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FEBRUARY , 1986

THE WEATHER MAY BE FRIGHTFUL BUT INSIDE WILL BE DELIGHTFUL AT THE BAY RIDGE CLUBIHOUSE, HEIGH HO! LET'S ALL GO! LET IT SNOW! LET IT SNOW!

AT ONE THIRTY, FEBRUARY SECOND, OUR SUMMER COURSE WILL BE RECKONED... RACES, RENDEZVOUS, PARTIES TO THROW... ALTHOUGH IT MAY SNOW. LET IT SNOW!

BRING A SALAD OR DESSERT ALONG TO SHARE WITH THE MERRY THEONG. FRIED CHICKEN (GRATIS) AND BEER WILL FLOW

TO EACH ESKIMO! TO HECK WITH THE SNOW! LET IT SNOW!

CALL YOUR COMMODORE SOON, BETWEEN SIX AND EIGHT SO THERE WILL BE CHICKEN ENOUGH FOR YOUR PLATE IF YOU'RE NEW, DON'T BE SHY ... YOU'LL LOVE US WE KNOW!

COME SAY HELLO, WELL SAY BEAVO! LET IT SNOW!

FOR YOUR PET ANCHORAGE SAY A WORD.

DON'T LET IDEAS GO UN HEARD.

THE CBC IS RARIN' TO GO!

PLEASE SHOW! IN SPITE OF SNOW! LET IT SNOW!

BY SUNDAY'S END WHEN WE'RE WELL FED AND PLANS ARE SET FOR SUMMER AHEAD WE'LL DREAM OF SPRING WINDS THAT BLOW

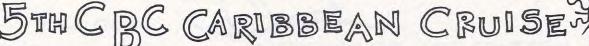
AND SAILING, THOUGH, OUTSIDE THERE'S SNOW! LET ITSNOW!

* Marcia Outerbridge 301/267-6853 leave à message -

To reach the Bay Ridge Civic Association Clubhouse by land, head east on Forest Drive (RT 665) from RT 2 at Parole. Keep going straight and after the 7th light from RT 2 you will be on Bay Ridge Road. At Diehl's Produce keep left for Bay Ridge. Go through the Bay Ridge gates and continue for .4 mile. Take the first left onto East Lake Drive. Bear right at the bottom of the hill and go .4 mile more. The sign for the Clubhouse is on the left. Plenty of parking.

BETSYS PERFECT PRESCRIPTION

A bad case of wintertime blues? Depressed thinking of your boat up on blocks or bare and bobbing in a frosty slip? Don't let it happen for another year! Banish those February Blues in 1987 with they,

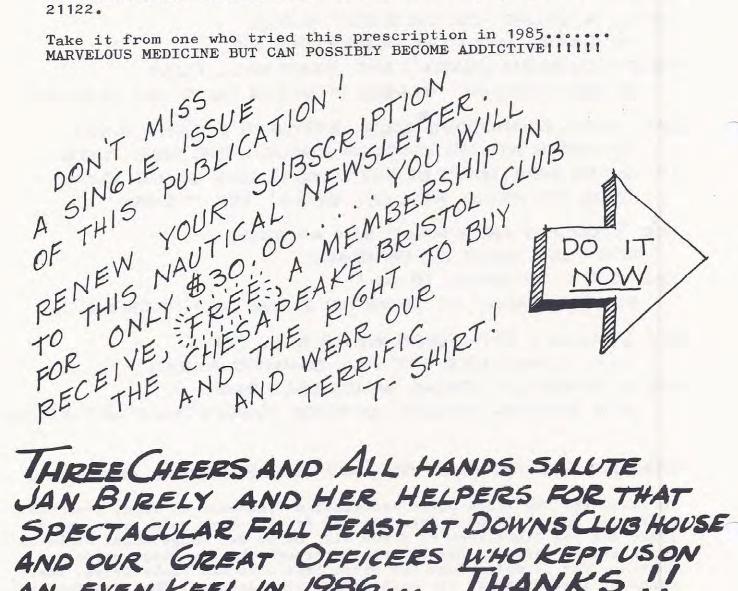


Sneak away for eight and a half sumptuous days of sailing, supping, sipping, swimming, snoozing, snorkling and sun in spectacular settings, aboard a Morgan or Endeavor yacht!

This marvelous medicine for winter woes is yours for an estimated \$2000.00 per couple..... and this covers air fare, yacht, dinghy, snorkle gear, and FOOD!

Gather your crew... (average 6 persons per boat) .. and contact Betsy Plitt for details.... BY FEBRUARY 15th! Call her at home 301/255-5827 or at her office: from Baltimore 301/269-3507 or DC area 301/261-1402 extension 3507. You may write to her at 9 Gray Drive, Pasadena, MD 21122.

Take it from one who tried this prescription in 1985.....



HREE CHEERS AND ALL HANDS SALUTE JAN BIRELY AND HER HELPERS FOR THAT SPECTACULAR FALL FEAST AT DOWNS CLUB HOUSE AND OUR GREAT OFFICERS WHO KEPT US ON AN EVENKEEL IN 1986 ... THANKS !! AND TO SANDRA BOGARDE FOR YEOMAN SERVICE ON MEMBERSHIP!

A TOPIC FOR THE PLANNING SESSION

.... "Rafting together solved all the problems associated with not being able to walk on water and where to sleep all the guests who didn't want to go home. So---upon invitation 17 sailboats were to convene in Silver Bay one Saturday afternoon to help properly christen the Host boat. Two cases of chanpagne and tons of food were to fuel the party. The first boat to arrive dropped the anchor and sat back to await more arrivals. In short order three 40 foot, one 34 foot, three 32 foot and 1 30 foot boat were rafted. It was still early so the champagne was not opened yet as many adults and children got in some swimming fun. One boat crew member had sailed from home on a sun-fish instead of coming on the larger boat. The children were thoroughly enjoying taking turns on the sun-fish. The forecast was for a possibility of thunder showers late in the day which then became a severe thunderstorm watch. As the sky off the the West-Soutwest of Silver Bay darkened with black clouds a couple of boats reported by radio they would be late arriving because they wanted to wait and leave their slip after this thunderstorm went through. One even reported the pilot warning issued at the Air Force Base for severe thunderstorm activity and the location of one in Southwest New Jersey.

Sitting on those 8 rafted boats, out of which 3 were brand new and only 1 was more than 5 years old, was a combined sailing experience of over 150 years. The ominus sky and radio reports were no threat to these sailors since they had all been rafted through nasty thunder squalls on Barnegat Bay and besides this one looked like it would pass well to the West in its' Northward journey. Just in case the raft-up had to be broken up in the next hour or so, the swimmers were called back on board and the adult sun-fish sailor headed for home 3 miles away. Champagne was poured for everyone on the Host boat to get one toast in before rain possibly forced everyone below. The children were gathered on the next boat over when one of them was heard to say, "Hey!! Hand me the camera quick! I want to take a picture of the wall of white coming at us!"

The "wall of white" was spray at the leading edge of 70-75 mph wind hitting this raft-up. The anchor did not hold and within 8-10 minutes four of the eight boats were hard aground on shore with no hope of easily being freed. During the initial 5 minutes of high wind, knives were used to cut lines holding the boats together as it is impossible to release a nylon line that has been stretched to the point of fusion. Even though the boats were cut apart they were driven together ashore and tossed like a ball in the surf against each other and the shore. The sound of battering boats in the steady 50 mph wind that followed the initial gusts was enough to make grown men weep. Watching teak bits and pieces flying out of the toerail as though from a workmans giant chisel was dreadful. Seeing one boat crash down on another causing the fiberglass to flex 12 inches was beyond comprehension when one expected the next blow to be the crack-up. The noise level was deafening.

In the 40 minutes or so that it took for the storm to pass, over \$10,000 worth of hull and rigging damage was done. One rudder was broken during coast guard rescue and one steering pin sheared. Boats were out of commission for as long as one year to repair the damage. The "BASH" was real in this party.....

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