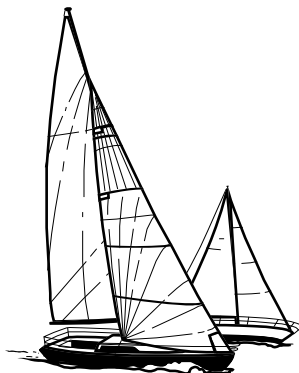


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View from the Bridge

Pete Denholm
Commodore

Here we are towards the end of summer and it has been a great season for sailing on the Bay. The winds have been favorable, and most of all the humidity has been low. It was great to see many of you at the crab feast in August. A big thanks to Bill and Liz Wesley for filling in at the last moment for Sue and Walt Dennison as "raft captain" for the event. Sue, one of CCYC's founding members, was needed back home to take care of her mother. Our thoughts are with her and her mother. The crab feast raft-up included new members, Diane Benyus and Richard Schatz of *Aire-Borne* (C25). Welcome aboard!

Boy, sailing home from the crab feast was a lesson in heavy weather sailing for *Scimitar* and her crew. It took Karen and me over six hours to sail home with 24-28 knot winds on our nose. Not to mention the 4-6 foot seas and blinding rain. At times it would rain so hard it would flatten the waves. Not to worry, the waves were able to recover quickly and reek havoc once again. *Ayewash* motored home with Mike Davis at the helm and daughter, Diana, wishing she was still at camp. I'll bet *Aire-Borne* has a story too. Whew! That was one of the few times I was ☺ to have *Scimitar* back in the slip and my feet on solid ground. We managed to not break

anything. The only casualty was the loss of yet other one of my favorite hats. Only one left.

CCYC is famous! Did you read about CCYC in the August issue of Mainsheet? You may have gotten the email from Mike Davis and already found the articles. If not, pull it back out and flip to pages 13-14 (the printer got some of the paragraphs out of order) and page 17. After reading the articles you will be able to impress your friends with your new wealth of knowledge about CCYC and the Bay. Did you know that the Bay was formed about 2000 B.C.? The next time you see Mike, thank him for getting CCYC some face time in Mainsheet and teaching you a new thing or two.

Earlier in my article I mentioned that we are nearing the end of summer. On the business end of things that means it is nearing officer election time. According to tradition and the CCYC by-laws we will be throwing out the old and bringing in the new during our November meeting. On the chopping block are Vice-Commodore and Treasurer. Sorry Mike – you are having so much fun as webmaster and editor; it just doesn't seem right to take the job away from you. The current Vice-Commodore, Ray Nieves, will be promoted to the rank of Commodore. Congrats, Ray! Joan Savage has been the Treasurer for several seasons and is looking for someone to take the title from her. We are looking for volunteers to sail in and enjoy the CCYC fun at a new level. If you are interested let one of the officers know.

The Oktoberfest Raft-up and Halloween Cruise are our next exciting upcoming events. Contact the raft captains and let them know you want to go sailing with them. I am looking forward to the Oktoberfest so I can eat bratwurst and drink dark beer.

See you on the water! ☪



**September 30 -
October 1
Rhode River**

Wayne and Joan Savage
Jubilee

Can it be? Fall is here again, the sailing season is coming to an end, and we haven't seen much of the Bay this year! I am reminded of this as we prepare for the annual CCYC Oktoberfest raft-up in the Rhode River (off the West River) set for September 30 - October 1. This year we will once again be the raft captains for these festivities.

We will bring the bier garten, Um-Pa-Pa music for atmosphere while we dine on bratwurst and drink Oktoberfest beer, our other favorite thirst quencher. The club will provide the Bratwurst and beer, while the partygoers bring German hors d'oeuvres and cuisine to taste and share.

To get to the raft site off Big Island, enter the West River, keeping Red 2 to your starboard. The channel is narrow at that point with shoals on both sides, but with plenty of water. Proceed up the West River about a mile to where the Rhode River enters the West River on your starboard. Round a second Red 2 and head directly up the Rhode (about 348° M) to where it opens into a semicircular bay. Round Green 7 to port and proceed west to Big Island, which will not be hard to identify. *Jubilee* will be there about 3:00 PM, monitoring Channel 72 every half hour. We will be standing by to provide rafting assistance.

Please give us a call (301-762-6752) or send an email (wsavage@aol.com) if you plan to join us this year so that we can ensure there is enough beer and wurst. It just won't do not to have enough for everyone.

This event is always a great time. We're looking forward to seeing everyone again. Come on by, have a good time! ☪

**Halloween
Cruise
October 28 - 29**

Mike and Bev Davis
Ayewash



The CCYC Halloween cruise will be to Shaw Bay in the Wye River on Saturday, October 28. Price of entry to the cruise is one pumpkin and one candle as



you will be asked to carve the pumpkin with an appropriate nautical motif. There will be a bottle of champagne for the crew voted the most original carvers.

Note: Please do not carve the pumpkin in advance - it's post-libation originality we are looking for!

Shaw Bay is a great anchorage and it should be delightfully empty this late in the year. To get there, head for the Eastern Bay, then the Miles River and then the Wye River. Take the first turn to starboard (Wye East River) and continue around Bruffs Island. Shaw Bay will be on your starboard side. If the wind is from the North and makes Shaw Bay uncomfortable, *Ayewash* will anchor in Dividing Creek, which is further up the river on the port side. According to CCYC policy, *Ayewash* will be there about 3:00 PM, monitoring VHF Channel 72. The *Ayewash* boat phone number is 703-298-4720.

If you have any questions, call us at 703-802-0355 or send us an email (medavis49@aol.com). Weather should be pleasantly cool and worthy of our last raft-up for the year. Let's make it the best! ☪

Labor Day Cruise September 1 – 10

Barbara and Irv Schaeffer
Irwins Ark III

Three out of Ten Ain't Bad.

First let me say that if you have never sailed (or motored) north of Queenstown on the Chester River, you have missed some of the most beautiful scenery on the Bay. From Queenstown to just before Chestertown there is no commercial activity at all. All you see is nature at its best interspersed with a few beautiful homes and farms. There were herons galore and all kinds of creeks and anchorages in which to enjoy the pristine beauty. The camaraderie you feel when you take a weeklong cruise is unlike that of the short weekend versions. I hope that you all can join with the club for an extended cruise. With only 1 week remaining before the Cruise began, I had no one joining us on the Cruise from CCYC. Spending 9 days alone with my wife was not what I envisioned when I agreed to be Raft Captain for this event. SOOOOOO, I frantically started to call a lot of people outside the club to bolster the number of boats on the trip. Fortunately one of my friends agreed to come along on his Waulkiez 38 for all but the last night. Another friend joined us on the first and last weekend on his Catalina 34 and may be a new member if he means what he said.

We arrived at the boat on Friday and found the bilge almost full and the pump not working. Fortunately the mechanic was there and found a broken wire to the in-line fuse. He repaired it and we were on our way. We had a pleasant sail to Rideout Creek off of Whitehall Bay. We met *Sea Rover*, my friend's Catalina 34 there and shared a dinner of Bami, an Indonesian dish. My friend Jaap and his wife Erna are Dutch Indonesians and over the 20 years of our friendship we have enjoyed sharing many a good sail and many good Dutch and Indonesian meals.

On Saturday morning we motored to the Magothy and arrived in Broad Creek to find the Davis' on *Ayewash*. After we ran aground (again), we tied up

along side of them and awaited the rest of the arrivals.

Sea Rover came along and tied up and then another friend, Ruth and Jerry Dechter, came along on their Waulkiez 38, *Pharmasea*. A little time later *Wind Tyme*, a Catalina 30 with the Stoppelbeins came by and tied on. Meeting them was a treat and hopefully they will become active with the club. This was their second CCYC event.

Barbara went below to wash her hands and lo and behold there was no water. Our tanks were empty. I checked every connection in the boat and then remembered that I had lost water once before from my heater. I opened the locker that holds the heater (and an extra anchor rode, and fenders, and lines, and a bag with 8 life jackets, and trash) and found that one of the hoses had been pulled off. After removing all that stuff, Ruth Dechter climbed in and reconnected the hose. We had 2 Sun Shower bags full of water and I emptied them into the water tanks so we could wash up.

We had a 5-boat raft and we enjoyed mixing friends from in and out of the club. On Sunday morning when the time came to leave, *Pharmasea* and *Irwin's Ark* headed to Swan Creek and the other boats headed home. Ken and Joyce Stoppelbein led us to their slip on the Magothy to get water to fill our tanks.

Because we had such a nice time with *Ayewash* (Mike, Bev and Diana) we decided to change the destination for the last night of the cruise so they could make it easier. We made Lake Ogelton the final stop. *Wind Tyme* promised to try to join us on Friday in Queenstown if they could arrange their schedules.

We had an hour of sailing and then motored the rest of the way to Swan Creek. We arrived there just in time to have dinner and then the sky opened and it rained. This was the rain they had promised for the first 3 days of the cruise that we had avoided.

On Monday another friend on *Cappricio*, a Waulkiez 49, joined us only to be called away on an emergency and we only had voice communication with them on the next few days.

Ruth and I went for ice in a marina nearby and started out for Langford Creek with no wind. A little wind came up while on our way and we sailed for a short time. So far, no wind and lots of threatening weather, heat and humidity. Every little fly on the Chesapeake found us and I am the World's Champion Fly Killer - in the non-autohelm class.

Monday night *Pharmasea* and *Irwin's Ark* shared happy hour and dinner near Cacaway Island. The wind slowly increased. A cold front was coming and after 4 days of heat and humidity we were looking forward to a change for the better. As we went to sleep the wind increased and increased and increased. *Pharmasea's* fortress anchor held fast and after waking up every couple of hours because of the noise of the wind whistling through the trees on shore and the shrouds on our boats and the boats rocking from the chop. Morning came cloudy and cool and very windy. The wind was still blowing at 20+ knots and we decided to stay where we were rather than trying to sail into the wind in a rather narrow part of the river and pull into a slip with this wind. We spent a pleasant day together as the sun came out later and it got a little warmer.

On Wednesday we awoke to a bright sunny day. The motor started quickly after a day and a half sitting and draining the batteries. The wind was blowing as we headed up the Chester, only to find I was really in the Corsica. Ruth called and got me back on course and we headed up the Chester again. We motored most of the way with a few short sailing tries. When we arrived in Chestertown we refueled (5 gallons) and filled the water tanks and headed for town. We walked around town and had dinner in the Imperial Hotel. We saw them building a Sultana, a large sailing ship. We also found a place that still makes sweaters to order for around \$100. It got cold again and after dinner we returned to the boats and went to sleep.

Thursday up and out to breakfast at the only place in town that serves a full breakfast. After breakfast we got ice and a few essentials in town and started out for the Corsica River. After many attempts at sailing we finally gave up and motored most of the way there. We rafted near the mouth of Emory Creek and shared dinner again. It gets dark a little before 8, so

we showered and went to sleep after reading for a while.

Friday no wind and cool and we motored further up the Corsica and turned for the Chester River. We motored out of the Corsica and found the wind. We tacked back and forth down the Chester to the best sailing of the cruise so far. We arrived at the markers for Queenstown and dropped the sails and headed for the channel. We never saw less than 8 to 9 feet and got in without a problem.

After we rafted we heard from *Wind Tyme*. When they arrived, we had happy hour and then we all went back to our own boats, our tummies stuffed with goodies. We went to bed early because we wanted an early start on Saturday.

On Saturday we awoke to cloudy skies and a little wind. As we left, I managed to get too close to one of the green markers in the channel and found bottom. No problem for my 21 horsepower Universal and off we went. The wind picked up and as we headed up the Chester towards the bay, we had great sailing.

As we approached Love Point we saw a Catalina 30 overtaking us. It was Don McBride alone in his *Coelumar*. This was to be his first Club event. We tacked twice on the Bay and then on one tack went under the bridge and right to the marker outside the channel to Lake Ogleton. Much to our surprise, Don McBride was there with his sails down waiting for us. We both went into the Lake and he dropped a hook while we waited for the bigger boys to show up. *Pharmasea* had to go home so Jerry could play in a band that night. After a short wait *Sea Rover* arrived and put down an anchor and we joined him.

We were planning showers and a joint dinner (not showers) when *Jubilee* with the Savages, Joan, Wayne and Winston, arrived and tied on. We got a radio call from *Ayewash* that they were on their way and we held off the munchies and dinner for a later start. *Ayewash* arrived with Bev, Mike, Diana and Mahalia on board. We had a good time and as darkness approached, *Ayewash* and *Jubilee* broke off and dropped a separate hook. The remaining boats shared a potluck dinner and we gave the others their first taste of Borscht, a beet soup served cold.

Sunday we awoke to a hazy morning, no wind. We motored back to our Marina and then headed home.

Outside of the lack of wind we had a very good time, exploring a beautiful river, meeting some new people and being together with some of our long time friends. ☞

One of the many advantages of membership in a Catalina one-design association is a subscription to the Catalina magazine, *Mainsheet*. Until recently, that was the only way to get a subscription.

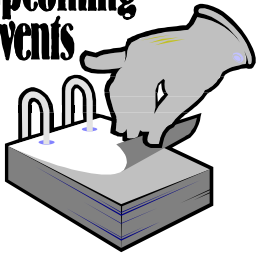
As most of you have heard, CCYC is now part of the International All Catalina Alliance. This doesn't cost you anything additional and doesn't preclude you from joining your respective one-design association. But it does mean CCYC members not in a one-design association can now get a subscription to *Mainsheet* for \$10-\$15 per year.

There are two ways to arrange for CCYC members to get subscriptions; it depends on how many want to do it. I would like to get a feel for how many members are interested in this before I set it up. Just send me a note; You won't be committing to a subscription. ☞



***See you at the Annapolis Boat Show!
October 6 - 9***

Upcoming Events



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