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**Commodore's Comments**

Spring has come and so did about 25 members to our spring picnic on April 25. Attendees included our newest members: Patricia Nathanson, and Sandy Miller Hays and Brian Lusted. Welcome aboard, Pat, Sandy, and Brian and we hope to see you on our cruises. In addition to great weather and the finest of hamburgers and hotdogs, cooked by Duncan McDonald, and various delights brought by all, Hank Zerhusen presented the draft 2009 Cruise Schedule for comment and volunteers at our picnic. New this year is a mid-week cruise to Baltimore Harbor and an Orioles baseball game June 17. Contact Dick Callis for further details. The full revised schedule was emailed to all members on April 28. If you haven't received it, please contact Judy or Steve Foland, our Hornpipe editors, for a copy.

Also new on the schedule are two seminars, one on May 9 and the other planned for May 30. The first one was to be a discussion of man-over-board recovery techniques followed by a live demonstration. Unfortunately, we were short on attendees: Jan and Hank Zerhusen, Carol and Bill Durr, George Alberts, and me.

We did spend some time discussing techniques, but bypassed the demonstration. While we thought that the obvious thing would be to try dousing the sails and returning to the person in water under power, Bill pointed out that valuable time would be lost and the boat likely would have

progressed to the point of loss of sight of the hapless person. He suggested a technique that would leave the sails up, assuming that the event took part while under sail. The helmsman would sheet in the main while circling back through the wind. This would backwind the jib slowing down the vessel and keeping it under control of the jib alone. The boat then could circle the man overboard and deploy the life sling. All this time, another crew member, if not in the water, would keep the person in the water in sight and inform the helmsman of the location.

The next issue was recovery and bringing the person aboard. Hank suggested that a halyard, rather than a block and tackle connected to the boom, be used to winch the person up to the deck. If a stern ladder or a rigid, portable ladder was available, that could be used. For those that were not there Saturday, see what you missed?

Our next seminar, on navigation, dead reckoning, and charting techniques, will be presented at Hammock Island, as well, on Saturday, May 30, 8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., by Pat McGeehan. Please try to show up and refresh your skills using charts in this era of electronics.

Well, based upon Friday (May 9) night's NOAA weather report of winds, thunderstorms, and a small craft advisory, I canceled the Mother's Day Cruise to Jubb Cove on the Bodkin around midnight. Of course, it was a great weekend. Sorry!

Our next scheduled club cruise starts on Saturday May 16 to Swan Creek, with Hank as the cruise captain. He then plans on continuing as a pre-Memorial Day cruise, so contact him for more information if you plan on either the shake-down part to Swan Creek or any part of the rest of the week. Check the Cruise Schedule for the Memorial Day Cruise and for the rest of the season.

*Andy Monjan*

### **B&B Option for Spouses Not into Sailing**

Some spouses would prefer to drive to a raft up rather than sail. Also A/C on a hot sticky night is appreciated, to say nothing of not needing to cook on board. For these reasons, a B&B at an Eastern Shore sailing destination might make sense to you. I did some research on places to stay near the overnight sailing destinations of Fairlee Creek, Swan Point, and Oxford, as shown below. If any of these appeal to you, let me know and I'll captain a cruise to said destination. Let me know the best month and/or days of the week from your perspective.

***FAIRLEE CREEK:*** *Great Oak Landing Marina/Lodge; Cost \$135 for standard room. 410-778-5007. Overnight guests pay slip fee. Call to check on dinghy tie up at marina. Restaurant is available on weekends only. No website.*

***SWAN POINT:*** *Moonlight Bay Inn and Marina; Cost about \$150 for low end room. 410-639-2660; website [www.moonlightbayinn.com](http://www.moonlightbayinn.com); slip is free with a two-day stay. Dinghy tie up but anchorage is behind Swan Point. Go into Rock Hall via town trolley.*

***OXFORD:*** *Sandaway Waterfront Lodging; Cost about \$165 for low end room (\$30 discount Sunday through Thursday). 888-726-3292; website is [www.sandaway.com](http://www.sandaway.com). No dock is available, but you can pull your dinghy up on the beach. It is within walking distance.*

*Ed Sabin*

### **Suggestion regarding Club Checking Account**

Currently the CCSC checking account is with the Bank of America, Thunder Hills branch. Each year they begin the year by charging the club a \$15-a-month service charge, and each year, by request in person by a club member, the bank has waived the service charge for the remainder of the year. This year I was not successful in having them waive the monthly service charge. Therefore, I propose that the club move its checking account to another bank.

The most convenient bank from my point of view is the Susquehanna Bank, 25 Magothy Beach Road, near Maryland Route 100 just before it turns into Mountain Road in Pasadena. They offer a small business/non-profit checking account option which has no service charge. If anyone has an alternative suggestion, please contact Ed Sabin, club treasurer, at 410-255-7362 or [esabin1@comcast.net](mailto:esabin1@comcast.net).  
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