

THE HORNPIPE

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UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH 10 - CELESTIAL NAVIGATION, 9:30 AM to 1:00 PM AT HAMMOCK ISLAND MARINA

MARCH 18 - "FLEET NIGHT", 5:00 PM AT WEST MARINE

APRIL 2 - BOARD MEETING, 7:30 PM AT THE ALBERTS

APRIL 22 - CRUISE MEETING AT HAMMOCK ISLAND MARINA

COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

CCSC has had an exciting start to 2001. In January we had a fun and well-attended winter party at our house and in February, 10 couples had dinner at Copelands in Columbia. Many thanks to Don and Gail May for organizing the dinner-it was great!

As sailing season approaches-yeah!-we have many plans for the club. On March 10, our own Andy Monjan will teach a class in celestial navigation. Tom and I plan to attend with hopes of expanding our boating knowledge. March 18 is Fleet Night at West Marine in Annapolis. Fleet Night is a wonderful opportunity to buy "stuff" for your boat and receive a discount. We'll have dinner after and make an evening of it!

We are introducing our cruising schedule in a new and different way. On Sunday afternoon, April 22, we will have an Open House at Hammock Island Marina. During this time, we will welcome potential new members, introduce the cruising schedule, swap gear and have refreshments. We will be sending invitations to slip-holders at Hammock Island. If you know of anyone who might be interested in joining CCSC, please call me (410-730-6261) and leave the name and address. They are under no obligation to join the club-we just hope they'll come and meet us.

Cruising season is almost here! I can't wait! Hope to see you all at upcoming events.

Adrian Flynn

CELESTIAL NAVIGATION

Andy Monjan will be teaching celestial navigation to club members Saturday, March 10, 2001, at the Clubroom at Hammock Island, from 9:30 AM to 1:00 PM. His presentation, "You Have to Have an Angle: An Introduction to Celestial Navigation", will review the fundamentals of celestial navigation and how to use the sextant, nautical almanac, and sight reduction tables. Basics of plane and spherical trigonometry will be reviewed as used in navigation. Andy is gearing his presentation to "real people" and it should be enjoyable to all. With "blustery" weather predicted you might want to bring your own electric heater to make your learning session more comfortable.

FLEET NIGHT AT WEST MARINE

CCSC will again be sponsoring a "Fleet Night" at the West Marine Store in Annapolis on Sunday, March 18, 2001 from 5 PM to 6 PM. The "Fleet Night" will work in the same manner as last year. We will receive "wholesale" or "dealer" pricing for all purchases. The discount will vary with the items purchased, but will certainly provide a worthwhile savings for all of your spring launching needs.

After the "Fleet Night" we will go to Adams Ribs, about a mile from the West Marine Store, for dinner. Directions to the restaurant will be available at West Marine. If you only plan on going to dinner please check with Tom Flynn and he will get directions for you.

As in the past, we need to know how many will attend the "Fleet Night" and how many would like to attend the dinner. Please call Tom Flynn, (410) 730-6261 or contact him via email, tflynn@email.usps.gov, and let him know if you will attend. We need to provide the folks at West Marine with a number of attendees for staffing purposes and will also need to make a reservation at Adams Ribs.

The West Marine Store is located at 111 Hillsmere Drive, just off of Forest Drive.

Hope to see you all at "Fleet Night!"

Tom Flynn

APRIL MEETING

Our Open House/Cruise Schedule meeting will be held on April 22 at 2:30 p.m. in the clubhouse at Hammock Island Marina, 8083 Ventnor Avenue, Pasadena. Please bring a snack or dessert to be shared with others while we meet potential new members and plan for the sailing season. We also will swap sailing gear-so if you have "sailing stuff" you don't want or need, bring it with you.

PROPOSED CCSC CRUISE SCHEDULE (2001)

General comments: thirteen cruises in all; a mix of things we've done many times plus a few new ideas. Also, a mix of "north" and "south" (relative to the Bay Bridge). There are three extended (one-week) cruises built around holidays; they should be planned to accommodate those who will not do the full week. Other proposals I've gotten but not incorporated-circumnavigation of the Delmarva Peninsula, cruise to Block Island. For these kinds of excursions, which have appeal to some of us, we should probably try to identify other groups that are planning such cruises and encourage interested CCSC-ers to "join their party."

May 12-13 New Members' Cruise--Eagle's Nest, Magothy River

Comments: We want the first cruise to be an easy one. May 13 is Mother's Day, the men will be encouraged to do breakfast on Sunday morning.

May 26-28 (extended to 3 June)-Memorial Day Week-end Cruise--Chester River

Comments: Beginning at Gray's Inn Creek. Lots of good options on the Chester. It would be nice to work in a stop in Chestertown, perhaps timed to catch up with the "tea party."

June 16-17 Leeds Creek, Miles River

Comments: A good anchorage within "commuting" distance of St. Michaels. Dinner in St. Michaels?

June 30-July 8--Extended "southern" cruise

Comments: Beginning in Broad Creek, Choptank.River. Duncan and Cynthia MacDonald have agreed to be cruise captains. Fireworks on 3 and/or 4 July.

July 21-22 Still Pond

Comments: A familiar hot-weather destination (good swimming prospects)

August 4-5 Worton Creek

Comments: Full moon on 4 August--some of us may do an evening cruise, arriving Friday late. Community breakfast on board the raft-up, Sunday morning?

August 18-19 Captain's Choice ("Guys' Cruise"?)

August 25-26 Ladies' Cruise-Severn River

September 1-3 (Labor Day week-end, extended to September 8)-Northern Bay

Comments: I'd like to captain this one. Beginning in Worton Creek or Fairlee Creek. Potential itinerary-Sassafras River (marina), Bohemia River, Havre de

Grace (marina), Chesapeake City, Still Pond, Middle River/Hopkins Creek (dinner ashore), Swan Creek. Several good swimming options.

September 15-16 CCSC Regatta Week-end, Hammock Island

September 29-30 Best Beer (or Worst Wine, or Best Wine?) Cruise

Comments: Drum Point Cove or Quarter Creek, Wye River

October 13-14 Aberdeen Creek, South River

Comments: Nice fall destination; West River or Rhode River an alternative

October 27-28 Baltimore land/water cruise, with dinner ashore

George Alberts

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DUES REMINDER

Just a brief reminder that if you haven't sent in your dues for the 2001 sailing season please either send them to the Durrs or bring them to the April 22 meeting at Hammock Island Marina. We are off to a good start with 17 paid members already.

WE'LL TRY IT AGAIN

We are again sending this edition of "The Hornpipe" by both E-mail (only a few of you don't have an E-mail address) and by regular mail. Please let me know whether you received it and what format(s) worked.

Ed Shippey

The COLUMBIA CORINTHIAN SAILING CLUB promotes the interests of its members in the sport of sailing by sponsoring sailboat cruises, races, training activities and social events. Prospective members are always welcome at Club cruises and meetings.

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