

# CHESAPEAKE MULTIHULL ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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## Commodore's Report

Dave Way

The CMA's Winter Meetings and Programs for the 2006 season started out with great lectures. I would like to give a big THANK YOU to the individuals for their presentations. In January, Chuck O'Malley, CEO of Doyle Chesapeake hosted CMA for a detailed discussion on the latest in sail designs and materials. In February, Mr. Jim Cheevers, a Museum curator at the Naval Academy presented the "Naval History of the Chesapeake Bay". In March, Ms. Kathy Barth from the Volvo Ocean Race Chesapeake addressed the members on the complete history of the Volvo Oceans Race, this years race stages and the events to be held in Baltimore and Annapolis. I'm sure the CMA Members enjoyed the presentations.

The CMA's Annual Spring Dinner will be at the "Rockfish" in Eastport on April 23, 2006, starting at four o'clock with a social hour. I encourage all CMA members and guests to come and support the Annual Awards program and dinner.

CMA will be supporting the Volvo Ocean Race Chesapeake (VORC) events in Baltimore and Annapolis. CMA's Fleet Captain, Phillip Wadsworth is our coordination link with VORC. Call Phillip soon to add yourself to the CMA volunteer workers list.

Please coordinate with Ruth Sanchez-Way, Cruising Coordinator, if you care to help in developing the Cruising Schedule for 2006.

The CMA Fleet Captain, Phillip Wadsworth and measurer Kiyoshi Mizuuchi, are hard at work updating the CMA fleet rating. It is important that you contact these individuals soon to ensure all the yachts and/or boats are properly rated for the 2006 CBYRA sailing season. It appears CMA will have several new members and boats participating in racing events this year. This is great news, and proves that the multihull fleet is expanding on the Chesapeake Bay. Let's all welcome the new and older boats and crews to a great sailing season during 2006.

During the upcoming season, there are various sailing related events that support those less fortunate. Examples are the "Leukemia Cup Series" and "Sail for Sight" functions. Please support these activities as a CMA member.

### *Quote of the Month*



*I'll be honest, it's getting a little bit lonely at the back here, we are now waiting rather impatiently for a opportunity to come steaming back into the race..*

- Simon Fisher, Navigator on ABN AMRO TWO, Leg 5, Day 6 of the Volvo Ocean Race

## Racing

### **Phill Wadsworth – Fleet Captain**

- May 7 Volvo Start and Bay Bridge walk we're not entered but it is a race!
- May 27 Annapolis to Miles River
- May 28 Miles River Back
- June 17 Leukemia Cup
- June 24/25 Northern Bay Race Week
- July 8 Sail for Sight
- July 9 Baltimore Harbor Lighthouse Classic
- July 14 Solomons Island
- Aug 4 Governors Cup
- Aug 26 Cedar Point
- Sept 16 Race to Oxford
- Sept 17 Hammond Memorial Race

## Upcoming Events

CMA's annual spring dinner meeting will be held at the Rockfish restaurant in Annapolis on Sunday April 23rd with drinks at 4:00 and dinner at 5:00. As at the last few meeting at the Rockfish, you can order off the menu any item and of course you choice of drinks is unlimited. The only problem is you have to pay for what you order. We will also present awards for racing and cruising activities. The Rockfish is located in Eastport across the Spa Creek bridge at 400 6th street. Let Jere Glover know if you plan to attend at [Jerewglover@msn.com](mailto:Jerewglover@msn.com).

Spring Meeting/Dinner	April 23
Corsair Speed Seminar and Mothers' Day breakfast: Patrick Hogan 410-227-1227	May 13, 14

## Cruising

Ken and Carolyn Loving on their Aluminum Catamaran Paws send the following installment:

Episode XIX  
Honduras to Guatemala - November 2005 - February 2006

We worked our way up from Colombia thru some rather dangerous coral reef areas off the northeast tip of Honduras and made our way to the Bay Island of Guanaja, Honduras. The small town there was on an island that was so densely populated the houses were on stilts going out into the ocean. The town has no roads, just sidewalks where everything coming onto the island was transported to the local stores in wheelbarrows, dollies and little red wagons. It was quite the scene when the supply ship came in once a week.

Little canals ran thru the island where small boats would motor thru. We dinked thru a canal to the windward side of the larger island and did some quality snorkeling. When you get far away from the boat in our little dink with her 3.3 HP motor it is a bit disconcerting. Rowing back never sounds like a good idea.

Next stop was the island of Roatan which is much larger. We slid into a very large bay that had coral all across the entrance. Fortunately, we had our daggerboards up and snuck over some big coral heads. Not a harbor for monohulls. We took the canoes and went thru another canal over to the ocean on the north and there were large crocodiles that slid into the water just in front of us. We had a giant beach all to ourselves. The snorkeling all along the Bay Islands was very good. After you go out about 100 yards, there is a ledge that drops straight off 30' - 60'. There are many large and beautiful fish swimming around fantastic coral. We got to snorkel all along the chain. This was some of the best snorkeling of the entire trip.

In the next harbor, again all to ourselves, we hiked across the island and on the peak we had a fantastic view of the islands, the beaches and all the coral

surrounded by crystal clear water. What a display of colors. Very poor fishermen in dugout canoes would paddle by all day long going out into the ocean to catch what fish might be left. They would stop by and try to sell us fish. The locals were very superstitious being afraid of black dogs and they also closed their houses up at night because of the ghosts. Now we are in the tropics and at dusk they close their houses that have no electricity and are deep in the jungle bush. Hot and humid doesn't begin to paint the picture. We went to some people's house that had cruised for 28 years; it was pouring rain so we stayed for dinner and had lobster spaghetti. Don't think you will find that on the menu in many Italian restaurants.

There were dozens of humming birds flying around all the flowering trees in front of their house. We spent New Year's Eve at the house of the man who invented the SIMS card for phones. He gets to these three massive houses every few years. Beautiful landscaping and view. We were invited by the people who take care of the property. This is sort of a common job down here. You live in a fantastic house and maintain it and the property and these very rich people pop in every now and then and take a short vacation.

There was an iguana farm we visited where they had 3 - 4,000 Iguanas. We got to feed some of them. They just keep the iguana since the locals will eat anything that moves except the crocodiles.

The next island was Utila which is sort of a hideout for hippy wannabes. There was an iguana research center there with several students from Europe. Prices here were very low with places to stay for \$2.00 a night. One restaurant called the Jade Seahorse defies description. It was so gaudy that it was interesting. Walls of bottles, plates, tiles, seashells, you name it. Tunnels to walk thru, bridges to climb over. Even the toilet was highly decorated. We went back twice when it was not open just to wander around. It had 6 nice shanty type bungalows with roofs that were at every angle.

There are some people sailing out here that shouldn't be here. One guy in a small boat left many hours after us headed for Guatemala and it was dark

when he got to the harbor we had gone to. There was coral all over the place going thru a wide inlet. Carolyn and I decided he could never make it so we got in the dink to go out and guide him in. It is so dark that we aren't sure where we were but feel comfortable that we aren't over coral. When we left the next morning, he was still asleep and the harbor was empty except for him.

Five men came out to clear us in to Guatemala. Most said nothing, just sat there. In the town were swimming pool sized laundry facilities with maybe 12 basins for the women to scrub their laundry. We saw this a few times. It was sort of Romanesque. At other times you would see the women down in the river scrubbing their laundry on the rocks. Over 50% of the people are Mayan and are very short and very poor but dress VERY colorfully.

It is not safe to stay in Livingston where you check in, so we headed up the Rio Dolce River thru this fantastic, vertical walled, jungle canyon maybe 300 feet high. We have been staying in Monkey Bay Marina where you can see howler monkeys climbing in the trees with their babies hanging from mom's chest. Parrots are screeching thru the jungle and all sorts of beautiful orchids are growing wild on the trees. There are no roads to the marina and it is about 10 minutes to town by dink. The town is just a place of business, nothing touristy, with people selling everything. We saw one place selling chickens and skinned dogs; didn't buy either. We went up to a hot spring waterfall deep in the jungle where the water cascading over the 40' falls was so hot some of the guys couldn't take it but I loved that hot water pounding on my back. I was the only one to climb the falls and go up the stream at the top and it was so hot, I couldn't stand in the water very long.

We headed into the highlands for about ten days. We went thru Guatemala City where you had blocks of stores making 5 foot tall piñatas and then you would see giant bags of candy and little toys to put into the piñatas.

We went to Antigua, the old capital, which was destroyed by volcanoes and earthquakes. The old cathedral had 38 domes. It was massive. The women wore long blue-gray skirts with colorful

blouses and carried large baskets on their head. The men carried all sorts of very heavy things on a strap around their forehead. They had to get their firewood every day to cook their meals.

Market day is the big day in town and there would be maybe 600 to 1,000 stalls selling, chickens, veggies, tourist things, you name it. Kids 5 years old were hawking fingernail clippers. If you showed the slightest interest, they would chase you down the aisle. They'd quote a price then say, "what will you pay me?" Bartering was a big thing.

We bought several pieces of hand woven cloth and jade. In the big market town there was a very primitive Catholic church that had much of the Mayan culture interwoven in the beliefs. Men were burning sacrifices and swinging incense holders while candles burned all over the church. Men were walking around on their knees and they believed that the spirits of the dead resided in specific places in the church so they would pray at that specific location.

Men with sawed-off shotguns guarded everything: bakeries, you name it. Laborers make about \$5.00 a day and the local welders and diesel mechanics get \$5.00 an hour.

We climbed an active volcano where there were three large vents at the top spewing sulphur smoke so thick you couldn't take a breath. The wind was so strong; it would almost blow you off your feet but what a view from the top. There were volcanic peaks everywhere and some were billowing smoke. Was I ever sore at the end of the day.

At Lake Atitlan we stayed in a new hotel right on this fantastic, large lake with this gigantic volcanic range right across the lake. What a view for \$11.00 a night; large breakfasts were \$2.00 with fresh squeezed OJ. Lunch was maybe a whopping \$2.50.

The older men walked around in white pants with red, flowered vertical stripes and a flashy sash holding up the  $\frac{3}{4}$  length pants. A flowery shirt added more color but a dark blue sports-type coat and brown fedora with simple sandals topped off

the outfit. The locals would come out and kiss one old man's hand as he walked thru the town.

We just finished painting the deck and polishing and waxing the stainless steel. In a few days we are off to Belize. Wish we could stay longer. It is 86 degrees in a nice breeze.

### **In Memoriam: Nat Harrison July 17, 1947 – March 17, 2006**

Brad Houghton and Barbara Beitscher

**"Now Finale to the Shore"** by Walt Whitman  
(1819–1892). *Leaves of Grass*. 1900.

NOW finale to the shore!  
Now, land and life, finale, and farewell!  
Now Voyager depart! (much, much for thee is yet in  
store;)  
Often enough hast thou adventur'd o'er the seas,  
Cautiously cruising, studying the charts,  
Duly again to port, and hawser's tie, returning:  
—But now obey, thy cherish'd, secret wish,  
Embrace thy friends—leave all in order;  
To port, and hawser's tie, no more returning,  
Depart upon thy endless cruise, old Sailor!

On March 21 on the bluffs of the York River, CMA member Nat Harrison, beloved husband of Ida Harrison, was laid to rest at the beautiful and historic Grace Episcopal Church (1697). A multitude of family and friends in whose lives he shared were in attendance at the Yorktown, Virginia ceremony. Nat had the ability to make each of us feel special. We give thanks for the blessing and the pleasure of knowing Nat – he had the most wonderful laugh and his sense of humor brightened up many a long sail home.

Over the years Nat served on the CMA board in many positions such as Secretary, Treasurer, Board Member, and Cruising Coordinator, while Ida edited the newsletter and created a beautiful book on the history of the club in time for our 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary. They were frequent attendees at our rendezvous, board meetings, and club events. Nat

## Membership Matters

John Wayshner, Membership Board Member

was a lifelong sailor who grew up on Patrick's Creek and sailed many boats in his lifetime, including a Maine Cat, Stiletto 30, and a PDQ 36. He organized a yearly CMA Southern Rendezvous every June off Mobjack Bay on the Ware River, and hosted meet and greet cruising rendezvous on the Rhode River, where his lively sense of humor and friendly demeanor brought all cruisers together over food and conversation. As the boats arrived and were rafting up to one another he would direct the newcomers in how and where to tie up their lines. He knew what he was doing around a boat and it showed.

John Wayshner said that the first time he sailed with Nat on his catamaran, he fell off the boat in the middle of the night. Later when Nat invited him sailing again, John thought that said a lot for Nat's character.

We enjoyed many a weekend sail with Nat and Ida on our Seawings 36. Nat was always ready to try something new or run all over the boat to get the spinnaker up. Both Nat and Ida would pitch in with skill and enthusiasm and would stay and help clean up and do the myriad tasks required to put the boat back in order at the end of the cruise.

Brad says "He was one of my best friends and I'll bet there are more than a few others who feel exactly the same way. Writing down these thoughts in preparation for the funeral and this article turned out to be far more difficult than he thought it would be." As we both reached for memories and stories to tell, we kept getting swept up in a deep sense of loss. Nat's enthusiasm and sense of humor made him a real joy to be around. Nat had an enthusiastic zest for life and an engaging sense of humor. We will miss him deeply.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Chesapeake Bay Foundation.

In my second year as membership coordinator and I must say this year has started out right. I have already received nine renewals for 2006 and two new memberships. My goal for the coming year is that I won't have to run a "Membership Matters" column until November! All joking aside, participation is the key to this club. If you haven't already, get involved you'll like it.

Please send your renewal checks payable to CMA to:

CMA Membership  
1435 East West Shady Side Rd.  
Shady Side, MD 20764

Yearly membership dues is \$25 (or \$ 20 if more than 200 miles from Annapolis, MD) plus \$20 racing fee if applicable.

## Need Crew?

We've heard from the following with interest in crewing on multihulls:

Name	Interest
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Tom Kawecki	Racing/Corsair <a href="mailto:tkawecki@space.nrl.navy.mil">tkawecki@space.nrl.navy.mil</a>
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David Nees	Racing on Multihull <a href="mailto:dnees@fitnessresources.com">dnees@fitnessresources.com</a>
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## Patapsco Racing

Kevin Duffy is seeking multihull sailors for the first series of his club's Wednesday night racing series from April 26 through May 31. They are located on the north side of the Patapsco River and race off Old Road Bay, between Sparrows Point steel mill and Ft. Howard. \$25 to race and depending upon how many boat participate, 1-3 trophies will be handed out. The racer will need some sort of PHRF rating, either official or unofficial. For more information contact [jkduffy@shimadzu.com](mailto:jkduffy@shimadzu.com).

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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

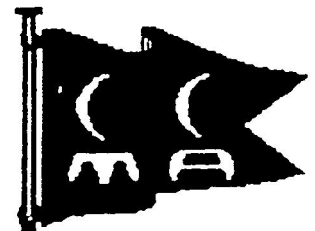
Patch. Each patch cost \$3.00, which includes shipping to your doorstep. Send your check to Mike Brian.

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.

### APPLICATION FOR NEW MEMBERSHIP AND MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

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

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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