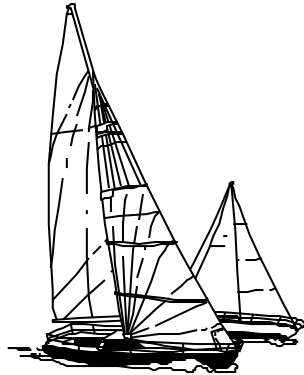


# The CAT Tales

## Chesapeake Catalina Yacht Club

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### View from the Bridge

**Ray VanHorn**  
Commodore

Dear Fellow Sailor,

We invite you to participate in this year's planning. Feel free to email, call or mail any officer ideas you would like us to consider for the 2003 Calendar of activities.

From the Constitution:

Objectives: The purpose of the Chesapeake Catalina Yacht Club shall be the enhancement of knowledge, understanding and seamanship in the acquisition, care, maintenance, and modification of Catalina sloops and other vessels through social programs, which are designed to promote the enjoyment of sailing, cruising, and the pride of ownership.

Taken From the By Laws:

The Cruising Committee shall consist of the Cruising Director and the Board Of Directors. The Cruising Director shall recommend a cruising schedule to the Board Of Directors who will tentatively approve the schedule. The cruising schedule will be presented to the membership for discussion and approval at the annual Flag Raising Brunch held each April. The Commodore shall appoint the Cruising Director.

We are pleased to have Jennifer Davis as our Cruising Director

During our Christmas party some of you shared the following possibilities:

- ☞ More raft-ups in the spring and fall – fewer during the summer
- ☞ Planned activity in conjunction with raft-up (informational- planned activities on shore-possible intra-club races)
- ☞ Couple of vacation cruises 3-4 days
- ☞ Scheduled raft-ups in North, Middle and Southern Bay to accommodate membership.
- ☞ Man overboard, safety, anchoring, etc. presentations

Go to our web site for information on contacting your officers (<http://members.aol.com/SailCCYC/>).

Happy New Year! ☞

### Membership renewal

This is another reminder about renewing your membership. If you haven't already sent your check to Treasurer Diane Benyus, CCYC dues are \$35 for each calendar year (January to December). The money is used to cover rental of



meeting places, speakers, the cost of publishing the newsletter, some of the expenses of CCYC parties and other business of running the club.

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.

Mail your check to Diane at 128 Silopanna Road, Annapolis, MD 21403. ☞



### Catalina 310 For Sail

As some of you know, Bob and I had twins last year and have found it impossible to enjoy our boat any longer. Maybe when the kids are 5 or 6.

If you know anyone looking for a nice 2-year-old cruising sailboat, please let us know. It's listed for \$89,000. Our broker is John Middleton at Sail Annapolis (410 280 8878). *Two Tall* is in a slip in Annapolis at Port Williams Marina (next to the Annapolis Sailing School) so it's easy to take a look.

Thanks,

Marla Williams and Bob Bickel, *Two Tall*

410 573 0630. ☞

### Young Boat Operators Take Note!

Boaters born after July 1, 1972 must carry a certificate of safe boating education when operating a boat in Maryland waters. For boating safety course information, call 410-260-3280. ☞



### Children and PFDs

Effective June 1, 2001, all children under the age of 7 MUST WEAR a USCG approved Personal Flotation Device (PFD - Type 1, 11, 111 or V) while underway on any recreational vessel under 21 feet in length on Maryland waters. That includes dinghies. ☞



### BWI – Boating While Intoxicated



Effective September 30, 2001, a boat operator whose blood or breath analysis shows an alcohol concentration of 0.08 or more, shall be considered under the influence of alcohol and subject to criminal prosecution. ☞

### New No Discharge Zones

DNR has established Maryland's first two No Discharge Zones. Both treated and untreated sewage discharges are now prohibited in Herring Bay (Anne Arundel County) and the Northern Coastal Bays (Worcester County).

To report environmental violations in any part of the Chesapeake Bay region, call the Chesapeake Bay Environmental Enforcement Coalition Hotline at 1-800-377-5879. ☞

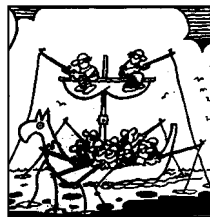
### PWCs Rock You the Wrong Way?

Personal watercraft (PWC) operators in Maryland must be at least 16 years of age and possess a valid certificate of boating education. A PWC must not be operated at more than 6 knots when within 100 feet of any vessel, another PWC, shore, wharf, pier, piling, bridge structure, abutment or people in the water. ☞



### If You Like to Fish...

You may now purchase the Chesapeake Bay Sport Pleasure Boat Fishing Decal at the same time you renew your boat registration. This \$40.00 decal is very convenient because it enables anyone on your boat to fish and crab without having an individual Bay Sport license or crab license and a gratis Bay license is included for your use as the-boat owner. Look for the check box on your boat registration renewal form. ☞



### **This is a radio check...**

Channel 16 is the primary marine distress frequency and is monitored continuously by the U.S. Coast Guard. So distress calls may be heard, the Coast Guard requests that you use Channel 9 for non emergency hailing and radio checks, then switch to another working channel for routine conversation.

Please keep Channel 16 clear. Someone's life may depend on it! Cell phone users can dial \*CG for assistance but keep in mind that using the VHF, as well as your cell phone, to call the Coast Guard will also alert nearby vessels that you are in distress. Ⓡ

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