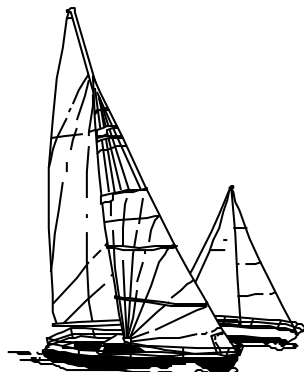


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View from the Bridge

Rich Miller, Commodore

If you are like me, your thoughts turn back to your boat and the water as the February days get longer. For some of you, those thoughts linger throughout the winter. And while someone cruelly added an extra day to our off season this leap year, if we view it as one more opportunity to think of all the great cruising destinations we will visit this summer, I think we may just get through it.

Your CCYC officers took advantage of that opportunity and met to construct a proposed event schedule for this coming year. We are very excited about the prospect of revisiting some of our favorite places and introducing some new destinations. Thanks to everyone who contributed an idea or volunteered to captain an event. I hope you will find that we worked hard to include your suggestions.

We have published the proposed schedule inside this month's newsletter, so please take time to review it. If you have any comments or other suggestions, or if you wish to volunteer as a raft captain for one of the uncaptured events, please feel free to contact me or one of the other club officers. We will be using the first portion of our March member meeting as a time for open discussion and to finalize the schedule.

I would also like to remind you to please return your membership registration and your dues if you have

not already done so. We are putting together a club membership directory for distribution at this year's Flag Raising Brunch, and we would love to be able to include your boat listing. You may also want to order your club burgee at the same time. It is a great way to dress up your boat and announce to power boaters as they fly by that you are a proud sailor and member of CCYC.

Here's hoping that you find the ice in your cockpit melting before we see each other again! Smooth sailing! ☺



Smithsonian's National Air and Space Museum Tour

February 28th

It's still too early and cold to plan a sailing event but, thanks to an offer from Bernie Poppert (*Aire Borne*), we are planning a get-together for Feb 28th. Bernie was a member of the team that restored aircraft for the Smithsonian's National Air and Space Museum, the Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center, located at Dulles Airport. He has offered to conduct a tour for us on Saturday, Feb 28th, at 1:00 PM.

The Udvar-Hazy Center is south of the main terminal at Dulles Airport and north of the intersection of Routes 28 and 50. The facility has a

large aviation exhibit hangar and a separate space exhibit hangar, an observation tower to watch air traffic at Dulles Airport, classrooms, an IMAX theater, food court and museum store. There are over 80 aircraft and dozens of space artifacts on display, including the Space Shuttle *Enterprise*, an SR-71, and the B-29 *Enola Gay*.

We will walk among artifacts on the floor and view hanging aircraft from elevated walkways (skyways). Many engines, rockets, satellites, helicopters, airliners, ultra-lights, and experimental flying machines are all on display for the first time in a museum setting. Wear comfortable shoes!

Since the center is located 10 miles north of our house, the plan is for everyone to meet at Mike and Bev Davis' house at 12:00 and leave in car pools at 12:30-12:40. You can, of course, go directly to the center and we will all meet there. Parking is \$12 per car and admission to the center is free. Following the tour, we will return to Mike and Bev's house for a pizza and beer party.

Directions:

Starting from the I-66 exit on I-495, take I-66 West (toward Front Royal). Stay on I-66 for 9 miles and take exit 55, Fairfax County Parkway, to the south. Continue south to the second exit (1.5 miles) and turn right onto Braddock Road. At the second traffic light, turn left onto Clifton Road. After 2.8 miles, turn right onto Compton Road and go another 0.7 miles to Balmoral Forest Road. Turn left, go past Ivakota Farm Road and you will find our house at 7030, the first house on the right past Ivakota Farms Road.

Reservations are not required but we would like to get a feel for how many are interested. If you could just send a note (SailCCYC@aol.com) or call (703.802.0355), we would appreciate it. ☞

March Member Meeting
March 13th
Italian Garden, Crofton, MD

Al Lohman, Vice Commodore

Well, Spring will be here before you know it, so that means it's time for us to get together and make plans for the upcoming cruising season. The meeting will be at the Italian Garden restaurant in Crofton, MD

on March 13th, starting at 4:00 PM. The restaurant is on Route 3, south of Interstate 97 in the Village of Waugh Chapel shopping center, near Applebee's. The same gentleman who owns Cantina d'Italia in Annapolis owns the Italian Garden, and he made me an offer we couldn't refuse. The Cantina, where we've had the last two meetings, is being remodeled. After shopping around, I think we get a good deal with these people and they've served us well in the past. I chose Saturday so that those who have long drives don't have to worry about getting home late on Sunday night.

Before we get down to the schedule part of the meeting, we'll have a speaker from the Quantum sail loft in Annapolis. Here's a chance to hear from an expert how to properly care for your sails to preserve their sailing performance for as long as possible. We'll also plan to discuss how to tell when your sails have reached the end of service, what kind of information you need and what things to consider before approaching a sailmaker about buying new sails, the cost and performance trade-offs associated with the various sail fabric choices, and a discussion of asymmetrical spinnakers. Of course we'll also be covering questions along the way. The challenge will be to not spend too much time on this topic so that we can get on to the main part of the meeting.

The main part of the meeting, aside from dinner, will be our cruising season schedule. This year we're asking everyone to consider where and when you would be willing to serve as a raft captain. Pick one of your favorite places and pass your idea to the Commodore before our February 8th preplanning meeting or just bring your plan to the meeting. It seems like we had some good ideas being exchanged at the holiday party, so now's the time to volunteer to host an event near your home port or in a familiar place. Hopefully, this may be better than deciding on places and then casting around for raft captain "volunteers." Of course, that's still the default method and the commodore will have the press gangs standing by. Anyway, here's hoping we have a mild winter and a big turnout for the March meeting. Remember a good cruising season starts with a good plan. ☞

New Members

Welcome aboard to the following sailors who have joined CCYC:

Robert and Kanako Beringer, C34 *Ukiyo*

Tama and Bill Chalmers, C30 *Fidelity*

Brian Connelly, C34 *Seacrecy*

Belford Lawson, C310 *Tashmoo*

Gary and Carla Morgan, C350 *Sassy*

Rich and Tecia Murphy, C320 *Semper Fi*

Elliott Oldak, C30 *Frisky Business*

David and Sandy Rishell, C30 *Palmetto Blue*

Brian and Hsiao Smith, C30 *Chili Breeze*

We look forward to meeting everyone at our upcoming events. ☺

2003 Financial Summary

Diane Benyus, Treasurer

Opening Balance	223.37
Income	
Member dues	1,190.00
Burgees	200.00
Brunch	287.50
<u>Crab Feast</u>	<u>1,027.00</u>
Total	2,704.50
Expenses	
Brunch	243.54
Icebreaker	75.00
Lands End logo	95.00
Meeting supplies	67.87
Speaker's dinner 3/23	22.00
Crab Feast	988.00
Oktoberfest	90.15
Speaker's dinner 11/16	66.00
Annual awards	170.95
Officer flags	38.83
Holiday Party	168.44
Newsletter/mail	226.00
<u>Burgees</u>	<u>327.50</u>
Total	2,355.91
Ending Balance	571.96

The proposed schedule is listed below. Look it over and bring it with your suggestions to the March member meeting.

Date	Event	Location	Raft Captain
April 3	Flag Raising Brunch	Pirates Cove Restaurant (Deale)	Al Lohman
May 1-2	Icebreaker Raft-up	Quiet Waters Park, Harness Crk	
May 29-31	Memorial Day Cruise/Raft-up	Drum Point (Wye River) / Hunting Creek	
June 12-13	Cruise/Raft-up	Swan Creek	Chris Houpt, <i>Music Man</i>
July 4-5	4 th of July Raft-up	Lake Ogleton	Ray and Lynne VanHorne, <i>Scimitar</i>
July 24-25	Cruise/Raft-up	Round Bay (Severn River)	
August 14-15	Crab Feast	Cheshire Crab/Bodkin Creek	Pete and Kat Bruzik, <i>Pekaboo III</i>
September 4-6	Labor Day Cruise	Plaindealing Crk/Dun Cove	
September 18-19	Cruise/Raft-up	Queenstown	
October 2-3	Oktoberfest Raft-up	Rhode River	Wayne and Joan Savage, <i>Jubilee</i>
October 23-24	Halloween Cruise	Dobbins Island	
November 13	Member Meeting		Al Lohman
December 4	Holiday Party		

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