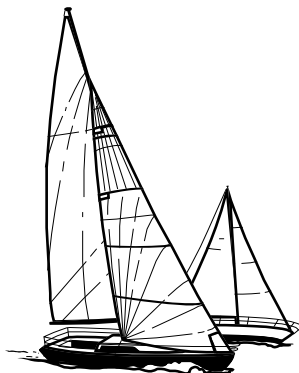


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View from the Bridge

Pete Denholm
Commodore

In this month's newsletter you will read about the Memorial Day cruise weekend and the pseudo-Wahine cruise. Much like you, I do not get to read the articles before they are submitted to Mike Davis, our perpetual newsletter editor, for print. This month I am curiously interested in how Ray Nieves, *Classie Chassie 2*, will recount the Memorial weekend events. In particular I am interested how he will be portraying *Scimitar*'s events from the first day. Let's just say that knowing Ray, as we all do, I fear that he will be taking literary license with *Scimitar*'s preparedness for navigation on the Bay. So if you want the TRUE story without the tall fabrication and stretched truths, then come talk with Karen or me. All I have to say is, "it could have happened to any of you".

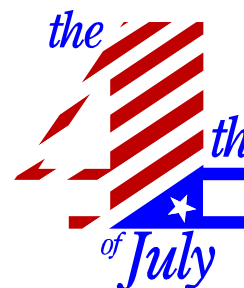
As I write this article I find my mind wondering. I am sitting at the Monterey City marina in California. I am here for a short trip visiting family. As my eyes scan the scenery I see many Catalinas. Since the Catalina is from California, I expected to see a lot of them here. I have been wandering the docks looking to introduce myself to some of the Catalina owners, but I have not been able to find any. In fact, I was not able to find boat owners. But I did meet some very nice sea otters and seals. I tried talking with

them, but only the one seal would respond. I think he said, "hey tourist, please feed me". Instead I just took his picture. He looked disappointed. I was not able to get him to smile for me.

OK, back to reality. Now that the sailing season is into full swing, we are ready to move on to the Fourth of July cruise and then the crab feast in August. Is it too early to be worried that the season will be more than half over after the crab feast? Well, enough of that depressing talk. Let's go sailing. ☺

4th of July Cruise and Raft-up July 1-4

Pete and Karen Denholm
Scimitar



This year the 4th of July weekend is four days long (Saturday, July 1 – Tuesday, July 4). During the winter planning meeting, we agreed that this year the 4th of July cruise would be to the Solomons Island area. It turns out that the fireworks display being put on by Solomons Island will be held on Tuesday the 4th, which is the last night of the cruise. This would mean that in order to complete the cruise anyone participating from places other than Solomons Island would have to take Wednesday off too.

Unfortunately, Karen and I are not able to take Wednesday off from work. So we have modified the cruising plan hopefully to accommodate both the Solomons Island and Annapolis contingents of CCYC. We are going to try something a little different this year. We will watch the fireworks from land on Sunday night at St. Michael's.

Our goal for each day during the cruise is to be anchored by 3 PM. As per the CCYC standard, we will monitor channel 72 on the hour and half-hour. And there will be happy hour every evening so bring your munchies.

We will begin the cruise by meeting up on Saturday at Hudson Creek, which is on the Little Choptank River. If this creek sounds familiar, it should. It is the same creek we used for the first night for the Memorial Day cruise. This seems to be a good middle point that should be an easy sail for those of you coming from Solomons Island. We will anchor just after the Green #1 day marker on the western side of the creek.

On Sunday, we will cruise to San Domingo Creek, which is off Broad Creek in the Choptank River. That's right, folks. We are going to attack St. Michaels using the "backdoor". We will find a nice anchorage some point after the Red #14 day marker. *Scimitar* plans to arrive early (1-2 PM) to beat any crowd that might be planning on anchoring in the same area. That evening after happy hour and dinner, we will all pile into the dinghys for shore leave to watch the fireworks from land in St. Michaels. (Don't worry Ray – this a short dinghy ride!)

I am toying with the idea of going back to the Little Choptank River to help make life easier for the Solomons Island folks. But I do not plan to finalize that until I see who shows up. Keeping that in mind *tentatively* we will move to Fishing Creek, which is in the Little Choptank River on Monday. We plan to anchor just after the Green #3 day marker.

If you have any questions, give us a call at 703-313-0864. ☺



Memorial Day Weekend Cruise May 27-29

Ray and Carolyn Nieves
Classie Chassie 2

Rain, rain and more rain. A wet start on Saturday did not keep away the hearty. While arriving at the Little Choptank from the north from a previous day sail to St Mikes, *Classie Chassie 2* heard a hail from *Elizabeth IV* arriving at the Little Choptank from the south. What good timing. A little ahead, *Classie Chassie 2*, with me and Carolyn and guests John and Mary (from Boston just for the weekend cruise) waited for *Elizabeth IV* to catch up, with Philip (the rain man), Elizabeth, Charles and Charlene aboard. Trying to spot *Elizabeth IV* in the rain, I asked, "Are you near the fishing boat about a mile south?" Elizabeth responds, "No, there's no fishing boat near us. Three sets of eyes say you can't be seeing us!" Within seconds she breaks radio silence to say "Philip says now we are passing the fishing boat." Rain, rain and more rain.

As we near Casson Point, who should catch up from the northwest? *Ayewash*, with Mike, Bev, Jennifer (their daughter visiting from Tampa) and the best little sailor in the Fleet, Diana. Of course, as we now near our anchorage in Hudson Creek, it begins to rain harder. Mike agrees to use *Ayewash* as the anchor vessel and we prepare to set up the raft.

But off in the distance, the call, the hail, the fear of missing a meal, who could it be? Could it be a lost vessel? Could it be - no, it can't be - yes, it is the voice from CCYC Commodore Pete, with Karen. Pete says they have no chart and no depth sounder. Could we guide him in? Now we've heard it all - he brought charts without the right pages.

More rain. *Ayewash* set the hook by 1400 and we were ready. Being the CCYC people we are, we set off in our dinghys to put out breadcrumbs for *Scimitar*. Soaked to the bone, chilled and worried, we returned to the raft to await the fate of *Scimitar*.

Dried and hungry, we began the difficult task of preparing the Happy Hour and drinks, while we continued to anticipate *Scimitar*'s arrival. Soon a sighting; *Scimitar* following the breadcrumbs and the smell of the Happy Hour and drinks. Of course, the captain of *Scimitar* would not miss the raft-up, the food, the drinks, the company and the laughter. Here they come, Karen on the bow - soaked but smiling. More rain.

Everyone joined on board *Classie Chassie 2* for a "wine-down" happy hour. "Okay, break out the wine", says Bev "The good wine." Enough to make people happy on our new boat. Bev is given only the best wine. Everyone is enjoying wine, cheese, food, wine, food, wine. Bev requests "More wine." What kind says I. "Red this time," says Bev. Jennifer says only light zin for me please. The food makes a hit, the stories begin to flow, the laughter grows, the stories do too. Now Bev says any wine will do. More rain.

After a few hours of the wine down, I mean wind down, I suggest a pot luck dinner. The idea goes over well. We all cook up dinner and join on *Ayewash* an hour later for a wonderful evening of good food, more wine, more laughs and fun. Jennifer was kind enough to sit everyone down and serve us and even do all the dishes at the end of the evening. Bravo! More rain.

Full of food, liquid refreshment and sore from laughter, everyone returned to their boats, settled in for the evening and one by one each boat went dark. Now as I sit here writing this report, I ask will this continue without the rain, I hope.

Much to our surprise, we woke up Sunday morning to something new for this area - a clearing sky! With a slight easterly breeze, by noon we weigh anchor and head north to Dun Cove. Fleet CCYC *Classie Chassie 2*, *Elizabeth IV*, *Scimitar* and "Anchor Boat" *Ayewash* off we go.

What? Can you believe more H₂O? As we arrive at the Choptank-Dun Cove area it begins again, more rain! *Ayewash* in the lead, pulls deep into the Dun Cove creek and sets the hook. Of course, we are back to normal; it is raining.

Why would one think about the dink? Well, after last night's wine down, food and party time, *Sassie Chassie* (our dink) had five bags of trash, 13 bottles of various sizes, shapes and colors and an inch of water. After Sunday night we added more trash, more bottles, and of course more H₂O. Oh, how we love our wine. Right, Bev, Carolyn, John and Jennifer? The rest of us "hearty souls" watched in amazement as we lighten our vessels of liquid refreshment and food and filled the dinks with bottles, trash and H₂O.

As we settled in for the Happy Hour - oops - Happy Hours, the stories flowed as the wine disappeared. Jennifer Davis told the lovely story about her engagement during a ski trip in Colorado (her Christmas gift), taken on a romantic horse-drawn sleigh ride in the snow and received a beautiful diamond ring from boyfriend. She tells of joy and phone calls to mom and dad to break the news. She was sharing some of the sunshine and joy of her life with all of us. The rain could not dampen her spirit or take away her smile this weekend. Thank you for sharing with us, Jennifer.

The more senior members of this wet crew of sailors could not be dampened in spirit either. Bev and Carolyn led the charge, off and running, to reduce the stock of food and liquid, followed by Philip, Elizabeth, Charles and John. No food, no wine would go to the dogs; poor Copper didn't stand a chance, no scraps left. Diana and Charlene had to ignore the "old people"; they stayed aboard *Ayewash* watching TV.

The food, fun, wine, rain and stories continued. Carolyn tells of frightening fun skydiving; Pete and Karen join with their experiences. Ray, John and Pete take a dink ride - trash, bottles and three men in a dink. We might sink but all we manage to do is splash poor Pete. Folks, if you haven't guessed by now, this group won't let rain or wine or food get in the way of fun and laughs.

We break for dinner and move from *Classie Chassie 2* to *Scimitar* for after-dinner board games. By now some people can't tell the difference in numbers or colors of the board game items. But the spirit of competition begins and the laughter turns to tense competition. Teams of players plan, confer and

laugh as each player struggles to figure out what to do and whom to help. Everyone is a winner in the end. More rain.

Believe it or not, we are running out of liquids and it's bedtime, folks. The games begin to break up but the rain won't.

It is now Monday morning at 5 AM and I wonder why I am up writing. And I am wondering who would want to have all this fun in the rain? No, I wonder if you know how much fun you could have with four CCYC sailboats full of great friends and families on a Memorial Day weekend filled with rain. We will be preparing to leave Dun Cove. The wind is howling, it is raining and we will get wet. But it has been a good weekend. Thank you to those who came and shared food, liquid refreshment, stories and friendship. And thank you to anyone who made it this far in our story telling. Oh, thank you too, Lord, for the rain and the ability to have so much fun.

As the winds began to pick up, we departed Dun Cove one by one. *Ayewash*, last to leave at approximately 1100. *Classie Chassie 2* and *Elizabeth IV* sailing together, picked up a nor'easterly, following wind all day, blowing from 16 to 27 knots by the time each arrived home. What great sails we had, *Classie Chassie 2* arriving at Flag Harbour by noon, *Elizabeth IV* arriving Solomans around 1500 and *Scimitar* and *Ayewash* taking the trip via Knapps Narrows to Herrington Harbour - all safe and sound. And wet. Yes, Memorial Weekend 2000 will be remembered for rain, rain and more rain. ☺

Ken and Joyce Stoppelbein
Windtyme

Several people asked for this recipe at the April 29th Ice Breaker.

COMPANY BAKED BEANS

- 1 (20 oz) can Pork & Beans, undrained
- 1 (16 oz) can Kidney Beans, undrained
- 1 (16 oz) can Lima Beans, drained
- 1 (16 oz) can Butter Beans, drained

- 1 can Garbanzos, if desired
- 1/2 lb cubed bacon
- 1/2 lb ground beef
- 1 cup chopped onion
- 1/2 cup ketchup
- 3/4 cup brown sugar
- 2 TBS molasses
- 1 tsp salt
- 2 tsp vinegar
- 1 tsp mustard

Cook bacon until crispy, drain on paper towel. Brown gr. beef and onion, drain off fat. Combine last 6 ingredients. Mix all together and bake at 350* for 1 1/2 hours. ENJOY! ☺



Checkout the newest BOAT U.S. benefits

Max Munger

Boat/US has been a long time partner of the Fleet#11/CCYC in offering half price memberships as part of their Cooperating Group Program. With more than 500,000 members, Boat/US is the world's largest organization of recreational boaters. Many of you may not be familiar with Boat/US or some new benefits being offered to the CCYC. I also want to advise you of other new Boat/US programs in which our members can participate - Boating Safety Incentives, availability of Grassroots Boating Safety Grants and a Online Boating Safety Challenge.

We are happy to announce that we've made it easier for our members to join Boat/US and enjoy the 50% savings on their regular membership dues. Now you can enjoy online application and renewal of your Boat/US Membership. This is available to all members of the CCYC. If you are not now a member of Boat/US, then you should be! Just set your browser to the following address <http://www.boatus.com/join/GA80542S.htm> or go to the CCYC web site links and click on the Boat/US icon.

Boat/US is helping its long-time boating safety partners, the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary and the U.S. Power squadrons, enhance their new safety

inspection program, the Vessel Safety Check (VSC) (formerly the Courtesy Marine Examination), with special offers for members who get this free safety check for their boats. Boat owners who get a courtesy Vessel Safety Check will receive a 10% discount off the price of certain safety gear at any Boat/US Marine Center or through the Boat/US Annual Equipment Catalog. All members need to do to receive this discount is bring in their completed VSC checklist to their Boat/US Marine Center. If they are ordering through the Boat/US catalog, all they need to do is fax a copy of the completed checklist to Boat/US at 800-825-8692.

In addition, Boat/US is continuing its long-term policy of providing a complimentary year of Boat/US membership to every boater who successfully completes a U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary or U.S. Power Squadrons boating safety course. Boat/US also gives a discount on safety equipment and a one-year subscription to its loss prevention newsletter, *Seaworthy*, for everyone who participates in the classes, whether they pass or not. Boaters can find the nearest boating safety course or Vessel Safety Check examiner in their areas by going online too and clicking on "foundation."

The Boat/US Foundation for Boating Safety is offering grants of up to \$5,000 for local boating safety projects. Over the last eleven years, the Foundation's Grassroots Grants Program has awarded \$500,000 to nearly 300 volunteer boating groups and other non-profit organizations throughout the United States. The grant application, including guidelines and instructions, is available by calling Vanessa Pert at (703) 823-9550, ext. 3016 or visiting the Web site www.BoatUS.com/foundation. All application packets must be postmarked and all on-line applications must be submitted to the Foundation by Wednesday, November 1, 2000.

Boaters who want to improve their boating safety knowledge now have the chance to win a hand-held Garmin GPS, by taking part in the online "Boating Safety Challenge" contest at www.BoatUS.com/onlinecourse. There will be

monthly prize drawings through December. At the end of the year, all names will also be entered in a grand prize drawing for a Garmin GPSMAP 185, a combination GPS receiver, chartplotter and depthsounder, valued at \$780.

The Boating Safety Challenge is a self-paced, interactive course that contains hundreds of pages of information, and culminates with a 55-question test.

I hope that CCYC members will take advantage of these programs and in doing so promote your local club. Boating education and safety should be primary objectives of every sailing fleet. You can get started with half-price memberships, free boat inspections, a convenient course in boating safety and an insurance discount and possibly, a new GPS! ☞

Wanted: Catalina 30

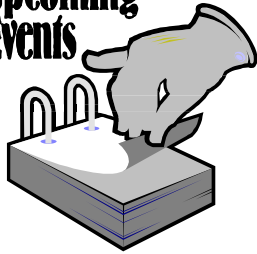
To whom it may concern,

I am looking to purchase a 30' Catalina with a wing keel, wheel steering, 25 or so horsepower diesel in good to above average condition from the early to mid 1980's. There are many boats here in NJ but not too many with the wing keel for sailing in Barnegat Bay. If you could help me find such a boat it would be much appreciated.

Thanks in advance,

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Upcoming Events



July 1-4 4th of July Cruise and Raft-up
Hudson Creek, Little Choptank River & St Michaels
Raft Captain: Pete and Karen Denholm, *Scimitar*

August 5-6 Crab Feast Cruise and Raft-up
Cantler's Restaurant Mill Creek
Raft Captain: Walt and Sue Dennison, *Foxfire*



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