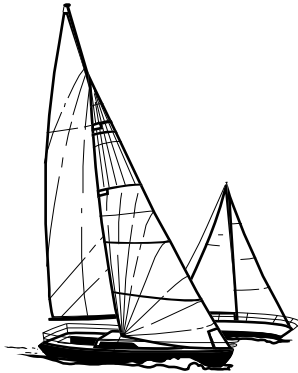


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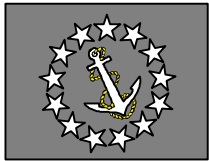
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## View from the Bridge

**Bill Weeks  
Commodore**

Good evening all. It is that time of the month again. I thought for a while I would be writing this from Hawaii. I was scheduled to travel out there but alas; it got cancelled at the last minute. Just as well as will soon become clear.

The Weeks' are on the move. As most of you know we are building a retirement home down on the Northern Neck of Virginia. We have some property on the Coan River, which is off the Potomac down near Smith Point. The house is scheduled to start construction in August, with completion next March. We already have a dock on the property and I have a spare slip, should someone wish to visit, Hint, Hint.

We put our Townhouse on the market in April and we sold it in May. It went in about five weeks. Now where do we live until March? Who knows? We had to apartment hunt last weekend. We were successful and located and rented one out near Dulles Airport. Sharon is madly packing our stuff, with me helping. More updates as time goes by.

I was reading the Chesapeake Bay Magazine and came across an article that I thought most of you would appreciate. It has to do with the proper usage

of VHF Channel 16 and Channel 9. Something that I did not know is that Channel 16 is reserved for distress calls only since 1966. Channel 9 has been designated non-distress hailing channel. It seems the Coast Guard has been trying to get the word out for years, without much success, I might add. I for one either did not know or have forgotten that Channel 16 is a distress channel. I can't remember if I have ever come across anything on the change. I personally think it will be years before all non-distress hailing moves to 9. But as good stewards of boating safety, let's try to remember the change. What I think will happen is most folks will make calls to one another on channel 9, and switch and call on 16. Oh great, now we have twice as much chatter on the airwaves. By the way, the article I refer to is the "Reed Creek Journal" written by Tim Sayles, Editor. Thanks Tim.

We have a number of events scheduled over the next month: The all-Catalina Rendezvous in Solomons and the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Cruise. I will be at Zanhisers in Solomons, but miss the 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

We still need a Cruise Captain for the Wahine Cruise in July. The Crab Feast will not be at the Gandy's this year, we are going to have it at Cantlers on Whitehall Creek. Start making plans to join us for the Crab Feast.

See you next month. Ⓜ

## 4<sup>th</sup> of July Cruise

Pete and Karen Denholm  
*Scimitar*



We are planning on watching two fireworks displays this weekend: Oxford on Saturday and Cambridge on Sunday.

Saturday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>, *Scimitar* will drop anchor by 2:00 PM in the Tred Avon River off of Oxford to ensure that the raft-up will have a good spot for viewing the fireworks. Let's have a cookout before the fireworks. *Scimitar* will provide hot dogs, hamburgers, buns, and a grill. We'll start grilling at 6:00 PM. Please contact us at 703-313-0864 to let us know what cookout provisions you will be bringing.

On Sunday, July 4<sup>th</sup>, *Scimitar* will get an early start so we will have a good anchor spot in the basin off of Cambridge. We have never been to Cambridge, but we understand that there is plenty to do and see including restaurants. Let's plan for a walk around the town and dinner before the fireworks. We will be monitoring VHF channel 72 on the hour and half hour during the weekend and our boat phone is 703-901-6917 in case there are any stragglers. ☞



## Ice Breaking Memorial Day Cruise May 29-31

Bill and Sharon Weeks  
*Fortnight III*

We had a lot of email about the Memorial Day Cruise and were prepared for a good time. I had to get going early on Saturday May 29<sup>th</sup>. Sharon was not going to be able to come with me on Saturday as she had to work, but I would meet her in St. Mikes on Sunday morning. Going across the bay was a

motorsail all the way. I had my main up for a while, but then going up Eastern Bay, the wind clocked around to right on the nose.

I arrived in Dividing Creek, off the Wye, at about 1:30 PM and what to my wandering eye should appear, but *Jubilee* with Wayne and Joan Savage snuggled down about in the middle. So I rafted up on their starboard side. Phil and Linda Ferrara were next to arrive on *Wunderlust*. This was their first raft-up; I hope they had a good time and will return. Then Ray Harris on *Aurora*, Rod and Pat Waite on *Wye Waite*, with their friends Bart and Ann Hazleton. Diane Bates and Jack Young arrived on *Robinante*, Hilda and Allen Gohrband on *Running Free*. Ray and Carolyn Nieves arrived on *Classie Chassie*. The last boat to raft was Sue and Walt Dennison on *Foxfire*.

If you count the boats, there are nine. That is the most we have had in a long time. The rest of the afternoon was spent chatting with old and new friends, swapping stories and whatever else we could get away with. Some slept, some swam and some rowed their dog ashore.

Cocktail Hour started about 5:00; we had two host boats, *Fortnight* and *Running Free*. People just kind of moved from one group to the other and back again. There was so much to eat, that I decided to forgo dinner, then Pat Waite forced, forced mind you, her home made crab cakes on me. They were really good.

Ray Harris and I kept the raft awake with some Jimmy Buffett and some CD's Ray had until the wee hours of the morning.

The next morning, I was moving slow. The early risers enjoyed a great sunrise and good coffee. The raft started to break up about 9:30 AM. Before we broke up, we decided to go to Hunting Creek instead of Leeds Creek. Local knowledge had Leeds Creek badly shoaled.

I went into St. Mike's to pick up Sharon at the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum. I had exchanged email with Steve and Barbara Gadarian about the cruise and arranged to meet them for lunch in St. Mike's. Sure enough, on the wharf were

Sharon, Barbara and Steve. We got *Fortnight* tied up, and headed up town for lunch. Steve and Barbara were looking for property in the Oxford area. Right now they live in New Jersey, but are planning to retire on the bay. Welcome.

By the way, do you know the difference between a Wharf and a Dock? Answer next month.

After lunch, Sharon and I shoved off for Hunting Creek. After an easy sail down the Miles River, we motored into the creek. We found Allan and Hilda with an anchor down and *Foxfire* rafted up along side. We slid in and dropped another anchor, just in case. Over the rest of the afternoon all the boats returned. We lost one, *Classie Chassie* and picked up one, Bill Wesley on *True Blew*. Ray and Carolyn have moved their homeport down close to Solomons and it was going to be a long haul for them, too long for one day.

Again, Cocktail hour began at 5:00 PM with even more food and drink. Again, dinner was not needed. The Cocktail hour actually lasted about 3 hours. A good time was had by all.

The raft broke up about 10:00 AM the next morning. *Foxfire* and *Running Free* were going to spend the week on the bay and the rest of us were heading home. I dropped Sharon off in St. Mike's and motored and sailed home. I had a very nice 3 hour sail. My autopilot went walkabout so I had to steer it all the way home. I sure do miss that thing.

If you missed the cruise, you missed a good time. ☞

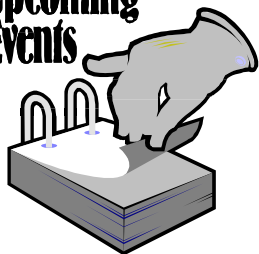


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## Upcoming Events



July 3-5      4<sup>th</sup> of July Raft-up  
Oxford, Cambridge  
Raft Captain - Pete and Karen Denholm, *Scimitar*

July 17-18      Wahine Cruise  
Location TBD  
Raft Captain - TBD

August 7      Crab Feast  
Cantlers Restaurant

Sept 4-6      Labor Day Cruise  
Chester River  
Raft Captain - Mike and Bev Davis, *Ayewash*

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