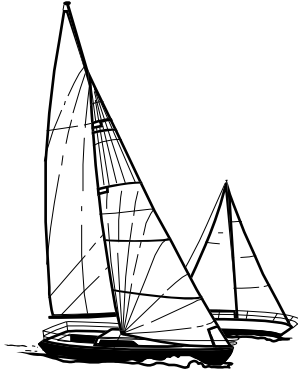


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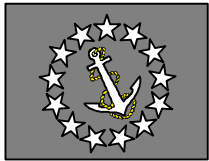
Chesapeake Catalina Yacht Club

International Catalina 30 Association Fleet 11



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View from the Bridge

**Wayne Savage
Commodore**

I can't believe it. It's almost October and the 1998 sailing season is nearing its end. I guess all the warm weather and no rain fooled me into thinking summer would last forever. Not so, and with the end of summer its time to start thinking about our non-sailing activities and yes, thinking about club leadership, elections, and on-going operations.

I know Bill Weeks is already thinking about our fall meetings, determining topics and lining up speakers. Also club elections are in November, and as chairman of the nominating committee I have begun talking with folks who might be interested. If **you** are interested please let me know and we can talk about the duties of the various positions.

Also when checking with our Treasurer about the club's financial status, we noted that the club's reserves continue to decline. With membership remaining constant and prices of operating expenses such as postage, printing, meeting room rental, and awards continuing to increase, the club's operations are being squeezed. To change this trend I am proposing two actions:

- Creation of a membership committee to focus on adding to our numbers, and
- Increasing club dues by \$5 a year to \$35.

Over the years there have been efforts to bring new members into the club, some more successful than others. However, just by the nature of our club, membership turnover averages about 10-15% a year, so we must continue to attract 5 new members each year just to keep our membership total stable. Not only do we need new members to help pay for the club's continuing operations, we need new people to come to our rafts and other events, bringing new ideas and perspectives.

When the Treasurer and I discussed the club's finances we noted that the last increase in club dues occurred before anyone in this household was a club member. That means that it has been at least 8 years since the last increase. Sadly postage, printing and other costs have not been so constant. I believe a small increase to enhance the club's ability to support events and cover future increases such as postage rate changes is well justified.

Please think about these proposals and give me a call or send an email with your ideas and comments. ➤

OKTOBERFEST!

October 3-4



Joan and Wayne Savage
Second Wind

It's September again; even AOL has a section on Oktoberfest. Boy, do I like that multimedia presentation. It's been almost a year since I heard that Um-Pa-Pa polka music. And because of my special interest in this, should I say holiday, we continue to volunteer to be raft captains for this end-of-season event. On October 3-4, the annual CCYC Oktoberfest raft will take place in Lake Oglelton at the mouth of the Severn River. Joan and Wayne Savage, (*Second Wind*) will once again be the raft captains for the festivities.

With the Um-Pa-Pa music in the bier garden background, we will feast on bratwurst, sauerkraut, and toast with specially brewed Oktoberfest beer. The club will provide the above, while of course, everyone will bring German (or other) hors d'oeuvres and cuisine to taste and share.

Polka dancing on the fore deck to end the evening is optional.

The entrance to Lake Ogleton is just inside Tolly Point with 5 markers to the entrance. These markers trace the dredged channel leading into the lake. You do want to honor the marks or you might be waiting for high tide while dinner is served. Once inside the fifth green flashing mark you are there. You will see *Second Wind* cranking up the music and the grill. We will be monitoring Channel 72, so let us know when you are coming so we can have a cold one ready.

To make sure we have the right amount of wurst and beer, please call Joan or me at 301-762-6752 to let us know you plan to come. ☞

Progressive Dinner and Games Night

Rhode River Raft-up

October 24-25

Ray and Carolyn Nieves
Classie Chassie

This raft-up will prove to be unique as well as fun. We will try a progressive dinner – one boat for appetizers, another for entrée, another for dessert, etc. We would like to have at least 4 boats; of course more is better. In order for this to work, we must ask you to commit to participate. Call us at 301-855-3398 to let us know you'll be there and we'll coordinate the dinner so all will enjoy it.

Following dinner, pull out the games. Bring your favorite multiple-person game and we'll divvy up the fun.

To find the raft-up, head for the West River. At the entrance to the river, turn to a heading of 270⁰ as you pass Red #2 until you come to another Red #2. This marks the entrance to the Rhode River. Turn north and pass a series of marks – Green #3, Red #4, Red #6 – until you get to Green #7. Turn to a heading of 250⁰ and leave High Island and its shallows to starboard. Just past the small island, you'll find *Classie Chassie* anchored by 3 PM, monitoring VHF Ch. 72.

Now, the weather on the Bay has been known to turn sour. If the forecast is for cold, rain or otherwise unfavorable conditions, the back-up plan is to bring all that food and games to our house. Call us by 10 AM Saturday morning if the weather looks questionable and we'll make a ruling. And realizing some people might have a long distance drive to get home, it's also a sleep-over.

This is the last sailing event of the season for the club. Let's make an effort for a big turn-out! ☞

Labor Day Cruise September 5th – 7th

Mike and Bev Davis
Chantilly Lass



It looked to be a perfect sailing day as we left Herring Bay and headed for the Eastern Bay. We had a brisk wind, a sunny sky and a great start to the Labor Day weekend. Unfortunately, the wind slowly died as we crossed the Bay and we had to fire up the iron genny.

We finally entered the Wye River and headed for Lloyd Creek. As we entered the creek and headed upstream to where we wanted to anchor, we found a 6-boat raft already in the prime spot. We circled for a bit to consider alternatives, then decided to look for a spot past the raft. As we neared the raft-up, we discovered in fact, it was the CCYC raft-up. Allan & Hilda Gohrband had anchored *Running Free* and Walt and Sue Dennison (*Foxfire*), Bill and Liz Westley (*True Blew*), Bill and Sharon Weeks (*Fortnight III*), Ray Harris (*Aurora*) and Wayne and Joan Savage (*Second Wind*) were rafted alongside. With Bill Weeks directing, we quickly joined the bunch. Just as we settled in, Gerry and Jeanne Helldorfer arrived in *Ragtime* (nee *Looking Glass*). This was great; an 8-boat raft-up. And the weather cooperated - we remained rafted through the night.

On Sunday, some of the boats made for home port for maintenance in preparation for their trip south this Fall and others headed for Harris Creek. *Chantilly Lass* with *Fortnight III* and *Second Wind* headed south, down the Miles River. As we passed St. Michaels, we pulled into the harbor, anchored and went ashore for lunch, a little sightseeing and to give Winston (Joan and Wayne's pet Shar Pei) a chance to stretch his legs.

Following lunch, we continued down the river to Hunting Creek. *Fortnight III* had arrived first and served as the anchor boat.

Monday meant heading home but what a great sail. With winds gradually building to 25 knots, the closer we got to home, the faster we were going.

With chances to be on the Bay getting fewer and fewer, it was a shame to go in. ⚓

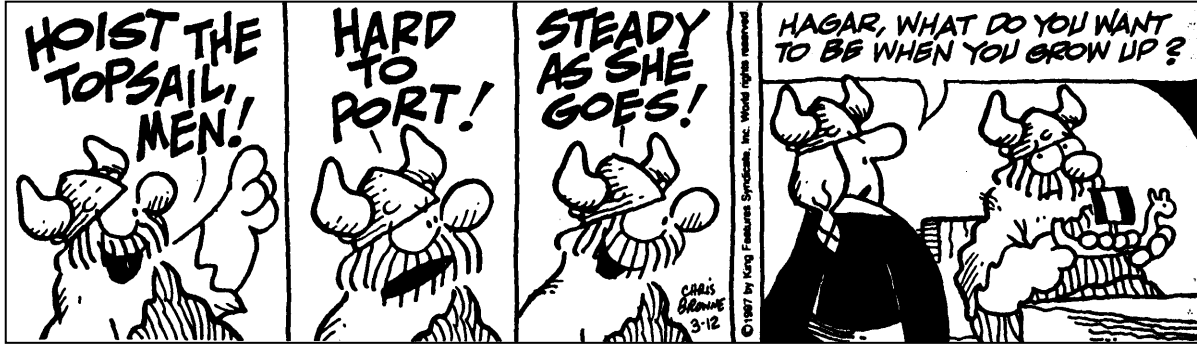
Sailing to the Max!

The International Catalina 30 Association held its annual National Championship Regatta in Westbrook CT on Aug 14-16, 1998. CCYC sailor Max Munger placed 2-1-1 to win the overall Standard Rig Non-spinnaker Racing Class. This was the sixth attempt for Max, all sailed far away from home in different loaned boats and with local crew. Max previously placed third in San Francisco and fourth in Redondo Beach. Max relied upon his Chesapeake Bay racing experience to win in the very light winds and adverse currents of the Duck Island Roads in Long Island Sound.

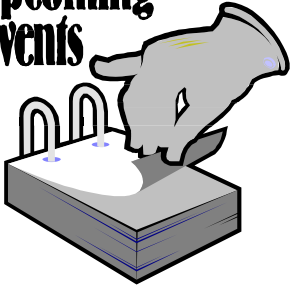
The regatta was sponsored by the Long Island Sound Catalina Association and IC30A Fleet #18, conducted by the Duck Island Yacht Club and sailed from the Pilots Point Marina in Westbrook. Over 250 people attended the three days of festivities surrounding the regatta and rendezvous, which was held jointly with the Catalina 36 National Association.

With 1500 members, the IC30A is the largest one-design keelboat racing and owners association in the world. Max is the current and three-time IC30A Commodore. This year, thirty boats registered under one of the four classes making this the largest regatta in over 10 years. The Standard Rig Racing Class is one of six possible C30 classes specified in the IC30A national bylaws. The Standard and Tall Rig one-design boat configurations are each divided into Spinnaker, Racing and the Cruising divisions. No Spinnaker boats were registered for Westbrook, so only four of the possible six classes were sailed this year. Each National Champion took possession of a perpetual trophy with a C30 half-hull mounted on a plaque bearing all the previous winners names.

Max is also a member of the Southern Maryland Sailing Association and represented Fleet #11 in the regatta. At home Max races his own C30 Tall Rig in CBYRA and PHRF C events and the Wednesday night series out of Solomon's Island in Region III. ⚓



Upcoming Events



- Oct 3-4 Oktoberfest Raft-up
 Lake Ogleton
 Raft Captain: Wayne and Joan Savage, *Second Wind*
- Oct 24-25 Progressive Dinner Raft-up
 Rhode River
 Raft Captain: Ray and Carolyn Nieves, *Classie Chassie*

November 20 6:00 Dinner - FRC (Reservations - 410-263-4614)
 7:30 Pre-meeting social - FRC
 8:00 November Meeting

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