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**A warm welcome to our new members:**

**Pat Nathanson (a previous member)**  
**Sandy Miller-Hayes & Brian Lusted**  
**Eileen & Bob McGuire**  
**Jean & Al Grinspoon**

**Commodore's Comments**

**REMEMBER TO CONTACT THE CRUISE CAPTAIN.** Well, that is what I forgot to do on the Memorial Day Cruise.

Because we were cleaning and preparing our boat, *Impulse*, on Friday, we did not join the cruise at Eagles Nest that evening. So, without checking the weather, since it looked great, we took off Saturday to join the cruise at Aberdeen Creek on the South River. With a little motor sailing, we had a pleasant ride to the bay bridges where the seas started building up to two- to three-foot swells and winds up to small-craft-advisory levels. Then we started beating into the wind and finally arrived at the protection of the South River. In Aberdeen Creek, after going hard aground in Duvall Creek, where I went to get fuel and had to call for a tow (thanks to my unlimited BoatU.S. coverage), there were no boats from our club.

We spent a pleasant evening in Aberdeen Creek and then had a smooth trip downwind back to Hammock Island, beating the evening storms. Only later did I find out that, due to the weather, Hank

Zerhusen had wisely changed the trip venue to the Chester River. So, the moral of this story is: **REMEMBER TO CONTACT THE CRUISE CAPTAIN.**

Our second club tutorial session was an outstanding success. Patrick McGeehan refreshed the memories of about ten of us on the techniques of compass correction and chart plotting. These are really essential skills that we have learned in the past but have tended to put on the back burners of our memories as we used the more convenient electronic navigation aids. While pencils may need to be sharpened, they don't run out of battery power. It always is good to go back to the basics occasionally. Good job, Patrick.

A question that arose during the session was about the third and innermost scale of the compass rose on the charts. This scale is given in 'compass points'; of which there are 32, such as north by east one quarter point north, if you really want to get nautical.

Well, our sailing season is underway. Don't forget the Baltimore Harbor and Orioles game cruise on June 17-18 (contact Dick Callis) and the Commodore's Cruise to anchor off the Sabin's home on the Bodkin June 20-21. Please contact Ed, since we will be having our cocktail hour there on Saturday and Ed's famous breakfast on Sunday morning. The anchor ground is very good for the land cruisers.

Also, remember that the ten-day Fourth of July cruise starts in Dun Cove July 3; check with the MacDonalds.

*Andy Monjan*

## **Instructions for Staying and Sailing on *In Like Flynn***

Recently we had RVing friends stay with us on the boat. In advance of their visit, we sent them an instruction list — a funny, not too subtle way of letting them know that living on a boat has some special rules. It must have worked; they stayed for a week, and we had a great time. We thought the club might enjoy the list to peruse in preparation for future visitors.

**1. Pack light and use soft bags. No rolling suitcases! We will shower in the marina showers, so pack a separate bath bag. We do use the toilet on board, and we can't wait to teach you how to use it.**

**2. A 32-foot sailboat is a small space. Get used to it. You will hit your head, your elbows, etc. Don't even think about sex! If you want to practice sleeping on the boat, take a nap under your coffee table and set the alarm.**

**3. If you're lucky, you'll get to ride on Tom's dinghy. Some dinghies are soft and some are hard. Thank goodness, Tom has a hard dinghy!**

**4. When we're pulling into and out of the slip, please sit quietly and don't get in the way of our yelling.**

**5. In bed, one of you is on the inside and the other is on the outside. The more agile one should be on the inside, because he/she needs to climb over the outside person to get out of bed. Think about that and discuss.**

**6. Pack foul weather gear (rain gear) — you'll need it.**

**7. Sailing terminology — the pointy part in front is the "bow" and the back is the "stern" or "aft". The bathroom is the "head", the kitchen is the**

**"galley" and "sheets" are not things you crawl between to sleep.**

**8. The Chesapeake Bay is an estuary. You will see birds. You will see them on the pilings, on the spreaders, on the day boards, and under the piers. They will wake you up in the morning and will leave you pretty presents. Isn't birding fun?!**

**9. Between us, there will be five GPSs on board. The one with the chart plotter is always right!**

**10. We have laundry facilities — bring quarters.**

**11. We are a classy boat — no bras hanging from the spreaders and no peeing overboard!**

**12. Every bunk comes with a free bottle of boat wax and two rags.**

**13. Hopefully, after the first few days, you will start to feel like real sailors. If not, we do regular MOB man overboard drills. GOOD LUCK AND HAPPY SAILING!**

*Adrian and Tom Flynn*

## **Memorial Day Cruise — May 19-25**

*Octavia's* (Zerhusen's) plans to start a week early had no takers, and the weather decided not to cooperate until Tuesday, May 19. It was so nice to finally get out on the water. We just sailed to Sillery Bay on the Magothy River and hung out for two days.

By cell phone, we agreed to meet the Flynn's (*In Like Flynn*). They could only stay for cocktails.

We also arranged to meet the Sabins (*Aldebaron*) at Eagles Nest on Thursday evening. After our short motor trip to the anchorage, we were delighted to find that we had the place all to ourselves.

Friday night added the Grotzes (*Lauren A*), coming up from their new mooring at the Gibson Island Yacht Club; the Alberts (*Breezing Up*); and the Callises (*Windsong*). We had perfect weather. Happy hour on this cruise with five boats was long and loud, lasting until 8:30 p.m.

On Saturday, with no cell callers and the wind predicted to be a strong southerly for those continuing the cruise, we agreed to meet up in the Corsica River. This was a chance to sail almost all the way to our anchorage. This time there were only three boats: *Windsong*, *Breezing Up*, and *Octavia*. At Barb Callis' suggestion, we shared a pot luck supper. It was so easy, we should do more of them.

Sunday saw the cruise dissolve as the others headed home. We joined 28 other boats at anchor in Jubb Cove (Bodkin Creek) for a very calm, quiet night.

*Jan and Hank Zerhusen*

### **Navigational Seminar — May 30**

The scheduled navigational seminar by Patrick McGeehan was a great success, with about a dozen attending. Not only did we learn more stuff, but we had fun doing it.

Patrick had handouts and copies of a chart that allowed us to use our tools to plot courses. If you have any questions about learning more or taking classes, ask Patrick. He heartily promotes the power squadron courses.

We, on *Octavia*, took off afterward, letting the wind dictate our course back to the Magothy River.

On Sunday morning, Sue and Art Grotz stopped by on their way to Swan Creek. We agreed to meet and raft up together. It was a motor trip, one that we needed in order for us to see how our batteries were charging underway. All was well, and we had a great afternoon and evening.

Monday was the special day. Everyone had gone home, and we had the bay to ourselves. We sailed all the way home on the wind, with nine to ten knots true, and up to 15 knots apparent, as we made five to six knots heeled at 15 to 20 degrees. It was one of those special days that we will remember for a while.

*Jan and Hank Zerhusen*

### **Invitation to Commodore's Cruise on Bodkin Creek, June 20-21**

This is just a reminder about the cruise on June 20-21 up Bodkin Creek to the Sabins.

***Directions by water:*** Head up the creek from the Hammock Island Marina for a little more than a mile. We are located on the right side of the creek just past the Bodkin Yacht Club. A blue sailboat (*Aldebaran*) is docked in front of the house. The water is about seven or eight feet deep in the middle of the creek.

Land cruise people are welcome to join the group for happy hour on Saturday and/or for breakfast on the deck Sunday morning. We will be serving waffles and blueberry pancakes (if blueberries are still in the store) from 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

***Directions from Maryland Route 100:*** Turn left onto Magothy Bridge Road at the traffic light near the end of MD Route 100 in Pasadena. Go north on Magothy Bridge Road through the next traffic light (Mountain Road), and turn right at the second traffic light onto Ft. Smallwood Road. Go about one and one-half miles, then turn right onto Bayside Beach Road and make another immediate right onto Belhaven Avenue. Go to almost the end of Belhaven (avoid turning left onto Poplar Ridge Road, even though it looks as though that is the main road). Near the end of Belhaven turn right onto Lakewood Road. Our address is 1639 Lakewood Road. Park anywhere you find a spot. Hope to see you there.

*Robbie and Ed Sabin*

### **June Issue of Spinsheet**

The June issue of "Spinsheet" has an article by Brendan Donegan entitled "Saying Goodbye to My Last Boat." Brendan and his wife Mary were club members for many years. He is a great story teller, so please take time to read the article.

He did not mention where his boat is now, but I saw her Friday at White Rocks Marina on the hard. The new owner was working hard on her. After a short conversation (trying to see if she'd fit at Hammock Island), we decided we'd probably see each other on the bay. I wished him happy sailing and let him get back to work.

*Jan Zerhusen*