

Weather Report:
Blue Skies, Puffy Clouds
Temperature: 82 Degrees
Wind: West, 14 Knots

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FLEET CAPTAIN'S SIGNAL

"It's cold. Really cold." So began my lead-in for the February issue of *Dockline*, the first issue under the stewardship of Jim and Jackie Brener. Well, it's warm now, just barely. But warm enough that the boat is in the water and we've managed a couple of sails. The season has "officially" begun. Weekend sails, the occasional weeknight sail and our raft-ups are all in front of us now. Ron Hill is acting as cruise director and has published the raft-up schedule that has been distributed by email and which is found in this issue of *Dockline*. Ron has also written some top-level guidance for new raft-up hosts, laying out the protocols for a smooth raft-up season. One of the premier events of our annual calendar is the Spring Meeting. Dave and Carol Thelon set up this event, coordinating a myriad of details leading to our enjoyment of a very fine meal and an interesting and entertaining guest speaker. Held at the Steamboat Landing restaurant in historic Galesville, Maryland, our guest speaker was Jan Miles, Captain of the



Pride of Baltimore II. Captain Miles shared with us the history, use and objectives of this floating goodwill ambassador of the State of Maryland. With a multi-year, international itinerary the Pride of Baltimore II has logged thousands of miles at sea representing not only Maryland, but the United States as well. The fall meeting is being arranged



by Ross and Louisa Ford and will be held in the vicinity of Williamsburg, VA. Details for the fall meeting are forthcoming.

We are still seeking an individual or a corporate sponsor to host a Fleet 12 website. If you are interested in helping with or leading this project, please let me know. You may recall that at the



Spring Meeting volunteers weren't exactly beating down the doors to do this. As always, this is a volunteer organization that needs and values your contribution. Mark Rochlin, Ibis #1338, Fleet 12 Captain

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Sadly we report that F.A. Bristol died in March, 2003. He was an original and active member of Fleet 12 from the time that it began in 1989.

IN THE NEWS

Phil and Joan Davies recently acquired a new 40' Bavaria center cockpit sailboat. Phil has, therefore, resigned as the C34 National Association Treasurer. However, Joan will continue as Treasurer and Secretary of Fleet 12. They say they have no plans to go ocean sailing. Congratulations, Joan and Phil

The Bermans, Lou and Marge, have moved from West Virginia to Easton, MD and are looking forward to living on the Eastern Shore. Congratulations to the Bermans.

Mark and Michelle Cochran are currently boatless. A sad state of affairs. It is rumored that they are looking for sailboat rides, so keep them in mind,

It is also rumored that Jim and Betty Heffeman purchased a Catalina 25. Our hats are off to them, also, for their new acquisition.

Ron Hill is the new, temporary Cruise Director for the Fleet 12 raft-ups. (See the Raft-Up Schedule included elsewhere in this publication.) Thank you, Ron

Hank Recla is collecting propellers. Well, actually, he has a friend who has created and will apply a special secret blend of material to your propeller that is practically guaranteed to repel barnacles for some time into the future. Please contact Hank to try this out. Thank you, Hank.

Keep your ears and eyes open for information in the future about a possible C34 flotilla to Cape Cod in 2004. There was a rumor about this.

REMINDER

The Naval Vessel Protection Zone, created right after Sept. 11, 2001, remains in effect and its rules are:

Do not approach within 100 yards of a U.S. naval vessel;

Operate at minimum speed within 500 yards of any U.S. naval vessel

The above information has been copied from *Boat U.S. Magazine*, May 2003.