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JULY 20TH RENDEZVOUS A GREAT SUCCESS: The first event of the newly-formed CHESAPEAKE BRISTOL CLUB, a rendezvous and raft-up was a great success! Nineteen Bristol yachts, representing the whole size range, attended. Bay geography also was well represented, with families from the Sassafras River to the north and Solomons Island to the south participating. Nearly ten of the yachts gathered at the Spider in Annapolis Harbor for the informal race. Participants found it tough sledding, however, with 15-20 knot winds pouring down the Bay from close to the zero mark on their compasses, making it a direct uphill fight all the way to the finish line. If this weren't bad enough, an unusually strong tidal current was set against them to add to the tactical problems. Combined, the elements made the passage under the Bay Bridge something to remember!

Club Acting Chairman Jerry Caswell (Annapolis) was declared the winner - both fleet and class - not only because he showed his blue-hulled stern most of the way up the Bay, but because his was the only boat to cross the finish line under sail! His one and only contender was Frederick (Fritz) Racke (Mauricetown, N. J.) and his family, who grounded their 35-footer within sight of the finish line. Only his grey beard hid Fritz' embarrassment about this, because Swan Creek is his home anchorage! He aptly explained the situation because he always sails downstream from his berth and the finish line was upstream!

Plenty of brave young sailors showed up to make four hot heats in the dinghy races. Sex was no obstacle, either, because the mixed races were won by two girls and two boys. Enough prizes were left over to encourage the ladies and even the skippers to brave the elements in dinghy races.

NEXT CRUISE SET FOR QUEENSTOWN ON AUGUST 24-25: A meeting of all skippers was held at the recent raft-up to discuss plans and activities of the Club in the future. It was agreed that due to the wide geographical spread of the membership that the next rendezvous and raft-up would be held August 24-25 in Queenstown Creek (Queenstown) off the Chester River. The raft-up is scheduled for 5:00 p.m., Saturday, August 24th. A committee yacht will be there beforehand with the Bristol pennant flying. Participants should look for the committee yacht up the creek to the left as they enter the creek facing the town.

INFORMAL RACE TO QUEENSTOWN: While cruising is admittedly the primary interest of CBC, those who wish to participate in an informal race to the Queenstown rendezvous will meet for an 11:30

starting horn at Baltimore Light, east of the southern tip of Gibson Island (Magothy River). More details on the race and its course later in this newsletter.

PERMANENT OFFICERS NAMED FOR CURRENT YEAR: Jerry Caswell, of Annapolis, one of the principal founders of the Chesapeake Bristol Club, was elected as the first Commodore of the Club during a meeting of the Steering Committee on July 25th. Jerry has been instrumental in generating the initial interest in forming the club and has worked tirelessly in getting it off the beach.

Other permanent officers elected are: Vice Commodore, Ken Ketcham, of Wheaton, Md.; Rear Commodore, Don Sheehy, of Bethesda; Secretary, Ed Roberts, of Annapolis; and Treasurer, Bill Bierly, of Lithicum Heights, Md.

As one of his many first official acts, Commodore Caswell named Larry Ament, of Baltimore, as Cruise/Race Officer and John McLaughlin, of Silver Spring, as Flag Officer.

STRONG INITIAL MEMBERSHIP LAUNCHES CBC: An outstanding first response has resulted to the initial call for supporting members of the newly-formed CHESAPEAKE BRISTOL CLUB. At this writing, nearly thirty Charter Members have joined CBC to take early advantage of the opportunities the club offers for fellowship, education and more enjoyable sailing. The nineteen skippers who met at the last rendezvous unanimously agreed that such a club was long overdue and would add immeasurably not only to Bristol ownership, but to the value of the yachts themselves.

Help us spread the word! Our ownership and potential membership list is far from complete and difficult to obtain. So won't you join up now - and just as important - PASS THE WORD ALONG TO OTHER BRISTOL OWNERS IN YOUR VICINITY! Encourage them to attend the next rendezvous and please come yourself. Learn from other Bristol owners the real advantages of participation in a club of owners of yachts like your own!

If you haven't joined, the special CHARTER MEMBERSHIPS are open to you until September 1, 1974. A membership application is enclosed for your convenience. Fill it in and send it with your check for \$10 to: CBC Secretary Ed Roberts, Apt. 795-E, Severn House, Annapolis, Md.

JOIN TODAY AND COME TO THE QUEENSTOWN RAFT-UP AUGUST 24TH!

CHESAPEAKE BRISTOL CLUB
QUEENSTOWN CRUISING RACE
AUGUST 24, 1974

ELIGIBILITY: Open to all Bristol Yachts

ENTRIES: NO entry form or advanced registration will be required. All Bristol Yachts sailing in the area of the starting line will be considered racing.

RULES: Racing rules of the International Yacht Racing Union as adopted by the North American Yacht Racing Union shall apply except as modified by this circular.

TIME LIMIT: A five hour time limit will be in effect. One yacht finishing within the limit makes a race for the entire fleet. Any yacht finishing after the Committee boat has left its station shall take her own time when the finish mark bears abeam and is close aboard.

PROTESTS: A protest system will not be in effect and protests will not be heard.

START: Start on a line between the Committee boat and Baltimore Light (Fl 2-1/2sec 52ft 12M) at the mouth of the Magothy River.

STARTING SIGNALS:

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| Warning | White Shape | 11:20 |
| Preparatory | Blue Shape | 11:25 |
| Start | Red Shape | 11:30 |

Visual signals will be accompanied by a short blast on a horn.

COURSE: Course to be sailed will be from starting line to R"2" bell buoy off the mouth of the Chester River leave to starboard, then to C"9" (Fl 4sec) south of Eastern Neck Island leave to port, then to finish.

FINISH: Finish on a line between the Committee boat and N"2" at the entrance to Queenstown. The first yacht to finish shall take its own time when the finish mark bears abeam and is close aboard, then shall anchor and act as Committee boat taking finishing times for the other yachts racing.

EQUIPMENT: All yachts must carry the minimum equipment required by the United States Coast Guard.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS: 1) Sails to be used shall be Main, Mizzen (if applicable) and Jib, Genoa or Drifter. Spinnakers and/or Staysails will not be permitted.
2) A handicap system will not be used. All yachts will race boat for boat.

PRIZES:

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| Three boats..... | 1st Prize |
| Five boats..... | 1st & 2nd Prize |
| Seven boats..... | 1st, 2nd & 3rd Prize |

NOTE: This will be a very informal race and everyone is encouraged to participate. If you have never raced before this is an ideal time to give it a try.

CRUISING INSTRUCTIONS FOR
ENTERING QUEENSTOWN

Pass N"2" close aboard to starboard and head for Silver Elevated Tank which stands above Queenstown. Hold this course until Black "3" (Fl 4sec 14ft) is abeam. You should pass this mark by approximately 50ft on your port side. When Black "3" is abeam to port change course and head for Black "5" (Fl G 4sec 12ft) you should pass Black "5" close aboard to port (approximately 10ft) proceed past Black "5" heading toward Red "2" (Fl R 4sec 15ft) for about 1/2 or 3/4 the distance then turn about 90° to port. There are two stakes which mark the deep water one stake has a black marker and the other has a red marker (these stakes are not shown on the chart) honor the stakes with the markers and proceed to the anchorage just outside Salthouse Cove.