

BRISTOL CLUB

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RENDEZVOUS AT THE RUSTIC INN

In the usual elegant fashion and with the customary good cheer and joie de vivre the Bristol Club met at the Rustic Inn to celebrate and inaugurate the 1995 season! The "Upstairs Room" was a wonderful space to imbibe a few drinks and chat with all the friends we had missed during the cold days of winter. It was a delight to all of us that we had so many new members there and were able to actually get to know who they were. How much nicer it will be when we all meet on the water this summer! Tom Finnan was on duty, backed up by Carole, collecting checks and welcoming everyone. The new directories were awaiting, and Bill and Beryl Flynn brought along some of the Bristol Boutique items, and were not at all averse to taking orders for some of the goodies!

The "old-timers" were delighted to see each other and to see in their midst former member and charter member of the CBC, John McLaughlin and Mary. To Joel Gross and Jeanne, Shirley and Hunter Kennard, Fred Hixon (up from the northern neck, solo), Dick and Ruth Boecker, and Pat and Cary Dickieson it was just like old times! Dick Jr. and Natalie still had their Caribbean glow and Dave and Rebecca Burka certainly will never forget that winter trip! They found to their amazement and delight(?) that they were featured in the guise of pirates on the cover of "RAGS". Inside was a nice long article on the Virgin Island trip. Carol and Noel Patterson and Bert and Bette Shoemaker were our representatives from Bay Ridge, and Frank and Nancy McCabe came up from their lovely spot on Mill Creek.... in Solomons! Bruce and Jane Raymond have almost become old timers too! Our only non-sailboat members, but certainly dedicated sailors, Tom and Judy Taylor, joined our formal CBC gathering, and even make it to some of our rendezvous in their runabout from Royal Oak. Andy and Kathy Lewis were still beaming with enthusiasm for their new boat, and also delighted and thankful that Dave and Wendy Hamnett, now CBC members, were joining us that evening in fine form. All and Helen Powell were there too, after a sort of sabbatical, but promising that BLUE MIST would join us a lot this year. Also back after a sabbatical were Missy and Randol Carroll. Missy insists that her back is now back to normal and we'll see more of them this year. Art and Fran Bertapelle were there in great spirits, knowing they wouldn't have to drive all the way home later. They have a "Pied a Terre" right in Eastport.

Toward the end of the cocktail hour Mal and Louise Mellington and Joe and Jay Heidel arrived, and the guys were on cloud 9! They had brought Dark Star down from the Patapsco to her new berth on Mill Creek, and had flown down with only a deeply reefed main! They kept in touch with their spouses who were indulging in a bit of shopping and sightseeing in Annapolis, by cellular phone, so DARK STAR would have a timely welcoming committee. This hittech stuff comes in pretty handy! Ned and Fayla Sherrer, Paul and Marge Kavanaugh, and Bob and Ruth Adams settled into some serious feeding after the cocktail hour... interspersed with shop talk, tall tales and some funny ones too! Rick and Alex Buek found their Bristol last winter and we'll see them this year in their 31.1, GROOTE BEAR III. Joining the feast were Bob Lehner and Nancy Warner, and Will and Logan Hottle, and our writing pair, Ron and Janet Benrey, and they all welcomed our newest members Susan And Clifford Gilpin, and Joshua Mazer. Monique Pasquale and John Letcher, that SNAFU two, were table hopping to greet everyone.

Our restaurant hostess provide a flaming finale to the supper with a "Baked Alaska" basted with brandy and liqueur, ignited and poured in a blue liquid flame over the dessert. As we were enjoying the results of this performance, our Commodore, Mike, stepped forward with a welcome, a greeting to all, and a lovely announcement that he and Janet will be be married this summer! Applause and cheers! Everyone thinks that Mike is a very lucky guy!

The evening ended with fond good-byes... and see you at the early bird rendezvous!The sailing season was off to a fine start!

READ ON ... QUICKLY I THERE IS A DOATLOAD OF INFORMATION IN THIS ISSUE I

IN APRIL IT OFTEN SHOWERS

On Saturday morn the sun shone brightly and the breeze blew warm and boldly. Some early bird sailors had worked long hours on bilges and other things moldy. They tucked a bit of chow aboard and managed to bend on a sail or two and set upon the sparkling waves, though some were minus their trusty crew. HERON and LOON had a wonderful romp from their home port in Swan Creek, down the Bau and under the bridge from the Eastern Shore of the Chesapeake. But TALISMAN just had to scoot round the corner from her dock near Whitehall Bay, and L.B. QUEEQUEG had no excuse if she managed to lose her way. The beauteous Caliber, HARMONY, made her CBC rafting debut. Andu and Kathy showed her off at her first rafting rendezvous. LIVELY LADY, with Adam, alone, made a zippy trip down the Bay. We remember when Adam first started to sail, and, by golly, he's come quite a way! CHANTEY joined in, with Joel at the helm and some neighbors soon came to join him. They were the Powells in their sleek BLUE MIST and everyone was tickled to see them. The Hamnets came to their maiden raft-up to shake off winter's chill as SHEARMATER made a very short trip from Back Creek up to the Mill. Ned and Fayla brought PAVANE from her Severn River berth and visited each and every boat with a great welcome and lots of mirth. A sail-less MARIPOSA came put-putting in and was helped to raft alongside

as Lucky Mike had forgotten his anchor but not his future bride! Erik and Lesley Svensen's JOY sailed up from Rockhold Creek.

A new addition to the CBC fleet, she is roomy and lovely and sleek. The two rafts rocked in the evening breeze as twelve crews enjoyed the scene when a late arrival dropped a hook. HIGH ADVENTURE made it thirteen. Who is to say if it was her fault that the barometer that night dropped low for soon rain pelted on battened down hatches and breakfast was eaten below..

The trip back home was wet and soggy and all-in-all horrific. but the early-bird boats didn't mind at all, for Saturday was terrific!

GENE EHRLICH.

THE CAPTAIN OF THE GOOD SHIP PATRIARK.

IS SERIOUSLY ILL.

THE CHESAPEAKE BRISTOL FOLK SEND OUR LOVE

WITH OUR PRAYERS AND CONCERN TO YOU, GENE AND ALMA.

MAY YOU RISE TO THE CHALLENGE OF EACH NEW DAY WITH STRENGTH AND JOY.

ON YOUR MARK! GET SET! GO! TO SWAN CREEK, MAY 13.

A MESSAGE TO ALL FROM THE CAPTAIN OF HERON, A.K.A. STEVE SCHWING.

Dust off those appetizer recipes, peruse those gourmet magazines, hone those cuisinart blades. It's time for a gathering of Swans.....er.....Bristols, S2s, Passports, Calibers, Cape Dorys, Pearsons, Catalinas, Island Packets etc. etc. in Swan Creek on Saturday, May 13th.

The home port of HERON, LOON, SPRAY, AND CATTAILS welcomes all CBCers to a Spring Rendezvous / Appetizer contest! We'll gather in the Creek from 1700 hrs. on to sample the offerings. Captain Steve of the good ship HERON will circulate the rafts, sampling the delectables and passing out ballots so we can vote our favorites. Be sure to register and vote.

For those of hearty appetites, transportation to Rock Hall Dining establishments will be available via minivan from Spring Cove Marina later in the evening.

This Rendezvous is a mandatory warm-up for Memorial Day! Bend on those sails, buff those hulls, polish that stainless and get to Swan Creek on May 13th!

GRACIOUS LADY, a Bristol 32, Yawl, 1973, is for sale. She is diesel powered and completely equipped for cruising.

Bob Lehner is asking \$19,500 or bring him an offer. If you know someone who is looking for a lovely boat call him at home in the evenings after 7:00 at 410 / 544-8966

IT'S SMART TO PLAN AHEAD

Our 1995 Cruise Director, Ned Sherrer, is requesting some information from all of us. The cruisers are scheduled to go to Baltimore on Thursday, June 26, and Ned would like to know how many people are planning to go. If so, if they will want a slip at the Harbor View Marina, (a very nice place and summer home of COMPROMISE.)

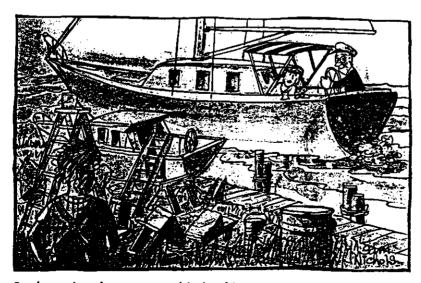
Ned has so far been unable to get a per/foot price but would like to know if \$1.00/foot is too much or okay for showers, trash, ice, etc. The Marina master will need to know the approximate number and length of the boats to reserve slips. Would you be interested in dinner at the restaurant there?

Call Ned in the PM at 410 / 647-6783

A Christmas Letter from Paul and Lineke Andes, marked "BETTER LATE THAN NEVER!"

"We did not cover as many miles in FREE FLIGHT as in previous years, but oh... the memories! We left Kusadasi the beginning of June and sailed leisurely towards the Khalkidhiki region of Greece, where three peninsulas extend into the Aegean. The most Northern peninsula has, in addition to impressive Mt. Athos, many ancient monasteries, some dating from the middle ages. No women are allowed there, and boats have to stay 500 miles off shore. We found turquoise bays with sandy beaches and NO tourists. In the beginning of July we turned East and in Limnos daughter Erica joined us for a sail through the Dardanelles and the Sea of Marmaris (upwind and upstream) to Istanbul. No amount of planning can adequately prepare you for that overwhelming city, it will continue to surprise you. Son Scott joined us there mid July and we had a super time sightseeing and just being together again on the boat. Erica had to return to her family and Scott helped us bring FREE FLIGHT back to Kusadasi (under jib alone, averaging 7 knots.) We left her there to help crew on an American Trawler from Haifa through the Suez Canal, down the Red Sea to Salalah, Oman. We saw Luxor, The Valley of Kings and Karmac, unforgettable impressions, all of them. August is not the ideal time to transit the Red Sea, many days the temperature rose to 110 degrees and the water temperature was 90 degrees, but almost daily dolphins came to greet us and raise our spirits. When we returned to Kusadasi we headed South and cruised lazily in Gulluk Bay, but our brand new stainless steel water tanks (installed in April) had begun to leak and needed urgent attention, so that ended our cruising season. When we had prepared FREE FLIGHT for winter we left Turkey for a visit to Holland and Belgium. Paul returned to Kusadasi to oversee the removal of the tanks and I left for Annapolis. He'll be here soon...."

P.S. Lineke attended a fall dinner when she was back home for a brief visit. The travels of FREE FLIGHT are astonishing indeed! Envious?



In the spring there are two kinds of boaters:

- 1. The Clean and Nautically Natty
- 2. The Incredibly Filthy

THE GREAT EASTPORT YACHT CLUB, CHESAPEAKE BRISTOL CLUB, ISLAND HOLIDAY, MEMORIAL DAY CELEBRATION

ON SATURDAY, MAY 27:

COME ASHORE ON "OUR" ISLAND
WHENEVER YOU ARRIVE. THE SHELTER
AND LODGE WILL BE OPEN FOR US. YOU
WILL FIND THE BARBECUE GRILLES ALL
SET UP TO RECEIVE YOUR OWN
GRILLABLES. BRING YOUR OWN
BEVERAGES AND OTHER DISHES AND
NIBBLE ON THE MUNCHIES YOU WILL FIND
THERE







ON SUNDAY, MAY 28:

1100 - REGISTER, ASHORE, FOR WATER SPORTS

1200 - KING KAMEHAHA MATER SPORT CONTEST (BRING YOUR DINGHY!)

HARRY S. TRUMAN SPORT SHIRT CONTEST--(THE LOUDER THE BETTER!)

HULA CONTEST -- (GRASS SKIRTS REQUIRED.)

COMPETITIONS:

KID'S BEST HAMAIIAN COSTUME ADULT'S BEST HAMAIIAN COSTUME



1600 -- LUAU COMMENCES! ICE COLD BEER, SODAS AND MUNCHIES WILL BE SERVED, THERE WILL BE ICE FOR YOUR OWN PRIVATE LIBATION!

THERE WILL BE BARBECUED CHICKEN FOR ALL!

PLEASE BRING A HAMAIIAN SIDE DISH TO FILL OUT THE MENU AND SHARE WITH THE OTHER "ISLANDERS" AND A PINEAPPLE FOR DECORATION

CONCH BLOWING CONTEST- - BYOC--(TO BE HELD AFTER DINNER)



THIS WONDERFUL LUAU IS JUST \$7.00 PER PERSON!

DIRECTIONS ON NEXT PAGE

Follow these directions carefully.. . . so you won't miss the fun



To reach the site of the Luau Party,sail up the East Wye from Eastern Bay past two day marks after Shaw Bay. You will see a large offshore duck blind on the south shore of the Wye. The blind is opposite the entrance to Granary Creek (second creek on the left.) Enter and continue up the creek 'til you see the DNR Lodge and drop an anchor or raft up and come ashore when you get there!

If you must come by land: From the Eastern end of the Bay Bridge follow route 50 and turn right on Carmichal Road, which is shortly after the 301/50 fork. There is a sign , "Wye Institute, next right" marking it. (If you see the sign for Wye Mills you have gone too far.) Take Carmichal Road 5 1/2 miles to the Wye Island bridge, cross it and keep on the main road. (If you see forks and are in doubt, keep to the left.) Continue to the end of the blacktop and turn left into the dirt lane which leads to the Department of Natural Resources Lodge.

