

Chesapeake Catboat Association

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All the catboat news that's fit to print.

Get ready for a GREAT Catboat Year on the Water!!

Commodore Miller and his dastardly crew of catboaters have whipped up a great season for all of us to get out on the water...do some racing...tell some tall tales...explore the Bay and generally have a great time with our boats and our friends. Check out the activities below. Hosts will be sending out more info later. But for now, mark your calendars. See you on the water!

2023 CCBA Events

West River Classic May 28 - Kate Grinberg, Tim Kallman

Prospect Bay R&R June 10 - Butch Miller

Oxford Parade August 5 - Phil Livingston

Long Cruise Sept 16 to 23; *Baltimore Bound* - Phil Livingston, Butch Miller, Fred Sherriff

Wild Goose Chase October 13 -14 - Frank Newton,

Cats/Downrigger Tall Ships BBQ Oct 28 - Fred Sherriff

Holiday Party Dec. 3 - Frank Newton

Sail along with *Pride*.

Fun trips on the Bay to get some more sailing in after events shown above.

Langford Creek; Eagle Cove; Reed Creek, Start at West River, May 29-30

Prospect Bay; Annapolis; Tilghman Creek, Start at Prospect Bay, June 11-12

North Cruise – Rock Hall; Sassafras; Georgetown; Tolchester, June 27-30

Chester River – Red Creek; Tilghman Creek; Gray's Inn Creek, July 9-11

Oxford – Queenstown; Oxford; Trippe Creek; Reed Creek, August 4-7

Swan Creek Exploration – Swan Creek, August 27-28

Contact Fred Sherriff if you'd like to go along

2023 Chesapeake Catboat Association Annual Meeting.

A Purrfect time together.

We did have a fantastic annual meeting on March 11 at Pirate's Cove restaurant in Galesville. A crowd of 28 were in attendance and enjoyed a great lunch, event presentations, awards and a few Marty's Bags finest as door prizes.

Fred Sherriff pulled in two awards, the Tuttle for race prowess and event participation and the Clewless for skipping the last two marks on the way into Larry's cove and running hard aground on the bar. All though many were involved Fred gave Bob Leigh a special thanks for his determination to get Pride off the sand. For those who didn't want to get in the way it was great entertainment.

Kate and Tim earned the John Brown for their promotion of catboat comradery and support of the club by hosting the West River event and joining in on many events.

The Capt. Bill Hoover trophy has found a new home since be shelved after the final Whitehall Race & Rendezvous couple years ago. It will now be awarded to the winner of the West River race.

We've finally gotten around to documenting descriptions of the awards. It is on included in this newsletter.

Steve has been busy with memberships and we now have 79 members and soon to be 80. Thanks to Steve and the others who have been very successfully promoting our club. The Oxford and Chestertown fleets have doubled in the past year. In addition to those of us scattered around the bay we also have members in FL, NC, NJ, NY, PA, CT, MA, and CA. Although unfortunately, we don't see many of them we thank them for their support and hope that they will join us soon.

As a reminder, again, it's dues time. Dues this year remain at \$20 and for those who would like one of Craig's excellent "got to have it" calendars, they are \$20 including mailing.

Make your checks out to Stephen Flesner and send to:

**Stephen Flesner
2037 Indian Circle**

St. Leonard, MD 20685 (Do not make checks out to CCBA!! Make checks out to Stephen Flesner)

This year's cruise destination is Baltimore and a tour on the John W. Brown, the WWII Liberty ship. Bob Leigh has connections and is taking care of the arrangements. Initially we'll meet up Sat. 9/16 – Palmer's on the Magothy, Sun. 9/17 – Bodkin Creek, Mon. 9/18 – Middle River, Tues. 9/19 Baltimore, Wed. 9/20 – Tour the *Brown*, Thur. 9/21 - Whorton Cr., Fri. 9/22 - Queenstown Cr., Sat 9/23 – Leigh's on the Magothy, Sun. 9/24 – head for home. There are many opportunities to jump in and out along the way for those pressed for time and a few opportunities for shore crew to join in. We'll get out a detailed write-up in the near future but for now if you plan to join us and would like a slip in Baltimore many of us plan to stay at the Inner Harbor East Marina in Fells Point – 410-625-1700, www.harboreastmarina.com. Make your reservations as soon as possible Phil has alerted them that we are coming so if you mention that you're with the Catboat group they will try to put us together.

We had quite a turn out at the CBA meeting in Mystic. We filled two full tables at the lunch. The CBA folks put on a great event as usual. Among the many activities, Tim and Kate put on presentation featuring the up and downs of their cruises to Cape Cod and I was given the honor of receiving the John Killum Murphy award. No doubt that having two friends on the three-member awards committee helped.

Don't forget to check in on the website. Many of the docs such as event schedule and cruise write up will be posted there. We have many great events planned this year and hope you can come out and join us

See you on the water.

Butch Miller



What a great crew at CCBA Annual Meeting!!



CCBA Awards

Race trophies

West River Classic

Capt. Bill Hoover Perpetual Trophy – A plaque with a half-model of Bill's catboat Gull, a Mystic 20 donated by Peter Legnos. Bill was a past commodore, founder of the Great Whitehall Bay Race & Rendezvous and great promoter of the club. It was formerly awarded to the winner of the Whitehall event, no longer held. plus keepers that vary

Prospect Bay R&R

Recently, engraved bottles of Lyon's Rum distilled locally in St. Michaels but can vary

Club Awards

John Brown – A model of a fully rigged catboat. The award was conceived by and model donated by Paul and Dominic Commorato. This award, conceived to commemorate one of the club's favorite characters is an acknowledgment of one who exemplifies Catboat Comradery and has made remarkable contributions to the club.

Clewless – The clew of a sail from the historic skipjack Rebecca Ruark cut into the shape of a catboat sail. Autographed by Capt. Wade Murphy, conceived and fabricated by Butch Miller. The Clewless is presented to a sailor for "The performance of an egregious act of stupidity "

Tut Tuttle- A wooden plaque displaying the CCBA burgee. It was conceived and donated by Roger Compton to honor a founding member and memorable character. Awarded for a combination of both racing prowess and event participation throughout the year weighted heavily toward race performance.



Looks like Grandpa Morrow will have additional ballast added to ANNA in the future!!!! Hudson Ambrose Michalski born Thanksgiving morning. Grandpa and Anna (mom) look pretty proud! Dave's Marshall Sandlerling is named ANNA!! Congratulations to the family....and many of us remember Anna when she was only a few years older than Hudson!!!! Gosh, we are getting old!



Catboat Association's 61st Annual Meeting AKA the CCBA migration North!



The last weekend in January found many of us on the road heading for Groton, CT for a fun filled catboat weekend. Over 22 Chesapeake cats showed up at the Mystic Marriott. Marc Cruder and I drove up on Thursday staying at Pete's flop house! We bribed him with dinner at a nearby restaurant! Friday, while the rest of the crew was driving up, Marc and I went shopping at Venda's Ravioli on Federal Hill in Providence and placed orders for 13 lbs of hot and sweet Italian sausage, pasta sauce, and anything else that looked good...how about spinach pies!! Stopping in Wickford at Gardners Seafood for lunch and to order dozens(5!) of stuffies... stuffed quahogs. If you ever spent time in MA, RI or CT you know what stuffies are! We had coolers that would be full by the time we headed back to MD and yes this is an annual shopping trip for me!

Friday evening the welcoming reception & members slide show started things off. Peter Legnos invited us over to his house on Groton Long Point

just a few minutes from the Marriott for drinks, dinner and his world famous "secret" clam chowder...did I say 4.3 gallons of clam Chowder!! No one left hungry and Marc smuggled out a copy of the clam chowder recipe!!

On Saturday the show kicked off with the Catboat Vendor and Member Boat & Resource Show with something for everyone. Marshall Marine had a 15 on display and Arey's Pond had their new. Multiple workshops ran throughout the morning.



Kate Grinberg and Tim Kallman put on "Long Cruising Mishaps: Lessons from the Cockpit. Other workshops included Catboating for Beginners to Sail Trim; Your Sail is Your Engine and even a Yoga class for catboats, or catboat people!

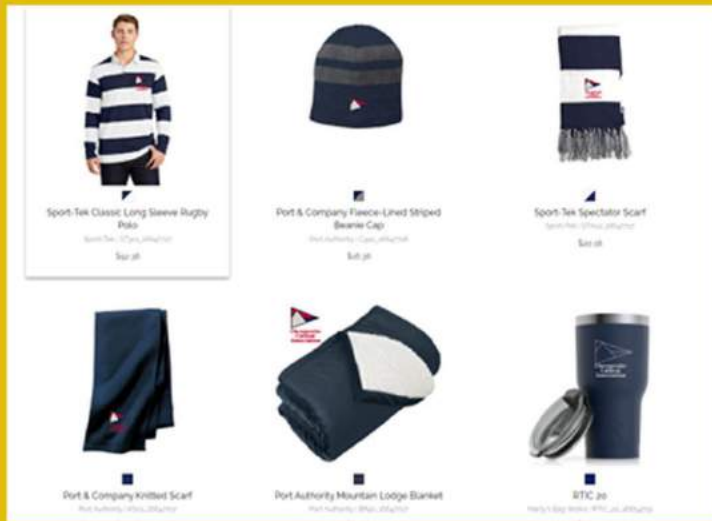
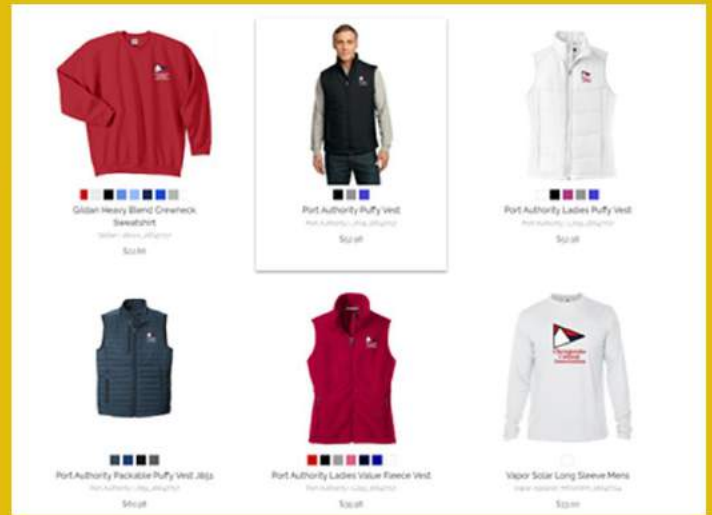
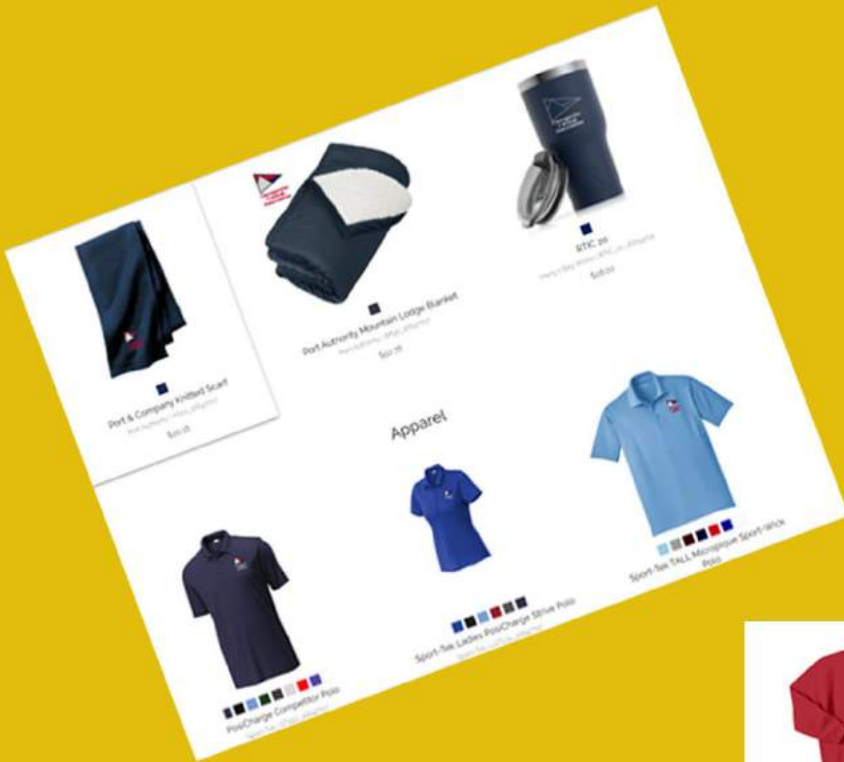


I'm guessing close to 300 folks attended the Annual Meeting and Business Session. The Business Session is known for its brevity...let's get to the point so we can eat!! Awards were given out followed by a presentation by John Conway on the Marvel-ous Mystery, the restoration of the legendary D-Class Crosby racer Marvel. It made you realize how much easier it is to maintain a Fiberglas cat!! Two workshops, Electric Motors and The Perfect Storm Rescue followed the Marvel presentation. The afternoon ended with a Mystic walk for those who needed exercise! A Sociability Event wrapped up the day allowing us

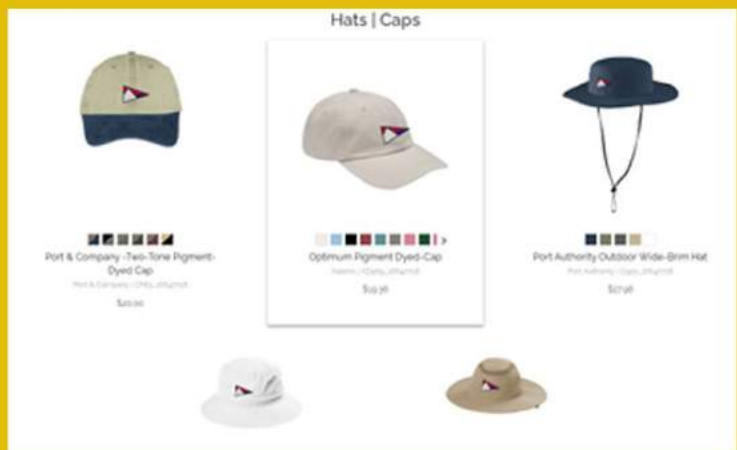
to mingle with fellow catboaters and Swamp Yankees! Everyone headed for restaurants after that, why not, you know the lobster is fresh!!

The Sunday morning seminar was on the Mystic Seaport but most of the CCBA folks were already cruising down I 95. It was a great weekend with perfect weather, unlike the blizzard we experienced years ago at the meeting in Newport! After visiting friends Marc and I headed home on Monday with full coolers!!!

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West River Regatta May 28.

Make plans now to attend this kickoff event.

Sail. Learn. Slurp.

This is one event you can't miss.

Contact Kate or Tim for details!!

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West River Regatta and Catboat Rendezvous

May 27-29

Hartge's Yacht Harbor contact for slip reservations: Brad@hartgeyachtharbor.com

Arrive Saturday. BBQ supper at Bruce Ogden and Jill Seagraves's home in Chalk Point. \$20/person, BYOB. RSVP to Kate

Sunday 8 a.m. Breakfast Omelets provided by Jersey Frank followed by sailing seminars and/or story exchange.

12:00 Skippers meeting

1:00 first gun

4:00 Awards Celebration

Dinner on the lawn- bring a personal item for the grill and BYOB. Snacks and sides provided. Oysters, too!!



Who are these Old Salts???

We have quite a few new members who have heard the names: John Brown, Bill Hoover and Don Dunn and are wondering who they are. John and Bill are noted in the awards sheet. From left to right they are John Brown, Bill Hoover, Marc Cruder and Hobie Baun. The photo was taken at St. Mary's City in 2005



Welcome these new members!

Daniel Shiplett, Marshall 18, *Cheshire*, Crownsville, MD

Brian Wells, Marshall 15, *Little Rosebud*, Oxford

Joe Manning, Marshall 18; Joel White Marshcat 15, Bel Air, MD