



# Chesapeake Catboat Association

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## **2023 CCBA Events**

**Sail along with Pride and Pip Squeak.** Aug 25-27. Check with Fred or Digger!

**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

### **Commodore's Korner August 2023**

Twenty of us and 13 boats turned out for a fantastic weekend at the Oxford Catboat Parade event. Thanks to Karen and One Feather Phil who put on a great event with perfect weather, great eats and much catboat comradery. The sail across was interesting. Lark got confused in the rain and mist nearly heading up Cox creek. A write up by our host is within. Thanks again.



Fred and Digger have announced another *Sailing with Pride* outing on the weekend of August 25. Details within.

Next event is the Long Cruise beginning on Sept 16. We've planned an interesting more local trip this year so distance from home has been reduced with more opportunities to jump in and out and for shore crews to join in. The tour of the liberty ship John Brown has been set up by Bob Leigh. Please contact Bob so he can get a head count for the tour and the visits to his home and the Palmers. If you'll be staying at a marina, don't forget to make reservations soon. Details within.

Cooler weather is on the way. See you on the water. C.H.

# CCBA 2023 Long Cruise

## Baltimore Bound

### **Sat. 9/16** The Palmer's on the Magothy

Head into the Magothy entrance at R"2" and follow the channel through, then. At the west end of the river find R"10", R"12", G"13", R"14", G"15", stay left of R:16" to their house on the right side. They may have room at the pier. No services

Please contact Jim in advance to let him know that you'll be coming.

443-618-9399

### **Sun. 9/17** Bodkin Creek, mouth of the Patapsco 13NM

Head out of the Magothy then north to Craighill Channel G"19", thence G"C1", G"3", G"5", G"7", G"9/R"10", G"9A", G"11", to possibly a spot between Jubb and Goose coves. There are a few marinas with services.

### **Mon. 9/18** Middle River 15NM

Head out to the Patapsco NE approx. 196\*(M or True?) for 6.26 miles to R"2" at the entrance to the pass between Cuckhold Pt. and Pleasure Island. Follow the marks through then NNE to G"3" behind Hart-Miller Island. Continue past R"2" then left at G"3" to Galloway Creek or Frog Mortar creek if you like to get buzzed by planes from Martin State Airport.

There are marinas with services.

We'll be crossing two shipping lanes so beware.

### **Tues. 9/19** Baltimore 20+ NM

Get back to the Patapsco on the route you wish to the mouth at R"4" then west under Key Bridge and continue up toward the inner harbor to R"4". Oasis Harbor East Marina will be ahead on the right. We'll each make our own reservations. Mention that you're with the Catboat Assoc. group and they may be able to put us together. There is no fuel but there are many fuel docks in the area. <http://www.harboreastmarina.com>,

39\*16'52"N/76\*36'10W 410 625-1700

**Wed. 9/20.** Baltimore John W. Brown Tour and do the town.

Contact Bob Leigh as soon as possible to sign up.410-437-0632,  
443-386-7837

Another great opportunity for shore crew to join in.



**Thur. 9/21** Whorton creek 25NM

Head back out into the bay and NE to R"32" continue to the creek's entrance at R"2" then follow the marks around the sand bar and look for catboat masts. There are a few marinas with services.

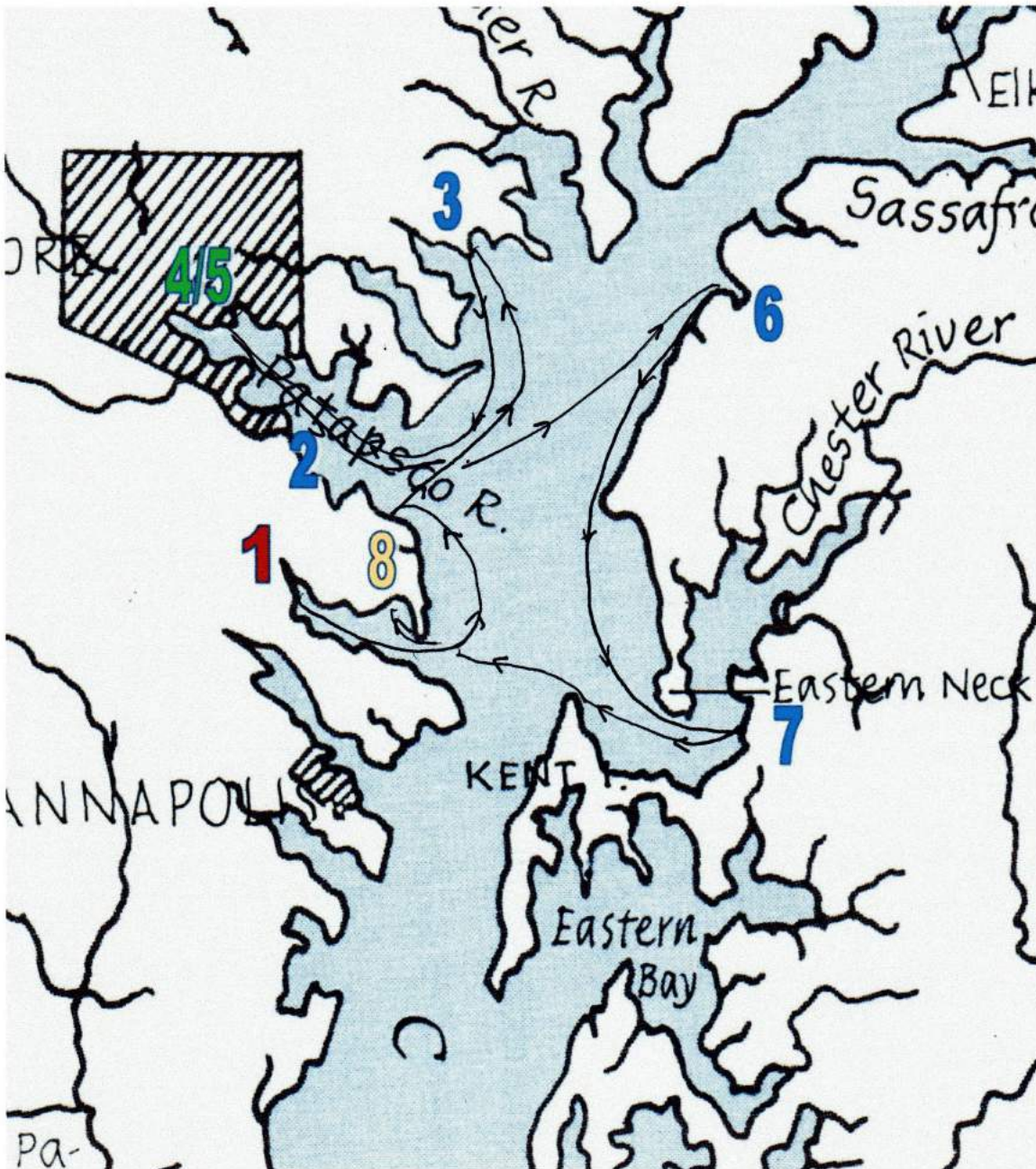
**Fri. 9/22** Queenstown Creek 27NM

Head back out into the bay southward and into the Chester river. Find G"9" at the northwestern turn of the river then eastish to RN"2Q" then to C"3" and into the narrow marked channel,C"5" then turn northward around the bar and look for masts. No services.

**Sat. 9/23** The Leigh's on the Magothy 18NM

Head out the Chester and west across the bay. Follow the same course as before through the entrance starting at R"2" but this time, once through the entrance turn NW to G"1" at Dobbin's island. Continue almost to R"2" looking left behind the little island with the lighthouse for their place. There are services at the marina further up the creek.

# CCBA 2023 Long Cruise Baltimore Bound



## **Subject: Sail with Pride and pip squeak on Aug 25-27**

Hello Cats and Kittens!

Here's the sail plan Fred and I came up with for the last weekend in Aug

- **Fri, Aug 25** - meet up at Reed Cr (off the Chester R)
- **Sat, Aug 26** - the goal is sail to Swan Cr, but desiring to sail, we may change the destination based on wind and weather

**Sun, Aug 27** - return to home port.

# 2023 Oxford Catboat Parade

By Phil Livingston

The Oxford Catboat Parade for 2023 was a resounding success. It didn't start out that way though. On Monday before the event, the forecast was for doom and gloom with 98% chance of rain. I was beginning to think it might be a repeat of two years ago. But, as the week went on the chance of rain became less and less. By Thursday the forecast was for fog, rain and good wind for Friday and nice on Saturday. I began to think it might be a small parade. Fortunately, I was wrong. Catboat people are very hardy people, because, by Friday, boats began to arrive. Some left home on Wednesday. By Thursday both Pride and Pips squeak hammered into every wave for 3.5 hrs and spent the night in Dunns Cove, only 2.5 hours from Oxford. The rest of the fleet braved making the trip on Friday in thick fog, rain and wind. Like always, it was on the nose. By Friday night Town Creek was looking like catboat heaven. We had a total of 10 catboats at the marina. For those who are not from here, Town Creek Marina is a very protected marina with excellent facilities and the ability to fix anything. Tom and Susan Campbell, the owners, greeted everyone and made sure everything was going smoothly. A special thanks for all their hospitality.



By Friday night the weather had cleared up with a light wind out of the SW. A perfect time for everyone to get to "Doc's", a local favorite spot. The restaurant sits out over the water with an unbelievable view, great food and outstanding service. Everyone had a memorable experience and wants to go back. Then it was off to the "Scottish Highland Creamy" for Maryland's best ice cream. After waddling to the cars, it was time to head back to the "Boat Barn" for a long night gam. The start of a wonderful weekend.

Early Saturday morning, (with the help of Wanda Sherriff and Susanne Bayda) was the start of my wife's famous French toast buffet, with her special French toast, eggs, sausage, and more. This went from 7-9. At nine people walked over to our Community Center for, "cars and coffee", a place where both rare and exotic cars are on display. Everyone had fun and walked off some

breakfast.

By noon we had our skippers meeting in the Boat Barn where we discussed the route and the importance of staying close for taking pictures. We had only a light wind of 5 kts out of the north with the temperature in the mid eighties. Just perfect for a parade.





As the fleet of 12 catboats moved around the course we had people along the way taking pictures, waving and boats following doing the same. You couldn't ask for better. By the time everyone was back at the Boat Barn, spirits were running very high. Everyone had phones out comparing pictures and remarking how much fun it was. In no time the hot dogs and hamburgers were ready, compliments of our very own, " Jersey Frank". Plenty of food, drink and Highland ice cream for dessert. All followed by great company late into the night. Smiles everywhere.

Sunday morning came early. There were coffee and donuts starting at 6am. With people coming through the door by 6:01, you could tell it was going to be the start of a very long day for some. Fred Sherriff, I think had the furthest to go. He went almost 50 miles in 10.5 hours. Both Jim Palmer and Bob Leigh were nearly the same. Bob Leigh was spotted by a local from Oxford just after he passed under the bay bridge. Long days for all, the shortest being around five hours. Everyone had a nice wind out of the south, making for a fine sail home.

By 10am the good time was over and the last boat had departed. It was quiet inside the Boat Barn, just echoes and memories of 12 catboats and 22 people here at the 2023 Oxford Catboat Parade, with great catboat people. Can't wait for the next one.





## For Sale: 1971 Hermann Cat 17

– Gaff Rigged/Outboard, #64.

Charles Wittholz design built by Ted Hermann's Boat Shop - Seaford, LINY. Less than 100 produced 50/50 marconi/gaff. Same owner since 1992. Extensively cruised/raced in the Chesapeake Bay over two generations. Fully found and functional. Can demonstrate.

Ready for cosmetics. Documented mods, maintenance and cruising history (see CBA Bulletins 136–139/CCBA cruises): Full teak trim, upsized bronze cleats, tapered rudder, closed aperture, oval portlights; opening porthole w/ baby bomar hatch; removable tiller and tiller stick; factory teak drop leaf table; Swedish gravity feed alcohol stove; 12V house/nav light; spars newly painted/running rigging replaced. Berth and cockpit cushions, porta-potti. 6HP

Yachtwin w/alternator and single axle storage trailer. Located Rhode River. Will deliver anywhere on Chesapeake Bay.

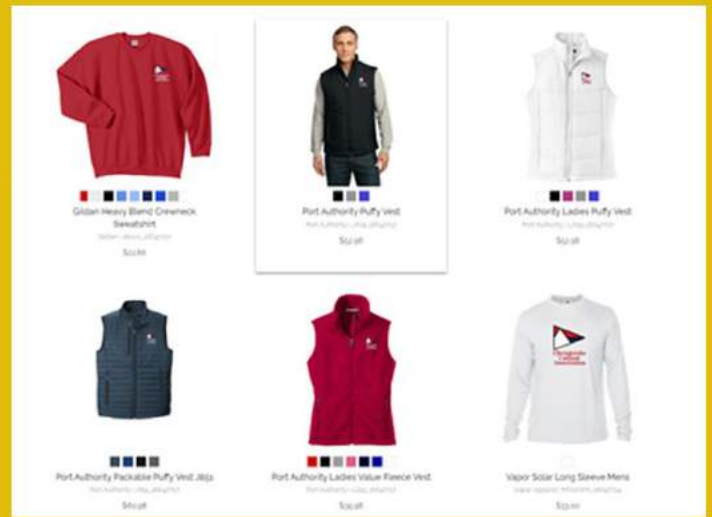
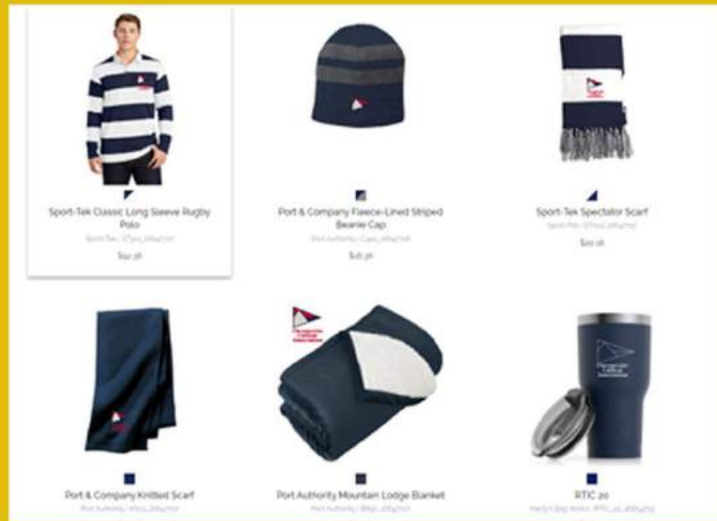
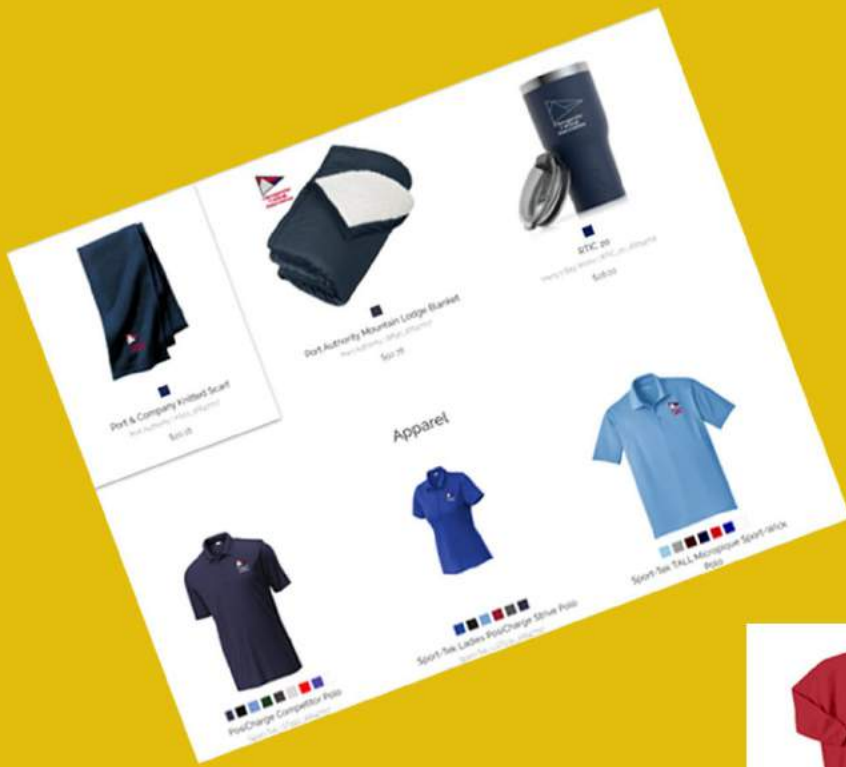
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