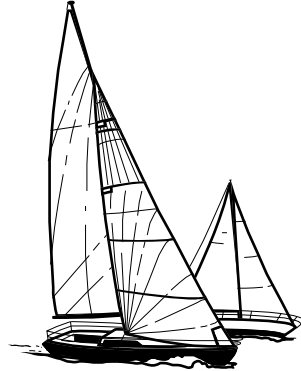


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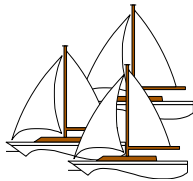
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## CCYC Flotilla June 28<sup>th</sup> – July 5<sup>th</sup>



Bev, Diana and I had a great time as Captains for a week's worth of sailing and rafting.

Sat, 6/28 – Our first stop was Swan Creek at Rock Hall. After a late start and with light winds out of the northwest, we motor-sailed and arrived just as Ray and Carolyn Nieves aboard *Classie Chassie* were approaching Rock Hall. We anchored in Swan Creek and were soon joined by Ray Harris in *Aurora*. We went ashore and ate dinner at the Inn at Osprey Point, where the owners and chef, Robin and Wilhelm, are friends of Ray and Carolyn. It's a beautiful restaurant and we had delicious meals of soft-shell crabs, duck and lamb.

Sun, 6/29 – *Aurora* headed back to Annapolis as *Chantilly Lass* and *Classie Chassie* headed to our next stop: the Corsica River. It was a beautiful day for sailing with winds out of the south and we rafted just in time to watch a spectacular sunset.

Mon, 6/30 – We headed back down the Chester River and through Kent Narrows. The new channel is great! It's well marked, straight, wide and deep (9-10 ft). After a quick provision and gas stop, we departed the Narrows. Carefully skirting Hog Island,

we dropped anchor in Kirwan Creek. We soon got a radio call from Pete and Karen Denholm aboard *Scimitar* with an ETA of 15 minutes. However, after 30 minutes, Ray and I took the dinghy to check. Unfortunately, *Scimitar* had found the shallows off the breakwater and was stuck tight. Kedging, engine and heeling didn't help, so they decided to wait for high tide and we all went to dinner at Harris Crab House in Kent Narrows. Paul and Sharon Payne arrived by car and joined us for an "all-you-can-eat" steamed-crab dinner. I should have eaten a few less crabs as it was almost sunset when we headed back to our boats and I didn't have lights for the dinghy, something the DNR officers noted as they "pulled" me over. Oh, well. Everyone returned OK and *Scimitar* broke free at 11 that night but waited to join us the next morning.

Tue, 7/1 – After leaving Kirwan Creek and entering the Eastern Bay, *Classie Chassie* sailed west back to port as *Chantilly Lass* and *Scimitar* turned south through Poplar Island Narrows and then through Knapps Narrows. On leaving the Narrows, we turned north and then into Dun Cove.

Wed, 7/2 – The next day was a short but exciting sail to Oxford. A passing squall made for some fast sail-handling and foul weather prep. We anchored off the Oxford Strand and rode the dinghy in for a short visit in town. We visited the shops that were open and Pete was able to get a replacement piece made

for *Scimitar*'s table, which had broken free 2 days earlier. We ate at Schooner Landing and by the time we returned to the boats, we decided to spend the night where we were. As we settled in, we had an unexpected visitor as a huge swan worked the boats for free handouts.



Thu, 7/3 – This was the longest leg of the trip from Oxford to the Rhode River. *Scimitar* had a rough time with lines. As they left the Tred Avon and raised sails, they picked up a crab line and Pete had to “go below” to free the line, with lots of encouragement from the waterman working the line. They were soon on their way to Knapps Narrows, only to discover they were sans dinghy and it was nowhere in sight. Pete said he wanted a new dinghy anyway! We managed to complete the trip of 22 miles in 5 hours, including Knapps Narrows. *Scimitar* dropped anchor between High Island and Big Island. We spent the afternoon swimming and Diana, Bev and I took a dinghy ride to check out Camp Letts where Diana is to go for a 2 week sailing camp in August. *Classie Chassie* joined us after work, coming from Shady Side, just around the corner.



*Classie Chassie* headed to St Michaels for the weekend as *Chantilly Lass* and *Scimitar* sailed north to Annapolis.

The wind and waves were high in Annapolis harbor, so we anchored separately. Pete, Karen, Bev and Diana went into Annapolis while I stayed aboard *Chantilly Lass*, luckily. I noticed *Scimitar* had started drifting, with a lot of boats around. I went aboard but couldn't find the keys, so I pulled the anchor, drifted back through 2 boats and reset the anchor. Soon after that, *Second Wind* with Wayne and Joan Savage and Paul and Sharon Payne came by. After everyone returned from town, we weighed anchor and proceeded up Spa Creek and tied-up to Paula's Dock, where Wayne and Joan keep *Second Wind*. We grilled burgers and hot dogs and had delicious desserts, courtesy of Sharon Payne. Then, everyone piled onto *Second Wind* and we went to the base of Spa Creek to watch the fireworks. The show was spectacular, as expected.



Super sailing, wonderful wind and weather, and fantastic friends made for a terrific time. Pete and Karen had their trials but were eager to do it again. I hope more people can get the time off to join next year's trip.

Mike and Bev Davis  
*Chantilly Lass*



### Raft-up Baltimore Inner Harbor August 16-17

Join us for a raft-up with an urban flavor. Bev and I will captain a trip to the Inner Harbor of Baltimore. Our plan is to anchor in the designated anchorage off the World Trade Center and next to the *Constitution*. If the anchorage is too crowded, we will go to Tar Cove in Rock Creek off the Potapscoc. If we don't make it to the Inner Harbor, we will broadcast our location every 30 minutes on Ch 72 starting at 4 PM, as well as monitor it in between. Also, you can call us on the boat at 703-201-2242. If you think you'll be able to come, give us a call at 703-802-0355.

Mike and Bev Davis  
*Chantilly Lass*

### Delmarva Cruise Postponed



Due to business travel commitments, I am unable to host the Delmarva circumnavigation planned for early September. There was considerable interest in the cruise and I hope to be able to reschedule the trip in the spring. We still would need at least one additional boat and if you might take your boat, please let me know.

Gerry Helldorfer  
*Looking Glass*

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**Great**



**Recipe!**

Sharon Payne served a delicious crab dip at the Memorial Day raft-up and everyone wanted the recipe. She sent it to me to publish for all to enjoy.

### **Layered Crab Taco Dip**

2 6 oz cans lump crab meat, drained  
2 green onions, minced  
1/2 cup diced cucumber  
1/2 cup diced red onion  
1 medium tomato, finely chopped  
2 tablespoons minced fresh parsley  
1/4 cup lime juice  
1/4 cup lemon juice  
1/4 cup orange juice  
Salt and ground black pepper  
2 8 oz pkgs cream cheese, softened  
1/4 cup mayonnaise  
1 avocado, peeled, pitted, and diced  
Tortilla chips to serve

In a glass bowl, combine crab meat, green onions, cucumber, red onion, tomato, and parsley. In a small bowl, combine juices. Stir into crab mixture. Salt and pepper to taste. Cover and refrigerate at least 6 hours or overnight.

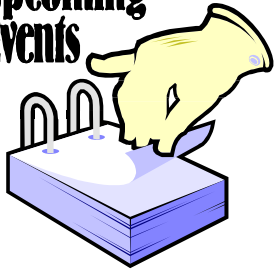
Combine cream cheese and mayonnaise, blending well. Spread mixture over the bottom of a serving platter. Place avocado pieces over cream cheese mixture.

Drain crab mixture, pressing out as much moisture as possible. Spread mixture over avocado. Serve with tortilla chips.

Yield: about 5 3/4 cups of dip

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## Upcoming Events



August 9

Crab Feast  
Charles and Freda Gandy's house  
Raft Captain: Charles and Freda Gandy

August 16-17

Raft-up  
Baltimore Inner Harbor  
Raft Captain: Mike and Bev Davis, *Chantilly Lass*

August 30-  
September 1

Labor Day Weekend Raft-up  
St. Michaels  
Raft Captain: Wayne and Joan Savage, *Second Wind*

September 27-28  
Oktoberfest Raft-up  
Round Bay  
Raft Captain: **TBD**

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