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Commodore's Comments

With one picnic and three cruises behind us, we are well into George Albert's 2007 cruise schedule. Next up on June 23-24 is the urban cruise to Baltimore's Inner Harbor and Canton with dinner ashore. Selecting the restaurant for the cruisers from among the many choices is an enviable job that I assume is reserved for the cruise captain(s). Serving in that capacity certainly has its rewards.

Of course the big news is the big cruise on the horizon, the two-week sail to Yorktown and the big centennial celebration taking place there. The captains for this cruise, Barb and Dick Callis, will lead the charge.

Then, as we head into the heat of the mid-summer, George is proposing some evening/nighttime cruises coinciding with the full moon. During this part of the sailing season, I personally prefer sailing at night and risking collision with crab pot lines if necessary in order to escape the heat. I am looking forward to the club's events.

Let me take this opportunity to ask everyone to write up their sailing experiences for the Hornpipe. There is a lot of sailing going on apart

from official club cruises (which are dutifully written up by the cruise captains). In talking with club members recently, I have heard some great stories about recent sailing exploits. These could be great articles. Warning: at any time Judy and Steve Foland run out of better submissions from other members, I will put quill to parchment on another one of my pieces addressing some arcane legal issue. Enough said!

The club picnic/regatta with its much anticipated yacht race will be upon us soon (August 16-19). Time to start assembling and practicing with race crews. Carol and Bill Durr have announced with regret that they will not be able to attend. This eliminates two highly rated racers and opens up the competition to a considerable degree. Watch out for the Sabin's sprinter *Aldebaron* as a boat likely to finish in the money!

On to Yorktown!

Lee Benedict

Memorial Day Weekend Cruise May 26-28

Octavia got an early start Friday afternoon with a great close reach from Bodkin to Swan

Creek. Unfortunately, I think we used up most of the wind for the rest of the weekend.

Nine boats joined *Octavia* in Langford Creek Saturday afternoon. But because of predicted afternoon thunderstorms, the raft-up was limited at first to seven boats, then later to five boats overnight; others anchored separately and joined the happy hour festivities aboard *Octavia* and *In Like Flynn* via Hank's water taxi service. A storm did threaten about 4:00 p.m., but fortunately passed several miles north of us.

The turnout for this cruise was wonderful; I can't remember a cruise with more boats and happy people. The party lasted until dusk, when two boats broke off from the raft reducing it to five boats for the night.

Hank and Jan flagged down *Merlin*, passing by on their way to a Sabre cruise raft-up; this is one of the "buddy boats" we spent about six weeks with in the Bahamas. Our initial meeting in Ft. Lauderdale was accidental, as was this meeting in Langford Creek. Tina and Ed Burke live in Laytonsville. Small world.

On hand Saturday were *Breezing Up* (George Alberts), *Windsong* (Barb and Dick Callis), *Nancy Ann* (Barbara and Matt Coyle), *In Like Flynn* (Adrian and Tom Flynn), *Sea Esta* (Kathy and Jerry Atkinson, friends of the Flynns from Edenton), *Magdelana* (Suzanne Bucher and Bob Lowenstein), *Aldebaran* (Robbie and Ed Sabin), *Heather II* (Cynthia and Duncan MacDonald), *Impulse* (Usha and Andy Monjan), and anchor boat *Octavia* (Jan and Hank Zerhusen).

Kathy and Jerry have just come up the ICW to visit and cruise the bay.

On Sunday we moved just a few miles to the Corsica River, except for the Monjans and Coyles, who returned to Hammock Island.

Seven boats rafted up Sunday afternoon, and at one point we had fifteen party animals living it up in *Octavia's* cockpit. Again thunderstorms threatened, so we reduced the raft to five boats as the party broke up at dusk. Reducing the raft was a GOOD THING, as we got smacked right in the face by a thunderstorm at about 8:30 p.m. When the raft appeared to drag a bit toward the lee shore, we used our engines to take some strain off the rode, and were okay as the storm blew over in about 25

minutes. The highest wind we saw was only about 25 knots, so we were lucky.

Temperatures were in the high eighties both days, so quite a few folks went swimming; no nettles yet.

We hope that the great turnout for this cruise is indicative of good turnouts for the rest of the season.

Jan and Hank Zerhusen, Cruise Captains

Club Dues

As requested by CCSC Treasurer Ed Sabin, we are requesting that those who have not submitted their \$35 dues for 2007, please do so. Nineteen members have paid so far. Ed's address is 1639 Lakewood Road, Pasadena, MD 21122.

Commodore's Cruise, June 9-10

Two boats rafted up overnight with *Nik of Time* for the Commodore's Cruise on June 9-10, the Delanoys aboard *Agape* and the Flynns aboard *In Like Flynn*. Jan and Hank Zerhusen dinghied up the Bodkin from Hammock Island to the Sabin's riverfront villa, the site of the event, as did Nan Shellabarger, who attempted to sail her dink upriver in fluky winds (she ultimately accepted a tow) and rowed on the down river return (apparently with success). Carol and Bill Durr looked like characters out of The Great Gatsby making the round trip from Hammock Island in *Parasol*, their stately, canopied, electric excursion boat.

Usha and Andy Monjan, and my wife and daughter, Mary and Ashley, arrived by land. Andy reported that the Sabin's driveway held the anchor for the raft of visitors' cars well. Robbie and Ed Sabin were joined by their daughter and son, Laura and John. John was talked into relieving Ed of some of his duties taxiing people, beverages, and supplies between the raft and the Sabin pier.

The sun's heat on the water drove the party ashore to the shade of the Sabin's backyard. There, plenty of good food and drink was consumed and some important club business was transacted. I

produced the CCSC Regatta trophy as advance billing for a club event scheduled for later in the summer and read from it the list of race winners in years gone by. Due to the frequent appearance of Carol's and Bill's names, the members renamed the trophy the "Durr Cup," and, at the suggestion of the ladies present, the "D Cup" for short. So it shall be until someone else accumulates a good number of racing victories. Ed and Robbie were awarded the "Chesapeake Bay Lifestyle and Hospitality Trophy," a 28 oz. bottle of Old Bay seasoning.

After a peaceful night at anchor, the crew of the rafted boats taxied ashore for Ed's waffle and sausage breakfast, a treat never to be passed up except for anchors dragging toward a lee shore in high winds, none of which conditions existed at the time. Many thanks to Robbie and Ed for their peerless (but not "pier-less") hospitality.



Off Sabin's Dock



June 9-10 Bobkin Creek Cruise at Sabins