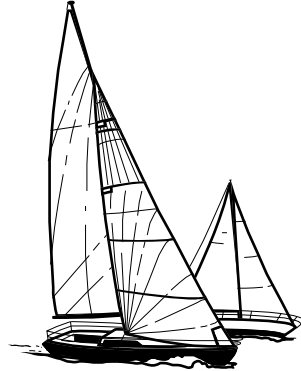


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Phillips Creek Raft-up July 26-27

The wind was light all day but that didn't stop the *Iron-Jenny* from chugging us to the Eastern Shore. As the raft Captain, I had intended on arriving early to get the anchor down and rigging the hammock on the fore deck; however, I tried to capitalize on what little wind we had and decided to make a sail of it from Solomons. We did get a little puff from the SW but only enough to push us at the breakneck speed of 2-3 knots. After a check of our position and VMG from the LORAN, I queried the crew only to learn that none of them were interested in arriving at 2300. So I fired up the dependable little three-cylinder and motored the rest of the way.

Upon entering the Little Choptank, I attempted to hail *Second Wind* but was pleasantly surprised to get a response from *Looking Glass*, who was attempting to look like a sailboat as well, with the main flopping from the engine induced wind as they entered the river from the north. We finally contacted *Second Wind* at about 1700, finding Wayne and Joan already on the hook and enjoying a cold Barley Pop. *Looking Glass* put down their BIG hook and served as the anchor boat for the evening. We were later joined by my and AJ's slip-neighbors Tony and Andrea aboard *San Sousi*, a Cape Dory 31 (Yes, I have invited them to join the club).

After a brief pause to ready the Hors d'oeuvres (I learned something in France), we gathered aboard *Looking Glass* for cocktail hour. At about this time, the wind piped up from the South at about 7 knots, which made for lovely sleeping that evening. After a brief social visit, the crews headed back to their respective boats for supper. It was a most enjoyable evening; the wind remained constant throughout the night and felt like A/C in the cabin. The stars shone in the clear sky and the conversation was stimulating, although sometimes bizarre.

The southerly wind kept through the next morning and *Second Wind* shoved off about 0830 shortly followed by *Looking Glass*. This was AJ's mother's first boating experience of the season and the first since our loss of Andy, so I wasn't going to rush her through breakfast. We lifted the hook about 1000 to begin our trek into the howling gale from the south (about 5-7 knots of wind).

Upon arrival in Solomons I rigged the Hammock for Admiral AJ and readied the Captain's Gig for a short putt-putt on the river. As I departed the marina, I recall the Admiral saying something about being careful. Maybe I should have taken that as an omen. As I turned around at Drum Point to head back, I opened the throttle on the trusty Nissan 9.9 and proceeded to strike a submerged log. The motor bracket broke off along with a piece of the transom

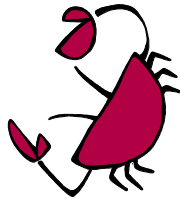
and the motor now rests in 60 ft of water at the mouth of the Patuxent River. Fortunately, a Drum Point resident saw the melee and waved me to his house. He then assisted me in loading the Gig into his truck and returned me to the marina, saving me quite a long row. I escaped unscathed but a bit distraught about the plight of the motor. Oh well, isn't that what we have insurance for anyway?



We missed all of you who couldn't join us and hope to see all of you at the Gandy's home for our annual Crab Feast. Until then I wish you all the best.

Commodore Mark Eller
(Log Splitter)
Miss Tress

CRAB FEAST 1997! August 9th



Picture this: a good breeze with temperature in the low 80's; a shady spot in which to sit with friends and pick crab and sip cool drinks; interesting fellow sailors with which to swap stories; new jokes, new adventures, new and old friends; lots of tasty culinary delights. The crab feast couldn't have been better.

The crabs this year came from Captain Francis James, who lives and fishes out of Mill Creek. They were heavy and deliciously spiced. The best we've ever had. This group demolished two bushels in record time. From the looks of it, you would have thought the famous Norfolk pickers had been here (Kauffmans, and Carter/Hamiltons). We really missed them. The usual contingent of Norfolk people couldn't come this year because of a scheduling conflict. Charles and I had been unable to make an early decision about whether or not we could do the crab feast this year, with my health problem a consideration. Also, we had to switch to the second weekend of August because of a trip we took to California.

Jim McCormick, Pat Connelly and Arlene Narron were the hardy souls who did make it. They drove up from Norfolk. And the news is out: Pat and Arlene will be wed the end of August. We can see their happiness, and we wish them well.

There were some fresh faces in the crowd: Ray and Carolyn Nieves arrived aboard *Classie Chassie*, and Bea and Bob Darron are new CCYC members who were at the crab feast for the first time. We all enjoyed having them and getting to know them better.

I wouldn't want to say "old faces", so you can substitute your own term for the club regulars of many years who attended: Ken and Diane Lang, Bill and Sharon Weeks, Jane and Bob Bierly, Mark and A.J. Eller, Phyllis and Ron Hill, Al and Shirley Willcox, who brought old friends Myron and Ronnie Kratzer, and Mike and Bev Davis. Everyone missed the Davis' precocious daughter Diana, who was away at sailing camp.

Dale Boyer sailed in aboard *Shileleagh*, and brought friends Bill and Jan Price aboard *Pacer* who anchored out nearby in Ridout Creek.

The Wesley contingent was here in full strength. Granddaughters Nicole and Ashley kept everyone entertained with their winning ways. Each is about a year old.

Our own family was well represented too, with our daughter Beth's family here as well as three of our four North Carolina grandsons.

We are happy that everyone seemed to have a good time. We certainly did. Many thanks for all of the help that all of you gave.

Charles and Freda Gandy
Luv It



Raft-up Baltimore Inner Harbor August 16-17

Saturday was a beautiful day to sail to Baltimore, with bright skies and 10-15 knots of wind from the southwest. Bev, Diana and I, along with friends of ours, left Annapolis in *Chantilly Lass* and headed North. We arrived in the inner harbor at 4:30 and picking our way through the multitude of paddleboats, dropped anchor between the Aquarium and the Constellation pier.

We were in the middle of the harbor bustling with activity. The water was full of sailboats, powerboats, water taxis and paddleboats and the shore was packed with tourists and sightseers. Quite a difference from the quiet and laziness of the usual gunkhole anchorage.

We were soon joined by Ray Harris aboard *Aurora*. Ray had sailed single-hand from Annapolis and came alongside to form a Catalina 320 raft.

We all went ashore and after a short walk, went to dinner at Victors. There was no hesitation when they asked if we wanted to sit inside (in the A/C). After finishing a great meal, we headed back to the dinghy to return to our boats. Imagine our concern when we returned to the dinghy to find one side completely deflated. When I checked closer, there wasn't a leak; someone had unscrewed the air valve! Luckily, one side and the bottom were still inflated, so it hadn't sunk. After some huffin' and puffin', I replaced enough of the air so I could return to the boat for the pump, replace all the air and return for my passengers. The rest of the night was quiet and we settled down to watch the lights of the town and harbor, with the sounds of the Orioles playing at Camden Yards in the distance.

Aurora left early the next morning to return to Annapolis, something we should have done. The weather was nice and we thought we would have a repeat of Saturday's sail. When we reached the Bay bridge however, the weather changed fast as a series

of thunderstorms rolled in. We rode out the storm but it was impressive, with 40+ knots of wind and a spectacular lighting show. Our friends (not sailors) later called it "interesting". Hopefully, our next trip won't be so interesting.

Mike and Bev Davis
Chantilly Lass

St. Michaels Raft-up August 30 – September 1



If you haven't been to St. Michaels this year, this is the time. The annual Labor Day's Raft will be at St. Michaels on the Miles River on the Eastern Shore. It will be a "two-destination" raft to accommodate boats both from the northern and southern parts of the Bay.

Those coming from the north will pass Bloody Point and head up Eastern Bay to the Miles River. Following the marks, make your way to St. Michaels' harbor, taking a course of about 233° from Nun "4" to St. Michaels Harbor Light "2" at the entrance. Pass it to starboard, not too far off. Buoy "3" off Parrott Point, at the other side of the entrance, is off a shoal that is both extensive and shallow. Give it a wide berth, and then look for the buoys marking the anchorage as you enter the harbor.

Just before the harbor area, bear to starboard to Fogg Cove just off the Inn at Perry Cabin. *Second Wind* will be anchored there by 3:00 p.m. on Saturday. We will be monitoring Channel 72 on the half-hour from 3:00 p.m. on and will monitor 72 throughout the weekend. Though the anchorage is likely to be somewhat crowded, we will raft and/or anchor as appropriate. In any case, cocktails and hors d'oeuvres will begin at 5:30 p.m. on *Second Wind*.

For those coming from the south, continue up Broad Creek off the Choptank River, as far as possible in San Domingo Creek. The anchorage is just dingy

minutes from the St. Michaels' town dinghy dock, and several short blocks to downtown St. Michaels. To join us on the boat for happy hour, grab a water taxi from the harbor and come into Fogg Cove. If you have walked to Perry Cabin, we will be happy to pick you up from the dock in our dinghy.

Second Wind will stay in St. Michaels for the weekend with much to do and see. Our recent recon mission identified several interesting opportunities. For those of you interested in golf, you can reserve tee times at the Harbourtowne Golf Resort by calling 800-446-9066 or www.harbourtowne.com. This is a nice course with lots of challenges. The Savages and Mike Davis will be testing the Course starting at 9:52 on Sunday, and anyone interested is invited to join us.



Bicycle rentals are available at the Town Dock Marina by the hour (\$3/hr/single or \$6/hr/tandem) or the day (\$14/day/single or \$28/day tandem). They are also available from the local hardware store for \$15/day.



There are several interesting rides possible. It is 14 miles round trip to the Oxford ferry; 20 round trip miles to Easton; and 24 miles round trip to Tilghman Island. Joan says that the ride to the Oxford Ferry was fun and easy. Her adventure included taking the Ferry to Oxford, having a wonderful lunch, and then returning via the ferry and a short ride back to St. Michaels.

There is lots of shopping in St. Michaels - lots and lots of shops, all of which will be open Saturday, Sunday and Monday. Clothing, arts and crafts, nautical gifts, art galleries, antiques, and who knows what else are available in a multitude of shops on both sides of Talbot Street.

St. Michaels, established in 1677, also has several interesting historical sites to visit including the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum, which includes the three-story Hooper Strait Lighthouse. Other sites, such as the St. Mary's Square Museum and the Cannonball House, are within easy walking distance.

And restaurants! They are everywhere, and most are very good, from crabs to fine dining. The Crab

Claw, Michael Rork's Town Dock Restaurant, 208 Talbot, the Inn at Perry Cabin and others offer a wide range of culinary delights. 208 Talbot has a Sunday Brunch from 11-2pm. To top off *Second Wind*'s weekend, the Savages will celebrate Joan's birthday with dinner at the Inn at Perry Cabin at 7:00 p.m. Anyone interested in joining is invited. This is a fixed price, five-course dinner, from soup to desert, at \$69.50 per person. We have made tentative reservations under the name of CCYC. If you would like to join us, please call the Inn at 800-722-2949 and give them your name and credit card reservations at least one week in advance.



In addition to the enticement of St. Michaels, there are also many additional anchorages to be explored in the Miles River and the Wye River.

We look forward to seeing you in St. Michaels!

Joan and Wayne Savage
Second Wind



Change your charts!

Pay attention as you sail in the Annapolis area. Many of the navigation aids have been changed or removed.

The spider platform is being replaced by a fixed yellow "A" and fixed red "4" and a green fixed marker "1AH" has replaced the green gong buoy "1AH" off Tolly Point.

Relocated buoys in the Annapolis Harbor Channel are lighted buoy "8" (renumbered as "6") and lighted

bell buoy “2”. An “SC” (for Spa Creek) buoy replaces the Annapolis Harbor Anchorage’s “A” buoy. Discontinued buoys in the Annapolis Harbor and Annapolis Harbor Channel are green buoys “3”, “5” and “7” and red buoys “4”, “6” and “10”.

Renumbered green buoys in the channel are “11” to “5”, “13” to “7”, “15” to “9” and “17” to “13”. Renumbered red buoys include “14” to “8” and “18” to “14”. The Eastport Harbor entrance lights “1” and “2” are now “1E” and “2E” – for Eastport.

The fixed Horn Point shoal warning marker is now labeled “HP” – for Horn Point. The fixed Lake Ogleton channel structure is changed from “1” to

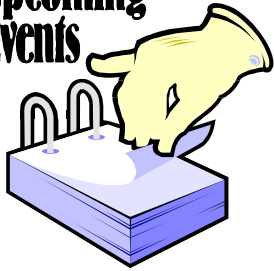
“1L” – for Lake. The fixed red “2” marking the entrance to Whitehall Bay is now “2W” – for Whitehall. Mill Creek’s red “2” is now “2M” – for Mill.

Sailboat Wanted

If anyone knows of a beginner’s sailboat, such as a Snark or Sunfish, for sale, please contact me at 703-802-0355 or e-mail MEDavis49@aol.com.



Upcoming Events



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**

Someone
please
volunteer!



October 25-26 Halloween Raft-up
Mike's Restaurant, South River
Raft Captain: Mark and AJ Eller

November 21 6:00 Dinner - FRC (Reservations - 410-263-4614)
7:30 Pre-meeting social - FRC
8:00 November Meeting

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