



## FLEET CAPTAIN'S SIGNAL

### Captain Dave's Miscellaneous Ramblings

It was great to see so many people in Solomons for our crab feast. A special thanks goes to Jan and Walt Rupp for all their planning, sending out invitations, buying snacks and drinks, arranging the restaurant reservations, and sheparding our whole group through a good time! The Rups will write about the details.

While we are giving thanks we also must recognize Ann Massey for her inspired poem in the last newsletter! I am in awe! I am

continually amazed how so many people contribute to our newsletter. We must be a great group of people as I have not seen such diffusion on responsibility in any other organization. As Curky would say, "What a serendipitous disembarkation of effort!"

During our snack time on land I was impressed with how concerned everyone was to protect the environment. When the wind blew some paper cups away someone ran after them. Everyone put their garbage in bags. The area was perfectly policed and not one scrip was left. Maybe sailors are more concerned than most people as we are out in the elements and part of nature.

All this reminded me of the musical program I attended last winter entitled "MISSA GAIA" or Earth Mass, by Paul Winter. What a wonderful way to celebrate our environment than a mass for the environment. It was full of contemporary classical music, voice solos, and improvisational guitar and organ solos depicting all the parts of the world, the sun and moon, earth and fire, the winds, water, trees, shrubs, and all the animals. What struck me was the following circle that appeared in the program. I am repeating it now as it was listed as author unknown and not copyrighted.

If the earth were only  
a few feet in diameter, floating a  
few feet above a field somewhere,  
people would come from everywhere to  
marvel at it. People would walk around it,  
marveling at its big pools of water, its little pools and  
the water flowing between the pools. People would  
marvel at the bumps on it, and the holes in it, and they  
would marvel at the very thin layer of gas surrounding it and  
the water suspended in the gas. The people would marvel at  
all the creatures walking around the surface of the ball, and at  
the creatures in the water. The people would declare it  
precious because it was the only one, and they would protect  
it so that it would not be hurt. The ball would be the  
greatest wonder known, and people would come to  
behold it, to be healed, to gain knowledge, to know  
beauty and to wonder how it could be. People  
would love it, and defend it with their lives,  
because they would somehow know that their  
lives, their own roundness, could be  
nothing without it. If the Earth  
were only a few feet in  
diameter.

*author unknown*

## Fourth of July Fireworks Solomons, Maryland July 2-4, 1994

**F**riday evening Janet and I rushed home from work to a house full of preparations for the coming holiday festivities. After loading two cars full of "dock" party treats, beverages, and 64 lbs. of ice cubes we were ready to cast the lines off BRIGADOON and head for Hospitality Harbor "D" dock.

At dusk we brought BRIGADOON into her slip excited to see PROSIT (Bill and Dot Beck), and WHISKERS (Duane and Claire Maher) already there. Later Janet and I walked to Solomons Island and explored some of the new park area and some of the shops that were open late. Upon returning to our boat we found the Becks and the Mahers had returned. A warm welcome by all and a good visit closed the evening.

Preparations for the dock party began early Saturday afternoon shortly before 1400 hrs. we were ready to set the tables with food and carry two coolers with ice and beverages to the picnic area under the trees behind Holiday Inn. We were greatly assisted by Bill and Dot, and Duane and Claire with the final preparations.

Shortly we were joined by Dave Ewing and De Winchel (CHERETTE at anchor in the harbor), Lin and Corky Dalton (WINDY LIN D slipped at Beacon Marina), Phil and Joan Davies (CAT'S PAW slipped at Zahnisers). Soon Bob and

Jane Bierly (CMON WIND anchored in the harbor) dinked to shore. Douglas Daniel Lewis, from New York, Jane's nephew, accompanied the Bierly's.

By car Ron and Phyllis Hill, and Art and Ann Massey joined the social. We visited with our slip mates, oo'd and ahhh'd over clever improvements to our Catalinas and found out why Art and Ann didn't bring SANDPIPER to



"D" dock this year. We'll never tell that Art didn't want to admit he hadn't installed the towel rack yet.

After much munching and merry making we turned our attention to preparing to go to Solomons Island Crab House for the Crab Feast. We were given a separate area to eat in and were soon joined by Susan and Hank Recla and children Catherine and Chris (BAY TRIPPER anchored in the harbor). In addition their friends Greg and Debbie Shields, and their children Greg, Debbie, Kelley, and Doug who were sailing a 30 ft. Erikson making our total rendezvous 29 people at the crab house.

It is becoming an after dinner tradition to walk to China Harbor carry-out for delicious Hershey Ice Cream Cones to top off a great meal. Cool

respite welcomed us everytime we took the "path" through the air conditioned Holiday Inn back to our boats.

Sunday morning all Catalinas and the Erikson departed Solomons for home ports except for CMON WIND and BRIGADOON.

Preparations for Sunday evening dinner were interrupted by darkening clouds and flashes of lightning. As the wind picked up two rafted cabin power boats previously anchored, and without occupants aboard, short on rode, completely lacking anchor chain, drifted past our raft heading for the 3 anchored power boats from the NNYC (No Name Yacht Club). Two men from NNYC attempted to re-anchor the drifting raft, finally securing the derelicts after they had dragged into the harbor channel.

Light to heavy rain fell as the thunder and lightning approached us. Numerous jagged cloud to ground lightning flashes occurred for the next hour and a half providing us with 4th of July fireworks interrupting our plans for dinner. CMON WINDS engine idled in preparation for taking the strain off the rode in the event the winds increased, but the worst of the storm went around us. With the storm safely past we were able to enjoy a fine evening of dining and conversation.

It was a pleasure to host another July get-together and we thank you for attending the Second Annual Solomons Island Crab Feast of Fleet 12. Walt and Jan Rupp  
BRIGADOON #54

**NORTHERN BAY RAFTUP  
MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND**

Four boats came to the raftup on Memorial Day weekend in the Rhode (or West or South) River. There was some confusion about just which river we planned to be in, but since they are all pretty close it didn't seem to make much difference. There was also some confusion about which radio channel we would be monitoring — guesses ranged from 78 to 69 to 68. *Car's Paw* (Phil and Joan Davies) arrived first as befitted the host boat and anchored where we thought the raft-up would be.

Next to arrive were Duane and Claire Maher on *Whiskers*. Which radio channel to use was not that much of an issue as *Whiskers* was pretty much within hailing distance when we decided to try use the radio. *Whiskers* was followed by Ron and Phyllis Hill on *Apache*. They were coming to the end of five (or was it six) weeks of cruising the Bay and were headed back to their home port -- presumably to rest a week or so before starting their late spring cruise. The three of us employed our various radios to monitor all reasonable channels in the hope that others would soon arrive. Phil Davies provided the mid-afternoon entertainment by going over-the-side to try to clean *Car's Paw's* depth transducer. The depth meter wasn't working and it still isn't working.

Pretty soon thereafter we got into the real reason for the raft-up — food and drink. We had barely started with the drink part of the exercise when some of us noticed that we were dragging the anchor. By hindsight, I think it may have been the drinks that were dragging the anchor, but we decided to reposition the raft. With three boats, we turned the whole thing into a twin-engine trimaran. Having successfully retrieved and redropped the anchor, and let out

**CRUISE SCHEDULES**

Aug 13 Magothy River  
Bill & Dot Beck  
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*Prosit*

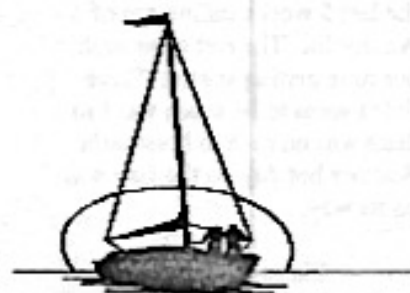
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Harbor Marina  
Corky & Lin Dalton  
717-737-6213  
*Windy Lin D.*

\*To be confirmed.

sufficient scope, Captains Hill and Maher ordered full astern on both the port and starboard engines of the trimaran. *Car's Paw's* anchor has never been so far under the much before. The raft wasn't going anywhere that night. In fact, I had some doubt the next morning that I'd be able to get the anchor out. It took awhile. Of course, when you monitor a radio station you it isn't just a matter of having it turned on. Someone has to listen. With the food, drink and reanchoring, no one was paying any attention to the radio. Ed and Pat Land were next (and last) to arrive on *Finisterre*. They said they had spent some time trying to raise us on the radio. To no avail.

With everyone settled, we resumed the food and drink routine and a good time was had by all.

Phil Davies, *Car's Paw*



**"Sequel" to Solomon  
Island Crab Feast**

I will start at the end because someone else will chronicle the events of the crab feast. I would, however, like to thank Walt and Jan Rupp, who planned the agenda and prepared the wonderful cocktail hour.

It was a contented Fleet 12 that left Town Creek at various times the next day. The Southern Bay fleet members planned to meet that night closer to their home ports as did the Northern Bay fleet boats. The Bay that morning took on the aura of a small town partyline as various members could be heard hailing and discussing plans for the evening. We heard *Cherette's* co-captain tell someone that they were safely anchored in Oxford and had already enjoyed a refreshing swim. *Boy Tripper's* crew could be heard throughout the day hailing another sailboat whose name we did not recognize; their concern for the vessel was finally relieved when they learned that it was already ahead in Broad Creek.

*Windy Lin D.* left at 1000 hours headed for the Little Choptank where she would meet *Prosit* and *Whiskers* who left one hour later. As they sailed together, the Mahers and Becks discovered that not only are their boats twin in appearance but that they are perfectly matched in SOG.

All three vessels motor-sailed past Drum Point to Red 2 off James Island; from that point each boat enjoyed a great sail to Hudson Creek, and engines were needed only to snug the anchors. This proved to be a wise decision because a storm later caused several boats to drag anchor, but not the three Catalina 34's.

As light drizzle fell, everyone gathered on *Windy Lin D.* and enjoyed refreshments buddled under the bimini on the Dahon's dodgerless boat. (We are now in the process of purchasing one.) The festivities were interrupted as the wind



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really picked up and shifted the boats 180 degrees. Our anchors held, but as Duane looked toward his boat he saw a Catalina 30' dragging down on it. Fortunately, the captain of the boat was able to get control and avert a problem. Bill Beck, of course, was looking toward his boat when he noticed a vessel nearby that was obviously very hard aground. He later learned that the boat drew 6'6", and there was no problem for his 4'2" draft.

The Mahers and Becks decided to return to their boats for dinner and until the weather improved. The weather didn't improve, so the party ended. Nature makes the rules!

Lin Dalton, *Windy Lin D.*

#### Northern Bay Cruise August 13, 1994

Just a reminder that *Proxit* will be hosting the August Northern Bay Cruise in the Magothy River. We'll be anchored in the horseshoe opposite Cornfield Creek off Sillery Bay on the way to Gibson Island. We'll be monitoring Channel 78 and should be there sometime in the early afternoon on Saturday, August 13. We hope to spend Friday night in the Rhode River or Annapolis Harbor. "Perfect" margaritas will be available on *Proxit*!

Bill Beck, *Proxit*

#### DID YOU KNOW?

**OVERHEAD HATCH SQUEAL** – To eliminate the squeal, I added a new surface for the companionway hatch "ears" to ride on. Originally, I looked for a strip of Lexan, Mylar, or Teflon, but couldn't find anything that was remotely priced within reason. Instead, I substituted a flat strip of 1/16" thick, 1" wide, 60" long aluminum (\$4.95 ea). The aluminum was stiff enough that it could be slid in the hatch "runway" between the hatch and the deck. Although the hatch runway is approximately 65" long, I secured each 60" strip at the cockpit end by countersinking a single small screw in each strip. The missing 5" at the mast end of the companionway doesn't seem to matter, and the hatch slides easily and QUIETLY!

**DIESEL FUEL ADDITIVE** – The new low sulfur diesel fuel poses two new problems, lubricity loss and seal shrinkage (e.g., extra wear and leaks). I found that "STP Super concentrated Diesel Fuel Injector Cleaner" is an additive formulated to counter these problems. It also cleans clogged injectors, keeps injectors clean, reduces black smoke emissions, improves fuel economy, restores power, and reduces corrosion. (Opal says F.A. has a small glassful every morning!) Seriously, on our 7-week Spring trip (a few tankfuls of fuel), the stuff really seemed to work. It only comes in a quart size, black bottle (which treats 150 gallons or 1 ounce per 5 gallons. I couldn't find it anywhere but Wal Mart (cost \$7.47 a quart).

**CAULK CAPS** – After years of not being able to reopen a tube of previously used caulk, I finally came up with a solution. After using the tube, clean the excess off the threads with a rag or paper towel. Place some saliva or water on your fingertip and spread it around the threads of the tube before replacing the cap. In the case of polysulfide caulk, try a drop of oil. Most caulk won't stick to something that is wet!

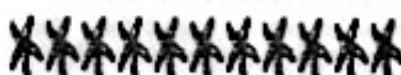
Ron Hill  
*Apache*



#### July 16-17 Raft-up Whitehall Creek

It was a hot, humid, windless day – a typical summer day. Several boats joined us: *Cherette*, *Windy Lin D.*, and new members Ralph Caruso and Lynn Merritt aboard *On y Va* (means "Let's Go" in French). As a special treat for us cat lovers, "Siren" and "Hightops" came along on *On y Va*. They are two of several beautiful Maine Coon cats which Ralph and Lynn own and breed. (I was hoping Siren would stow away on my boat.) They were quite at home walking back and forth among the boats. Ralph and Lynn bought their boat from Len & Helga Brown who are now looking at trawlers.

It was quite hot so the prime seats were in the shade of the awning. Duane shared his "personal" fan – a small battery operated fan – purchased from West Marine. It



really works. What also really works is *Cherette's* refrigerator. Dave and De served Corky a frozen beer that had to be thawed for 30 minutes!

There was quite a spread of food, enough to serve as our dinner. We all talked, munched, and sipped until late into the evening aboard *Whiskers*. No thunderstorm appeared to cool things down. At least the sting nettles have yet to appear so we were able to go swimming.

The next morning, Corky and Lin left for their home port in the Middle River after having spent the last 5 weeks sailing out of Annapolis. The rest of us took our time getting started. There didn't seem to be much wind so there was no rush to hoist sails. Another hot day on the Bay was on its way.

Claire & Duane Maher  
*Whiskers*

# 7-WEEK CRUISE ON THE BAY

by Phyllis Hill, "APACHE"

Ron and I returned home June 13 from a great Spring cruise on Chesapeake Bay. Rather than give a detailed account of our cruise, I decided to write about things that worked for us on the trip.

Ron made four major changes to the boat this Spring. For Christmas I received a Datamarine electronic wind indicator which he mounted on the top of the mast. He ran the wires through the captive PVC pipe without removing the mast. We love it! Two new gel batteries enabled us to utilize the full potential of the high output alternator. We can now send high amperage to the batteries at 14.2 Volts with no lag down of the engine until fully charged. We were able to keep refrigeration running almost full time. I even had to remember to take meat out of the freezer to thaw for dinner! (I liked the new Ziploc Vegetable Bags for keeping lettuce, green peppers, etc.)

Ron installed a bow roller for the anchor which still allows use of the center cleat. If you don't have one, the installation is well worth your time and money. Releasing and retrieving the anchor is ten times easier!

Instead of using a VHF handheld at the wheel, Ron installed a second VHF in the bulkhead below the engine instrument panel in the cockpit. No more running up and down the companionway steps because the VHF is readily accessible to the helmsperson. The radio has dual plus multi watch, a hailer, a speaker/microphone, and up/down channel selectors on the mike. These are just some of the features that are literally at our fingertips when we are at the wheel.

Ron plans separate articles

on the installations of the wind indicator, bow roller, and cockpit radio.

We bought a Tidetracker which was demonstrated at our Urbama meeting. We used it a lot on the trip. It was great when we were getting ready to anchor and Ron would say, "Wonder what the tide is doing?" Tidetracker does all the calculations for you.

We find that the hardest part of getting started on a trip is getting away from the dock! It takes most of the last day to finish up at home, load the car, load the boat, and prepare for departure. It was 5:45 P.M., April 25, when we finally threw off the lines and headed for the nearest anchorage to drop the hook. For us it's Mattawoman Creek at Indian Head on the Potomac River about 7 NM from our marina, Fairfax Yacht Club, on the Occoquan River (how's that for a mouthful). What a relief it is just to get started no matter how close to home we are!

After a good night's sleep, we're up early because we plan our day of departure to coincide with the outgoing tide to help speed our way down the Potomac. Mattawoman Creek is about 75 miles from Point Lookout where the Potomac meets the Bay. If anyone plans to visit the Nation's Capital by boat this summer, we'll be glad to give you any information we can to help you plan your trip up the Potomac.

We find it easy to reprovision on the Bay. When we decide we need to go to a marina (usually 6 days on the hook and the 7th in a marina) to fill the water tanks, wash the boat, and do laundry, we try to check in by Noon so we have plenty of time to do all our chores. If we need groceries, we shop first so the meat will freeze while we are plugged into dock power. I go to the laundromat while Ron washes the boat and refills the water tanks.

He carries a 2-1/2 gallon diesel jug he can easily carry to the boat in case the wind is blowing from a direction that would paste the boat up against a fuel dock.

After a long haul to Solomons, we anchor out for a good nights sleep. In the morning, we either go to Hospitality Harbor Marina or use their dingy dock (costs \$1 if the Dockmaster is around to collect). It is a short walk to a shopping center the back end of which borders the Holiday Inn parking lot.

Woodburn's grocery is the first store you come to. Last Fall the cashier gave me a check cashing application which I filled out and returned. It saves time and cash if you stop there often. If you buy more than you can carry, ask for a ride back to the dingy dock or whatever marina you are staying at. They are eager to oblige. Ice at Woodburn's is much cheaper than at the marinas. In the same shopping center there is a nice laundromat, a drug store, liquor store, post office, bank, barber/beauty shop, ice cream store, Hardees, etc. We often buy steamed shrimp, fresh picked crab, and take-out crab soup at the seafood store. To the right as you walk toward the shopping center from Holiday Inn, you'll find a hardware store and small marine supply store.

At Somers Cove Marina in Crisfield, go out the main gate, turn left, go half a block, turn right (townhouses will be on your right). At telephone pole #33936 (believe me) turn left and you will see Meatland grocery a block away. Somers Cove has wash machines and dryers, a pool, good ater, fuel, and helpful personnel. If you have a layday, try taking the mail boat to Smith Island rather than risk the long winding channel in your own boat. It cost us \$10 each last fall (I think the price is negotiable). The captain answered all our questions and

we had time before the boat returned to Crisfield to have lunch and wander around town. Our favorite restaurant in Crisfield is the Watermens Inn a block from the walking gate at the Tawes Museum corner of the marina.

If the wind blows you into Annapolis on a Wednesday, consider taking a mooring in the harbor to watch the evening sailboat races. Plan to eat your dinner in your cockpit so you can start watching the racers about 6 to 6:30 P.M. as they head out to the startingline. The finish line is just before the Spa Creek Bridge so you will have a great vantage point to watch the many boats of several classes battle it out for first place in their class. Often they race right through the anchorage so close you could reach out and offer them part of your dinner! Jane and Bob Bierly joined us twice on this trip to watch the races.

Pick up any available mooring and call the Annapolis Harbormaster on VHF to give him the number of the mooring. He will be out later in his boat to collect \$15 for the night. Rafting on the moorings is prohibited. The water taxi monitors Channel 68. If your taxi driver is a white haired gent named John O'Connor, ask him about his cruise to the Bahamas this past winter in his Caliber 40, "Knockatoope." If you need water, ask the harbormaster if you can pull into one of the city slips long enough to fill your tanks.

Onancock is another good place to reprovision. We found the slips and the town wharf somewhat shallow and the pilings were the tallest Ron has ever seen. Next time we will ask if we can dock along the bulkhead on either side of the launch ramp rather than plow mud in and out of our slip (we draw 4-1/2 feet). People went out of their way to be friendly and two offered rides to and from the grocery store 3/4 mile away. The restored

Hopkins Brothers Store and Restaurant (excellent food) right on the wharf are well worth a visit.

Once we were cautioned to watch our purse/billfold while we shopped and our groceries after we paid for them. Another time a person commented that "the waterfront attracts the wrong kind of people after dark," a reminder to lock our boat when we were not aboard.



Deltaville won't be the same without Jim and Betty Heffernan graciously welcoming visitors to Jackson Creek!

We were surprised at St Michael's on a Sunday afternoon after the weekend mob had departed when Shelly, The Singing Dockmaster, at Harbor Inn Marina offered to bargain on the slip rate (a full slip is better than an empty one). A point to remember when cruising off season or during the week. Harbor Inn provided van service to grocery, etc.

We used our cellular phone to call friends at home when we found ourselves in their area and wanted to know if they could come out to play! Our children kept that we plug it in every night between 10 and 11 P.M. (off peak hours) in case they need to reach us in an emergency.

Yippee! April and May were quite chilly at times but we were well prepared with warm clothes and bedding. The cabin warms up quickly in the morning when Ron heats water for shaving in a tea kettle and makes coffee. If it's really cold, I bake something in the oven! Spring winds were great for sailing, we didn't see a single jellyfish, met lots of nice people, enjoyed a Fleet 12 raftup, and had a great time! Can't wait for September so we can set off again—to the Keys!

Phyllis Hill, *Apache*

## MORE COMFORTABLE SAILING AND MAINTENANCE

**Ultimate Kool Tote.** Tired of lugging that heavy, cumbersome plastic ice chest? Try an Ultimate Kool Tote - a cloth covered lightweight ice chest. It's great for carrying food and drink to the boat and for use on the boat. Also, collapses and stores easily. They're available in 4 sizes: 6 pack (\$20); 12 pack (\$30); 24 pack (\$40); 48 pack (\$50). We use a 24 Pack and 6 Pack to store extra drinks under the companionway stairs on Proxit. Available in colors: Teal, Gray, Purple, Red, Royal Blue, Navy, Black, Camel, Burgundy, Forest Green, and White. Order from Easy Seat Inc., PO Box 2064, Kingsport, TN 37660. Telephone: 615-288-2881.

**Aft Cabin Berth.** If you want to dramatically increase the comfort of the aft cabin berth (for those of us who really like it) try a Queen size Over-stuffed mattress topper from Penny's. It's easy to handle, fits perfectly and even has elastic straps to hold it on. In the Penny's catalogue it's item number R 725-7025A (Queen - 60 x 80 inches) for \$54.99.

**Oil Change.** OK, there's no real solution to this nasty Fall chore! But you might want to try this - a 1 gallon antifreeze container just fits on its side under the 30 HP engine. Cut a piece out of one side so the oil can drain into it - leave the cap on the container to use for draining. The smaller the cut out hole the better. Now just unscrew the oil drain plug from under the engine and drain away! OK, Ron, you're going to tell me there's more than 1 gallon of oil in the engine! I said there's no real solution - you'll have to put the plug back in midway through and empty the jug (into a suitable container for recycling). Or, if you have a helper just put your finger over the drain hole. Some plastic paint gloves should keep the oil off your hands or if you're a surgeon ... Overall, I find this to be less messy than struggling with all those hoses which always seem to drain onto the cabin sole just when you think they're empty.

Bill Beck  
Proxit





Fall Meeting - Nov 5, 1994  
Osprey Point, Rock Hall Md.



The Fall meeting will be held at Osprey Point Inn and Marina in Rock Hall, MD. We will begin at 1:00 PM (or 1300 if you prefer) with a social hour. At 2:00 we have a speaker (subject and speaker to be announced later) followed by a business meeting at 3:00. Dinner will be from 5:45 to 7:45 at Osprey Point. There will be a choice between a beef or fish dish – the exact composition of which will be announced later. The cost for dinner will be between \$21.00 and \$24.00. We will collect \$22.50 per person now and either refund money or collect more on November 5th.

Osprey Point is a new marina with all new construction. Several rooms have already been reserved and a discount is in effect. The phone number is (410) 639-2194. If you reserve a room, please mention that you are with the Catalina 34 group, although that won't mean anything to them until we've reserved most of the rooms.

There are several other B&B accommodations in Rock Hall. Information about each is attached. Again, if we take most of the rooms in one of these other places, we will probably be able to arrange a discount. More details will follow.

Moonlight Bay is a new B&B, recently renovated with 5 rooms. They will offer a discount if we take most of the rooms. The Black Duck is an older operation, but quite nice. The Bay Breeze Inn is in town and opposite a favorite watering hole for locals. The Mariner's Motel is an old motel. Rock Hall Landing is relatively new. Haven Harbour also has one cottage that they rent out. It has two bedrooms and kitchen facilities. About 15-20 minutes away is Great Oak Landing Marina/Hotel at Fairlee. In the Kent Narrows area (about 45 minutes away) is the Comfort Inn.

Please call Phil Davies if you have any questions (609 924-3047).

Yes, we(I) plan to attend the Fall meeting. Please enclose a check for \$22.50 per person for dinner and make a tentative dinner selection. Mail this form and your check to: Phil Davies 224 Clover Lane Princeton NJ 08540.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

*pd in Aug. 45.00*

Address \_\_\_\_\_

*to Phil Davies*

Probable Dinner Selection:

Number of beef \_\_\_\_\_ fish \_\_\_\_\_

## NORTHERN BAY CRUISE CAPTAIN SHAMED!

Saturday, June 11, was overcast and showers passed over Annapolis most of the morning and afternoon. I'd been calling from 1100 to 1500 trying to locate anyone who intended to show up for the Magothy cruise.

Lin and I were fishing wires for the new Autobelm ST4000W we were installing. So at 1530, I decided to pull the wheel and install the mechanical steering gear.

With wheel in hand in the saloon, *Cherette* (Dave Ewing and De Winchell) *Plaisir D'Amour* (Bill & Suzanne Brown), and *Bay Tripper* (Hank & Susan Recla) called on 78 simultaneously.

The long and short of it was that I said Windy Lin D. would not make an appearance in the Magothy due to the work in progress. But we came anyway. Guilt is a powerful motivator!

When we arrived at 1900, the 3 boat raft was already honkered down behind Dobbins Island and its crews in the midst of some serious boat chatter and even more serious carbo-loading.

Suzanne and Bill Brown's *Plaisir D'Amour* served as the anchor boat. The Browns were on their way to a week in the Choptank.

Bill Brown, like me, uses a sentinel whenever currents or windshifts have the potential of turning a peaceful night into a Chinese fire drill. We all slept peacefully knowing that the sentinels were on duty! If you'd like to know more about them, perhaps Bill would consider an article for *Docklines*?

Lin and Suzanne Brown were down below baptizing the broiler with boat pizzas.

Suzanne has a great wine cellar on board compliments of the delivery crew which brought *Plaisir D'Amour* from Long Island in the Spring. Len and Helga Brown would have enjoyed the Jacob's Creek Cabernet.

The cruise was pleased to have Fleet 12's Cap'n Dave and Pittsburgh's singles scene connection, De Ewing. The Fleet Captain's ensign announced to all who understood its mystical markings that an important person was aboard. From the galley of *Cherette* a potion for the gods was served up. I know, I had three portions. Its secret appellation can never be spoken aloud. It is simply referred to as "slush".

Kathryn Recla, the pretty 10 year old daughter of Hank and Susan, was in the cockpit exhibiting a passion for ripe Brie and French bread. This kid has taste!

It wasn't until we were there for 2 hours

that I noticed another body lurking in the shadows of *Bay Tripper*. It was Chris, the Reclas' 14 year old son. He was mastering the anchor watch on *Bay Tripper's* koran. He had set the alarm distance for 300' and it was beeping although the raft had not moved. The combined adult knowledge on the raft couldn't solve the problem. Perhaps someone is out there who could write an article about Loran alarms.

Although I just met Hank last year, I could sense a common bond. In a moment of weakness Hank admitted that he is a native Pennsylvanian. But I learned that he is so much more; he is a disciple of Ron Hill.

Ask him anything about tachometers and props. Hank is so closely attuned to Ron's teachings that their boat speeds are identical RPM for RPM. Perhaps Ron could enlist the aid of Hank to work out a method for weighing that portion of a Catalina 34 which each jack stand should carry.

And then there is Susan Recla. One turned down her sauteed beef strips which emerged from the third galley pressed into service to satisfy the appetites of the hearty Bay travelers.

In addition to being the mother of two great kids and the wife of a disciple of Ron Hill, Susan plans her family's extended sailing vacations so that she ends up near her mother's home in Norfolk. The family may be close, but the lure of a washer and dryer is a powerful attraction.

After a peaceful night, the raft began to break up about 1000. The sail back to Annapolis was magnificent. *Windy Lin D.* was close-hauled with full sails at almost 7 knots out of the Magothy to the eastern end of the Bay Bridge, then one long tack under the Bridge to the Annapolis spider on a close reach at over 7 knots.

Corky Dalton  
*Windy Lin D.*



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Last March as Walt and I were cold-chiselling bottom paint off our hull, our 75-year-old-bundle-of-energy friend and fellow drydock neighbor, John Silva, approached Walt with a letter in hand from FEDERAL LICENSING INC. very officially informing John of certain fines for ignoring new FCC regulations so send "X" amount of money for the publication we think you need. The official-looking letter left John wondering how to respond. The official looking name on the letterhead, pegging the addressee as qualifying for a fine if not informed of the FCC changes for the radio system he uses, and sending \$20.00 for a publication gets one attention.

I chiselled away at the bottom paint listening to Walt and John hash over what seemed like a hatchling for the government to get its hands in our wallets again (after all we just buried the A-B-C stickers).

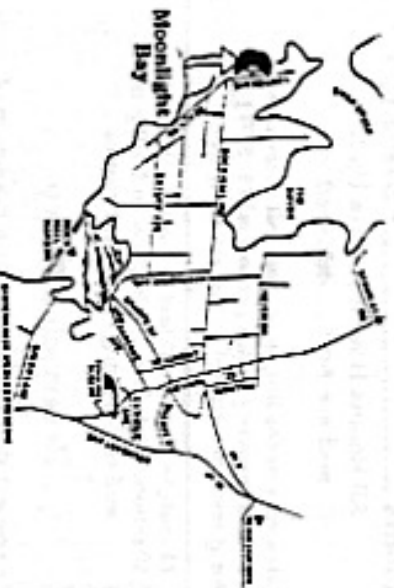
Then I began to bristle. Wait a minute! The FCC is a government agency and is NOT incorporated. Look at the letterhead, for those of you have received the letters as we have. FEDERAL LICENSING INC. is NOT a government agency as the FCC is. Federal Licensing Inc. is a business closely imitating the authority of a government agency, cleverly trespassing, and perhaps just a hair's width from being illegal. My letter from the FEDERAL LICENSING INC. smells like a scam is seeing the circular file in its final days of "black and white and read all over".

Jan Rupp  
*Brigadoon*





## DIRECTIONS



From Baltimore and Washington, D.C.

Cross Mid-Bay Bridge (Rte 50) follow Rte 50 until it becomes Rte 301N. Take 301N until Rte 213 Intersection; turn left and cross Chesapeake River into Chestertown to 1st light after Washington College

Turn left onto Rte 291, 1/4 mile, turn right onto Rte 209. Take 209 to the end. Make right on Lantton Ave. (last street before bay) Moonlight Bay is the 6th property on the left.

From Wilmington/Philadelphia/New York

Take I 95S to Rte 896S (Middletown) At Rte 301S Intersection, turn right. Take to Chestertown/ Galena exit (Rte 290S); turn right. Go straight thru Galena, road becomes Rte 213S. At Rte 298S Intersection (Voronie's is on the left), turn right. Follow thru Fairlee to Rte 20 Intersection, turn right. Take to the end. Turn right on Lantton Ave. (last street before the bay) Moonlight Bay is the 6th property on the left.

**Moonlight Bay Marina and Inn**

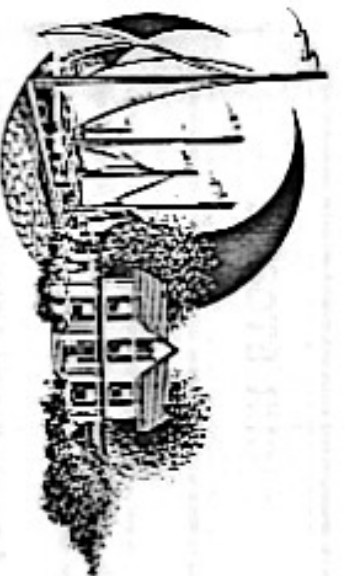
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# Moonlight Bay

# Marina and Inn

*Rock Hall, Maryland*  
*(410) 639-2660*

*Your Hosts*

*Dorothy and Robert*  
*Santangelo*

## OUR STORY...

*Moonlight Bay Marina hugs the shore of the beautiful Chesapeake Bay. Here, nature's beauty is as far as the eye can see.*

*As you enjoy the park-like setting, the bay breezes and the sound of the sea birds engulf you. Whether you are watching the ever changing scenes on the bay or relaxing in the English Garden, all views are truly a painter's paradise.*

*One of the highlights of the day is gathering to watch the spectacular sunset. Each one is unique unto itself.*

*Moonlight Bay Marina is steeped in history. The original house was built in the mid 1800's. For a long time the property was the ferry dock for freight. Littered and in poor shape were transported to Baltimore from this point. For many years it was the site of the Gratitude, Maryland, Post Office. In later years, the building was used as a restaurant called the "Sturdy Post", owned and operated by Tash Williams and well remembered by many. After Mrs. Williams' death, it was divided into apartments and unfortunately it deteriorated. In its last stages it remained empty until Dorothy and Bob Santangelo were accidentally shown the property. They instantly envisioned Moonlight Bay Marina. It was purchased in January, 1982. After 15 months of reconstruction and renovations it is now open for guests.*

*Dorothy and Bob have created an ambience of luxury and beauty furnished with a warm and friendly atmosphere. A large wrap around porch with rocking chairs and a swing welcomes you.*

*Moonlight Bay Marina and Inn continues its plans for growth adding a swimming pool in the future.*

## THINGS TO DO

### In The Area

Boating and Sailing - Rentals Available  
Swimming

Fishing and/or crabbing

Golf

Tennis - Rock Hall Public Courts

Dining

Nature Walks - 2 Wildlife Preserves

(Eastern Neck Island Refuge, Remington Farms)

Birdwatching

Bicycling - Rentals available on premises

and more...

Antiquing

Crafts

Seafood

1st Rate Theater in Church Hill

Auctions - 1st & 3rd Sat. of month in Calverton

and every Wednesday in Crumpton

*Don't miss aboard the "Chesapeake Flyer"*

*A high speed calmaran ferry*

To Baltimore, St. Michaels and Annapolis

Walk to...

Town Beach

Restaurants

Gift Shops

and

a miniature horse petting farm

Waterman's Museum

Potter's Shop

Craft Shop

### Moonlight Bay Marina

50 Boat slips on 2 docks - 18 feet wide

Individual 30 amp electric service

Individual water connections

Well lighted docks

Bathrooms and showers

Picnic area with barbecues

Lounges and screened gazebo

Seasonal and transient dockage available

Call Bob Santangelo for special introductory rates... (410) 630-2600

## ACCOMMODATIONS

Rooms ..... \* \$79-\$109

All Rooms Have a Private Bath  
and are Air Conditioned

Rates vary according to season. All rates are double occupancy (extra person add'l. \$20.) Our guests are invited to join us for a free

Moonlight Bay Breakfast...8 am to 9:30 am  
Afternoon High Tea...4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.  
and our evening cards and games

### Reservation Policy

We request that you join us for a minimum of two nights on weekends and three nights during weekdays. Call for availability for a one night reservation.

A deposit equal to one night's stay is required to hold your weekend room. Plans for a longer stay require a 50% deposit. All deposits must be received no later than 7 days after reservation is made.

Check-out time: 11:00 am

Check-in time: 2:00 p.m.

We require a 7 day notice in the event of changing or canceling your reservations in order for a deposit to be refunded. A \$15 handling fee will be deducted.

We prefer traveler's checks, money orders and cash. We accept Master Charge and Visa as payment for inn charges. All deposits must be made by cash or personal check.

We regret we are unable to accommodate pets. For the safety and comfort of our guests, smoking and non-smoking accommodations are available. Children over twelve are welcome.

\* Rates do not include sales and room occupancy taxes  
\* Rates subject to change

# ROCK • HALL • LANDING • LODGING

## Mariners Motel



This landmark motel located across the street from Rock Hall Harbor has been welcoming guests for 25 years. All rooms have individually-controlled electric heat and air-conditioning, two double beds, telephones, cable TV, refrigerator, in-room coffee and tiled bath. We have a pool, picnic gazebo with gas grill, horseshoes, volleyball and a swing set for the kids.

### Rates:

Single or Double Occupancy  
\$49/night  
\$7/additional person

children under 10 free

## Luxury Villas

All villas have waterfront views, pool access and overlook Rock Hall Landing Marina. All are equipped with central air, phones, cable TV, linens, washer/dryers, electric ovens with microwaves, kitchen utensils, two bathrooms with tub/shower combos and whirlpool in the masterbath.



### Rates:

Two Bedroom,  
\$135/night \*  
Three Bedroom,  
\$165/night \*

\* two night minimum

## Cottages

These two-bedroom cottages are equipped with air-conditioning, linens, color TV, kitchen utensils, microwaves and have one bath with tub/shower combo.

### Rates:

Two Bedroom:  
\$100/night \*  
\$250/weekend \*\*  
\$500/week

\* two night minimum on weekends  
\*\* arriving Friday and leaving Sunday night or Monday morning

All rates are effective through October 31, 1993. Deposit or credit card guarantee is required. We accept American Express, Master Card, and Visa. 48-hour cancellation notice is required for refund of deposit. Reservations are recommended during hunting season and on weekends.

Office open 9am to 1pm daily

Phone (410) 639-2291



The Inn was originally the home of families who supported themselves by harvesting shellfish and crabs from the Chesapeake Bay. From the early 1920's to the early 1980's the Inn was occupied by five different families whose surnames now identify the guestrooms.

*First Floor Rooms*

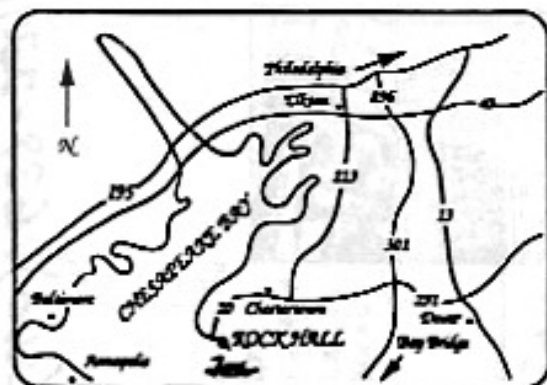
- Carter* Off the parlor with a private bath and king size bed.
- Brice* From a private entrance with a private bath and double bed.

*Second Floor Rooms*

- Jacob* Our loveliest morning room with an eastern exposure and waterview. Double bed.
- Hepron* This spacious room has two double beds and room to spare.
- Merrickton* A delightful waterview with a double bed.

(Arrive: 1:00 - 3:00 PM • Depart: 11:00 AM)

A deposit equal to one night's stay is required. Holiday reservations require a two-night stay. Deposits will be refunded on cancellations made 5 days in advance (less \$15.00 bookkeeping fee). For the comfort and consideration of our guests, we cannot accommodate children under 16 or family pets. We accept Visa, Mastercard and offer a discount for cash.



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**BLACK DUCK INN**  
P.O. Box 249  
Chesapeake Avenue  
Rock Hall, Maryland 21661

Directions from Route 20: Left at the light and right onto Chesapeake Avenue, to Harbor

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Inn*



*A Waterfront Bed and Breakfast  
On Rock Hall Harbor*

Located at Chesapeake Avenue, Rock Hall Maryland 21661

(410) 639-2478  
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### Guest policies

- Room rates are per night and include full continental breakfast. Set ups and ice are available for guests. Rates are based on two persons per room. Additional persons can be accommodated in some rooms at \$20 per additional person per night.
- Complimentary refreshments are served on arrival.
- Room rates do not include Maryland State Tax.
- We accept Visa and Mastercard but offer a discount for cash.
- The Bay Breeze is a non-smoking Inn.
- The Inn is not suitable for pets but we welcome children over the age of 12.
- Special mid-week rates are available.

Season of Operation: Mid-April to Mid-January and weekends only from Mid-January to Mid-April.

Check in: 3 pm to 6 pm, unless previous arrangements have been made.

Check Out: 12:00 Noon

*The Inn is centrally  
air conditioned for your comfort.*



### Directions

**From the North:** From the Delaware Memorial Bridge, take Rt. 13 to Rt. 301 South; take Chesertown/Galea Exit and bear right. Becomes Rt. 213 South. Turn right at Rt. 291 and right onto Rt. 20 West. Rt. 20 to Rt. 445 South in Rock Hall. Left on Rt. 445. Bay Breeze Inn is on the right side of Main Street.

**From the South:** From the Chesapeake Bay Bridge, take Rt. 50/301. Bear left onto Rt. 301 North. Left at Rt. 213 North and continue through Chesertown. Turn left at Rt. 291 and right onto Rt. 20 West. Rt. 20 to Rt. 445 South in Rock Hall. Left on Rt. 445. Bay Breeze Inn is on the right side of Main Street.

**From Rock Hall Harbor:** Take Sharp Street approximately one half mile to Main Street. Left on Main to Bay Breeze Inn.

**The Bay Breeze Inn**  
**A Bed and Breakfast**



*Cozy, Convenient,  
and Relaxed  
in the Eastern  
Shore Tradition*



*Main Street  
Rock Hall, MD 21661  
301-639-2061*

← TO  
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Main Street

Rock Hall Road

(X) BRY BREEZE INN

SHARPE ST

CHESTERMAN'S AVE

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WINTERING'S  
TRUCK REPAIR SHOP

(A) MARLBOROUGH  
HOTEL

ROCK  
HALL  
LANDING

HARDYMAN AVE

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HAVEN  
HARBOR  
MARINA

(X) DISNEY  
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