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## FLEET CAPTAIN'S SIGNAL

**C**aptain Dave's  
Miscellaneous  
Rambblings

Of the lazy hazy days of summer. The heat wave is finally here and memories of childhood summers fill my thoughts. Watching fireworks over Long Island Sound with my cousins after getting in trouble for waiting out a thunderstorm under the shelter of a giant elm tree, or rowing the homemade rowboat across Pickerel Lake in Canada, or playing games of chance at the Summit County Fair in Ohio. Then I remember recent summers on the Bay, especially anchored in the Wye River, dinghying ashore to a corn field to liberate our dinner, and finally this summer with its many wonderful raft-ups. The raft-up Captains will write about their own parties elsewhere, but naturally I have to say a few words too!

The first raft-up for the Northern Bay at Whitehall Creek, May 20-21, hosted by Duane and Claire was a record setting 10 boats. The disadvantages included crossed anchor lines and everybody talking at once so you couldn't always hear what was going on. The advantages are: a GREAT PARTY! It is important for the Middle and Lower Bay members to know you weren't forgotten. Looking at Duane's five new batteries quickly recalled Emily's color

TV battery bank. Whenever a question about maintenance or upgrades occurred, we said "Well what would Ron do?" We discussed Jan and Walt's upcoming July 8th Crab Feast plans, plus many other thoughts of our fellow 34ers. So remember folks, you were gone but not forgotten!

Ralph and Lynn's directions into Reed Creek (Chester River) worked on June 10th for every-



body except Susan and Hank. I understand they were aground for an hour. (Once home I discovered that the 1986 version of Maryland chart book shows what the creek really looks like.) The next day, being Father's Day, Hank read his card aloud. It made reference to all the phases in a son's relationship with his father and it brought a tear to my eye as it said "and what of all the questions you now want to ask your father now that he is long gone?" Thanks Hank for reading that. I was very happy

to get a Happy Step-Father's Day card from De's daughter Kris who, with her boyfriend Chris, was with us that weekend.

De and I were the only Northern Bay members at the July 8 Crab Feast, and we really enjoyed the 15 Southern Bay members. Janet and Walt put on a wonderful party under the trees overlooking the water. Walt's health is excellent as is his outlook on life. Alberta and Harry Dobbs with their granddaughter Lori came and it was good to see them for the second time. We were also happy to welcome a new couple, Gene and Lois Norris, who recently became members. They keep their boat, which is only in its second year, right there at Solomons Island. They used to have a Hunter, and said they were very happy to be able to purchase the "far superior boat," the Catalina 34! Jim Jefferson explained how he made his boat into a cutter, if anyone is interested, you should see him. (He also promised De he'd write about it for the Mainsheet.) We also heard the news that Art Massey has retired for the second time and they're going to get on their boat and just go where the wind blows till they get tired of it! (Boy, does that sound good to me!) After snacks, our crabs, and the customary ice cream cones, the Bierlys, Rupps, and De and I walked to the boardwalk which has finally been finished. There we watched a glowing red sunset

beyond the bridge and the highest fireworks from Leonardtown.

As I'm writing this, the next raft-up is scheduled for July 15-16 on the Rhodes River and will be hosted by the Bocks. Hopefully they will have time to write their report before the newsletter deadline. If not, blame it on Bill's "perfect margaritas" and other exotic libations!

The August raft-up will be on the 5th and it's our turn. We will be in the Magothy almost into the Gibson Island Yacht Club in the unnamed cove just beyond Holland Point, across from Cornfield Creek, and before Purdy Point. Cherette will be there by noon rain or shine, and we will have channel 78 on continuously. Hopefully the nettles won't be there yet so we can go swimming. Some of the things to eat that have been proffered lately have become fantastically elaborate and although I have eaten them greedily, simple veggies, fruit, and dips are also perfectly acceptable, so don't stay away for lack of a gourmand repast. We look forward to seeing old and new friends.

Please note that the September 16-17 raft-up has been changed from the Miles River to the Severn River, Little Round Bay, which should be more convenient for everyone as well as someplace different.

October 7th will see us all at Baltimore's Inner Harbor blessing the boats and manatees (manatees willing). And be sure to put November 4th on your calendar NOW! Our fall meeting is a wonderful opportunity for everybody, north, south, and middle, to get together to share our boat adventures and ourselves, one with another. You'll be sorry if you miss it!

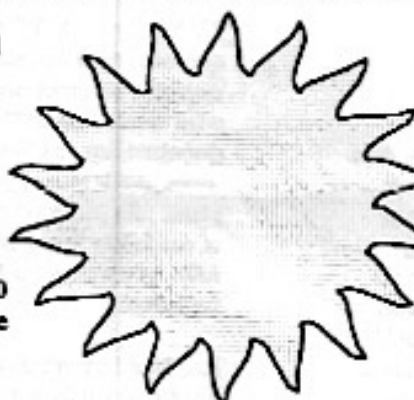
That's all for now folks! I'll be lookin' for ya!

Cap'n Dave

## THE PERFECT JULY RAFT-UP OR WAS IT A DREAM

The July raft-up was held in the Rhodes River. The raft-up was attended by all 29 paying Catalina 34 Fleet 12 members (see the enclosed roster for names) and 22 other non-paying members whose names I forget. It was a perfect July day, 80 degrees, 45% humidity, with a 10 knot breeze out of the west, and bright blue sky with no clouds. The evening forecast was 58 degrees, blanket weather. After all the boats tied up in the largest (50 boats) raft-up on the Chesapeake bay, everybody went swimming in crystal clear waters, not a jelly fish in sight.

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Jerry Douglas of provided the enter-seminars on how to yachts in perfect However all the boats were very clean and perfect working raffled off a brand minus one wheel. of the unpaid seen sailing off into sunset.

The drinks and food were catered by Ridgewell Catering. The salmon, lobster, aged beef, caviar, champagne, and fresh fruit were some of the highlights of the perfect meal.

The perfect evening was progressing with soft music and conversation.....WAKE-UP HONEY AND TURN THE A/C UP, Its going be over 100 degrees today! So ended my perfect nap and the perfect July raft-up.

*The Perfect Yacht*  
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THANKS, RON. I did it. It's easier than changing the oil, and it made a huge difference in reducing engine noise and vibration.

Corky Dalton  
Windy Lin D.

MAY RAFT-UP REVIEW

The first club raft-up for 1995, hosted by Claire and Duane on *Whiskers* brought 10 boats to Ridout Creek off Whitchall Bay the weekend of May 20-21. We arrived early to put down our new anchor (the old one having had the shaft bent late last year). It stuck right away and we backed down on the engine to really get it stuck.

Cap'n Dave and De aboard *Cherrette* arrived a little later and tied up. Then came Bill and Dot Beck on *Prosit* and they tied up on the other side. Corky and Lin Dalton on *Windy Lin D* arrived just when the breeze picked up and we began to drag. They gave us a look of amazement and a wide berth as they anchored farther up the creek. We were getting a little close to shore and another boat before we all managed to break apart. So much for the new anchor.

*Prosit* kindly put down their anchor which worked wonderfully. Before long, we had 5 more boats tied up and another one anchored off.

Hank & Susan Recla, kids Chris & Kathryn *Bay Tripper*, Ed & Pat Land *Finesterre*, Ralph & Lin *On Y Va*, Bill & Kathleen *Irish Lady*, Bruce &

Susan McKimmins *Summerfire*, Ray & Sherri McMeinar *ShariLee* (anchored off).

For good measure, two other anchors were dropped to help balance things out.

*Whiskers* hosted the cocktail part of the day/evening. Everyone brought great food and drink; not too much landed on the cockpit sole but 3 trash bags were filled by the end of the evening. Susan Recla made everyone happy with the wonderful dessert she brought, a creamy cake concoction.

We played a little nautical pursuit (like trivial pursuit) and determined that some of the answers provided were wrong and we were smarter than the game. Around 11:00 pm Dave started singing (which he is very good at) and others joined in. We eventually quieted down but I'm sure the boat that anchored close-by got an earful.

It was a fun start to 1995!

P.S. Duane exchanged the anchor for the same kind *Prosit* has and it works just fine.

Claire Maher  
*Whiskers 1076*

Corky Dalton  
*Windy Lin D.*

FAVORITE RESTAURANTS

**Masthead—Oxford (\$ moderate & Up)** Very creative and well-prepared food; good-sized portions, great service; special bar meals each night for under \$6.00.

**La Piccolo Roma—Annapolis (\$ moderate & up)** Really feels like you are in a Rome trattoria; wonderful appetizers; two types of interesting breads; unique entrees; crisp service; drinkable house wines.

**Treat Of Paris—Annapolis (\$ high)** French in the sense that it uses the best that the surrounding country/bay offers, then creatively prepares and elegantly presents; great hot popovers and corn bread; pricey wines but a few bargains; knowledgeable waiters.

**Amieci's—Baltimore (\$ low to moderate)** Very small place in Little Italy; homemade pastas with sauces than can be mixed & matched; good bread; friendly and helpful service; inexpensive and interesting wines.

HAGAR THE HORRIBLE By Chris Browne



### Status of the Fleet Summer 1995

The Fleet is healthy as the prime sailing season has arrived. This Newsletter is addressed to 29 paid members, including our newest additions: Eugene and Lois Norris, whose boat QUINTET (#1255) is kept on Mill Creek at Solomons Island. At the annual Crab Feast on July 8, Gene and Lois shared the secret that they are reformed Hunter owners and very happy with the upgrade to the Catalina. Elsewhere in this edition, I hope Claire has found room for the updated roster. You may notice some of our oldest and most active members (Bristow's, Butz's, Moody's, Len Brown's, Mellen's, Niess's, Weaver's, Willshire's, Ziegler's) are among the missing as interests change and other pursuits are followed. So, to keep our Fleet healthy and active, please send me any Catalina 34 owner's names you run across (NOT INTO) during your cruising this summer. I will make an invitation or fleet information available to them.

Bob Bierly  
Secretary/Treas  
C'Mon Wind  
#913

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!

Catalina 34 Fall Meeting, hosted by Dot & Bill Beck  
will be held the weekend of November 4th.  
Details to follow.

### 1995 NORTHERN BAY CRUISES

If you want more specifics on individual cruises, call the cruise hosts. The hosts and those attending cruises should plan to monitor Channel 78 starting at 1300 on Saturday.

I ask that all hosts publicize their cruise and write an article about their cruise in *DOCKLINE*.

Aug 5 & 6	Maghothy River	Ewing-Winchell
Sep 16 & 17	Round Bay, Severn	Reclas
Oct 7 & 8	Inner Harbor*	Dalton's

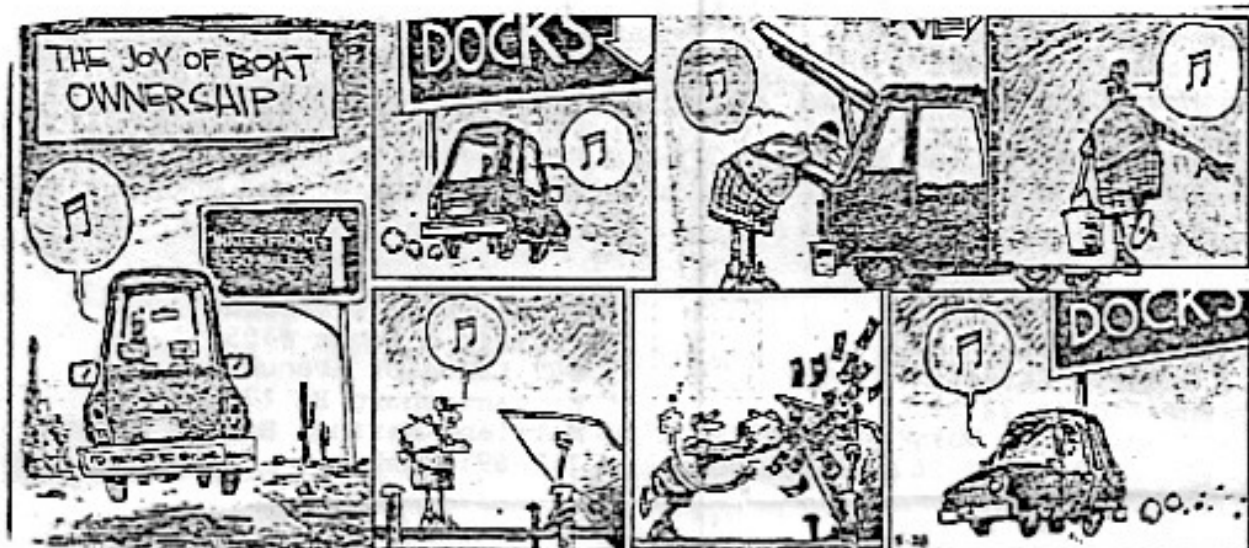
\* We'll be blessing the boats and manatees.

Corky Dalton  
WINDY LIN D.

### CRUISE WEEK

The Mahers are planning a trip down south, ending up in the Rappahannock. We invite all to come along. The more the merrier! If you think this fits your vacation plans, we would love to know. Following is a possible itinerary, but we would welcome suggestions. We will monitor channel 78. (Depending on weather, schedule subject to change.)

Depart Annapolis Sept. 2, Sat. Sail to Solomons - Mill Creek.  
Sunday, 9/3: Sail to Great Wicomico River (South of Potomac). Anchor for the night (Maybe Horn Harbor, Horn Harbor Restaurant nearby).  
Monday, 9/4: Sail to Fishing Bay, Piankatank River, restaurants nearby.  
Tuesday, 9/5: Sail the beautiful Rappahannock; Urbanna for provisioning.  
Wednesday, 9/6: Short sail to Tides Lodge/Inn, Carter Creek. Resort style marina with golf, tennis, bicycling, pool and informal/formal dining.  
Remaining days open



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