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It was a rather gray and dismal day when several Bristol boats headed up Eastern Bay to the Miles River. Paul Kavanaugh's BROAD ARROW tried several times to enter Leeds Creek.. but narrowly escaped grief and PRIMROSE, close behind, wasn't interested in putting her keel in the bottom. Joel had promised that it was easy to get in, but these two, in a radio conference, decided to move over to the cove north of the Maritime Museum, and Paul dropped anchor and called others to join him there. PRIMROSE followed. L. B. QUEEQUEG was having a bit of propulsion problems on the way over, and CHANTEY hovered nearby to make sure things were doing well. Just as the four were heading for St. Michaels, LAST RESORT & SUMMER SONG, sailed up in the drizzle.. and, seeing the other craft heading out of Leeds, decided to head back up the way and sped a cozy night in Shaw Bay on the Wye. Six boats got in some nice sailing, but the small party spent a quiet night in the rain in St. Michaels harbor. George and Clary had a wet, bumpy trip back to Whitehall Creek, shepherded closely by Joel and Tom, but happy retirees Marge and Paul stayed over Sunday night and had a beautiful sail home on Monday.



Once again the weatherman gave us dire warnings... rain, thunderstorms, and the usual August stuff. The winds on the Bay were pretty impressive and those who sailed had a great time. Many folks just had to go around the corner or down the creek to reach the spot where Norm and Sandra Bogarde and Paul and Marge Kavanaugh had established the baseline for our sunflower. Norm was busy with his marvelous yellow line and every boat did a great job of snugging into its appointed space. Our raftmaster was sure that we would only have about 9 boats, so he adjusted the angles accordingly, but lo, and behold, thirteen boats arrived to join the twosome and the circle was closed at 4:30 with a very tight squeeze as BROAD ARROW was winched into place. There were fifteen anchors out and we dared Mother Nature to blow us around !To the port of SAVOIR FAIRE were RHYTHM, L. B. QUEEQUEG, WHIPPERSNAPPER (??? !) BONKERS TWO, LITTLE STAR, and SUMMER SONG. To the starboard were AEOLIA, DARK STAR, DAPHNE, ACOMES, ALLELUIA!, LAST RESORT, and CHANTEY.... and BROAD ARROW completed the circle. It was great to see Mal and Louise in their lovely DARK STAR. They have been so busy reworking and adding to their shoreside house that they have had little time to enjoy time on the Bay. They are back into their new house now and doing some last decorating jobs, but they both look relaxed and are loving their new life. Some other retirees there were Dick and Linda Lewis and brother Andy

Lewis, all up from Fort Lauderdale where they are living the good life. Linda was having a ball "kayaking" around in a tiny yellow blowup boat as folks jockeyed into their places. WHIPPERSNAPPER is the temporary name for the replacement for WACAJO. Warren and Carol Johnson have a marvelous Morgan 35, and they were out on their maiden voyage! Aren't they going to have fun ! The Kennards had son Peter from NYC as guest for the weekend, and the only 4 footed member was Relay on ACOMES. The lovely white 38.8, LITTLE STAR belongs to Annette and Jim Philpott, new members who joined us for their first rendezvous with the CBC in the new boat they got last December, What a delight to see Noel Patterson clambering about with his two new knees! His operation was very successful and he both looks and feels great, and he was able to really enjoy an active tour of the Baltic earlier this summer..Three party crasher swimmers appeared in the center of the raft from "Singles on Sailboats", perhaps just curious or looking for free beer. Raftmaster Norm called us all to order about 1700 and suggested that we prepare ourselves for the blue dessert contest aboard AEOLIA Great



blue outfits, balloons, streamers, flags, and glitter adorned the boats and crews. Some real bluesy music emanated from the cockpit of WHIPPERSNAPPER and by golly! The Blues Brothers appeared. Carol and Doc were astonishing with their black suits and hats, sideburns and knuckle "tattoos" Joel Gross was a real "Bluenose" and Tom Finnin a true "Bluebeard". Soon some very imaginative goodies were passed around for serious snacking and judging. There were blueberry flecked beverages, two kinds of potent blue jello "shooters" blue cheesecake, a heart cake with blue icing & decor, a blueberry "flag" pastry, blueberry muffins (see photo).... all tasty. When we had all eaten our fill and voted,

Norm treated us to a musical quiz.. "Name That Tune." We turned out to be a pretty savvy group and shouted out the names so fast it was hard to tell who was first! Sandra handed out blue prizes



for each tune. .. and when Norm had no more songs to sing he tested our mettle with a blue trivia contest. My goodness, we are a noisy group! At sundown Richard Gilbert asked us all to recite the pledge of allegiance and set Mill Creek reverberating with a blast from his carbide cannon. After the party the Blue Moon (of once-in-a---) rose over the trees... actually a large yellow globe of a moon... and everyone clambered over the lines back to their boats. Those who hadn't eaten before dessert, had their suppers, and all settled in for a rather hot night. The upwind boats were okay, but the two sides had no breeze at all. Morning was just lovely! overcast, but refreshingly cool with a slight breeze and truly amazing for August first..TALISMAN arrived late the night before as the Flynns were tooting their horns in a concert, and Beryl paddled over to join us for the awards ceremonies.The awards ceremony hosted by our



raftmaster began with an award for the elegant lady, Logan. The Blues Brother were hands down winners for originality etc. Louise Mellington with her blue hair, and fingernails our loveliest, and Bluebeard, our "smurf" the blue gentleman. The decorated boat went to "the Blue Plate Special" aka BONKERS TWO. Shirley and Hunter also lucked out and received the "door prize" bowl of cheer:: an assortment of beverages from pale to deep blue and of course Pabst Blue Ribbon... Louise Mellington's Blueberry Pizza,a truly yummy treat, won the dessert contest.

Our grand finale was the announcement by Sandra that it was Norm's 64th Birthday and there followed a dreadfully off key rendition of Happy Birthday by the assembled crews, followed by a rather grim chantey from CHANTEY ... happy birthday, happy birthday, uuungh!. Norm said he was happy to run the sunflower as long a people come! Bring your buddies next year. It was a grand party!

As the raft began to pull apart and folks left, the rains came. Wasn't that something?
Not a drop 'til the party was all over.
p.s. Richard Gilbert got himself up to the spreaders on ALLELUIA ! and took a picture of us from above... If it comes out and I can get a hand on it, it will be in your next newsletter.



WHIPPERSNAPPER

**The Blue
Birthday Boy and his Beautiful
Blue Bride**



Photos courtesy Ted Reinhold, the Johnsons., and Sandra Bogarde

*Early this past Saturday morning
Natalie Boecker's Mom passed away .
She died peacefully at home with Natalie
at her side, just as she had wished.
All of Dick and Natalie's friends in the
CBC send their sincere condolences, in the
knowledge that grief will eventually pass
and all of the happy memories will
remain with them forever.*

On Saturday night, by the light of the moon, TALISMAN made a circle around the Blue Sunflower, and then moved to the other side of the creek and dropped their hook. They had been unable to get to the raftup on time as B & B were both tooting their horns with their local band at a big band festival. They performed at 5:00 so just couldn't make it on time. The next day Beryl learned that Noel Patterson also played in a band (his from Annapolis) and had tooted his flute and fife also that day. It seems that they had been part of the same concert, but Noel had performed a solo with his band as well, only they were on the schedule at 1:00. By comparing notes they discovered that there were 5 wind players who were in both Noel's band and the Flynn's band!

This world is certainly small!

p.s. We could hear Bill doing a bit of trumpet practice from across the water. Beryl has been playing wind instruments since she was a kid, but for Bill this is a new experience. With a wee bit of time, he's sure to be a pro as well.

NEWS AND

John and Mary Ann McLaughlin have a new residence close to their new LIGHTFOOT. They now reside at: 1035 I Spa Road Annapolis MD 21403

John Hills had a spot of surgery recently, but Warren Johnson reports that everything is benign and he should be back in fine fettle soon. We wish him well!

NOTES

Here is a tale from the Spring Cruise that is an example of the wonderful things we see in our travels on the Bay. Joel Gross and Tom Finnin had anchored CHANTEY off the beach at Worton Creek and were settling down for the evening, when they spotted a bald eagle, an adult, landing in a tree just about 75 yards from them. She chattered.. and then was answered by some immature chattering and the delighted cruisers spotted the young bird who was bigger than his momma!

The adult eagle took off and swooped down on an Osprey that was carrying a fish. The Osprey, prudently, dropped the fish. The juvenile took off and got the fish and returned with it to the beach close to CHANTEY. Mom eagle dropped in too and there was a big fuss over the prize.

Meanwhile a stately Blue Heron had been slowly stalking along the shallows and he just kept striding along 'til he came within three feet of the squabbling birds. He stopped and just stood there watching for twenty minutes!

The young bird finally had enough and flew away, Mom took the fish and flew away, and only then did the watching Heron turn and walk away.

CHANTEYS crew was transfixed for forty five minutes! Wow ! What an experience !

The Bay Ridge Community Club House, on Lake Ogleton has been refurbished and is now back in business !

so on Saturday, August 14, join us there for the 2004 Chesapeake Bristol Club

Social hour starts at 4:00. Crabs and accompaniments will be delivered at 5:00.



\$18.00 will entitle you to four very large male crabs, a quarter pound of shrimp (one bag), corn on the cob, cocktail sauce and butter, & tools of destruction (mallets, etc.)

\$14.00 brings you one half pound of shrimp (two bags), corn on the cob, cocktail sauce and butter, & tools of destruction (mallets, etc.)

\$10.00 for all kids under 12



Please Bring: your favorite beverages (including ice, if needed) and an appetizer, a side dish or dessert to share. The Club will provide plates, eating utensils, napkins, etc.

RSVP: Please e-mail Logan Hottle, lhottle@aol.com , or call her home phone: 410-956-1594 before Tuesday, August 10th.



Anyone who signs up for crabs, but does not make it to the event, will be asked to cover the cost, so the club does not have to cover it. (Sorry we have to say this, but we've been warned.....)

HOW TO REACH THE CRAB FEAST:

By land: Head East on Forest Drive (rt. 655) from Rt. 2 at Parole, through nine traffic lights at which time you will be on Bay Ridge Road. Pass the Bay Ridge gates and turn left onto East Lake Drive. Bear right and go 4/10 mile to the sign on the left for the Bay Ridge Civic Association Clubhouse. Turn in and you will find plenty of parking.

By "Sea": You will find the Lake Ogleton entrance NW of AH! (formerly Tolly Pt.) Be sure that the #1 & #5 Flashers stay lined up with your for and aft stays. Don't let the tide carry you out of the channel. Boats with 5' draft go in and out at all times with no trouble. Once inside bear to port and you will find plenty of room to anchor in good water. The Clubhouse is at the East end of the lake at the marina. Just dinghy in!

It will be a spectacular September.



Who said you have to labor on Labor Day.? We have no intentions of doing anything but enjoying the Chesapeake in our "Bristol" craft. The plans for the long weekend that will usher in the best weather of the year on our beloved Bay are somewhat flexible, but plan to meet in Aberdeen Creek off the South River on the 4th of September. From there it is a wonderful run across the bay to the Wye River where we crop our hooks just beyond Drum Point for happy hour, conversation, lazing around, swimming (provided the jellyfish stay away) and just messing about on our boats. On Monday we know some folks will have to go home, For those who plan to take time off after the long weekend, Will and Logan Hottle will be directing the fall cruise which will move from Drum Point toward the Choptank and the Little Choptank and lots of wonderful places in that big river and its

tributaries.

Who knows? The Canadas may be beginning to return to our neighborhood and there is something magical about their flights by the light of the moon. With a Captains Conference each morning by radio, Channel 9 at 0900, the day's itinerary will be determined and off we'll go. Toward the end of the week, however there is a special destination that you don't want to miss! The Chesapeake Bay Log Sailing Canoe Association under sponsorship of the Miles River Yacht Club, will be racing those fantastic water birds in the Miles River. This is a spectacle not to be missed ! The races will be held on September 11, and those folks who couldn't go on the cruise ought to come flyinf down to join the CBC cruisers. On Friday night we'll plan to anchor in Tilghman Creek and perhaps "boatpool" to the races on Saturday which will be held just off Long Haul Creek in the Miles River.



Approximately:

38-48-00 N

76-13-00 W

If you can't contact the cruisers by radio, give Logan a call by cell phone at :

410-693-9283

This is the loveliest time of the year on the Bay and the winds are usually good, consistent, and the terrible thunderstorms of mid summer are no longer a threat. It should be a great time for everyone !

See you there !

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW SO YOU WON'T FORGET THE ANNUAL OCTOBERFEST WHICH WILL BE HELD IN ALMHOUSE CREEK ON THE 25TH OF SEPTEMBER. JOEL GROSS AND TOM FINNIN WILL ARRANGE A TRUE GERMAN FEAST!