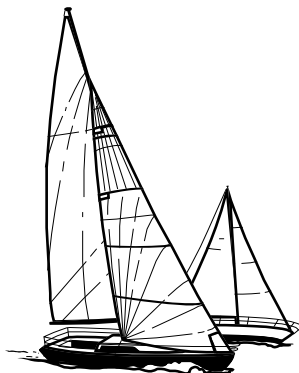


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View from the Bridge

Pete Denholm
Commodore

Oh no, the fall season is coming to a close and most of you are beginning to think about winterizing. You know – changing the filters and putting that pink stuff in your fresh water lines. Before you write the year off, do not forget CCYC has one more on the water experience and it is called “Halloween”. By now you should have received Mike’s little reminder card about the raft-up. Karen and I are looking forward to seeing you all there to help close out the 2000 cruising season.

During Columbus weekend Karen and I volunteered at the Catalina Owners’ Association booth at the Annapolis Boat Show. It allowed us to get into the show for free (thanks Max). We had a great time talking to many current Catalina owners, to some new prospects, and listening to Max Munger talk, talk and talk. During the five day long boat show, the volunteers at the booth signed up a dozen new members to the various Catalina owner’s associations. Unfortunately, CCYC was not one of the associations. Working at the owners’ booth is great fun. If you are interested in volunteering for the Atlantic City Sail Expo in January (I think the weekend of the 18th), please contact Bill McClees at WMCLEES@aol.com.

Also, during the boat show there was a wonderful pig roast party on Saturday night outside near Sail Annapolis for Catalina dealers and owners. We saw Mike and Bev Davis of *Ayewash* (thanks for the lift to our car), Ray and Carolyn Nieves of *Classie Chassie II* (Next time you see Ray ask him about the golf tournament he put together), Max Munger of *Shermax* (thanks to Max for organizing everything having to do with the owners booth), and last year’s commodore, Bill Weeks of *Fortnight III* (who is enjoying life on the Northern Neck).

Yep, winter is around the corner. It was even more a reality during the boat show as the temperature dropped into the forties. It may have been chilly, but we still managed to spend about 20 boat units at the show. Karen and I picked up our offshore gear in preparation for our yearlong sabbatical crewing around the world (or as far as twelve months will get us). That Saturday night we left the pig roast early due to the rapidly dropping temperature. I spent the night on *Scimitar* in Herrington Harbor North and it must have been in the thirties in the cabin. I wonder if *Maraj* gets that cold too.

Most of you know Mark and AJ Eller of *Maraj* (Tayana 42). They are long time CCYC members and Mark is a past commodore, who lived on his C30 in Solomons Island. The Ellers, along with Mark’s niece, Danielle, are preparing for a long circumnavigation. They will be completing their preparations over the next year. When I first met

them the plan was for five years. That sounded great to me. I thought: WOW! Five years should be enough time to see EVERYTHING. Apparently I was wrong. Mark and AJ now believe it will take anywhere from seven to TEN years to do it right. Good for you guys; we are all jealous.

See you on the water – in Shaw Bay. ☞

Halloween Cruise October 28 – 29 Shaw Bay

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-Happy-Hour 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! ☞

Member Meeting November 19th

Ray Nieves
Vice Commodore

The Member Meeting on the 19th of November will be at 5:30 pm 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. There's lots of parking and it is free!

Plan on joining us for dinner (purchase from the menu) and staying for the meeting. The guest speaker is Pete De Silva of Viking Boat Supplies. He will be talking on Troubleshooting Outboards (Small engines for dinks). We will also have the election of officers. ☞

Officer Elections for 2001

Pete Denholm
Commodore

As I mentioned last month we are nearing officer election time. At the November 19th business meeting we will hold the elections. Sorry, there will not be any debates. Vice-Commodore debates just are not as entertaining as Presidential debates. And even less people would watch, if you can believe that. We are still looking for a solid candidate (or even a soft one) for the Vice-Commodore position. Let me or any of the other officers know if you are interested. Here is how the officer positions are looking for 2001:

Commodore	Ray Nieves
Vice-Commodore	OPEN
Treasurer	Joan Savage
Historian	Sue Dennison
Editor/Webmaster	Mike Davis

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End of year awards

As part of the Holiday Party in December, Sue Dennison traditionally presents awards to and tells tales on club members for their exploits during the past year. Please give her a call (301-262-4985) or send an email (dennwasu@erols.com) if you have any recommendations and information concerning CCYC members in the following areas:

Most sailing weekends

Most time at the dock

Most frightening experience

Oops of the year

Other goodies to share with the club

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September 30 - October 1 Rhode River

Wayne and Joan Savage
Jubilee



A wunderbar zeit was had by all, and I mean all nine boats, meeting near Big Island on the Rhode River. Though everyone had to motor (or be towed – later in the story) most of the way, it was a wonderful clear, crisp fall day on the Chesapeake. We left about noon and tried to sail, but just got out to the Bay and the wind went home, taking his ball. Sooo, we cranked up the engine and motor-sailed past Thomas Point Lighthouse and headed for Red 2 on the West River. We turned north up the Rhode and arrived at the anchorage.

It was about 2:30 so we only looked around for early Catalina arriviers a little and began searching for a good raft anchor spot. We found a good one, not the best as there were already quite a few boats anchored in the area. As we were letting the rode out on our anchor, we heard a horn and looked around. There were Jerry and Jeanie Helldorfer on *Ragtime* in the “best” anchor location. Well, before the rode was fully played out, I started bringing it back in. We lifted the hook, put out our fenders and rafted off their port side.

Shortly after we were tied up, we got a call on the radio from Diane Benyus and Richard Schatz aboard *Aire-Borne*. They were being towed to the raft by a friendly power boater who rescued them when they ran out of gas as they turned up the Rhode River. You remember the story. “Should we get gas now?” “No, we’ll fill up on the way back.” And you remember the ending. “What are you going to do now?” Well to make the story short, Richard and I got in our dinghy – with Jerry’s motor (another story to be told later) and headed for one of the marinas. Lucky enough there was a gas dock where we filled their outboard tank and returned to the raft.

By the time we got back, 3 more boats had rafted on, and two were circling. To balance the raft-up, it had been decided *Aire-Borne* should move to the outside

Membership renewal

As we come to the end of this sailing season ☹, we can start looking forward to the start of the next season ☺. That includes electing officers for the Club, planning new cruises and going to parties. That also includes renewing your membership and alas, paying dues. CCYC dues are \$35 for each calendar year (January to December). The money is used to cover rental of the meeting places, speakers, the cost of publishing the newsletter, some of the expenses of CCYC parties and other business of running the club.

I have included a Membership Renewal Form in this newsletter that includes all the information I have on file about you and your boat. I would appreciate it if you would take the time to check over the information and correct anything that is wrong or missing.

Additionally, Joan Savage has ordered a supply of CCYC burgees and they’re available to members who do not already have one. The cost is \$25 per burgee and you can include it with your dues. ☞

and that Ray Harris in *Reverie* would raft off our port and then everyone would tie on again. Quite a maneuver. Winston and I watched from the dinghy as we headed for Flat Island for his afternoon break. As we came back two more boats had joined the raft. Besides us in *Jubilee*, the raft-up now included Jerry and Jeanie Helldorfer (*Ragtime*), Diane Benyus and Richard Schatz (*Aire-Borne*), Ray Harris (*Reverie*), Don and Mary Ann McBride (*Coelumar*), Rod and Pat Waite (*Wye Waite II*), Pete and Karen Denholm (*Scimitar*), Ed and Connie Dooley (*Surprise*) and Kenneth and Joyce Stoppelbein (*Wind Tyme*). Nine boats!

When we returned it was um pa music, Beck's Oktoberfest bier, wine and hors devours time on *Jubilee* and *Ragtime*. Just before dark, we decided that we needed to crank up the grills and get the wurst cooked so that we could lay out the buffet on

the front of *Ragtime*. Everyone filled their plates with wurst, sauerkraut, baked beans, salad and found a seat to continue the earnest discussions begun over cocktails.

As everyone finished dinner and we neared the end of the bier and wine, most partiers headed for the rack.. Ray hosted the late-nighters with an additional "tasting" on *Reverie*.

In the morning we awoke to a fairly heavy fog. Pretty unusual given the low humidity of the night before. In any case, Winston was having nothing of "let's wait till it clears" so we got into the dinghy and motored out into the mist, with just the outline of Flat Island, our destination. The fog held on 'til well past 9:00 am before the sun burned it away. ☞

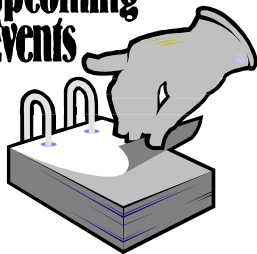


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in our price range."

Upcoming Events



- October 28 - 29 Halloween Cruise/Raft-up
Shaw Bay
Raft Captain: Mike and Bev Davis, *Ayewash*
- November 19 Winter meeting, 5:30 PM
Mama Lucia's Restaurant, Dunkirk, MD
Captain: Ray Nieves
- December 9 Holiday Party
Host – Ray and Carolyn Nieves

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