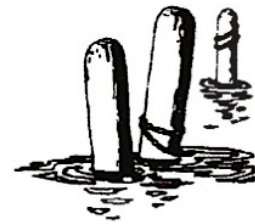


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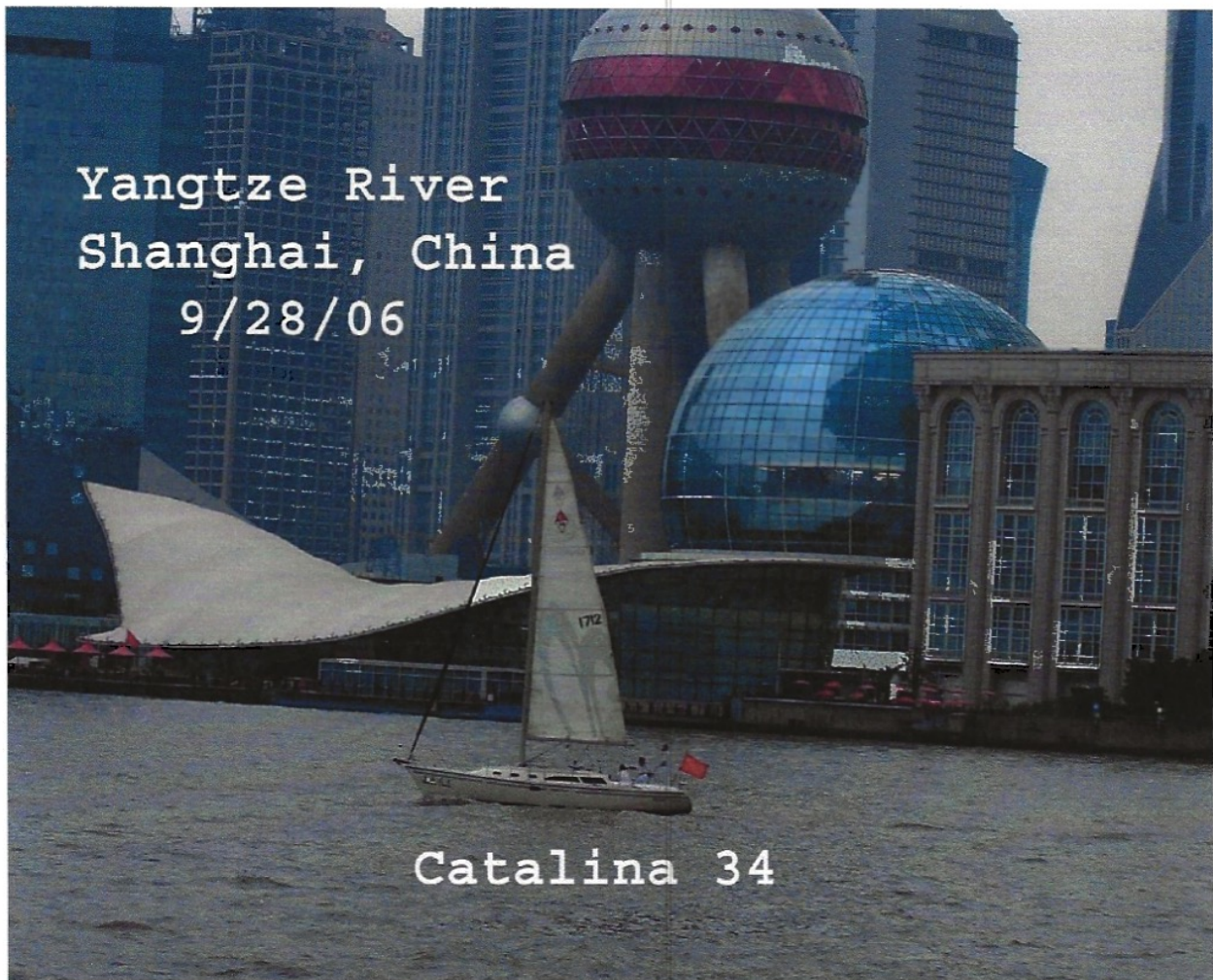


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Fleet Captain's Signal

Ahoy Mates

It's that time of the year again, time to haul and decommission, except maybe for those members of the Fleet at the south end of the Bay. It's time to drain and winterize the fresh water tanks and hot water heater, the refrigerator, the shower sump, the A/C, and the engine, time to change the engine oil and oil filter, and to drink the rest of the wine and beer still on board (that's the good part). The Fleet has had a good year, not great, but good. We had a successful spring meeting, a Crab Feast, a BBQ with the Dundalk Power Squadron, a Boat Show Dinner, and a number of raft-ups. That last item is what dropped our grade from great to good. This year we only averaged one raft-up a month. In past years we have had twice that. Hopefully, like with the Brooklyn Dodgers when I was a kid, I can say, just wait till next year, it'll be a winner. Of course, that's up to you. Start planning some raft-ups for next year. You know you can do it. Go ahead, just do it.

By the time you read this our fall meeting will be upon us. This is the meeting when we elect new officers. Our Treasurer, Linda Dunnigan, has agreed to stay on, which is greatly appreciated because it would be a pain in the you know what to change bank accounts every year. It would be nice, however if someone new stepped up to be the Secretary or the Fleet Captain. So how about it, will YOU step up? During the meeting I will call for nominations. You can nominate yourself, or a friend you're trying to get back at for something (just kidding). We will then ask for a very, very brief bio from the nominees, and then we vote. Of course, if you are not at the meeting you might wind up with a job. So make sure you are coming to the meeting on November 11 at Kent Manor Inn.

As I said earlier, it's that time of the year, time to buy some good books, lay in a supply of fire place logs (and some wine), and get ready to snuggle down for the winter. Of course, you might think of something else to do on top of

that bear skin rug in front of the fire, rather than read. Gee, you can always practice tying knots.

Our Fleet has a current membership of 31 C34s of varying ages (a 17 year old #54, through a brand new #1761), 6 other model boats, 1 RV, and 3 boatless. Dues are minimal (\$20 per year), technical help and advice is high, and friendship is great. So if you know of any C34s who are not members, talk to them and let them know what a wonderful organization we have and encourage them to join our fleet. While you're reading this, start thinking of places where you would like to raft-up next season and plan to host a raft-up.

Lou Berman, C 34, Fleet 12 Captain

Annapolis Boat Show 10/06/06

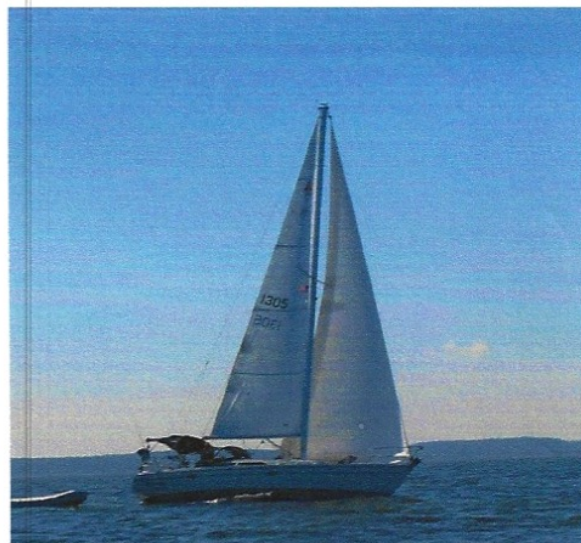
We did it again. For the second year in a row members of the Fleet have continued our new tradition of a Boat Show Dinner. On Oct. 6, following a day at the sailboat show filled with rain, wind, and cold (worse than last year), 8 members of the Fleet (the Cooks, Rupp, McKinneys, Brails, Breners, Asburys, Bermans, and Patty Kimmel & Rich Freeman) and our C34 IA Commodore, Jon Arck, met at the Chart House in Annapolis for dinner. The way I understand it however, some of our brave and hearty sailors "chickened out" of facing the rain, wind, and cold, and came straight to dinner without going to the show. That's OK, we all enjoyed being with them anyway. After being seated we went around the tables (we had two large tables next to each other) and introduced ourselves, then got Jon Arck to give a little talk about what's happening in the IA and on the west coast. Among other things, Jon said that if any of us are visiting San Francisco and want to go sailing, just give him a call. Actually, I had to cut Jon's talk off so that we could look at the menus and order our food. During dinner the talk ranged all over the place, not just about boats. Of course, things quieted down as we ate. Then it was time to face the wind and cold again. Luckily the rain had stopped. We (Marge & I) drove Jon to his hotel, then as the only members present from the best part of Maryland, the Easton Shore, we

got onto route 50 at route 2 and crawled toward the bridge. I guess weekend trips to OC continue even though summer is over. One hour later we finally reached the bridge. About 20 minutes later we finally crossed the bridge and were able to breathe that clean air of the Easton Shore. Our trip home took 3/4s of an hour longer than normal, but it was worth it to be with our friends in Fleet 12. Assuming the Fleet continues this new tradition next year YOU ought to join us.

Lou Berman, C 34, Fleet 12 Captain



Annapolis Chart House 10/6/06



Reflections under sail



Blue Horizons



Katie and new mom

C 34 Fleet 12, Mid Summer Rendezvous

In July C34 "Boomer" sponsored Fleet 12 the Corsica River Regatta and barbecue. While the racing boats started at the Sandy Point Light and raced across the bay and up the river, the cruisers took a more civilized approach. Depending on wind conditions they sailed and motored, while trying to stay cool in the warmer than normal weather. The first big pleasure of the day after sailing was jumping into the cool, nettle (jelly fish) free water. The fresh water of Chester River makes swimming possible throughout the summer. The second big pleasure was going ashore and knocking down cold drafts of beer provided by the Corsica River Yacht Club while enjoying the music of a blue grass band and eating an Eastern Shore style chicken dinner. The Corsica River Yacht Club offers the cruising sailor a nice venue of beautiful scenery, a safe anchorage, a ride to shore and a meal. "Boomer" was joined by "The First Point of Aries" and "Wind Spirit".

In August four Fleet 12 boats sailed to the popular Chesapeake Bay town of Rock Hall, MD to attend a spectacular crab feast. This annual event is hosted by the Dundalk Sail & Power Squadron at Haven Harbor Marina and is open to the public. The weather was great and a good time was had by all consuming the "all you can eat" steamed crabs and corn on the cob. Burgers, brats and hot dogs were also served as well as a delicious desert. All the beer and soda you can drink was included with live music supplied by Dave Brand, a local entertainer. After the crab feast the Fleet 12 attendees gathered aboard "Irish Lady", where the party continued. The Dundalk folks also hosted an abundant pitch-in breakfast on Sunday morning before the boats set sail for their home ports under a brisk southerly breeze. For the modest price of \$36 per person this affair can't be beat. We will definitely be returning to Haven Harbor for Dundalk's 2007 crab feast.



Editors Corner

We want to thank all contributors to this issue of this issue of "The Dockline". Especially your Fleet Captain. We welcome any suggestions and look for inputs from you the Fleet 12 membership for the next "Dockline". Due in January 2007. We are looking for items that include meeting notes and pictures, rafting pictures. Note our email address is :

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The fall meeting information follows.