



# Fair Tides

MARCH 2010

## THE HAVEN YACHT CLUB



## COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

By: Bob Rao

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[www.thehavenyachtclub.com](http://www.thehavenyachtclub.com)

## NEXT THYC MEETING

March 27<sup>th</sup> - 2:00 PM  
Anchorage Marina, Canton, MD

If you were able to battle the snow and attend our Winter Ball, you enjoyed not only a badly needed reunion with our boating friends, but a remarkable first class evening of fun. The Corinthian Yacht Club provided the class and ambiance we were seeking for our "After Five" theme and you made it even more special by dressing for the occasion! We will get pictures up on the website in the coming weeks. The consistent praise I heard was that the décor and memorabilia was great fun to explore and that the food was outstanding. And could we please do it again next year! Thanks to Chris, Sue, Robyn, and Beth Fulton for all their hard work to pull it off in style.

As we turn our attention to Spring, the preliminary schedule of events has been planned by our Fleet Captain and we will be confirming all dates in the next issue of FairTides. We will kick off our New Membership Drive on the last weekend in April. We need a few volunteers to assist Committee Chair, Earle Sandberg distribute the packages as we are expanding our reach to include Osprey, Spring Cove, and Rock Hall Landing. Opening Day is confirmed for May 15<sup>th</sup>. and as usual will include an invitation to our prospective new members to join us for appetizers and drinks.

One of the most rewarding aspects of our Club's agenda is our sponsorship of the Susan Scovill Memorial Scholarship. Your contributions and your patronage of our logo attire have made this all possible. I am very proud to announce that we have passed a resolution to increase the amount of this Scholarship from the current \$600 per student to \$1,000 in 2010. Much effort on the part of Committee Chair Bill Thygeson over the years has lead to the success of this program. This year, George Millward will be working with Bill and has agreed to take the program over in the following year. We have once again held THYC

membership renewal fee to \$50, so please be as generous as you can in your continued support of our Scholarship fund.

We have filled the remainder of our Committee Chairs for the coming year as follows: Social, Sigy Capuano; Membership, Earle Sandberg; Advertising, Chris Houpt; Safety & Education, Dave Ellison; Clothing Sales, Shannon Wright. We encourage you to volunteer to help on these standing committees and to please consider a future Chairperson, Governor, or Officer position.

So hang in there. One more month and we will be back in action and working hard at getting our boats in order and launched. After this winter, I know we are all ready. I look forward to seeing you on the docks and to another terrific season of THYC!

### **VICE COMMODORE'S REMARKS**

*By: Chris Houpt*

As most of you know, I left Rock Hall on October 25<sup>th</sup> to attend Sea School in Alabama. I am proud to say I passed the course, which would enable me to become a crewmember on a private yacht (and maybe a more knowledgeable Officer in our Yacht Club). Although I was still waiting for that opportunity, I found a job with a yacht management company in Ft. Lauderdale. It turned out to be a great time to be in the sunny south while home was being overtaken by snow.

I have spent my weekends at Skip and Shannon Wright's (Mad Hatteras) lovely home in North Ft. Myers. Believe me, I needed their support and encouragement as I submitted resumes and applications to different marinas and agencies. This was a major change for me to make my passion and hobby my career in some way.

In the last two weeks, I was contacted by Gratitude Yachting Center to become their charter fleet manager and broker. I accepted the position and will be back in Rock Hall by March 10<sup>th</sup> to start this new journey. I truly believe that the friendships I've made in The Haven Yacht Club have helped me follow my dream of working near the water, on boats, with good people. So thanks to you all for your insight and support.

As we finalize plans for the upcoming boating season, I will be looking for input from all of you on what activities we should add to our schedule. Being in Rock Hall fulltime should give me the opportunity to put more time into planning these activities and events. With the restructuring of the responsibilities of Rear Commodore, I look forward to having the able assistance of Beth Fulton. Please share any thoughts you have on improving our event schedule by contacting me directly at [Christopher@GratitudeYachting.com](mailto:Christopher@GratitudeYachting.com).

### **REAR COMMODORE'S REMARKS**

*By: Beth Fulton*

I have enjoyed my position as Secretary of THYC for the past 3 years. It gave me an opportunity to meet so many new friends and get to know our many new members. I had a chance to be involved in supporting every event and meeting and it was great experience to now serve as a Flag Officer. I know Beth Boyer will do a great job taking over as our Secretary and will have the help of all of us in her new position.

I am not quite sure how I feel about being called a "rear", but I guess there could be worse terms out there. Just kidding. I am looking forward to this new responsibility in our club. This position will oversee the clothing committee, which will be chaired by Shannon Wright. It has also been expanded to take a more active role in assisting the Vice Commodore in the planning and managing of our many activities. As we continue to expand the number of events, this should be a great help to our Club.

As I am staring out of my office window at three feet of snow, it is hard to believe that in a month we will all start working on our boats to get them ready for launching. Soon we will all be running into each other at West Marine, the Shack and in the yard at Haven Harbour. Come on Spring!! I am ready to put this Winter behind me.



## SECRETARY'S SALUTATIONS

By: Beth Boyer

As I transition from being a Governor to becoming Secretary of THYC, I realize I have big shoes to fill after the excellent job Beth Fulton has done in this position over the years. But I will also tell you that I am up for the challenge! I know I will have the support of all of you and I look forward to serving our Club.

Our next effort is the spring planning meeting we conduct later this month to discuss the events and activities for the coming year. This is a board meeting, but any member is welcome to attend and we would encourage you to do so. It will again be at the Anchorage Marina in Canton, MD (Baltimore) and there are rooms available at the Best Western Conference Center hotel at 5625 O'Donnell Street, Baltimore, MD 21224-4630. (410) 633-9500. Room rate of \$99 with an AAA or AARP discount and just a few minutes away for those who wish to spend the night. We'll find an interesting spot for dinner and likely end up on a bit of a pub-crawl through Canton (crawl is the operative word).

Also, please note that 2010 Membership Renewal form is enclosed. Please complete and send with your payment to me at the address included. If anyone needs a replacement Burgee, just enclose an additional \$20 and I will either send you one or hold it for you at the marina.

## GALLEY RECIPIES

Recipe provided by  
*Sigy Capuano*

### **Chili Dip**

- 1 large block of softened cream cheese
- 1 can of Hormel beanless chili
- 1 block Monterey Jack Pepper cheese

Place block of softened cream cheese on a pie plate, then layer with chili, top with sliced or shredded jack pepper cheese.

Nuke for 10 minutes or until bubbly. Serve with Tortilla chips or Scoops.

If anyone has recipes they would like to share, please email [beth.boyer@dbr.com](mailto:beth.boyer@dbr.com)

## FLEET CAPTAIN'S FLOAT PLAN

By: Troy DiLemme

The following schedule is for planning purposes as we are in the process of confirming a couple of the cruise events. Please let me know if you have any ideas on possible destinations or events we might want to add.

### **2010 Cruise Schedule**

May	1-2	Mother's Day Weekend
	15	THYC Opening Day
	22-23	Shakedown Cruise – Bodkin Creek
	29-31	Memorial Day Weekend
June	12-13	Futch's Picnic Cruise (tentative)
	26-27	Baltimore Marine Center, Canton
July	3-4	Rock Hall Fireworks (3 <sup>rd</sup> ) Rock Hall Parade & Waterman's Day (4 <sup>th</sup> .)
	10	THYC Crab Feast
	17-18	Magothy River Raft Up
Aug	1	Mears Kent Narrows Marina
	14-15	Pirates and Wenches- RH
	28-29	Maryland Yacht Club (20 slips)
Sept.	4-6	Labor Day
	11-12	Navy Football Game – Georgia So.
	18	HH Slipholders Crab Feast
Oct.	2-3	Fells Point Festival Inner Harbor East Marina
	9-10	Annapolis Sailboat Show
	16-17	Annapolis Power Show
	23	THYC Fall Dinner
	30	Crock Pot Cookoff

## **SAFETY & EDUCATION**

*BY: Klaus Burckhardt, Contributor*

As you know, we have appointed Dave Ellison the new Chair for this committee. I have enjoyed my time as the prior Chair and hope to stay involved in helping Dave when I can. I urge you all to consider becoming a contributor to this important Committee as we all have experience to share that could have a positive impact on our Club. If you come across information you believe would be helpful or important, please bring it to Dave's attention.

For example, I thought you might find the following of interest. Many of you are aware of the AIS (Automatic Identification System) system whereby large commercial vessels are now required to transmit data about their boat including name, size, speed and course at all times. Private vessels can spend a lot of money to install their own transponder or for less money (maybe \$500) install a read-only device on board.

But there's now another option. Below you will find a handy website. For those of us aboard with Internet access (a Blackberry or IPOD will do fine) you can identify commercial traffic that's in close proximity to your boat. A great thing to have if you're in the fog, can't see but a boat length, and the prolonged blast you hear every sixty seconds is enough to rattle your composure.

AIS will give you the vessel's name, course, speed, track, and even pictures of the vessel. It's a nice compliment to radar. Now you have the name of the vessel to hail on VHF to discuss collision avoidance. Just click on the box covering your area and see what the commercial vessels are doing there "live". You can try this website on your computer right now and see what's happening on the Bay. And it's free! Just go to:

<http://www.marinetraffic.com/ais/>