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Commodore's Comments

Mark your calendars, the annual fall meeting of the CCSC will take place Monday evening, November 24, at the Hawthorn Neighborhood Center in Columbia.

More on lightning protection: I just received the October issue of Seaworthy, the Boat U.S. Marine Insurance newsletter. It has an interesting short article based on analysis of their records for lightning-based insurance claims over the past ten years. Based on these records, they estimate the probability that boats of various types will be hit by lightning in a given year. For single-hulled auxiliary powered sailboats (that's us!), their estimate is .0045. In the multi-hull category (the most dangerous, according to them), the number is twice as large — about .009! In the “sail-only” category the chances are much less than either of these, at about .0007! Could it be simply a matter of how many engines one's (sail)boat has?

Assuming I did the math correctly, their estimate of our chances of being struck by lightning would be about 2% in five years, 4.3% in ten years, and 8.6% in twenty years. What do you think of those estimates?

We are beginning the process of putting together a CCSC board for next year. In doing so we are proposing some changes to the club by-laws, which are explained in detail elsewhere in this newsletter. As we plan for next year, please give serious consideration to serving on our board. I know many of you old-timers have done so many times, but we would love to have you sign on one more time, especially if you've been on leave for a few years. And we especially encourage involvement by our more recent members. Please let me know by e-mail (at gealberts@verizon.com) if you would consider serving the club in this way.

In the meantime, let's all enjoy what's left of the season!

George Alberts

Harness Creek Cruise, September 20-21

Saturday, September 20, turned out to be a nice sailing day if you were headed in the right direction. For us, coming from the Choptank, and for George, coming from the Bodkin, well, it was still a pretty day. While we both got some sailing in, there wasn't too much.

At any rate, *In Like Flynn* arrived at Harness Creek and set the hook right around 3:00 p.m. We

had just decreed ourselves set for the night when George arrived on *Breezing Up* and promptly tied up with us. As it were, that was the end of the rafting activity. The two of us settled in and prepared for the happy hour.

We had food a plenty, even though there were only two boats. We also enjoyed some lively conversation (a little politics) and a very peaceful evening in what turned out to be a very crowded creek; all in all, a very pleasant night.

On Sunday George shoved off around 9:00 a.m. for what probably ended up being a motor trip home to the Bodkin. We decided to hang in Harness Creek one more night because of the light winds and ended up with a delightful day in Quiet Waters Park and way too much fun watching the activity at the "Dog Beach."

On Monday we headed back to the Magothy. What should have been an uneventful trip ended up being a little exciting when our main sail ripped out just north of Thomas Point. We are now doing our part to support economic growth by purchasing a new mainsail.

Happy sailing to all! Hope to see you in the spring if we miss you before we head back out west.
Adrian & Tom Flynn

Swan Creek Cruise

Four boats participated in the Swan Creek cruise on Oct. 4 and 5. In order of arrival: Sabins at 2:00 p.m. Zerhusens at 3:00 p.m. Grotzes at 4:00 p.m. and Coyles at 5:00 p.m. We enjoyed fine, cool fall weather but the wind was rather light in the morning. Boats coming across later enjoyed more wind. Ed and Robbie, unsure of water depth up the creek, anchored too close to a couple of other boats. Hank and Jan, more familiar with the creek, picked a less crowded spot further up the creek and graciously agreed to serve as the anchor boat for the raft.

As the sun went down, we huddled together for warmth in the rather small cockpit of *Aldebaran*, but had a good visit. No one fell in the water transferring from boat to boat, but I noticed that either the lifelines are getting taller or our legs are getting shorter as we age. The wind was too calm on Sunday morning for sailing, but, it was still

pleasant to be out on the bay at this time of year.
Ed & Robbie Sabin

CCSC By-Laws

Along with this issue of The Hornpipe is a separate .pdf file of the club by-laws, showing proposed changes as insertions or deletions. The bylaws state that they may be amended upon two weeks written notice; **this is that notice**. There are three changes noted in the text:

1. Changing the name that was approved earlier this year, but I'm documenting the change here.
2. Eliminating a standing committee, "Membership", and thus the committee chair position on the board of directors. (It falls under the secretary's duties).
3. Eliminating the past commodore from the Board of Directors.

We'll be voting on these changes at the fall meeting on November 24.

Nan Shellabarger

Two November Dates to Mark on Your Calendar

The land cruise on Saturday, November 1, will be at the Rusty Scupper restaurant on the harbor in Baltimore. It is possible to sail there, but parking is available for land cruisers. We will meet at 6:30 p.m. Please let the MacDonalds know if you plan to attend so they can make a correct reservation. Call them by Thursday evening, October 30 at (410) 799-9517.

The annual meeting will be held at Hawthorn Neighborhood Center, 6175 Sunny Spring, Columbia, on Monday, November 24, at 7:00 p.m. in the conference room. After you enter the building go left to the end of the hall. Note that we will NOT be in the usual space. Please bring something to share. Drinks will be provided.

Cynthia and Duncan MacDonald

Full Moon Cruise, October 14

We had a gorgeous night to howl at the moon last night. Jutta and George Alberts graciously hosted Steve and me aboard *Breezing Up*. So at 6:00 p.m., and with sandwiches and drinks in hand, we headed out and had a wonderful sail to a little northwest of Rock Hall where we came about and headed home. The breezes were 10-15 knots and only light jackets were required. After moonrise, the clouds intermittently hid the moon, but just as we were approaching the Bodkin on our return trip, the moon shone brightly and lighted our path.

What a wonderful night. Thanks Jutta and George.

Judy Foland