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Commodore's Corner

July was a busy month for BBSA sailors. Activities began with a cruise to the Perrin River.

The next week was the PBC / BBSA Little Bay Challenge. 42 racers turned out for a race with 15 knot winds and a 'new and improved' post-race party with a live band! Portsmouth Boat Club outdid themselves this year organizing the party, which included a venue change to the newly renovated deck area at Rebel Marine. Unfortunately, only 16 BBSA boats turned out for the event (13 from Willoughby Racers and 3 from LCSA) and Old Point Comfort Yacht Club won the team event. The scores are posted on our website: http://www.broadbaysailing.org/racing/phrf.asp.

The following week, BBSA hosted the Richard B. Johnston Memorial Regatta in the Lafayette River behind ODU. Five Hampton One-Designs got in 3 races in light winds. Thanks to ODU and NYCC for the use of their facilities and our Vice-Commodore, Jerry Pattenaude, for the use of his Grady-White as the Race Committee boat.

This past weekend was the 14th Annual Hampton Roads Regatta / Little Creek Cup. I must admit I am pretty disappointed at the number of entries (19), which has to be the lowest in the history of the regatta. The race this year was a CBYRA-sanctioned event and was along the Ocean View / East Beach area. The post-race party at Ocean View Beach Park was very enjoyable and everyone who attended had a good time. We need to have a better turn-out next year or they will probably rename the Hampton Roads Regatta to the Hampton Roads Flounder Fishing Tournament. Results have been posted on our website at: http://www.broadbaysailing.org/racing/phrf.asp.

Coming up this month is the "Main Event" of the summer: the Cape Charles Cup. Also on the horizon is the Labor Day Cruise to Back River and York River Yacht Haven. Details of each follow later in this issue.

Jim and Bev Borberg have been gracious enough to offer the use of their home for the August meeting. Join us for what will surely be an enjoyable evening.

Hope to see everyone there!

Scott Almond commodore@broadbaysailing.org

BBSA Meeting - Tuesday, August 21st - 7:00pm

Our next meeting will be a cook-out at the home of Jim and Bev Borberg. Their home is located at 4524 Black Cove Road in Virginia Beach. BBSA will provide the burgers and dogs. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. Beverages will also be provided by the club for a small donation.

PHRF Racing News

by Scott Almond

Many thanks to the members who raced in the Hampton Roads Regatta / Little Creek Cup. The results have been posted on our website but I would like to mention the winners of the 3 special awards:

Suzanne Pavlat Memorial Award - Donation Handicap Racing Formula

GRACEFUL - Rob Beck

Dick Schrader Memorial Award - Overall Winner - PHRF Fleet

QUICKY - Mike Veraldi

Will Galloway Memorial Award - Overall Winner - Cruising Fleet

FANCY FREE - Lola Howard

Some upcoming dates of which to be aware:

August 18th-19th – Cape Charles Cup – CBYRA-Sanctioned Events #420-421 and Races #3 and #4 in the Chesapeake Bay Distance Racing Series www.cccup.net

August 24th – Plantation Light Race – CBYRA Event # 422 and Race #5 in the Chesapeake Bay Distance Racing Series – www.hamptonyc.com .

September 29th – Neptune's Atlantic Regatta – CBYRA Event # 430 and Race #6 in the Chesapeake Bay Distance Racing Series.

Correction from last month's newsletter: John Bergman – BAY DREAMER II – was one of the 11 BBSA entries into Southern Bay Race Week. My apologies for the exclusion!

If you have any questions regarding any of the above, please check our website (<u>www.broadbaysailing.org</u>) or contact me directly.

Sea Scouts can use some help...

(from Southern Bay Racing News You Can Use by Lin McCarthy)

Just 10 days ago three boats belonging to the Tidewater Council of Sea Scouts, were struck by 70 knot winds in a sudden squall off of Jamestown. No one was aboard at the time, but the boats drug anchor and crashed into the Jamestown Ferry Causeway. Two of the three suffered extensive damage and the third (*Leisure Seizure*, a past stalwart of the Willoughby Racers Thursday Night Series when owned by Paul Bishop) is probably a total loss. **Graham Field** says that anyone having any boat equipment, blocks, tackle, line, rigging, deck repair materials, tools, etc., may donate it by contacting **Kent Glover** at akglover@juno.com. These are Southern Bay Sea Scouts and they need our help and they need it now. Please check the garage this morning and see what you can give.

Cape Charles Cup

By Jim Williams

It's not too late to enter the Cape Charles Cup. We'll take your entry right up to the cutoff time of Wednesday evening at 5:00! Bay Creek Resort Marina is ONLY taking reservations from Cape Charles Cup participants, so ya gotta be in to get in!

You won't want to miss this great event! If you have any questions, please call me at MAD-BOAT (623-2628), or Scott Almond at 471-2663.

Dink Vail Regatta

The Seventh Annual Dink Vail Regatta at the Norfolk Yacht and Country Club on Saturday, September 1st. Registration gets you a great NYCC weekend which includes access to all club facilities from Friday, August 31, to Monday, September 3. The weekend includes continental breakfast, the regatta, awards banquet, beer can race and a party. The registration fee (includes captain and mate) is \$65 for USSA members and \$70 for non USSA members. Regatta participants are allowed use of amenities at NYCC for the weekend. Save money, spend the weekend. Contact Ron Primm at 623-6234; cell 651-5455; email rj@primmco.com

Cruising News

LABOR DAY WEEKEND CRUISE Phil Harrison

Sat 9/1 - Anchor in Back Creek, just below York River. Cocktails and dinner on board.

Sun 9/2 - York River Yacht Haven. After leisurely sail from mouth of the York we should arrive in time to enjoy the pool before cocktails. Dinner at River's Inn.

Mon 9/3 - With westerly wind at 10 to 15 kts we can broad reach home under a beautiful blue sky.

Marina asked me to provide a list of boats with name, owner's name, length, beam, draft, and power needs. Rates are \$1.75/ft plus \$4 for a 30 amp and \$12 for a 50 amp electrical hookup. They offer a pool, showers, courtesy car, grills, and washer/dryer. You will need to call them at 804-642-2156 and provide credit card info for reservation. They have a 24 hour cancellation policy. I will contact Rivers's Inn about dinner reservation on Monday 8/6 with tentative count. I can be reached at 460-5075 or at PHarrison2@verizon.net. Bruce Clarke can be reached at 533-5113. Ginger says we will have Sunglasses Contest, with her and Mary Bergman being the judges.

Membership News

A Golden Wedding Anniversary

Charlie and Kathy Roberts celebrated their 50th Anniversary on Friday the 10th, surrounded by family, with a dinner cruise aboard the Mount Washington sailing Lake Winnipesaukee in Wolfeboro, New Hampshire.

Congratulations Charlie and Kathy.

Ann Karnitschnig has a new address and phone number effective September 1st.:

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We welcome new Willoughby Racers:

Jack Hall who sails J38 "Blew J". and

Spencer and Robin Hull with Pearson 27 "Jojjyhull II".

Their roster listings are on page 29 of the Roster of Members which, with page 30, are shown below.

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PEARSON 27 - 122 - "JOLLYHULL II"

Cruise Week

Don and Jewel Snyder

June 16-24, 2007

Everyone knows about all the hard work that is involved in buying food and loading the boat with a week's provisions, so I will not bore you with those details. We live in Virginia Beach and keep our sail boat Marigot in Hampton at the Hampton Yacht Club. Thanks to the use of our Ford Aerostar, we can pack our trip in one load on the morning that we leave.

June 16th was a sunny day with a temperature of 64 degrees. It was about 10:00am when we pulled out of Hampton Yacht Club and sailed for Cape Charles Harbor. The wind was out of the southwest, so our sails were set wing-n-wing. This lasted for about two hours until the wind died. We didn't want to run the engine, but we had to the rest of the way. John and Mary's sailing vessel, Bay Dreamer II, pulled into the marina just ahead of us. As we were getting ready to walk to town, Gary and Karen sailed in on the Cindy II. Cape Charles Harbor had new docks and air conditioned rest rooms with showers. As we were pulling in, we could see that someone was setting up a blue tent for something special. The dock lady told us about a festival in town and asked if that was why we were there. The Harbor Festival would start at 6:30pm and sounded like a good idea. This was the first we had heard of the festival. We all walked to town. The guys went to Kelly's Pub for a drink while Mary and I hiked a mile up the road to the drug store. She was looking for paper plates, I needed a tablet to write this story on. I guess it took a little longer than it should have, because John called Mary on the cell phone three times before we returned. There were just a few stores open, but they were magnets that pulled us in to look. We did have dinner at Kelly's Pub, and the food was very good. We were waiting for our meal when George and Nina, with sailing vessel ChesHire Cat, came in and joined our group for dinner. After dinner, John and Mary returned to their air conditioned boat for who knew what. The rest of us went to the festival. The entry fee of \$5.00 allowed us to buy food, drinks, and gifts and to listen to the band, The Coastal Motion. The band was great and played a variety of music. With Nina's lead and George's persuasion, we all danced. Nina was dancing by herself at first, but ended up dancing with everyone she could talk into dancing. Of course, George was ready and willing to dance with his wife. Nina danced with several men and local children; she even had the privilege of dancing with a band member, who was on his break. There was a cool breeze and a beautiful sunset, as we danced. I didn't want to tell about how George and I had to carry Don back to the boat, because his ankle hurt him so much. Our first day of cruise week at Cape Charles Harbor was a great success.

Sunday, June 17, starts when the sun comes up and shines so bright to wake me up, along with the sound of revelry coming from the Coast Guard Station. Don walks up to take a shower and finds out that we all were the talk of the town, "we are the hit of the town", they said. We are invited to come back again. One lady called Nina the "Dancing Queen". George and Nina took a bicycle ride first thing this morning. I just wiped all the dew off the boat. After replenishing with fuel and ice, we were on our way to Pungoteague Creek. George and Nina let us pass by them, so we could be the leader. They call Don, "The Fearless Leader." They patiently continue to go slow enough to stay behind us. Bay Dreamer II and Cindy II are behind them. What little wind there is is right on our nose, so this will be another motoring day. Bill and Chris with sailing vessel, Beach Magic, are already anchored when we arrive. Remember, ChesHire Cat is following us, as we enter the channel to Pungoteague Creek. They can see on their chart plotter that we are going towards the wrong marker and hail us on the radio. They want to take the lead now and we turn to follow them in to anchor. We were still in ten foot of water, but I'm glad they were watching over us. After the two of us anchor, we are watching as Bay Dreamer II is coming into the channel. Oops, they are aground. Cindy II is coming, right away they are hailed on the radio and are told to stay away from Bay Dreamer II. Art Quarnstrom with motor vessel, Rie, is on his way to join our group. He is hailed on the radio to see if he can help Bay Dreamer II on his way in. We find out he is in another creek, which only has three foot of water, looking for us. When he arrives, he gladly gives assistance to Bay Dreamer II. We all heard Bay Dreamer II promise Rie anything and everything for his help. We are all enjoying happy hour on Beach Magic when we see another sailing boat coming into the channel. The boat stops and we are wondering if it is John and Susan with sailing vessel. Fresh Air, So, we hail them on the radio, yes it is them. From where we are, it looks like they are in the same spot Bay Dreamer II went aground. John still has his main sail up and is able to use that to help get the boat moving again. Susan is beat up pretty bad from the sudden stop, they still make it to happy hour. There are a total of seven boats with us to enjoy the clear skies and orange sunset, thus ends day two of cruise week.

Monday, June 18 started with the sun shining through the port hole into my face, which was a sure sign that we were going to have another good boating day. This morning did not start out so good for ChesHire Cat. ChesHire Cat is a Manta 38, which has one side aground right now. Nina says that it is her side that is floating and George's side is aground. I guess that is why George is out walking in knee high water cleaning his side of the boat this morning! I am sorry to say that we all left them behind as they had to wait for the tide to come in before they could leave. One by one we all leave to head across the Chesapeake Bay to Jackson Creek. It wouldn't be a good cruise story without some mishaps to tell about. Bay Dreamer II

bumps bottom on his way to the anchorage because of Don's bad directions. Fresh Air, has motor problems and is towed in by ChesHire Cat. I guess it was good that ChesHire Cat was last to leave. We all make it safe to Jackson Creek. A little motor problem is not going to interfere with Fresh Air having fun. Happy Hour is on Fresh Air, who has taken a slip. Another couple has joined our group now, Peter and June Dennant with sailing vessel, Talisman. Some of you may know them because they used to be members of BBSA. We have to work on getting them signed up again. Our group is growing as we end day three with another nice sunset.

Tuesday, June 19 begins with a noise that takes me a while to identify, the sanding of the bottom of a boat in the boat yard. Well, I am awake now. George, Nina, Gary, and Karen go with us on a walk to the Maritime Museum. We were there last year and saw them building a wooden boat. I was anxious to see how far along they were on this project. To my amazement, the boat was finished and in the water. It is a reproduction of the open boat John Smith used to map and explore the Chesapeake Bay in 1607-08. The name is Explorer. I think everyone enjoyed the Museum. After fueling and watering our boat and restocking with ice we were on our way to Fox Wells. Today the wind is blowing so we can sail but because of the fear of a possible storm we motored after two hours of sailing. There is a beach that you can dingy to. This is where John Callahan with sailing vessel, Chief; Mark and Ryan with sailing vessel, Fat Cat; and Tom Smith with sailing vessel, Torby, are sailing around in their cat boats. They wanted us to join them and have some races taking turns with us using their boats. But all the cruisers want to do is anchor somewhere and have Happy Hour and wait to eat dinner. Along with all the cat boat guys, Phil and Ginger Harrison with sailing vessel, Foxy Lady, have joined our group today. After exploring the beach, because of a warning of storms, we all moved inland to Anti-Poison Creek to be secure for the night. You should have been here to see the sight of this convoy when it moved. The cat boats raft up together and Foxy Lady rafts up to us. Everyone else anchors out. ChesHire Cat is still happy to host Happy Hour for us even though our group numbers nineteen now. Beautiful sunset, again tonight.

Phil was a little worried, so he put out another anchor even though he was rafted to us. By morning we have swung and our anchors have crossed. Don is always worried and remembers some horror story about crossed anchors. But Phil has no problem pulling his anchor up. I can see that our anchor line is in his way so I have Don motor around Phil's boat to keep our anchor line out from under his boat. No Problem! One by One our convoy leaves to head for Indian Creek Yacht Club. Bay Dreamer II, Foxy Lady and Marigot arrive early enough to have lunch. Between the club house and the pool there is a shady picnic area. The club house has a window to order food from, like a fast food restaurant would have. The driveway that you have to walk down from the docks to the club house goes right through one of the green holes of the golf course. We are right in the way walking back to the boat, as we did not notice the man standing there waiting for us to go by until we were in the line of play. A lot of people who keep their boats here are gone for the week. Therefore the Dock Master, Tom, lets our whole group have slips for the night, eight boats. Two boats still decide to anchor out. There is a bath house right by the docks. Also not far is a screened in porch/room where they have their sailing classes. This is where Happy Hour was at 6:00pm. Dinner is at 7:00pm in the club house. We have a total of 17 for dinner. I had everyone sign in who joined us for dinner; John Callahan "Chief"; Art Quarnstrom "Rie"; Dennis Conners "Stars & Stripes"; Philip & Ginger Harrison "Foxy Lady"; George & Nina Treiber "ChesHire Cat"; Mark & Ryan Shanley "Fat Cat"; John & Mary Bergman "Bay Dreamer II"; John & Susan Williams "Fresh Air"; Peter & June Dennant "Talisman"; and of course Don & Jewel "Marigot". Don has been telling Nina about how good she has to be tonight ever since the first night at dinner in Cape Charles. Don has Nina sit beside him and has a tight shore lease on her. Nina was the perfect lady tonight, even though she had a hard time not whistling when Ginger announced John and Mary Bergman's 37th wedding anniversary was today. Congratulations go out to them! The only other event that happened at dinner was Dennis Conners' buying and sending a milk martini to John Callahan. Charlie Roberts was not with us but he is the one who reported to us about how good the food is here. All 17 present can say "Amen" to that. Oh, I must tell you about Mary getting the giggles when she tried to tell Nina about docking the boats earlier today. Marigot and Bay Dreamer II are docked. Foxy Lady is coming down the channel looking for their slip. Mary, having nothing to drink yet, points and says," Right there by that blue car." Nina did not find out what Mary was trying to tell her until the next day when Ginger and I told her. All you have to do is bring this up and Mary will start giggling again. She did all week and I think she will now if you ask her about this event. Good Friends, Good Food and Good Night.

Thursday morning, June 21, Don is checking the weather before we head for Urbana. Then there is a meeting held with all those continuing with us on our cruise. Urbana is cancelled. Ginger and I are pouting because we will not get to go shopping in Urbana. We are going to Dozier's a day early. During the meeting, Ryan comes by my boat and we play a dice game called "5000". I'm always looking for someone to play a game with. Our group has dwindled down to four boats now, ChesHire Cat, Bay Dreamer II, Foxy Lady and of course us, with Marigot. This is a good sailing day therefore we were the last ones to pull in. Since the marina has a car we can use, a grocery store run is made. I am going to sit in the shade in a rocking chair on the porch with a drink and work on my quilt that I'm trying to finish this week on our trip. John is doing laundry. Phil is putting gas in his boat the hard way, by making trips back and froth to the fuel dock in his dinghy. Four trips, I think, to fill up his boat. After everyone was done with their chores, we all hung out at the pool until time to cook out. The pool was a little on the cool side but just like anytime I have ever been swimming you get used to it and it feels good. The cookout area is under the shade trees with picnic tables. We could watch the sun go down while we were eating. My

favorite thing to do here is rocking in the rocking chairs on the porch. All of us plus three other boaters join us on the porch, with chairs to spare, for rocking, and drinks and lots of boating stories. One of the men that joined us is the nephew of Red Adair, who is famous for being able to put out oil rig fires.

June 22, Friday, the wind is howling and the boat is rocking in the slip. We will hold up here for a second day. The wind is chilly, too. Us girls had Don give us a ride to the main road going through Deltaville and drop us off. We are going to walk the strip to shop and have lunch at Taylor's. The best shop you would never think to go into was True Valve Hardware. They have gifts, clothes and shoes. Check it out next time you go. When we were done shopping, the plan was to call Don to come and pick us up. We did not have to call Don because John called Mary a half dozen times wanting to know if she was ready and said that Don was coming. Since the car was being used by someone else, they had to wait for the car before he could come to pick us up. The last shop that I walked to was closed by the time I arrived. It was only 3:00pm but she was closed. In a convey of three dinghies, we went to dinner at Kokomo across the creek. Since we had made friends with two other couples at Doziers, our dinner group grew to ten. After our ride back from dinner in the dinghies, I was the first one to sit in the rocking chairs. Another evening of rocking, visiting with good friends and enjoying the sunset with drinks and stories.

Sorry to say this is our last night, June 23. We anchor out in Back River. Don's friends Ben and Helen with their motor vessel, Foxy, joins us. Beach Magic is here along with Foxy Lady, ChesHire Cat and of course Marigot. Our faithful cruisers for the whole week, George and Nina, are hosting Spaghetti dinner for the group on ChesHire Cat. Time we all pulled our food supplies together, we had a full Italian dinner. Hors d'oeuvres, salad, Parmesan cheese and bread to go with the spaghetti that Nina has been working on for the past three days. Mmmmm! don't forget the atmosphere of a beautiful sunset. We had Foxy and Foxy Lady raft up with us. I like it when we all raft up, but that didn't happen on this trip. One of the highlights of our trip was seeing the baby Osprey on the channel markers as we went in and out of the creeks. The last two we saw were standing up in the nest and stretching and flexing their wings. Before you know it they will be gone and summer will be over.

Thank you! To everyone that participated in our cruise week, we really had a great time.

Don and Jewel on Marigot