Broad Bay Banter

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Commodore's Corner

Judy Rose

The trees are blossoming with flowers, the birds are chirping, boats are in the boat yard waiting for new bottom paint, bottom paint is on sale at Boat US, Doug Rose is working on his boat....all this must mean that sailing season is almost here. Just a few more weeks and we will begin the Wednesday and Thursday night racing. I know that most of us are counting the days for racing and cruising to begin.

For the past few weeks, I have been busy lining up speakers/programs for the BBSA meetings. All is done except for July. If there is something you want to hear about, please let me know.

The speaker this month is Jan Hellaker, Sea Key General Manager at Volvo Penta - a satellite communications expert. Satellite based on board systems for safety, communication and enjoyment. Learn from an expert the ins and outs of available systems to protect your boat when you aren't on it, transmit and receive distress/safety messages and increase your cruising enjoyment with concierge services.

George Treiber has resigned as Cruising Fleet Captain and Jim and Bev Borberg have volunteered to be Cruising Fleet Co-Captains for another year. Cruisers and Racers please show your support of Bev and Jim by attending their Cruising Planning Meeting. Details follow in the Banter.

Bev Borberg and Marie Quarnstrom have volunteered to bring the snacks this month. I will bring the drinks.

See you all at the meeting March 21, 2006. The club house doors will open at 7:00 PM. Directions to the club house can be found later in the Banter.

Judy Rose BBSA Commodore

March Meeting - Tuesday the 21st

Speaker: Jan Hellaker, Sea Key General Manager at Volvo Penta

Topic: Sea Key - Onstar on the Water

The River Club at River Walk, Chesapeake (See below for directions to the club)

Meeting Time: 8:00 PM Social Time: 7:30 PM

April Meeting on board American Rover

Mark your calendar for the annual cruise meeting on board American Rover out of Waterside. Again Captain Brook Smith, son of Sonny and brother of Trey, has offered Rover to the BBSA membership. Look in the April Banter for details of this Tuesday, April 25th, event. Boarding will be at 6:45pm with sailing from 7 to 9pm.

Cruising News

Cruising Fleet Captains Jim and Bev Borberg would like to have a meeting on March 25 with all cruisers to review the cruising schedule. It will be at 3:00 PM at 4524 Black Cove Rd., Virginia Beach. If you can't attend, please give them your input - - gnsailn@yahoo.com, Bevborberg@yahoo.com, 460-1051. They will have wine, beer and snacks to entice you to come.

Racing News

While we're still well over a month before the big-boat racing season officially gets underway, it's not too early to start preparing for the upcoming year. Some reminders and dates of which to be aware:

- Don't forget to apply for or renew your valid PHRF rating: www.phrfchesbay.com
- Don't forget to apply for or renew your CBYRA membership if you plan to qualify for season-long CBYRA High Point awards www.cbyra.org
- March 11 Little Creek's Wednesday Night racing series organizational meeting, contact John Bergman j.bergman@cox.net
- March 30 Willoughby Racers Thursday Night racing series registration meeting at Sunset Grill at Willoughby Harbor Marina, contact Scott Almond AnejoShot@aol.com
- April 23 The first southern bay CBYRA-sanctioned race of the season (CCV Spring Series #1 & #2)
- May 20 Cape Henry Cup the first BBSA sponsored (4 total this year) CBYRA-sanctioned race of the season. The \$25 Entry Fee is WAIVED for all BBSA members! Please make plans to join us for one of the more exciting races of the year. Contact Gary Newton gnewton.vatf2@verizon.net or Scott Almond AnejoShot@aol.com

All of the above links (and more) as well as event dates, contact information, and Notices of Race (downloads area) are posted on our website at www.broadbaysailing.org.

Gary Newton
Racing Fleet Captain

Learn to use JAVASCORE

Anyone Involved in SCORING RACES: CBYRA Region 4 JAVARAMA is all set for April 8, Saturday, 0900-1200, at Fishing Bay Yacht Club. There will be no cost for the clinic (and, pending plans, only a moderate charge for a light lunch). Our CBRYA vice-pres for Region 4, Tom Roberts, says JAVARAMA is open to all Region 4 clubs that want to learn about and/or to use JAVASCORE. Interested participants may bring a laptop computer. Wireless internet access is available to anyone so equipped. If you intend to bring a regular computer, you should bring an insulating power strip and arrive early so you can get set up. Also, if you can, it will be helpful for participants to bring with them the (free) downloaded program from the web site http://www.gromurph.org/javascore/ Tom plans to make this a hands-on experience where participants learn to use, really use, JAVASCORE, from registering boats and skippers all the way to entering scores and uploading results to CBYRA and/or other web sites. This is a much needed, very good learning opportunity. For details or additional info, contact Tom Roberts at (804) 843-2682.

Membership News

We welcome

Emory and Deb Nemeth

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TASAR - "TSARINA"

The 2006 Roster of Members will be mailed in early April.

Update your membership profile if you have made any changes since renewing your membership. Please send your changes by replying to this Banter email, or mail them to Jack Huenerberg, 1824 Cooper Road, VA Beach, 23454.

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DAVID W. BAXTER SAILMAKERS, LTD. is now located at 209 W. Ocean Avenue, Norfolk, VA 23503 across from Greenies at First View St. 588-0851

Next time you plan to row across the Atlantic - - - - -

You may have seen the story about the two women rowers plucked from the ocean during a transatlantic voyage, but did you know that they were safety located because of an EPIRB from the BoatU.S. Foundation's EPIRB Rental Program? The two rowers participating in what's billed as the "toughest rowing race in the world" are safe after their 24-foot rowboat capsized on January 15 in the stormy Atlantic Ocean. A rogue wave left them clinging to a barnacle-encrusted, upturned hull for 16 hours before rescuers could arrive.

Rowers Sarah Kessans and Emily Kohl were able to get help by activating their Emergency Position Indicating Radio Beacon (EPIRB). The 406 MHz EPIRB activation alert was picked up by the U.S. Coast Guard. The alert, coming from a location some 1800 miles east of Cuba, was identified as an EPIRB belonging to the BoatU.S. Foundation. Following protocol, rescuers immediately contacted the BoatU.S. 24-hour Dispatch Center which forwarded the boat and crew details gleaned from the rower's rental registration form.

With the distressed vessel identified, a full-scale search and rescue operation was launched and the tall ship Stravos S. Niarchos, was vectored to the racer's location. After sailing 120 miles through the night under rough conditions, Stravos S. Niarchos reached Kessans and Kohl. "Thanks to BoatU.S. It was your EPIRB that saved them." said Terry Kohl, Emily's father.

EPIRBs can be rented from the Foundation for as little as \$50 a week. For more information, call 888-663-7472 or visit http://www.BoatUS.com/foundation/epirb.

Directions to River Walk from downtown Norfolk

Take 464 south out of Norfolk Just after passing over I64 the road will fork. Stay to the right for Rt 17S / Elizabeth City. (The left is the Chesapeake By-Pass to the Outer Banks)

Go about 1/2 mile to the stop light which is Great Bridge Blvd. Turn left onto Great Bridge Blvd.

Go to the third stop light, which is River Walk Parkway and turn right.

Go to the sixth possible right turn, which is the driveway and parking for the club house at 701 River Walk Parkway. (It is a circular driveway). The clubhouse sits far back from the parkway, but there is plenty of lighting.

Directions to River Walk from Va. Bch. / Rt 64

Take Rt. 64 East toward Chesapeake Get off of 64 on exit 291B which is labeled to Rt. 17 South.

Immediately after getting off the exit ramp, the road will fork. Stay to the right for Rt 17S / Elizabeth City. (The left is the Chesapeake By-Pass to the Outer Banks)

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Directions to the River Walk Club House from Rt. 664

Follow Rt. 664 toward Chesapeake until 664 ends, then continue on Rt. 64 toward Chesapeake.

Take the FIRST exit #292 after crossing the Southern Branch of the Elizabeth River on the High Bridge.

At the end of the exit ramp (stoplight), go right onto Great Bridge Blvd.

Go to the fourth stop light on Great Bridge Blvd. and turn right on River Walk Parkway.

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