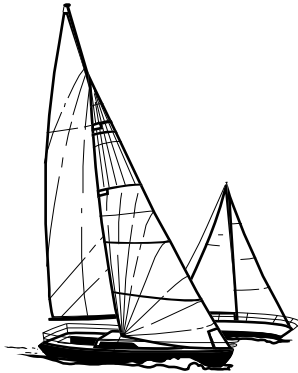


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St. Michaels Raft-up August 30 – September 1



St. Michaels was just the place for the annual Labor Day's Raft, which was a "two-destination" raft, one for boats from the north, and one at the end of San Domingo Creek for Mark and A.J. Eller in *Miss Tress*, from the southern part of the Bay.

Saturday morning started off great, 7-10 knots from the east gave us a good lift out of Annapolis harbor. However by the time we reached Thomas Point, the wind had just about decided to pack it in. The lack of wind finally forced us to carry on with the iron jenny. We anticipated some renewed wind in Eastern Bay, but no luck again. In any case, our oft maligned mechanical propulsion system came through in yeoman fashion and brought *Second Wind* into the St. Michaels harbor about 3:00 PM.

As we scanned the radio airwaves we found that Bill and Sharon Weeks on *Fortnight III*, were already at a temporary dock near the lighthouse museum, and *Chantilly Lass* and *Wye Waite II* were just in the outer harbor. We knew that Gerry and Jeannie

Helldorfer were also there, as *Looking Glass* had passed us as we entered Eastern Bay.

Everyone was waiting for us to lead the way into Fogg Cove (several with memories of boats aground and cross winds making things memorable). As we had previously scouted the location and seen a number of large boats in the anchorage (we had also asked several about the depth), we led the way in. Staying between the green and red markers, we approached the Inn at Perry Cabin. *Second Wind* anchored there, just between the dock and the slips on the other side of the Cove at about 3:30 p.m. Shortly after our anchor was down, *Chantilly Lass*, *Looking Glass* and *Wye Waite II* then followed us into the anchorage and joined the raft. When the rest of us were set, SailinBill and Sharon Weeks in *Fortnight III* decided to join us and rafted off *Looking Glass*.

With all these boats off *Second Wind's* anchor, we decided to have *Looking Glass* dinghy out its anchor to assure we held in the crowded and tight quarters in the anchorage. As everyone was getting settled, Mark and A.J. checked in on the cellular, letting us know they were there and that they would not be joining us that evening as they had guests, Eric and his son Joey. Before letting him off the phone I extracted some technical advice on getting our 5 hp Nissan running again. I was in the middle of cleaning the carburetor and needed some guidance

on the next step. Everything worked out, at least the engine started and ran fine in the morning, after wearing out my pitching arm that afternoon.

Then everyone converged on *Fortnight III* at six for cocktails, hors d'oeuvres and stories, which continued while everyone tested the cheese and crackers, wings, guacamole dip, fruit and other goodies. Mike Davis and daughter Diana and Kathy Shelor, (an experienced Catalina 30 sailor, invited to be crew on this voyage because Bev had to work the weekend) joined the festivities bearing their "signature" wings. Also swapping tales were Rod Waite and friend Tom (Pat had to attend a funeral on Saturday and was driving to St. Michaels on Sunday afternoon), Jean and Gerry Helldorfer, and Joan and Wayne Savage also joined in to partake of the food and drink.

As the almost undetectable breeze shifted, the raft began to turn, introducing us to the crew of a New York state boat, that for some reason did not swing like the rest of the boats in the anchorage as the wind changed. Though the captain expressed his concern, our experienced pilots assured him that we were not on a collision course, and the story telling continued.

Early Sunday morning, Wayne, Joan, Michael and Diana jumped (well maybe climbed) into the dinghies with their golf clubs for the short motor to the Inn at Perry Cabin's dock. They met a taxi in front, as tee time at Harbourtowne Golf Resort was 9:52. Mark and Eric had said they were also playing and had a tee time, though not till at about 11:00 am. To coordinate schedules and hopefully save time, we had the taxi go back to the south Town Dock to pick up our other golfers before we headed for Harbourtowne.

Mike and his caddie, Diana, were in one cart, and Joan and I were in the other as we headed for the first tee. Mike cracked it down the middle; Joan hit it fair and to the right; I made it to the front of the tee. What a way to start. Fortunately it didn't all work out that way. We all had a great time, even though Mike beat us all. We had our times, but just couldn't catch him. No specifics on the scores of our other linksters, but they said they had a good time and will

return. A short taxi ride and we were back at the Inn at Perry Cabin and their dock, to load the clubs back into the dinghies and motor back to the boats.

Well, we had missed the real excitement. With no wind, the raft had swung around several times, pulling *Second Wind's* anchor and causing much excitement. Those present decided to turn to a single anchor - *Looking Glass's*. Everyone worked to get the lose anchor untangled and in. All was calm by the time we arrived, with the anchor back in the locker (and our friends from New York gone) and just in time for a nap.

To top off *Second Wind's* weekend birthday party, the Savages celebrated Joan's birthday (I'm not sure which one, perhaps her 29th) with dinner at the Inn at Perry Cabin at 7:00 p.m. We were joined by a host of other CCYC members and guests. Commodore Mark and A.J. Eller, their guests Eric and his son, Joey, Mike and Bev Davis (who had to work over the weekend and had driven to St. Michaels for dinner and to stay the night), with their daughter Diana, and Gerry and Jeannie Helldorfer helped us fill a large circular table in the main dining room. The appetizers, the bread, the main courses, and the desserts were all great, particularly the desserts.



Three hours later, we headed back towards the dock to return to the boats, well fed and ready for bed. Joan thanked everyone for helping us celebrate her birthday in such a special way. Thanks again.

At about 10 am on Monday morning, shortly after a brief thunderstorm, the rafters broke up and headed towards their home ports, both north and south, or for the Waits, other ports of call on the Bay. The trip back to Annapolis was once again a beautiful day, but once again, one without wind. Our ol' iron jenny worked perfectly again, bringing us home to catch the 3:30 p.m. bridge. We hope all the rafters had a great weekend. We did, coming home a little sunburned, but pleased at such a good turnout, great friends and a wonderful weekend.

Joan and Wayne Savage
Second Wind



September 27 - 28 Lake Ogleton

Joan and Wayne Savage have come to the rescue! They have agreed to be the raft Captains for Oktoberfest. The location will be Lake Ogleton, at the southern shore of the Annapolis Harbor entrance. In order to accommodate as many members as possible, they want to make it a “by land as well as by sea” get-together.

By sea: Parallel the shore from the pile marker “1AH” or head directly south from the Spider platform to the green marker “1L” (nee “1”). Remember that the channel green cans “5” and “7” and red nuns “4” and “6” are gone. After passing “1L”, follow the marked channel until you pass green “5” and then turn to port and look for *Second Wind* anchored off the Community Center.

By land: Take exit 22 off Route 50 in Annapolis.



Follow 665 (Forest Drive) until it becomes Bay Ridge, then Farragut Road. Stay on Farragut Road as it curves around to the left and becomes River Drive. Take River Drive to the end and turn left onto Sands Road. This will take you to the Community Center where the CCYC water taxi will pick you up. You did let the Savages know you were coming, didn't you?

Wayne and Joan will bring the wurst, German beer, wine and music to remind everyone about the old world. Everyone should bring a side dish to compliment the basics.

Remember, the Savages are in the middle of moving, in fact, the movers show up on the 30th, so to contact them before the raft-up, try either 301-762-6752 or 301-530-0489. At the raft-up, call them on Ch. 72 or 301-661-1051.

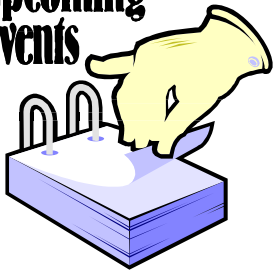
Paul & Sharon Payne have made it to Florida and would like everyone to know their new address:

11100 5th Street East
Treasure Island, FL 33706
Home: 813-367-2039

They're going to have a booth set up at the boat show, so be sure to stop by and say hello.



Upcoming Events



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| September 27-28 | Oktoberfest Raft-up
Lake Ogleton
Raft Captain: Wayne and Joan Savage |
| 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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