

THE HORNPIPE

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UPCOMING EVENTS

AUGUST 27 - BOARD MEETING AT THE ALBERTS

**SEPTEMBER 1 to 8 - LABOR DAY CRUISE, THE NORTHERN BAY,
CRUISE CAPTAINS - THE ALBERTS**

**SEPTEMBER 12 - FALL MEMBERSHIP MEETING, 8:00 AT THE
HAWTHORNE CENTER**

COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

Hi everyone.

I hope that all of you are enjoying your boats and the Chesapeake this summer. As most of you know, our 21 year old son Dave has been home with us following a rock climbing accident. He is improving and will be returning to his home in Wisconsin. And we hope to return to the sailing life by Labor Day.

There are several exciting cruises coming up and I hope you will be joining us. In particular, I'd like to invite the women to our Ladies Cruise rescheduled for September 22 and 23. Janet Benrey and I are co-captains and will each be bringing our boats. We have several spaces available on our boats and also hope that another brave soul might be willing to add her boat. The ladies cruise is a wonderful opportunity to build your sailing skills and your self-confidence. And it's a lot of fun!

Tom and I can't wait to get back on the water and see everyone. Happy Sailing!

Adrian Flynn

NORTHERN BAY CRUISE

We plan to start the Northern Bay cruise with a raft-up near the mouth of Worton Creek on Saturday, September 1 (to accommodate deeper draft boats, we would probably not raft up inside the entrance). CCSC-ers who can't get away for the extended cruise would of course be very welcome to join us for the first portion(s?) of the cruise.

We would depart Sunday for the Sassafras River and a (to-be-selected) marina in the Fredericktown/Georgetown area, with dinner ashore. Currents permitting, we would proceed on Monday to Chesapeake City on the C & D Canal. From there, we would raft up Tuesday in Veazey Cove on the Bohemia River (if we are careful we should find close to seven feet of water). Wednesday we would head for Havre de Grace, probably staying at the Tidewater Marina, and going ashore for dinner.

We could of course rearrange the plans for Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday depending on the interests of the group, the weather, and the currents in the Canal. Plans beyond Wednesday will depend on the preferences of the group, but will probably involve a visit to Middle River.

These plans can of course be changed to accommodate other preferences or circumstances.

As usual, if you are planning to take part, please advise the cruise captains--George and Jutta Alberts--as soon as possible, so that we can work in your preferences and firm up the plans. You can do so by e-mail (gealberts@att.net) or phone (410-730-2245). Should be good weather and great fun!

George & Jutta Alberts
Cruise Captains

NEW MEMBERS - MOTHERS DAY CRUISE

The first cruise of the year turned out to be a huge success. In all, nine boats traveled to The Eagles Nest in the Magothy River on May 12th for the inaugural event of the CCSC sailing season.

Attending the cruise were George Alberts, Ron and Janet Benrey, Bill and Carol Durr, Ted and Jacki Edens, Tom and Adrian Flynn, Don and Gail May, Carl and Pat Nathanson, Ed and Pat Shippey and Hank and Jan Zerhusen. All nine boats were treated to fine spring breezes both Saturday and Sunday, not to mention Saturday night.

Saturday evening cocktail hour was observed on the new Compass Rose, Hank and Jan's Island Packet 38. For the 17 in attendance there was plenty of room on this spacious craft. We all enjoyed the hour and most took the opportunity to take a good look at the amenities on this beautiful boat.

As the sun set over Sillery Bay we all returned to our boats for a pleasant, but breezy evening.

The morning brought the smell of scrambled eggs and sausage being cooked on In Like Flynn and Evening Light. The aroma was so inviting that George Alberts weighed anchor and made a circuit through the cove picking up everyone from the boats who had broken up the previous evening. George soon had all of the CCSCers collected and was tied along side Sheet Music to join in the Mothers Day Brunch. Don and Gail May provided Mimosas and we all enjoyed a fine breakfast of eggs, sausage, bagels, fruit and other treats.

As the winds continued to blow, the boats started their trips to their respective home ports, the end of our first cruise, and a great start to the upcoming season.

Tom & Adrian Flynn Cruise Captains

FOURTH OF JULY CRUISE

This was the cruise of wind and cool nights - unbelievable for normally hot July. We gathered at Waterhole Creek off Harris Creek and the Choptank River with 5 boats (Callis, Alberts, Millers, Shippeys and MacDonalds). It was the only night we used our fans as it was hot but the thunderstorms missed us. George was impressed that 4 of the boats held nicely on our 14-lb. Danforth. (By the way, his new Catalina 36 is a beauty.) Next morning we were off on our adventure leaving the Shippeys to explore the Choptank while we joined the Grotz in Solomons.

The usual storms brewed in the evening just as some of us left for dinner on shore only to find our arranged docking spot at Zahniser's occupied. With the impending storm already blowing Duncan navigated our boat into a vacant slip in time to make it to the restaurant before the rain began. After dinner another storm kept us land bound for a while. Meanwhile the Callis and Millers were manning the four boats in the anchorage. It was Solomons after all - what can you expect!

After Art slammed his finger in a hatch cover and Duncan fell and hurt his back they and their spouses stayed another day while the others had a fine sail to St. Mary's City and then on to Crisfield the following day. The MacDonalds and Grotz managed to buck the winds and choppy seas for a rough trip directly to Crisfield. We celebrated the Fourth there with the traditional soft shell crab dinner at Side Street and watched a good fireworks display right over Somers Cove Marina. Cocktail hour featured a red, white and blue hors d'oeuvre of cream cheese, crab, seafood sauce decorated with blueberries.

After our two-day stay in Crisfield only the Callis and MacDonalds remained for the rest of the 14-day trip. It was a great time with stops at Onancock (dead on a Thursday evening even though it was featured in the latest Bay Magazine). Then across the Bay in big winds to Urbanna on the Rappahannock for 2 □ days. This is an attractive place with interesting shops and good restaurants. Because of a

morning thunderstorm we waited until noon to make the short trip to Carter Creek.

With wind again the next day we traveled to Reedville and anchored upwind of the menhaden processing plant but were joined in our anchorage by an outrageous sailboat/trawler sort of boat complete with a flying bridge running a generator all night. Did get to the Waterman's Museum but the rest of the town was dead on a Monday afternoon and the ice cream shop has closed.

The next morning we found a nice marina for fuel, water, ice, trash removal and, best of all, softshell crabs which Dick expertly cooked for dinner that evening in the Coan River. On the way there we were inundated by "painted lady" butterflies. In the evening we watched fireworks by Mother Nature to the north over what appeared to be St Mary's River and Solomons but again they missed our anchorage. Things were quiet the next evening in Solomons and we dined on shore at CD Café, a great place with an eclectic menu. Check it out when you are there next. Off to Oxford and then home, still with good breezes.

Cynthia & Duncan MacDonald Cruise Captains

REMAINING CCSC CRUISE SCHEDULE FOR 2001

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

Cruise Captains--The Alberts' (410-730-2245)

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

September 29-30 Best Wine Under \$10 Cruise + Alumni Cruise -- Drum Point Cove or Quarter Creek, Wye River

Cruise Captains--The Reynolds (410-531-6038)

October 13-14 Aberdeen Creek, South River

Cruise Captains--The Shippeys (410-997-4132)

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

Cruise Captains--The Edens (410-480-1331)

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