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JULY 27 AND 28 THERE WILL BE A SHORE PARTY AT OUR COMMODORE'S HOME ON WHITEHALL CREEK. SEE PAGE 5 FOR ALL THE PARTICULARS AND DIRECTIONS. COME ONE AND ALL TO MIKE AND MARCIA'S LOVELY ABODE.. COME BY LAND OR SEA, BUT COME !

THE SCHEDULED LANKFORD BAY RENDEZVOUS HAS BEEN CHANGED. READ PAGE FOUR FOR THE NEW LOCATION FOR THE GATHERING.



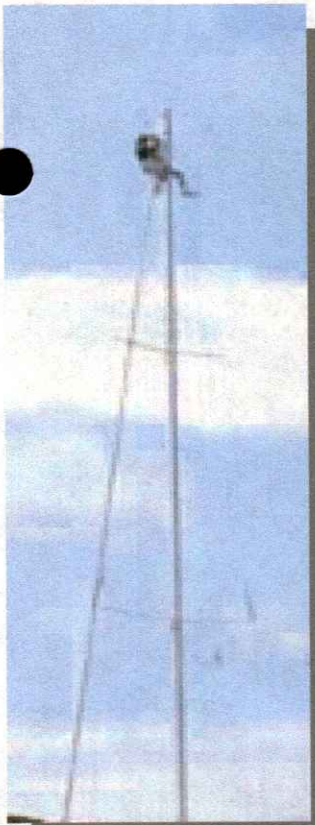
THE BRISTOL BALLET PERFORMS "THEME AND VARIATIONS"
at all raftups and rendezvous reprinted from the October 1989 Newsletter

...AND THE SUN BROKE THROUGH ON A WONDERFUL GATHERING ...

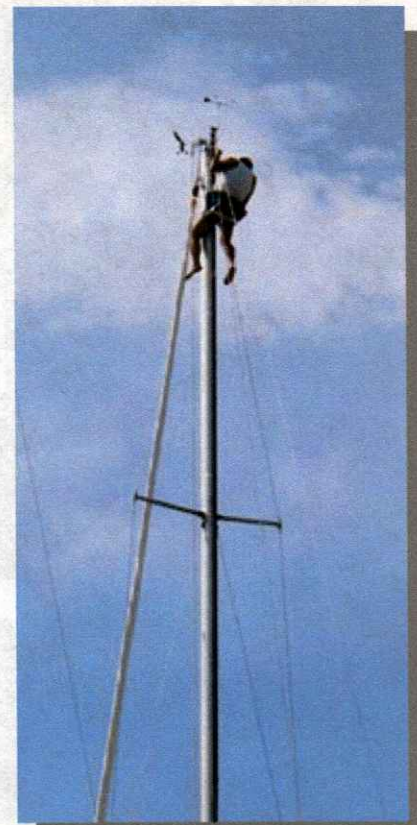


AND ON SATURDAY RAFTMASTER NORM WELCOMED TWENTY SIX BOATS TO MILL CREEK AND THE SPENDID SALSA SUNFLOWER. BROAD ARROW, CERULEAN, MERIDIAN, DARK STAR, LOON, HIGH ADVENTURE, TALISMAN, LAST RESORT, DAPHNE, RUSTY RIG, SEABORNE, ASAPE, AVALON, TARWATHIE, ARABESQUE, BONKERS TWO, PAVANE, SAN SOUCI, CARPE DIEM, FREE FLIGHT, BEAUTIFUL DREAMER & SAVOIR FAIRE FROM OUR C.B.C. AND OUR GUESTS; SANTORINI, ATLANTIS, DREAM CATCHER, & CATS PAW FROM THE TARTAN CLUB.

It took about 8 tries to get SEABORNE's anchor set, and the rest weren't much easier, but with the aid of Dick Boecker, Jr. Norm had both sides of the raft together in Bristol Fashion and closed up the ring shortly after five. Norm and Sandra assigned names to everyone.. and soon there was a real over-the-lifelines scramble to find a proper partner! Mork found Mindy, Superman his Lois, Sonny his Cher, etc. It was a wonderful way to meet and greet everyone. We were all delighted to see the Schwings visiting aboard DARK STAR, and enjoyed meeting the Tartan Club visitors. After everyone had thoroughly mixed it up, the Salsa feast began.. with Adam's big power boat and the Tartan Club's DREAM CATCHER as party boats. The dishes ranged from gently hot to truly **fiery** and the choices were fantastic. People feasted on the gourmet goodies and washed the fire away with some of the three Fantastic Frozen Margaritas that kept coming forth from below. PAVANE's blender was working overtime.. as John Hills made more batches of his "Love Potion #9", a sort of robins egg blue concoction.. that wowed everyone. It was a great afternoon and dinners in the cockpits went on until the moon and stars were shining above. It was a wonderful night for sleeping and the raft came slowly to life on a beautiful sunny morning. Prizes were awarded for the neatest getups.. Beryl Flynn and her hot pepper pants and shirt, Daphne for the CBC Pinata, Helen and Al Powell for their Strawberry Salsa, and the earlier mentioned Love Potion #9. Our host boats were presented with a token of our appreciation and we all gave our raftmaster the round of applause he richly deserved.. and Sandra too! Whatta Party !

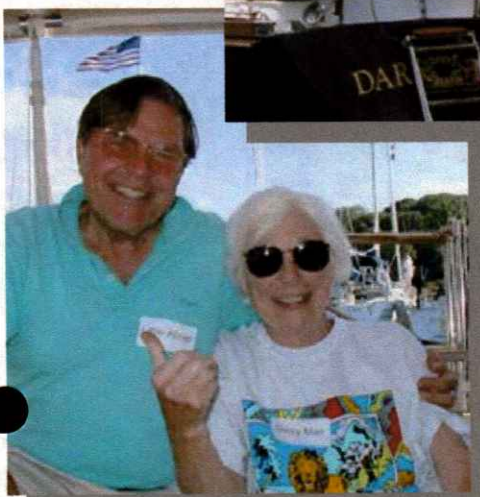


Here are a few of the pictures of the great Sunflower party. We'll publish some more when we get the ones that Bruce (atop CERULEAN's mast) at left, and Tom (atop MERIDIAN's mast) at right. An award for the most masts went to CATS PAW, a lovely 1966 Tartan 26' ketch (yawl?). The awards for least # of mast should have gone to Adam Canalungo, and to to Joel Gross, who purred (new Honda outboard) up to the raft in his dinghy! Tom was at a family wedding. AGAPE made the party in spite of a bad e-mail mixup. Glad they made it. Warren Johnson was crewing on ARABESQUE, as Pat Hills was off with "the girls" for a weekend. DARK STAR was loaded with people.. all the Schwings and a couple of Mellington nieces.. one of whom had just given her valedictorian speech at high school graduation and has won a four year scholarship to UVA ! Wow! She's pretty too! The raft came apart faster than it went together, but, under Norm's direction, everyone got away with no trouble at all! Some anchors hadn't hooked very well, but with 26 out all was okay.



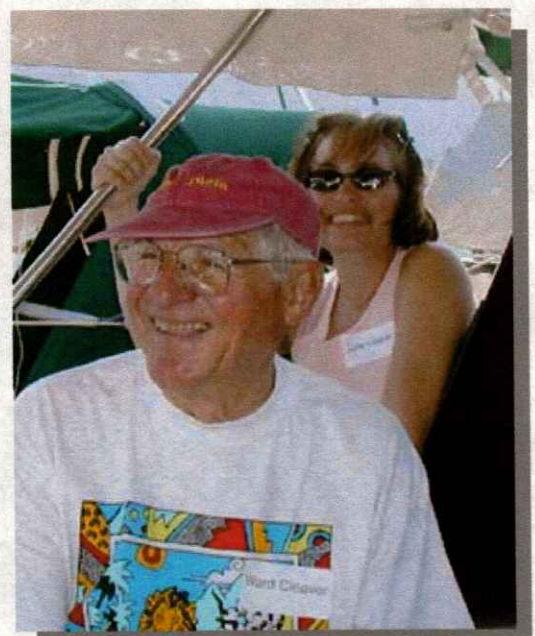
Jackie Turner found a great place for a nap in the morning breeze while the folks convened next door.

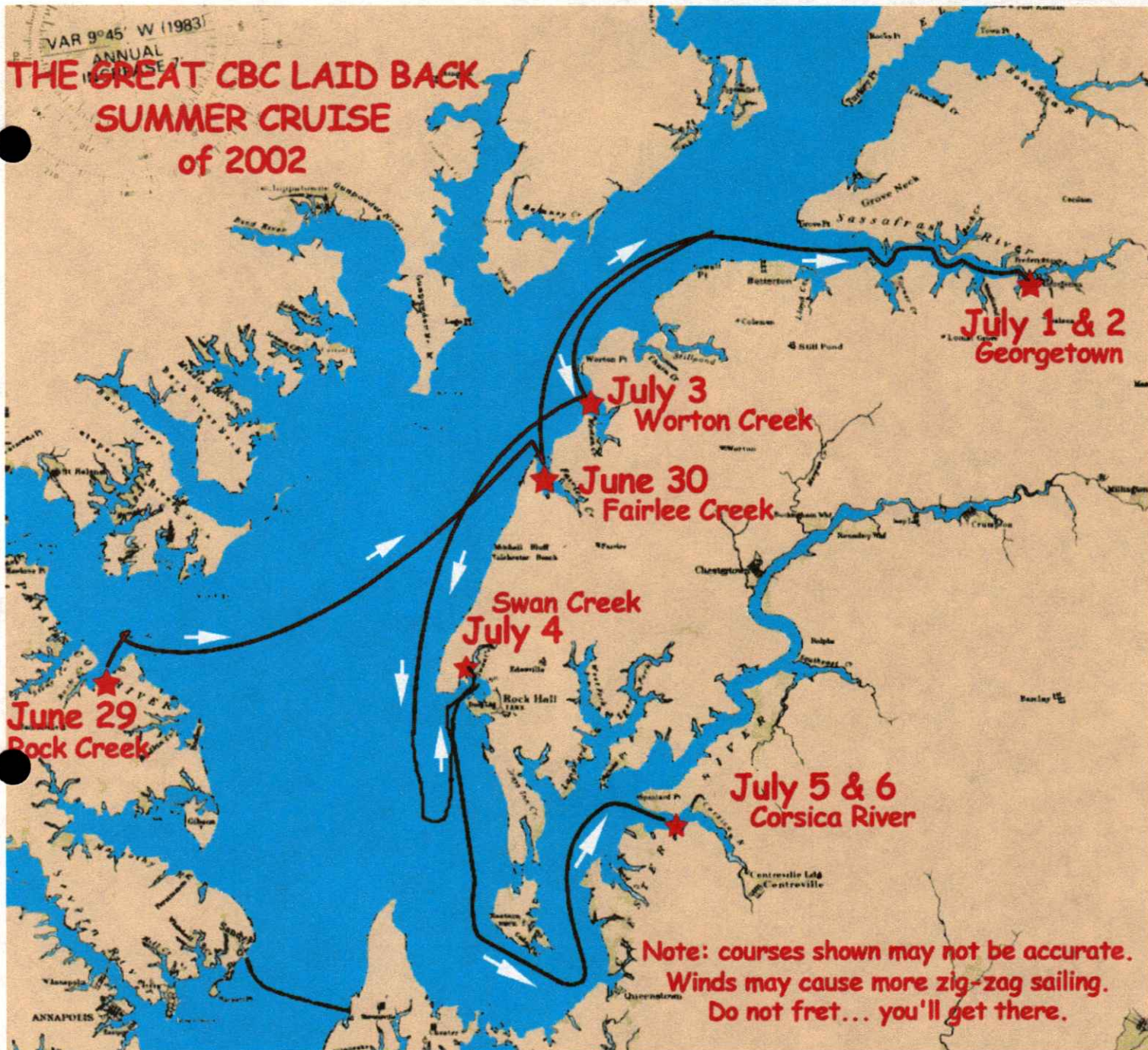
Here are two of the pairs of the great Mix-Match event. Below you see June



and Ward Cleaver, and to the left are Li'l Abner and Daisy Mae. There will be an album out later of all the funny pairs..

Note Ned's patriotic hair-do.





This cruise promises to be a real goodie ! We guarantee a few evenings of dining out, some fireworks, some great camaraderie, lots of fun, but we cannot guarantee the direction, speed, or even "if" of the wind. You'll just have to take your chances! Come one come all, the More the Merrier ! The cruisers should all monitor channel 9 so anyone wishing to join in in mid-cruise can get in touch and make connections.

On July 4th we will rendezvous in Swan Creek. The cruisers will try to get there early and get a good spot before things get crowded. On the 6th we will cruise up the Chester River to a cozy anchorage in the beautiful Corsica. **WE ARE SORRY TO REPORT THAT LANKFORD BAY MARINA IS ALL BOOKED UP BY TWO OTHER BOAT CLUBS, SO WE HOPE EVERYONE WILL JOIN THE CRUISERS IN THE CORSICA FOR A BEAUTIFUL LONG WEEKEND.**

The Commodore's Shore Party July 27 & 28
at 800 Oak Lane, Annapolis
on Whitehall Creek

On Saturday the Cocktail Flag is officially raised at 1600, but the Commodore is not formal about such matters. Ice will be plentiful.

The Water Taxi will monitor VHF Channel 8. (call for Night N' Gael), dial 410-626-7910, or toot an air horn.

Lighting of the grills will commence at 1700. Bring your own chef's hats and aprons, your grillable of choice and please bring a favorite summer dish or dessert to share.

Come ashore on Sunday at 0830 and bring your breakfast and something to share. Plenty of coffee will be on tap. The water taxi will make its first run at 0815.

See the next page for directions by land and sea to the home port of this beautiful HIGH ADVENTURE

HOW TO REACH THE COMMODORE'S PARTY BY LAND OR BY SEA.

Whitehall Creek Approach

R "2 W" to R "4" 43 MAG

R "4" to G "5" 30 MAG

G "5" to R "6" 300 MAG

R "6" to G "7"

G "7" to R "8"

R "8" to Amberly 360 MAG

14th pier on port, across from Whitehall Yacht Yard

Dingy dock on north side of pier.

To the Party by Land Yacht

To Amberly from Washington:

50 East past Annapolis exits and cross Severn River Bridge

Exit 29A: "St. Margarets, Route 179, Cape St. Claire Road"

Right at stop sign onto St. Margarets Road (route 179)

First left (sharp) onto Holly Drive- takes you into Amberley

To Amberly From Eastern Shore:

50 over Bay Bridge, Exit Exit 29: College Parkway, "St. Margarets, Route 179, Cape St. Claire Road"

Left at stop sign onto St. Margarets Road (route 179)

Cross over route 50 to 4-way stop

After stop, first left (sharp) onto Holly Drive which winds into Amberley.

To 800 Oak Lane in Amberly :

Follow Holly Drive North 1.1 miles to curve to the right

Turn left on Oak Lane at the beginning of the curve

Park and party on the right

NANCY WARNER & BOB LEHNER HAVE PUT CALISTO ON THE HARD FOR THE SUMMER AND ARE ON THEIR WAY BACK TO THE BAY AREA. THEY HAVE FOUND AN APARTMENT FOR THE SUMMER AND ARE THRILLED TO BE ABLE TO STAY IN ONE PLACE WHILE THEY GET THEIR AFFAIRS AND STUFF IN ORDER. HOPE TO SEE THEM AT SOME OF OUR EVENTS.

BONKERS TWO WILL MAKE EVERY ATTEMPT TO JOIN THE CRUISE THIS YEAR, BUT YOUR EDITOR ASKS THAT THOSE WHO GO TAKE NOTES ON ALL THE DOINGS AND SEND ANY PICTURES THEY TAKE TO THE NEWSLETTER SO THAT EVERYONE WILL SEE JUST WHAT THEY MISSED.

NAVIGATION INFORMATION... REAL-TIME

The Maryland Port Administration is expanding their electronic and weather monitoring system for the Bay. This work is being implemented by NOAA which has put the system in eight ports in the USA. The system is called PORTS (Physical Oceanographic Real-Time System) and will give data on water depth, currents, wind speed, fog and other conditions. The neat thing is that recreational boaters (us) can get access to this information by calling 866-247-6787.... for free !