



Fair Tides

MAY 2009



THE HAVEN YACHT CLUB

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NEXT THYC MEETING

June 13th- 2:00 PM prior to picnic
On Futch's deck

July 11th- 9:00 AM
Above the Ditty Bag

It's Official! THYC's boating season has begun. The energy of your new Officers resulted in a great Opening Day and an extraordinary turn of the weather just before show time provided a perfect evening with new friends and new members. Thank you all who worked so hard to make it all come together and to the members who provided a great array of appetizers to get us started. Also, much thanks to Dick Greenwood and the USCG Auxiliary for their time and informative safety inspections. And a very special "Welcome" to all our new members. With the Flag Raising Ceremony and Opening Day Celebration now behind us, we focus on an exciting schedule of cruises and events to enjoy together.

As I mentioned in my comments at our Flag Raising, this Club is really all about that sense of togetherness. Under THYC Flag we are a community. Whether it is on the docks or on the water, we enjoy one another's company and the identity that our Club provides as we share our common passion for boating. No matter whom we are or what we do during the week, when we are under THYC Flag, we are one. We return to the simple friendliness of speaking as we pass on the dock, helping each other with projects, and always being welcome on each other's boats. We are not a formal bunch and invitations are seldom required. We are THYC!

Thank you for the positive comments we have received on the new format for our newsletter. We welcome any feedback that can make our Club stronger and better. For one thing, we really need photos for THYC Web Site. They can be of events or just regular weekends. And speaking of events, in our meeting on Saturday we nominated Klaus Burckhardt to head a committee

to design a "Pirate Dingy" to participate in the August 8-9 Pirates and Wenches Weekend in Rock Hall. This was a huge success last year and we will proudly fly THYC Flag as we sponsor our own entry this year. Anyone who would like to participate on that committee please see Klaus on the Edelweiss, R-34.

Finally, be sure to check out the cruises and events planned for the new season. Any changes between newsletters will be posted to the web site or communicated via email directly to you. And remember to wear some of that *hot* new THYC attire Rear Commodore Shannon has done such a great job in adding and don't forget to fly your burgee!

VICE COMMODORE'S REMARKS

By: Chris Houpt

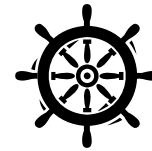
Our Opening Day on May 16th was a great success. Our Commodore, Bob Rao, made some remarks about the uniqueness of our boating community and the willingness of all of us to pitch in and help wherever needed - whether that is helping a boater tie off lines when they pull into their slip or helping to carry batteries to a boat. We are a Club and we look after one another. After the raising of the American Flag and Star Spangled Banner we raised THYC burgee at the end of Red Dock for the first time this season. Then back to the picnic area for appetizers provided by our members and beer and wine provided the THYC as we socialized with our guests who came to learn more about us and hopefully join THYC.

We are planning a great picnic at the Futch's on June 13th that you will hear about from our Fleet Captain and a special outing the night before on St. Helena's Island. Also, I am working out the final details for the Crab Feast to be held on July 11th at Haven Harbour. For those who have not attended in the past, this is an all-day event. The price includes the Dinghy Race in the morning, burgers and hot dogs for lunch, kids' activities in the afternoon, and a catered feast for dinner followed by music and dancing. The flyer with cost and food options will be mailed out in the next few weeks. Reservation forms and payment will be due back to me by July 4th.

REAR COMMODORE'S REMARKS

By: Shannon Wright

I hope everyone had the opportunity to check out the new THYC apparel at our Opening Day table. The new ball caps and tote bags were a big hit as were many of the other new items. Additional inventory will be available at the Crab Feast on July 11th. If the piece you wanted was already sold out. If you have an idea for a new item or something you would like to recommend, please let me know. I am on Mad Hatteras at the end of White Dock, W-53.



SECRETARY'S SALUTATIONS

By: Beth Fulton

I have received renewal applications for most of our members from last year. And, we have added 14 new members so far this season. This is amazing growth that will certainly make our Club stronger. If any of you new members have any questions whatsoever about the Club, please see me on Mulligan, R-16.

If any members have news to share or something boating related they would like to have listed in FairTides, please let me know. Also remember that updates on upcoming events are posted in THYC kiosk at the head of Red Dock by the stairs to the Reception Center.

The 2009 Membership Directory will be available at the Crab Feast. If you have not sent back your membership application yet, please do so before June 7th to make sure your information is in the directory.

FLEET CAPTAIN'S FLOAT PLAN

By: Troy DiLemme

Our first cruise of the year will be May 30 - 31st to Pleasure Cove Marina on Bodkin Creek. We have 8 slips reserved at the marina right now and there was space available for more if we get a big turn-out. Anchoring out in the creek is also an option. Dinner reservations at Cheshire Crab will be made for Saturday night w/ cocktails on the Madli before dinner. If you are interested, please e-mail me your boat name, length, and power requirements at troyd@ncgcompanies.com

Our next cruise will be to Tom and Nancy Futch's house on Little Round Bay off the Severn River June 13-14th. Attending boats usually anchor out in Maynadier Creek and dingy around the point to the Futch's for the party at 4:00PM. Please see the flyer in this issue for detailed directions. Let me know if you will be coming by boat and I will start putting together a list to publish. This was a great time last year in a beautiful setting.

We will once again have a picnic on Friday night, June 13th. on St. Helena Island across from the Futch's from 5:00 to 8:00 PM. This is a privately owned island in Little Round Bay that the Pinkard Family (friends of the Fulton's on Mulligan R-16) have given us permission to visit on a very unique part of the Bay. Fulton's will provide hot dogs, hamburgers, rolls, condiments, plasticware, plates and ice. Please bring a dish to share and your own own drink of choice.

There is the pickle barrel that we can swim in and a bathroom to change in. Please let Beth know if you can make it at bfulton397@aol.com. Remember that the only access is by dinghy. If you don't have one, there are many folks that do and can help with ferrying from your boat to the island.

I am thinking of putting together another Cocktail Hour event for Father's Day weekend (June 20 - 21st) – something along the lines of our fall chili cook-off with members bringing a small dish for everyone to sample and vote on. If you have any ideas for a theme please let me know (crab cakes...etc).

2009 Cruise Schedule

May	30-31	Pleasure Cove (Props Rest)
June	13-14	Picnic Cruise to Futch's On the Severn River
	27-28	Anchor Out- Magothy River
July	11	Crab Feast- Haven Harbour
	18-19	Herrington Harbor South
Aug	1-2	Mears Kent Narrows Marina
	8-9	Pirates and Wenches- RH
	22-23	Maryland Yacht Club (20 slips)
Sept.	12-13	Navy Football Game
	19	HH Slipholders Crab Feast
Oct.	3-4	Fells Point Festival Inner Harbor East Marina
	24	THYC Fall Dinner

You will also see additional Rock Hall events and a reminder of other significant dates on the "Schedule" tab on our Web site, www.thehavenyachtclub.com.

EDUCATION

BY: Klaus Burckhardt

GPS is one of the technology advances that helps make boating easier and safer. I'm pretty sure everyone in our club does have a GPS if not a Chart Plotter to use every weekend on the Bay. But what happens when your instrument craps out? This isn't such a far-fetched possibility. Electronics do fail from time to time. Batteries can be run down. Fuses can blow. And we do read of the governmental "threat" that GPS signals can be deliberately disturbed without notice from time to time in order to thwart bad guys around the world. GPS is terrific, but if your life depends on knowing your position on the water, it's vital to have backup.

So, the prudent boater will always keep official NOAA charts of the area aboard. If you're planning a bit of a voyage beyond your normal

afternoon sail or powerboat sprint, it's a good idea to haul out the chart and pencil mark your long/lat position on a regular basis along with the time. Use the GPS because it's easy, but also take an occasional compass sight toward available landmarks just to double check the GPS for reasonableness. It can be fun to practice these navigation skills, it makes you look and feel like a worthy boater, and every once in a long while it can even save your skin!

But even paper charts are technically out of date the moment they were printed. The USCG addresses this matter by issuing "Notice to Mariners" whenever things happen to their buoys, or when other things are going on that affect their domain. Subscribing to and monitoring these official notices becomes a bit ponderous for most non-professional boaters. But here's a quick and easy alternative to consider.

"Chesapeake Bay Magazine" recently publicized that they do post the bi-weekly USCG Notices on their magazine website. However they are now also offering to compile key Bay information from these notices plus their own CBM commentary based on boating reports they receive from around the Bay, and send this via email for FREE to anyone's individual email address. The bi-weekly emails are broken into Upper and Lower Bay sections to make things even easier to follow. All you have to do to receive CBM's Notice to Chesapeake Mariners via email is to send an email to channel9@cbmmag.net and request this. If that doesn't work, feel free to call Jody at 410-263-2662.

Again, the service is FREE, and once you've given them your email, it comes to your inbox automatically. As an example of useful stuff was the mid-May alert that channel markers 7, 8 and 9 marking Fairlee Creek were missing, and 10 was out of place. Good to know if you happened to be planning a visit to Jelly Fish Joel's, no?



THYC Picnic Cruise

When: Saturday June 13th. 4:00 PM

Where: Little Round Bay on the Severn River
Home of Tom and Nancy Futch

By Land: 1035 Park Road
Crownsville, MD. 21032
(410) 923-3737 Home
(410) 279-0707 Tom's Cell

By Sea: Approx. 6 miles up Severn River. Anchor in Maynadier Creek and dingy around Mathiers Point to Futch's (chart on back). THYC Banner will be seen on property. You'll see Tom's boat "Wampum" in lift at base of property. Ride up lift or brave the steps.

Bring: Your meat to grill and an appetizer, salad, or side dish to share. Dessert to share optional. Grills, utensils, dishes, condiments, beer & wine provided

Questions Or Help: Fleet Captain Troy DiLemme (609) 610-1719
"MADLI" R-15

Vice Commodore Chris Houpt (610) 639-4266
"Music Man" R-7

Come early and picnic with us on a private estate on St. Helena's Island in Little Round Bay FRIDAY night 5 - 8 PM. Hot dogs, burgers, condiments, etc. provided by the Fultons. Bring a dish to share and your drink of choice. Access by dingy only. See Beth for details or email bfulton397@aol.com

LITTLE ROUND BAY on the Severn River

Just about every creek on the Severn provides a comfortable anchorage in good deep water. The Round Bay area, five miles up the river, has several favorites, including Little Round Bay and St. Helena Island.

There's good protection all around St. Helena Island. Just don't anchor in the cable area directly west of the island. When the weather is really "sticky," perhaps you could drop your hook inside the protecting arm of Long Point. The shores here are fairly well settled, but you will be protected from any nor'wester in midsummer.

The Navy maintains a submerged mooring system in Little Round Bay to use when severe storms threaten its small-craft fleet in Annapolis, but better hurricane anchorages are farther upstream. Let's not tell the Navy.

There are several houses and private docks on St. Helena Island, too; and we've been told a gambling casino operated there in the distant past.

In Brown's Cove, west of St. Helena Island, Smith's Marina offers gas, ice, repairs and haulouts. There is seven feet of water at the fuel dock.

Other choice spots to anchor are in Hopkins Creek and Maynadier Creek, SSW of St. Helena Island.



From NOAA Chart 12282—*not to be used for navigation.*



If you draw over three feet, give a wide berth to the shoal jutting out just opposite Mathiers Point. Stay mid-channel until you round the sandspit at the entrance to Hopkins Creek, then circle around to port, where you can drop your hook. The sand bar will keep any wave action at bay while it permits the breeze to find you, even on a hot summer's night. Water depths range to 11 feet, and the shoreline has few houses and little activity.

But if you want to find a really good anchorage on a hot summer night, turn west around Mathiers Point into Maynadier Creek. The channel leading around this point is an ample 14 feet or more, and the creek opens up inside with depths of eight to 10 feet. The bottom is soft mud and provides good holding ground. There are some very fine homes along the shore of this bay-like creek. Extensive marshes along its south and west shores suggest a dense mosquito population, so be sure you have insect repellent and good screens on your companionway.

Round Bay itself is wide enough for good sailing and small enough to offer protection from heavy seas. It is a beautiful body of water, about two miles across at its widest point.

Normally this part of the Severn River is busy with water-skiers and small boat regattas. Weekends afford the heaviest traffic; weekdays more solitude. ↓