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**Two Great Events to round out the Summer!!**  
**Corsica Yacht Club Regatta July 22-23.**  
**Annapolis Area short cruise and BBQ Aug 4-6.**  
*Make your plans now to have fun with fellow catboaters!!*

### **Corsica Yacht Club Event promises eclectic field; great food.**

Welcome to the Corsica River Yacht Club 76th Annual Regatta. Enjoy an afternoon and evening at our Club's sandy beaches on the beautiful Corsica River whether you are sailing, picnicking, or camping. We offer our delicious eastern shore dinner Saturday night that includes fall off the bone chicken, fresh corn on the cob, salads, desserts, and more. Music will be provided this year during and after dinner. Campers may stay overnight for free and use the toilet and "hot" shower facilities at Ship Point. NOR to be posted soon.

Registration is now open and available online via Regatta Network. Click the link below to begin your registration:

<http://www.cryc.org/migration/index.htm>

Contact CCBA member Rich McLaughlin if you want to stop over at Rock Hall Yacht Club before the race.

610-268-3780.

### **Short Cruise and BBQ back by popular demand. Come by catboat or car.**

Event organizer and Master BBQer Ligibel promises a cruise short on sailing...but long on food.

**Friday, Aug. 4.** Start by docking at Cantler's Restaurant just off Whitehall Bay. Eat some crabs. Anchor out nearby.

[\(https://www.cantlers.com/\)](https://www.cantlers.com/)

**Saturday, Aug. 5.** Sail (or drive) to Little Aberdeen Creek off the South River. Make your way to BBQ HQ, 2702 Wild Holly Rd, Annapolis. (Water taxi Provided). Enjoy sumptuous smoked ribs, oysters, chicken and adult beverages. **All FREE** and provided by your host. Anchor out in nearby Crab Creek or Harness Creek.

**Sunday, Aug. 6.** Make your way home or to the Rhode River to complete the trifecta.

***Please let Ligibel if you plan to attend any or all. He's gotta order enough food to feed the crowd! RSVP by Aug. 1 please!***

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# Annapolis Area short cruise welcomes catboats and land yachts!



***Anchorage and food are plentiful at Ligibel's BBQ HQ!!***



**Short Sleeve CCBA shirts  
now available.**

\$35 each.

Email Ligibel size, and color.

Teal, Buff, White, Lite blue.

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# From the Poop Deck...

By Commodore "I gotta get out sailing" Steve Flesner.



Ah yes, it's the dog days...oh wait...Mello just told me it's the cat days of summer..hot, humid and thunderstorms. Just the kind of weather to go sailing as long as you have a bucket full of ice water to soak the piggies in...a Marc Cruder and Mr. Brown answer to heat sailing and a Yeti full of Dark and Stormy stuff!! I have to confess,

SCOTTY sits on the hard still covered awaiting some brightwork attention. CD found he had a worn out part and rather than a wooden leg, had to settle for a wooden knee so it threw my calendar off a bit! I did get to go sailing as movable ballast with Phil Livingston at the Shootout so at least I can say I was on a catboat once this summer! And least I forget, I was up in Groton staying with Peter Legnos a few weeks ago and we went out on his Mystic 30...good stiff wind and healed way over...no flat sailing for that boat!

Corsica is coming up next weekend followed by Craig & Coleen Ligibel's mini cruise and BBQ (believe me...it's a feast!). Whitehall is over Labor Day so hope to see you at one of all of these events. The Long Cruise isn't that far off...cat days of summer will be but a memory in September so I guess I better start working on my brightwork before I find myself turning into a stink pot guy!

## Make Plans now to attend the Labor Day Whitehall event!

We got blown out last year, but Host with the Most Dave Morrow promises fair winds for this year's Labor Day event.

Sail in Sept. 2

Race and pot luck Sept 3

Depart for home Sept 3-4.

More details to follow...but mark these dates on your calendar NOW!



# 2017 Patuxent Shootout....Keep your powder dry!!!

Steve Flesner

So much for the weather forecast of a partly cloudy sunny day with 10+ knots of wind. OK, so they got it wrong! Butch Miller on *Lark* and Paul Ironman Livingston on *Patriot* sailed over from the Eastern Shore on Saturday...sunny Saturday! Steve and Mr. Brown picked them up and headed out to dinner. Sunday am saw the arrival of Paul and Dominic Cammaroto with *Bubbly* and David and Kim Morrow with *Anna*...the fleet had assembled! Ken Spring took Mr. Brown on board the committee boat and headed for the course followed by the cats. The gun went off at and 3 Marshall 18's took off in a tight start followed by *Lark* (Americat 22). Before they reached the first mark the liquid sunshine began to fall and continued until after the race ended 1 hour and 44 minutes later.

With sails doused, we motored back to dry out on dry land! Afterwards, we regrouped at the Ruddy Duck Brew Pub where we joined the rest of the CCBA gang for dinner and brews. CD Steve gave out the awards and held back 1<sup>st</sup> place saying it went to the ballast onboard *Patriot*...Steve being the ballast! Phil reminded him that if you sail on board *Patriot* you at least need to shift your butt from one side to the other, from time to time and don't shiver just because you are soaked...a lesson well remembered! Butch and Brenda, the ringer crew (a sailing instructor), said they are still fine tuning *Lark*...who finished a bit behind the fleet.

Place	Boat	Captain
1 <sup>st</sup>	<i>Patriot</i> M-18	Phil Ironman Livingston
2 <sup>nd</sup>	<i>Anna</i> M-18	David & Kim Morrow
3rd	<i>Bubbly</i> M-18	Paul & Dominic Cammaroto



First place: Phil Livingston

Third Place:  
David and Kim Morrow



Second Place: Paul and  
Dominic Cammaroto

# Prospect Bay P2P 2017

*Photos by Bruce Ogden.*

The Prospect Bay Point to Point event was held on June 10, 2017. Although called the Prospect Bay Race, based on a “command decision”, it was held a few miles southwest of Prospect Bay at the entrance of Cox Creek and Crab Alley Creek off Eastern Bay.

LARK and PATRIOT sailed in Friday night for the advertised a raft-up in Shipping Creek adjacent to the ramp. Saturday morning brought ANNA and BUBBLY by trailer and CASCO CAT by water meeting up at #2CC mark for the start at 11:00. The skipper’s meeting was held via radio. An important point therein was the confirmation that since no committee boat was present (the host wanted to race) each boat was to keep its own time or report by radio to LARK as they crossed the finish mark. This worked fine except for the croaky starting horn and the fact that BUBBLY brought his dog instead of a radio....two barks and a howl for the start!!



The course had only two marks, the start/finish at #2CC on Cox Creek and #1 in Crab Alley Creek with the requirement to round Bodkin Island lying between. One could run the course either clockwise or counterclockwise, the decision of which would depend on the skipper’s strategy on passing through the shallows between the island and Turkey Point.

The wind was fine and out of the West at the start for a downwind first leg but quickly dropped to 5 knots or so. All boats made their way clockwise around the course following ANNA for the entire race as per the usual. The high tide took the shallows out of play which kept things much simpler than the host had hoped for so it was an easy sail with all boats chasing an ever advancing ANNA once she made the turn upwind.



After handicaps were applied, PATRIOT took first, ANNA second and CASCO CAT third.



Since the challenge of the shallows was averted, we arrived early for our table reservation at Kentmorr Restaurant and Crab House. Fortunately, there were open seats at the bar so a round of Dark & Stormys began the celebration.

Later at the table, crews were joined by shore support for the award presentation and an excellent lunch. A few of us oldsters even checked out Dirty Dick’s Tiki Beach Bar but that scene was too hot for us.

All in all, it was an easy fun day for everyone. Thank you to those who joined in and to those who didn’t we hope to see you next year. —Butch Miller.

# CCBA editor covers the America's Cup



Ok...Ok...So they aren't catboats. But they are pretty kewl boats none-the-less. Your humble scribe spent 10 days at the Cup researching and writing several stories for major sailing magazines. My observations:

1. The Kiwis are better sailors. Worked harder. And had better technology.
2. The Bermudians put on a great show. How can you go wrong at the home of Gosling's Rum!
3. Ellison is not a happy camper. He spent \$700 million to win and defend.
4. The next Cup will return to New Zealand. New boats, I think, and new rules with higher crew nationality requirements.
5. Perhaps they will race Catboats!!!—*Craig Ligibel*



*Spots worth a stop...*

## Woodlawn Farms, St. Mary's Peninsula

If you are up for a land-based adventure in the vicinity of St. Mary's City, you can't do better than a respite at Woodlawn Farms in Ridge, Maryland.

Woodlawn is Maryland's first estate, deeded in 1634 to Leonard Calvert, Maryland's first governor, as part of Trinity Manor. The current Manor House was completed by American Revolution Colonel Matthias Clarke as a patriotic tribute to the fledgling Republic he fought to establish. His boat of the same name was harbored at the front door, less than 100 feet to the shoreline alongside Calvert Creek.

Today's boxwoods are a nod to the past as the perennial gardens look to the future at what is today's front door at the end of the mile long driveway which most travelers now use to visit.

Seven suites are available at our inn: four in the Creekside Cottages (Sunflower, Poppy, River & Pineapple); the separate 1634 replica cottage known as Magnolia Cottage; and Boxwood and Calvert Suites in the historic Manor House.



The Creekside cottages enjoy deck access. Woodlawn is on Calvert Creek off the Potomac River and almost all bedrooms enjoy waterfront vistas. Room Prices from \$140 - \$240.

For more information contact innkeeper Jim Grube at 301-872-0555 or email [jim@woodlawn-farm.com](mailto:jim@woodlawn-farm.com).

We did not stay at the Inn..but rather attended one of the ad-hock Slack Wine Tastings complete with music and rum tastings as well. Bring your own munchies. This is a great way to spend a Sunday. Check the website for the schedule. Definitely worth a stop if you are in the area.

<http://www.woodlawn-farm.com/>.





The water there is shallow, but a catboat draws only a few feet. Even after a year of preparation studying charts, Beckley said, it's the local watermen who know where the sandbars are, and he always asked.

Most of the work was in getting ready, and the voyage was "good stuff and bad," with about half under sail: "There's something to be said about when you shut the motor off." As it turned out, it was mainly motor southbound, and mostly sail northbound on the Chesapeake. The weather held up, except for a wet and windy passage from Leipsic to Lewes and a trip from Cape Charles, Va., to Crisfield, where it was "pouring cats and dogs."

At one point on the Virginia seaside, near Sand Shoal Inlet, he was surrounded by dolphins, he said.

To turn the corner, he motored through the locally known "Crabber's Cut" into the Chesapeake behind Fisherman's Island and into Cape Charles Marina, "a beautiful, nice marina."

It wasn't a solo trip. On about half the legs he had companions. "There were a bunch of people that helped," he said. "Thanks to them all." Their names were inscribed on a pennant which flew the whole voyage.



He was impressed by the friendly welcome at his ports of call. "I would do it again today. It was fun. The best part was the people."

From Crisfield, he stopped at Hoopers Island, St. Michaels, and back to Chestertown. Between Kent Narrows and home, *Patience* was full and the trip was essentially complete. After Downrigging, Beckley had a short trip back to his starting point on the Bohemia.

Other catboat sailors have passed this way. Catboats are associated much more with New York and New England, though the Chesapeake is home to many single-masted skiffs and workboats. Herbert Plummer self-published a book, "The Boy, Me, and the Cat," about a 1912-13 East Coast trip. He used "an old Cape Cod catboat" from New Bedford, Mass. The voyage included stretches on the Chesapeake, but no circumnavigation.

Decades earlier Charles P. Kunhardt wrote a series of articles about "The Cruise of the Coot," in the pages of *Forest and Stream* magazine, 1885-86. He sailed a South Bay catboat from New York through the C&D Canal with stops along the Chesapeake, at Norfolk, Va. and points south.

# USEPPA ISLAND, FLORIDA CATBOAT RENDEZVOUS/Sandpiper “Worlds” FEBRUARY 21 – 24, 2018:



**Save the date** for the Useppa Island Catboat Rendezvous/Sandpiper “Worlds”

Email [useppacatboat@aol.com](mailto:useppacatboat@aol.com) for further details, clarification, or questions.

The Useppa Island Club will once again have limited accommodations to rent; call the office at 239-283-1061 (Useppa Island Club, P.O. Box 640, Bokeelia, FL 33922) for specifics. Be sure to let them know you are part of the Catboat Rendezvous/Sandpiper ‘Worlds’. They will begin accepting reservations in September.

The dates for the Useppa Island Rendezvous/Sandpiper ‘Worlds’ are **Wednesday, February 21,**

**2018 – Saturday, February 24, 2018.**

The activities will include a Captains’ Meeting Welcome Party on the beach Wednesday evening the 21st. Racing off the beach will start on Thursday morning with lunch on the beach. Dinner will be in the Tarpon Thursday evening. Friday will be a lay day devoted to fun on Useppa – with an afternoon Bocce Tournament. Friday night will be a free night to enjoy on your own.

Racing will continue Saturday morning with lunch on the beach. The Banquet and Awards Ceremony will be at the Collier Inn Saturday evening February 24<sup>th</sup>.

Come early, stay late, and enjoy the beauty of Useppa Island and all it has to offer from the beach, pool, tennis courts, croquet lawn, and new bocce courts. And the camaraderie of fellow sailors.

There is a space limitation on the number of people who can participate.

See you **February 21st – 24<sup>th</sup>** on Useppa Island, Florida.

**Nothing beats a dose of Florida Sunshine to chase away the Chesapeake Winter Blaaaahs!! Useppa Yacht Club Commodore Jim Doherty has issued a special invitation to us Bay catboaters...“Come on down...the water’s fine. Don’t mistake the porpoises for rockfish!! May the better sailors prevail!!”Commodore Doherty says all types of catboats are welcome...with a special race course for boats other than Sandpipers.**

