

# The CAT Tales

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## View from the Bridge

**Bob Klimek, Commodore**

As I begin my tour as your Commodore for 2007, I am mindful that I am the 27<sup>th</sup> in a long line stretching back to 1981 when Hilda Gohrband, our gracious and charming Holiday Party hostess, was our first Commodore. We all are indebted to all of the Commodores that have preceded me for making CCYC a successful organization. In that regard, all past Commodores are listed on our Website. There are a lot of familiar names on that list. Of course, a special thanks to Pete Bruzik for his helms-man-ship during 2006. I am honored to have been his Vice Commodore. Under Pete's leadership we had a significant expansion in the fleet size from: 25 to 42 feet TO 25 to 47 feet! Mike and Bev Davis were helpful to Pete in this expansion.

Getting older allows one to reminisce. I went back 10 years to see what the then 1997 Commodore, Mark Eller, had to say in his inaugural article:

I would like to start by thanking all of you for the opportunity to serve as your Commodore for 1997. I hope that we will press on and have continued boating fellowship and boating experiences on the Chesapeake Bay and for some, beyond the Bay. I would like to thank Paul and Sharon Payne for their efforts in 1996, bringing to close another wonderful year of fun in the sun both on and off the water.

Ten years later the sentiments are the same.

I intend to continue the formula that has made CCYC so successful over the years: onshore raft-ups during the off-season and theme raft-ups during the sailing season. If you have any ideas for locations,

please let me know. Rich and Clair Miller have already presented a few great suggestions.

There is one change this year: "Every scheduled onshore and theme raft-up is a mandatory event. Roll will be taken!" In that regard, we have the February 3<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> onshore raft-ups scheduled. See below.

Finally, I would like the members to consider holding some special "optional" events this year. More will follow in a subsequent newsletter after we have published the 2007 schedule. ☞

## Pot Luck Supper and Game Night Lohman Landing, West River, MD February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5:00 PM

**Al and Vicky Lohman, Rhiannon**

Oh, the weather outside is frightful, but the CCYC Game Night is so delightful...!

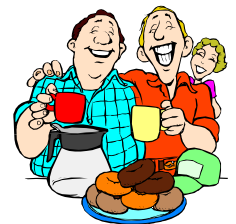
Are you a wiz at Pictionary?

How about Nautical Trivia?

Foosball your thing?

We had so much fun last year hosting the first annual CCYC Game Night that we couldn't wait to do it again!!

Please join us for an evening of food, fun and the good company of your fellow sailors. Who said winter has to be miserable? (I think I do often, but I digress...)



The format for the evening is a Pot Luck Supper. Please bring a main dish, side dish or dessert. If you could, email us at [allohman@aol.com](mailto:allohman@aol.com) and let us know what you are bringing so we can make sure we have enough of

everything. This is a BYOB event; we will provide coffee and soda.

### **Directions**

Lohman Landing

643 Plantation Blvd, West River, MD

Ph - 410.991.7374

#### From Annapolis:

- ☞ Take Route 2 south to Central Ave (Rte 214), turn left on Central Ave
- ☞ At the 2nd traffic light turn right on Muddy creek Rd (Rte 468)
- ☞ Follow Muddy Creek Rd south
- ☞ Approx 2 miles past the traffic light, take a left on Plantation Blvd into the West River Estates subdivision (you'll notice white three-rail fences on both sides of the road)
- ☞ Lohman Landing is on the right just after the third traffic hump

#### From VA

- ☞ Take Rte 4 exit east/south off of I-495
- ☞ Follow Rte 4 to the Bristol – Deale exit (Rte 258)
- ☞ Follow Rte 258 approx 7 miles, go straight through traffic light at Rte 2
- ☞ About 2 miles past the traffic light you'll cross a small bridge, take left on Swamp Circle Rd
- ☞ Follow Swamp Circle to the end and take a left on Muddy Creek Rd
- ☞ Take first Right on Plantation Blvd into the West River Estates subdivision
- ☞ Lohman Landing is on the right just after the third traffic hump

Don't forget to bring your favorite games!!! ☞

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## **Italian Dinner** **Yates Landing, Gambrills, MD** **February 24<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 PM**

**Mike and Marie Yates, *Prego***

Mike and Marie Yates have invited all CCYC members to their home on February 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM for an Italian dinner. MaryAnn McBride (*Coelumar*)



and Mario Taisch (*Sea Cara*) will be co-chefs for an evening of dining decadence, Italian style. Marie will prepare dishes from both of her one-week each cooking courses in Italy. Please bring a bottle of Italian wine and a dessert (for 6) to share. There is one extra guest room available for an overnigher.....call Marie to put in your reservation!!

Please R.S.V.P. no later than February 15th by email <marieyates@comcast.net> or by phone (410.721.6767).

### **Directions**

Yates Landing

2265 Mt. Tabor Road, Gambrills, MD

Ph - 410.721.6767

#### From the North:

- ☞ Get to I-97 and head south
- ☞ Take the MD-3 /MD-32 exit 7 to Bowie/Odenton
- ☞ After 5 mi, turn left at Davidsonville Road
- ☞ After 2 mi, turn left at Underwood Road
- ☞ Go 1/2 mi and turn right at Mt Tabor Road
- ☞ At 2265 Mt. Tabor Road, turn onto Norfolk Rd (a private drive at our mailbox) and it's the first house on the left. Lots of parking in the driveway.

#### From the East:

- ☞ Get to US-301/US-50 and head west
- ☞ Take the MD-450 exit 23B to Crownsville
- ☞ Turn left onto MD-450 going to Crownsville
- ☞ Bear left onto Defense Highway
- ☞ After 5 1/2 mi, turn right at Huntwood Drive
- ☞ Go 3/4 mi and turn left at Mt Tabor Road
- ☞ At 2265 Mt. Tabor Road, turn onto Norfolk Rd (a private drive at our mailbox) and it's the first house on the left. Lots of parking in the driveway.

#### From the South and West:

- ☞ Get to US-50 and head east
- ☞ Take the MD-3 exit 13B-C to Crofton
- ☞ After 3 mi, bear right onto Defense Highway
- ☞ After 2 mi, turn left at Davidsonville Road
- ☞ After 1/4 mi, turn right onto Underwood Road
- ☞ Go 1/2 mi and turn right at Mt Tabor Road

☞ At 2265 Mt. Tabor Road, turn onto Norfolk Rd (a private drive at our mailbox) and it's the first house on the left. Lots of parking in the driveway.

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### Special CCYC Event Philadelphia Road Trip March 23-24

Mark your calendar to attend a special CCYC on-shore raft-up in Philadelphia, PA, the birthplace of America, on March 23 and 24, 2007. Don and Mary Ann McBride are raft captains for this special event. Specific details will follow. ☞

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### CCYC Holiday Party December 2<sup>nd</sup> Gohrband Landing



Allan and Hilda Gohrband, *Running Free*, opened their home to CCYC for the Holiday Party on Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> and it was a grand time. The holiday revelers included:

- ☞ Debbie Smith & Mike Vaccaro, *Frisky Business*
- ☞ Diane Benyus & Richard Shatz, *Scimitar*
- ☞ Jeanne & Gerry Helldorfer, *Ragtime*
- ☞ Joan & Wayne Savage, & Stan Smith, *Jubilee*
- ☞ Kathy & Pete Bruzik, *Pekabu III*
- ☞ Lois & Dave Zonderman, *Walkabout*
- ☞ Lucia Casale & Bob Klimek, *Lucia*
- ☞ Lynne & Ray Van Horn, *Scimitar*
- ☞ Marilyn & Jon Van Tassell, *Resolve*
- ☞ Pat & David Marchant, *Illumination*
- ☞ Sue & Walt Dennison, *Foxfire*
- ☞ Vicky & Al Lohman, *Rhiannon*
- ☞ Bev & Mike Davis, *Ayewash*

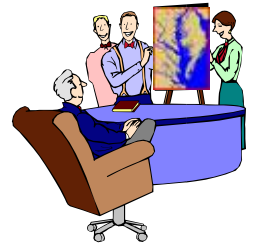
The evening included dinner, where members got to make and cook their own pizza. We also had presentations to the outgoing and incoming officers. There was even a Roast of Mike Davis by Joan, Al, Gerry, and Bob and Lucia (who henceforth will be referred to as Burns and Allen). The evening ended

with the gift exchange, and then a toast to a great year of sailing in 2006 and to a better one in 2007! ☞

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### 2007 Cruise and Raft-up Planning

The Board of Directors will be meeting shortly to draft a schedule of CCYC events for 2007. If you have any suggestions for destinations, themes, dates, etc., please send them to any member of the BoD.



Phone numbers are in the newsletter banner or you can simply send an email to [BoD@SailCCYC.org](mailto:BoD@SailCCYC.org). ☞

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### Hardware Adventures With the Vice Commodore Tank Monitoring System

#### Bob Klimek, Commodore

Holding tanks and water tanks are an integral part of boating. If you are constantly wondering “How full are the holding tanks?” or “How empty are the water tanks?”, then you might consider installing a Tank Monitoring System. When we bought our C-400, we had the Snake River Electronics Ultra-8 Tank Monitoring System installed. We use it all the time to monitor our tanks and it has worked flawlessly. I am sure there are other tank monitoring systems available, but we are most familiar with the Snake River System. (See <http://www.snake-river.org>.)

We installed the Ultra-8 display on *S/V Lucia* even though we only have four tanks – 2 water and 2 holding. The ability to calibrate each tank is a plus and I think the display is more accurate.

Most importantly, a Tank Monitoring System promotes marital harmony; i.e., “Dear, be sure to fill the water tanks.” “I did it last week!” “Are you sure, I don’t want to run out of water.” “Yes, I’m sure.” You better not run out of water! With a Tank Monitoring System the exchange can be: “Dear, be sure to fill the water tanks.” “I did it last week and the acu-gage says the tanks are almost full”.

This is not an ad for the Snake River System. ☞



## Have You Renewed Your Membership Yet?

**Mike Davis, Secretary**

A Membership Renewal Form for 2007 was included in last month's newsletter that included 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. This will be what we use to contact you and to list in the Member Directory.

If you haven't already sent it in, please send the form and your check for \$35 to our Treasurer Diane at:

Chesapeake Catalina Yacht Club

Diane Benyus, Treasurer

128 Silopanna Road

Annapolis, MD 21403

If you can't find your form, let me know and I'll get another to you.

Additionally, we have a supply of CCYC burgees and they're available to members who do not already have one. The cost is \$30 per burgee and you can include it with your dues. Ⓟ



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