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Let's Get the 2016 Boating Season Started

We are really struggling to put this May edition together, the weather outside all week has been picture perfect. Makes it real hard not to make an excuse to play hooky-Damn deadlines!

This patch of nice days reminds me of when I worked at a marine repair shop in high school. My boss made me spend my whole spring break in the shop, while my friends partied the week away. By Good Friday, I couldn't take it anymore, and called in sick, and hung out with my pals all day. BIG mistake, half the employees did the same thing. Well I've got to tell you, Saturday morning was no fun at all- I was used to getting reamed out for doing something wrong once in a while-BUT this session was the worst. The strange thing is when I look back on those days at my first part-time job, I learned so much from my boss about doing the job right the first time, and taking pride in your work.

I learned this week that he passed away; my prayers go out to his family. Although it was over 40 years ago, I can still remember my interview with the man, and some of the lessons I learned from him. I only had to answer one big question to get the job "Are you some kind of religious nut?" I was asked. "Well not really sir, while I believe in God, once my mother gave me the choice on attending Mass or not, it's been mostly not." "OK you are hired, we are closed on Sunday's, but you will need to be available to pick up boats for service, and deliver them back to some customers- that OK with you?" asked my new boss. That was more than fine with me, getting paid to hang around boats all day!

I really enjoyed spending time with the man, picking up tips on boat maintenance, sharing stories and some off-color jokes.

Let's all promise to make this season a much safer one than last year out on the waters of the beautiful Upper Bay. We suggest that you make sure that you, your crew, and your boat is ready to make that happen. Boating safety classes are offered by local organizations, and many also offer to inspect and certify your vessel.

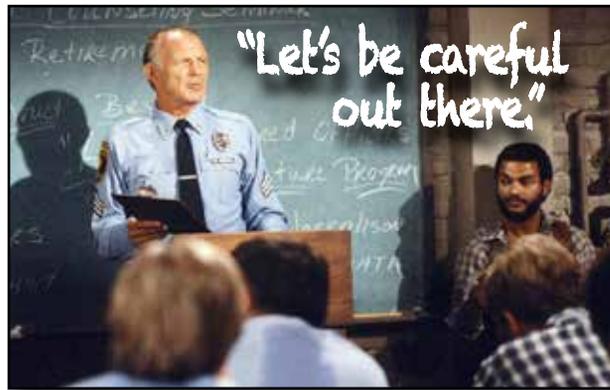


Many marinas and dealers will offer this service by holding a special event at their business. Two that come to mind are Tomes Landing Marina in May and Jackson Marine in June. I have seen the Coast Guard Auxiliary at boat ramps offering the service, and many Power Squadrons offer to come out to you. Folks, it can't be much easier to ensure your time spent on the Bay is a safe one- please make sure you do your part.

Back in the 80's, my favorite Police series was Hill Street

Blues. In the opening scene, Michael Conrad as Sgt. Phil Esterhaus does the cop roll call, concluding with his signature line: "Let's be careful out there." I think his words should be posted on every helm. So folks, let's get the 2016 boating season started, and make it a safe one.

Happy Boating, Dave



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By **Wendy Gilbert** - Features Editor

Yes, the season has at long last begun. Good thing too as all of us here at UBB have “burned our socks” either figuratively or literally and are ready to go.

In my neighborhood that means the moorings have been set in the harbor. Those fertile fishing grounds are about to be disturbed by all manner of power and sail boats. For the last few months a great variety of raptors and waterfowl have dined in peace. Watching eagles swoop down and pull out a meal is one of the few delights of the off season. It’s a blessing that eagles, herons and osprey (I know, I know) are being seen more often with each passing season.

We hear and read so much about how much damage is being done to the environment, it is refreshing to see some aspects of improvement. We’ll get into the SAVs another time.

Plus, witnessing raptors fishing gives us some relief from the unrelenting and somewhat disturbing sight of the ever-circling turkey vultures.

The vultures we will always have with us.

I joke (sometimes to myself) that there is meaning behind their frequent gatherings. It’s not unusual to see 50 or more roosting in the trees out this way.

Perhaps they are simply planning their day.

Seeing so many gathered together like that brings to mind things like family reunions, church services or at least date night at the VFW.

When I see them by the hundreds with no carrion in sight, I imagine (somewhat wildly) that they are somehow desperate for food and are staging a complex mission.

“Vince and Vito, you’ve got Betterton Beach this morning. Victoria, Vanessa, you two scout the Flats,” urges Vergil.

“Valerie, Vivian and Vance check out Red Point and Veronica and I will cover North Bay and Sandy Hill.”

Then a bit of squabbling ensues. It all ends with a benediction that goes something like “May the venison be with us!”

I could go on, but I doubt my readers have any patience for Edith and Edgar the eagles or my dear Osprey family of Olaf, Olive and Oden.

Wendy Gilbert



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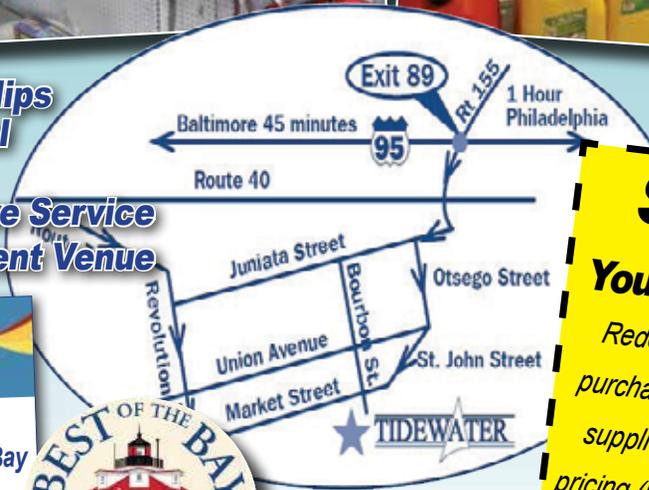
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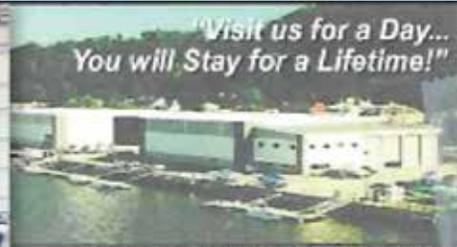
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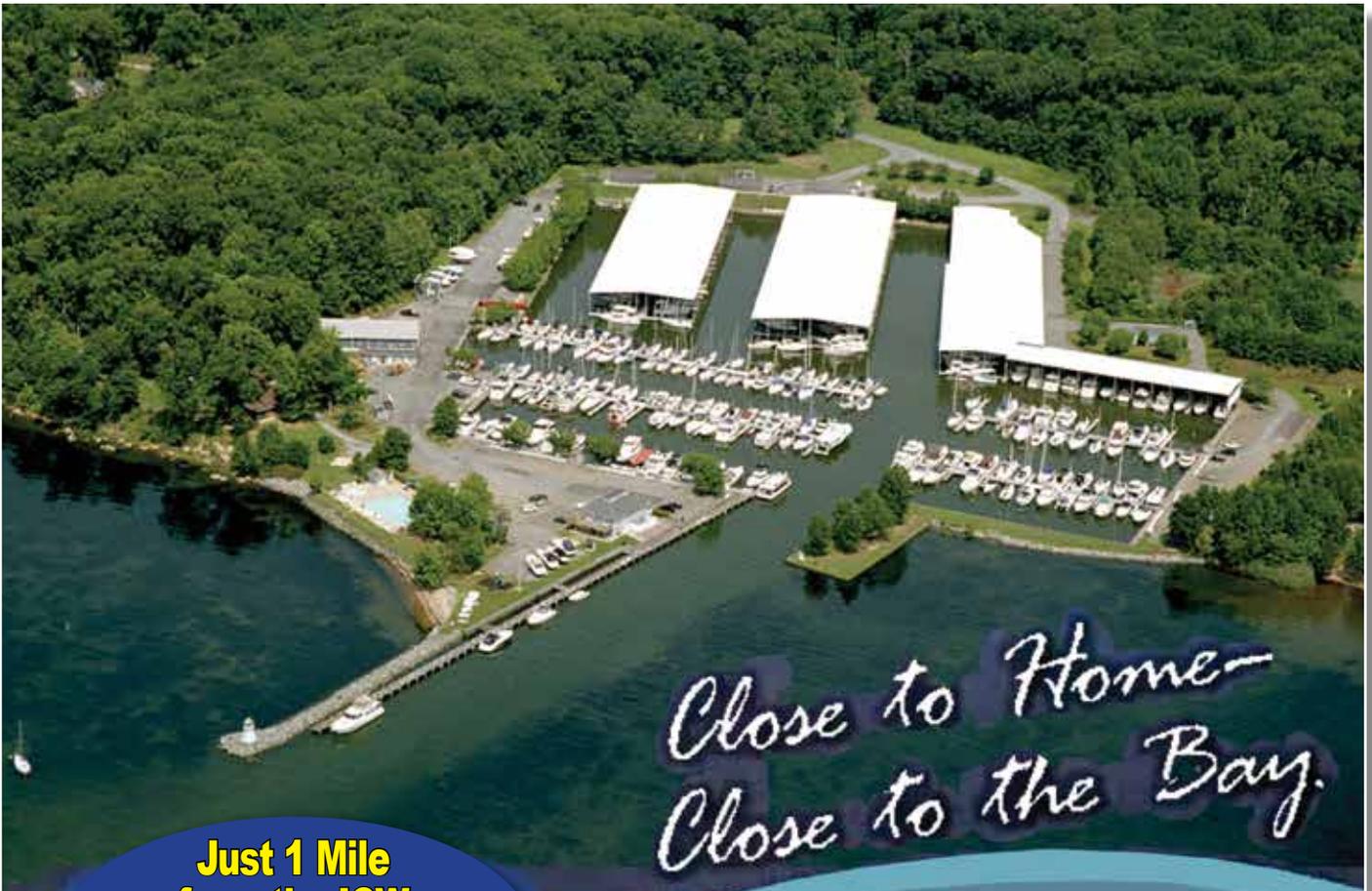


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Bay Bridge Boat Show

What great weather for an outdoor boat show. There was so much more to see this year, including some campers and motor-homes. Hope all the dealers and vendors did well. Upper Bay Boating received wonderful accolades from some of the attendees- sure makes it all worthwhile- Dave





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The event runs April to November and attendees will get a chance to tour the ships and learn about their maritime and cultural history.

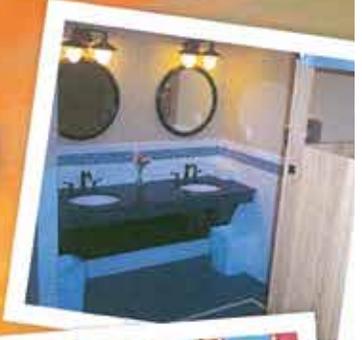
Upper Bay Boating is blessed to have photos documenting Tall Ships gracing our harbor for all these years. A special "Thank You" goes out to Tom Scilipoti for sharing his work with us. The Baltimore resident has been taking photos of Baltimore's waterways since before the modern Inner Harbor venue was built. See his gallery available on CD on page 21.

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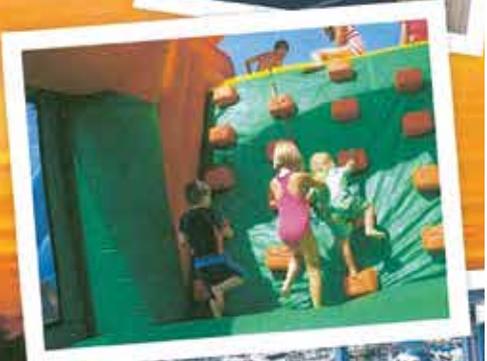




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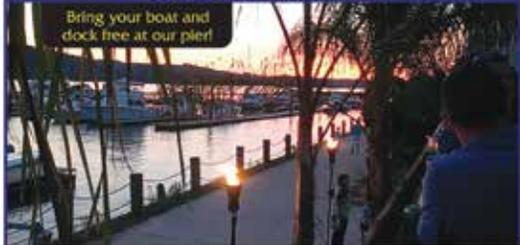
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The railings on both sides of the bridge will be sandblasted, repaired and repainted. Unfortunately for Upper Bay Boaters, this work has to be done



during prime boating season.

The painting can only be done during the warm weather months. UBB suggests you plan ahead, and leave additional time to get to your marina.

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Boating Downunder

by L. Alan Keene

Well, we've finally recovered.....from "jet lag", that is. On March 15th, after spending 6 weeks touring Australia and New Zealand, my first mate and I climbed aboard the first of three Qantas flights taking us from Perth, Western Australia to Philadelphia. By the time we crawled off the plane in Philly, some 30 hours later, we were two exhausted septuagenarians. So exhausted, in fact, that it took us two full weeks to recover (two weeks that I planned to spend getting our boat ready for the season, btw).

With Perth 12 hours ahead of east coast time, our internal clocks told us that noon was midnight and midnight was noon. You can't get any more upside down than that. While our Upper Bay Boating neighbors were eating lunch, Peg and I were sound asleep and when they were sound asleep, we were eating lunch. Fortunately, even old bodies have a way of reorienting themselves, so these old ones are finally back in rythmn with the stars.

But the time difference isn't the only oddity of life downunder. The aussies and kiwis drive on the wrong side of the road, too. While it's challenging for a visitor at first, with a good "copilot" and an extra cup of "flat white" (downunder's answer to super-caf coffee) it becomes almost second nature.....almost.

And did you know that they eat differently than we do? At dinner one evening, an aussie friend, who always seemed to finish his meal before we did, told us our slowness might have something to do with the way we Yanks use our silverware. While Americans move our fork back to our right hand (or left for southpaws) after using the knife in that hand, aussies keep their fork in their left and knife in their right throughout the meal, eliminating wasted motion.

The recreational game of choice downunder (for old men like me, that is) is a little odd, too. It's called bowls and it's a combination of ten pin bowling, golf putting, and croquet. The object is to roll an off-weighted ball the size of a large grapefruit on a level grass "green," trying to stop it as close as possible to a smaller ball called a jack or kitty that's placed at the other side of the green. While seemingly a "gentleman's game" that's often played in starched white uniforms, emotions can and do run high at times. Aussies and

kiwis, visitors soon realize, are very passionate about their games.

Another thing our friends downunder are passionate about is their boats. And while there's nothing odd about that, what is odd is the large number of New Zealanders and Australians who own them. Perth and it's neighboring city of Fremantle have the distinction of having the highest per capita boat ownership in the world. With the crystal clear waters of the Swan River running down from Perth to the Indian Ocean, access to the water for most Western Australians is just miles away. The Swan is lined with marinas, housing boats of every size and description.

And if the name Fremantle sounds familiar, it's because it was the 1987 sight of America's first challenge in the America's Cup, after losing the Cup to Australia in 1983. The 1983 winner, Australia II, was sponsored by the Royal Perth Yacht Club, and it's victory marked the end of 132 years of U.S. dominance in the race. Sporting a "revolutionary" winged keel, Australia II defeated Dennis Connor and Liberty 4-3.

On the other side of the continent, Australia's largest city, Sydney, boasts one of the most beautiful natural harbors in the world. On a summer weekend, the harbor is alive with power and sailboats. And 500 miles north, the Whitsunday Islands, perched at the southern end of the Great Barrier Reef, provide a cruising venue that's second to none (well, maybe second to the Upper Bay....but that's it).

To the east, 1,400 miles across the South Pacific, lies New Zealand's largest city, Auckland. Known world wide as the "City of Sails", Auckland is surrounded by water and treats it's 1.5 million residents to some of the finest sailing waters in the world. And New Zealand's "Bay of Islands" to the north, provides calm waters and steady winds that make it a great cruising area for both power and sail.

To say that New Zealand has been successful in the sport of competitive sailing is a gross understatement. With a population of barely 4.5 million people, this small island nation has snatched the Americas Cup from the grips of the U.S. and Italy, not to mention it's success in Olympic sailing. In David vs. Goliath contests on the water, New Zealand has and continues to frighten Goliath's around the world.

Now, before you run out and buy those Qantas tickets for a trip downunder this summer, don't forget the oddest thing of all.....when it's summer here, it's winter there. And, by the way, if you do decide to go, good luck with the jet-lag. You'll need it!



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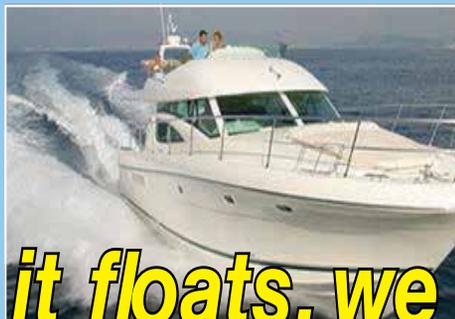


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Lessons Learned with Spring Commissioning

By Captain Mark Galasso

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All right. So I've been boating all of my 58 years. Yea. My dad took me out before I could walk. I've worked on the water ever since I was twelve. I have a Masters license for near coastal and an offshore six pack license with all the endorsements. You get the picture. I've spent over fifty springs getting ready for boating season. I'm still trying to figure out why 2016 was especially trying. But here are a few MORE things I learned. Or should I say relearned!

Weather. When you get a nice day, even in February, take advantage of it. Don't put off until tomorrow what you can do today. So far March was much nicer than April. Since my boating season really begins in mid April I've lost valuable prep time.

Remember most boat yards and marinas winterize, meaning water is a valuable commodity in winter. As soon as water is available do as much cleaning as possible. Just remember to watch the temperatures. Standing water can easily become sheets of ice in winter. Ice also expands, busting at the seams.

Temperatures and humidity are key factors when doing gel coat and fiberglass repairs. Awl Grip for example doesn't set up well in temperatures under 50 degrees. Many other fillers and Marine paints have temperature windows as well. While were talking about fillers I had a little incident while repairing an engine box. I found a small rotten spot in the aft part of my engine box. No big deal. A little bondo

faired out, painted, wala. A quart can of bondo is usually about two thirds full. The remainder is to add the hardner. I figured I would use the whole can so I just mixed it all together. I'd stir as I go. I used a few large scoops, smoothed it out and went to restir. Half a turn and the stir stick was permanently bonded to the can. The moral here is to

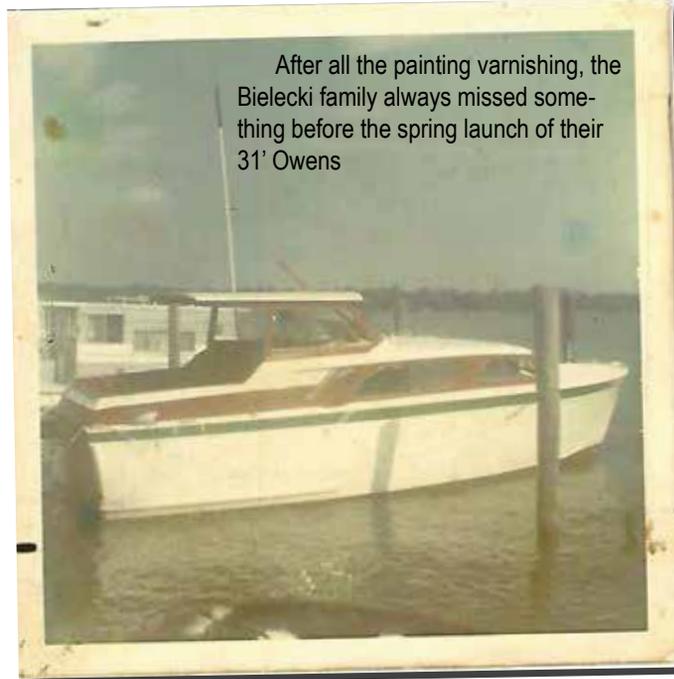
mix things in small batches until you know how much working time you have with the current conditions.

The small batches thing is also important when deciding on using older items or just purchasing new. I had some old containers of West System. I decided to try them. Though the materials worked the set up time was three times what the directions said. Luckily I was using it in an area that didn't need a quick set up.

Make an inventory during winterization of what you might need in the spring. Some parts are hard to come by. Don't wait until the last minute to try and find them. And some parts could be discontinued making your search that much harder. Remember a lot of marine manufacturers and boat dealers are working shows in the spring as well as trying to commission thousands of boats. Try and time your launch

around their schedule and have everything ready. If you have to have a Coast Guard inspection do it early in the spring in case you run into unforeseen obstacles.

Every year I learn something new. Or perhaps as I get older. Every year I RELEARN SOMETHING NEW.



After all the painting varnishing, the Bielecki family always missed something before the spring launch of their 31' Owens



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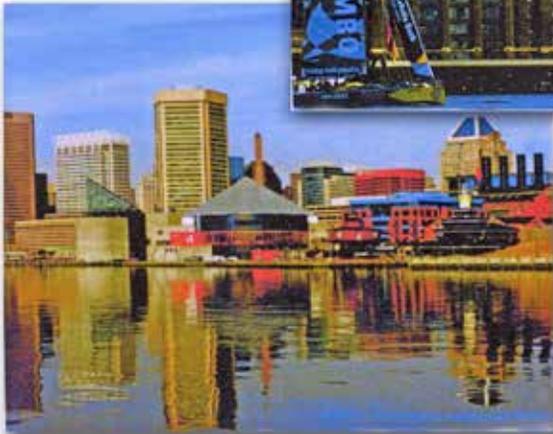
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Reporting for Duty!

by Dick Greenwood

Picture this: I'm inside a Carver that's about the size of Cairo, Egypt, but has more amenities. I'm about half way up to my knees in bilge water that's so thick it doesn't splash but goes "glub-glub" if something is dropped in it. I know something just rubbed against my right ankle then took a nibble on my left. Just as I'm about to call "Mayday," the boat's owner peeks over the edge of the compartment, his left hand clutching three flares that were part of a batch deposited on the beach of Iwo Jima—yes, that Iwo Jima during that war—his right hand raised high so I can see what he's displaying, and he says with great excitement, "I found my copy of the NavRules. Do I pass?"

So goes the life of the Coast Guard Auxiliary Vessel Safety Checker. "It's an interesting experience," one boat-buddy, marina mate, and fellow Vessel Examiner, had told me when he recruited me to join the corps of Auxiliarists running around with clipboards and good intentions. It is interesting. To become a Vessel Examiner, a person has to take an exam that reads like it was written by someone whose boat failed its check and is now out to make sure no one ever qualifies again. Then you have to be supervised for five checks—the Auxiliary never uses the words "test" or "inspection," as those words denote something that can be associated with a penalty—then you have to conduct five checks each year in order to stay current.

It's a good program. The Vessel Examiners get to meet their fellow boaters; the boat owners get to check the safety of their boats in a non-threatening, informative way; and the Coast Guard gets some assistance in ensuring that the boats are properly equipped. Everyone comes out a winner. Even when a boat is lacking something, the process carries no penalties; so while no sticker is handed over to the owner, the owner knows exactly what has to be done to get a sticker.

I did my first five, supervised, checks recently and finished with the feeling that I had gained more than the boat owners I'd met. For example, I learned that the most common oversight—at least the most common among the boats I checked—is a failure to make sure that the boat's store of "visual distress signals"—real people call them "flares"—still carry a current date. By "current" I mean they must be within 42 months of the date they were manufactured. The expiration date is printed on the side of each flare and is worth checking, even if you aren't going to have a vessel check for your boat. What you should do with expired flares remains a secret, and the Coast Guard only tells us that expired flares can be kept and used as a backup. Personally, and don't ever tell anyone I said this, if I had an emergency but had time to get off more than one signal, I'd use the expired flares first. Hells bells, if I'm in an emergency, I want my backup to be better than my first resort. Of course, if I felt I only had one shot at sending a signal, I'd go with the newest, brightest, most guaranteed flare on board.

While the flare expiration dates are the most common oversight, the problem I found most surprising was the way people stored their supply of personal floatation devices, life vests to those of us who don't speak bureaucratese. The rule of thumb with life vests, as it is with all emergency gear, is that it should be readily available. Well, you'd be amazed at the range of definitions for the phrase, "readily available." For some people "readily available," means "have them on deck," while for others it means "have clues available regarding where they're located." One boat, an boat owned by an experienced, very savvy boater, had the vests stored



Conversation with a boat owner

in a deep well that would have necessitated the partial disassembly of the helm and would have been nearly impossible to get to in a genuine emergency. On top of that, they were stored in their original packaging. The moisture that had built up in the wrapping made it impossible for me to even read the markings.

Problems aside, what I found most surprising and rewarding was the sense of genuine appreciation that was obvious as I went through the process. You don't have to be a genius—"able to read and follow directions" will do—to be a vessel examiner, but the people who invite you on board their boats are sincerely interested in what you find as you go through your checklist. Of the dozen or so boats I've checked, about a third have come up short of receiving a sticker. The reasons have been diverse.

Probably the cleanest, most scrupulously maintained boat I went aboard didn't get a sticker because its numbers weren't affixed to the side of the boat as prescribed by the Coast Guard regulations. Vessel examiners have been told to hold the line on the requirement, so this boat's method of display—the owner had the numbers on a piece of aluminum, sitting in the windows on both sides of the cabin—was not acceptable. The owner was surprised that his method of display disqualified him from receiving a sticker, noting that he had used that method for several years and had never had a problem. All I could do was inform him that it's no longer considered acceptable and, very truthfully and sincerely, tell him again that his boat was extraordinarily well maintained.

Surprisingly, at least to me as a first time vessel examiner, owners whose boats didn't receive a sticker denoting the successful completion of a vessel check were almost always engaged, accepting, and pleased to be informed that they had only minor changes to make in order to qualify. Such oversights as a failure to have a copy of the NavRules—any boat that's longer than 39.4 feet is required to carry a copy in case of emergency—or the absence of a trash management plan—required for boats that are over 40 feet in length—can be quickly resolved by a run to the nearest boating supply store or, in the case of the trash management plan, filling out a form that the vessel examiner usually carries with him for just such situations.

As a boater—a relatively inexperienced boater at that—I found that I learned more than I taught during the checks I performed. I learned that even experienced boaters can get complacent and lose track of how important it is to have life vests close at hand, that rules change faster than we can sometimes keep up with them, and that not getting a sticker can be the best thing that happens when its happening helps us to become safer. If you haven't already had your boat checked, contact your local, very friendly Auxiliarist or Power Squadron vessel examiner and invite him aboard. In most cases you'll end up with a sticker that will signal your awareness of how important safety is. In the worst case, you'll have someone who can help you to identify what that thing is that's living in your bilge and nibbling at your ankles.

Boat Dog



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U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Vessel Safety Check Program

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Experienced Coast Guard Auxiliary examiners perform these free examinations at special VSC events throughout the area and will work with boaters to schedule an exam at a slip, a launch ramp, or even an owner's driveway. Exams usually take 30 to 45 minutes depending upon the size of the boat. Owners whose boats pass the exam receive a distinctive VSC decal that alerts the Coast Guard and other law enforcement agencies that on the date of the exam the boat was found to be in full compliance with existing federal and state boating laws.

This program works because it helps boaters comply with boating laws rather than punishing them for failing to do so. There are no fines or penalties and no reports are filed if a boat does not pass the exam. The owner receives a list of discrepancies and, unless the owner takes action to schedule a reexamination, examiners take no further action. Discrepancies uncovered can usually be corrected by a quick trip to a marine supplies dealer to pick up the missing items. Some marine dealers even offer a discount on missing items if the boat owner can present an examiner-signed VSC form showing that they need

to purchase the items. When discrepancies have been corrected, the boat can be reexamined and issued a VSC decal.

Boaters can prepare in advance for a VSC by visiting the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Virtual Vessel Examiner website at <http://vdept.cgaux.org/vve/launch.htm>. This interactive, web-based program guides owners through a series of questions about their particular boat, its equipment, type propulsion, and how the owner plans to use the boat. The program then details the unique requirements for that boat. The actual exam can then be scheduled online by visiting <http://www.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=V-DEPT&category=i-want-a-vsc>.

New boaters may wonder whether obtaining a VSC decal is worth the investment of time and effort. Those who take advantage of the program are frequently pleased to discover that they may receive a discount on their boat insurance. They profit from a second set of eyes checking to make sure that their boat meets minimum safety standards in case of an emergency. They also receive 30 to 45 minutes of one-on-one coaching on safely equipping and operating their boat. Yet perhaps most importantly, these boaters position themselves to ensure that their memories of the coming boating season will be the stuff of fond family legends.

Don't delay! Schedule your free vessel safety check as early in the year as you can!

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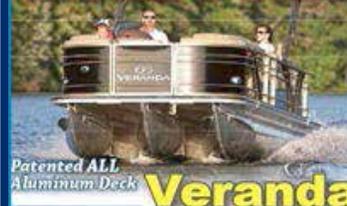
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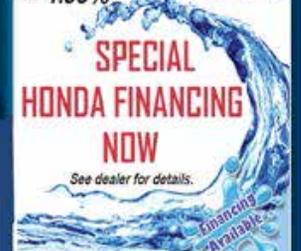


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I sometimes think if God had wanted us to do yard work, he would have made our yards smaller.

I am only now discovering that I apparently skipped a year in trimming my back yard wall hedge. How did I miss that it was exploding in all directions like some giant, green, sticky accusation?

I don't look out my window much.

A back yard was great when the kids were little, when they needed a safe place to play and climb and splash. Now only the dog is a regular visitor, rooting in the underbrush for lizards, unconcerned that the overgrown ficus vines have probably become sentient, and possibly carnivorous.

Ficus, in Latin, literally means "hassle to maintain." I could be wrong. My Latin is rusty because I took German. But it totally should mean that in Latin, and any other God-fearing language.

I usually mark the calendar to shear the hedge back into orderly shape, like they do at Versailles or McDonalds. Last year I must have "forgotten." I am putting that in quotes because it's how we use that word in my marriage.

Somehow I never forget to buy chocolate, but I often "forget" to mow the lawn, empty the dishwasher and chop the vegetables. I blame the ficus, which, even now, is probably beaming out forgetful rays at me in an effort at self-preservation, and the rays are affecting other tasks on my list. That probably sounds far-fetched to you, but how else do you explain that once I went three weeks without cleaning the bathroom?

Ficus is in the fig family, but my hedge does not bear fruit, only ill will. It sits atop my block wall providing us privacy and the vague scent of an oil spill which has somehow gotten dusty. It is evidently not content to just be a modesty screen, and so it travels, reaches, spreads down across my pristine block wall like the opening credits of some darkly comic TV series nobody quite "gets."

Ficus sap itches. If you get the white, gooey stuff on your skin it's like that "Alien" slobber. Sure, I could hire a gardener, but then I wouldn't be able to personally give nature "what for." A real man lives to battle nature, and nature in return gives him cocoa beans.

I'd nail the whole "dominion over animals" thing too, but Facebook beckons.



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If Friends of the Bohemia can get just one person to think twice about throwing trash out of their car window, or leaving their garbage for someone else to pick up, we will have been successful!

Many thanks also go out to Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay for organizing this region-wide initiative. They and their corporate sponsors provided supplies and easy-to-follow guidance for establishing a clean-up site. Hopefully, we'll see more sites in Cecil County next year. Friends of the Bohemia also plans to hit our two sites again in the Fall in connection with the Ocean Conservancy's International Coastal Clean-Up on September 17th.



We are very thankful to our volunteers, who braved the foul weather to help their community. What a wonderful tribute! Local businesses were also very supportive...Redner's Market and Bennett's Liquors donated cases of water for our volunteers and Apo's Pizza offered pizzas for the event. It is very gratifying to see the community come together to make a difference in our world and help preserve our beautiful waterways for future generations. Your efforts in publicizing the event are much appreciated, as it is my opinion that the most important aspect of all this is to raise public awareness of the impact our actions have on our environment. We all want a healthy, vibrant world and we can make that happen if we each do our part!



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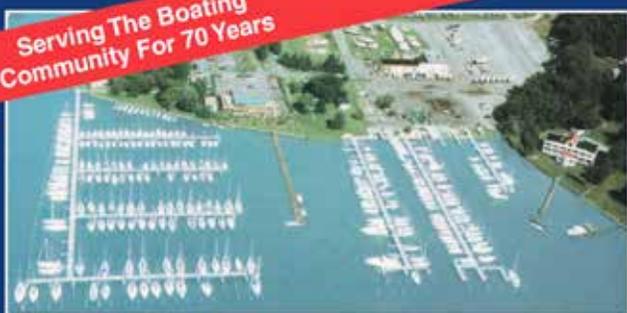
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Recreational Anglers Working to Conserve, Protect and Enhance Marine Resources

by Tim Campbell

The Coastal Conservation Association was formed in Texas in 1977 because redfish were nearly wiped out by commercial overfishing. A small group of concerned anglers led by CCA founder Walter Fondren started the Gulf Coast Conservation Association. The "Save the Redfish" movement was launched. This was the CCA's first rallying call. Before long, net bans were instituted and gamefish status for redfish was established. The cause gained momentum with Alabama joining CCA in 1982, followed by Louisiana in 1984, and Florida and Mississippi in 1985. Within the next four years, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Virginia were added. Maryland joined CCA in September 1995. Most New England states became part of CCA in 1996. Ten years later, Washington and Oregon set up chapters. Over time, CCA grew into what are now eighteen states with over 100,000 recreational anglers in its membership.

Here in Maryland, we are faced with many issues involving the health of the Chesapeake Bay. As responsible stewards, we are obliged to do what we can to help preserve the bay and its fisheries. CCA Maryland is largely about advocacy, educating legislators, and government relations. CCA members are encouraged to get acquainted with their representatives and let them know what issues concern recreational anglers in Maryland. During the legislative session in Annapolis, Dave Sikorski, CCA MD Government Relations Committee chairman and other active CCA members, contact and educate elected officials in an effort to influence state policy. Menhaden management, oyster restoration and opposition to the dredging of Man O'War shoal are just a few of the many important issues.

There are nine CCA chapters in Maryland. They include: Annapolis, Baltimore, Central Region, Chestertown, Greater Washington, Kent Narrows, Lower Shore, Mid Shore and Patuxent River chapter. Under the new leadership of Chairman Frank Bonanno, CCA MD is



“ The purpose of the CCA is to advise and educate the public on conservation of marine resources.”

“The objective of CCA is to conserve, promote and enhance the present and future availability of these coastal resources for the benefit and enjoyment of the general public. ”



promoting chapter based events to help build membership and foster camaraderie. CCA MD events include TieFest, an annual gathering of expert fly-tiers hosted by the Kent Narrows chapter. In April, a tournament for the invasive blue catfish on the Potomac River is put on by the Central Region chapter. The first Saturday in June is set aside for the CCA MD Kent Narrows Fly and Light Tackle striped bass tournament. In July, the Baltimore chapter holds a fishing event for kids at the Canton Waterfront Park. September is time for the popular Red-Trout Catch and Release tournament in Crisfield, Maryland. Each chapter also hosts an annual banquet with live and silent auctions. These functions are not only fun, but vital to the mission of CCA MD.

CCA MD chapter meetings are free and open to the public. The chapter meetings feature well-known speakers and local fishing guides. CCA MD board meetings are open to all members who want to learn more about CCA and become involved. Please see the www.ccamd.org website for further event and meeting information including exact dates, locations and times.

Let us as concerned anglers redouble our efforts to protect the bay by taking part as a volunteer in CCA. For more information go to www.joincca.org. Join now and together we can keep CCA MD going strong.

Tim Campbell, a CCA Life Member, has fished the Chesapeake Bay for many years, and is an award winning member of the Mason-Dixon Outdoor Writers Association.

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Excessive Boarding?

By Dave Bielecki

Upper Bay Boating Magazine suggests you have your boat inspected. Free vessel safety checks are available by the Coast Guard Auxiliary and most Power Squadron's. Your insurance company may offer a discount once you have the proper certificate.

Since we began publishing this magazine, we have heard from several boaters bemoaning the fact that they thought the Coast Guard and Marine Police were being excessive in their boarding of our vessels for Safety Inspections. Perhaps after the high amount of deaths in 2015 on Maryland's waterways, the officers believe this is the best way to help reduce those numbers this year. One friend mentioned that the intent of the law originally was to give the government authority to board commercial vessels to see if they were avoiding paying taxes on the cargo. This has been expanded through the years. I think since 911, even more power has been granted.

I'm not sure if there is a quota system for the officers on the water like there is on the highways. Only time I've been boarded is when I was fooling around in my teen-age years on the Bush River. Now days, at the end of the month, I try to watch my speed on the road, because I do notice more flashing lights on the side of the road during these times.

Anyway, back to the waterways- I was wondering if your boat has a current safety sticker on it, would you have a better chance of avoiding these stops? I reached out to the Auxiliary and Power Squadrons. There was no clear-cut answer to this, but I feel it's better to be safe, than sorry. Tom Roberson, Public Affairs Staff Officer for Flotilla 12-05, D5NR sent a great column on the safety inspections, and Dick Greenwood's column this month talks about his experiences on the subject.

Captain Mark Galasso, one of our regular columnists and a member of a local Power Squadron had this to say on the subject:

"The VSCs done by the Coast Guard Auxiliary and the USPS do not preclude getting a Coast Guard

inspection. It is a simple check to make sure you are prepared when you do get inspected so the USCG inspection goes smoothly. I will say that the DNR and Coast Guard representatives I talked to did tell me that they are LESS likely to inspect a boat that displays a current sticker. However, if you are doing something erratic or doing something suspicious having a sticker won't help you. Boat Safe!"

Lastly, Von Cole, a member of the Facebook group Upper Chesapeake Recreational Boaters had this to say after a recent boarding of her boat:

"I was recently stopped for an inspection. The Officers asked to come aboard to conduct a Routine Safety Check, to which I was completely amenable. They hailed from Still Pond and expressed that they will be out in force in the coming weeks doing random boarding's. They go Stem to Stem to ensure that all Safety Precautions are in place. Of course, being a Daily Boater, I'm very adamant about ensuring my vessel is at Code and beyond. The Officers were very polite, non-confrontational and knowledgeable. I appreciated the concern and they applauded my vessel's compliance. Fellow boaters, I would seriously suggest you take Inventory to ensure Compliance. The Officers were meticulous in the Inspection."

We all have to share the waterways when we are out on them to escape the grind of daily life. Make it a safe one while making those wonderful memories -Dave



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Don't be a Wake Victim



by Doug and Brenda Dawson

“The Captain of a vessel is responsible for all damage caused by his wake”— to people, shorelines, other boats, docks etc.,

- as reported in the February issue of *Upper Bay Boating*.

After a serious waking incident, the court would have to determine the blame and punishment. The consequences range from a fine to manslaughter charges; depending on whether or not, people are injured or killed in the incident.

But, there is another side to the wake story.

“You as Captain are responsible for the safe operation of your boat and the safety of all your family and friends aboard.”

According to statistics, the majority of wake complaints are due to a lack of boat handling ability by both the wake thrower and the wake receiver. Many boaters don't realize the size of their wake, don't know the power their wake carries or the damage it can do; while other boaters don't have the necessary knowledge and skill to maneuver their boat through wakes.

Many courts are now sharing the blame between the wake thrower and the wake receiver for their respective lack of knowledge and therefore, responsibility.

In an ideal world, all boaters would have taken boat handling courses and they would all be angels on the water, obeying all the rules and extending courtesies to other boaters. There would be no bad wake stories to share. Everyone would slow down to “no wake speed” when passing or overtaking and would use the appropriate horn signals. Everyone would abide by the “Golden Rule of Wakes”—

Wake unto others as you would have them wake unto you!

But, the reality is, it's not an ideal world; and whether we like it or not, wakes are here to stay.

So, when you are dangerously waked, there isn't anything you can do or say to the offending boater that is going to change the situation you are in, but there is plenty you can do to minimize the effects of another boat's wake to you, your crew and your boat.

You, the Captain should be in control of your boat all the times, taking defensive action to minimize the effects of monster wakes. If there is a “cowboy” at the helm of the approaching boat, and he is reckless or discourteous; then you can report him and let the authorities deal with him.

But, don't let his behavior spoil your day, your passengers or your boat. Use “Doug Dawson's Defensive Wake Conquering Techniques” to outsmart the discourteous wake throwers. There is much to know about how your boat handles wakes and the wake to expect from an approaching or overtaking boat. Following are non-specific circumstance steps to minimize the effects of an approaching vessel's wake Put on your “bulldozer face” and head squarely into his wake.

First, alert your First Mate and passengers that there is a wake approaching and that they should hold on to something solid.

For vessels travelling under 10 knots, maintain your course and speed until his bow is even with your bow. Advance your throttle(s) to

approximately 2000 rpm thus raising your bow and increasing your stability. Then alter course; so that your bow crosses the face of his wake at right angles. The energy of his wake will have far less effect passing along the length of your hull, than hitting you broadside to your narrow top-heavy beam.

For vessels cruising over 20 knots, like cuddies or cruisers with lots of power and square chines, you will want to drop from your cruising speed to what I call “bulldozer speed” around 2000 rpm. A few boat lengths before slicing through his wake square on your nose; slow down, so that your boat doesn't go airborne, but keep enough speed on to “bulldoze” through the wake.

There is far too much detail and too many variables to include in this article. The e-Lesson “Conquering Wakes” will explain everything you need to know about wakes, including how to handle wakes from approaching and overtaking vessels.

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8 Boat Spring Commissioning Goof-Ups We Made



Springtime sinkings are often attributed one thing—a rush to get back on the water and forgetting to inspect outdrive bellows, through-hulls, bilge pumps, hoses and clamps.

BoatUS Staff Speak Up So You Don't Make the Same Blunders

They are the crewmembers of the nation's largest boater advocacy, safety and services group, BoatUS. And like most boaters, they aren't perfect. They make mistakes and learn from them too. With boat yards, back yards, marinas and clubs now coming to life, spring commissioning time has arrived. Here are eight spring commissioning mistakes that the employees of BoatUS have made over the years that could save you a lot of aggravation, or your life.

The battery goof-up #1: "When reconnecting my batteries I missed one of the ground wires that had slipped down behind the battery box. I noticed something was wrong when the trim/tilt worked fine but the motor would not start. With so many cables going to multiple batteries, I'm taking a photo this year of how things are properly attached so next spring things go as planned." – Mike in BoatUS Marine Insurance

The safety gear goof-up: "We remove a lot of gear to store inside each winter, but realized after leaving the dock not all had made it back aboard. Now I download a checklist of required safety equipment and inventory everything to ensure it gets put back on the boat before launch day. I also check the dates on my flares and ensure my extinguisher is in the green zone." – Margaret in BoatUS Executive Office

The boat trailer goof-up: "Winter plays havoc on boat trailers and I once departed the parking lot without checking my trailer lights. Thankfully, just a short distance away another motorist advised me of the issue. Now I make sure all is well before departing and also check tires and inspect the bearings and brakes." – Ted in BoatUS Foundation for Boating Safety and Clean Water

The call for help goof-up: "On sailboats with mast-top VHF radio antennas, a common problem on older boats is a rotted antenna coax cable near the mast base. I found this out when I went to use my VHF radio and no one could hear me. Replace the cable now, and if your VHF has DSC or Digital Selective Calling with a one-button mayday feature, be sure the radio is connected to the GPS or chartplotter." – Scott in BoatUS Public Affairs

The dinghy goof-up: "Sailors need to remember to check their dinghy – it's often overlooked and winter might have been hard on it with missing pieces, critters inside, etc. Don't forget to service the dinghy's motor too. If you don't, you're going to be sorry just like I was when it sputtered just as I left the boat." – Charles in BoatUS Consumer Affairs and Seaworthy Magazine

The transom drain plug goof-up: "If you have a trailerable boat

with a transom drain plug, take the plug now and attach it to the boat's throttle control or steering wheel so it will be impossible for you not to notice to install it before launching. Yes, this does happen. I know. Nothing gets your attention more than a little water around your ankles." – Chris in BoatUS Foundation for Boating Safety and Clean Water

The bottom paint goof-up: "When putting on my bottom paint I used a cheap paint roller and soon found out why it was so cheap – it was shedding a fuzz in every pass I made. I also made the mistake of not saving a little extra paint to finish under the jackstands or trailer rollers just before launching." – Ted in BoatUS Foundation for Boating Safety and Clean Water

The rushing to get it done goof-up: "Every spring, boat sinking claims start to come in. Nearly always you can chalk it up to rushing to get it done. I take my time inspecting engine hoses and hoses clamps, the bilge pump, stern-drive boot, clean out scuppers and double check the through-hulls and sea strainer. I once found a plastic through-hull for a sink drain at the waterline that initially looked fine, but it was only until I took the time for a closer inspection that I found it was cracked nearly in half on the inside." – Scott in BoatUS Public Affairs

And here's two "bonus" goof-ups:

The battery goof-up #2: "While this did not happen to me personally, it's something we see in the claims department every spring: hooking up the battery backwards, causing reverse polarity and a massive electrical short or fire." – Kerry in BoatUS Marine Insurance

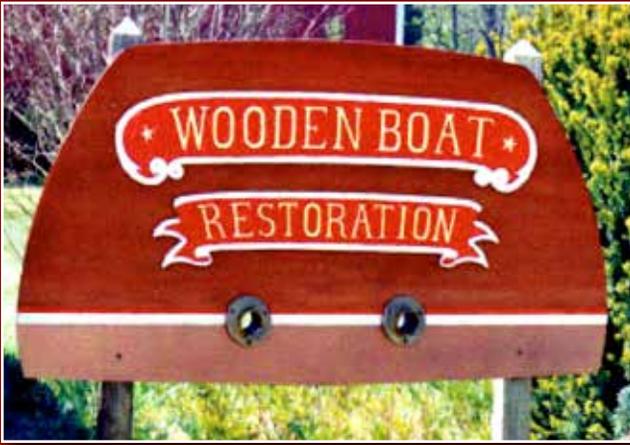
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The be prepared goof-up: "My neighbor went out for the first trip of the season and his engine died and needed help to get back in. He suspected fuel issues. Having spare filters aboard or keeping an eye on the fuel-water separator helps, but when all else failed him, he didn't have an on water towing plan as a backup. Our towing fleet sees this issue frequently each spring." – Dennis in the BoatUS Membership Department

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Classic Corner

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Two old fine classics at last year's at St. Michaels. Below left is of the late Bill Hunt and his wife Mary riding in their 1948 18' Gar Wood from last year at St. Michaels. Second pic is a 1947 18' Chris Craft utility owned by Denny and Millie Cutler.

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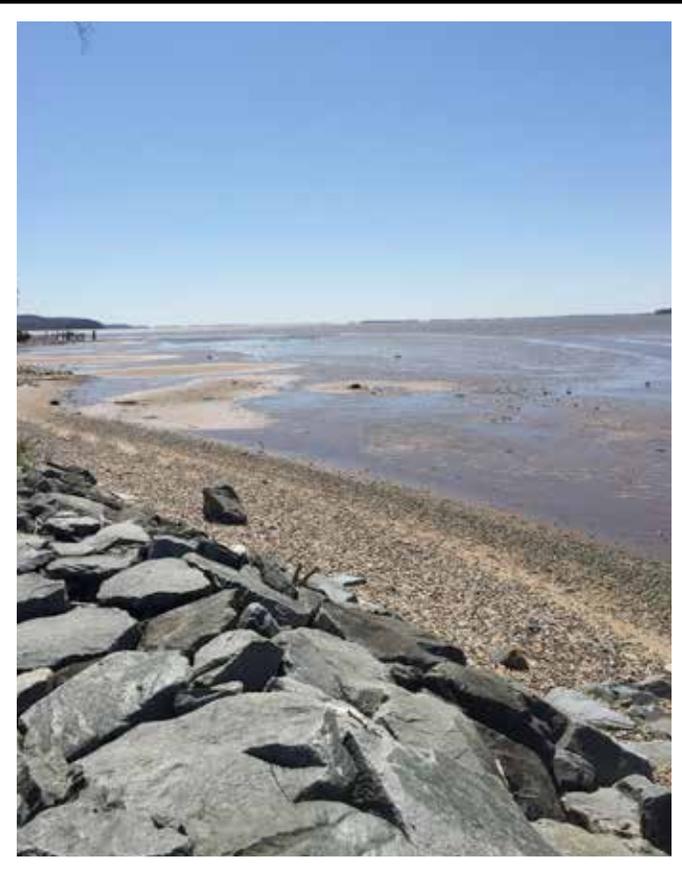
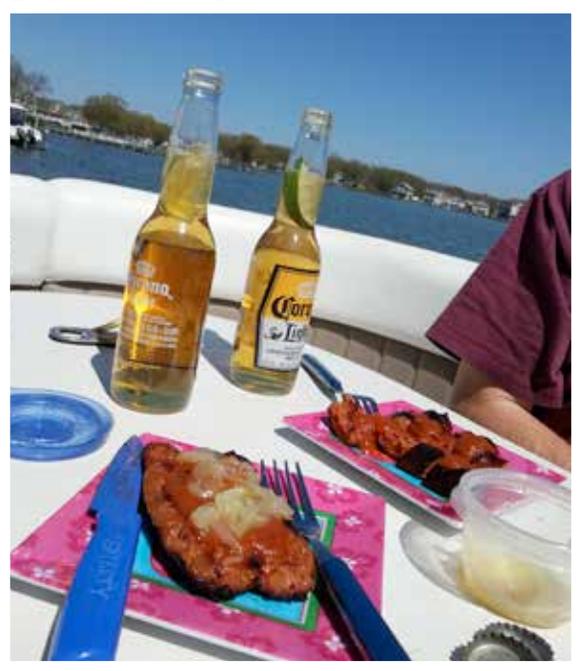
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*The Upper bay got the March winds in April this year. High winds along with a low tide gave boaters an opportunity to find items that were dropped over-board last Summer-
photo by Steve Parker*



First time on the new boat! Bruce and Joan Barr

Live Aboard

by Don and Gail Elwell

Livaboard Security

You know, weirdly, I get asked this all the time, mostly from non-boat people: "Are you safe there? Do you have problems? Do you have guns to protect yourselves?" It kind of amazes me.

So I thought I might address the issue. For those of you who know us or have followed this column, we're livaboards. We live aboard our shantyboat in our marina 24/7, 365 days a year, winter and summer, night and day, rain or shine. This is our home, and it's a wonderful one. We share the place with a lot of far more transient slipmates and a sprinkling of other livaboards and the marina owners and staff. This is home.

To answer the question, mostly for those of you who may be contemplating this lifestyle: Yes, we feel safe.

Understand something, please: A marina is like a small resort town. There are a small number of people who live there full time. Off season, we have the place to ourselves, mostly. We know every inch of the docks, every car who should or should not be there, every light that should be on or turned off. . . .Off season, the mere presence of a stranger or an unrecognized vehicle or vessel attracts attention, inspection, inquiry. . . .It's one reason a lot of marina owners love livaboards, because we act as an extra set of eyes and ears for the owners, warning of listing boats, loosened lines, and damaged docks. When the season starts, there's a flood of folks, but most of them are returns, people we know, and those we don't take only a few days to GET to know. We learn, rapidly, their names, their cars, their boats and their habits. Troublemakers, excessive drunks, and shady characters get weeded out by the management pretty quickly, often with the help and advice of the livaboards.

Then there's the space itself, the Marina. Because of the large concentration of high dollar equipment and paying customers, security in marinaland is typically pretty solid. Most have gates that close after hours, with only slipholders having the codes. Even restrooms, laundryrooms, meeting rooms. . . any collective space, have code locks in most marinas. It's about as secure a place as it gets.

But the main security is the community itself. We live in a sea of folks who have a vested interest in keeping equipment—theirs and ours—and people, safe. I've lived

in small towns and big cities, I've lived in cosmopolitan neighborhoods and close, provincial communities. Nothing compares to the interdependence and care of a well-run marina community.

So are we safe? Oh yeah. Trust me, we're safe.

And as for guns, um, I live on a BOAT. If I blow a hole in the bottom, it sinks. I do, however, have a perfectly serviceable cutlass, a great cell phone, a very loud horn, and a ship's cat with an attitude..

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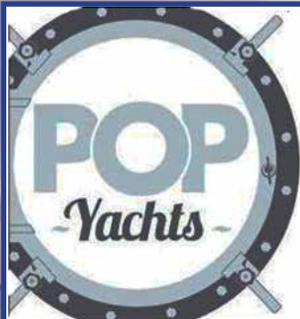
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Eastern Neck Island

The Chester River flows into the Chesapeake Bay through a mouth that is bounded in the west by Kent Island and the east by Eastern Neck. Sitting just off the southernmost tip of Eastern Neck is Eastern Neck Island; a 2,285 acre parcel of land surrounded entirely by river water. The island, once part of Eastern Neck, is today accessible to vehicular traffic via a single one-lane wooden bridge that passes over a shallow channel which connecting the Chester River proper to the Lower Chester River Sanctuary.

Eastern Neck Island was purchased by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) in the mid '60s following concerns by the local community that it would be developed for tract housing. With intent on preserving this valuable land resource, the FWS designated the island as a National Wildlife Refuge. It serves as but one component of the larger Chesapeake Marshlands National Wildlife Refuge Complex. The island is in the flyway of many migratory birds and in late fall and early winter months, serves as the wintering home to some 100,000 swans, geese, and ducks. During these seasons, birdwatching is a key attraction to the island. Accordingly, many platforms are stationed at various points along the island's byside and island inlets.

For me, the island is one of the great upper Chesapeake Bay kayak destinations. Paddling here you may encounter sweeping vistas with the sky contrasted against sea- and landscapes. The Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR) promotes kayak visits and has marked out a water trail circumnavigating the island. I understand DNR will provide you with a tour guide who knows the island's history and wildlife and will accompany your kayak party, if you make advance arrangements with them. To learn more about this island's history and its own contributions to history, type "Eastern Neck Island" into your browser's task bar.

You really don't need a tour guide to enjoy this gem of a paddle. You only need a chart of the area and a willingness to spend some time poking around the many coves and marshes found here. The official water trail begins at Bogles Wharf, although you can gain access to the trail from a car-top boat launch at Ingleside Recreation Area. Bogles is the main public boat ramp with free parking and spot-a-pots. It

lies on Durdin Creek; about 1/3 of the way down Eastern Neck island.

The only road to Eastern Neck Island runs through Rock Hall, a small fishing village on the neck. Before your visit, I suggest you check Rock Hall's calendar of events (it's on the Internet). I have driven through Rock Hall when its sidewalks and streets were crowded with people visiting various local festivals. Once, the road coming from Eastern Neck Island seemed to have an endless supply of bicyclists and I had to wait at the bridge before crossing onto the island. I mention this because in May of this year Rock Hall is hosting another biking festival, then in June they host an International Triathlon. There may be street closures and most certainly, Bayshore Campground, one of the few campgrounds in the area, will be full. Bayshore campground mostly serves recreational vehicles, but they do have a small tent area that overlooks the Chesapeake from a high clay bank. It makes for a great base camp if you plan on doing other paddles in the area. The campground has a boat ramp from which you may launch canoes and kayaks.

The original Bogles Wharf was built in 1887 and extended 1000 feet into the Chester River. Steam boats owned by the Chester River Steamboat Company, stopped at the wharf to load or discharge passengers, freight and farm produce bound to and from Baltimore. Among the crops were peaches, pears, and asparagus. Livestock were brought to the island by the ferry where they could graze the island's rich pastures. A small fishing village known as Overton grew up around the wharf. It included an oyster-shucking plant. Like many other island communities, this settlement has long since passed. Bogles Wharf today consists of a concrete boat ramp with a few piers off to one side. There is a small sandy area to the left of the boat ramp from which kayaks and canoes may be launched and landed. The spot-a-pots are large enough to change in afterwards if you get soaked during your paddle.

Before launching you will need to consider wind direction. If prevailing winds are out of the southwest, you may want to circle the island clockwise. That way you will be on the lee side during your passage south, and have a nice wind-assist

on your west-side return. If the wind is out of the SW and not gusting, I prefer to paddle the island counter-clockwise; heading first up and under the old bridge and then out into the Chesapeake. I prefer paddling with the wind in my face.

The edge waters approaching the bridge are shallow and sandy. At low tide, you are best to stay in center channel. The bridge can be tricky to maneuver between tides. Currents created by the exchange of water between the two bodies on either side of the bridge can be swift. Be sure to stay clear of the wood pilings and remember to duck your head as you pass under the roadway.

There are two deep coves west of the bridge; Tubby Cove and Calf Pasture Cove. On a fall paddle you can hear hundreds of geese honking in the deep fingers that run back into these marshy areas. Poking around in them can bring home some wonderful photographs. On the western side of the island the Chester River empties directly into the Chesapeake Bay. Paddling here can feel very exposed. Fetch is large and the waters are subject to high winds, cresting waves, and strong currents. Most certainly check the marine forecast before departing Bogles. The circumnavigation trail is about 8 nautical miles long and only takes a few hours to complete, so be sure to spend some additional time peeking, poking, and picnicking.

Much of the main route is alongside beach that is cordoned off by riprap. In the Wickliffe beach area there are openings in the riprap that allow access by shallow draft watercraft. In much of the other shoreline landings will be difficult should storms arise. The wind and wave protected shelters make for good places to decide if you want to continue paddling or return to Bogles

On a clear day, the bayside skyline is beautiful. Looking northwest, you can see Baltimore City. Looking southwest, you may see the spans of the Bay Bridge. Upon leaving Wicks Beach and paddling south, the Kent Narrows Bridge soon comes into view and it seems to be just right there in front of you. It isn't. It's three miles away and the river crossing here can be strenuous. I don't recommend a cross-



ing during the weekend when boat traffic is high or there are high winds.

Rounding Cedar and Hail Points, it's a short paddle back to Durdin Creek and Bogles. If you are not yet exhausted and there is still remaining sunlight, Eastern Neck Island has seven foot trails you can explore.

All in all, I like this area of the bay and will continue returning here seasonally. If you decide to paddle Eastern Neck Island, don't forget your camera. There are always sights along the way that will spark good memories. Capture them for the future.

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