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# Cats prowl at CCBA Annual Meeting.

After a two-year hiatus, the CCBA Group gathered on Kent Island to celebrate a new year of catboating hijinks on the Bay. Notable announcements were the retirement of Commodore Flesner...to be replaced by Butch Miller. More inside....



The cat's out of the bag! Join us for a great year of catboating on the Bay!!



## Chesapeake Catboat Association

Events Schedule 2022

### **May 28-30 West River Heritage Regatta & Catboat Rendezvous**

Race and potluck on Sunday 5/29

Contact: Kate Grinberg & Tim Kallman, 301-908-6966, [kathryngrinberg@gmail.com](mailto:kathryngrinberg@gmail.com)

### **June 18 Prospect Bay Race and Rendezvous**

Contact: Butch Miller, 410-271-2540, [anmiller03@aol.com](mailto:anmiller03@aol.com)

### **July 23-24 Corsica River Yacht Club Race Weekend**

Contact: Rich McLaughlin, 302-932-3222, [rkmcl12@gmail.com](mailto:rkmcl12@gmail.com)

### **August 20 Catboat BBQ**

Contact: Craig Ligibel 913-488-0433, [craig.ligibel@vml.com](mailto:craig.ligibel@vml.com)

### **Sept 18-25 Long Cruise**

Wicomico up to Salisbury - Contact: Butch Miller, 410-271-2540, [anmiller03@aol.com](mailto:anmiller03@aol.com)

### **Oct. 14-16 Wild Goose Chase**

Wye River- Contact: Butch Miller, 410-271-2540, [anmiller03@aol.com](mailto:anmiller03@aol.com)



# CCBA Annual Meeting Draws a Crowd!!

Finally, after two years, the cats broke lose and we held our annual meeting at the Kentmorr Restaurant & Crab House on Kent Island. 43 cats showed up, not a bad turnout! Everyone had smiles and hugs...it was good to see friends again and better yet...we were going to talk about catboats, our favorite subject!

## First Mates



We opened the meeting with CD's rendition of "Who are you, who, who are you; who are you, who, who are you... cuz we really want to know"! OK, so he was a little off key but it was a great way to start the introductions. We met 6 new members who had gone to the Catboat Association's Annual meeting up in Groton the weekend before and had run into some CCBA folks who told them about the Kentmorr meeting so naturally they had to attend...purr!! Next, we went over the schedule of events and the plans for the long cruise up the Wicomico to Salisbury and the Evolution Brewery. Fred, Phil and Butch, the cruise committee, covered all the bases with a large map and daily schedule. They are also planning a shorter cruise earlier in

the summer with details to follow.

Fred Sherriff was given the John Brown Award for Participation. Fred participated in every event and is a great contributor to the group with his upbeat attitude and enthusiasm, his participation on the CBA Awards Committee as well as our Cruise Committee.



Phil Livingston was given the Tut Tuttle Award for his racing prowess...in other words, he won more races coming in first at Prospect Bay and the Corsica River YC race!! Fred recapped the CBA Annual meeting and Phil reported on the condition of the Treasury...fluid for now!

We had raffle drawings for hats and really nice shirts from Marty's Bag Works...check out their online catalog using the link on our website home page, they really have some nice stuff. Oh, and of course "Jersey" Frank Newton had a fashion show wearing numerous items from Marty's, there were CCBA logos on everything and frankly, I was afraid to ask about his skivvies!



**Congrats to Phil on winning the Tut Tuttle Award**

**Frank's fashion show!!**

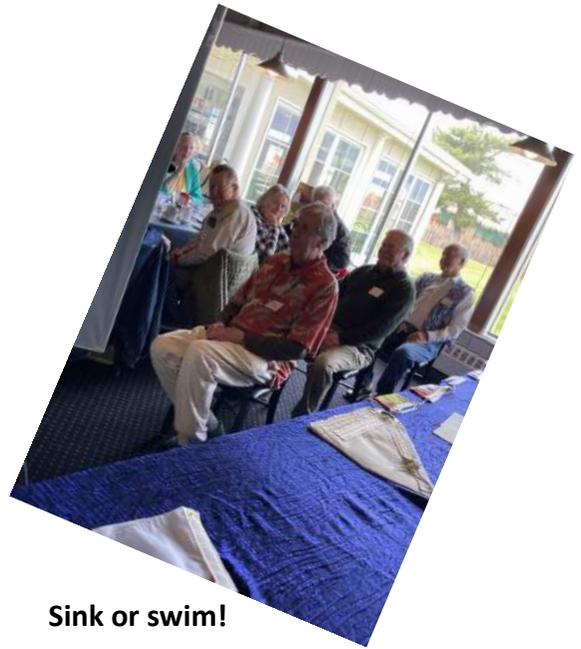
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## Meeting continued...

The meeting was winding down with a pantomime of rearranging the deck chairs on the Titanic.

CD was up front when he spotted ice cubes, Butch was sure it was a dark and stormy, another look and CD realized it was an iceberg, at which point, Phil, bringing up the rear, jumped overboard figuring he would save women and children! That is how we announced to everyone that after seven years, Steve was stepping down and Butch was assuming command of the ship aka CD aka Commode Door! Steve is moving to the Treasurer position and will now be known as Money Bags or MB! Phil was given a certificate of appreciation for his work as Treasurer which he humbly accepted and mumbled something like...now I'll have more time to work on Patriot, his Marshall 18.



**Sink or swim!**



To mark the changing of the guard, Butch presented Steve with an engraved plaque that Fred made that even had a picture of an outhouse door...well deserved I might add! A good time was had by all, see you at West River in May and out on the water.

## Please send in your 2022 dues NOW!!!

If you wish to remain members of CCBA please send your \$20 dues check made out to Stephen Flesner, 2037 Indian Circle, St. Leonard, MD 20685. Do not make your check payable to CCBA....thank you and looking forward to seeing you on the water or at West River the end of May!!

### The passing of the Guard!

Maybe ex-commodore Flesner will find some time to actually put a boat in the water this year!

Thanks to Steve for keeping our CCBA Ship of State afloat!!

# Commodore's Corner

By Butch Miller

Hello all,

Butch Miller here. Why me? During the annual meeting last month there was a "rearrangement of the deck chairs on the *Titanic*" as Steve called it. After many years of sitting in the Commodore's chair Steve decided to cut back on some of his catboat duties and step down from the position. Being a club based on a philosophy of beneficent despotism he filled the vacant chair with the only volunteer. Yours Truly. In the midst of this, Phil Livingston after a year or so of yeomanlike work decided to do the same and retire from his role as Treasurer. Unable to resist an opening to remain involved, Steve saw the opportunity and scooped up that position. Thus, the Titanic reference. Steve came up with a fun skit to demonstrate. He is now going by the handle MB, Money Bags.



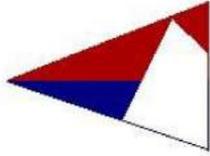
I'd like to thank everyone at the meeting for the warm welcome I received regards the "promotion". We have a fantastic group and it's my pleasure to serve as long as I'm not required to wear those red shorts and a silly hat.

Over the past many years, the club has grown in numbers and complexity. We've shifted from, in many ways some good old days, of Potluck dinners at church halls, member's homes and clubs, and mailed-out Xeroxed newsletters to post race gatherings at restaurants, marina venues and catered dinners, a full-blown web site, colorized newsletters and even an online CCBA apparel store. Steve and I felt the need to get a bit more organized so that the expectations of the various positions are more clearly defined. So, in recent weeks we spent time reviewing and documenting guidelines for the various positions and interactions among the team including the hosts. I'll be sharing them with the group in the near future. Ok Fred maybe I am a bit anal but it's time.

We had a great turn out at the annual meeting, biggest ever with over forty including a few new members and a couple others who were interested. A hearty welcome to new members: Caleb Burns, Raleigh, NC (Herreshoff America 18); Kevin & Meg Sosinsky, Rock Hall, MD (AC 24); Kurt Buchholz, Corsica River, MD (Marshall 15).

On a more fun note, we have some great events in store for this year and I hope the recovery from the "Big C" boosts attendance from the meager turn out last year. I'm looking forward to great weather and seeing more smiling faces out on the water. West River is right around the corner and Tim and Kate have set up for a fantastic weekend. Prospect Bay follows shortly with a lap around the islands and jugs of sweetness for the winners. Corsica will present its usual but rewarding challenges topped off with the chicken dinner and cold beer. In August, Craig and Colleen Ligibel will be hosting their Catboat BBQ again this year. It's always a mid-summer great get together with a fantastic feast. Unfortunately, Whitehall has run its course after more than 25 years. We're looking for a replacement event and hopefully one will arise for next year. Then, there is the Long Cruise up the Wicomico. Fred, Phil and I would really welcome some company this year. Evolution Brewery is the destination. October brings the Wild Goose Chase on the Wye. We've officially added the Friday visit to St. Michael's this year with dinner at the Crab and Steak followed by breakfast at the Carpenter Street Saloon before heading out to find the geese. We hope you join us in the fun.

That's all for now. I'm looking forward to this new adventure and a fantastic sailing season.



## West River Heritage Regatta and Catboat Rendezvous 2022

**Memorial Day Weekend May 28-30  
Hartge's Yacht Harbor, Galesville**

*A new season! New Skippers! New Weather! Friends, Food.... And Sailing!*

### **Saturday, May 28**

Sail in

14:00 Pit BBQ dinner at Bruce and Jill Ogden's home on Chalk Pt across the West River. \$20 per person, BYOB. Please carpool in boats or cars-limited parking.

### **Sunday, May 29**

8:00 Breakfast Omelettes

10:00 Sailing Seminars

12:00 Skipper's Meeting

13:00 First Gun

16:30 Awards, Cocktails and Dinner on Lawn - Bring a side to share and a personal main to BBQ. Grills will be available and ice will be provided - BYOB

### **Monday, May 30**

Depart for home port

[Click here to register for the event!](#)

*For more info, contact Kate Grinberg/Tim Kallman*

[kathryngrinberg@gmail.com](mailto:kathryngrinberg@gmail.com) 301-908-6966



*Slips and mooring rentals will be available. Contact Hartge's: (443) 607-6306 or email [amber@hartgeyachtharbor.com](mailto:amber@hartgeyachtharbor.com) to make a reservation.*

# *Prospect Bay Race & Rendezvous, 2022*

By Butch Miller



This year's event will be held on June 18 and will be a round the islands course; Bodkin and Parson's. The slot between Parson's and Kent Island will be in play again this year but more consideration in course layout will be given to the wind direction. Although it makes for some sporty sailing, no more dead down wind through that narrow passage.

The start will be at 11:00 AM with the exact location to be determined by weather. The earlier start will give us time to do the longer course and get us ashore in time for dinner.

Dinner will be at 4 PM. at a local restaurant to be determined. I'll keep all interested parties advised.

Again, I extend an invitation to anyone who is not into our very casual version of racing to come out for a day of sailing and/or to join those sailing-in for a rendezvous up one of the nearby creeks. We had a few drop-ins last year who had a blast. The area is a great place for day sailing and the raft-ups are great fun. There are three very nearby ramps for those trailering over. You will need a permit but I'll be glad to pick them up.

The Dark and Sweet trophies are at the engravers being prepped for presentation to the victors. So come out and take a shot at taking home some of the good stuff.

Please contact me if you will be joining us and/or for further information.

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Looking forward to a great turnout.



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## Fall Cruise 2022

September 18 - 24

### Up the Wicomico to Salisbury and Evolution Brewery

This year we head up the Wicomico River to Salisbury for lunch at the Evolution Brewery with a stop along the way at Dames Quarter Creek, home of Larry Antonic as well as a few spots we haven't visited.

Following is the plan. Everything is approximate but more reliable than writing at low tide in the sand. We're Cats after all.

#### **Sunday 9/18, Day 1 – Slaughter Creek (38° 30.32'N, 076°16.30'W)**

Initial meet up at Slaughter Cr. off the Little Choptank River. The creek is very well protected with good anchorage. Slaughter Creek marina on the east side has slips and all services including a nice previously floating restaurant. There is another more quaint restaurant further up the creek that seems to be open after many years. We may give it a try.

From Thomas Point lighthouse head approximately 176° PMC (per mag compass) for about 17 NM. This will take you to red "80". Then 131° PMC for another 9NM to green "25C" at the entrance to the entrance to Slaughter Creek. 149° takes you to green "3" and into the channel proper. The bottom shifts often in the creek so honor the marks. Slaughter Creek Marina (410-221-0050) will be on your port side. It's the only marina. They have non-ethanol fuel, diesel, ice, showers (only for people taking a slip \$45/night). The pumps are self-serve. Plan on having dinner at the restaurant. You can tie up at the dock on the north side and drink, eat without a dock fee, but can't use the head/showers. Since fuel and ice is available it would be a good idea to fuel/ice up as the next convenient fuel stop on route is in Salisbury 70nm.

There is Scott's Cove Marina in Chance on Deal Island. Its a bit off the track but they have fuel etc.

Notes:

#### **Monday 9/19, Day 2 - Fox Creek on the Honga River. (38°16.18N', 076°07.13'W), 34 NM. Departure time 0800 +/-.**

Coming out of Slaughter Creek make an easy bend westward after red "25C" follow the contours and pass between James Island and Oyster Cove. The chart says 2', however, last time through we had six feet in spots. The island is now mostly gone and who knows where it spread to so go easy. From between the gap steer approx. 231° for 2.5NM to red "CP". Continue South on 154° to Hooper's Island light, from there head east following the contours to get south of the Barren Islands. Then head NNW to green "WR1W" (this was reported: "Old WR1 buoy was located here. Army Corps has not replaced. A small reflective stick is in place. REMNANTS OF OLD TRIPOD MARKER STILL BELOW WATER. Sometimes emerging at low tide". So beware) and under the bridge to green "1E". The bridge has a vertical clearance of 35' and the water is shallow on both sides per chart. Then east to find the channel and wind your way down the Honga and around red "2" to green "1" then NW into Fox Creek. If you're taller, sail around the bottom of Lower Hooper's Island. Simpler but not as scenic a route. Lark will be going around. The land is low and flat in the area and doesn't provide much protection from the wind, but this anchorage has protection from the seas. NO services at this anchorage. Hearn's Cove is just to the south and is an alternate anchorage within walking distance of the small village of Wingate.

#### **Tuesday 9/20, Day 3 – Dames Quarter Creek (38°12'N, 075°52.96'W) off Monie Bay at the mouth of the Wicomico, 16NM. Departure time 0900+/-.**

Shallow but protected anchorage with an interesting entrance around a sandbar. We've been here a few times and enjoyed the hospitality of Larry Antonic. Just past the turn south into the creek at Long Point you'll see three red roofed hexagonal houses. That's Larry's place. There is a boat ramp off Messick Rd. just a bit further up the creek.

Departing, back to green "1" then 165° 2NM to green "1H" then 115° for 4NM to green "7A" passing the Hooper Straight spider and through Hooper Straight. Follow the marks around Sharkfin Shoal to red "14" then head 87° for 4.5NM to green "5". Then an easy bend to the south to find red "2" then green "3" then red "4" looking for the sandbar to the west. Good place to watch the boat ahead of you. Sail around the bar then turn back north into the cove. NO services at this anchorage.

Scott's Cove Marina in Chance, Deal Island, 410-430-9618

Notes:

**Wednesday 9/21, Day 4 – Salisbury (38\*21.89’N, 075\*36.28’W), 20NM Depart at sunrise**

Salisbury is our destination and we plan to get an early start in order to have time to enjoy the town but mostly the offerings at Evolution Brewery. We may be able to arrange a tour and will definitely partake of their food and great brews. There is also the Wildfowl Carving and Art Museum at the state college that should prove interesting. There is no good anchorage so slips will be taken at the Port of Salisbury Marina 410-548-3176. The marina is closed on Wednesdays but they know we’re coming. Make your reservation early as they are trying to put us close together. They have fuel, a restaurant next door and a breakfast place up the street. Ice is within a walk at a convenience store. If shore crew join us, we can press them for a ride.

It will be a day of motoring. No need for routing here just head up the river.

Salisbury is a commercial port so there may be ships running up and down the river as well as two cable ferries. One just past green “27” near Whitehaven about 6nm up river and a small one just past green “43” near Upper Ferry about 8NM further up river.

**Thursday 9/22, Day 5 – Tedious Creek (38\*14.79’N, 76\*2.5’W), 29NM. Departure 0800 +-**

With a name like that, it has to be good. It’s an interesting little place, small and shallow but in a good position to make it to the next day’s destination.

Follow the river downstream until its mouth at green “5”, then turn starboard to 98\* for 5NM to red “2FB” then 295\* for 2.7NM to green “1TC” and on into Tedious Creek. They have a breakwater, so stay in the channel. NO services at this anchorage.

Notes:

**Friday 9/23, Day 6 – Solomon’s Island on the Patuxent, 27NM, depart 0800+-**

It’s back out of the marsh across the bay and into civilization. Solomon’s is always a great stop as it has everything and is the stomping grounds of our past Commodore. There are anchorages everywhere but after two days on the water the plan is to grab a slip at Spring Cove Marina (410-326-2161) (38\*20.095’N, 76\*27.628’W), up back creek. Being one of the best marinas on the bay, they have all services.

Coming out of Tedious Creek at "G 1TC" come right to 139° for 2.5NM to red "10" then 237\* for 1.2NM to enter Hooper Strait. Steer 237\* for 1.2NM then steer 297\* for 2NM to red “4” from there turn to 266\* for 8.5NM to r/w “HS” back in the bay. Then head NW on 317\* for 8NM to green “1PR”. You can cut inside this mark, to the left nearly a half mile. Then head 289\* for 2.4NM to green “3” and into the mouth of the Patuxent. From there steer 27\* for 1NM to red “4” at Drum Point then follow the marks on the north shore channel into Solomon’s. Head up into Back Creek for just under a mile to Spring Cove Marina.

**Saturday 9/24, Day 7 – Dun Cove (38\*44.44’N, 76\*19’W), 31NM, Depart 0800+-**

Dun Cove off Harris Creek is on the Choptank side of the Bay Hundred peninsula just north of Knapp’s Narrows. It’s a popular anchorage. Centrally located with great protection. Services are nearby at the narrows. If you have the time and haven’t been there, Tilghman Island has a few interesting places to see including the Tilghman Waterman’s Museum set up in one of the uniquely shaped “W” houses.

If you need ice or fuel, you can stop in at Knapps Narrows, just beyond the bridge is where services are. The fuel dock on the north side is self-serve. Ice is in the little store across the Narrows.

Head back to Drum Point then steer 55\* for 3.5NM to green “77”. From there ride on 355\* for 14NM to approach Sharp’s Island and green “5”. Thence 44\* for 5.3NM to red “10”. Head on 353\* for 2.5NM to green “1”. Then 7\* for 2.5NM past Knapp’s Narrows to “5”. On to 349\* for half a mile to red “6” and into the Cove.

Notes:

Sunday 9/25, Day 8 – Homeward Bound wherever that may be. Depart whenever.

Spring Cove Marina (410) 326-2161

NOTES:

A dingy would be nice, but not required. Phil plans to bring his. Another would be great.

Be prepared for:

All weather conditions

Motoring up the river

Several anchorage's where fuel will not be available

At least two days where ice and fuel may not be available.

An itinerary change due to weather or other considerations

Heed the fine print regards "WR1W"

CCBA accepting no responsibility for anything

**A great time**

Great opportunities for shore crew to join us are at Salisbury and Solomon's. They will be most welcome.

Marinas:

Slaughter Creek Marina (410) 221-0050

Port of Salisbury Marina (410) 548-3176

Spring Cove Marina (410) 326-2161

Scott's Cove (fuel) (410)-430-9618

Each skipper to make his own reservations.

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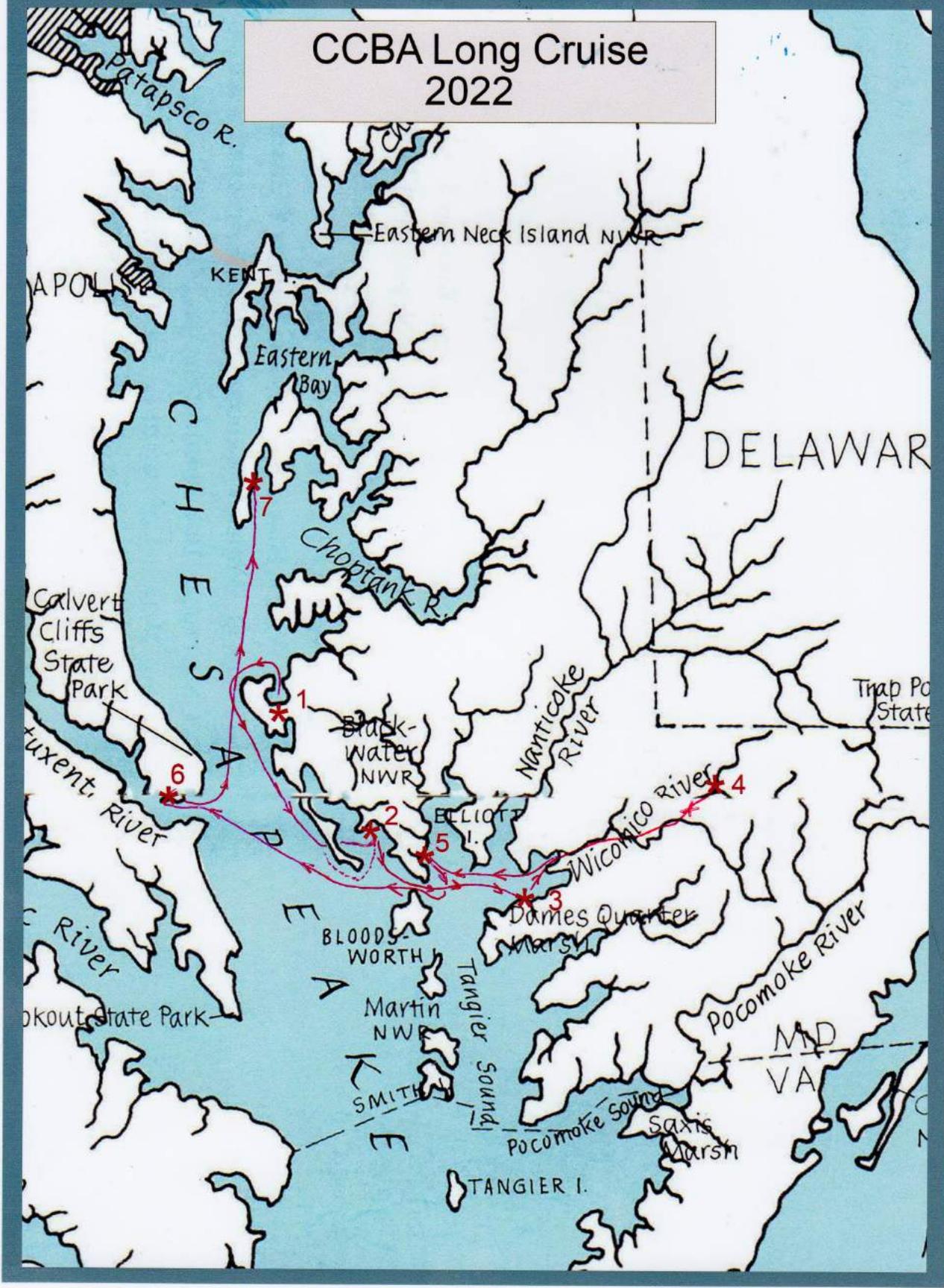
Just a personal note from Phil: Port of Salisbury and Spring Cove Marina are well worth the slip. Many of us will anchor out the other days.

*Your intrepid Cruise Committee*



Evolution Brewery, Salisbury

# CCBA Long Cruise 2022



# Honk! Honk! Wild Goose Chase 2021

By Butch Miller



This year's event was held over the weekend of October 15-17 starting with a meet up at St. Michael's for dinner at the Steak and Crab.

We had a great turn out of ten with many drive-ins as only four boats and five sailors came for the sailing portions. Fantastic show of comradery. *Lark*-Butch Miller, *Old School* – Jim Palmer, *Patriot*- Phil Livingston and *Pride*- Fred Sherriff with crew Rick Acher sailed in on a pleasant day of light winds and fair seas. Jim brought his dory along so he could anchor out but the rest of us took a slip at the Chesapeake

Maritime Museum having heads and hot showers and within an easy walk of town.

North winds were to pick up overnight so we all tucked in a reef for the trip across the Miles to the Wye River in the morning, good thing.

We were joined by Frank Newton, Dave Park and Karen Livingston for the traditional early breakfast at the Carpenter Street Saloon. The predicted brisk winds showed up in the morning and gave us a great sail across the Miles and up the east branch of the Wye. Our original destination was to be Pickering Creek but as it faces north and exposed to the wind we opted for the more sheltered Granary Creek on the north side of the river. *Lark* attempted to sail further up the creek to see the black sheep that graze on a picturesque hillside estate bounded by a red brick wall. No dice. Almost there the gaff outhaul came untied so he motored back to the anchorage.

The anchorage turned out to be perfect being tucked in the woods. We were met in the river by Kate Grinberg and Tim Kallman in their kayaks who joined us for an evening in the cockpit for snacks and libation. *Curlew* resides on the hard up north for the winter.

Sunday brought heavier winds so a daybreak start was called for as *Old School*, *Patriot*, *Pride* and had long distances back home. *Lark* was in her backyard. No thoughts of a reef this day or even of raising sail. Once out in the Miles all hell broke loose. *Pride* with her fancy instruments clocked forty knts., on the nose with a foul current while making a bee line towards Kent Narrows and home. *Lark*, *Old School* and *Patriot* bounced across the river then bailed into Tilghman Creek for a break hoping the breeze and steep five foot seas would ease at least a little. There were thoughts of heading downwind back into St. Michael's for the night but since *Lark* had only a handful of miles to get home she stuck her nose out around the Tilghman Point with the intention of reporting conditions to the other two. The call was made that it was better only to be followed by a call that it was not. Too late. The others had come out. *Lark* and *Old School* headed north into the weather. *Patriot* turned the corner at the point and headed west with a heavy roll until her turn into Knapp's Narrows and the more sheltered Choptank where her sail went up for the leg home. *Lark* worked her way to her Crab Alley Creek home at 2.5 knots under full steam. *Old School* wisely chose not to head across the bay and took a slip in the Narrows. *Pride* abandoned her plan to head up the bay to her winter quarters at Tolchester and opted to head home up the Chester River.

Stirred but not shaken we all had a great time once again in the early fall weather. Unfortunately, no geese again this year.

It's been a wild year weather wise but I can't think of a better way to enjoy one's self than sailing the Chesapeake.