



Commodore's Corner

It's hard to believe that May is almost over. The weather is slowly warming, but certainly providing windy conditions for great sailing. Mitch and I went sailing this past Sunday in 18-22 knots of wind, with a high of 27 knots. What an exhilarating ride! Though we sailed across the bay, we found some of the best wind in the river. I'll be having that "heeling" feeling for several days!

Please check the "Upcoming Events" section for currently planned activities. You'll see that our Friday Night Races begin on June 2. Friday Night Races are designed for family fun, to gain experience sailing a designated course under various wind conditions, while at the same time being mildly competitive.

Our first Pick3 themed cruise of the 2006 season "Pirates of the Chesapeake" kicks-off on June 10, at Eagle's Cove on the Magothy River - just a hop, skip, and a jump from Cape St. Claire.

I hope to see you all at our next Club meeting on June 13, where our featured speaker, a 2nd generation Boatwright will graciously answer your boating related questions.

Karen Whitaker
Commodore

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NEW CLUB MEMBERS

- Rob & Diane Schiller
- Tony & Stephanie Zerhusen
- Pete & Heather Terech
- Mike Hull & Jan Aaland

UPCOMING EVENTS

- June 2 Friday Night Racing begins
7:00 p.m.
- June 10-11 Pick3 Cruise
Pirates of the Chesapeake
Eagle's Cove/Magothy River
- June 13 Meeting/Presentation
7:30 p.m., Clubhouse
Topic: Ask a Boatwright/Open
forum Q&A



Friday Night Races 2006

Greetings Past and Present Friday Night Racers, Friday Night Races will begin on June 2. The schedule and Race Committee handbook are on the web. The following clicks will get you to the handbook from the welcome page: Racing (on left panel), Race Committee Info and sign up (at top left of racing page), Race Committee Hand Book. PDF (at bottom of RC sign-up page). I have tried to update everything for this year: the tides for this year are in the handbook. The Magothy race course map is updated (and in color!).

Note the possibility of some interesting matchups: we have two C&C 34s and two Catalina 30s.

If you're not racing, how about signing up for RC? Contact Ralph Reitan 410-757-9119 or Mitch Whitaker 410-757-2975 to sign-up for Race Committee boat.

Ralph Reitan



Pick-three-Cruising/Rendezvous

Individual members/couples will pick the date, the location, and the theme for the season's cruises/rendezvous. This is a great opportunity for club members to express their creative side with other club members. At the close of the boating season, club members will vote for the best theme cruise/rendezvous of the year. The winner(s) will be announced at the Yacht Club Banquet and receive bragging rights, and a small prize. For more information or to sponsor a cruise, contact Mitch Whitaker, Cruising Chair, 410-757-2975.

Pick-three Rendezvous of the 2006 boating season



Date: June 10-11
Location: Eagle's Cove/ Magothy River
Theme: Pirates of the Chesapeake
Sponsor: Mitch & Karen Whitaker

Ahoy, maties, lads, and lasses! Please join Mitch and Karen for a swashbuckling goodtime at the first 2006 pick-three themed rendezvous "Pirates of the Chesapeake" on Saturday, June 10, at Eagle's Cove on the Magothy River (Basically, just across the river from Lake Claire Pier). Feel free to join us for the day, or stay overnight. Mitch and Karen plan to arrive at Eagle's Cove at 12:00 p.m., Saturday, June 10 aboard Remedy (33' Canadian Sailcraft). Mitch and Karen can be easily spotted flying the YCCSC blue/yellow club burgee and the Jolly Roger (black pirate flag with skull and crossbones). If you are unable to locate the club burgee or their boat, please hail them on channel 68, or by cell (Mitch 410-652-5700, Karen 410-212-3643).

The club will not provide any food, beverages, grog, or utensils for this event, so please bring your own. Club members will get together Saturday afternoon, so please bring an appetizer to share with the group.

Pirate dress is optional, but encouraged. Please bring along your favorite pirates jokes to share with the group. Punch lines with a hook! Aaaaarrgh! Ay, me bucko, we've got some pirate jokes for you!

Please let Mitch and Karen know no later than Friday, June 9 if you will be attending. Mitch and Karen will monitor the weather, and keep you abreast of any changes to the venue. In the event that we are rained out, we'll meet on land, at the Whitaker's, 1160 Southview Drive, Cape St. Claire.



Yacht Club Meeting
Tuesday, June 13, 7:30 p.m.
Cape St. Claire Clubhouse
Presenter: Craig Watson
Topic: Ask a Boatwright/Open forum Q&A

Craig Watson is a second generation Boatwright. He is originally from Massachusetts and has lived in the Annapolis area since 1973. Craig served his time as an apprentice under various Masters, and went on to build 48 boats. Craig has worked on boats of all materials, particularly wood, fiberglass and concrete. Craig can build boats up to about 80 feet in length.

Craig is well read, a former submariner, and loves to talk about boats.

Please join us for this unique opportunity!