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Commodore's Report

Gene Freund -Commodore's Message

Well now that it feels as if winter is here, email traffic is now turning to talk of haul out facilities, boat stands and bottom paint, rather than hardware gizmos, trimming for heavy air, etc.

CMA had a great racing season, with good turnouts. Special thanks to new members Blesse (Flying Circus), Dykman (Temple of the Wind), Nees (Fitness Resource) and Lyon (Triple Threat), all of whom got out there (often doing well) during their first years.

Call for new officers: we have two positions that must be filled: both our treasurer and secretary have reached their two-year term limits. Please be interested at least in one of these positions (if not others) and contact Immediate Past Commodore (and nomination committee chair) Dave Way to express your interest. Thanks to Dave, Larry Forgy, and Jere Glover for agreeing to serve as the nominating committee.

Jere and Doris Glover will host the annual holiday dinner this year on December 8. The potluck will start at 4 PM at their house in Annapolis. Thanks to Jere and Doris for another holiday gathering. Please find the notice elsewhere in the newsletter and don't forget to RSVP.

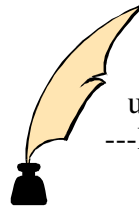
See the rest of the newsletter for the winter meeting schedule. Vice Commodore Jim Nealey is working on lining up speakers, but we do have the library

lined up for the traditional last Sunday of the month for January, February and March.

Fair Winds,

Gene Freund

Quote of the Month



"Design has taken the place of what *sailing* used to be"
---Dennis Conner

Upcoming Events

Racing

Tim Layne – Fleet Captain

2008 CMA Racing Schedule

Membership Matters

John Wayshner, Membership Board Member

I sent out a reminder e-mail a couple of months ago to those who weren't current with CMA membership dues. Many thanks to all that have already responded and congratulations to those who purchased new boats

Renewal couldn't be easier. It's just a 41 cent stamp away. Send your check, payable to "CMA" for \$25 (\$ 45 if racing, \$20 if primary residence is 200 miles away from Annapolis) to:

John Wayshner
1435 East West Shady Side Rd
Shady Side, MD 20764

Regardless as to your decision on renewal, your input to the club is important. If there is area you feel the club should put more focus on please let me or other board members know.

New Members

Newsletter

Gary Spesard - Rear Commodore/Newsletter Editor

Safe passage...
Gary

Episode 27 - Tonga 8/11/07 to New Zealand 10/17/07

August 8th never happened; we crossed the International Dateline and just lost a day. We arrived at a decent time in the morning in Neiafu, Vava'u, Tonga, a nice small town with small grocery stores and nice restaurants. The Customs guy wasn't going to let us in the country because we didn't have one of the papers that Tahiti should have given us. This happened to several other boats. He bribed them for \$70.00 but Carolyn sweet talked him into letting us stay. He wanted us to go back to Tahiti and get it. Not likely!! They had several restaurants that served up a pretty decent hamburger. One was listed with salad. What they didn't say was they put the salad on the hamburger. Most of the time was spent going from one anchorage to another, walking long, deserted beaches and doing a lot of snorkeling. This, of course, resulted in getting scads of shells which had to be cleaned up, so Ken spent many hours scraping and sanding his shell collection. We found many beautiful live cowries that Ken would bring up and show Carolyn then take to a better hiding place. One place we snorkeled, called the Coral Garden, is supposed to be one of the better spots in the world but getting there involves sneaking over less than a foot of water at high tide and hoping you find your way back an hour later. The coral wasn't big but just a flowing patchwork quilt of vivid colors. Coming back, Ken told Carolyn to wait till he went thru the surf line to see if it was OK but she listened like always and when Ken looked back there was no Carolyn. He was a bit scared until he looked around and she was kicking like a woman possessed and was almost back to the dinghy. There were several unique sea creatures. One was a royal blue starfish, magnificent to see just under the surface of the crystal clear water. Another was a 3' - 6' long purple, hose-like creature with one end that looked like bits of broccoli that would snake around from under a piece of coral looking for food in the sand.

The Tonga people are famous for the baskets they weave and Carolyn bought her share. Pigs run around the town like dogs and about every sow had

a cute litter of little piglets following her. At the furthest eastern island, where you had to navigate thru a maze of coral, the sea came crashing into the cliffs creating massive waves in a wooded surrounding that made you think of a Harry Potter wilderness. Many of the anchorages had very bad coral bottoms that your anchor chain would wrap around and result in some anxious times while we raised the anchor. Fortunately, we always worked our way out. One anchorage had a Banyon tree that was about 150' across with one foot in diameter roots coming down to support the limbs.

We left for New Zealand a bit early to get back to the States for Carolyn's dad's 92nd birthday. We either had to motor because there was no wind and waiting for wind, unlike other places we have sailed, is not practical because you know after the no wind will come big winds and gales are not uncommon so if the boat speed dropped below 3.5 knots, on came the engine. As we got further south, the winds started to pick up to the point of being darned unpleasant but not dangerous. Waves would pour over the deck and one dropped on top of our bimini. Going out to adjust the sails became quite unpleasant so we didn't do it to just get the boat to sail faster. We continually had the main sail reefed as much as possible. We were doing a steady 8.5 knots with a fire hose of water shooting past our secure cockpit. The wind was coming out of the southwest and we were trying to go southwest so we were at times up to 40 degrees off our course. ; Finally, the wind came around to the west and we streaked off toward our destination. We had tried our engine and water had filled up our diesel tank and the engine wouldn't run so Ken spent the day draining off water so we could motor up the river into NZ. This worked fine and we cleared into NZ after 9 days at sea and 1,490 miles - 1,200 as the crow flies, with no problems except Quarantine took a bunch of our food which we expected.

The engine cut out the next day going up the river in quite a squall but we got it going again and made it to Whangarei, a delightful town with all the comforts of home. We are tied off to four poles close to the Town Basin with a big grocery store just across the street. All is well. We are off to the

States on the 5th for 2.5 months. Have a nice holiday.

Ken and Carolyn on Paws, the wonder cat

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For Sale

CMA Flags and Jacket Patches

There are a few CMA flags (burgees) left. Hurry up and order yours to keep your multihull in "Bristol" style. They are \$22.00 each. These are high quality flags made from heavyweight fabric with the CMA logo sewn on. Or, you can let the world know multihulls are the way to go with the CMA Jacket

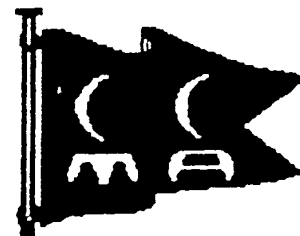
Patch. Each patch cost \$3.00, which includes shipping to your doorstep. Send your check to Mike Brian.

Make checks (only) to: CMA
c/o Michael Brian
416 Plainview Ave.
Edgewater, MD 21037

Jacket Patch



Burgee



Cross 36 Trimaran. Built 1988 w/Cold-molded double diagonal ply/West System. 25 hp Perkins diesel. Main, Jib, Drifter/Reacher. GPS, VHF. Propane stove, Solar panel, Bimini, 45 Lb CQR, 44 Lb Bruce, 25 Lb Danforth. Location: Lombardi Multihulls, North, Virginia. \$36K. Contact: Will Gordon (207) 342-3834.

1994 Corsair F-24 MKI Dry-sailed (mast-up storage at the marina, on the trailer) about 45 minutes south of Annapolis on the Chesapeake Bay. It is in very good condition and I am happy to send you an inventory list and answer any questions. \$29,900 Peter Hoppmann
phoppmann@hoppmann.com (703)-754-6511

24 ft Buccaneer Tri I've had this boat for 20 years and modified alot for speed. I need to let her go. great buy? Near Easton , 410-820-7127 Steve Chitty

Chesapeake Bay Charter -- Catana C381 available for 5 - 7 day weekly Charters at \$2,100 and 3 day weekend rates at \$1,700 in 2006. And for weekend getaways, we are also making her available as a Boat and Breakfast in Georgetown Yacht Basin (on the Sassafras) on our mooring at \$120 per night.

Please contact us for reservations at 302-290-1066 or rcgamble@hotmail.com or visit our website at www.rcgamble.com for more details.

49' Ocean Catamaran '00, Millennium Dragon
Built in the USA by Ocean Catamarans, Inc. Standard hull with custom interior, rig and bimini. Constructed in 1998-99 and launched for the millennium. Set up for single handling. This world cruiser was hauled recently for bottom paint, mechanical maintenance and scheduled replacement of sail drive rubber diaphragms. Much more information available at: www.wingsailor.com. Temporary mooring in SW Florida can be negotiated as part of sale. Contact Captain Roger Strube at wingsailorflorida@yahoo.com or 941.639.6232.

APPLICATION FOR NEW MEMBERSHIP AND MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

(Circle One)	<i>New Application</i>	<i>Renewal</i>	<i>Correction</i>
Name(s) (as you wish it to appear in the roster):			
Street:		Boat Type/Model:	
City:		Boat Name:	
State/Zip Code:		Manufacturer/Designer:	
Home Phone:		Year and Rig:	
Business Phone:		LOA:	Sail #:
E-mail Address:		(Circle): <i>Cat Tri Mono Proa</i>	
Newsletter preference (circle): <i>Email file</i> <i>email me with link</i>		Sailing Interests:	
Home Port:			
How did You hear about CMA?		Questions/Comments:	

Send form with check for \$25, or 20 if more than 200 miles from Annapolis, MD, (plus \$20 racing fee, if applicable) to: John Wayshner, CMA Membership, 1435 E.W. Shady Side Rd, Shady Side, MD 20764.

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