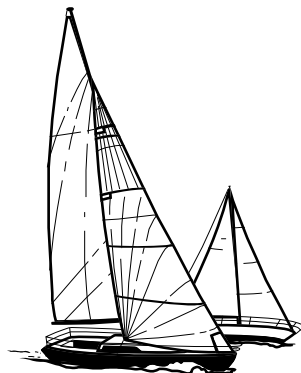


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View from the Bridge

Pete Denholm
Commodore

This month, I will be talking about the success of our winter meetings, the difficulties of this spring, and some miscellaneous notes about this season.

The winter meetings this year were a wonderful success. This winter we listened to some of our members share their experiences of the ICW; enjoyed a fun Holiday party hosted by the Davises; planned this year's cruises at the Savage's home; shared a meeting with Fleet III of the Catalina 36 Association about Universal diesel engine maintenance; learned about boating safety at Mama Lucia's restaurant; and celebrated the 20th anniversary of the charter of our club at the Flag Raising meeting with a delightful speaker who shared his knowledge of the lighthouses on the bay. The club saved a lot of money this winter by holding a majority of the meetings at facilities that were free. We should be able to reap the benefits of bigger coffers later this year.

Today is April 9th and we are over two weeks into spring. Ha, it's hard to claim it's spring when the wind chill is below freezing and there is SNOW on the ground. In spite of the foul weather most of us are still working hard on our boats - sanding, painting, waxing, and de-winterizing the fresh water

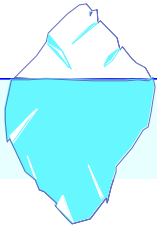
and engine systems. At Harrington Harbor North *Scimitar* is undergoing similar care with *Ayewash* nearby and not far away is *Ragtime*. We are all looking forward to putting our boats back in the water where they belong and meeting up at Paula's Landing for the Icebreaker raft-up later this month.

This year we have an exciting lineup of eight cruises. I'd like to see the members this year help record the events with pictures. After each event, please forward your pictures to Mike Davis, who is the club's self-proclaimed picture collector. Mike will post a few of the more "interesting" pictures to the club website, and also he will add your pictures to the club CD of pictures. At the end of the season Mike will make copies of the CD available to interested members. The pictures will be forwarded to Sue Dennison, the Club Historian.

One of the club's eight cruises this year includes a weeklong cruise during Labor Day to the Baltimore and Chester River areas. The raft captain, Irv and Barbara Schaeffer, *Irwin's Ark III*, are looking for cruisers that plan on participating or are interested in the Labor Day cruise. They are considering spending the Labor Day weekend portion of the cruise in the Baltimore Inner Harbor, but need to make reservations ASAP. If you are planning on joining this event or would like some additional information, please contact Irv and Barbara at 301-438-7316.

See you at the Icebreaker. ☞

CCYC 2000 ICEBREAKER!



**April 29 – 30
Paula's Landing
Spa Creek**

Joan and Wayne Savage
Jubilee

The Annual CCYC By Land or Sea, Icebreaker will be on Saturday April 29th at Paula's Landing on Spa Creek in Annapolis. Paula Binder has graciously offered to co-host this event with Joan and Wayne Savage at her home – which is also homeport for *Jubilee*. Paula's Landing is approximately 2 miles above the Spa Creek bridge (opens of the half hour) on the starboard side, directly across from Truxton Park.

Boats coming to the event can raft off the end of Paula's dock. We have seen 6 boats tied off the end for other events. For those of you coming by land, the address is 105 Spa View Way, just off West Street. Take West Street to Amos Garrett Blvd and turn south towards the water. Turn left at the end onto Spa View Ave. Paula's is the second house on the right, with a chain link fence in the back.



Festivities kick off at 4-4:30 PM with cocktails and munchies around the pool, or on *Jubilee* or other boats attending the raft. A potluck dinner is scheduled ashore for 7:00 PM. The Club will

provide the drinks (wine and soda). Those attending should bring a potluck dish that we can all share.

To assure we have enough seating for everyone, it would be helpful for those coming by car to bring folding chairs.

Come prepared to catch up on everyone's winter adventures as well as sharing your boat preparation experiences. Winter in Florida, house building, and just work experiences are fair game. See you all there. ⚓

Member Meeting March 19th

Ray Nieves
Vice Commodore



CCYC started off our 20th anniversary with 20 people from 10 different boats represented, at our first official club meeting of the year 2000. The meeting at a new location, Mama Lucia's in Dunkirk, where we had a private room and great food at reasonable prices (most of all included in the price is FREE PARKING!!!!). Our guest speaker was Capt William (Bill) Ray of the U.S. Naval Academy Fire Department.

Capt Ray provided information, handouts and spoke on basic boating safety, reminding most of us about things we should do and practice to prevent accidents or how to act when an accident occurs.

Did you know?

The major cause of loss of life on boats is from falling overboard? Have you practiced your man overboard (or person overboard) procedure? Captain Ray tells us that one of the things the Naval Academy Fire Rescue Crew practices is actually pulling a person on board. He explained how hard it is to bring a person back on a boat. Carolyn and I practice our overboard procedure every year - but had not thought to use an actual victim. I guess she will be first; after all, ladies first, ha ha!

Did you know?

The Coast Guard requires annual certification of onboard fire extinguishers. Although your extinguisher may have sufficient chemicals and may have sufficient charge, you are required to have a current inspection sticker. There are several fire extinguisher companies in the yellow pages of the phone directory that will provide this service. Of course, it is probably as cheap to buy new extinguishers, according to Capt Ray. And you can use your old extinguisher for practice. See me if you want special training on fire extinguisher use.

Do you know what Fire Extinguisher is required for what type of fire?

Capt Ray explained the basic types of extinguisher to use for different classes of fires:

- ☞ Type “A” for paper, wood and normal combustibles
- ☞ Type “B” for flammable liquids, gasoline, etc.
- ☞ Type “C” for electrical
- ☞ Type “D” for flammable metals

When purchasing a new fire extinguisher, review the label to see that it meets your needs and make sure it is approved by a nationally recognized testing agency, i.e., UL. Also, you should make sure you are familiar with the basic operation of the extinguisher you purchase.

Did you know?

The Coast Guard requires that you report “any fuel spill that produces a sheen on the water”. Capt Ray informed us of the Coast Guard requirement and told us stories of people getting fined for making the proper report. The moral of this story is be a safe fueler and you won’t have to report a spill.

Capt Ray gave us some basic hints for fueling and reminded us to close down your boat before fueling with gasoline (for those with gas engines). Bill also reminded us that while fueling, our sense of smell becomes saturated with the fueling fumes, so clear your nose with some fresh air after fueling then check below for fumes. Capt Ray also reminds us that turning off the engine and electricity prior to fueling eliminates possible sources of ignition. And keeping your engine and engine compartment clean helps eliminate possible fuel sources to feed a

potential fire. In the event of fire, cut off the flow of fuel, stop the pump and when everyone is safe, call the Coast Guard as soon as possible (you only have to make one call for help - they will notify the fire department and dispatch emergency equipment).

Did you know?

You are required to file a report (DNR Form-149) with the Department of Natural Resources for any of the following:

- ☞ All deaths aboard your vessel
- ☞ If a person falls off your vessel and dies
- ☞ If a person loses consciousness, receives medical treatment or is disabled more than 24 hours
- ☞ Incidents of CO poisoning
- ☞ All accidents with damages over \$500

We received a lot of new information and some good tips from Capt Ray. Hopefully we will have a safer boating season.

Attending the meeting were Pete and Karen Denhold (*Scimitar*), Phil and Linda Ferrara (*Wanderlust*), Mike and Bev Davis (*Ayewash*), Mark and AJ Eller (*Maraj*), Tim Feldmann and Connie Browning (*Second Wind*), Earl, Lola and Sherry Holliman (*Papillon*), Max Munger (*Shermax*), Wayne and Joan Savage (*Jubilee*), Chet and Peg Szymezak (*Scimitar*) and of course, Ray and Carolyn Nieves (*Classie Chassie*). ☞

Whatever happened to the Willcoxes?

Shirley and Al Willcox

CCYC hasn’t seen or heard from *DUET* in some time. Members haven’t heard from Al and Shirley in some time. If you remember us and our boat, now is the time for an explanation.

The short explanation is that *DUET* no longer exists and Shirley and Al have gone ashore.

The slightly longer explanation is that after sailing the waters of the Chesapeake, the entire east coast of

America, and the Bahamas aboard *SUNSHINE*, *DUET I*, and *DUET II*, we have finally decided to become landlubbers. With each of these passing years the rigors of living aboard have become less fun and more work. This past summer we decided to quit while we were still having fun. It was a difficult decision, but we are glad that we made it.

We decided to sell *DUET* at a very good time, happy to find that we are in a seller's market. Now we have put the proceeds into a fund that will allow us to travel to places we haven't seen and to do things we haven't done. For example, we are planning to spend two weeks in July cruising through some of the beautiful canals of England and Wales. You might know that we could not stand to do that in an armchair. We will be both crew and passengers. It is something that we have always wanted to do and

this is THE TIME. We look forward to many years of travel and expect that much of it will be on water.

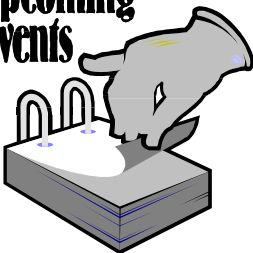
DUET is now *ABSOLUTELY*. The new owners are a delightful couple and live only a mile or so from our home. We hope that they may be a part of CCYC soon.

One thing we have not been able to face is leaving CCYC so suddenly. Resigning from an organization is one thing. Resigning from friends is impossibility. We have paid our dues for this year and hope very much to be able to attend some of the dry-land gatherings of the club.

We'll be seeing y'all in the coming months. ☞



Upcoming Events



April 29-30

Ice Breaker Cruise/Raft-up
Paula's Landing, Spa Creek
Raft Captain: Joan and Wayne Savage, *Jubilee*

May 27-29

Memorial Day Cruise Raft-up
Choptank River & Dunn Cove
Raft Captain: Ray and Carolyn Nieves, *Classie Chassie II*

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