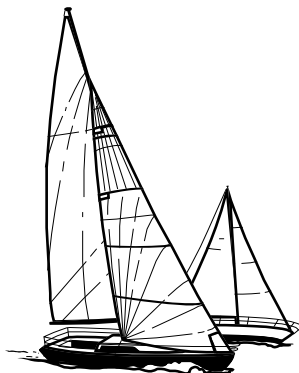


The CAT Tales

Chesapeake Catalina Yacht Club

November 1999



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View from the Bridge

Bill Weeks
Commodore

Afternoon All:

It is raining here in Hawaii and will continue through tomorrow. We have a low pressure area, called a Kona Low, moving through the islands, along with a cold front. I am sitting in my hotel room on the beach at Waikiki. I am over here on business, and will not return until the 1st of November. I am going to miss the Halloween cruise.

From my hotel room, I can see a sailboat anchored off Waikiki, beyond the surf line. It has been there for two days and appears to be about 40' long. For the past two days the weather has been such that it has had a smooth anchorage. This morning is a whole different story. The wind is coming from the southeast at about 15 knots, the waves are about 5 feet and it is a very rough ride. I don't know why they don't move, as they are very exposed.

I was going to have to miss the Halloween cruise anyway, as I moved *Fortnight* down the bay to her new home on Glebe Creek, off the Coan River. I got a window of opportunity about two weeks ago and I took advantage of it to move *Fortnight*. I had a novice sailor with me, Dennis Lohrmann; he and I work together. This was the first time he had been

out on a sailboat for more than an hour at a time, much less three days. He was like a kid with a new toy; he could not get enough of it. We had great weather, but had to motor most of the way if we were going to get to the Coan River. He could not believe the beauty of the nights and mornings. Having coffee in the cockpit with the sun coming up was about the most enjoyable thing he has ever done, or so he said. Anyhow we did have a great trip.

My new best friend, Vinnie Baby, aka Vincent Haynie, has started construction of our house; he is putting in the foundation, even as I speak. By the time I get back, it should be complete and the framing started.

The slate for Club officers is set for next year, Pete Denholm, Commodore, Ray Nieves, Vice, Joan Savage Treasurer, and Mike Davis, will do the newsletter again. This year has been interesting. We have accomplished some things, and missed a few, but all in all, I think it has been a good year. I wish we could have gotten a few more new members, but that is an on-going effort.

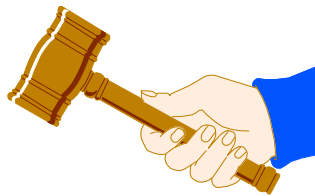
I want to thank everyone for all the effort that has made this year successful. I will not be as active next year, although I plan to make a few meetings and some of the cruises. Maybe the Club could plan a cruise down to the Coan and we could all tie up at

my dock. I do have a spare slip and lots of room for visitors.

The finishing touches to this have been added about a week after I started it. An update, the sailboat is still anchored off the beach. A sea kayak comes and goes and sometimes a bright light shows on board. I think someone is living aboard and coming into Waikiki to work. I have walked the docks a few times at the local marina and, boy, what a collection of junk. About half of them should be scraped. Most are live-aboards. Well it is time to close, the skies are clear and I must go watch the sunset over Hawaii, Noka Oi (The Best). Maybe I will see the green flash. I just found out that there is a good reason for the flash, even tho it is rarely seen.

See you next month. 🍷

November Meeting November 19th Fleet Reserve Club, Annapolis



The November meeting will be held on Friday, November 19th at the Fleet Reserve Club in Annapolis. Plan on starting the evening by meeting other members for dinner at 6:00 (call for reservations at 410-263-4614), followed by a pre-meeting social in the meeting room upstairs at 7:30. The meeting will start at 8:00 with officer elections for next year – 2000!

Following the election of officers, we will have a special treat! Our guest speakers will be some of our own members who traversed the ICW last winter. Last October, the Gandys (*Luv It*), Helldorfers (*Ragtime II*) and Wesleys (*True Blew*) headed south together on the ICW. The Gandys and Wesleys have made this trip several times while it was the first trip for the Helldorfers. In the spring they all returned under different schedules. Come join us for a mixture of experiences from some “old salts” and some “new salts” and I am sure plenty of tall tales. 🍷



Holiday Party December 4th, 7:00 PM October 30-31

Home of Mike and Bev Davis
7030 Balmoral Forest Road, Clifton, VA
703-802-0355

The annual CCYC Holiday Party will be at our house this year. Informal holiday dress is appropriate and holiday cheer a must. Time to meet and greet old friends, to tell stories about this summer's sailing adventures and just catch up. The club will furnish a turkey or ham as well as wine and beer. Attendees should bring hors' d'oeuvres, a side dish or a dessert. Please call us (703-802-0355 or 703-802-6627) or send an email (SailCCYC@aol.com) to coordinate the dish you plan to bring.

Directions: Take the Beltway to I-66 West. Take I-66 exit 55, Fairfax County Parkway, to the south. Continue south to the second traffic light and turn right on Braddock Road. At the next traffic light, turn left onto Clifton Road. After 2.8 miles, turn right onto Compton Road and go another 0.7 miles to Balmoral Forest Road. Turn left, go past Ivakota Farm Road and you will find our house at 7030, the first house on the right.

I'll put these details, with a map, on the CCYC web site if you need to check it later. I hope everyone can attend so we will have a great time. 🍷



October 2-3 Rhode River

Wayne and Joan Savage
Jubilee

Well, because Joan was in Hilton Head, I was responsible for getting everything together for the cruise. Needless to say Winston and I were running late. After picking up the wurst and the bier, we met our guest Carolyn Wilson (*Atlantis*, a 34' custom steel-hulled sailboat

with a pilothouse) at the boat and made the 12:30 Spa Creek bridge.

Upon exiting the harbor, we found wind of about 10 knots from the SE. We let out all the sails and headed for the shipping channel where we tacked towards Thomas Point. The tack took us directly past the light and to R2 on the West River. As we headed down the Bay the wind picked up to about 15 knots and we were cruising at 7.5 knots. Even Winston was feeling good, trying to stay on the low side and out of the way.

As we headed up the Rhode River at about 3:30 (I know, we were late) we picked up some CCYC radio traffic. When we reached the anchorage there were already 4 boats in the raft. The Davis' were the anchor boat with Mike, Bev, Diane and Copper (*Ayewash*) helping Phil and Linda Ferrara (*Wanderlust*), Rod and his two guests (*Wye Wait II*), and prospective member, Melody Miller (*Spice of Life*) tie off. As we were joining the raft off *Wye Wait II*, Ray and Carolyn Nievis (*Classie Chassie*) and Ray Harris (*Aurora*) arrived. Because Melody had to leave, *Spice of Life* broke off the raft and *Aurora* took the spot in the raft.

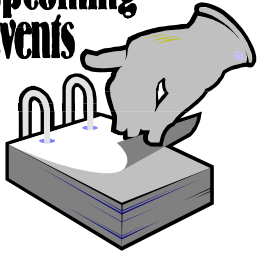
As soon as everything got settled munchies were brought out and the first biers (from a mini-Becks keg) were passed around while folks discussed their adventures getting to the raft. Somewhat later Rod and I started the grills for the wurst. As we cooked the other rafters gathered on the Davis' boat to continue their serious discussions. When the wurst was ready, most of us adjourned to the Davis' cabin to eat as it was getting cool outside. The German wine, bier, and food seemed to be a hit, with very little left over. Everyone slept well with a 50-degree temperature and no wind.

We were treated to another adventure the next morning as Rod gave one of his crewmembers an offer he couldn't refuse. Go up the mast and replace the bulb, or walk the plank. Good thing there were two folks to man the lines as he was hoisted up the mast. With Rod's great planning and preparation and the crew's heroism, the bulb was replaced and he was returned to the deck unscratched. Medals were awarded to all.

You should have been there! We were glad we were.
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Upcoming Events



Nov 19

6:00 Dinner - FRC (Reservations - 410-263-4614)

7:30 Pre-meeting social - FRC

8:00 November Meeting

Dec 4

Holiday Party, 7:00 PM

Host - Mike and Bev Davis

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