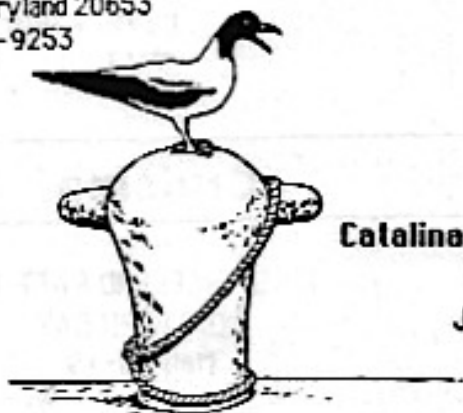


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Catalina 34 Fleet #12 Chesapeake Bay
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Commodore's Signal

For those of you who were not able to attend the May 18-19 Southern Bay raft-up, you missed a wild weekend. Wind, waves, clouds, and rain, however, did not deter the hardy cruisers of Fleet 12. F.A. TOY was noticeably low in the water from the load of ice, charcoal, bricks, and metal grating--all for the beach party that never happened. For weathering the elements, Al and Cyndi Blank receive the arrival award, while Bob and Jane Bierly clearly took first for the departure. As Bob commented later, "It would have been better termed the Demolition Derby." (I agree as we lost our dink!) Regardless, the fellowship was great and we had a chance to view each other's C-34 improvements.

We would appreciate that the raft captains would write-up the happenings as they see them and document good/bad times for the posterity of Fleet 12. Please send your articles to Janet for THE DOCK LINE.

Heads up on the new Federal Boat Tax--Boo Boo! If this tax is not repealed by Congress, please note the following dates. You should purchase the decal by July 31, 1991 (cost \$50.00 for a C-34); however, there is a 30-day grace period. If you operate your boat without the decal after September 1, 1991, and you are stopped by the Coast Guard, you could be fined up to \$5,000.00. If you want the application form to pay by check, call 1-800-368-5647. If you want to pay by credit card, call 1-800-848-2100. At this writing, I understand the repeal has passed the House, but has NOT YET made it through the Senate--so beware!

I'd also like to remind you that the deadline for articles for the November newsletter is October 15. Mark your calendar for our November 23 meeting at Solomons Island hosted by Jan and Walt Rupp--more info to follow.

I promised Phyllis that her retirement present would be an extended cruise on a luxury yacht. Therefore, APACHE will be sailing "the Bay" from about September 21

through October 19. We hope to arrive at the Annapolis Boat show "by sea" and to rendezvous with our northern cruise group in Cornfield Creek on October 5 and 6.

Fair Winds
Ron Hill
Fleet 12 Captain
APACHE

Secretary

STATUS OF THE FLEET

The fleet now has 28 paid-up members. We are spread from the north to the south ends of the Bay. I recently received a new listing of VA, MD, Del, PA, and NJ owners, registered as members of the National Catalina 34 Association. There are a few new owners who I intend to contact next month about Fleet 12 activities. However, I remain convinced that the best way to get to interested sailors is for each member to be constantly on the alert for Catalina 34's in their area of the Bay to make it a point to encourage them to at least look into the Fleet to see if there is something there to be worth the effort. The National officers are convinced that most 34 owner's do not know about the Mainsheet, the National Association or local Fleets because they are second or later buyers of their boats. There is no way to get to them except by individual fleet members making the effort to at least inform and encourage membership. This club will be what we make of it.

The Fleet treasury now amounts to \$361.09, the result of dues and selling burgees. By the way, I have more burgees which sell for \$15.00.

We now have 21 boats flying our burgee on the Bay.

Bob Bierly
Secretary/Treasurer
CTION WIND
#913

Cruising

FIRST WEEKEND RAFT-UP NORTHERN BAY May 18-19

Duane and Claire Maher aboard WHISKERS hosted the first weekend raft-up in Whitehall Creek. The weather could have been better--cloudy, blustery and cool on Saturday; rain Sunday morning. However, Dave & Dee Ewing aboard CHERETTE, Pat & Howard Butz aboard AR DIDEAN and the Lamb family, Jim, Mary Ann and their 2 children, aboard IT'S ABOUT TIME, braved the elements to join us.

Skipper Duane thought he picked out a deep anchorage, motoring in circles to check the depth as he knew there were some deep keels coming. But he must have missed a bump because when CHERETTE (Dave & Dee) rafted, the wind shifted, and CHERETTE went aground. Note--we were not aground, only CHERETTE. We both powered off while still rafted to reset the anchor in deeper water.

The hor d'oeuvres and cocktails provided sustenance through the evening while everyone swapped sea stories. IT'S ABOUT TIME had a great looking hammock rigged on the foredeck which looked soooo inviting had the weather been a little warmer (the kids slept in their sleeping bags in the hammocks). Howard and Pat showed us their terrific salon table

they built and their impressive battery system which powers all their gadgets. It was very entertaining checking out and comparing each boat. A very good time was had by all.

Duane & Claire Maher,
Cruise Leaders
WHISKERS



AN OPEN INVITATION TO RAFT-UP

Just about every weekend throughout the summer the Pittsburgh-Chesapeake Sailing Club (actually we're all associate members of Catalina 22 Fleet 19 out of Pittsburgh, although only one of us still owns a Catalina 22) rafts up in some cove or creek in the North Bay area.

We monitor and communicate on Channel 78 from Friday night through Sunday afternoon with on-the-hour communication. Listen for or call Catalina Fleet 19, CHERETTE (Dave Ewing and De Winchels' Catalina 34), SHARI LEE (Catalina 34), SLOOP DU JOUR (Catalina 36), LADY TOO (Catalina 36), FAIR WINDS (Catalina 25), WYNKEN (Catalina 25) and JASMINE (Kolik 40).

We're famous for our hors d'oeuvres (especially the gourmet chief's of JASMINE) our rum punches, pina colodas and strawberry daiquiris and great communal slum gullion dinners. We also have dingy washdowns and other swimming fun.

Give us a call and join us any weekend.



"We rate ability by what we finish and by what we attempt."

THE GREAT Grog ISLAND DEMOLITION DERBY

Well I hope the northern Bay Raft-up of May 18th had better luck than the southern Bay contingent. As planned by F. A. Bristow, the plan was to raft at Grog Island, Dyrer Creek just north of the Rappahannock River. The beach party was to be spectacular. F. A. had ice enough for Swartzkopf's array and the location was ideal.

Unfortunately, the weather wasn't. Stiff northeast winds at 15 to 20 knots made it an uphill battle for the southern members. Al and Cyndi Blank and crew get the prize for most miles-- about 50 plus, all upwind. The anchorage was so bumpy, the fleet moved up stream into George's Cove where shelter was a pleasant relief. The afternoon and evening were spent comparing notes, boats, improvements, and swapping sailing struggles of the day. The attendees were Al and Cyndi Blank on DREAMWORKER, Ron and Phyllis Hill on APACHE, Harry and Alberta Dobbs on SHENANDOAH, F. A. and Opal Bristow on F. A.'s TOY, Gus and Dianne Moody on WINTERMOON, Bob and Jane Bierly on C'MON WIND and friends of Blank's on SPELLBINDER, a lonely O'day 34.

The next day the weather got worse. Twenty-five to 30 knots out of the east with the usual accompanying 6 to 8 foot waves coming right up the entrance to Dyrer Creek. After running into the mixmaster for a couple of hours, APACHE and SHENANDOAH retired to Indian Creek (isn't retirement wonderful, and safe!), SPELLBINDER blew an impeller on the raw water

engine cooler, probably when his intake cavitated, i.e. cleared the water in the short steep chop. So DREAMWORKER and SPELLBINDER, with 50 some miles facing them retired to Georges Cove to leave the boats until the following week and drive to Norfolk. WINTERMOON and F.A.'s TOY slammed out to Windmill Point then ran up the Reppahannock to home.

C'MON WIND was not so fortunate. We drove with reefed main and three bloded prop into the wind to Smith Point. The boat did very well except for falling off those square waves. One of them separated the hot water heater from the mounts on the hull. In case you haven't noticed, your water heater sits on a wooden pallet that is epoxied to the hull. Well, I can say that the epoxy will let go. I was fortunate that the heater hoses to the fresh water engine coolant system did not break, or I could well have lost engine, boat and all. The ironic thing is that by mid afternoon the wind had died from the 30's to 1 knot apparent as we approached our home marina off St. Mary's River. You might want to check to see if you can lift your Water Heater platform particularly if you have been sailing on those square waves for which the Bay is so deservedly famous. It still was a good raft-up.



Bob Bierly
C'MON WIND
#913

RAFT-UP AT WORTON CREEK
AUGUST 17, 1991



We will be anchored North of R-2 at 1500 hours Saturday the 17th. We may, or we may not have our, name "CHERETTE" on the side of the boat by

then. Our sailing buddies from Pittsburgh, Roy and Shari McNemar may or may not have taken delivery of their new C-34 "SHARI LEE" by then.

If you have a dingy, bring it. We will have dingy races with both men's and women's divisions. We will swim around the boats and explore the beach. From 1500 to 1830 hours we will do these things, share simple snacks and drinks, and get to know one another. At 1830 we will have a communal supper. One grill for hot dogs and hamburgers, salad, veggies, beans, or whatever. Please let us know what you might bring so there aren't too many duplications.

We'll be monitoring Channel 72 all day.

Dave Ewing/De Winchell #245
CHERETTE (412) 941-5008 work
during the day, (412) 257-2787
home--you can leave a message on the
recorder. Weekends between now and
then you can call us on VHF Channel
78.



AUGUST RAFTUP SOUTH BAY
AUGUST 17, 1991



For those in the southern half of the Bay who want to try again (memories of the Great Grog Island Demolition Derby may still be strong and possibly unpleasant) to get together and discuss sailing Catalina style, I am proposing a raft-up in the Great Wicomico in the bight of Sandy Point or the peoce of Mill Creek (depending upon the wind direction and strength). If you are interested in this or an alternate location (be prepared to offer same), please call Bob Bierly at (703)-451-2258 any evening. Leave a message and I will call back, if you do not catch me. I am not suggesting any great beach party,

just a raft-up to discuss whatever topics, fixes, projects, etc., that may be of interest. If the members who are interested are farther South, I also have no problem with a farther south location say the Piankatank (Jackson Creek) or whatever. Give it a go, it might be fun.

Bob Bierly,
Raft Captain
C'MON WIND
#913



CALENDAR

August 17 Great Wicomico (see article in this issue)
October 15 Newsletter deadline
November 23 SMISA Clubhouse--Fleet 12 meeting 1 pm until ...
December Merry Christmas (Where has the year gone?!)



Catalina 34 Fleet 12 Northern Bay 1991 Cruising Schedule

<u>Destination</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Raft Captain</u>	<u>Phone</u>
Worton Creek	8/17-18	Dave Ewing	412-257-2787
Langford Cr., Chester River	9/21-22	Jim Lamb	301-977-8542
Cornfield Cr., Magothy River	10/5-6	Duane Maher	301-570-9356

PLEASE SEE "AN OPEN INVITATION TO RAFT-UP" IN THIS ISSUE



Catalina 34 Fleet 12 Southern Bay 1991 Cruising Schedule

Great Wicomico	8/17-18	Bob Bierly	703-451-2258
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The raft captains will send additional details, including anchoring locations, prior to the cruise which will be printed in THE DOCK LINE. Please contact raft captains, if you will be attending. Raft captains will monitor YHF channel 72 on the day of the cruise.

THE BOATSWAIN'S LOCKER

NEW C34 COCKPIT CUSHIONS (TAN). \$125.
CALL (717) 737-6213. CORKY DALTON

Used Sea Eagle 9H Inflatable W/Oars, Pump, Seat, Engine Mount & Floor. Good Condition. \$200.
Call (717) 737-6213 Corky Dalton

DAVIS EMERGENCY RADAR REFLECTOR (NEW), \$5;
CATALINA ROPE CLUTCH (SINGLE), \$20; SIX NEW
TURNBUCKLE BOOTS (C-34 SIZE), \$15; MAGMA
STAINLESS STEEL CHARCOAL BBQ, \$40; BOATSWAIN'S
CHAIR, \$15. TELEPHONE: (703) 569-8678. RON HILL

Catalina 34 "86" - 5'2" draft, Roller Furling, Auto
Pilot, Loran, Mang More Features, Tall Rig, \$51,700.
(412) 364-7654.

For Your Information

DID YOU KNOW

Deck Organizers (the twin turning blocks for halyards, one on port and one on starboard of the mast--deck mounted). If the sheathes are white, they need to be replaced with black sheathes. The white sheathes are defective. The black sheathes are not defective. Garbauer will replace the white sheathes for the black sheathes free of charge. Ref: Bill Frankenhauer, Garbauer Marine, (714) 985-7513.

Ron Hill



THE NEW BOAT

The New Boat is the best boat
We were ever so likely to find !
The New Boat has all those things
The Old Boat brought to mind
As being features nice to have
In a boat about this size.
But unfortunately were missing
In the Old Boat's compromise.

So the New Boat has the roller furl
And more horsepower for weather going.
It has better manners and takes less work
Whenever stronger winds are blowing.
The instruments are not only new;
They do certain new found chores.
As the New Boat takes us on longer trips
Exploring newly found bays and shores.

The old alcohol stove is but a bad dream
Of flare-ups and half-cooked meals.
The new galley will be a pleasure
As its appliances reveal.
The shower, now both hot and cold,
In side the indoor head is running
Eliminating sunny weather only baths
And the plastic sun-shower plumbing.

The wheel is such a big leap forward
O'er the tiller it replaces.
The room below is so much more;
And the berths are in better places.
Yes, the New Boat is the one for us;
It's got all we were looking for !
We're really excited about another year
As the Bay we do explore.

The only unanswered thought we have
With the New Boat on friendly seas
Is: "Will she produce, as well as the Old,
As many Happy Sailing memories ?"



Bob Bierly
C'MON WIND
Catalina 34
Hull# 913



CATALOGS AND 800 NUMBERS

You probably think Radio Shack has just about everything you need to hook up your new DC gadgets, and at reasonable prices. I did. But there is an alternative. Take Walt Rupp's advice in our last newsletter and get a catalog from Hosfelt Electronics.

I called their 800 number on Friday afternoon and received their catalog on Tuesday. It is not as fancy as Radio Shack's, but the prices are better and the selection and service are good.

While I'm on the subject of catalogs, you owe it to yourself to deal with Jamestown Distributors (Rhode Island) for your hardware needs. They specialize in stainless, bronze, and brass fasteners. You won't believe the variety--from keel bolts to number 2s.

With shipping, it is cheaper than buying them at your local hardware store or chandelery (if you can even find the items). Jamestown also has an interesting assortment of tools and marine supplies.

They too have an 800 number, free catalog, good prices, service; and best of all, you can order by the piece rather than pre-packaged quantities.

Hosfelt Electronics (OH)
800-524-6464
Jamestown Distributors (RI)
800-423-0036

Corky Dalton
"WINDY LIN D."

PROP REPITCHING

In some early C-34 Mainsheet articles I saw that Dick Berck raved about the increase in his C-34 performance after he repitched his 3-bladed prop. This Spring I did the

same by repitching from a 15-9 (factory) to 15-10. Curtis Propeller in Temple Hills, Maryland, did the work in a week or two for about \$50.00. The following table is the outcome with the same boat, clean hull, no wind, and same Knot meter.

PROP	RPM	SPEED (Knots)
15 X 9	2500	5.7
15 x 10	2200	5.7
15 x 10	2500	6.7

With the factory 15 x 9 prop, I noted a .3 to .4 Knot drop in speed when towing a 9.2 ft. inflatable dinghy. Now the same dinghy has no degradation of speed when towing with the repitched 15 x 10 prop--speed at 2500 RPM is 6.7 Knots with or without the dinghy. With the factory prop, I could attain about 3450 max RPM. I now can attain 3200 max RPM (which is the HP RPM rating for the Universal 25 XP engine). I believe that \$50.00 is well worth the increase in performance.

Ron Hill
APACHE
#788



Chesapeake Catalina 34 Yacht Club Fleet 12
Meeting on November 23, 1991

1:00 p.m. until . . .
at the SMSA* Yacht Club



St. Mary's County Stuffed Ham
Turkey/Stuffing
Potatoes/Rolls/Vegetables/Salad
Coffee, Tea, Beer, Wine, Soft Drinks
and the usual chips/dips and munchies



AGENDA

1:00 P.M. TO 2:00 P.M. SOCIAL/GET ACQUAINTED

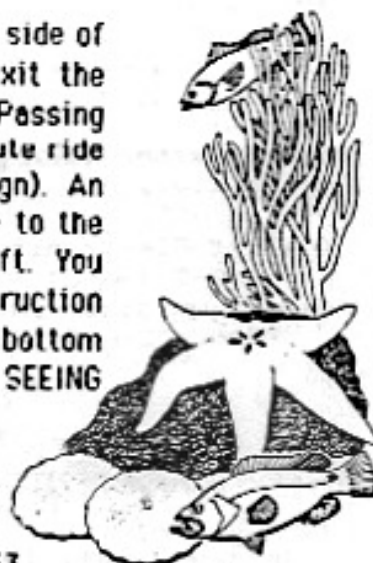
2:00 P.M. TO 3:00 P.M. BUSINESS MEETING

3:00 P.M. TO 4:00 P.M. PHIL DONAHUE (owner of Town Center
Marina) speaker.

4:00 P.M. TO . . . BUFFET/SOCIAL

*Southern Maryland Sailing Association (SMSA)

Directions: I-495 (or I-95) (around Washington, depending which side of the Beltway you travel) to Upper Marlboro, Rt. 4 South, exit the Beltway. Remain on Rt. 4 until you arrive in the Solomons area. Passing through Prince Frederick, MD, you will have approximately a 35-minute ride ahead of you. Turn LEFT at the DOWELL RD. sign (green and white sign). An Exxon Gas Station will be on the service road on your right. Drive to the END OF DOWELL RD. The SMSA/LCYC Club House will be on your left. You will pass by condos, cement bric-a-brac as a result of all the construction in the marina area. You will pass over two speed bumps that can bottom your car if you don't slow WAY DOWN. WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23.



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