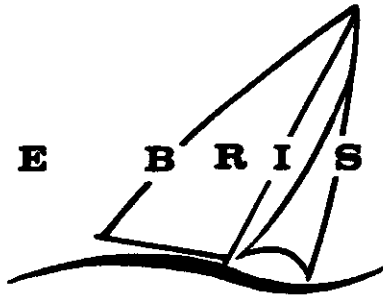




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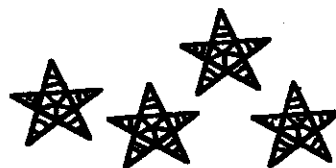
To: All our friends in the CBC  
From: Steve Schwing  
RE: Retirement

It is with a great deal of regret that I announce my retirement as Commodore of the CBC. As most of you who attended the Spring Dinner know, we are being relocated to the Atlanta, Ga. area. Unfortunately, a great distance from the Chesapeake and the great friends we've made here. Susan, I, and the kids will miss you all tremendously. We've had some terrific times with the club and made some lifelong friendships that I'm sure will continue wherever we are. Your faith in electing me as Commodore this year was very gratifying and I was planning for a great season. You'll still have a great year under the capable leadership of Bruce, Kathy, and Art as your new flag officers. A fun schedule is planned and, I know, a great time will be had by all. We won't be totally landlocked as there is a beautiful lake just north of where we'll be living and, during our last tour there, we had a 25 footer we sailed frequently. Unfortunately "Heron" will not be making the trip and is currently on the market. I've sailed the Bay since I was 5 years old and will probably be back. Lifestyles are hard to change. ....We will try to make at least one event before we depart this summer and say some more good-byes to some of the best friends and sailors anyone could have. Computer screen is getting a little blurry here so I'll sign off now.

Keep our membership active, we'll be in touch.

Thanks for the great memories.

Steve, Susan, Kate, and Chris Schwing



The Chesapeake Bristol Club is sure going to miss all of you too.... but we sincerely wish you a wonderful stay in Atlanta.. and please come back often !

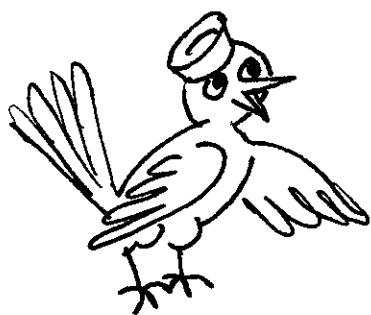
## PASSING THE BATON . . .

It seems like things happen very fast in these days of internet connections, and round the world non-stop news on just about anything. Perhaps too fast ! And so it was with our Commodore Steve Schwing, who received late breaking news in March that his position with American Honda was being transferred to Atlanta (or to LA if you prefer a true concrete jungle). Unfortunately, for Steve and his wonderful family, there is no vast sailing ground to explore in Atlanta. So it's sell the boat, put the house on the market, and promise the kids a life fithout the Bristol Club. (Chris was promised a paved driveway.) I'm not sure what Kate gets. Susan should hold out for big bucks ! Steve's legacy and contributions to the club will not be quickly forgotten. His enthusiasm, creativeness (Bristol Club WEB Page), and friendship will be sorely missed, especially by those who had a chance to sail and work with him. But as Steve said, "The club will go on without me". And so the baton was passed to yours truly during the evening of the Spring Dinner on March 15.

I must admit I was looking forward to working with Steve during the coming season so as to carry on his good deeds and set up an enjoyable program for the following season. But it was not to be. Fortunately, our 'Order of Battle' simply moved up a notch, and a smooth transition took place without skipping a beat. I now have the biggest Bristol Flag known to man ! With this transition, our venerable Kathy Lewis moves up into the Vice Commodore slot, with Art Bertapelle drafted and graciously accepting the role of Rear Commodore.

The good news is that our coming season still promises to be a great one. The bad news, of course, is that we are losing a great friend. We all wish Steve, Susan, and the family the very best. He tells me they will probably start sailing the big lakes in the area again. Perhaps he can convince Ted Turner to dig a deep canal between here and Atlanta !

Bruce Raymond  
Commodore, 1997



COME, ALL YOU EARLY BIRDS WHO HAVE MANAGED TO RE-COMMISSION YOUR BOATS BETWEEN GALES AND RAIN SQUALLS. IT'S TIME TO SET SAIL FOR THE WEST RIVER AND JOIN THE OTHER GUNG-HO EARLY BIRDS IN OUR FIRST RENDEZVOUS! (We understand that HARMONY and HIGH ADVENTURE have been underway for several weeks now.. so hurry up and join them. The ~~worms~~ winds are great at this time of the year.

# The Rites of Spring . . . .

It was a lovely evening when the Bristol Club Members gathered at Pauls on the South River to celebrate the coming of spring, and it was a startling surprise to find Steve Schwing chatting to everyone about the sudden change of life for the Schwing Family. It was indeed a bittersweet evening for all of us, as we bade farewell to a family that had been such a wonderful friends and active members and whose HERON was at almost every gathering. Their boat is now for sale but they are taking the beautiful little Bauer with them. (Katie wailed when she thought they would be selling *her* boat too.) No one envied them the job of selling their home, finding a new one, selling the boat, and living apart while Steve dives into his new job and Susan stays up north until the kids are through with school. They have lived in Atlanta for a while in the past and enjoyed it.. and the lakes that are within easy reach.. which is pretty important for Steve who has been sailing the Bay since he was 5 years old.

Our social hour was the usual buzz of conversation as we caught up with all of the doings of members during the winter season, from cruises, to new houses, to new slips, to new boats.....! Bruce Raymond, our new Commodore, is very *actively* looking for a new, and much larger, boat as he and Jane are planning to do some really extensive cruising in a few years. Dave and Rebecca Burka were all thrilled with their eminent move to a new home in the Kalorama area of DC just off Connecticut Avenue. It sounds like a marvelous home. Mike Nathans and Marsha looked amazingly good after a couple of months of hard labor working on their new house in Amberly. Andy and Kathy Lewis can't boast a new house but they have been doting on their new canine child, who made such a hit with everyone when she was first adopted. Bill and Beryl Flynn have had such a busy time with their White Marsh Stitchery that they have scarcely been over to see how TALISMAN has fared over the winter. Hope they can shake things loose enough when the weather improves to enjoy their boat often. We also heard that Dave & Wendy Hamnet are also in the market for a new boat ! This should be a great summer, touring all of the new pride-and-joys. Fred and Linda Hixon drove up from Reedville and it was terrific to see our "furrin" members. Paul and Marge Kavanaugh were still amazed at their unexpected rendezvous with Larry Ament in the Bahamas. Frank and Nancy McCabe scolded the Kennards for not contacting them on a junket to Solomon's last summer. Nancy stated that she was now retired (officially) and welcomed visitors *any* time! Al Powell made the rounds as a bachelor while poor Helen stayed unhappily at home with a fever. Our loyal powerboaters , Tom & Judy Taylor, will be leaving us too . They have plans to relocate to much warmer climes further south. If they locate somewhere near the ICW they are bound to have lots of CBC visitors. Bob & Ruth Adams CARPE DIEMed and joined us all for dinner. The 1997 Directories were ready for each Captain to take home, and ever willing and able Fayla Sherrer volunteered to take the undelivered ones home and mail them out ! A thousand thanks, Dr. & Mrs. Sherrer. The Boeckers, senior and junior, welcomed everyone to the cocktail hour, and the entire family looked most elegant... as always ! It was great to see Adam Canalungo and his cheery Elizabeth. It was such a surprise to discover that he had been through heart surgery.. but he looked great and seems to be doing very well. Randol & Missy Carroll vow that they will make it to some rendezvous this summer. We've all been anxious to see that new boat.. (a year old now !) Roger Brown & Sue Freeberg, Carol & Robert Hoffman and Rick & Joan Kark were the newest members to join us at our Spring Fete. It is great having newcomers attend with such enthusiasm. Paul's was festive indeed with sparkling lights festooning the dining room, and our food was, as usual, excellent fare and our hosts, Joel Gross and Tom Finnan, (and Jeanne and Carole), had everything organized Bristol fashion with color coded tickets for our individual meals. Our former Commodores, Louise Mellington and Mike Moschella were enjoying relaxed dinners with their spouses...Louise had a terrible time with Whooping Cough, Bronchitis and Sinus this year.. and has been up and down since Christmas time.. We all hope that the return of good weather will just push all those germs out of her system. It's been a tough winter for her.

After we were finished with our suppers, there was a sort of bittersweet changing of the guard. Steve gave us a fond but sad farewell and a rather stunned Bruce Raymond stepped up to the helm. Art Bertapelle agreed, on very short notice, to get on the ladder and serve as our new Rear Commodore. Fran, you married a nice guy ! The Club presented Steve with a lovely Polarfleece blanket with the Bristol logo and HERON embroidered thereon, so he won't forget us !

The evening ended with full tummies, fond goodbyes and hopes for rapid outfitting and launching.. so we can gather again soon.

# ----UPDATE ON TRUMPETER'S TRAVELS

3-6-97

GREETINGS CBC'ERS ! AFTER NEARLY 3 MONTHS OF "HANGING OUT" IN KEY WEST, WE'RE ON THE MOVE AGAIN. TRUMPETER LEFT BOCA CHICA TEN DAYS AGO AND VIRTUALLY FLEW TO THE DRY TORTUGAS. WHAT AN INCREDIBLE SPOT ! FT. JEFFERSON, PART OF THE DRY TORTUGAS NATIONAL PARK, WAS BUILT IN PRE CIVIL WAR DAYS. THE FORT WAS IN UNION HANDS DURING THE WAR AND SERVED AS A STRATEGIC VANTAGE POINT FOR ENTRY INTO THE FLORIDA STRAITS AS WELL AS THE GULF OF MEXICO. IT ALSO WAS USED AS A PRISON FOR DESERTERS, BUT ITS MOST WELL KNOWN INMATE WAS DR. SAMUEL MUDD, WHO TENDED JOHN WILKES BOOTH'S BROKEN LEG. THERE IS A FAIRLY PROTECTED ANCHORAGE AT THE FORT AND SNORKELLING AND BIRD WATCHING IN ADDITION TO EXPLORING THE FORT KEPT US VERY BUSY. WE WERE FOREWARNED TO LOAD UP ON CHEAP BEER AND RUM TO BARTER WITH THE FISHERMEN WHO COME IN TO ANCHOR AT NIGHT. WE'RE SO SICK OF SHRIMP AND LOBSTER IT'LL BE A WHILE BEFORE WE HIT THE NEXT SEAFOOD MARKET !

FROM THE DRY TORGUGAS WE CROSSED OVER TO THE WEST COAST, NAPLES AND MARCO ISLAND AREA. WE WENT TO EVERGLADES CITY IN THE TEN THOUSAND ISLANDS AND FOUND THAT TIME HAD STEPPED BACK ABOUT 50 YEARS----A NEAT PLACE TO SAY THE LEAST.

WE'RE NOW HEADING NORTH UP THE WEST COAST. OUR GOAL IS TO REACH PENSACOLA BEFORE WE HAVE TO TURN AROUND. WE STILL PLAN TO BE BACK IN ANNAPOLIS BY THE END OF THE FIRST WEEK IN MAY. THIS AREA HAS FAR EXCEEDED OUR EXPECTATIONS, ESPECIALLY THE WEATHER----DAY AFTER DAY OF 80 DEGREES AND GORGEOUS BLUE SKIES.

LOOK FORWARD TO CATCHING UP WITH OUR C BC FRIENDS IN MAY.

NANCY, GEORGE & CHESSIE

## SOME VERY INTERESTING INFORMATION, ALSO FROM FLORIDA, COURTESY OF HAK & ADELE

### The Okeechobee Limbo

The Port Mayaca Railroad bridge, located on the Okeeshobee Waterway just east of Lake Okeechobee, has an open clearance of 49 feet, 2 inches at normal water level.

Indiantown Marina, Inc. allows sailboats with Mast heights of up to 53 feet\* to be able to transit the waterway.

\*Please contact marina personnel regarding type of sailboat and scheduling.

### Procedure for tipping your boat

- # We arrive by boat Nd tie our boat to yours.
- # We run a measuring stick up to the top of your mast
- # We then place plastic barrels on the side deck.
- # Two lines are run from foredeck cleats to cockpit winches to hold barrels in place and take strain off of the lifelines.
- # The barrels are filled with water.
- # the boat operator drives the boat through the bridge.
- # Most times we also have you swing the boom out for extra leverage.

### What you need to have ready

- # 2 fenders to lang long ways on the side of your boat where we tie our boat to yours, approximately mid ship\*
- # 2 long lines to run from cleats to winches- see procedures.
- # 1 free halyard that goes to the top of the mast, for running measuring stick.
- \* The side of the boat we use to tip the boats varies due to natural list of boat, location of instruments on the top of the mast, and the weather conditions. It's advisable to wait until we reach your boat to make some of these decisions.

Cost for bridge tipping is \$75.00  
Advance reservations are preferred.

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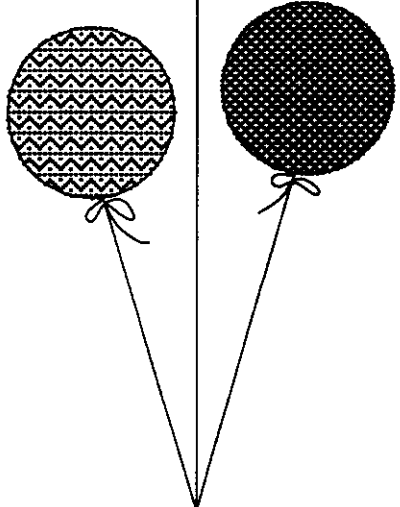
# KATHY'S BIRTHDAY BASH.

● (AND STEVE'S TOO, BOO HOO.....)



KATHY HAS ARRANGED TO RESERVE THE GAZEBO ROOM AT THE TOWN DOCK RESTAURANT, RIGHT ON THE HARBOR IN ST. MICHAELS, FOR THE NIGHT OF SATURDAY, MAY 10, FOR A C.B.C. BIRTHDAY GATHERING AT 7:30 PM.

COME JOIN THE HAPPY CREW FOR SOME GREAT FOOD AND A WEEKEND IN A NEAT TOWN.



KATHY WILL NEED A HEAD COUNT BY NO LATER THAN THE THIRD OF MAY TO NOTIFY THE RESTAURANT.

PLEASE CALL A.S.A.P. AND LEAVE A MESSAGE WITH "BAY MARKETING"

301/350-1259.

PLEASE LET KATHY KNOW IF YOU WERE A "MAY" BABY AND THIS CAN BE YOUR BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION TOO!

There is a nice anchorage in the cove east of the Museum and between it and The Inn at Perry Cabin If that is full, anchor out and dinghy in to the restaurant. We do not think that the water taxi will be operating this early in the season.....

● If you still haven't gotten your sails on, or the weather is just not cooperating you may drive in to join the party. As you enter town you will see signs on the right that direct you to the Town Dock Restaurant. There is plenty of parking.

# HERON's Garage Sale !

Item	Condition	Retail	Sale !
Fortress FX-16	Excellent	\$170	\$120
Fortress FX-11	Excellent	\$110	\$75
Newmar 30 Amp charger			
3 bank Ferro Res.	Excellent	\$295	\$125
Edson Boarding Step	Excellent	\$160	\$100
94 Quicksilver Inflatable			
Wheels, floor, seat bag	Excellent	\$900	\$500
Magellan DLX-10 GPS			
2 mounts, Edson Pedestal			
Bracket, 2 Bat. Trays	Excellent	\$675	\$450
'85 Bristol 35.5 #159	Terrible	\$189,000	????

Contact Steve Schwing  
609/866-3639 work  
609/953-9665 home

Here's a challenge for all of you! What would be a nice easy way to notify folks of informal gathering spots (one or more), gunk holes, creeks, etc. on "off" weekends where one might hope to find other CBC boats.? You computer buffs, etc.: can you put your minds to this? Of course we all don't have e-mail... but there might be some simple way to post a notice. Alice and Henry Good posed this question... and I couldn't give them an answer !

COMING

TO  
THE  
WYE

SOON ...

THE GREAT  
MEMORIAL  
DAY  
DINGHY  
RACES !  
NOW

JAY HEIDEL IS GETTING READY TO ORDER SOME NEW NAME TAGS, AND HOPES THAT ANYONE WHO HAS NEED OF A NEW ONE WILL FILL OUT THE FORM ON THE LAST PAGE AND RETURN IT TO HER VERY QUICKLY. SHE WILL NEED REPLYS BY MAY 15TH, SO DON'T PROCRASTINATE!  
THE COST OF EACH PLATE IS \$3.00,  
(EACH NEW MEMBER GETS ONE FOR FREE WHEN HE OR SHE JOINS UP. )