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THE WEATHER REPORT was not very encouraging before the Memorial Day weekend, but lots of folks made their way to Granary Creek for our annual Eastport/CBC Wye Island celebration. On Friday night several early birds arrived and gathered for a fun happy hour. SAVOIR FAIRE, RHYTHM, and WACAJO were there on station as the day dawned a bit overcast, and not particularly breezy. All sorts of craft



arrived: Eastport Yacht Club rafts formed, some guests from the Magothy River Sailing Association, and 13 CBC craft. The smallest was WIND DANCER, nestled near the dinghy dock, to CERULEAN, the largest, near the entrance to Granary Creek.. There was a Boecker family raft of RUSTY RIG and DAPHNE, and we were informed that they had a total of 10 people aboard the two boats. Lots of lovely young ladies. PAVANE dropped a hook far up the creek to make Cleo's shore trips simpler and TARKA was in the center of an

Eastport raft. ACOMES tied alongside the Reinholds" RHYTHM, near

Friday Happy Hour aboard RHYTHM

HIGH ADVENTURE, and BELLA VITA and BONKERS TWO rafted together and completed our CBC fleet. We had a visiting boat for a while.. RAVEN, another of the Boecker Clan Fleet, with Chip at the helm. (We remember him





Saturday Night Cookout

when he was just a little squirt.) A few folks dined aboard on Saturday night, but lots of dinghies shuttled folks ashore to take

advantage of grilles and enjoy their suppers on land. Joel Gross and Tom Finnin drove to the party as

well as Al & Helen Powell, and George and Clary Thomas On Sunday morning a group of dinghies gathered together awaiting instructions for the Wet & Wacky Dinghy races.. but for some reason the people in charge never made it to Granary Creek. Not daunted, several volunteers stepped up to officiate, and the usual rubber-ducky-dodgem-splashemdonnybrook ensued, complete with moving turning mark! A challenge for all. Laughter was the order of the morning.

HIGH ADVENTURE and CERULEAN left the anchorage on Sunday morning to sail home to chores that awaited. We missed them!

The games started promptly at 1:00 and before the games closed there had been 20 teams of contestants trying their hands (and feet) at such wild tests of balance and skill as Walking-The-Plank, Roping-the Piling (a skill we would all do well to improve)Discus Throw, Tennis-Ball-Toss, and Volley-Ball Dunk (with one foot planted in another box) Peggy Carey



Carol tosses a mean toilet seat!

was a real champ at this one. The weather was wonderful; overcast, but cool. The rum punch was very welcome in preparation for and after the exertions of the games.

All afternoon we had been enjoying the marvelous aromas coming from George's Barbecued chicken and by 5:00 the 25 foot buffet table was laden with an incredible array of salads, vegies, dips, and cookies, cakes, pies....Oh, gracious! What a sumptuous feast. The awards ceremony was held with hoots, hollers and cheers.. and thank-yous for all the volunteers that made the weekend go so smoothly.

Rob and Carol Greve of the EYC did a great job of coordinating their end.and Bill Sieling was very helpful at the advance planning meetings as well as lugging all the games material to the Wye. Fayla & Ned Sherrer and Logan Hottle helped



Our Commodore surveys the field . .

coordinate with the EYC and PAVANE toted the croquet set to the island. Will and Logan Hottle did a great job of painting and stringing the medals, and attaching the logos printed out by Ted Reinhold. Very impressive indeed. The cleanup proceeded with dispatch and soon you'd never know we had been there.

Tom Finnin and Joel Gross, Tom Carey, Frank Arsenault, Ruth and Dick Boecker, Sandra and Norm Bogarde, and Carol and Warren Johnson. helped run the individual games:

Everyone was enjoying the socializing so much that Bingo drew no takers. I think we were all just too full of the marvelous food..

Lineup for the Lariat toss & judge. . . The CBC members that survived the O-Limp-Ics gathered for a portrait on the lawn. Note the tall guy

in the middle with a large bottle of aged rum. That was Hunter Kennard's award for being the oldest sailor at the gathering, beating out his closest competition by only 3 months.

The night was cool and great for sleeping.. so good, in fact, that Will and Logan awoke to find their keel firmly planted in the bottom.. a not unusual condition for ACOMES, but a little pulling and hauling and they soon hung on their own hook.. free at last!

The trip homeward was in a gray drizzle, but the afterglow of the weekend was warm and fuzzy and the memories great.

'Til Next Year!



The Whole **Darned Crew**



On July 3, 2004, join the CBC at the Lankford Bay Marina in Davis Creek for fun, food, friends fireworks and Fourth

Wend your way up the Chester River early on July 3 to Davis Creek off Lankford Bay. to the anchorage near the Lankford Marina. The raftup/party will start at 4:00 p.m. The host boat will be Paul & Marge Kavanaugh's BROAD ARROW which will be on a mooring and you can call them on Channel 9 for their location or reach them by cell phone: 703 568 2804

At sundown, on the 3rd, Rock Hall will fire off their fantastic fireworks. We can take the Rock Hall Trolley to town to see the show, or perhaps go to town earlier for dinner in town as well as there are many good dining spots in Rock Hall. There are three scheduled pickups from the Marina and three returns.

The only dinghies the marina will allow at their dock are from those boats on moorings. They simply don't have the room for a gang of dinghies. Everyone who wants to go to Rock Hall should dinghy pool to BROAD ARROW and we can run sort of a shuttle ashore. Paul's dinghy must be the only one left there. If anyone wants to join the group by land yacht, Paul will come in and pick you up. You can ask the marina to call BROAD ARROW on Channel 9 or reach Paul by cell phone.

By Water Craft to the Party!
Go up the Chester River to Langford Creek At C7, bear left toward R2
There is only one marina on the south shore
The Marina is @ 39 07 00N, 75 10 31 W
Monitor channel 9 for information or changes.
If you would like a mooring or slip, call the Marina at 410 778 1414

By Land Yacht to the Party!
From Chestertown, take Route 20 toward Rock Hall
Do not turn on Lankford Bay Rd.
Turn left on Edesville Rd.
Go straight at the stop sign
Follow Route 288
When the road splits, go left on McKinleyville Rd.
Follow the road to the end to Lankford Bay Marina

There are lots of other spots to visit on the 4th to relax after our celebrations, and we can all decide on that locale before Happy Hour on the 3rd. If you can't join til the 4th, just check in on Channel 9. Who knows? We may just want to stay put!

A SMALL BUT SUPERB SUMMER CRUISE

Prospective members David and Paula Frankel had anchored PRIMROSE and spent the night in Broad Creek. Our cruise started on Tuesday morning when we (Carol and I



PRINCESS PAULA ON PRIMROSE

aboard RHYTHM) met the Frankels in the Magothy. We motor- sailed and then sailed with a light breeze to Fairlee Creek. We negotiated the twisting entrance without incident and were surprised to find only *one* boat in the anchorage. We have never found that location so empty. Later in the afternoon, CHANTEY came in and Joel and Tom rafted with us. We had an enjoyable Happy Hour and

laid out the general course of the next few days heading for Havre De Grace..

The next day, we motored into the Sassafras and picked up moorings at Georgetown. Later afternoon a deluge spoiled the plans to go ashore for dinner. However, after it stopped, I did get in the dinghy and dropped off dessert in the form of girl scout cookies and mints for dessert to CHANTEY and PRIMROSE..

On Thursday, the visibility was poor due to the excessive humidity, however we motored to Havre De Grace. Although the channel looks narrow on the chart, it is quite wide and well marked. We had no problem.

After docking in tight places at the Tidewater Marina, we ventured into town. Carol and I first visited a very large antique mall which is housed in the old cannery building. Next we stopped by the Christmas shop which is one of the largest Carol has ever seen. As we meandered thru town, we met Joel and Tom who were looking for restaurant possibilities for dinner. Also, Paula and David came down the street and stopped at the Christmas shop. On the way back

to the boat, Carol and I stopped at the Ice Cream store for a welcomed root beer ice cream float in the 88 degree, 90% humidity afternoon. We returned to the boat when a severe thunderstorm passed through the area. We had happy hour aboard PRIMROSE (see picture). The next day we motored



HEY, WHO TOOK THIS PICTURE?



"MMMMM GOOD!"

Creek. The swimming was excellent.

The last night we had drinks aboard Rhythm as the sun went down in a hazy sky.

During the night, a cold front passed through and the wind shifted to the northwest which rocked our anchorage. In the morning, Joel and Tom headed for Mill Creek, Paula and David to Whitehall Creek, and Carol and I to the Magothy. We had a glorious sail...a reach and we peaked at times at 8.4 knots. The air was crystal clear and the wind was sustained.

After entering the Magothy, the Segermarks flagged us down. They had just sailed over from Rock Hall. Both of us anchored in Redhouse Cove and spent a very enjoyable evening and quiet Saturday night. We were the only sailboats. It was a good cruise.

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ON THE 15TH OF JUNE OUR DEAR FRIEND AND FORMER COMMODORE, JOE HEIDEL, SUFFERED A MASSIVE HEART ATTACK AT HIS HOME IN MT. AIRY. TWO DAYS LATER HE WENT THROUGH TRIPLE BYPASS SURGERY AND IS NOW HOME RECUPERATING.

THIS WILL BE A LONG PROCESS, BUT WE KNOW THAT EVERY DAY WILL BRING NEW STRENGTH AND THE ABILITY TO DO MORE AND MORE. WE HAVE BEEN ASSURED THAT HE EVENTUALLY EVEN WILL BE ABLE TO DIVE AGAIN.

ALL OF US AT C.B.C. SEND OUR LOVE TO JOE AND JAY AND OUR PRAYERS FOR A RAPID AND STEADY RECOVERY SO THEY MAY MOVE ON TO THEIR NEW LIFE IN FLORIDA.

Noel and Carol Patterson flew to Dover Memorial Day with cousins Anne and Rich Segermark to begin a 15 day Oceania Baltic Sea cruise. It must have been great and they did not have to navigate! They returned home June 15th, and we will look for them at CBC activities the rest of this summer,

Norm and Sandra Bogarde were in Atlanta attending to their newest Granddaughter. and helping their kids relocate into a brand new house.. All this with a brand new baby may be a pretty exhausting endeavor. Ever efficient Sandra was all prepared with precooked casseroles, etc., We're all looking forward to the snapshots.

PAUL KAVANAUGH HAS
BEEN AWAY FOR A BIT,
HELPING ADAM
CANALUNGO TAKE HIS
SEABORNE DOWN THE
ICW TO FLORIDA.
WE WILL MISS ADAM.
IT LOOKS LIKE WE WILL
HAVE TO START A NEW
CHAPTER DOWN IN
FLORIDA!

BELLA VITA and BONKERS TWO left Granary Creek on the Wye after our great gathering and headed South. The two craft hop-scotched down the Bay as far as the Poqueson River and the York, with one small detour to Cape Charles on the Eastern Shore.

Tom and Peggy Carey's WIND DANCER went all the way to Newport News, and then kept meeting up with the other two boats in such spots as Jackson Creek, Horn Harbor and Solomon's Island. For a wee boat she sure gets around. For the entire three weeks the weather was fantastic.. with threats of rain, but not on the two travelers, lots of good wind for sailing, cool sleeping, and just enough challenging mechanical and other problems to make life interesting. A pod of Dolphins dancing around the two boats was a real thrill. The two boats paid a visit to the Webers, who will be leaving soon to pick up GATSBY. Their Gretel is one amazing little pooch. The Kennards arrived in Whitehall Bay, June 17, with no engine just in time to anchor under sail as the huge storm hit, but limped home unscathed the next morning under sail with just a few short pushes of diesel. The Arsenaults are still at "sea" and hope to join us all over the Fourth of July as the finale of their long cruise.

A NOTE FROM KATHY LEWIS

If you aren't sailing this week and are looking for something else interesting and fun to do, one alternative is the annual Smithsonian Folk Festival, this year featuring Latin American music and dance, the country of Haiti, and right up our alleys --"Mid-Atlantic Maritime Culture" shortened in Smithsonian-speak to "Water Ways." For more info, see http://www.folklife.si.edu/festival/2004/index.html Folklife Festival.

I'll be volunteering at the Water Ways part of the festival on Sunday, so if you come to the Festival that day, please stop by and visit me there!

(Parking on the Smithsonian Mall can be difficult, but the Hamnetts and I have discovered that there are always nice shaded spaces available under the Ronald Reagan Building, right off 14th Street between Constitution and Pennsylvania Avenues. Special event parking there is usually available for \$7 on weekends.)

THE REPORT ON THE WHITE ROCKS RENDEZVOUS WILL BE IN YOUR NEXT NEWSLETTER, COMPLETE WITH PHOTOGRAPHS.