

The CAT Tales

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**Newsletter
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View from the Bridge

Jim Bergeron, Commodore

2008 has been another banner year for the Chesapeake Catalina Yacht Club. We have enjoyed an active social calendar and a great cruising year. The early winter months saw Game Night with a Chili contest at Lohmans' new digs, a candlelit tour of Mt Vernon followed by a colonial dinner, our Spring Member meeting with a great buffet lunch at Hellas in Millersville, and finally a private tour of the new 911 Memorial at the Pentagon.

Our cruising season began with a trip to Solomons followed by a night in the Little Choptank. Suzanne and I are grateful to our friends who were willing to let us tag along for Memorial Day and July 4th. We had a tough year with *QUEBECOIS*. I think I have spent nearly enough on engine repairs over the past 2 years to buy a diesel for her. The bulk of my sailing was done on the Wednesday night races and I either was towed to the course or towed back after the race, sometimes both ways. On the positive side I have learned how to sail into the slip, wind permitting. Now that the season is ended, the engine problems have been corrected and we look forward to next year's cruising season.

From all reports, those who attended our raftups this year had a wonderful time. All you have to do is look at the pictures on the website to see the fun everyone had and if you missed some of them like we did, it makes you want to attend all of them in the coming year.

We have continued to increase the size of the Club and generally have 20 to 50 members attend our functions. What a great group of people!

I would like to thank everyone who worked so hard

to make each of our events so successful, from the raft captains to the cooks for the Italian Dinner and the Chili contest. We have some fantastic cooks in this club! No one will ever go hungry at one of our events!

I'd also like to thank Mike Davis for maintaining our website and keeping me on track as Commodore, and also Diane Benyus for keeping our finances straight. Mario Taisch has done such a good job as Tour Director that we have selected him to do it again. Finally, I want to recognize my Commodore of Vice, Jon Van Tassell, for the good job he did this year. His reward is that he becomes the new Commodore. His Vice Commodore will be Mike Vaccaro.

I hope to see everyone at the Christmas Party on December 6th at Nemeceks'.

Commodore Jim 📧

Holiday Party Nemecek Landing Annapolis, MD

December 6th, 6:30 PM

**Glen and Maureen Nemecek, *Sevilla* and
Philip and Elizabeth Padgett, *Mugwump II***

**Cocktails, Dinner, Slide Show and
"Dirty Santa" Gift Exchange Game**

It's time to start planning for the Holidays, so mark your calendars for Saturday, December 6, 2008. That's the date for the CCYC Holiday Party at Nemecek Landing at 1708 Marshall Court,

Annapolis, MD 21401.

The club will provide ham, turkey and egg nog. Please bring your favorite wines and/or beers and one of the following for 8:

Boat names

starting with: Bring: _____

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| A - C | Desserts |
| D - S | Appetizers |
| S - W | Sides (Salad, Veggies, Potatoes, Exotics) |

There will be a gift exchange game, so bring one "Dirty Santa" gift (\$20.00) per boat.

Directions:

From East or West

- ☞ Take John Hanson Highway (Rte 50) to Exit 24
- ☞ Take Bestgate Road (Rte 70) west, past Annapolis Mall, to General's Highway (Rte 178)
- ☞ Turn right and after 0.7 miles, turn right at the light onto Epping Forest Road
- ☞ Go about 1.5 miles and turn right onto Marshall Court
- ☞ 1708 is the brown house at the bottom of the hill
- ☞ Park along the street

From North

- ☞ Take I-97 to Exit 5 to General's Highway (Rte 178) south
- ☞ After about 5.5 miles, turn left at the light onto Epping Forest Road
- ☞ Go about 1.5 miles and turn right onto Marshall Court
- ☞ 1708 is the brown house at the bottom of the hill
- ☞ Park along the street

Rest up and be ready to Party! ☞

Membership renewal

Mike Davis, Secretary

Everyone should have received a Membership Renewal Form for 2009 in the mail by now. It includes all the information I have on file about you and your boat. If you haven't already done so, please take the time to check over the information and correct anything that is wrong or missing. This will be the information we use to contact you and to list in the Member Directory.

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.

After checking the information, staple your check to the bottom of the form and fold, staple/tape, stamp and mail it to our Treasurer, Diane Benyus, or give it to her at the next event. ☞



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