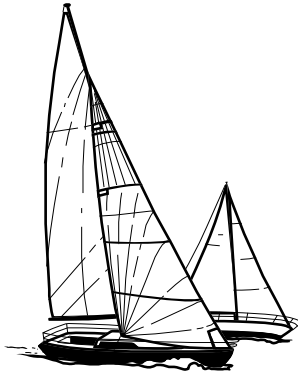


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View from the Bridge

**Richard Schatz
Commodore**

This will be my last message to you as Commodore and I would be remiss if I did not thank those who helped me this year. CCYC is after all a volunteer group and it takes more than one person to make all the events that the Club sponsors to make these things happen.

For example, Mike Davis is responsible for most of the communication to the members. From the postcards that you get for raftups to the website he administers, Mike gets us the info. His advice and wisdom has also given us valuable guidance over the years. Ray VanHorn, as Vice Commodore, has arranged our Dinner meetings and has provided us with informative and entertaining speakers. Joan Savage, our Past Treasurer, has kept our books faithfully for the last 6 years or so. She has made sure that things were paid for in a timely manner. We all participate in designing the schedule of meetings and cruises.

This past meeting we have voted in a new group of officers that promise to give us a terrific year of raftups and camaraderie. Ray VanHorn will move up to Commodore. He has some great ideas for extending the scope of our gatherings. Rich Miller has stepped up to the plate and has accepted the Vice

Commodore position. Diane Benyus will now be taking care of finances as the new Treasurer. Jennifer Davis has been appointed Cruise Director. Her enthusiasm in helping to plan cruises and raftups should give us some memorable events. Call her with ideas for places and themes for our get-togethers. And finally, Mike Davis will continue on as Secretary / Web Master. His efforts in this position are greatly valued by us all.

I want to encourage you all to participate however you can in our raftups, or meetings. We want and need to know where you would like to go, what you want to do, and how you would like things done. The names and phone numbers of those mentioned above will be on our Newsletter and our website. There should be no reservations about calling any one of them. They will welcome your ideas.

Diane and I will be seeing you on the water and hope you can make it to the Christmas Party when we will celebrate our year together amid good company and with good cheer.

Fair Winds,

Richard Schatz ☞



Holiday Party
December 8th
4:00 – 8:00 PM

Rich Schatz and Diane Benyus

The annual CCYC Holiday Party will be at Rich Schatz and Diane Benyus' house in Annapolis this year on December 8th from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. Bring your singing voice or any other instrument you can play, as we will be singing songs of Christmas. Dress is informal. 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. Please call Diane and Rich to coordinate what you are bringing.

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.

Directions are as follows

- 1.)The directions start from North of Baltimore.
- 2.)If you are coming from the D.C. area start the directions at **Go 50 East towards the "Bay Bridge"*.

Take I-95 South and when you get to Baltimore take I-895 South through the Baltimore Harbor Tunnel. Exit off of I-895 onto I-97 South to Annapolis. Take I-97 (about a half hour) until it ends by splitting into route 50 East and West.

**Go 50 East towards the "Bay Bridge"*.

Take Exit # 22. Sign will read: "Rte 665 Aris T. Allen Blvd to Riva Rd."

Stay in the left lane of the exit ramp/highway for the next couple of miles.

Do not go onto the Riva road turnoff. Stay straight.

Do not take the turnoff for "Rt 2 Solomons Island Road". Stay straight. (We lost somebody once that way).

Now sign will read: "Rte 665 Aris T. Allen Blvd". Stay on that road. The highway part will end soon and you will come to traffic lights. Take a left at the 4th light. (Do not count the blinking yellow light in front of the fire dept.) Left will put you onto Hilltop Rd. Stay in right lane.

At first traffic light go straight. ("Pantry 1", a convenience store will be on left corner). Shortly after the light on your left will be a bus stop shelter. Take a left at the very next street, which is Boxwood Rd. Go past the apartments to the first intersection, and turn right on Silopanna Rd.

We are about a block and a half up on the right. Look for the mailbox with the sailboat. The burgee will be hanging from the mailbox.

Call at any time if you have trouble with these directions.

Richard Schatz

Diane Benyus

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Catalina 36 For Sail

Bill Wesley, *True Blew*

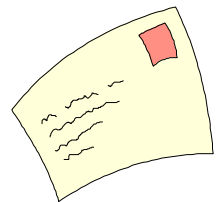
I am offering *True Blew* for sale. If someone is looking to move up from a 30 they might be interested.

True Blew is a Catalina 36 with a 38 HP Yanmar Diesel Engine including a 9' Apex inflatable with a 8 HP Nissan outboard. The boat is fully cruise equipped with many upgrades and extras and is ready to go! Contact Bill Wesley, 410-721-4474 for details. ☎

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.

There is 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, we have 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. ☞

Oktoberfest 2002

Joan and Wayne Savage, *Jubilee*

Oktoberfest was once again a time of good time and cheer for all who attended. The weather was great, with the wind 10-15 from the northwest. Just a couple of tacks and then a long reach directly to the West River. *Jubilee* dropped her sails as she entered the Rhode River and motored up the river. As we headed up the river, Gerry and Jeannie Helldorfer in *Ragtime*, one of those boats that, as Jerry describes it, "had lost its mast somewhere," came alongside to say hello and let us know they were going to join the raft.

We dropped the hook near Big Island, Winston's favorite destination. After *Ragtime* rafted up Al and Vickie Lohman in *Laidback*, arrived. They were followed shortly by Tim Feldman and Jae in *Second Wind*. Ray Van Horn and his crew in *Scimitar*, Sue and Walt Dennison in *Foxfire*, and Mike and Carla Grimes on *Seaquel*. The last to arrive was Sandy Berlin and crew, David and Adriane Robison on *Kaimi*. Sandy is a long time sailing friend of Joan's and former CCYC member.

After everyone had a chance to get their gear stowed and said hello to their neighbors, cocktail hour began with hors d'oeuvres and Oktoberfest bier and wine served aboard *Jubilee* with a little um-pa-pa music in the background. Happy hour was followed by a potluck dinner of German classics such as wurst, potato salad, sauerkraut, baked beans, and German chocolate cake to top it off.

Stories and tales continued until the wine was gone, when everyone decided it was time to turn in. The wind was calm so the raft remained intact. Bright and early Winston decided it was time for him to visit Big Island. He danced around the cabin until I got out of bed. We jumped into the dinghy to spend the next half hour exploring.

When we returned to the raft, coffee was brewing on several boats and breakfast preparations were getting underway. As people started to get going, so did the wind. At about 9 am someone noticed that we were "close" to the small raft behind us. "I don't think we were that close earlier." And they were right; the raft with the 8 boats on *Jubilee's* anchor had begun to drag when the wind picked up. So, at a very civilized hour, rather than the normal 3 am, the raft was broken and several boats decided to reform into two smaller rafts so we could enjoy the breakfasts that were being prepared.

Following breakfast the boats headed back out to the Bay to take advantage of the winds. The day was another wonderful one, with lots of sun and a good breeze. A great weekend to be on the water! I think we will do it again. ☞



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