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THE HAVEN YACHT CLUB

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NEXT THYC MEETING

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

Let's face it. I'm just not that easy to impress. Call it what you will (experience, age, skepticism), I've just seen most of this movie before. So how could I be so blown away by a weekend cruise to Little Round Bay? Where do I start. The efforts of our Secretary Beth and her husband/Governor Paul Fulton for putting together our visit to St. Helena's Island for a private island cookout (and for bringing the food to grill for us all)? Or the Island's owners Wally and Mary-Ann for being such gracious hosts and providing a personalized walking tour of the Island and their home? Or our Vice, Chris for investing so much of his own time in getting people back and forth from our anchorage by dinghy?

Or my best Hatteras buddy, Skip for letting use his Marsh Hare tender all weekend long to shuttle people around (not to mention sharing his generator)? Or our Fleet Captain, Troy, for encouraging so many boats to anchor out? Or the guy upstairs for the beauty and tranquility of Little Round Bay and the peacefulness of Maynadier Creek (well all right, maybe not during the Saturday night after party)? Or Tom and Nancy Futch for once again welcoming us all to their home with the million-dollar view? Or the many members that braved a Saturday afternoon on the Bay Bridge to join us by land? Or the great sides, salads, and desserts you all brought to share?

Or the pure relaxation of floating in that creek for hours in the sun, visiting each raft up and sharing each other's company, food, and adult beverages or two or three? Or the fact that we had a least 16 vessels in our fleet for the weekend? Or how hard we laughed at Gordon's explanation of why his dinghy broke lose at midnight? Or just not wanting to leave Sunday afternoon? See how

carried away I can get. It was a most memorable and enjoyable weekend Club cruise that makes you not want to miss the others that are planned this year and to encourage our other members to give it a try. So somewhat out of character for me, I confess, I stand *impressed!*

You will be able to see the evidence in the [Photo](#) section of our website soon. While you are there, check out the newly added [Advertising](#) section to see local merchants whom have contributed to our Club and the reformatted [News](#) section with the added "Breaking News" column highlighting changes to our previously published schedules and events. You'll also now be able to see a reminder of the next major event on our [Home](#) page. And the [Photo](#) section is now active with pics from our first cruise to Pleasure Cove Marina. If anyone has photos of club activities or just general member photos around the marina, please send me an email and I'll arrange to get them from you and periodically get them added to the site. And finally, make sure you get your RSVP's in for the Crab Feast. You'll find the form in this newsletter and on the website. I look forward to seeing you there!

VICE COMMODORE'S REMARKS

By: Chris Houpt

This past weekend we once again had a great turnout for the Picnic at the Futch's. Following a brief shower, we enjoyed cocktails and appetizers and managed to squeeze in a group picture to update our website. Our Commodore toasted a number of member couples celebrating their Anniversaries and we were off to the grills. Thanks to all of you who worked to make this happen. And thanks again Tom & Nancy, we are so lucky to have a Club House with a view like that! For those who were able to come early for Friday night, we had a real treat spending time on the private St. Helena's Island. It is one on the coolest place's. Our next trip is on Saturday, June 27th to anchor out on the Magothy River.

Next month is our largest event of the year and one you don't want to miss! The annual Crab Feast is on Saturday, July 11th. It is truly an all day event and we have another great one

planned for everyone. Starting with the dingy race at 11 and ending twelve hours later! The club will provide lunch following the race and the beer truck will be opened at lunch time! At 2 PM there will be two educational sessions described by Klaus in the Safety & Education column. We will also have fun activities for the kids, as this is a family affair. Don't forget to stop by Shannon's boutique and check out the new THYC attire and accessory items. Dinner will be served at 6 PM with your choice of Crabs, Steak, or Chicken. Beer, wine, soda, bottled water, and dessert are included. From 7-11 PM we will have the awesome Blake Thompson Band for your listening and dancing pleasure. See all the details in the attached flyer and please get your RSVP and check in the mail as soon as possible for yourself and any invited guests as I need to be close to our final count by July 4th. Looking forward to another great party!

REAR COMMODORE'S REMARKS

By: Shannon Wright

Thanks to those members who made purchases at The Haven Yacht Club "boutique" on opening day. Hope all you ladies are enjoying your pink folding ball caps. I have ordered new items per your requests (beach towels, swim suit cover ups, sun visors, children's clothing, and new zip up hoodies). I'm trying to obtain new Columbia items (such as the popular Armand's logo shorts and new men's polo shirts). Keep the suggestions coming for items you would like to see.

We will be set up under the Reception Center for the entire day of the Crab Feast so tuck some boat bucks away to enjoy our new items! And remember, the proceeds of our sales go to a good cause - our Susan Scovill Memorial Scholarship fund.



SECRETARY'S SALUTATIONS

By: Beth Fulton

We are up to 17 new members for this boating season, which is phenomenal. And, the really great part is how many have joined from Blue and White Docks. We really want to make it a yacht club for everyone at Haven Harbour Marina. I have a few burgees left if anyone needs a new one. They are \$20.

Kudos go out to our fleet captain, Troy, for speaking to the weather gods last weekend. Except for the quick downpour at the beginning of our picnic, the weather was gorgeous. It was perfect for swimming from one raft group to another in Maynadier Creek. Swimming, rafting, and water skiing were some of the activities we were able to enjoy.

Congratulations to Billy and Greta Brawner on the birth of their little girl, Rhenna Lauren. Hopefully, we'll see them around the marina soon.

The 2009 Membership Directory will be available at the Crab Feast. If you have any changes to your directory information from last year or from your 2009 renewal form, please be sure to get it to me by July 4th.

At the picnic on St. Helena Island, many of you requested the recipe for Shannon Wright's Shortcake. She has kindly offered to share her *secret* recipe.

Onion Shortcake (from the Seattle Times - 1973)

AKA, The Reason Skip Married Me

This is a great potato substitute - wonderful with steak

1 Sweet Spanish onion
1/4 c butter
1 1/2 c corn muffin mix (= 1 box Jiffy corn muffin mix)
1 egg, beaten
1/3 c milk
1 c cream style corn
Tobasco - several drops
1 c sour cream
1/4 t salt
1/4 t dill weed - I use more
2 c grated sharp cheddar cheese

Saute sliced onion in butter. Add sour cream, salt, dill weed and 1/2 cup cheese to this for the top layer. For

bottom layer combine muffin mix, egg, milk, corn, and tobasco. Pour into buttered 8 " square pan. Spread onion mixture over bottom layer. Sprinkle with remaining cheese. Bake at 375 for 30 minutes.

FLEET CAPTAIN'S FLOAT PLAN

By: Troy DiLemme

Our cruise to Little Round Bay was a huge success. We had a great base of operation in the Maynadier Creek for the weekend and enjoyed getting around by dinghy to visit the various raftups, to St. Helena's and to Futch's. Thanks to all for pitching in with rides for those who didn't have dinghys.

Our next cruise is on Saturday, June 27th. to the Magothy River which is to the south of the Patapsco River with the Baltimore Light Station sitting at the mouth. Please let me know if you can join us and for more specific information.

Hopefully by now you have seen my email about the cancellation of Herrington Harbor South. We have substituted the Baltimore Marine Center in Canton and will work on rescheduling Herrington for a later date. If you are not into anchoring out, make it a point to join us on our Marina cruises like this one as we explore new spots together. You can now see a "Breaking News" section in the News tab at www.thehavenyachtclub.com where any last minute changes to the Cruise or Event schedules will be posted as well.

2009 Cruise Schedule

June	27-28	Anchor Out - Magothy River
July	11	Crab Feast- Haven Harbour
	18-19	Baltimore Marine Center, Canton
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

SAFETY & EDUCATION

BY: Klaus Burckhardt

Too late to get the detail into the Flyer for the Crab Feast, we have two Educational sessions planned for that day. First is an informative update on the "State of the Bay " presented by Terry Cummings from the Chesapeake Bay Foundation. Terry is CBF's Manager for Advocacy for Maryland and will speak for about 30 minutes and take questions from the audience. Please visit www.cbf.org to see the great job this organization is doing to educate us and save the Bay.

The second session will be a refresh on our Knots, Splicing, and Cleats hands-on demo by several of our expert volunteers from THYC. This was an interesting and fun session last year and gives the audience a chance to try their hand at the knot tying exercises as well. Please join us at 2:00 PM for both sessions under the Reception Center.

Remember, responsible boating comes from knowledge and action. We can all help the Bay by incorporating the following items into our boating routine:

1. PREVENT OILY DISCHARGE FROM THE BILGE

Keep your engine well-tuned, and place an absorbent pad or pillow under your engine where drips may occur, and in your bilge. Check the pads regularly and dispose of them properly as hazardous waste.

2. SPILL PROOF YOUR OIL CHANGES

Use an oil change pump to transfer oil to a spill-proof container. Wrap a plastic bag or absorbent pad around the oil filter to prevent oil from spilling into the bilge.

3. SPILL PROOF YOUR FUELING PRACTICES

Fill tanks slowly, and use absorbent pads to catch spills and drips. Don't top off or overflow your fuel tank, and leave 5 percent empty to allow fuel to expand as it warms. Consider installing a fuel

overflow reservoir in your fuel tank's air vent line to prevent bubbling backflow.

4. DON'T ADD SOAP TO FUEL SPILLS

Not only is it illegal, but many soaps contain phosphorus, which feeds the excessive algae growth and contributes to the Bay's dead zone. Use Bay-friendly cleaning agents.

5. MINIMIZE BOAT CLEANING & MAINTENANCE IN THE WATER

Use tarps and vacuum sanders to minimize debris, and collect all drips for proper disposal.

6. REDUCE TOXIC DISCHARGES FROM BOTTOM PAINTS

Use a hard, less toxic, or nontoxic antifouling paint, and use only non-abrasive underwater hull cleaning techniques to prevent excessive paint discharge. Consider dry storage, which reduces the need for antifouling paint and saves money.

7. DISPOSE OF HAZARDOUS WASTE PROPERLY

Dispose of paints, batteries, antifreeze, cleaning products, oil, oil filters, and other chemicals at a proper hazardous waste facility or event. Recycle paints, batteries, oil, oil filters and antifreeze – don't throw them overboard.

8. MANAGE SEWAGE WASTES PROPERLY

Use harbor pump-out stations and shore-side facilities instead of dumping into the Bay.

9. STOW IT, DON'T THROW IT!

Keep your trash onboard at all times. Never throw cigarette butts, fishing line, or any other garbage into the water. Take advantage of shore-side facilities to recycle plastic, glass, metal, and paper.

10. REDUCE GRAYWATER DISCHARGES

Use a phosphate-free soap to minimize graywater impact on the marine environment, and do dishes and showers on shore whenever possible. Consider installing a graywater tank onboard.