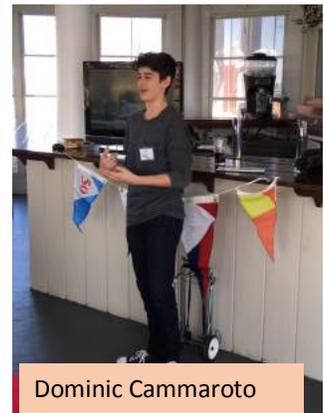


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CCBA members welcome spring at Kent Island Annual Meeting

By Steve "Spring has sprung" Flesner, Commodore-in-chief

CCBA members returned to the Kentmorr Restaurant & Crab House for their Annual Meeting on Kent Island. 46+ members from as far away as North Carolina and as close as a few miles, attended the meeting on March 24th and were treated to the multi act show conducted by Commodore Steve Flesner & Company! It was a gorgeous sunny day; the food was great, and the beer flowed... what more could you ask for in March. how 'bout a few cherry blossoms?!!! Judging from the Oxford Armada that showed up, there was no one left in Oxford!!! (Continued on next page)



Dominic Cammaroto

2018 CCBA Events

May 26-28 (race 27th) – West River Heritage Regatta and Catboat Rendezvous, Contact: Paul Cammaroto 301-252-5686 pac4seas@verizon.net

June 9-10 - Prospect Bay Race, Contact: Butch Miller 410-271-2540 anmiller03@aol.com

July 28-29–Corsica River Yacht Club Race Weekend, Contact: Rich McLaughlin 302-932-3222 rkmc12@gmail.com

August 3-5 Oxford Rendezvous & Parade, Contact: Phil Livingston 901-484-6320 pl642@comcast.net

September 1-3 (race 2nd) - Great Whitehall Bay Race & Rendezvous, Annapolis, MD, Contact: David Morrow 410-757-1060 david@maritimeins.com

September 16-23 – Chester River Long Cruise, Contact: Marc Cruder 410-987-9616 [heav-
itree@comcast.net](mailto:heav-
itree@comcast.net)

October 6-8 – Wye Wild Goose Chase, Contact: David Bleil 410-721-0375 dfbleil@verizon.net

We now have 6 members from Oxford and a growing catboat fleet!!

Paul and Dominic Cammaroto collected dues and sold the CCBA calendars designed by Craig Ligibel, which by the way, were so popular, they sold out. Flesner presented the 2018 schedule of events, shown below while each of the event host gave an overview. New this year is the Brew Cruise up the Potomac to Washington DC in mid-May, followed by the West River Heritage Regatta & Catboat Rendezvous. Also new is the Oxford Rendezvous & Parade in early August. In an effort to expand interest in catboats on the Bay, we extended an invitation to the Chesapeake Traditional Sailing Association (CTSA) to join us at our events so expect to see some new faces and bigger sails!!

Marc Cruder brought along his “booty”; the Dolphin Award and the Editor’s Choice Award that were given to him at the 56th Annual CBA Meeting held in

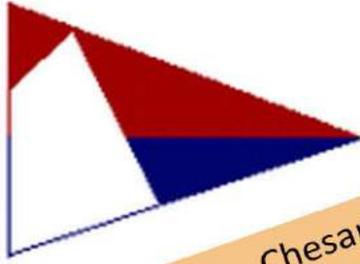
Groton, CT at the end of January. Pretty impressive stuff! He also donated a semi completed wood catboat that his dad had started years ago. In the silent auction, Paul Cammaroto submitted the highest bid and walked away with it...something for Dominic to work on in his spare time!! The 50/50 raffle was won by Kim Morrow who generously donated her portion back to CCBA. All of us thank Marc and Kim for their donations even if they can’t write them off on their tax returns...it was much appreciated!! Nancy Henderson walked away with a calendar after identifying John Paul Jones as the sailor who replaced the Commodore in the Commodore’s Corner! Once again, the invitation was extended to all CCBA members to send in articles to the Newsletter editor, Craig Ligibel. The Business Meeting ended with a vote of confidence for the current CCBA Conscripts/Volunteers who work behind the scenes to help the Commodore “herd cats” which in turn makes it fun for all of us!!



Butch Miller presents Paul Cammaroto with the “Clewless Award”. Seems Paul’s prop “ate” his dink’s painter and sunk her on the Long Cruise. Said painter now sports bright orange floats!

Stop the presses!!! More news from the Commodore:

” We are headed down to FL tomorrow and won’t be back until the 11th so I’m trying to wrap everything up today. Couple of thigs for the Newsletter if you don’t already have them. You can add to the CC that we have approx. 70 members, 11 joined in the past year so we are growing. We have some new events in different locations that sound like a lot of fun. See you on the water either in a catboat or a rubber raft...either way, get out there and enjoy yourselves!!!”



Sponsored by the Chesapeake
Catboat Association.
All Classic Designs invited.

Announcing the West River Heritage Regatta and Catboat Rendezvous

Memorial Weekend- May 26-28, 2018

Our regatta headquarters will be Hartge
Yacht Harbor in Galesville.

*Arrive Saturday, May 26. Dinner at Thursdays, 7pm

*Coffee/donuts, 10 am Sunday, May 27.

*Skipper's Meeting, High Noon

*First Gun: 1:30

*Heritage Celebration on the Lawn at 16:30

*Bring a side to share and a main to BBQ

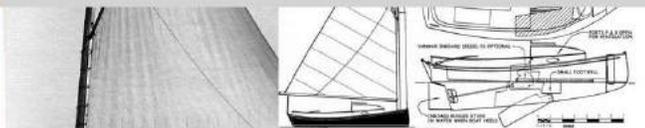
*Ice provided. BYOB.

*Monday, May 28, sail home



Moorings available at Hartge or anchor
out in Lerch Creek. Launch site at
Holiday Hill Marina. See other side
for map.

Contact Paul Cammaroto for details:
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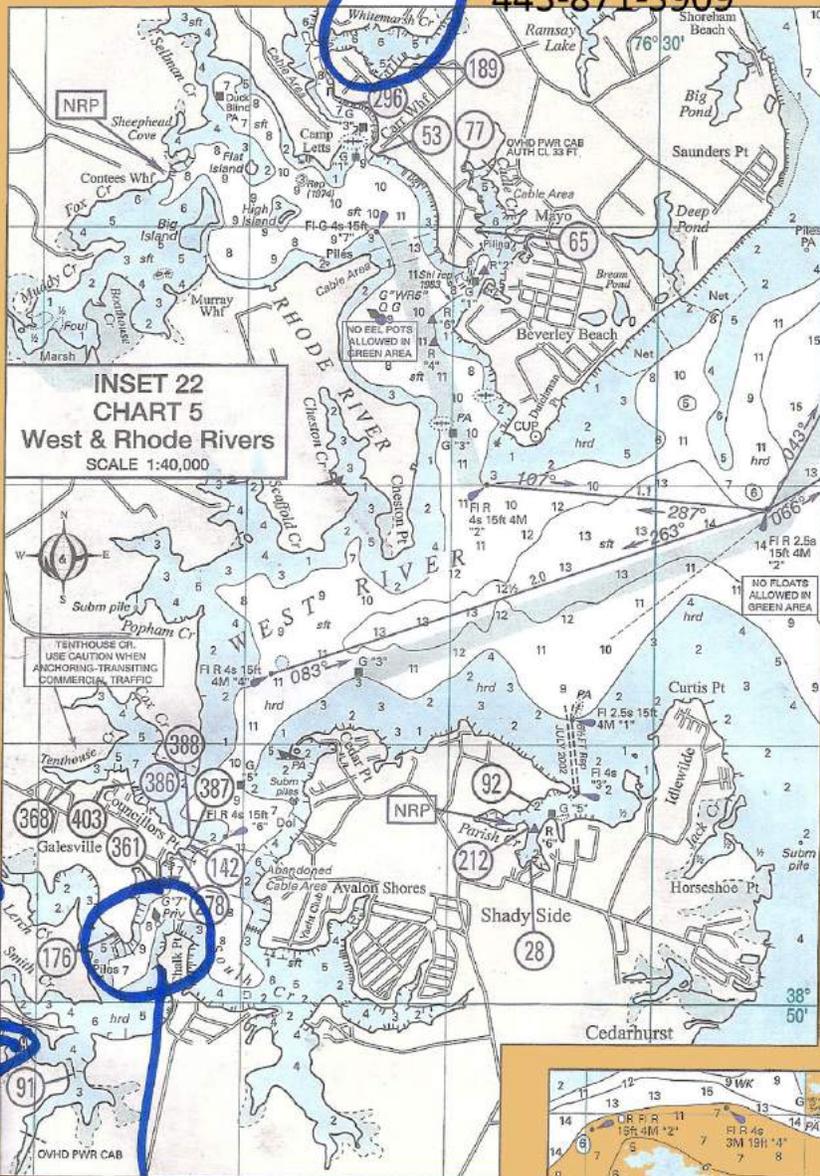




Holiday Hill Marina

3912 Calawassee Rd, Edgewater

443-871-3909



ANCHORAGE



HARTGE YACHT HARBOR

443-607-6306. 4883 Church Lane, Galesville

Click here to register this great event: [Click to Register.](#)

Down on Dee Bay Hon

By Steve Flesner

*Muskrat Suzie, Muskrat Cam,
Don't taste like chicken, don't taste like ham....
Taste like liver that's soaked in the river.
And we'll roast and we'll stew and we'll fry 'em,
Screw up your courage and try 'em,
We'll serve them with taters and wine
Yes, it's Muskrat time!*

Winter is the time to enjoy an Eastern Shore delicacy, muskrat or marsh rat or marsh rabbit as some folks call it. Trapping season starts on January 1st and runs until mid-March. All you need is a standard hunting license, some dry boots and warm clothes because you will be out there checking a trap line walking in the marsh, getting stuck in mud and your feet will be in ice water...sounds like a lot of fun! It's a tad wet and cold, but muskrats don't seem to mind!

Muskrats are brown and black rodents whose oversized cousin is the nutria. Nutria were imported from Louisiana and are now wreaking havoc on the marshes, to the extent that Department of Natural Resources pays you by the pelt in an effort to eradicate them. Muskrats on the other hand don't damage the marsh and just try to live a peaceful life in and out of the water. Trappers catch them and after skinning, sell their pelts. The meat is deep crimson in color and the carcass is usually cooked whole...like with the head on and the teeth, just making sure you aren't getting a large squirrel or racoon! One Eastern Shore old timer says he draws the limit at racoons, "muskrats is good eatin' but I never tried coon meat"! Guess he hasn't ever done any hunting in West Virginia or Kentucky!

As you can guess, there isn't a large market for muskrat meat. It's usually sold to friends who have developed a taste for it. In Princess Anne, where the muskrat is their mascot, there is a diner that serves a muskrat dinner. There are also several muskrat dinner fund raisers held by local volunteer fire departments. You are likely to find muskrat meat in small grocery stores and seafood markets in Dorchester County where Larry Antonik lives. He's over on Dames Quarter just outside of Princess Anne. Larry invites his New Jersey friends down to go hunting and enjoy a muskrat dinner at Lucky's Last Chance, home of the oyster pizza. According to Larry, the muskrats up in NJ are larger than the ones in MD due to their diet.

So, how do you cook muskrat? Larry says it depends on where you are from, the Eastern Shore or NJ. Whole or in pieces; depends on which you prefer and do you really want to look at the head with its teeth, or small unknown pieces! Some folks brine the meat, soaking it in cold ice water for 4 to 24 hours before parboiling for a couple of hours, then baking with onions and celery and served with a thick brown gravy or fried in bacon fat served with the brown gravy. It goes well with hominy, greens, black eyed peas and corn bread, or up in NJ, green beans and mashed potatoes. Either way, you are going to stink up the kitchen so better open those windows before your wife gets home! All I can say is hey, don't turn up your nose in lessin' you tried it! Have I tried it...not yet, but I keep an open mind and Larry promises to bring some to our annual CCBA meeting in late March!

One thing for certain...I don't think it's going to taste like chicken!!!



2018 Long Cruise

By Marc Cruder

After last year's successful low mileage, sail everywhere itinerary, we hooked a new cruiser who calls the Chester River home. Fred Sherriff and his Marshall 22 *Pride*, convinced me over the course of the week that the Chester was our next destination. Not having sailed the river since 2002, it was about time to return. So with some careful planning and Fred's advice, we picked some different spots compared to our 2002 cruise, including above the Route 213 bridge. In addition CCBA member John Henderson has invited us to the Chester River Yacht Club. We'll have to be on our best behavior at this private club, but look forward to the stop and the opportunity to invite our shoreside support. Here's what we have in mind...

Sunday 9/16: Destination – Grove Creek off Reed Creek (38-03.5 N; 76-09.3 W)

Plan: Grove Creek is the intended anchorage with an 8 ft spot noted on the chart. Those with too much draft for the entrance, can stay in Reed Creek, where the chart similarly shows an 8 ft spot. Happy Hour where you drop your hook.

Monday, 9/17: Destination – Kennersley Marina on Island Creek – 10 NM

(39-09.5N; 76-

01.8W)

Plan: Looks to be plenty of room to anchor out and dinghy in. Details TBD. *Back-up plan is anchor out off the western shore just outside Broad Creek northwest of N "32."*

Tuesday 9/18: Destination – Above the Route 213 Bridge via Chestertown, MD -

(39-12.4N; 76-03.9W)

Plan: Those who choose to, may stay at Chestertown and are on their own for overnight arrangements. The rest of us will look to congregate in the vicinity of the Route 213 bridge for a 1300 opening. We will proceed upriver, reportedly navigable for another 8 miles.

Wednesday 9/19: Chester River Yacht Club – 1 NM south of Chestertown

(39-11.3N; 76-04.3W)

Plan: We will be the guest of CCBA member John Henderson. The Yacht Club docks are on the western shore just south of Chestertown; south and west of red channel marker "40." Transient slips and facilities available for a fee. I have committed us for dinner in the Club Dining Room.

Thursday 9/20: Destination – Langford Creek West Fork – 16 NM (39-09.7N; 76-10.9W)

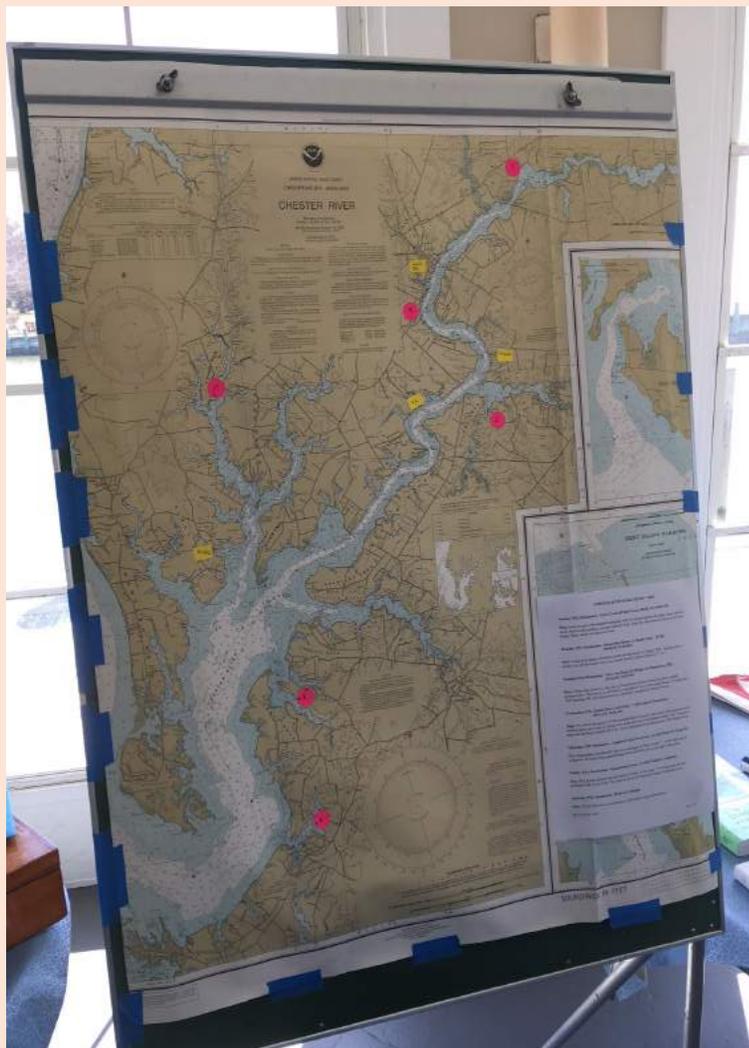
Plan: Reportedly Fred Sherriff's favorite anchorage. In Fred's words: "...to the tippy top of Langford off Poplar Neck and Millstone Point in 8 ft of water to the right of the point.

Friday, 9/21: Destination – Queenstown Creek – 11 NM (39-00.0N; 76-09.4W)

Plan: Pick up the channel into Queenstown Creek. At the green "5" swing to port into the northeast fork of the creek. The chart shows an 8 ft spot at the head of Salthouse Cove.

Saturday 9/23: Destination –Homeward Bound

Plan: All on their own to head home as individual voyage plans dictate.



Up the Potomac and Back Again

A Catboat Cruise organized by Butch Miller

Preliminary Itinerary:

May 4 Friday

Day 1

Crab Alley Cr. to Dunn Cove on Harris Creek
Short run for the first day out. Hopefully, Pride will have arrived in the vicinity the night before.
20 miles

Day 2

Dunn Cove to Slaughter Creek
Another short run that will give Patriot and Planet a shorter first day out to meet up with Lark and Pride. Although we shouldn't need it, there is food and fuel here.
18 miles

Day 3

Slaughter Creek to Solomon's
All services available.
24 miles

Day 4

Day trip to Calvert Brewery. Maybe we can tie up at Flesner's and rope Steve into driving us.

Day 5

Solomon's to Coan River We'll cross over into the Potomac and into this creek on the Virginia side. Nice anchorage. Alternate would be Smith Creek on the Maryland side if there is interest in checking out the St.Mary's River. Long day Lewisetta Marina at the mouth. Most services available
30 miles

Day 6

Coan River to Nomini Creek
Nice creek, no services
23 miles

Day 7

Nomini to Colonial Beach
We'll pass the cliffs this day. Horsehead, Nomini and Stratford. Nearby Stratford Hall is the birthplace of R.E. Lee. If the tide is right good opportunity for fossils. Colonial Beach has an interesting history
Shorter day. All services
15 miles

Day 8

Colonial Beach to Nanjemoy Creek
Moderate run, ok creek. No services. We'll pass under the Rt. 301 bridge. Great alternate is Port Tobacco River.
20 miles

Day 9

Nanjemoy to Mattawoman Creek
We'll get an early start to spend some time checking out the famous ship graveyard of Mallow's Bay. Mattawoman is a small but fairly interesting creek with two maybe interesting state parks. Most services available
22 miles

Day 10

Mattawoman to Mt.Vernon

Another early departure to allow a visit to Mt. Vernon. There is supposed to be a visitor's pier where we can tie up.
13 miles

Mt. Vernon to Alexandria Va.

Pass under the Wilson bridge. A marina stop so we can spend the next day touring. Alexandria City Marina All services
Alternate at Piscataway or Swan Creeks
8 miles

Day 11 & 12

Alexandria
Tour day - Old Town Alexandria, Port City Brewing and Arlington Cemetery. National Harbor???

Day 12

May 15
Alexandria to D.C
James Creek Marina or The Wharf at Gangplank Marina. The Wharf is an anchorage with shore access.
5 miles

Day 13 -17

Tour D.C and environs
Too many varying opportunities to list here. P3 contingent may wish to start back down river at their leisure ahead of Lark.

Day 18

May 21
D.C. to Mattawoman Creek
24 Miles

Day 19

Mattawoman to Col. Beach
40

Day 20

Colonial Beach to Smith or Jutland Creek
Nice creeks, all services
28 miles

Day 21

Smith Creek to Solomon's
30 miles

Day 22

Solomon's to West River.
The longest day. Nice anchorages, Smith Creek is a catboat favorite
All services available
42 miles

Day 23-24

Heritage Regatta and Catboat Rendezvous
May 26 – Dinner at Thursday's, 7pm
May 27 – Day of Event

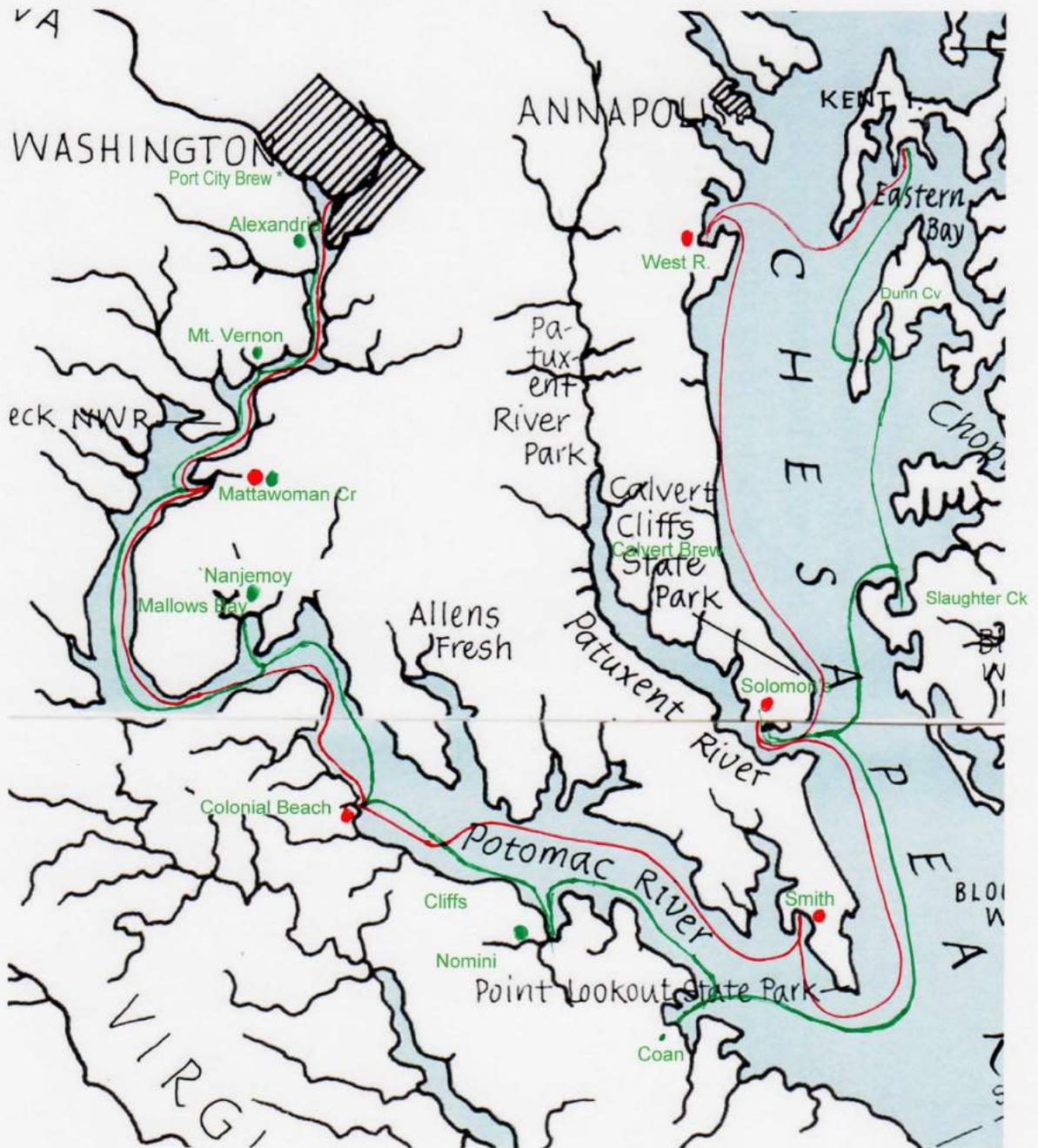
Day 25

West River to Home
20 miles??

**If interested in joining all or part of this cruise, contact Butch Miller at: Phone: 410-643-6569 H
410-271-2540 C Email: anmiller03@aol.com**

Up the Potomac and Back Again

A Plan



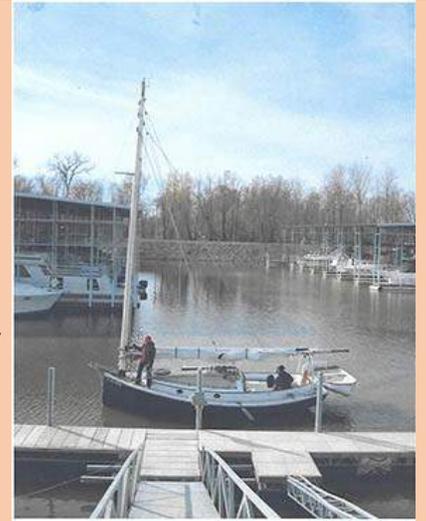
Postcards from the Edge...

A proud CCBA member profiles his craft...

"These are photos of our lovely OWL, a Family Cat 23, designed by William Gardner and built in 1979 by Bill Boyd Boatworks in Victoria, British Columbia, and is hull #1 out of fiberglass. These photos are of her on Rathbun Lake, Iowa, where we bought her two years ago, and trailered her to Deltaville, VA last year, where we loved sailing her up the Rappahannock The Chesapeake is almost too good to be true for an old New England catboat sailor, lots of shallow-draft anchorages to poke around in, and generally some breeze...

Palm Springs is nice, but dreadfully far from the ocean - a good two hour drive! So I'm hoping that we can get back to our real life soon."

—Bill & Tina Pringle



Spots worth a Stop...

It's a long ways to go...but the Rappahannock River offers the cruising sailor some mighty fine places to dine. Herewith one of my favorites:

Rappahannock Oyster Company...A not-to-be-missed stopped on the Deltaville side of the river is the Rappahannock Oyster Company's trendy Merroir tasting room, located in Topping just down Locklies Creek from the Rappahannock. The approach to the restaurant's is straightforward. A set of floating docks makes sail-up dining an experience well worth the voyage. Transient docks are adjacent to some portion of the company's oyster farming operation. Be sure to look at the nursery tanks.

Merroir sous chef Jesse Fultineer explains. "We are located in an ideal spot to serve some of the best oysters anywhere. The mix of fresh and saltwater produces a full-flavored, buttery product that pairs with a variety of wines and beers."

Started 20 years ago by Ryan and Travis Croxton, the Rappahannock Oyster Company pioneered the oyster farming aquaculture in Virginia. Today, the company operates restaurants in three states and in Washington DC. It harvests and sell over 20 million oysters a year.

This reporter sampled some baked Rochambeau oysters, served with a slice of lemon and drawn butter. We also ordered a sampler plate of raw oysters: the delicate Rappahannock's with an understated saltiness; the Rochambeau's which are sweet and mildly briny with a clean, crisp finish; and the Olde Salts, with a bold sea-side brinness and a smooth, clean follow-through. If you can't make it to Merroir, the Croxton boys will be more than happy to ship you some of their oysters by next day air. Just go to: www.rroysters.com for details.





CCBA sailors enjoy Florida Hospitality at Sandpiper Worlds on Useppa Island.

The Sandpiper Around Worlds were held February 21-24 at the Useppa Yacht Club, Useppa Island, FL. Perfect weather for the regatta. Winds easterly turning southeast at 8-10 knots with tempts near 80 under sunny skies each day. **(Editors Note:** Ever wonder why the birds head south in the winter...don't ask!) Nineteen Sandpipers with sailors from MA and NJ adding to the local fleet. The format was two races in the morning and one in the afternoon after lunch on the beach each race day. Six races were completed with one thrown out. Total of 80 people joined the festivities with an awards dinner on Saturday night at the historic Collier Inn on Useppa Island. There was even a special recognition for local sailor Paul Swigert for "discovering" a new knot – the Houdini Bowline. The knot that unties itself and releases your mooring float!!



CCBA member Rich McLaughlin aboard Patti P.



Newsletter editor Craig Ligibel on Useppa.

The racing was close and competitive throughout and not settled until the last day when *Kitty Kat*, sailed by Gary Fretz and Nik Pro of the Useppa Yacht Club, sailed a perfect day with 3 bullets to capture the title by 4 points over first day leader George Francis, Metedeconk River Yacht Club NJ, sailing *Black Pearl* with his daughter Gillian,

Third place was captured by Ed King, Useppa Yacht Club and Bay Head Yacht Club, NJ and Jim Cadranell, BHYC NJ, sailing *Coot* . Ed edged out defending "Worlds" champion Jim Gelenitis and Susan Rauf, Metedeconk River Yacht Club, by one point. (*Ligibel's boat, the Partti P, finished dead last. Oh well...there's always next time!!*)

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