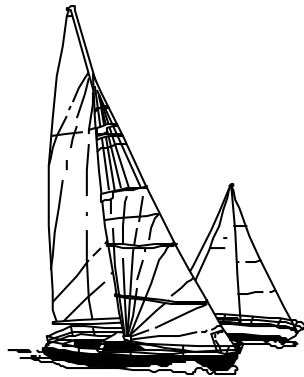


# The CAT Tales

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## View from the Bridge

**Ray VanHorn**  
**Commodore**

The Flag Raising Brunch kicked off the season. The nautical atmosphere of Koopers Tavern was an appropriate setting for Tom Tursi's tips on offshore passage. Lot of his comments will help us as we prepare for our Bay raft-ups.

We are pleased to welcome 18 new members this year:

Peter & Kathy Bruzik, C350 *Pekabu III*  
Frank & Linda Falcone, C400 *Silver Eagle*  
Allan & Linda Field, C320 *Sea Shadow*  
Bruce & Jean Kraeuter, C380 *AERIE*  
Bernie & Jennifer Poppert, C25 *Aire-Borne*  
Michael & Lynn Steer, C30 *Shaken Not Stirred*  
Dale Tibbetts & Chris Houpt, C42 *Music Man*  
Paul Weikel & Debbie Moore, C320 *Second Chance*  
Lois & Dave Zonderman, C400 *Walkabout*

As you have the opportunity to meet them at upcoming events, take time to update them on CCYC and share with them the sources of information we have accumulated on caring for our Catalinas and enjoyable places to raft up.

Captain's are key to all our events. Diane Benyus and Rich Miller are in charge of this month's Icebreaker raft-up and have planned some activities you will want to attend. We are still have opportunities for Captains for the Baltimore Raft-up

September 13-14 and Crab Feast August 16-17. We encourage you to host one of these events. It is a good way to help the club by assuring the events are well planned and fun.

Have a great Sailing Season. ☪

## **Icebreaker, May 17-18** **Quiet Waters Park, Harness Creek**

**Diane Benyus, Ray and Lynne VanHorn, Scimitar**

Come by Land or by Sea! CCYC's 2003 Icebreaker will be held on Saturday May 17<sup>th</sup> at Quiet Waters Park, on Harness Creek, just off the South River. We have reserved the Dogwood Pavilion, which is conveniently located for boaters as well as landlubbers.

The event will begin at 3:00 with Dave Astor from West Marine who will hold an informal speaking and illustrative session. He will talk to us about anchoring techniques, and will show us how to splice and make our own dock lines. Bring a piece of line to practice with as he talks.

Cocktails and munchies will start at 4:00, followed by a potluck dinner at 5:30 PM. The Club will provide charcoal for grilling. Those attending should bring a beverage of their choice, an hors d'oeuvre or potluck dish for all to share. Please contact Diane Benyus via email at [dbenyus@comcast.net](mailto:dbenyus@comcast.net) to let her know what food you are bringing so we can coordinate the feast.

If you are joining us by sea, head for the South River. Continue up the river for about 2 ½ miles and just short of Red 10, you'll see the entrance to Harness Creek on the north shore. After you enter the creek, you'll see Quiet Waters Park to starboard. Look for *Scimitar* and hail us on VHF (Ch 72) or cell phone (443-985-1416). We'll be standing by to assist you in joining the raft-up. We will go ashore at 3:00 but you can still hail or call us if you arrive after that. We will make special arrangements with the folks at the boat rental dock to tie up a dinghy. We won't abuse the privilege, so we will use dinghies to ferry folks and try to keep only one dinghy at a time at the dock.

To get to Quiet Waters Park by land, take Exit 22 (Route 665/Arts T. Allen Blvd) from US-50 in Annapolis. Stay on Rt. 665 as it merges with Forest Drive for 2 miles. Turn right at the Exxon Station onto Hillsmere Drive. The park entrance is 100 yards on the right hand side. Inside the park, stay on the road until past the White Oak Pavilion and look for parking lot "I" and the Dogwood Pavilion. Park in lot "I" and join everyone at the Dogwood Pavilion.

The park is open from 7:00 AM to dusk and we have the pavilion starting at noon, so you can use it if you want to enjoy the park before the Icebreaker starts. Looking forward to seeing you there! ☞

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## **Memorial Day Raft-up May 24-26**

### **Corsica River and Purdy Point**

#### **Rich and Clair Miller, *Exploring the Blue***

Rich and Claire Miller will be heaving to in the Corsica River to host this year's Memorial Day Weekend raft-up. The festivities will span the weekend beginning on Saturday, May 24th, breaking up on Monday, May 26th. Since Memorial Day is traditionally about all-American events, please bring your red, white and blue and your favorite all-American foods for grilling, cooking and sharing as we have a boat-to-boat dinner that evening. We will begin with happy hour on Saturday around 4:00 PM and continue with dinner around 5:30 PM.

The weekend features the Chestertown Tea Party, a weekend-long event celebrating colonial resistance to British rule. The re-enactment of the dumping of British tea on May 23, 1774, in the Chester River is scheduled for 2:00pm. Over 100 craft experts -- from

blacksmiths and candlemakers to weavers and woodworkers -- will present their skills and wares. Food booths will offer a wide variety of Eastern Shore delicacies such as Maryland crab cakes, barbeque, fish, clams, hamburgers, hot dogs, funnel cakes, beer and gentler beverages. All Festival events take place along the Chester River and in the historic district of 18th-century Chestertown. There is no admission charge to the Festival. We will be coordinating a trip to Chestertown aboard one boat for those who wish to visit the festival. More information about the Tea Party can be obtained at <http://www.chestertownteaparty.com>.

The Corsica is located approximately 7 miles north of the north end of the Kent Narrows Channel in the Chester River. It is a quiet, rural setting surrounded by trees and soy bean fields with a few houses dotting the shoreline. The entrance is marked by a green-and-red nun "CR" in the middle of the Chester. Pass it on either side and head directly for red nun "2" inside the Corsica. You should have depths of 8 feet or more heading into the entrance, and 10 to 15 feet once inside. We have several options for anchoring locations depending on the weather and wind conditions. Two of the most popular spots are Middle Quarter Cove to starboard just beyond red nun "2" and Emory Creek/Wash Point about 1/2 mile upriver. Once you are inside the river, hail Exploring the Blue on channel 72, and we will provide you with instructions on how to join the raft-up.

On Sunday morning, we will break up the raft and ahead back down the Chester and across the bay toward the Magothy River. Our destination will be Purdy Point at the top of Gibson Island. The entrance to the Magothy is almost due west of the Baltimore Light, and it is marked by a green beacon on a large set of wooden pilings. Navigate through the channel into the river, and once inside the river past green can "5" turn to starboard. Head roughly northward, keeping the western side of Gibson Island to starboard and Dutchman's Island (where the party boats will be) to your port. At the top of Gibson Island, follow green "3" and red "4" through the Magothy Narrows past Holland Point on your starboard side. The next point to starboard is Purdy Point. We will throw the hook over off Purdy Point before reaching the Gibson Island Yacht Club.

We look forward to seeing you there! ☞

## Counter Terrorism Impact on Sailing

You don't want to get too close to any military vessel while out on the Bay. The Coast Guard has issued a 100-yard approach and 500 yard minimum speed warning applicable for all U.S. naval vessels. What this means is that you must not get within 100 yards without first contacting the vessel or its escort and then only if necessary to safely pass. Also, within 500 yards (about a quarter of a mile) of a military vessel, you must operate at minimum speeds. Don't make the men standing watch nervous by approaching too quickly or getting too close. Violating the protection zone is a felony and due to the earlier sinking of the Cole, as well as other recent events, it's a good idea not to intrude on the space of a heavily armed ship. ☞

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### CCYC Burgees

Do you have your CCYC burgee? It's a must to fly from your spreader halyard while at a raft-up. It's a



quick and easy way to recognize fellow CCYC member boats when out on the Bay. Our treasurer, Diane Benyus, still has some available at \$25

each. You can let her know you want yours at the next event or contact her at [dbenyus@comcast.net](mailto:dbenyus@comcast.net) or 443-482-9553. ☞

*Ed Note: I received this email and pass it along:*

I am writing to you from the Girl Scout Council of the Nation's Capital. During the summer we operate three resident camps and we hire over 100 seasonal staff. We have a very unique "teen scout" all-girl aquatic based program where we offer sailing, kayaking, windsurfing and canoeing programs.

As you might imagine it is sometimes difficult for us to hire qualified sailing instructors to run our programs. Which brings me to the purpose of this email. I realize this may be a bit of an unusual request but I would greatly appreciate it if you could look at the web site <http://www.gscnc.org/camping/resident/> and review the list of our employment opportunities. Someone in your organization might be interested in summer employment with our council.

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