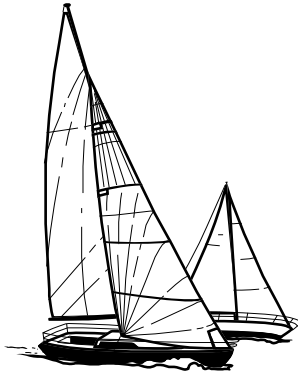


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View from the Bridge

Richard Schatz
Commodore

This past year has been full of surprises. Some were pleasant, and some disastrous, but if anything, the year has shown us the importance of living life to the fullest, taking advantage of those moments we have with those we love or the things we love to do and "Seize the day."

Well, this year, I would encourage you to "Seize the Bay!" We have available to us one of the most amazing cruising grounds in the world, the Chesapeake. It is a gift to be enjoyed. We are sending you a schedule of events for our raft-ups and I hope we can get you to look at your calendars early enough to work them in. But, there are many more weekends that we don't have an official cruise planned and we all love to sail. If you have an idea for a cruise and you would like to have someone to sail with, even at the last minute, give one of us a call. I'm sure there will be someone who would love to join you, either to sail, or to raft-up. Also, this is your club. Give us your ideas, suggestions, even criticisms (constructive of course) and we'll try to make them happen or make them better. We want to make it a memorable sailing season for you.

I would also like to bring to your attention a terrific international event coming to the Bay. The Volvo

Ocean Race, formerly the Whitbread. These are high performance racing sailboats and teams from all over the globe. Three years ago the Whitbread came to the Bay and stopped in Baltimore and Annapolis. Some of their stopovers in their journey around the World have been eliminated. However, they were so impressed with our Bay and our courtesy both on land and on the water that they are returning. They arrive in Annapolis on April 26th and the start of the leg from there to France is on the 28th. It is an event to be remembered and if you can be there for the start, in your boat, you won't regret it. If you go, fly your burgee.

We hope to see a lot of you this year. Call us, email us, send us letters, but most of all let us know what you think and, every chance you get this year go down to the Bay and enjoy! ⚓

2002 Schedule of Events

The 2002 schedule will include a variety of locations and themes for everyone to enjoy. The following is the initial plan for cruises and raft-ups; we'll talk about them in detail at the March meeting.

Feb 23 Member Meeting (with C36 Fleet III)
Rams Head Inn, Annapolis, MD

Mar 10 Member Meeting
Cafe D'Italia, Annapolis, MD

Apr 6 Flag Raising Brunch
Deep Creek Restaurant, Arnold, MD

Apr 26-27 Icebreaker Cruise
Paula's Landing, Spa Creek

May 25-27 Memorial Day Cruise/Raft-up
Wye River

Jun 8-9 Cruise/Raft-up
Weems Creek

Jul 4-5 4th of July Cruise/Raft-up
Lake Ogleton

Aug 2-4 Catalina Rendezvous
Solomon's Island

Aug 31-Sep 2 Labor Day Cruise/Raft-up
TBD

Sep 28-29 Oktoberfest Cruise/Raft-up
Rhode River

Oct 26-27 Crab Feast Cruise/Raft-up
Harris Crab House/Kirwan Creek

Nov 10 Member Meeting

