



Chesapeake Catboat Association

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CCBA Annual meeting plays to packed house on Kent Island.

More than 50 CCBA members and guests attended the 2017 CCBA Annual Meeting, held on March 11 at the Kentmorr Restaurant and Crab House.

Commodore Steve Flesner thanked the overflow crowd and remarked that "CCBA Catboaters know a good place to eat when they find it! "This was the first meeting the group held at the Kentmorr Restaurant. The change of venue certainly accounted for an increase in attendance.

Flesner presented the 2017 calendar of events, shown below.

Greater details can be found at the Club's website.

Newsletter editor Ligibel asked the group to please, please send in story ideas. "We'll print almost anything...stories about new boats; old boats; voyages; people thinking about voyages; restaurant reviews; recipes. You send it, we'll print it."

For more on the meeting, see Page 2.

2017 CCBA Events

- Patuxent River Shootout – 5/27-28 Race 28th - Steve Flesner 410-586-8179
- Prospect Bay Race – 6/10 – Butch Miller 410-271-2540
- Corsica River Races – 7/21-23 - Rich McLaughlin 610-268-3780
- Mini Cruise & Catboat BBQ– August 4-6– Craig Ligibel 443-949-7707
- Great Whitehall Bay Race – 9/2-3 Race 3rd - David Morrow 410-757-1060
- Miles and Wye Rivers Long Cruise 2017– 9/17-23 Marc Cruder 410-987-9616
- Mid-Atlantic Small Craft Festival – 10/6-8
- Wye Wild Goose Chase – 10/14-15 - David Bleil 410-721-0375



New members and old enjoyed the time together to talk catboats... catboats ... catboats! Prrrrrrr.



Commodore's Corner

By Steve Flesner

Hey...if you missed it, you missed a good time! The CCBA Annual Meeting was a hit and the Kentmorr Restaurant and Crab House is definitely the place to hold it again next year. Scenic view of the Bay and we even saw a tanker go by and didn't have to worry about its wake! Thank you all for coming, great turnout, met new members, gave away valuable raffle prizes from used line to a re-gifted floating key fob to an unread book...I mean, we really went first cabin this time!!! Dave Park even donated a collection of CBA Bulletins that went back to the early 80's...long before I even knew what a catboat was! Special thanks to Guy Beckley who donated a pewter and brass drinking mug given as a trophy back in 1905



to the catboat *Nimble*. We are considering how it can be used as a perpetual trophy within CCBA. Of course I had a great idea, it could be the Commodores Cup...ok, so maybe it was just my idea!!

According to our Directory, we have approximately 73 members and of those, 30 also belong to the Catboat Association. If you don't, I urge you to check out their website www.catboats.org and see what they have. Between the CCBA and CBA, we cover the world of catboats. Our Newsletter and the CBA Bulletin keep you informed and entertained...what more could you ask for! I know what I can ask for...if you haven't paid your dues...please do so 'cuse if you don't...you are likely to sink off the rolls of the CCBA!



More CCBA Cat Tails....



Broad AXE Award to CCBA's Dave Park

CBA Awards Chairman Paul Cammaroto presents Dave Park with the Association's Broad Axe Award, presented annually to the member for his/her outstanding efforts in restoring "stray cats."

This prestigious award was given to Park last January for his life-long work in restoring catboats of all shapes and sizes...from an abandoned Mystic 20...to a older Herman '17...to a Herreshoff '18.

Well done, Dave!

New on board!

Please welcome these new CCBA members:

Frank & Linda Newton, Herman 17, Chester, Md.

Bruce Ogden & Jill Seagraves, Handy Cat 14, West River..

Kate Grinberg & Tim Kallman Marshall 22, Galesville, MD



The Newtons (left) chat with CCBA members.



The Parks and Kate & Tim.

Links worth a look:

- CCBA website: www.chesapeakecatboats.org
- Crew finder: Need crew? Want to crew? [Click here.](#)
- CCBA members map: [Click here](#) to see where CCBA members live/what boats they own:
- Catboat Association: www.catboats.org.



New Sails for Sale...

Sailmaker John Jenkins addresses the group. Jenkins was Loft Manager at USNA for 40 years. All of his sails are custom made. Maybe just what you need to win that next CCBA regatta. Check it out at: www.JenkinsSails.com.

Dominic “the Kid” Cammaroto goes to school...



This past summer I spent 1 week in Mystic Seaport at the Joseph Conrad Sailing Camp. Here, I had some of the best times of my life living, laughing, and learning with the other boys and girls that became my close friends. At the Conrad camp I met many different people of different cultural backgrounds, ethnicities, and states. After all, there were kids from as far north as New Hampshire and as far south as Florida. Everyday we tried something new as well as sailing around a set course and a few races. Campers would play games such as traveler tag where one camper is “it” and attempts to unhook any other campers sheet travelers to make them “it”. The boat of choice for the camp is the Dyre Dhow, a small, easy to control, maneuverable sailing dinghy. Our bunks and bathrooms were located on the Joseph Conrad, a Danish training ship for young mariners in the 1800s. Sleeping was exceptional on the Conrad, but, sadly, I chose the worst ventilated bunk. This was rare because every other bunk was well ventilated and easy to sleep in. I would definitely recommend this Camp to any young sailors anywhere looking to make friends, learn how to sail, learn how to sail better, and to have fun.—Dominic Cammaroto

For more information go to: <https://www.mysticseaport.org/learn/sailing/>.



Ligibel leads the fleet in a previous Elf Regatta.

Elf Regatta to feature several CCBA members...

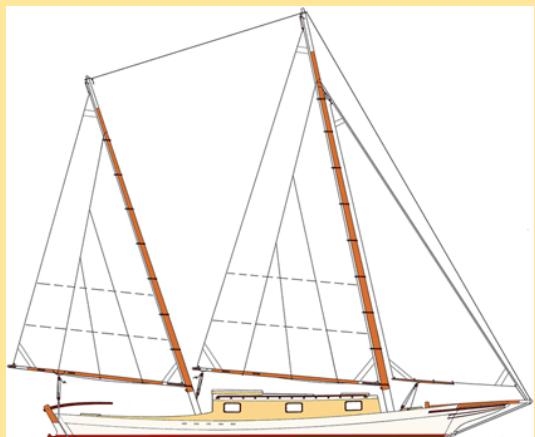
Mark your calendars for May 13...the date of the 7th Annual Elf Regatta. This fun race features a 'Le Mans' start with captains rowing out to their anchored boats. The fleet this year will include our own Mystic Wind as well as the Peter Kellogg-owned Silent Maid. The race benefits the Classic Yacht Restoration Guild which maintains the classic 1880's cutter. It's rumored that David Morrow will crew aboard Silent Maid and that Paul Cammaroto will be bringing his classic double ender up the Bay to participate. Come join the fun. It's a great race...with an even better party at the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum. Go to <http://www.cyrg.org/> for all the details.



New CCBA T-shirts a big hit.

A few remain in our locker! We have 1 indigo S, 1 lg indigo, 1 lg white and 1 lg sand and 1 lg lite blue Email [Steve Flesner](#) to get one (or two...or three!!) while they last. These great shirts are only \$25, which includes shipping!

Don't see your size or the color you like? Email [Craig Ligibel](#) and he will put you in line for the next order from the manufacturer.



To rake...or not to rake...that is the age-old question!

Here's is CCBA's Don Dunn's answer:

Don's instructions

On an old subject: about raking masts. What I did was to try three different rakings by adjusting my mast with the wedges provided. I first made certain the mast was plumb across the boat by using a bubble level and a jug of water and a plum bob from another dock. Then I raked the mast forward and sailed close hauled on opposite tacks noting the compass reading. I averaged the readings after several tries. I repeated the process with the mast plumb fore and aft and with the mast raked forward

toward the stern. This seems too simple to be accurate, but I noticed a definite increase in weathliness with the mast raked aft. By the way this also works on sloops. While doing this, the experimenter should not make any changes in the peak halliard because that also affects weathliness.

Send story ideas to Craig Ligibel. Win a CCBA T-shirt!!!

The first correspondent to submit a newsworthy story will receive a FREE CCBA t-shirt!!

Submit your stories today!! The next newsletter will publish sometime in June!

The Catboat Gourmet.... By Craig "I never met an oyster I didn't like" Ligibel



White Stone Oyster Company delivers succulent goodness right to your front door!

Located on Rappahannock River, White Stone Oyster Farm grows a world class oyster in terms of halfshell presentation, consistency, meat quality, and flavor. On the outside the oyster has a deep cup and a thick polished shell. Inside a, plump oyster fills the shell. Never any grit, mud or sand. White Stone oyster's more subtle flavors will change with the seasons, but the farm is strategically located to blend salty and sweet like only the Chesapeake can. Its firm meat makes it a very approachable oyster and its layered flavors excite even the most seasoned ostreaphiles.



The farm is structured to keep our oysters in constant motion. This continuous tumbling stunts bill growth, resulting in a deep and polished shell. Forcing the oyster to hold closed in waves leaves a very "fit", healthy oyster. Moving Oysters to the top of the water column gives them access to more abundant food sources, resulting in a healthier, cleaner oyster.



The farm has been extensively engineered to grow the best oysters possible, withstand the harsh Chesapeake weather, and improve the environment around it. In addition to filtering the water, having cages float rather than on the bottom, allows vitally important grasses, and natural oysters reefs to grow unimpeded. The farm is located just north of the Rappahannock River. This site was chosen for its great blend of sweet, fresh water, and strong salinity.



My wife and I ordered a 50-count bag for \$70. Shipping included. Yuuummm. These beauties are much like deep cup Pacific oysters in size and taste. A little lemon is all they need. If that! White Stone oysters are being served all over the East Coast in very tony eateries. Order a bag and be the hit of your next catboat outing!



Check it out at: <https://www.whitestoneoysters.com/>.

Picture Perfect...

Click here for a slide show of Jim Ohlmacher's photos from this year's Long Cruise. Makes you want to get out on the water!

[Click here for the show.](#)



Ten reasons to pay your CCBA Dues Now!!



1. It's only 3 cents per day! (\$15 total).
2. We haven't raised dues for 100 years.
3. You don't want Flesner showing up at your door.
4. No dues...no newsletter.
5. Where else can you have this much fun?
6. Treasurer Cammaroto needs travel money.
7. The member roster is priceless. No dues, no roster.
8. All dues payments come with free advice.
9. We will publish the names of all deadbeats in next newsletter.
10. Send checks made out to Paul Cammaroto. \$15. 10505 Unity Lane, Potomac, MD 20854.

Chesapeake Light Craft offers wooden boat building classes...

A great learning experience. A great finished product.



If you're looking for a great project that takes about a week to complete, check out CLC's schedule of boat building classes at their Annapolis headquarters. Your humble scribe built a 14' stitch and glue Shearwater kayak a couple of years ago. The boat gets rave reviews whenever I paddle her. The classes are fun and you leave with a kayak you can easily finish at home.

For the more adventurous, CLC also sells plans and offers instruction to help you build a variety of sailing craft.

Here is the schedule: [Go to www.clcboats.com](http://www.clcboats.com) for all the details.

There is still room in the following classes we are offering at Chesapeake Light Craft in Annapolis, MD:

April 10-15 Build Your Own Lapstrake Dinghy with George Krewson

May 1-6 Build Your Own Northeaster Dory with Bill Cave

September 4-9 Build Your Own Tenderly Dinghy with Bill Cave

September 25-30 Build Your Own Annapolis Wherry with Geoff Kerr



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Disclaimer: I do not own one of these...but it looks like something we all could use. \$149!