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## OUR SUMMER CRUISE FROM THE COCKPIT OF BONKERS TWO

**Monday**, a.m.: Off at last at 11:00 .. motoring to Dun Cove. The dredge in the channel on the East side of Knaps Narrows made passage a bit dicey. Finally rolled out the genny and wafted slowly up Harris Creek. Joined BELLA VITA for happy hour and dinner. Very tired, but still had to make bed.. ugh. Forgot to tie halyards..ugh. The windscoop was very welcome, but a light blanket also felt pretty good. Found a puddle on the cabin sole in a.m. Double ugh. Sitting in the cockpit we heard the water pump begin to run, and run, so we dove below to find a hose had dropped off the kitchen faucet below the sink. A new hose clamp took care of the leak, but it left a big watery mess to clean up.

**Tuesday**: Leisurely junket to Leadenham Creek, Little Owl Cove... truly lovely place. Our leader, Mickey Doran, Deb and Ken Coons, Peter and Margaret Madden (and Sam), the Kennards, the Arsenaults and Bruce and Janet George all gathered for happy hour on rafted up BONKERS TWO and BELLA VITA. It was hot but glorious weather and Peter and Sam took a great long walk ashore.

**Wednesday**: Headed up the Choptank toward Cambridge, poking along under the genny. As we had no need to go to Cambridge we followed BRISTOL CREAM into La Trappe Creek. Somehow we missed PAVANE , anchored in the first bight, and went on up around the bend to another cove. Decided to launch the dinghy and try out our motor. Worked well for a mile or so as we went back to visit PAVANE. BELLA VITA pulled in and dropped anchor nearby. Frank borrowed some stuff from Ned to check the wiring on his batteries.. delighted to find the test stuff on hand. We decide it is time to go and pull and pull and pull and pull on the motor. Dead as a doornail. Mickey had just pulled in and gave us an ignominious tow back up the river to Bonkers Two. SEA SCAPE came up to join us and enjoyed a great happy hour on BRISTOL CREAM. Mickey brought fresh blanched and chilled asparagus with salad dressing. Absolutely delicious!

**Thursday**: BRISTOL CREAM headed home. They were off to help bring a large power boat down from New England to the Bay... The sail from La Trappe through the narrows was lovely until the wind fizzled out so we motored into Oxford. A stop at Mears for ice where we found a neat young lady who put us in touch with Daryl from Campbell's Boatyard who agreed to pick up the reluctant outboard and give it a going over, flush the carburetor, etc and get us some clean fuel. Mickey thought it was a great idea and turned over his motor too. While awaiting the repairs we had lunch on the deck at Schooners. Ken and Deb Coons showed up a bit later with the sheepish admission that Deb had an unexpected bath and a subsequent shower which made them tardy for lunch. Deb had stepped backward off a finger pier and had a surprise dunking. They planned to celebrate their anniversary that night at the Robert Morris Inn. After the delivery of the two reconditioned motors we all headed up to Trippe Creek, which is indeed a lovely spot. Happy hour was on BELLA VITA with visitors from PAVANE, BONKERS TWO, SCUDDER and SEA SCAPE. We are still blessed with great weather.

**Friday**: Early start to Solomons. Really nice sail over to the Bay then wind on the nose. We could roll out the Genny for the leg from Little Cove Point to Drum point , then it was on to the pumpout station. A seven hour trip on another beautiful day . Solomon's was hosting a huge Beneteau rendezvous with tents and music and Beneteaus everywhere. BELLA VITA, BONKERS TWO, PAVANE and SCUDDER anchored



in Mill Creek, and behold!, there were OUR TIME and LIGHTFOOT who were attending the rendezvous. SEASCAPE and LOLIGO took slips that night. There was a long dinghy ride to Woodburns for milk (shaving cream for Hunter so he would look less grizzly) and a wet ride home against the wind. Found Hunter with a very painful burning face. He washed off the sunscreen and that seemed to calm it down. WHIPPERSNAPPER pulled in and brought along a Bristol 32 named BEACH PLUM. Owners Ned and Cornelia Harris are from Massachusetts, bought their boat in Florida, got as far as Solomon's, loved it and decided to keep their boat there. They both fly, so they can commute for sailing trips. They are our newest members, and we are delighted to have them aboard.

**Saturday:** Mickey provided a great "Sea Taxi" for a trip to breakfast at the Captain's Table. The Maddens, the HARRISES, the Kennards, the Arsenaults, the Johnsons, and Ned Sherrer. Fayla stayed on board hunting for her voice which she had completely lost. Frank Arsenault went all over Solomon's looking for a proper sized belt for his engine.. came up with a couple but nothing correct. After lunch we all headed out for the upper Mill Creek, where RHYTHM awaited us all for Happy Hour.

We set out for cocktails in our nice dinghy. The motor ran for five minutes happily, then quit. Much pulling and drifting.. and we conclude that it just won't cooperate without fuel. Of course the fuel can was still aboard BONKERS TWO. Mickey to the rescue again.! Got tow home afterward from Frank.

**Sunday:** Breakfast in the rain, while everyone else pulls out. BELLA VITA bids us all adieu and prepares for a trip further South with the predicted favorable winds. Frank and Sharon won't be back home 'til the Fourth of July!

We all had a very wet motor up to Vera's in St. Leonards Creek. We tied into a slip assisted by Mickey and Peter. BEACH PLUM tied up at the fuel dock. We had tea below with Peter and Margaret (and Sam), then a light lunch and a nap accompanied by a Brahms Violin Concerto on the radio. What a pleasant way to spend a rainy afternoon. The rain tapered off in time for our walk up to Vera's. The drama of Sam's exit and re-boarding of SEA SCAPE during an extremely high tide was something to behold! Ken and Deb Coons stayed in the marina in Solomons as they had discovered that their inflatable had become a submersible and needed repairs. They got a ride in with Frank and Nancy McCabe from Solomons. Doc and Carol came up river by dinghy, but the Sherrers, anchored at the mouth of the river, stayed snuggled in, while Fayla nursed her ailing voice. Dinner not bad, but cocktails were terrible.

Rain all night long.

About 3 a.m. a noisy not-so-couth altercation occurred on an adjacent dock rousing most folks from a sound sleep.

**Monday:** The wind shifted to the West and the HARRISES bade us farewell and headed back to their slip. We motored up to Island Creek for lunch. and found that Stoneys was closed up tight. Ah well, crab cakes another day. The run into Solomon's was delightful as the wind was just right, and we anchored up Back creek. Bonkers Two was party boat and Mickey maneuvered SCUDDER alongside without pulling his anchor. This was a Chinese Fire Drill, but it did work. We had 13 aboard that night; the Coons, Doc & Carol, the Sherrers, the Maddens, the Reinholds, us and Mickey. Afterwards, slept like a log.

**Tuesday:** Hunter has no voice at all now. Pulled out of Back Creek about 8:00, rolled out the Genny at Drum Point and sailed to Fishing Creek on the Little Choptank in a big wind, arriving for a late lunch. It had been a wild ride, so it was BLT for lunch and a short nap. Hunter goes to bed, I do Boat chores. I hitch ride with Mickey to Happy hour on SEA SCAPE. and joined the Coons, the Reinholds, and hosts, the Maddens. Sam was most well mannered, but really coveted Mickey's pate. Found Hunter running a fever and got him to choke down a couple of aspirin and eat a light dinner. A big



wind gust from the North hit us in the middle of the night but after I heard six or seven “thunks” from the anchor roller I went back to sleep. All was well.

**Wednesday:** LOLIGO pulled out very early, reported terrible conditions and decided on Dunn Cove instead of home. We register 14 K from the North. H. is improved enough to shave off the stubble. We have a good breakfast, but ice is low. Hope it lasts ‘til we get home. The consensus was that we would remain where we are for another night. The Georges have rejoined us after their big delivery, saying they really appreciate their sailboat after 27 hours of diesel chugging and vibration. They hosted Happy Hour on BRISTOL CREAM III.

**Thursday:** Up early to head northward. BRISTOL CREAM III and RHYTHM headed for the West River and a dinner at Pirate’s Cove. BONKERS TWO headed for home in such a favorable wind and the Maddens kept plugging on up to the Patapsco. Mickey had to take over dog duty for Obie as Scott had an afternoon engagement. We got home about 2 in the afternoon, unloaded, cleaned up (ourselves, the boat could wait) and drove down to join the Georges and the Reinholds for dinner.



It was a lovely end to a great cruise.

Mickey and Peter were our wonderful shepherds and guardian angels on the trip and everyone had a really great time.

Ted Reinhold and Mickey don’t show up in any pictures here as they were the photographers, and did a great job.



### **On the Saturday after the summer cruisers returned home**

Mike and Marcia Nathans hosted a marvelous shore party at their home on Whitehall Creek. Not all the cruisers could come, but lots of other folks arrived to welcome them home and enjoy the great CBC company and the Nathan’s hospitality.

Bruce and Jane Raymond, Tom and Elinor Adensam, Peter and Margaret Madden, Mickey Doran, Rich and Anne Segermark, Ruth and Dick Boeker, Dick Jr. and Natalie Boeker, Dave and Wendy Hamnet, Ted and Carol Reinhold, Ned and Fayla Sherrer, Will and Logan Hottle, Mal and Louise Mellington, Al and Helen Powell, Dave and Rebecca Burka, Noel and Carol Patterson, George and Clary Thomas were the folks enjoying the afternoon on the Nathan’s waterfront lawn under the trees. Rebecca Burka arrived late, directly from work. (cruisers Shirley and Hunter Kennard were away attending the high school graduation of their grandson.)

Al and Helen Powell were telling everyone that their AVALON was being crated up for its trip to San Diego, California where they will join it shortly. They bought a house quickly during their investigatory trip out west and were looking forward to becoming Californians. We shall miss them.

Mike and Marcia treated the folks who arrived by “sea” to a bountiful breakfast on Sunday morning. What a lovely way to finish the weekend.

**Thanks a million to our great Host and Hostess for a wonderful shore party.**





# Scenes from the 2007 Sunflower



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BILL FLYNN

MICKEY ON PARTY BOAT, RHYTHM

DIANNE AND DENNY THRASHER ON TROUVAILLE

CHANTEY WITH PALM TREE AND SHARKS

MARGARITAVILLE (RUSTY RIG)

BOB & PRUE KLOPP, MIKE NATHANS & NATALIE BOECKER

LOGAN & COMMODORE WILL HOTTLE

LOUISE MELLINGTON & CAROL PATTERSON

KEN & DEB COONS & SHIRLEY KENNARD

WINNING BOAT DECOR: RUSTY RIG

SUMMER SONG, DARK STAR, & PAVANE. WILL, LOGAN, AND REBECCA IN TAXI

COCKPIT OF LAST RESORT

SUMMER SONG WITH CAROL, FAYLA, & NOEL

RICH AND ANNE SEGERMARK

MARCIA & DRAFT-MASTER MIKE NATHANS

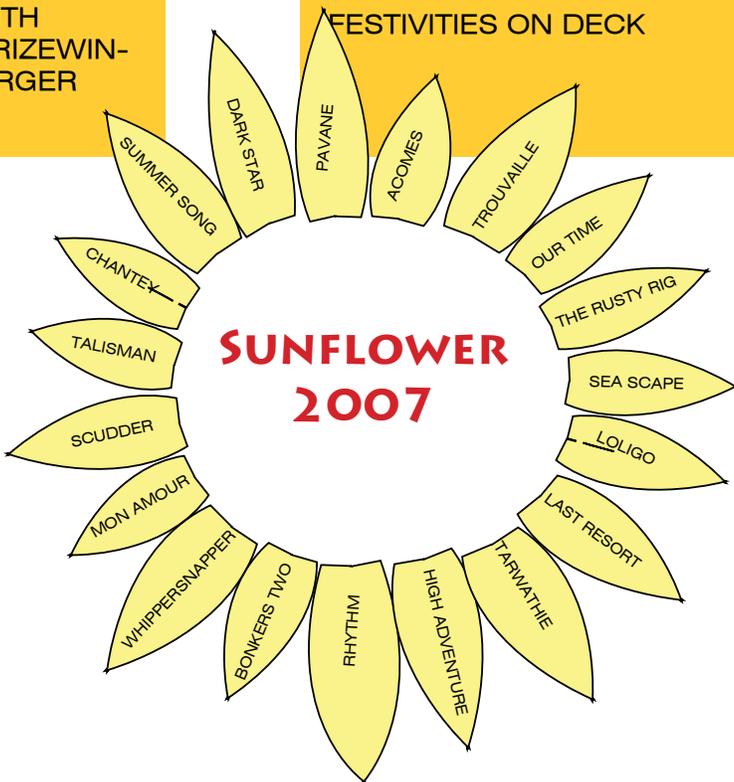
FAYLA & CLEO SHERRER

TOM TRUMP

DAVE BURKA, SON-IN-LAW, JOEL, THE COONS AND A GRANDSON

PARTY SCENE WITH LOGAN IN HER PRIZEWINNING CHEESEBURGER HAT

FESTIVITIES ON DECK



Cleo, Relay and Sam were our canine guests, and there were several two footed guests aboard too.

By 10:30 all was pretty quiet. The Boat drinks, margaritas, rum punches etc. done their work. It was a comfortable night and a very successful party.

Seventeen boats pulled into Mill Creek on the twenty third of June to find RHYTHM and ACOMES positioned and ready to receive them. RHYTHM was supposed to be the upwind boat, but somewhere in the initial setup the wind shifted 180 degrees so ACOMES ended up being the upwind boat. Under the expert directions of Mike Nathans on NIGT'N GALE, everyone snuggled in beautifully in the raft was closed at 5::00. SEA SCAPE was the last boat in, which is always the toughest to accomplish, and it **would** be the Maddens first sunflower!

The weather was glorious. The Margaritaville attire was spectacular, the food and drink was overwhelming! A masterful bit of lobbying won the food and drink award for TARWATHIE with their frozen Margaritas and "Damn Good Guacamole". Rebecca was aided by her son and three grandkids, really enjoying being on TARWATHIE.

RUSTY RIG won the best decorated boat, with their "Welcome to Paradise" sign and their Margaritaville License plate. Wow! Logan and Will took top honors in the costume contest with their cheeseburger hats. You have to know Jimmy Buffet songs to figure this one out!

Dick and Natalie Boecker ran the "name that Tune" contest and a multiple choice quiz for Parrotheads. Some boats were completely in the dark, and some folks really aced both contests.

Everyone shouted hello via cell phone to Ruth Boecker who was in the hospital that day, and sent a monster card to our forever raftmaster Norm Bogarde who is recouping from shoulder surgery.

Welcome our  
new Host  
and Hostess

You are invited  
to join your  
CBC friends at

*a Wine  
Tasting  
Rendezvous*

*Saturday, July 21, 2007*

*Polish up your palates !  
There are prizes for the most  
discerning tasters !*

*Hosts Dianne & Denny Thrasher  
will welcome you all at 4:00 p.m.  
aboard TROUVAILLE in Shaw  
Bay on the Wye River.*

*N 38° 51.30'  
W 76° 11.125'*

*This is the first time the Thrashers will host a gathering of the CBC. They have been coached by former hosts Ruth and Dick Boeckler, and have some goodie gifts for the winners. If you think you can attend send them an e-mail to <dianmet92148@yahoo.com> or call 410-778-5871.*

*They plan to sail to Shaw Bay on Friday and will then stay there until Monday and they hope some folks can join them for a nice long weekend.*

**Many thanks to everyone for all the cards, calls and e-mails.**

**Special thanks to Natalie & Dick for organizing that GIANT get well card at the Sunflower Raft-up; all the "creative" well wishes came at a great time.**

**The one-oared boat continues to circle . . .**

**Norm**



## **A SHORESIDE GATHERING AT THE KENNARDS ON RIDOUT CREEK, AUGUST 4, 2007**

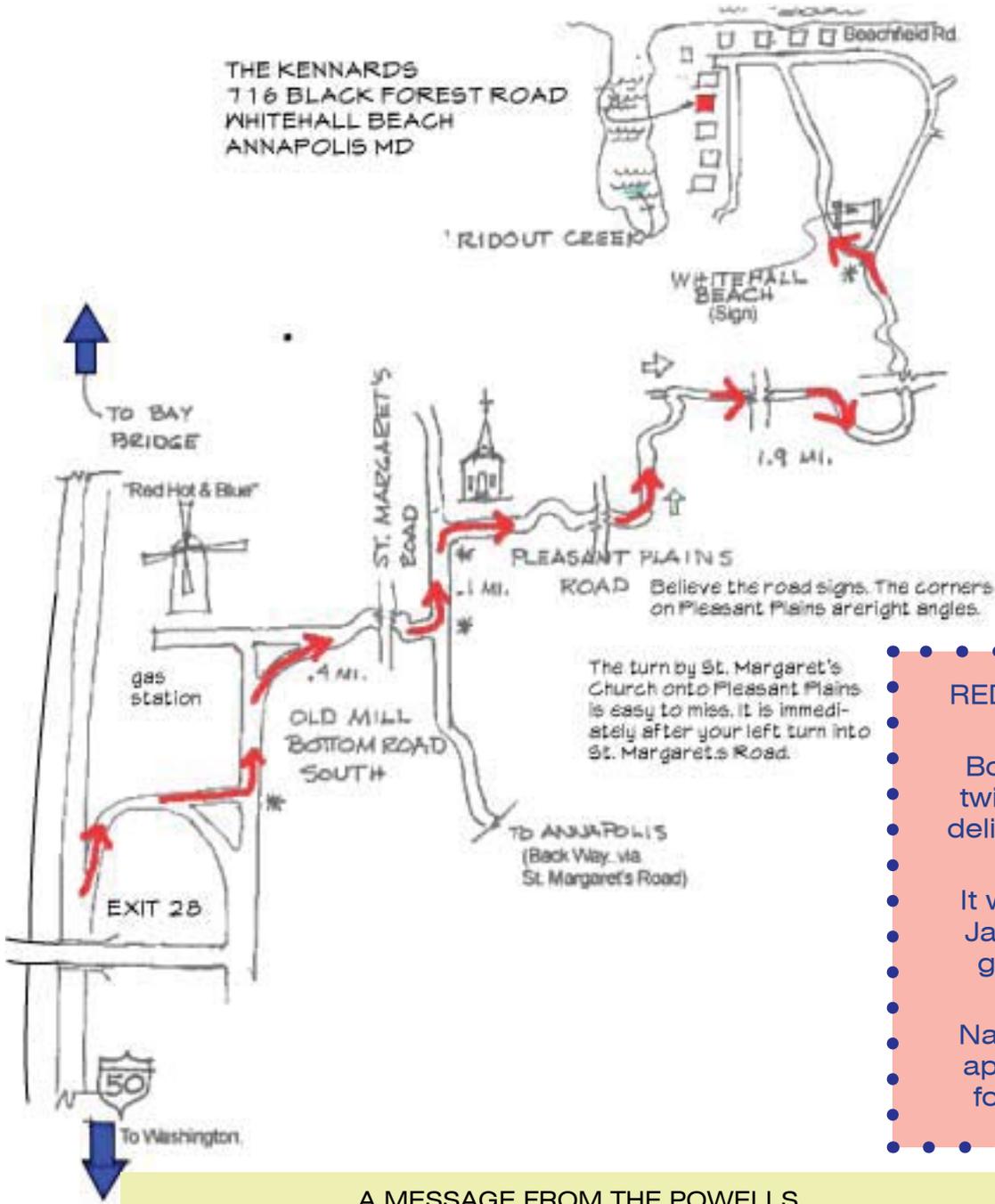
**COME BY SEA OR LAND TO 716 BLACK FOREST ROAD, WHITEHALL BEACH, MD AND JOIN THE FUN. BRING A GOODIE TO GRILLE FOR SUPPER AND A DISH TO SHARE, AND DON'T FORGET YOUR FAVORITE LIBATION. THE CBC WILL FURNISH ICE, CUTLERY, PAPER GOODS. AND GRILLES READY TO GO. THE PARTY WILL COMMENCE AT 4:00 P.M. 'TIL?**

**MAKE SURE YOU DO NOT CUT A CORNER ENTERING RIDOUT FROM WHITEHALL CREEK. LOTS OF GOOD WATER FOR ANCHORING, RAFTING ETC. OUR DOCK IS THE THIRD ONE ON THE SOUTH SIDE. LOOK FOR BONKERS TWO. THE DINGHY LANDING IS ON THE EAST SIDE OF THE DOCK AT THE BULKHEAD.**

**BOATERS ARE INVITED FOR BREAKFAST ON SUNDAY MORNING AT 9:00.  
MAP WITH DIRECTIONS FOR LAND YACHTS IS ON THE NEXT PAGE.**

THE KENNARDS  
716 BLACK FOREST ROAD  
WHITEHALL BEACH  
ANNAPOLIS MD

Here is the map to reach the Kennards via Land Yacht.



**RED FACE DEPARTMENT**

I reported that Allie Boecker was expecting twins and Ruth was just delighted! Natalie was not delighted at all!

It was not Allie, but Ellie, Jane's daughter, who is going to be the proud mom.

Natalie and Dick, please apologize to Allison and forgive my awful error.

**A MESSAGE FROM THE POWELLS**

We made it to California, and are now awaiting delivery of our furniture - supposedly Tuesday. Once Helen and I get our surfboards we will be official residents. Our new address is:

3543 Sterne St.

San Diego, CA 92106

619-795-8599 (connected some time next week)

301-325-4654 (cell number good for another month or so)

We have only been here two days, but I don't think we are coming back to MD to live. The weather here is great as you all know, and believe it or not, there is way less traffic than the DC area. Also, it is not nearly as crowded here - you can actually go to dinner on Friday night at 7pm and get a seat in a good restaurant. Not true in Bethesda.

"Just another day in paradise"

Al

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