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## Commodore's Comments

Before many of us get on the water ourselves, there's the Volvo Ocean Race. For the latest info, go on their web site, [volvooceanrace.org](http://volvooceanrace.org). Hopefully they will arrive during daylight, but they'll be in Baltimore and Annapolis for visits and a chance to go on board.

For those not yet afloat, we recommend the bay bridge walk for a view of the restart. It worked fine last time.

Don't forget the **spring picnic at Hammock Island on Saturday, April 29 from 1:00 to 4:00**. Let's hope for good weather! The board will meet upstairs on the island at noon before the picnic.

Am I the last to begin recommissioning???

*Duncan MacDonald*

## CCSC Spring Picnic

Mark your calendars and plan on attending the annual CCSC spring picnic on April 29 at 1:00 at Hammock Island Marina. Please bring an appetizer, side dish, or dessert to share. The

hamburgers, hot dogs, and beverages will be provided by Cynthia MacDonald, our social chair. Please RSVP Cynthia at [DunMcDnld@aol.com](mailto:DunMcDnld@aol.com), so she will know the quantity that will be needed.

By this time, we should all know what gear we need as new or replacement and what we're ready to get rid of. We'll have a table at the picnic for items you can buy, sell, swap, give away, or maybe even pick up free.

*Jan Zerhusen*

## CCSC 2006 Membership

The club had 24 paid memberships (includes singles and couples) in 2005. So far in 2006 we have 16 paid memberships. Let's keep our membership healthy — if you haven't already done so, please send your \$35 membership dues to Ed Sabin, 1639 Lakewood Rd., Pasadena, MD 21122.

*Ed Sabin*

## **March 25 Land Cruise to Zerhusen's Home**

A good time was had by all as we gathered for a potluck supper — and the food was excellent! The talk was at first the “can't wait” feeling we all have waiting for spring. Later it turned to health and safety aboard, which led into forming the upcoming “**First Mate's Meeting**” on Saturday, May 6, at 2:00 p.m. at the **Hammock Island Marina clubhouse**, where we will make a list of basic skills necessary for the lady on the boat to take over in an emergency. We will be serving light refreshments. This is a very important topic that we can all benefit from. So, ladies, please try to be there. Even if the information is not new, it will be a great refresher on how to be safer aboard any boat.

We thoroughly enjoyed being hosts to all. Attendees included: Barb and Dick Callis, Robbie and Ed Sabin, Carol and Bill Durr, Usha and Andy Monjan, Jutta and George Alberts, Pat and Ed Shippey, Ilysse and Jesse Delanoy.

Remember the Volvo Ocean Race April 22-25.

*Jan and Hank Zerhusen*

## **2006 Cruise Schedule and Tips for Successful Rafting**

Let cruise captain know by Thursday night if you are planning to attend the weekend (or you may arrive to find no one there).

Cruise captain, try to arrive early and set the hook.

All cruisers, especially cruise captains, monitor radio 9/16 for hailing, switch to another channel to talking.

Arriving boats have fenders over side and lines ready – bow and stern lines – bitter end attached – can be adjusted later.

Have on board extra lines for springs.

See attached 2006 cruise schedule and decide which cruises you can captain. We will be finalizing the schedule, with our members volunteering to captain particular cruises, at the April 29 CCSC picnic.

*Jan Zerhusen*

## **STUCK IN WEST PALM**

With all the wind we've had since Sunday p.m., we've been holed up at Rybovich Spencer Marina/Yard. What a bite. The marina is located in a drug-infested section of West Palm, and we've been advised not to venture out. No live-aboards here and very few transients. Most boats that are here are here for repair. It's a 12-acre plot surrounded with chain link topped with barbed wire and with a 24-hour security guard. One of the guards, with whom we had a conversation on Sunday, told us that the boats that are here all have guns on them. Of course they're huge yachts. Rybovich makes sportfishers that start bare at \$7.5 million. It takes two years to make one, and they're hoping to reduce production time to 18 months. The whole operation has been a real education for us!

The wind has been blowing constantly in the 20's and low 30's all week — we're rocking and rolling in our slip — feels like being on anchor, but we're glad we aren't, because Art would be checking to make sure we hadn't dragged every few minutes. The reason we came here is because our windlass jammed when we tried to anchor in Ft. Lauderdale. So, after spending the night on our old Danforth anchor, which isn't hooked to the windlass or well marked on the rode, we tied up at the Swimming Hall of Fame Marina, which is almost adjacent to Lake Sylvia, which was our anchorage. We met a nice guy who's passing through also and who helped Art undo the jammed rode in the windlass. The next night we were in Delray Beach, where our good friends the Powells met us and we had a scrumptious meal together. Then on to West Palm to have the windlass serviced. We'd hoped to be here just overnight, but it's turned into four nights so far because of this blinking wind, which would be right on our nose if we moved. It's not supposed to calm down until Friday. Well, that's boating!

At least Art's gotten the inside teak oiled while I've been on the computer today.

Hope this finds you all well.

*Fondly, Art & Sue Grotz*

