eggs, sausage, rolls , juice, etc. - buffet style. About 11AM, they will change over to a lunch type menu – lasagna, pasta, chicken marsala, salad, tea/coffee/soda.

The cost will be \$25 a person (there is no cost to the club for the room...so that is not a bad price).

I would like to have a head count by the end of the day of the Mar 19th meeting (at least close). ☞

Member Meeting, February 12th

Ray Nieves
Vice Commodore

On February 12th, eighteen members of CCYC joined the Cat 36 sailing club at the Ram's Head Inn in Annapolis to learn about Universal diesel engines, some basic electronics and cooling system maintenance and preventative maintenance. Mr. Harvey Smith of Annapolis Marine Diesel gave the seminar. While the room was cool, the lunch was very good and the topics were hot and useful.

The information presented provided basic fundamentals on how to recognize problems, prevent unnecessary repairs and what to do if something happens. Mr. Smith offered ideas on updated or new equipment changes to engines, cooling systems, fuel systems and electrical components. If you had a question, he had an answer.

One of the highlighted items for fuel system maintenance is the Racor 500 fuel filter system. This system offers top-load filter changing with ease and little chance of the need to bleed the air out of the fuel system during the filter changing. The Racor system installed in your vessel may give you additional sailing time and less time at the repair facility.

Mr. Smith also suggested that diesel engines be run as much as possible and at least every two weeks when at dock (under load). His comment is “the engine likes to be worked”. He also suggested that it is important to change the engine oil at least twice a year (once when laying up and once shortly after the start of the season and more often if you can). Smith also advised that synthetic oil is best for new engines (keep using the same oil once you start on synthetic). Whatever you do, make sure to use the proper oil for you engine!

Smith also is a strong advocate of only using Bicolor treatment in your fuel tank to kill the algae. He said “don't use any other additives, especially anything with alcohol”. And that is his final answer!

If you have a fuel filter screen in your fuel tank pick-up tube, Harvey suggested that you remove it. He

said that the fuel tank pick up tube screen has a tendency to cause problems in the long run.

Harvey Smith can be reached at 410 267-9281. He is willing to talk to you about your maintenance problems and he is willing to work on your problem (of course for a reasonable fee). His presentation was well worth the price of admission without the very good lunch we had. For those of you unable to make it, make a point to catch Harvey's seminar someplace soon....it will be worth it.

I think everyone who attended had a great time, and I am sure we all learned something very worthwhile. Thank you for all the interest. ☞

For Sale to Good Home 1994 Catalina 320

Ray Harris
Aurora



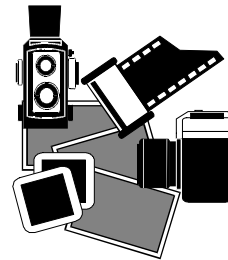
I am reluctantly selling Aurora to make way for a new C-36 arriving in April. This fast cruiser is an ideal single-hander with all sail controls, including reefing, led back to the cockpit. She has 150% roller-furling genoa, 4 self-tailing winches, full-batten main with Dutchman flaking system, cabin-top traveler, and vang. 40-inch Edson SS wheel. Autohelm speed/wind/depth instruments and ST4000 Autopilot. Raytheon VHF. Wired for GPS. Stern ladder and swim platform. Sleeps up to 7 in 3 cabins. Hot/cold pressure water in galley, head, and cockpit. LPG stove with oven, electric ice box. Large oil lamp in cabin. Electric anchor windlass, Fortress and Danforth anchors with rode. AM/FM stereo with cockpit and cabin speakers. Battery charger. Perkins 29-hp Diesel drives her at hull speed with a 2-bladed prop and maneuvers like a dream.

32.5' LOA, 11.75' beam, 4.25' draft wing keel.

If you act fast, you may be able to keep her great slip at Annapolis City Marina.

Call me at 703-293-9040 (days), 703-893-1633 (evenings) or email at ray@metratek.net. ☞

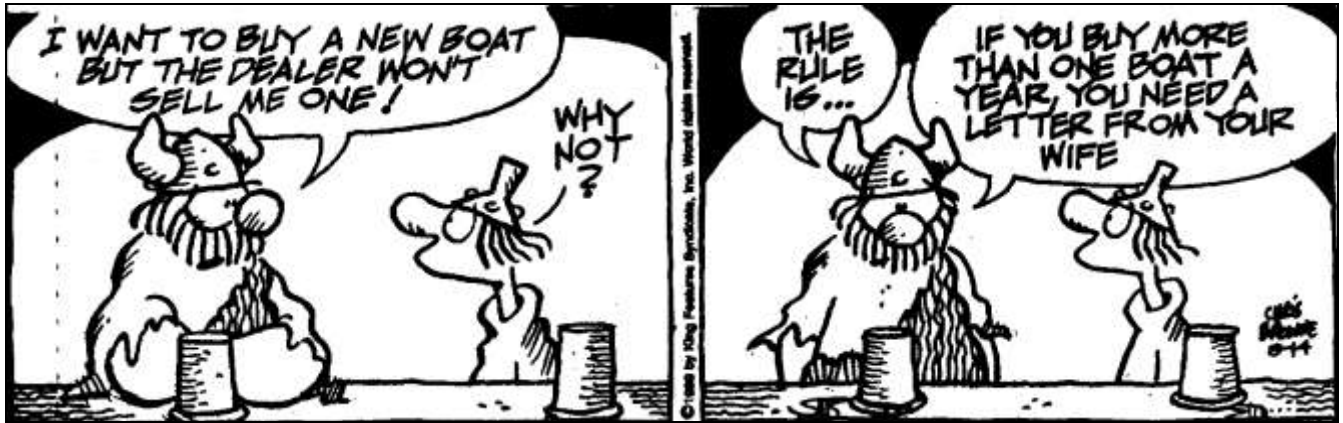
Calling all photogs!



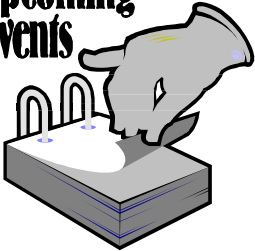
I'm still looking for pictures of CCYC members, their boats and events they've attended. I will be adding them to a digital photo album on CDROM for CCYC members; also as part of a picture show before the Brunch. My deadline is March 27th. You can either mail them to me or give them to me at the March member meeting. All photos will be returned by the Brunch in April. ☞

The cell phone is now almost as common as VHF radios so the Coast Guard is set up to respond to cell phone calls from boaters. Just punch in *CG and you'll be connected to the nearest Coast Guard response station to the cell you're in. If it's a distress call, you might want to back it up with a VHF call. That way, any boaters near you can lend a hand, possibly before the Coast Guard arrives on station. ☞





Upcoming Events



Mar 19	5:00	Dinner – Mama Lucia’s Restaurant
	6:30	Pre-meeting social
	7:00	March Member Meeting
April 2		Brunch – 9:30 AM Mama Lucia’s Restaurant
April 29-30		Ice Breaker Cruise/Raft-up Paula's Landing, Spa Creek Raft Captain: Joan and Wayne Savage, <i>Jubilee</i>

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