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All the catboat news that's fit to print.

## Catboat events back on schedule...more or less!!

It sure hasn't been a typical year! Hope this newsletter finds you recovered from whatever "quarantine" activities you have been engaged in...and ready to enjoy the Wonders of The Chesapeake Bay this summer in the perfect social distancing vessel: your CCBA catboat! As of right now, all the events listed below are ON!!!! As always, be sure to check your email for last minute updates. You will note that The West River event has been moved to October 2-4. Should make for a jam-packed Fall!

### 2020 Chesapeake Catboat Association Events

**July 25-26** –Corsica River Yacht Club Race Weekend, Contact: Rich McLaughlin 302-932-3222  
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**July 31-August 1** Oxford Parade, Contact: Phil Livingston, 901-484-6320, [pl642@comcast.net](mailto:pl642@comcast.net)

**September 11-13** (race 12th) - Great Whitehall Bay Race & Rendezvous, Annapolis, MD, Contact: David Morrow 410-757-1060 [david@maritimeins.com](mailto:david@maritimeins.com)

**September 20-30** – Delaware Canal Long Cruise to DE City and Hagley Museum, Contact: Marc Cruder 410-987-9616 [heavitree@comcast.net](mailto:heavitree@comcast.net)

**Oct 2-4** – West River Heritage Regatta & Catboat Rendezvous, Contact: Paul Cammaroto 301-252-5686  
[pac4seas@verizon.net](mailto:pac4seas@verizon.net)

**October 16-18** – Wye Wild Goose Chase, Contact: Butch Miller 410-271-2540 [anmiller03@aol.com](mailto:anmiller03@aol.com)



## Commodore's Corner

By Steve Flesner

OK, by now you know we have rescheduled the West River Regatta & Catboat Rendezvous to October 2-4. Paul did the prudent thing plus the Coast Guard and DNR threatened to arrest any catboats seen racing!!! We are assuming the weekend schedule will remain the same, I would confer with Paul but he is delivering a 48" sailboat down to FL, lucky dog or cat! If there are any changes, he will let you know. Yes, and another event, Prospect Bay, was scrubbed...only one catboat ready to launch and Jersey Frank was sure he would be guaranteed a First Place trophy, unfortunately, Butch Miller drank it as soon as he cancelled the race!! You can't keep a good man down when it comes to Lyon Rum!!! The lockdown closed boat yards and wet cool weather put everyone behind. Corsica River YC still has their regatta scheduled for July 25-26. Rich reports the clubhouse is open for meals...and showers will be available!! Phil is planning on holding the Oxford Parade July 31-August 1 so all is not lost and we intend to follow the remaining events as originally scheduled; Sept 11-13 Whitehall, Sept 20-30 Delaware Long Cruise and Oct 16-18 Wye Wild Goose Chase.

I'm still updating the CCBA Directory and hope to send it out by the end of June. Just a reminder...if you didn't pay your dues, we pull the plug and you won't be in the Directory! One must remain flexible these days, weeks, months!! See you out on the water when I finally get SCOTTY launched!

**2020 Dues Due NOW!!!!** 2020 dues are now \$20. Please mail your checks to Paul Cammaroto at 10505 Unity Lane, Potomac, MD 20854. Make checks payable to Paul. We will also be charging a \$15 entry fee to cover the cost of each event. Where else can you have so much fun for so little \$\$\$\$'s.

### **New Members** popping up like Spring flowers!

Dan Hagan, Chestertown, MD Mystic 20 #16

Carol & Dennis Conrad, Chester, MD, Looking for one!

Nelson Ohl, Folly Beach, SC, Marshall 18

Dan & Anne Ortiz, Dutton, VA, Marshall 18...Under renovation!!

Garry Cosnett, Severna Park, MD, Looking for one!

Drew Staniar, Brewster, MA, Huddlestun 20 PANDORA...Built by Bernie Huddlestun, Sr!

Tom Lump sold his Menger 23 to a guy on the Chesapeake, she is on her way up from Ft. Myers, FL due to arrive in Flag Harbor July 4<sup>th</sup>! Will be looking for the new buyer to join CCBA!!! Eric Peterson's son, Ryan is sailing her to the Chesapeake... that sounds like fun!!

Eric Peterson launched PRUDENCE, aka PLANET and she looks like a new catboat. She will have a lot of wooden catboat company in Mashpee out on Cape Cod!!



## The Oxford Catboat Parade is ON!!

By your host, "Ironman" Phil.

WHEN: July 31- August 2 (Fri-Sun)

WHERE: Oxford, MD, 104 Third St. (our home and boat barn!)

SLIPS?: Yes, best place is Town Creek Marina 410-226-0213, or Jack's Point Marina which is just a 100 yards away, same phone number. Tell them you are in for the Catboat Parade.

ANCHOR? Yes, just off both marinas you can anchor and dinghy in if you like. I'm on a floating dock which helps for those with a dinghy.

ITINERARY: Friday, dinner at Capsize restaurant at 1800, followed by ice cream next door, this is a must!!

Sat morning we will have a breakfast in the "boat barn". It starts at 0700-0900. Skippers briefing at 1000, parade starts around 1200.

Sat. evening dinner starts around 1800 till....

Sun. Coffee and donuts in the barn starting at 0600. Depart whenever you like or, stay forever like we did!!

POC: Phil Livingston 410-226-1129 or 901-484-6320.

TIDBITS: Phil will provide chicken, hamburgers, hot dogs, buns, water, some soda, paper supplies, beer...ok, maybe not that much beer!!! Clean facilities are available at all three Campbell's Marinas. A pool is available at Bachelors Point Marina.

Make sure your significant other comes with you. The more the better, not more than 500 catboat people!! If you feel more comfortable in a chemical/biological warfare suit, wear it! Just come to Oxford. All CCBA members/guests are welcome.

Overall, this is a great weekend. For those who like sailing but don't want to race, this is perfect. It's a wonderful time to get together with your fellow catboaters and eat, socialize and sail in to one of the most charming villages on the Chesapeake Bay....Oxford!

If you have any questions, give Phil a call 901-484-6320. Let's get together and SAIL!!



# What did you do during the lockdown?

*We are looking for your input for the Newsletter and since there have been no CCBA events we figured we would ask you to submit something, photos, a couple of paragraphs, something that will entertain your fellow shipmates. We know you didn't go sailing, shopping or dining out so...what did you do and watching reruns on TV doesn't count!! I know David Morrow added multiple coats of thinned down varnish to ANNA...thinned down so it wouldn't add unnecessary weight! I'm guessing Paul Cammaroto spent days, if not weeks, cooking...if so, how about a recipe!! Anything you come up with, send it in to Craig by this Friday, June 12 and we promise another thrilling edition of the CCBA Newsletter!!! Thanks...Stay well, safe and get back in the boat and start rowing if you have to!!!*

**From:** David Bleil  
**Sent:** Monday, June 08, 2020 7:58 AM  
**To:** [flesner00@comcast.net](mailto:flesner00@comcast.net)  
**Subject:** Re: So...what did you do during the lockdown?!!!!

**During the lockdown, or immediately after I sent Gull off to her new home in Little Rock, AK for a retirement in fresh water.**



On Jun 7, 2020, at 3:04 PM, Boynton, Walter <[boynton@umces.edu](mailto:boynton@umces.edu)> wrote:

Well, we have been spending a good bit of time in our large veggie garden getting spring and now summer stuff growing...off to a great start. But, we also got some work done on our 18" Marshall Blue Skies. We keep the boat at Calvert Marina at the very tip of Calvert County where the Patuxent flows into the Bay. During the winter the marina has a storage area for boats our size on some abandoned tennis courts. So, while waiting for the start of allowed recreational boating we got busy with getting the boat ready for another season. Some washing and scrubbing and then a good bit of sanding and varnishing of trim, checking the lines for weak spots, getting the outboard mounted and the like. We got the boat in the water on 27 May and have been out three times since, all trips up the various creeks in the Solomons area. Hope to get out tomorrow, maybe out to Cedar Point where the Pax meets the Bay...good to be back on the water.

**From:** David Park <[cats4sea@gmail.com](mailto:cats4sea@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Sunday, June 7, 2020 2:05 PM  
**To:** Lois Flesner <[flesner00@comcast.net](mailto:flesner00@comcast.net)>  
**Subject:** Re: So...what did you do during the lockdown?!!!!

NJ Frank and I visited Beatons Boatyard, and looked at a wide variety of Marshall Cats, then a few weeks later visited Delaware City where we viewed Don Duns old Catboat, once again for sale. But in better repair. So we stayed busy, traveling as the masked duo, for giggles. Dave

**From:** [riverside364@gmail.com](mailto:riverside364@gmail.com)

**Date:** June 9, 2020 at 1:24:26 PM EDT

**To:** Barbara Palmer <[riverside364@gmail.com](mailto:riverside364@gmail.com)>

**Subject:** Jim's Old School

Have I ever told you about my Boating affliction? My wife Barbara reminds me often. She says it isn't normal for a grown man to have boats follow him home so often. I assured her that this would be the last — fingers crossed

This time it was a Marshall 22 Old School. It only needed a little work, so I replaced the Cutlass bearing, driveshaft and packing gland. Then I noticed a few soft spots in the floor. Three days later the floor was history and a new fiberglass/foam floor is underway. Then I noticed the hull was heavily oxidized and I have never compounded old paint, but it looks great and should be done in another day or two. Did I tell you about the rub rail? The Varnish has failed and should be redone before old school goes back in the water

See you on the water —I hope!



*What did the Commodore do during lock down...well, I paced the deck, often in the rain, thinking about catboats and a surgical strike to go grocery shopping!! Actually, I was pretty busy doing catboat things, updating the CBA Race and Rendezvous schedule for the CBA Bulletin and CBA Handbook, tracking down race dates and making adjustments as they were changed. Writing articles for the CBA Bulletin telling everyone how great the Chesapeake Bay is!! You all got a number of emails from the Commodore's Quarters...just a reminder to pay dues, event date changes. Along with that we got a number of new members some with catboats, some looking for a catboat, others that have a catboat for sale and some just cATTIN' around!! So, what didn't I do, well, I hate to admit it and I had every opportunity to work on SCOTTY, a few more coats of varnish, but, well, I wasn't up to the task and as the weeks slipped by, I was only able to get the Whaler ready with the help of a neighbor. This age thing is starting to creep up on me! Hope to have SCOTTY in by the end of June. Stay safe, stay well, and enjoy your time on the water.*

**From:** Henry Knoblick  
**Sent:** Monday, June 08, 2020 5:06 PM  
**To:** Steve or Lois Flesner <[flesner00@comcast.net](mailto:flesner00@comcast.net)>; Edith Knoblick <[emknoblick@gmail.com](mailto:emknoblick@gmail.com)>; Henry Knoblick <[hknoblick@gmail.com](mailto:hknoblick@gmail.com)> <[hknoblick@gmail.com](mailto:hknoblick@gmail.com)>  
**Subject:** Re: So...what did you do during the lockdown?!!!!

Hi,

During the shutdown, among other things, we decided to put *Periwinkle* on the market.

We will try to get some pictures and info to you before your newsletter cut off in case you

would like to put a notice in the next issue. As I may have mentioned, Edith and I are in the process

of restoring the Sherwood Store and will be doing so for the near future, hope sell our nautical and other antiques

someday soon. We won't have time to enjoy her and frankly, I may be getting to old to haul her big sail...not so LOL...

Your earstwhile newsletter editor has been busy...made a list



of 33 things to do...some of which included painting my house inside and out; fixing up *Mystic Wind* and *Kanza*; building toys for my grandson in Australia; writing a bunch of stories for SpinSheet



and Sailing Magazine. Here is a pix of me and my "fleet" in their new home just down the street from my house. My new "marina manager" is a new resident...nuclear physicist...and a wooden boat builder! He is pictured at the helm of *MW*. See you on the water. Ligibel

PS. Cover for my 1976 Lyman Cruisette pictured above courtesy of Butch's Marine

Canvas! Super cool!!!!

**From:** Eric Peterson  
**Sent:** Friday, June 05, 2020 8:50 PM  
**To:** [flesner00@comcast.net](mailto:flesner00@comcast.net)

Thought you guys down on de Bay might enjoy seeing photos I took of your old friend yesterday. Our Son Ryan is sailing a Menger 23 to Mechanicsville from Fort Myers for his future Father in Law, trying to make it for July 4th 😊

Happy Sailing to All!

Eric



***Be sure to let the event hosts listed on the front page of this newsletter know if you intend to participate in the events!!***

# Long Cruise promises to be an adventure to remember!

By Marc Cruder



After an easy mileage cruise on the mid-western shore, at the request of the cruising membership, we will break out of the Chesapeake this year to the Delaware River. The destination is Delaware City Marina on the Delaware City Branch Channel. We will stage from there to travel by land to the Hagley Museum in Wilmington, DE. CCBA cruiser and Hagley Museum employee Mike Crawford will arrange a tour for us. The club has experience on the C&D canal, but needless to say with known tides and currents: VHF radios, engines and anchors all need to be in

good order. A boat count will be needed for the Delaware City Marina, where all visitors are moored bow to stern and LOA dictates docking fees. More details to follow on the familiar anchorages, but here's the abbreviated itinerary for preliminary planning...

**Sunday 9/20: Destination – Swan Creek above Rock Hall (39-08 N; 76-15.75 W)**

**Monday 9/21: Destination – Veazy Cove on the Bohemia River: 29 mi (39-28.3 N; 75-55 W)**

**Tuesday 9/22: Destination – Delaware City Marina; Delaware City Branch Canal North of the Bridge: 23 mi (39-34.75N; 76-35.1W)**

**Plan:** This is the C&D Canal transit. The canal floods easterly. Leave the anchorage at Veazy Cove OOA 0800. Key information:

Flood starts @ 0911 at Old Town Point Wharf

Flood east at Chesapeake City until 1510 (Max Flood is +1.84 knots at 1130)

Flood east at Delaware City Branch Channel Bridge until 1555

**\*\*\*Boat Count Needed Soonest with best estimate of your LOA including appendages\*\*\***

**Wednesday 9/23: Delaware City Marina – Lay Day for Hagley Museum**

**Plan:** Transportation by land and return will be arranged for the group

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



## Thursday 9/24: Delaware City Marina – Lay Day for Pea Patch Island

**Plan:** Walk into town and take ferry service to historic Fort Delaware on Pea Patch Island. This facility was a Union prison for Confederate soldiers during the Civil War and is run by the Parks Department. Upon return, dinner at Crabby Dick's. Deb and I tried during our recon trip a few weeks ago... absolutely worth the stop; a CCBA cruiser's stop that John Brown would approve.



## Friday 9/25 Destination – Still Pond below the Sassafras River: 35 mi (39-20.2N; 76-08.2W)

**Plan:** This is the return C&D Canal transit. The canal ebbs westerly. Leave Delaware City Marina OOA 0700. Key information:

Ebb starts @ 0635 at Delaware City Branch Channel Bridge

Ebbs west at Chesapeake City until 1154 (Max Ebb is -1.02 knots at 0848)

Ebbs west at Old Town Point Wharf until 1236

## Saturday 9/26: Destination: Bodkin Creek – off the Patapsco: 20 mi. (39-08N; 76-26.3W)

## Sunday 9/27: Destination – Homeward Bound

General Cruise Notes:

1. Working with the tide schedule thru the canal, it worked out to be 8 days with a Sunday to Sunday itinerary. **CRUISERS: Mileage coming back thru the canal to Still Pond is more than we usually like to do in a day, but with fair canal tide, doable. I would like to hear from those making the trip. I am open to coming back to Veazy Cove, then adding a night so that there are 2 more stops instead of just one. Let me know your suggestions.**
2. In my opinion, dinghies will not be necessary with this itinerary, particularly in light of mooring where there is current. They will only be a bother.

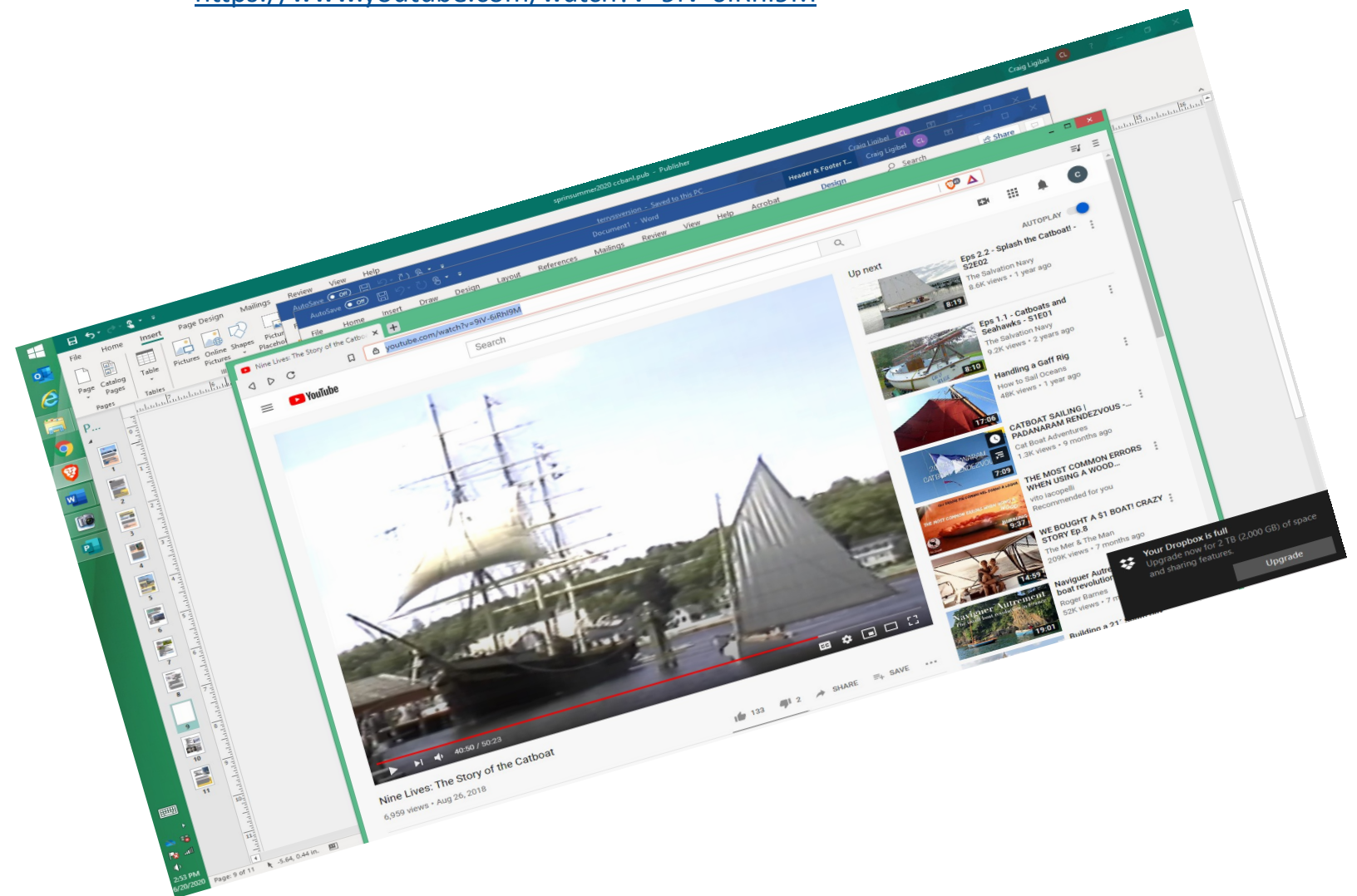
Trailer sailors, for access locations in Anne Arundel County: See: <https://dnr.maryland.gov/Boating/Pages/water-access/boatramps.aspx>

Anchorage locations are the key to finding the group. Channel 72 will be monitored at noon and 1700 daily. Alternate is my cell at 202-680-3803.

## *The Nine Lives of the Catboat...*

If you're tired of binge-watching *Tiger King*, click on over to this classic catboat film. You'll enjoy the time you spend watching it...and you might even learn something!!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9iV-6iRhI9M>



# American Magic skipper and executive director juggles schedules, international protocols to get ready for next year's America's Cup.

By Craig Ligibel –Reprinted from SpinSheet.com



Annapolis native and America's Cup American Magic skipper and Executive Director Terry Hutchinson is playing a three-dimensional game of chess against some of the world's fiercest competitors. The rules keep changing with every move on the board. And he's doing it all (right now) in his Harwood home located less than a football field away from where he grew up.

Go figure.

"I love Annapolis," the two-time Rolex Yachtsman of the year tells *SpinSheet*. "Crabcakes at the Boatyard. Helping out with youth sailing and CRAB. Spinning old yarns with good buddies like Dave Gendell (*SpinSheet* co founder.)"

Hutchinson credits his time on the water sailing lasers and Deyer dinghys around Hartge Yacht Yard and with the West River Sailing Club with helping him form the decision-making skills that are so important in his new job.

"Just think about it," he says. "I'm back home directing one of the biggest challenges I'll ever face. The eyes of the world will be on American Magic as she works her way through the Challenger Series...and hopefully, the Finals. I have the best job in the world. I'm doing what I love to do...it's an honor to represent the New York Yacht Club and the USA."

At presstime, Hutchinson is directing the New York Yacht Club's multi-million dollar effort to return the America's Cup to the USA just down the road from Annapolis. Part of his team is in Pensacola, Florida; another contingent is in Rhode Island. Still others are in Spain. And an advance contingent is just coming out of quarantine in New Zealand.

The Challenger's first AC75, *Defiant*, is somewhere in the Pacific on a transport enroute to Auckland. Another race boat is taking shape in Rhode Island.

And, oh yes, there's a pandemic that may limit his team's ability to land their AC75 in Kiwi land...as well as will dictate when and if his team of Americans, Aussies and Brits will be able to settle into their new digs at the America's Cup base in Auckland.

"The pandemic threw us a curve about half-way into our development and testing," Hutchinson tells *Sailing Magazine*. "But heck, if it was easy, anybody could do it. We're definitely living in a bit of a surreal world right now. All we're trying to do right now is to make reasonably consistent decisions with the information we have. We're in a bit of a quandry because much of what will happen next is in the hands of New Zealand."

As of this writing, New Zealand has closed its borders to international travelers. No one knows when...or if...the restrictions will be lifted. "If we're having this discussion in July or August, for sure it will have a negative impact on our effort."

In addition to being a skilled sailor, Terry is also a master at playing it close to his vest. Many of his answers to this reporter's questions were couched vagaries and were non-committal. The stakes in the contest are high. None of the competitors wants to disclose any detail that might give a competitor an advantage.

Here's a Q and A exchange that shows you what I mean:

*Ligibel: What key learning did you take away from sailing your first boat, Defiant, earlier this year? Will you be making some changes in the new boat based on what you learned?*

*Hutchinson: Yes.*

*Ligibel: What kind of changes?*

*Hutchinson: (Laughing) You know I can't tell you that.*

*Ligibel: Does the new boat have a name?*

*Hutchinson: No.*

*Ligibel: When will you announce it?*

*Hutchinson: (More laughing) Soon.*

*Ligibel: Do you have a good idea who will be on the boat come race day?*

*Hutchinson: Yes.*

*Ligibel: Will you be on the boat?*

*Hutchinson: (Deadly serious) That's the plan. All the spots are open...but Dean(Barker) will be driving; Paul (Goodison) is our mainsail trimmer and Andrew (Campbell) is our flight controller.*

Hutchinson says managing far-flung team under Covid-19 restrictions isn't that much different than what it was before the pandemic struck. "The senior management part of the team is professional...very good at their jobs...I do all I can not to get in their way. we use Blue Jeans video conferencing to keep in touch. Of all the teams, we are pretty well set up for this...we've been using Blue Jeans for two years. The team has been deployed in all parts of the world since we started...communications today are not that much different."



"Keeping the team motivated isn't a problem," Hutchinson says. "They just want to get out on the water. Bringing that Cup home is a big motivator."

Hutchinson's reserved demeanor shifts into high gear when he talks about *Defiant* and the new AC75 under construction. His eyes light up when he talks about sailing this new breed of boat. "We are still finding out about the boats. There's a lot of learning that takes place every single day you go out on the water...what you really are working on is validating the changes... validating the differences between how the simulator sails and what happens on the water. It's all one big jigsaw puzzle that we are still trying to piece together. "

Your reporter and Terry did digress from the business of the Cup to talk about Annapolis and his roots here. And I got a chuckle out of him when I told him I sailed a 40-year-old catboat that is about as quick as a cement mixer.

But when I asked my final question, the tight-lipped skipper reverted to his intractable form:

*Ligibel: So, what's it going to take to win the Cup?*

*Hutchinson: A fast boat.*

And that's when I knew the interview was over.

With the America's Cup more than nine months and 10,000 miles away, Annapolis' Terry Hutchinson wasn't about to give anything away.

Did I mention that Terry Hutchinson plays his cards close to his vest.

He definitely is one guy you wouldn't want to play high stakes poker against.



Ok. Ok. So *Defiant* isn't a catboat. But Terry is an Annapolis guy who grew up a stone's throw from the West River. Wish him luck in Kiwi land. As of this writing, the New Zealand government has relaxed immigration rules and will permit the America's Cup challengers to enter the country in June. Go American Magic!!!! Bring home the Cup.

