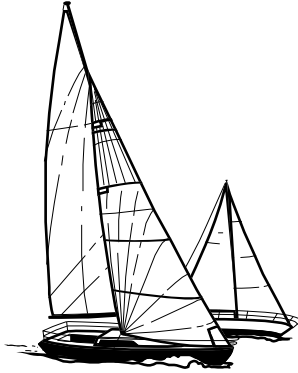


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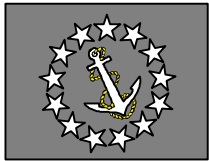
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View from the Bridge

**Bill Weeks
Commodore**

Well, it is another location and another time for my "From the Helm" column. I am with Wayne Savage and his daughter, Cameron, on their new Catalina 36, *Jubilee*. We are in the Dismal Swamp and have just passed through the South Mills Lock. We met Joan and her crew in Beaufort, NC on Saturday after the Flag Raising Brunch. Jerry and Jean Helldorfer on *Ragtime* were also there. Bill Wesley on *True Blew* left the day before.

We spent the night and left on Sunday morning for Bellhaven. Mondy was a long day, from Bellhaven to Elizabeth City, NC. The forecast for the Albemarle sound was not good so we just pressed on to Norfolk.

The Flag raising brunch was very successful. We had 36 members on hand and William Schellenberger gave us a nice presentation on gunkholes of the Chesapeake. The food was good and we met a lot of new members.

The Sailing Season is upon us, the best time of the year. The Ice Breaker has been cancelled and our Memorial Day Cruise to the Wye river must serve as the Ice Breaker. I know everyone is looking forward

to the first cruise of the season. The Wye River is a lovely body of water.

I have been interviewing members on the subject of winter meetings. As usual, I have a different opinion from each member. Some like the monthly meetings, some think we have too many. The original location of the meetings was chosen for its nautical theme. We are sailors and want to be around sailboats. However, times, traffic, and where members live, all have changed. We don't have a common location for everyone, we are spread out from Chestertown, to Solomons, to Clifton. Who knows? I am still working on the issue.

I am intending to be in Solomons for the All Catalina Rendezvous in June. While arranging for a slip at Zahnisers, I spoke with the Catalina 400 Fleet Captain. He is interested in an All-Chesapeake, All-Catalina Fleet and believes our group, because we are already an all-Catalina group, would be the proper umbrella organization. We are planning to discuss this further with the other Fleet Captains in Solomons. Again, I am considering the prospect. This might be more work than it is worth, but I will listen and see which way the wind blows.

Enough for now, I will be speaking with you again next month. Ⓜ

MEMORIAL Day

Ice Breaking Memorial Day Cruise May 29-31

Bill and Sharon Weeks
Fortnight III

We are planning the first cruise of the year to Dividing Creek in the Wye River, and then on to Leeds Creek. On Saturday, *Fortnight III*, will leave Herring Bay about 10:00 AM. This will put us in Dividing Creek with the anchor down by 3:00 PM. We plan to have Cocktail Hour on *Fortnight III* about 5:30 PM. Bring something to share.

The sail to the Wye is straight forward - around Bloody Point, up Eastern Bay and around Tilghman Point. Once around Tilghman Point, from red "6" take up a heading of 135° magnetic for the green "3" can off Bennett Point (tough to spot), follow the marks into the Wye. Do not cut inside "3" as the water gets real thin in there. Once into the Wye, the first bay on the right is Shaw Bay. Proceed on by and continue up the East Wye which will turn to the left, around daymark "3" then north for about ¾ mile and then the right. The first entrance on the left, about ½ mile from the turn is Dividing Creek. If you keep to the center of the river, it is very deep and no problems. We will be in the middle of Dividing Creek, somewhere.

On Sunday, we will breakup about 10:00 AM and proceed to Leeds Creek, on the opposite side of the Miles River from St. Michaels. Directly across from St. Michaels is green daymark "1" which marks the entrance into Leeds Creek. There is a little cove inside Fairview Pt., if we can get in we will; if not, we will be farther up the Creek. Later on, maybe a side trip into St. Mick's for ice cream, who knows.

Both days we will monitor Channel 72, on the half hours from 15:30 through 18:30 hours.

Sharon and I are looking forward to seeing you in Dividing Creek. ☞

Flag Raising Brunch April 17th

Bill and Sharon Weeks
Fortnight III



The bottom line, if I may be so bold, was that a good time was had by all. We met early Saturday morning, April 17th in Galesville, MD. The location was the Top Side Inn. We almost had too many people for the room. As I was putting this together, I wondered what kind of turn-out we would have. The confirmations dribbled in as the date approached. Sharon took some, I took some, and the answering machine took some. By the time I got all the little pieces of paper with names assembled, we had 37 people.

The gathering started with eye openers: coffee, juice, or something stronger as the case may be. We sat down about 9:00 AM, give or take some. We had to bring in extra tables to accommodate the crowd. The wait staff got all the orders taken and food began to arrive a few minutes later. As we ate, the noise level remained high, members greeted old friends and new. I started speaking about various club activities and some chairpersons spoke of their activities. Pete Denholm brought me back to reality; we had a fine speaker and if he did not get started, we would be there all day. Back to business.

Our featured speaker was William Schellenberger, author of "*Cruising the Chesapeake, a gunkholers guide*". Mr. Schellenberger informed me this was the third time he has spoken to this group and some of the members knew the bay as well as he did ... well almost.

Mr. Schellenberger spoke for an hour and touched on the whole bay, from top to bottom. He gave us some wonderful insights to new places to go and new things to see. I enjoyed his presentation very much.

We ended with a promise that all boats would be in the Wye River for the Ice Breaker on Saturday, May 29th. ☞



Ron Marcuse
Comm - IC400A

It's May 4th and more than 50 boats have registered for the East Coast Rendezvous. It's at Solomons on June 18th-20th, along with the C30, C36 and C400 Championship Regatta's. The early bird special ends on May 15th, and the

marina is filling up fast, so DON'T WAIT MUCH LONGER. Cost will be \$160 per boat per couple, all-inclusive, if you register before May 15th. This includes dockage for the weekend (\$50), 5 meals, beer and wine on Friday and Saturday night, music and dancing on Saturday night, prizes, T-shirts, other gifts, seminars and speakers, etc. (\$55/person). After May 15, the cost will be \$180. Extra guests or those attending that don't need a slip will pay \$55 each before May 15th, and \$65 each after. Kids under the age of 16 are free.

Schedule

Friday

1200 - 1800 Registration
1700 - 2200 Happy Hour
1800 - 2000 Barbecue

Saturday

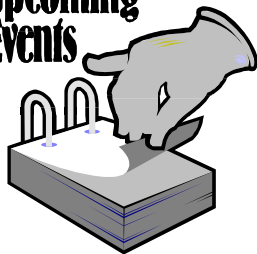
0800 - 1000 Breakfast Buffet
0900 - 1300 Race 1 & 2
1000 - 1600 Seminars, etc.
1700 - 2200 Happy Hour
1800 - 2000 Buffet Dinner, Music, Dancing
2000 - 2200 Music & Dancing continue

Sunday

0800 - 1000 Breakfast Buffet
0900 - 1200 Race 3
1200 - ? Light buffet lunch, Awards

(Editor's note: Check the schedule page on the CCYC web site about CCYC's plan for the Rendezvous. If you want to get a slip, it's important that you fill out the enclosed registration form and mail it to Max Munger (C30) or to Catalina. There will be a CCYC raft-up for those not getting a slip.)

Upcoming Events



May 29-31 Memorial Day Cruise
Wye River
Raft Captain - Bill & Sharon Weeks, *Fortnight III*

May 31- Harborfest
June 13 Norfolk
Raft Captain - Pete and Karen Denholm, *Scimitar*

June 18-20 Sail of the Century, Catalina Rendezvous
Solomons Island
Raft Captain - Mark & AJ Eller, *Maraj*

July 3-5 4th of July Raft-up
Oxford
Raft Captain - Pete and Karen Denholm, *Scimitar*

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