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Ribs. Oysters. Wings. Poker. What a summer BBQ!!!!



Chef Craig and spouse Colleen "I don't sail" Ligibel pulled out all the stops for The Annual Sail in Summer BBQ on the shores of the South River.



More than 20 catboaters sailed and or drove to the outing with five catboats tied up at the dock down the street. What a motley crew! Winners of the Poker Run were Phil Livingston, Bob Leigh and Frank Newton.

Six slabs of ribs; 100 chicken wings and five dozen oysters were consumed.... along with some Dark and Stormies, beer and wine.



Make plans now for CCBA Long Cruise: Up the Sassafras River Sept 15-22

Your cruise committee has pulled out all the stops for an enjoyable 90-mile Long Cruise up the beautiful Sassafras River. Plenty of days of easy sailing with good amenities along the way. Email Butch with your intentions asap. Even if you can't join the crew for the whole trip, drop by for an evening of stories and libations along the way. Contact Butch: anmiller03@aol.com

CCBA COOK-OUT AT LEIGH'S HOUSE ON SUNDAY 15 SEPT (4PM - 8 PM)

Please join us on the 1st day of the 2024 Long Cruise for a "Cook-out" at Bob & Elaine house on the North Shore of the Magothy river. Come by land or sea.

Lat 39 05.3' Long 76 27.8' Party will go from approx 4pm to 8pm. We will provide grilled hamburgers, hot dogs, all the trimmings, multiple sides, water, seltzer, beer. You bring BYOB for hard booze or wine. We have ample parking for all arriving by car. Dock space or anchor out for those coming by boat... Launch service is available if you don't have a dinghy. Please let us know NLT 8 Sept, so we can plan ample food and drinks...

Bob & Elaine Leigh H- 410-437-0632 C- 443-386-7837 Email- leigh445@hotmail.com

Day 1 - 15 Sept (Sun): *The Leigh's*

To start, Bob and Elaine Leigh have invited us to tie up at their dock for a cookout. A great way for all to get together to start the cruise. RSVP Bob and Elaine 410-437-0632, cell-443-386-0632, leigh445@hotmail.com

Day 2 - 16 Sept (Mon): *Fairlee Creek*

We depart the Leigh's for a 21NM sail to Fairlee Creek. Anchor out. All services.

Day 3 - 17 Sept (Tues): *Frog Mortar Creek*

This is a short day, only 12NM to Frog Mortar Creek, which is up the Middle River on the western side of the bay. Just look for the Glenn L. Martin airport. All services. Slips at Maryland Marina 410-335-8722. Make your own reservations.

Day 4 - 18 Sept (Wed): *Still Pond*

Another comfortable day back across the bay to Still Pond. Only 16NM. The plan is to anchor out in the Pond area. No services.

Day 5 - 19 Sept (Thur): *Georgetown Md*

A nice 16NM sail up to the Sassafras Bridge, also known as Georgetown, MD. This is a chance to explore this river on one's own. Since we are near a drawbridge we can go further east until we run aground. All services. Sassafras Harbor 410-275-1144 is very nice. Dinner at the Fish Whistle

Day 6 - 20 Sept (Fri): *Kamon's/Turner Creek*

A very short day to the BBQ at the Kamon's near Turner Creek, near the mouth of the Sassafras. Only 10NM. No services. RSVP Fred Sherriff 410-778-5799, sherriffwlandfc@gmail.com

Day 7 - 21 Sept (Sat): *Worton Creek*

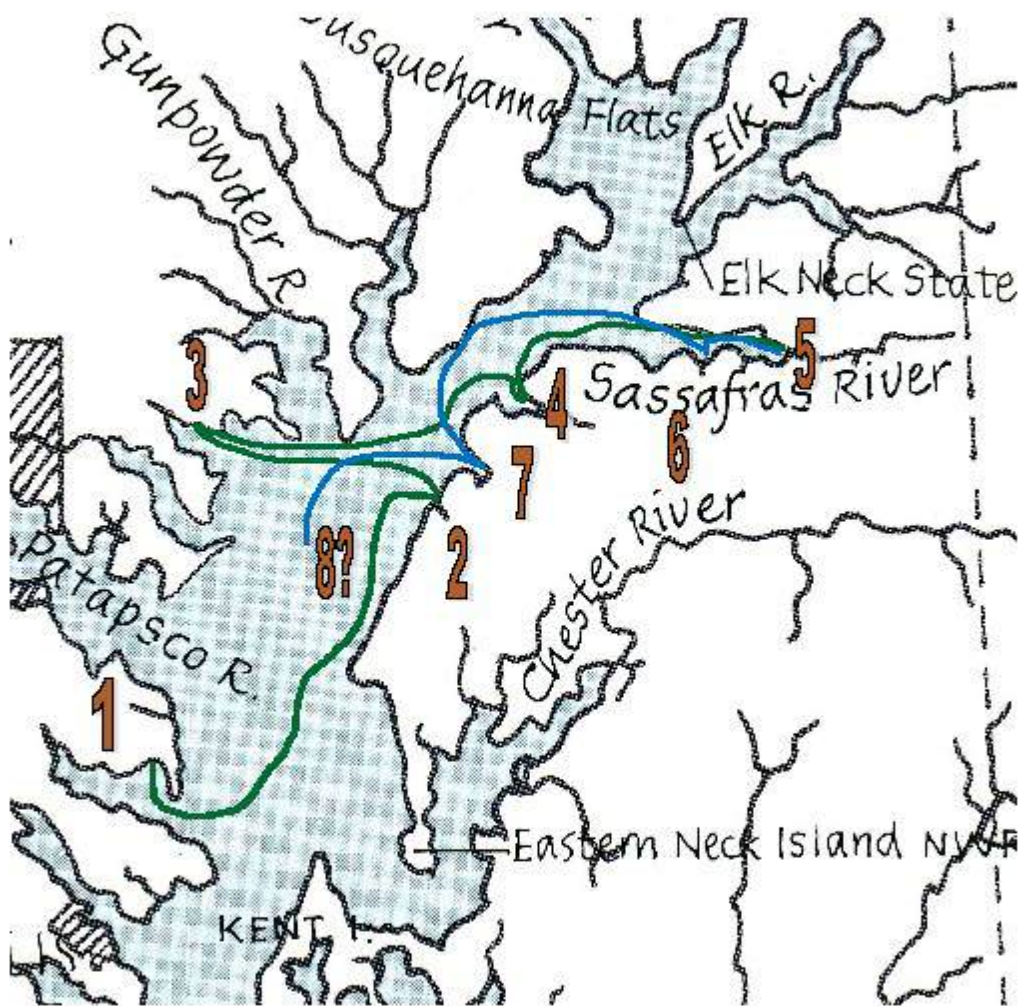
The last stop, only 15NM. Sail past Still Pond then make a left into Worton Creek. All services.

Day 8 - 22 Sept (Sun): *Homeward Bound*

Everyone makes their own way home. As always, depart when you want.

Please be sure to let Butch know if you'll be joining us on the cruise and Bob and Fred for the dinners. Your consideration in this is greatly appreciated!!

CCBA 2024 Cruise
Up The Sassafras



Day 1 - Magothy River, The Leigh's

Day 2 - Fairlee Creek

Day 3 - Frog Mortar Creek

Day 4 - Still Pond

Day 5 - The Sassafras

Day 6 - Kamon/Turner Creek on the Sassafras

Day 7 - Worton Creek

Day 8 - Homeward Bound

What a BBQ!!



2024 Prospect Bay Race & Rendezvous

Fun in the sweltering sun with cool libations to follow!

The morning of June 22 brought the promise of a great event with a forecast of 10-12 out of the south for the "Round the Islands" race. The islands being Parson's and what is left of Bodkin are separated by 2NM. The course is simple, two rules. Start to windward and go around both islands. Either direction or even a figure-eight if that's your fancy.

The use of a pin mark was abandoned as it had wandered off unseen by the committee boat so the start line was dubious at best but race committee Bruce Odgen and Jill Segraves took it in stride.

The start went smoothly in about 5kt south with Patriot (Phil Livingston), Curlew (Tim Kallman), Tigger (Frank Newton and friend), Talley Ho (Jim Stevenson) and Pip Squeak (Digger and Josie) heading west toward Bodkin to go counterclockwise. Lark (Butch and Fred) and Mysticat (Jim Palmer) headed East toward Parson's, Lark clockwise and Mysticat counter. True cat mentalities. The counterclockwise boats faired best as the wind died to nothing on the windward side of Parson's driving Lark, Curlew and Tigger onto the bar. The latter managed to get off, Curlew needed a push both onto a downwind run easing around the island. Lark on a reach spun in circles for most of an hour before calling it quits. Mysticat made it around cleanly as did Patriot sometime later as they started in opposite directions. The Larks had a great time watching the race for first place between Mysticat and Patriot. It was hard to judge who was in the lead as they were coming from different ends of the course. Mysticat prevailed, his final leg being a reach with Patriot beating toward the line. The real race turned out to be for second and third. Talley Ho managed to ease up Patriot for a near photo finish. The finishers were Mysticat, Patriot, Talley Ho and Curlew in that order. The rest of us, roasted in the sun were DNF. Mysticat's time was 2:25:42, a slow race in the hot sun.



Back to the dock for a cool down then off to Fisherman's Inn for dinner and awards where Frank had used his charm and restaurant prowess to get us into the Captain's Room without a room charge. We had a record turnout of twenty-four who enjoyed a great dinner, catboat comradery and a few shenanigans.

The rum had run its course so I opted for real trophies of clear acrylic in roughly the shape of a gaff sail. Something different to sit beside Phil's row of still corked rum bottles.

Thanks to Bruce, Jill and Frank for their help in making it a great day.

Pete McCrary. Across the Bar...

We recently learned that Peter McCrary crossed over the bar earlier this year. Pete was a long-time member of CCBA and one of the few guys who built a number of "kit" boats that ranged from 10' to 14'. OK, so he was able to fit into a floating shoebox! He joined us on a number of events including multiple long cruises. Pete will be missed by all of us. Sail gently away my friend and say hello to Bill Hoover for all of us.



Wye River Goose Chase 2024

Friday 10/13 to Sunday 10/15

Friday 10/18: Arrive St Michaels, Md. If coming by boat you may anchor in the harbor or reserve a slip at the Chesapeake Maritime Museum, if you are a member, or one of the other marinas in St Michaels. We will have a GAM & GROG in the cockpit of one of our boats at the Maritime Museum around 3 or 4. We have reservations for dinner at Blu Miles at 5:30. CBMM dockmaster Ch#16.

Saturday 10/19: We will meet for breakfast at the Carpenter Street Saloon at 8 am. After breakfast we will head over to the Wye River. Depending on wind and weather we will decide which fork of the Wye to take and which creek/cove to spend the night. I will notify everyone who let me know they are coming where to find us, to raft for the night. BYOB and snacks



Sunday 10/20: Head home on your own after breakfast.

As always all are welcome to join us for the whole weekend or any part there of it. Please let me know if you plan to attend, by phone or text 908-591-8774 or email at Finew-ton3@yahoo.com. This is the final sailing event of the season, so I hope you will try to make some part or all of the weekend. Look forward to hearing from you.

Jersey Frank Newton.

Editorial disclaimer:



Your newsletter editor has made a big decision to sell his beloved catboat, *Mystic Wind*. She has carried me on many an adventure in SW Florida and the Bay. I hope she will find a new owner on the Bay. Reasonably priced. Click for details.

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Click for pix and price: <https://craigligibel.smugmug.com/2024/>

Commodore's Corner

The summer season is hot and hoppin. Hopefully we're over the hump for the heat.

We had a great turnout for the Prospect Bay event for both the number of boats and the dinner. Every seat in the room was taken.

Ligibel's BBQ went on despite storm Debbie's passage although there were thoughts of canceling. She moved on so one day postponement gave us a perfect day for the event. Craig and Colleen put on a fantastic party and feast. Oysters all around. The sail across was nice despite the Sunday powerboat wakes that were thankfully lacking on the trip home Monday morning. We met a few new members who attended as well as John Downey who drove down from Erie, PA. Hopefully he'll be back to join us on the long cruise.



Speaking of Debbie, she raised havoc with high tides, wind and pier eating seas. We were glad to see her go.

The Cruise to the Sassafras is our next event starts on Sept. 15 with a stop at the Leigh's for a cookout. Then stops in Middle River, Georgetown and at friends of Jack Smith. The itinerary is within. Hope you can come out and join us. It's always a great time usually with some fantastic fall sailing.

That's all for now.

See you on the water.