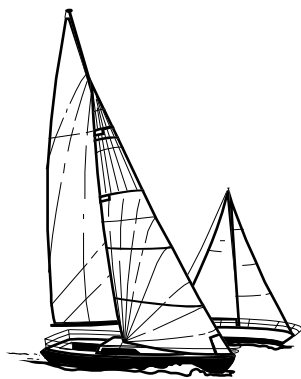


# The CAT Tales

January 1997

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International Catalina 30 Association Fleet 11



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## *View from the Bridge*

**Mark Eller, Commodore**

Happy New Year to everyone.

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. Paul, you and Sharon will be sorely missed but we all wish you the best as you re-establish your home in sunny Florida.

A heartfelt thanks to the Weeks for hosting the Christmas party at their beautifully decorated home (complete with train obstacles), particularly on such short notice; it was a rousing success. I can speak for all that attended that a "Good time was had by all".

Well, on with the view from the bridge. During the January meeting I would like to have everybody come prepared to discuss their favorite / not so favorite destinations on the bay so we can start planning our upcoming year's events. The intent is to gather as much information as possible, then have a formal planning meeting at A.J.'s and my home in February to firm up the schedule. I will announce the date of the meeting at the January meeting - anyone caring to attend is welcome.

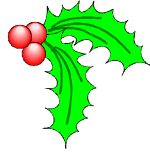
Our first formal event tentatively planned is the Flag Raising Brunch in the spring. I hope to repeat the success we had last year and perhaps have an interesting guest speaker (more to follow). We can discuss location and date at the planning meeting, then put together a committee to make it happen. Well, I'll close now with a wish that you all have a very happy and exciting boating season in the new year.

Mark Eller  
*Miss Tress*

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**CCYC  
Holiday  
Party**



As Mark mentioned, the Holiday Party was a huge success and fun for all. **As part** of the evening, Sue Dennison recognized the efforts and achievements of CCYC members as she handed plaques and kudos to the following:

Job well done!

Outgoing Commodore .....Paul Payne  
Outgoing Vice Commodore.....Mark Eller  
Outgoing Treasurer .....Diane Lang

Welcome aboard

New Commodore ..... Mark Eller  
New Vice Commodore ..... Wayne Savage  
New Treasurer.....Joan Savage

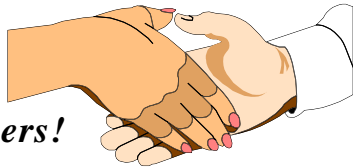
Captain Super Sport .... Paul & Sharon Payne

Salty Dog .....Michael and Bev Davis

The Silver Nut.....Bill Weeks  
(Ask Paul Payne)

Yachting Editor of the Year...Wayne Savage

**Welcome**



**New Members!**

Welcome aboard to our newest CCYC members:

Nancy and Paul Cross  
**Shooting Star**, C30 #5779  
Homeport: Annapolis

*Time is  
Running  
Out*



This is another reminder that renewal of your membership is due. Please fill out the enclosed form completely and bring it with your dues payment to the January meeting. If you can't make it to the meeting, mail it to our treasurer, Joan Savage.

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# Boat For Sale!

Mark and A.J. Eller are selling *Miss Tress*, so help pass the word.

1986 Catalina 30  
Tall rig. 23 hp diesel, autopilot, knotmeter/fatho, windpoint/ speed, LORAN, VHF, Adler Barbor Reefer, CNG stove with oven, 5 sails (2 mains, 150, 110 and cruising spinnaker), 70 amp alt with 3 batteries, microwave, self-tailing winches.  
  
Original owner asking \$34,500.  
Call 301-858-1325/669-3931

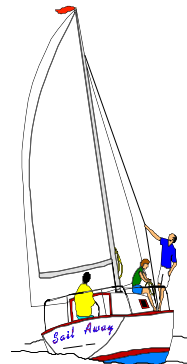
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**Luv It**

**Sails**

**South**

**(again)**



We're on our way south again We left Annapolis on October 14th and won't return until April or May, after spending a couple of months in the Bahamas.

When critiquing our first trip to the Bahamas, the lack of satisfactory communications was the worst part of the trip and the next was fatigue. Both of those problems have been solved this time and this is a much better trip because of it.

HF digital communications through Ham radio and the Internet has solved our main problem. Because of the kindness of a friend, Tom Dove, K3ORC, we are able to send and receive messages on a regular basis. He contacts us using a method called Pactor on amateur radio frequencies. Our Macintosh laptop computer, a PK-232 multimode controller, and our Kenwood HF transceiver are coordinated and set to receive Tom's signals. He makes contact, opens our "mailbox", picks up messages we have left and leaves messages he has received through the Internet. This takes place between 6:30 and 7:30 A.M. each day. Charles awakens around 6:30, turns the devices on, then crawls back into bed for another short snooze. Soon, we hear the "ding dong" of our computer's alert signal, signifying that it has become linked with Tom, then we hear fluttery bursts of sound as data begins to flow back and forth. Charles says that the alert signal is the contemporary version of the "thump" we used to hear when the morning newspaper landed on the porch. We have the capability of turning off the alert signal and the volume of the radio, but we wouldn't want to do that for each brings us pleasure. We jump out of bed to see what the news is and watch it scrolling across the screen. Should any of you want to reach us by e-mail, send your message to [K3ORC@amsat.com](mailto:K3ORC@amsat.com).

Our second problem has solved itself with only a little conscious help from us. We are better seamen, better navigators, and better judges of weather, tides, and currents. We are more laid-back this time, having learned about "island time" from the Bahamas. We've adopted the attitude that usually nothing is imperative today - it can just as easily be done tomorrow. Our natural rhythms are not conducive to rising in the dark and leaving anchorage at first light, so we haven't done that; if the tide is not favorable, so be it. There was one exception. That was when we crossed through the Cape Fear area. It is the only time that we have seen our knotmeter read eleven. We were on a natural roller coaster as our boat made good the usual seven knots of which it is capable, plus the four of the river speeding us toward the sea.

Charles retired from Stanford Telecom early this year. He remains on the Air Force Scientific Advisory Board. For the Defense Science Board, he went to Bosnia in June for a second look at utilization of Intelligence in the battlefield. One of the required stop-offs was to review a Russian special forces brigade! He found himself much quieter than usual. Freda moved from her studio in Laurel to the smaller one at home.

Our daughter is our contact. She is Beth Wegner, 448 Fairford Court, Severna Park, MD 21146, 410-647-6507.

Would love to hear from you and know what you've been doing since the last time we were together.

Charles and Freda Gandy, *Luv It*

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January

Meeting



Remember the topic for the Jan 17<sup>th</sup> meeting: We want your ideas and druthers for the 1997 sailing and raft-up season. Where are your favorite spots? What should we plan

for holiday weekends? How should we split raft-ups between the northern and southern bay? Is anyone interested in participating, in part or entirely, in 1 or 2 weeks of cruising? Everyone should be at this meeting so we can make our season plans accommodate as many members as possible.

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