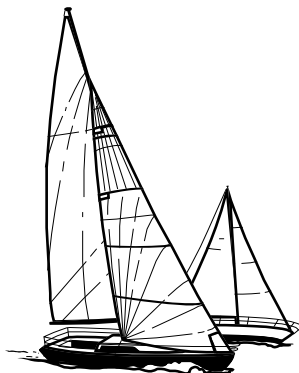


The CAT Tales

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View from the Bridge

Pete Denholm
Commodore

Despite the effects of global warming it is getting colder out there. This means that boats are making their way to the "hard". It is a sad time as a sailor, but we are looking forward to our upcoming off-season activities: November member meeting, December holiday party, and the January planning meeting. At the November meeting we listened to a guest speaker about trouble shooting our dingy motors and elected a new Vice-Commodore. Richard Schatz of **Aire-Borne** has stepped forward and volunteered to be the next Vice-Commodore.

Our next off-season activity is the holiday party in December. At the party I will officially turn the tiller of CCYC over to Ray Nieves. Ray is full of positive energy and we can expect great things from Ray over the next year. One of Ray's first actions will be the January planning meeting. At this meeting club members are encouraged to show up and help determine the activities for the upcoming year. This is a real fun meeting were you bring your ideas of new ways CCYC can have more fun on the water. Even though you will not be sailing much over the couple of months, you can plan on some fun CCYC land experiences.

See you on the "hard". ☪

Holiday

Party

December 9th, 7:00 PM



The annual CCYC Holiday Party will be at Ray and Carolyn Nieves' house this year. Informal holiday dress is appropriate and holiday cheer a must. Time to meet and greet old friends, to tell stories about this summer's sailing adventures and just catch up. The club will furnish a turkey or ham as well as wine and beer. Attendees should bring hors' d'oeuvres, a side dish or a dessert. In addition, each person should bring a wrapped gift. The gift should be boat-related but be no more than \$10 value. There is a gift exchange game we will play that is a real laugh.

Directions: Take 495 to Route 4 East (toward Solomans). Go approximately 20 miles until you see the Shopping Center on your right. Immediately after the shopping center, you will see the fire house (of course Ray uses a fire house for a point of reference). Continue two more miles to the traffic light at Channeyville Rd, turn right and go 1/2 mile to the first right - Sam Hill Rd. If you got to the high school, you went too far. Go 1/4 mile on Sam Hill to the first right on Walkankick Way to 2815 Walkankick Way (Second house on the left).

Please call Ray and Carolyn (301-855-3398) or send them an email (ClassieChassie@erols.com) to coordinate the dish you plan to bring. ☪



End of year awards

A reminder that as part of the Holiday Party, 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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CCYC Elections Completed Without Court Intervention



Ray Nieves

Commodore Elect

After months of hard, but clean, campaigning, the CCYC popular vote, the absentee ballots and Electoral College vote count has been completed. The liberal/conservative party candidates for Commodore (Ray Nieves) and Vice Commodore (Richard Schatz) won the election without controversy.

CCYC members, the election campaign committees, district and precinct judges and election officials did not waste time with recounts, pregnant, dimpled, torn or partially punched chads or other traditional devices. Joan Savage and Mike Davis worked tirelessly to avoid such arguments.

With national media watching the process, it is evident that the CCYC elections will not go down in history as the most unusual election, but we may lead the way to show Florida how to cast and count votes the easy way, i.e., without competition.

Having giving ourselves overrated applause for conducting the order of business in running the CCYC election, Rich and I stand ready to serve CCYC for 2001. We are looking forward to working with the transition team to move forward with the business of fun sailing and good times in the traditions of our forefathers and foremothers.

On a serious note, we should all thank Pete Denholm for his dedication and leadership for the past two years, as Vice Commodore and then Commodore. Pete has been a real asset to the club and we will all miss him and Karen as they move forward with their dream cruise. Thanks Pete and Karen. ☞

Halloween Cruise October 28 – 29



Mike and Bev Davis

Ayewash

The gremlins came out for the Halloween Cruise this year. *Scimitar* was the only other boat besides *Ayewash* that I heard try to make it to the Wye River but not without hard work and hard luck.

Pete Denholm writes: “We made it all the way to the mouth of Eastern Bay when I noticed that the leaside upper shroud was disconnected from the deck of the boat. Further investigation revealed that the clevis pin was gone. It must have broken off. With the winds still blowing at 25-30 kts, we decided to drop the sails and attempt to motor. It was only 11 o'clock but motoring into those winds was getting us nowhere. I looked through my spare parts box but could not find a clevis pin big enough to handle the job. Eventually, I did find a pin that was from a block on the deck that was being used for the line leading to the roller furling. It was a little smaller but it would do the job for the weekend. I made the repair while getting tossed around on the deck. All this happened so fast I did not think about putting on my foul weather gear so you could imagine I was getting soaked with waves coming over the bow.

Success! With the clevis pin in place we unrolled our 150% jib and off we went. During the whole repair we had drifted about half a mile south. Now we

needed to tack up the Bay in order to make it up Eastern Bay. The winds were still 25-30 kts. When we tacked that big jib, it hit the spreader pretty hard; Hard enough to rip a hole in our two-year-old sail. That was enough to completely demoralize a crew that was already having morale problems. That's when we decided to head back home. It was a nice run home. We used the jib, but with the wind on our beam we felt there wasn't much risk of more damage to the jib, as long as we did not need to jibe or tack. We were exhausted when we pulled into the slip. We slept for about two hours, then went up to Annapolis for dinner and a movie."

Ayewash had similar experiences as *Scimitar*. We were slightly ahead of *Scimitar* but as we entered Eastern Bay, part of the Dutchman flaking system on the main came apart, leaving no chafe protection from the line that runs through the sail. With all the force of the 25-knot winds, I was afraid it might start cutting the sail, so we dropped the main. Like *Scimitar*, we ended up furling the genny and turning on the motor. With the wind out of the north, we passed on Shaw Bay and went on down Wye River to Dividing Creek.

Unfortunately but understandably, no other CCYC boats showed up. Joan Savage (*Jubilee*) called to tell us she had planned to come but Wayne had a business trip that ran over and she couldn't round up a crew. With the weather, this was not a time to try single-handed sailing.

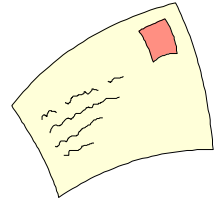
Dividing Creek was peaceful and quite beautiful with the Fall foliage. We ended up among another club raft-up with 15 boats in 4 pods. The winds for the sail home Sunday was identical to Saturday - NW winds at 20-25 knots. We only used the genny and cruised at 8.5 knots. ☞

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.

You received a Membership Renewal Form in the last newsletter that included 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. If you have misplaced the form, let me know and I will send you another.



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. ☞

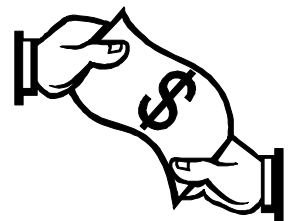


No Bridge - Everybody's Down

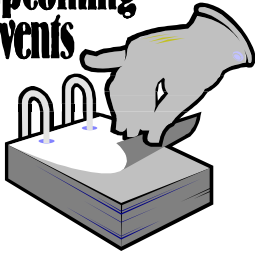
The Spa Creek Drawbridge will be closed for roadway repair January 26th to February 13th. The bridge will be closed to all traffic – boat, car and pedestrian. The Maryland State Highway Administration will be offering a water shuttle during the closure. Call 1-800-323-6742 for the latest on the repair status. ☞

Money Back – Guaranteed

Effective July 1, 2000, owners of recreational vehicles can get a refund of the state tax paid on diesel and gasoline purchased in Virginia and used in recreational craft. You have to apply in writing to the Virginia DMV, document each purchase with a receipt and each purchase must be more than five gallons. The state tax is 16 cents per gallon on diesel and 17½ cents per gallon on gasoline. To get the form, call the DMV at 804-367-6327 or download a copy from their web site at www.dmv.state.va.us (form FT 216). ☞



Upcoming Events



December 9

Holiday Party, 7:00 PM
Nieves' Landing, Owings, MD
Host – Ray and Carolyn Nieves

January 20

Member meeting, 7:00 PM
Savage's Landing, Potomac, MD
Host: Wayne and Joan Savage



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