



CHESAPEAKE MULTIHULL ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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Commodore's Report

Jim Nealey - Commodore

Thanks to our Vice Commodore, Larry Forgy for arranging the festivities and the efforts of our Treasurer, Dave Way who wrangled all the awards for the membership, we had a great get-together for our Annual Spring Awards banquet, April 27th at the West End Grille, Annapolis. Cheers (and jeers) to all our accomplished racers and gear busters for the 2007 season. Our faithful newsletter editor & Rear Commodore, Gary Spesard, has assembled a list of the awards and recipients in this issue. Please congratulate all on a job well done. My hope is that our racers will enjoy continued success this season.



We had another winner at the Awards Banquet. The latest round of new burgee designs was on display and members were asked to vote their preference. The vote was

unanimous. Our new burgee won by a landslide! We hope to see the new burgee flying proudly before the end of the season and offer decals for our boats and cars to better advertise our association.

Our first race will be the Annapolis to St. Michaels Race on Saturday, May 24th with a 10am start at R2 off Annapolis and finish at the Miles River Yacht Club. A good excuse for our cruising membership to come out to watch the races, cheer us on, take pictures (please) and visit St. Michaels for an impromptu raft up among yourselves.

Just over the horizon, our Southern Bay Rendezvous, graciously hosted by Bob & Pat Englert and a cruise to St. Michaels for their fireworks display. Look for details in this newsletter.

Many of our members have shared with me their desire for a refreshed and improved web presence. As of now, we have only our monthly meetings during the off-season and this newsletter to exchange news and ideas. Our webmaster, Phil Rappa is now planning for some new features to better serve our membership, promote two-way communication among ourselves, add value to our organization and attract new members. Among the proposals are a member's gallery with photos and specs of each member's boat and your choice of contact options, and a most valuable improvement; a secure but open forum for our membership that may be visited by non-members. I'm delighted to have Phil's enthusiastic and capable hand in making these improvements a reality for us this year. Stay tuned.

Another web-worthy project, from member, Bob Gamble, "Silver Star", is a comprehensive, Bay-wide survey of multihull friendly marinas and haul-out facilities. Please take a moment to respond to the survey in this newsletter and let us know what marinas work (or not) for the benefit of all multihull residents and visitors to the Chesapeake Bay.

Thanks to you all for our continuing success and growth. Wishing you all the best this season.

Cheers, Jim Nealey

Quote of the Month



"Clothes make the man. Naked people have little or no influence in society."
- From *More Maxims of Mark*

Upcoming Events

Coming meetings:

May 24 Saturday BOD at the MRYC after the race
June 14 Saturday Southern Bay Cruise/Rendezvous
July 5th Mid-Bay Cruise/Rendezvous at St. Michaels
Aug - TBD
Oct 12 General Meeting at Rock Fish
Nov 2 Annapolis Public Library
Dec – TBD Christmas Party

Membership Matters

John Wayshner, Membership Board Member

CMA membership is based on the calendar year, January - December. 2008 membership dues are now due. Many have already sent their 2008 dues, so if in doubt, shoot me a email at johnwayshner@hotmail.com and I'll be happy to check your membership status.

Unless your membership information has changed from the previous year (address, phone, e-mail address, boat type, etc), it's not necessary to fill out the entire membership form when you send your renewal check. Just let me know what has changed, I'll update the membership database. I would like to send out an updated membership roster by June, so please act promptly.

Despite increases in nearly everything else, basic CMA membership dues remain at only \$25/year. Several of our members have decided to pay multiple year membership in advance which I have

no problem tracking. So if you want to pay for two, three, or more years in advance, it's easy to accommodate you.

Please send your renewal check payable to CMA to:

John Wayshner
C/O CMA
1435 East West Shady Side Rd.
Shady Side, MD 20764

Dues are \$25 per year or \$20 if more than 200 miles from Annapolis, MD (plus a \$20 racing fee, if your racing your boat this year in the CBYRA Multihull Class).

Racing

Tim Layne – Fleet Captain

2008 CMA Racing Schedule

5/24	Annapolis to Miles River MRYC
5/25	Miles River Back RRBC
6/14	Leukemia Cup EYC
6/21/22	Northern Bay GSA
7/12	Annapolis to Baltimore MRSA
7/13	Baltimore Lighthouse Classic RCRA
7/18	Solomon's EYC
8/1	Gov Cup SMCSA
8/23	Cedar Point GIYS
9/13	Oxford NASS
9/14	Hammond Memorial TAYC
10/4	HdGYC Fall (non-Highpoint) HdGYC
10/25	Balt Leukemia Cup BCYA
10/26	Balt harbor fall back RCRA

CMA members, there are racers who need crew members. Join in, share your experience, gain experience, experience different boats and have some fun. Look for a "Crew Wanted" email to follow shortly.

Repairs / Modifications / Outfitting

Polish and Wax

We did not get a lot of responses as of yet. You can still let us know your experience. We would to hear from you.

The questions were:

What do you use/recommend?

One Step?

Polish then wax?

Paste wax or cream?

What brand?

How often?

Do you wax the deck or not?

What do you use on your windows?

Flying Circus is going with a water based polymer with urethane, high tech stuff. The whole idea is to protect to fiberglass from UV rays. I did not want to wax the surfaces that my crew and I will be walking on so this lead to a different approach. The Product is Poli Glow, it is not wax, will not wash off with soap and water, wipe on - no buff application and is reported to last between 6-12 months.

It goes on next month; I'll let all know how well it works.

Respectfully,
Robert Blesse
Flying Circus
F-31R #131

I didn't wax my catamaran because I didn't want the old paint to come off!

On our powerboat we use car wax (Turtle Wax I think) on gelcoat at the beginning of the season and that works well.

I have also used Nu Finish, advertised as the once a year car polish. It worked very well and was long lasting, but took a lot of elbow grease!

Phil Rappa

I have used West Marine One Step in the past with good results but it is a lot of work even with a power buffer. And the product recommends applying two times per year. So far it has been a once a year event in the spring.

This year we applied it on one side of the hulls and then followed with Maguire's Liquid Wax which turned out nice. On the other side of the hulls I am going to try a oxidation remover and applying 303 Aerospace Protectant. I have used it in the past for UV protection and it does an amazing job (and I don't own any company stock or have any relationship with the product). It truly works like sunscreen preventing colors from fading and you can apply it to about anything. I recently read it also works very well on Teak. Who know? I will let you know which works best come next season.

Gary Spesard
Triangle
F31 #228

As a rule, we try not to make recommendations. Most of the major boating stores carry an array of products, and most of them work fairly well, but each is usually suited to a specific need. For instance, the type of wax you use depends a lot on where you sail, and how much time you want to spend applying it and removing it the next season.

Don't wax nonskid.

And what you use on windows depends on what they're made of. I'd suggest spending sometime online or with a good catalogue. Or, visit a boat store and spend a few minutes reading the labels.

Have fun fitting out!

Mark Pillsbury
Cruising World Magazine

Marinas

An email went out to everyone recently asking for your help gathering information on Chesapeake Bay marinas and services. I have received a few responses. Hopefully we will receive more before the next issue. I understand there are over 400 marinas on the Chesapeake Bay so we definitely need your help narrowing the field.

Specific to CMA needs, here are a few questions to start, but feel free to add to the list with your comments. Please include web addresses, contacts, opinions, special things to be aware of etc. The more information we can gather the better.

- 1) Marinas that offer lift services that accommodate beams in excess of 22 feet?
- 2) Marinas that offer mooring fields (transient and seasonal)?
- 3) Marinas that can accommodate catamarans and trimarans (Tee-head dockage or extra wide slips)?

- 4) Marinas that offer winter storage?
- 5) Marinas that offer repair services?
- 6) Marinas that allow owners to do their own work?
- 7) Protected multihull anchoring locations?
- 8) Marinas that offer trailer sailing storage (mast up storage)
- 9) Launch ramps and parking for trailer sailors (or one's to avoid)?
- 10) Food Service: cafe/dining/bar/grocery?
- 11) Laundry facilities, showers?
- 12) Land Transportation?
- 13) Swimming Pool or Beach Facilities?

Annual Awards Dinner



CMA Awards Dinner for the 2007 season was held Sunday April 27th at the West End Grille in a private banquet room. After appetizers and drinks dinners were ordered from the menu. Vice Commodore Larry Forgy was recognized and thanked for taking care of the arrangements this year. Attendance was light but everyone had a good time. Unfortunately we were missing a few recipients of awards.

Awards for the past seasons efforts were presented by Commodore Jim Nealey with the assistance of Dave Way.

A special thank you for our "official" awards Photographer Ruth Way.

