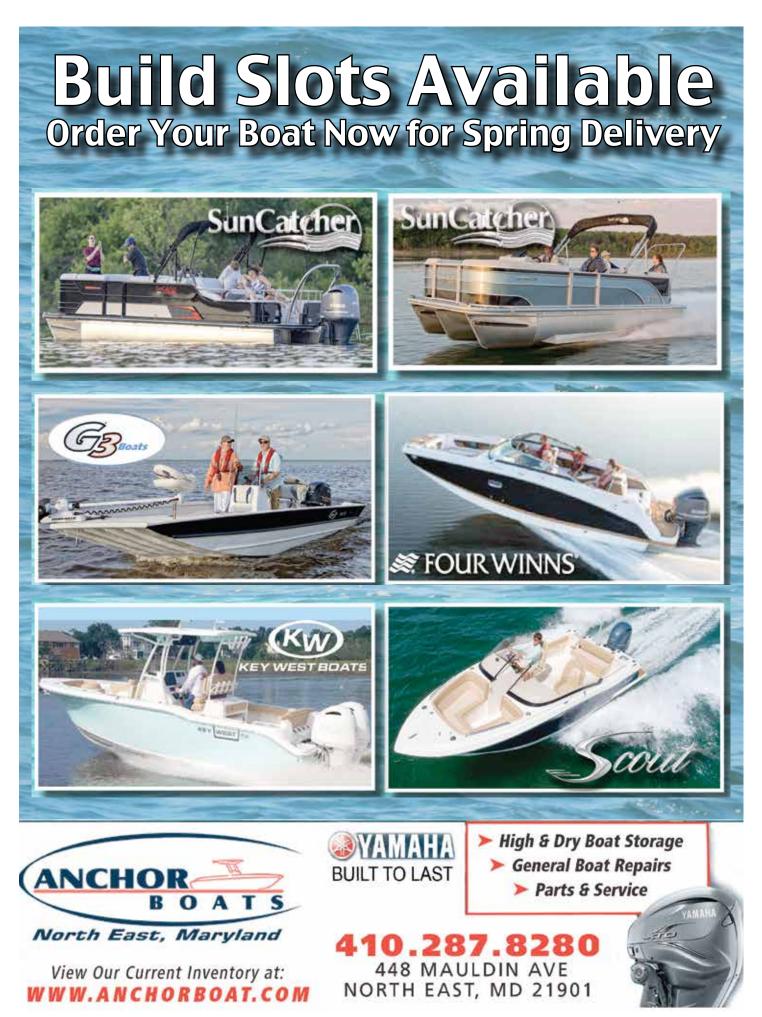
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-Marinating-with-Jim-High

I caught this photo

down in Clearwater Beach! Make sure you keep red on the really Right for this one! My sister Brenda asked me to ice up the beer and soda! So, I sure did!



INDIAN SUMMER, ANYONE?

Okay everybody! There are still a few more months of boating! All of October and all of November, or at least most of it!

Boating in the Fall can be awesome. Number one we can catch some fabulous hot sunny days -also known as an Indian Summer. Let's hope we have one between Thursday afternoon and Monday Morning!

The Upper Bay is teaming with great fishing action from the Flats to the Big Bridge. Those lunkers are still out there. Some of those big Stripers even come up into the secondaries and can surprise you when you least expect it.

When it is cool and brisk out on the rivers, a tour of the local waters, with some hot chocolate (spiked

or unspiked) is always a nice boating day. The leaves have turned, a few are floating on the river, the ducks are around and every once in a while, you can hear a little gun fire to break up the monotony! As the Fall wears on and the days are much shorter, there can still be some good action! Some of this action may even be out enjoying a Turkey Run, Lighted Boat Parade or watching Santa attempt waterskiing! If we can't get Santa up on skis at least take him tubing! Let's not give up any time early. One New Year's Eve, I was at Baltimore's Inner Harbor, out on my boat watching the fireworks. It was 60 degrees! So Happy Fall Everyone, we made it through another amazing Summer!

SELFIES ON THE SKY CRANE! ALWAYS A GOOD IDEA.

Jim High Publisher



ALESSON IN TIMING

The other day I was late to a very important meeting. I was in the middle of a short haul that had run late, which made me late! (Thanks for waiting for me Brenda, Ryan, and Jesse) But it reminded me of Joe Bernard from Wye River Crab Seasoning and a lesson he taught me when I was 18 years old. I was working as a sales person for Wye River Crab Seasoning at the time. I was given a new van filled with product and I drove from seafood store to grocery Store stocking and selling the various products. A few months in, I was asked

to come to the main office down in Queenstown and I showed up for my meeting 5 minutes late. Joe Bernard explained to me he was the head buyer for all of Safeway and saw sales people all day, every day on the half hour. If any of those sales people showed up late, they would set his whole day off! So, he would send them home! He sent me home that day and told me to come back tomorrow. Since then, and except for very rare occasions, I have tried to be on time, all the time. Thank you, Joe Bernard, for the lesson!

An Adventure with Pontius the Parrot

Parrots on boats can be very cool or very uncool! They are loud, nasty, cursing, squawking, hideous little creatures (sometimes). And then there is Pontius. Pontius is one of the cleverest I have ever seen. So, when Pontius' owner shared his surveillance camera recordings with me, I wasn't surprised. Late one night a burglar climbed over a marina fence, walked down the docks and broke into a huge houseboat. While he was sneaking around, he heard a voice say, "Jesus is watching you." He looked around and saw nothing. He kept on creeping and again heard, "Jesus is watching you." In a dark corner, he saw a cage with a parrot inside. The burglar asked the parrot, "Was it you who said Jesus is watching me" The parrot replied, "Yes." Relieved, the burglar asked, "What is your name?" The parrot said, "Pontius." The burglar said,

"That's a stupid name for a parrot. What idiot named you Pontius?" The parrot answered, "The same idiot that named the rottweiler Jesus."

Fall 2022

Another Season About To Be Battened Down



By Wendy Gilbert / Contributing Editor



At least this one came a heck of a lot closer to expectations than the previous two. It had plenty of drama and trauma, but thankfully, a lot of sizzle and sparkle as well.

Even though I thought I would face massive gatherings with trepidation, I was surprised to discover that wasn't the case. Attending big parties, street festivals, raft-ups, concerts and other seasonal celebrations was just wonderful! The end-of-season turned engagement party last week was my favorite.

Sometimes, I was left quite on my own this summer and spent way too much time indoors. I'm not one for the whole "Netflix and Chill" style of program viewing. Perhaps some would consider me old school, but I really like to watch one show at a time and rarely click the remote assuring Netflix (or the provider of the day) that it may indeed allow me to watch the next episode right now.

While my husband was away on a mission trip to western Tennessee for 8 days a couple of weeks ago, I made an exception. I was, well, alone. Funny things happen when you are home alone for an extended period of time and have precious few duties, plans or goals.

A show titled "Alone" gripped me and I buzzed through Season 8 in just a few days. After watching with all the guilty pleasure usually reserved for Will Farrell movies, I watched Season 7 and then decided to start at the beginning and watched seasons, 1 and 2 and 3.

I cheered! I wondered! I shivered!

My daughter couldn't understand my sudden interest in something that's been on the History Channel for years. "Someone's either catching a fish, starving or freezing," she said somewhat disdainfully.

I can't argue with that, but there's something ... about that timeless theme – man versus nature. My son-in-law understood the fascination and even hubby will gladly join me for a random episode. I'm sure it's a nice break for him from cooking and game shows or even better -- food-related game shows.

All I know is that this could be the off season when I attempt ice fishing.

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COASTAL LIFE QUIZ

By Wendy Gilbert

Upper Chesapeake Bay life can be difficult to define. For some this portion of the coast is a blend of island magic and New England folklore. For others a strong Florida vibe with blue crabs and the Maryland flag thrown in. This summer I learned about an apparel style called "Coastal Grandmother". The marketing list can indeed go on. I think a quiz is in order.

WHERE DO YOU STAND ON THE FOLLOWING?

FLAMINGOS SOUTHERN Yes. Why not? Yes, but only if they are painted Ravens purple. No. Send them back to Florida. TEA Unsweet Sweet Where is my coffee? WATER Give me Salt Life. Have you seen their T-shirts! Reality check. That

would be Brackish Dasani

LIFESTYLE Hell, yes! Give me some twang. What? I can see the Mason Dixon Line from my back yard. It's called the Mid Atlantic BEER

Anything light in a can with a bit of blue on it Anything I can stick a wedge of lime in

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Red

Pink

WINE

White

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- Low tide green
- Hull white

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- Sailboat
- Crab
- Maryland Flag

EMBLEM FOR HOME INTERIOR

- Sailboat
- Crab
- Maryland Flag

BOAT, TRAILER OR TRUCK STICKER MOTIF

- Sailboat
- Crab
- **Bia Foot**

I'll ponder these a bit more during the off season and get back to you in the spring. In the meantime, enjoy your Upper Chesapeake Bay lifestyle in any way that you identify with. Today.

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OPENS IN PERRYVILLE

Looking for a little fun in the October sun?

Pop over to Perryville (yes, Perryville) and visit 5th Company Brewing on Front Street.

Situated directly across from Roger's Tavern, this new restaurant and brewery is steeped in history, but features 21st century technology and hospitality.

The Phillips family features large in this enterprise. Owners include: Brandon Phillips, Paul Phillips, Mike McGrath, Philp Lembo and Mattias Schmid.

More than 1500 customers decided to check it out on Opening day. The gleaming array of brewing equipment is functional of course, but also creates a dramatic backdrop to the main eating and drinking area. The 10,000 sq. ft facility can comfortably seat a crowd and Brandon says that the crowds have been coming ever since they opened. Entertainment includes live music, boxing, wrestling and soon, New York City comedians.

To stay apprised of events, take a look at their Facebook postings. There are two event rooms. One seats 30-40 and the other, 300. Yes, you'll be able to watch Ravens games on a projection screen this season.

Leah Ido, general manager notes that the next big event is Oktoberfest on Saturday, October 15th.

Music, traditional German foods and of course beers will be available. Enjoy an outdoor beer garden and visit vendors and artisans on the grounds. Special event to follow - stein races!

Chef Justin Morman notes that

the fresh twists on familiar favorites have been quite popular. One of their best sellers is a side dish of duck fat fries. All the sauces and dips are made fresh in house.

Morman notes that all of their burgers are made with a tri-blend meat of short rib, chuck and brisket. The namesake burger (5th Company) features 2 patties topped with American cheese, pastrami, candied red cabbage, shredded lettuce and 4K island dressing.

Menu items feature names like The Front Street, The Rodgers, Ceciltucky Beer Cheese and Pretzels and The Smoking J Wrap.

Place your orders upon arrival and you'll be given a device which will let you know when it's time to pick it up at the counter. The menu features sandwiches, burgers, salads, sides, tacos, small plates, appetizers and kids' meals.

But it is a brewery after all. What about the drinks?

You can't miss the wall of taps in the main room. It's just past the bar with its own vast array of taps. It's one of the area's first pour your own "walls". You'll find beers, IPAs (India Pale Ales), hard ciders, and wine from Broken Spoke Winery (another must visit venue) on the wall. Once your credit card is connected, you can pour whatever you'd like and pay by the ounce. You can try Boxcar Sour, The Jim "Bawlmer", Bay Day, Chesquehanna and many more.

Not exactly what you're looking for today? Don't worry the bartenders have you covered. All the margaritas are made their signature homemade mix including strawberry, pineapple, spicy and 5th Company made with silver tequila and blue curaçao. The mojitos and other cocktails are fresh and sure to hit the spot.

Vendy C

The entire venue seems to be designed to make things as simple, flexible, fun and delicious as possible. There's no need to wait to be seated and no reservations are required. The hope is to make long lines, a thing of the past.

The venue is mere yards away from a public pier, so it's sure to be a boater's favorite destination next season.

Brandon notes that the opening of 5th Company Brewing was a long time coming. "It took more than 5 years to make it happen."

The building site was originally a railway station storage building and then a powered milk factory. Most locals only knew it as a vacant building. 5th Company Brewing takes its name from the private militia formed by John Rogers of Rogers Tavern Fame. Rogers and his wife were the tavern keepers. Brandon notes that their son, John Rogers is credited as the father of the modern navy.

Born in 1772, he was a senior naval officer from the 1790s through the late 1830s. As a senior officer in the young American Navy, Rogers helped develop the standards, customs and traditions that emerged during this time. One of his many claims to fame was for commanding the largest American squadron in his day to sail the Mediterranean Sea.

This powerful native son might be proud indeed to see a 21st century "tavern" thriving once again.



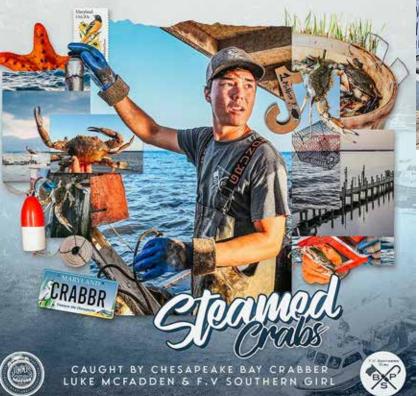


has really combined two things that I know nothing about. Crabbing and TikTok. LOL! Don't get me wrong I can eat some crabs, but I don't know anything about crabbing. My TikTok skills are along the lines of watching videos my kids forward me.

This month I got to talk with Luke McFadden, local Pasadena waterman, and rising TikTok star. If you haven't ventured over to TikTok due to lack of real

content you need to go and check this guy out. He's creating quite a stir on TikTok with 1.2 million followers and his message is reaching pretty wide and far. I recently heard 98Rock talking about him on their morning show. On social media he's: fvsoutherngirl on TikTok, @luke_mcfad on Instagram, and Bodkin Point Seafood on Facebook.

Luke is a very interesting young man. I mean not many people can say that what they wrote in their 5th grade yearbook has been achieved. I believe I was going to be an Olympic gymnast and pediatrician. But when Luke wrote that he was going to be a crabber he wasn't kidding.



#youaintnocrabber

Must be from a crabbing family, right? Well, wrong! Luke is a first-generation crabber and is only 26 years old.

His love of crabbing is thanks to his family friend CJ. He went crabbing with him when he was about 11 years old and fell in love. Remember that yearbook quote from 5th grade? Some people joke that CJ is Luke's "crab dad". While there is a healthy sense of competition between the two there is also a lot of joking and pranking going on.

Luke started making the videos in an attempt to leverage his crabbing business. Then after a viral video he made an effort to gear his vid-

eos towards all of crabbing and to educate people in a fun way about the bay and their food sources here in the area. He loves to promote crabbing and local businesses which he feels help to stimulate the local economy. He feels people are disconnected from their food and wants to help bring people closer to the source so they can understand the importance of the local waterman and how to keep the bay healthy and producing. Luke also

hopes to spark others to possibly choose a career as a waterman. There are not many young watermen coming up and the local guys feel they are losing their voice in the industry.

You can find Luke's crabs at his stand in Glen Burnie, Bodkin Point Seafood and he's partnered up with Jimmy's Seafood for nationwide distribution. While Luke works at his stand Friday through Sunday, he wants everyone to know that crabs are available more than just on the weekend. Buying local crabs from local watermen Monday through Thursday can truly help improve the state of the industry/economy here in the Bay area. Close to Home-Close to the Bay.

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WHO LOVES CLEANING THEIR BOAT?

Who loves cleaning their boat? No, seriously raise your hand if you love cleaning your boat. Think of all the time spent getting yourself ready to clean your boat after a fun day on the water. You gotta find the bucket, get the solution, get your brush and hose and then mix the solution, taking care not to knock the bucket over at any point in the process. Sounds like a great way to unwind after all that fun to me. How about you? Well, what if I told you there is a much easier way to clean your boat? Would you be excited? I know many boaters who would be and who will be making the switch after this article.

All boaters should send a huge thank you to Chris Mullinix of the Salty Hull. He is the creator and founder of Salty Hull boat cleaning solutions and the most fantastic foam gun ever. Salty Hull is a local company from Dayton.

The company mission statement says it all, "To provide quality boating products that bring ease and simplicity to our customers boating experience while providing impeccable customer service." The company will next day ship all orders placed Monday through Thursday. Orders placed Friday through Sunday will ship on Monday. The company also boasts a

very easy and fair return policy should there be any issues with your order.

In an attempt to simplify the cleaning process Chris and his team tested every foam gun they could get their hands on. Now they have two designed specifically for the marine industry. There is a recreation series with an orange color and brass quick disconnect and a tournament series that is blue with stainless steel fittings.

There are two cleaning solutions: Salty Hull Foaming Boat Soap and Salty Hull Heavy Duty Boat Cleaner. Both products are biodegradable and smell great. The difference is the Foaming Boat Soap is for gentle everyday cleaning while the Heavy-Duty Boat Cleaner works well on fish blood, chum, guts, grime and salt after a day of fishing or just tough boating. With both products the process is the same. You simply fill the bottle $\frac{3}{4}$ full with water, add 4 to 6 oz. of the cleaning solution, swirl and connect to your foaming gun. Once connected, spray the entire boat and wait 5 minutes. If you have some particularly bad areas, you can brush them with your clean brush. Rinse. And then you are all set. Entire boat cleaned in half the time of traditional cleaning! I'm off to bed and ready to go out on a clean boat for my next excursion.

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Sun., October 2 1:00 – 3:30 pm, \$15/person View migrating birds and discover the plants that feed and fuel their seasonal flights. This program is for ages 8 to adult and registration is required.

Autumn on the Creek Canoe

Sun., October 9 9:30 – 12:00 pm, \$15/person Enjoy a brisk morning paddle among the colorful autumn leaves of Otter Point Creek. This program is for ages 8 to adult and registration is required.

Floating into Fall Canoe Sun., October 30 12:00 – 2:30 pm, \$15/person The marsh and uplands are putting on their "fancy clothes" for one final dance before winter. Enjoy the cornucopia of color from a creek perspective. This program is for ages 8 to adult and registration is required.

KAYAK TRIPS

Children under 16 must be with an adult. Wear shoes that can get wet. All equipment supplied.

Marsh Bird Kayak

Sat., September 10 10:00 am – 12:30 pm, \$15/person Paddle the water trails of Otter Point Creek in search of our feathered friends. Take note on who is passing through and who calls this freshwater wetland home. This program is for ages 8 to adult and registration is required by 9/9.

National Estuaries Day Kayak

Sat., September 24

9:30 am-12:00 pm, \$15/person Hop in a kayak and explore the freshwater marsh of Otter Point Creek to help celebrate the dynamic and beautiful ecosystem of the Chesapeake Bay estuary! This program is for ages 8 to adult and registration is required by 9/23.

Shoreline Show Kayak

Sat., October 8 9:00 – 11:30 am, \$15/person As we edge toward fall, traces of color begin to lace the shoreline for your viewing pleasure. Layer up and don't miss the show! This program is for ages 8 to adult and registration is required by 10/7.

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Here are some Swabbing suggestions for keeping your boat and Bay healthy and clean.

FISHING HOOK UPS

Fishing boats can get stinky. Bait, blood, guts, slime, and other mess can ruin a craft. Fishing line is hazardous to wildlife and propellers. A small piece of line can wrap around the prop and saw away until something fails. Most line takes centuries to degrade. Hooks, bait containers, and other wastes need to disposed of responsibly.

SMOKING BUTTS

Cigarettes and cigar filters are made of cellulose acetate. This plastic takes forever to breakdown. Tobacco products contains arsenic, tar, and other toxins that do no one any good. Carry a butt box to keep your trash onboard until you can dispose of it properly on shore.

SEWAGE

Bacteria from raw sewage is hazardous. Would you want to swim in it? Use pumps out stations to remove waste from the wastewater tanks. If the sewage is in a portable carry tank, do the same, especially when using the harsh chemicals on board. All RVs follow the same rules.

FUELS AND OILS

Engine oils, gasoline, diesel fuel, and other chemicals can leak from your boat. Ensure all seals and openings are secure. Avoid spills.

By Montana Grant

TRASH

Snack bags, grocery sacks, bottles, cans, and all other similar trash need to be disposed of onshore. When you see trash, leave the waters better than you found them. Train your crew to avoid littering.

CLEANING CHEMICALS

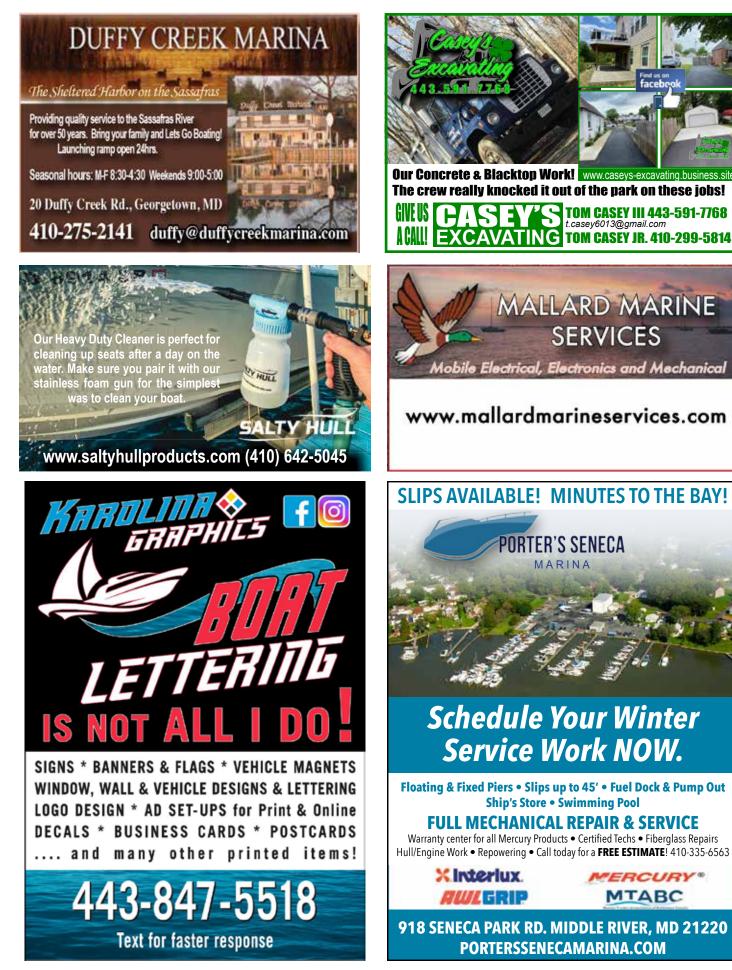
Harsh, caustic chemicals can ruin a watershed. Educate your crew on what cleaners are the most Bay Friendly. The best hull cleaner I have found is Star Brite cleaner. The company also make an above deck cleaner. Homemade recipes often include baking soda and white vinegar. Dawn dish cleaner is a mild and less harmful all-purpose cleaner. Mix in a spray bottle with ½ cup of white vinegar to 2 tbsp. of Dawn. Less is more when using chemicals. This mixture works well on coolers, vinyl windows and above deck surfaces. Don't use on waxed surfaces.

CLEANING TOOLS

Stiff mops and abrasives can damage the surfaces of your watercraft. Use sponges, and softer mops designed for boat cleaning. Power washers are best used on low pressure. High pressure washes will remove material. Allow cleaning products to sit for a few minutes before rinsing them off. This means less swabbing required.

Take care to clean your boat after each use and before your next outing. You boat is best enjoyed when you come down to the dock and the boat is Bay Ready.

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Fall Color on Deck

Have you seen the videos when one leaf turns yellow and the 30-something runs on screen with a scarf and pumpkin latte - ready for Fall, when everything else is still green? Although extreme sometimes that is exactly how Fall feels to me – it arrives quickly and is over in an instant. While other years it seems to stretch on for weeks longer than the calendar says it should. This feeling isn't just in your head -- the weather can actually affect the trees and how fast they get ready for winter.

To be clear, that fall enthused millennial is not me. I embrace the transition of the seasons. It's one of my favorite things about living in the Upper Bay. Although I meet boaters all the time that just love the heat.

So, are you the type that dreads cold weather and prays for 80 degrees? Or are you like me and embrace the change? Either way Winter is coming and we're all enjoying one last warm trip out on the water before getting the boat winterized for the year. With any luck you'll get to see the leaves changing color on the shore and doubly lucky if you get to see them reflected back on a still sheet of river.

My favorite Autumns are those that have long drawn-out leaf changes -- when you get to see the shoreline coated in the first half of the rainbow. The reds, oranges and yellows are a nice change of pace from the constant humidity and wall of green from the summer. The season's weather patterns affect how quickly this transition takes place. Which is why the colors are vibrant and stay for weeks some years and disappear with one tropical storm the next.

I'm hoping by now I have led you to start asking, but WHY do the leaves change color? I'm so glad you asked...

Believe it or not as you prepare your boat for winter, the trees are prepping for winter too. All that gorgeous color are signs of chemical processes that will help get the trees through a cold winter. Similar to draining the lines, a tree pulls nutrients back from its leaves. By storing the food in its trunk or roots, the tree saves it for use next year without risking a freeze -- killing the leaves and losing it all for good.

As this process happens, the green chlorophyll exits the leaves and only yellow coloring remains. Other chemical processes take place at the same time which lead to the other fall colors, like the deep purple of a Flowering Dogwood. One of those chemicals is called anthocyanin (an-tho-SY-uh-nin) which is a group of pigments that are the reason some plants are red, purple and blue. When temperatures hover just above freezing, more anthocyanin is produced. Now we understand how the Red Maple got its name.

With my fingers crossed for a long season of color, I hope you enjoy the fall colors just a little bit more this year.



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Captain Mark Galasso

Happy Birthday Pop

If you watch a lot of television, you can't miss all the new reality shows where people do wacky things and you sit there scratching your head while laughing at their misfortunes. A number of these shows investigate the criminal element of society trying to figure out what started these people on a road that most people wouldn't travel. Most of the time it comes down to things that happened at a very early stage in one's life, and the catch phrase is he or she was introduced by someone to a life of crime or whatever. Well. I can say my father introduced me to a "life of boating and fishing" at a very young age. Even before I could walk, talk or protest.

We celebrated my Pop's 92nd birthday at Fisherman's Crab Deck in Kent Narrows the other evening. It was a beautiful evening or we would have gone to "The Big House", Fisherman's Inn, right next door. He's been going there for 50 years and it's still his favorite place. What do you get a 92-year-old for his birthday? A gift certificate of course for his favorite place. Oh well. As the sun set over the Narrows we all started getting nostalgic and as the beer was flowing so were the stories. Some were directly attributed to Pop while some were just inspired by him.

Like the time my brother and I had went vellow perch fishing on the Tuckahoe. It was my brother's turn to watch my niece who was so young we had to bring her and her stroller to the river so she could nap while we fished. The tide was out so we had to cross a small mud flat to get to our "honey hole". No problem. We took PVC pipe and made rod holders for the stroller and a rock for the tackle boxes. Luckily the stroller came with wide mud tires or we would have had to modify those too. I have to say my brother is pretty handy. I honestly think the inspiration for such an adventure came from Pop. My earliest recollection of fishing with him was in an old rental boat for Fluke and Blowfish in Harvey Cedars, New Jersey. It was probably his turn to babysit me while Mom was at the beach and what better way than in a rocking boat out in Barnegat Bay? Come to think of it I don't believe my parents ever had a rocking chair. Just small boats and cars with bad shocks.

My father was a traveling sales guy so he was usually gone from Monday to Friday. Saturday was always fishing day with his friends and colleagues and Sunday was church and family day. Though during the summer Sunday was church and fishing day since we lived at the beach when we weren't in school. Most of our fishing was on small rental boats in the Bay or on the Big Head boats that ran offshore looking for Tautaug, Fluke and Seabass. I remember the first time I went out on one of the head boats. We broke through Barnegat Inlet and headed directly into ten footers. For reference I was only eight so it was probably five footers. But the splash of salt spray on my face was exhilarating. Plus it washed the puke away every few seconds. I remember the Captain even came down and asked my Dad if I was ok. I think the answer was something like as long as we catch fish he'll be fine. He was right.

When I was twelve Pop asked me if I wanted to REALLY go offshore. I knew exactly what he meant. TUNA!! Hell yes. I didn't sleep for two days I was so excited. We got to the boat around 4 a.m. There was a pretty good breeze going. The boat was a friend's charter boat, the Bob a Lou. Captain Sam Curren. He was our neighbor in Surf City when we lived on LBI. It was an old wooden boat named for his son and wife. What it lacked in speed it made up for in diesel smoke. I was sick before we even got out of the inlet. I stayed in the fetal position for three hours as my head pounded on the floor. My Dad was right though. As soon as we hooked the first fish I was fine. I remember Sam once caught a 700 pound Bluefin while we were neighbors. Back then nobody wanted something that big so word got out it was in his back yard on saw horses and all the neighbors came and took what they wanted. When I first saw the massive fish I thought it was a small car. But remember I was only in first grade so maybe it was only 350 pounds,

I enjoyed digging clams. Barnegat Bay was full of them and I thought I might be a commercial clammer. My Dad made me take a local Power Squadron Class before he would let me go off alone in the family yacht, a 12-ft. Sears Gamefisher with a 9.9 Johnson outboard. But I did it and literally caught enough clams over the next few years to buy my Grandmother's used Pontiac Custom S when I was old enough to drive.

After we moved to Maryland I think my parents missed Barnegat Light and the Beach. We started camping down in Chincoteague, Virginia. It had a lot of the same draws Long Beach Island had. It was near the beach, good Fluke (Summer Flounder) fishing and plenty of clams. By now my brother and I were teenagers and my Dad was selling hunting, fishing and camping supplies. This one time we all decided to spend the weekend at Inlet View Campground. Pop had a huge 4-man tent that was a sample from White Stag Camping. I asked if my girlfriend could come. Pop's answer. "No problem." I really thought she and I would have our own tent. Ha. The Taj Mahal of tents could fit us all! So we pitched our campsite. Literally at the water's edge with our small motorboat tied to one of the tent stakes. An easy push into the water and we were fishing. Flounder and clams for diner. Hard to beat.

About three in the morning I woke up to something. At first I was in a bit of a daze and nothing was registering. Then I realized the boat was gently banging into the tent. I also realized my feet were wet. Everyone else was still asleep. My Mom and Dad, My Brother and my girlfriend all laying there like cordwood. Cordwood with wet feet. And then everyone's alarm went off and people were tripping over one another to get out of the tent. It was still dark. The only other living thing in the campground still stirring was the Mosquitos. Lesson learned. When sleeping at the water's edge you better take into consideration the tides!

I could go on and on. In hindsight it almost seems like my parents, especially my Dad, were trying to discourage my brother and I from a life on the water. But it didn't turn out that way. I can only wonder if my Dad's parents were the same way with him. My Mom has gotten into a little genealogy lately and traced her roots to Nantucket Whalers. Maybe it's just imbedded in our makeup to be on and near the water. And I wonder how it will be with the next generations. I guess the moral to the story is turn your kids on to a life on the water. It is fulfilling and rewarding.

Happy Birthday Pop and thanks. And Happy Boating everyone.

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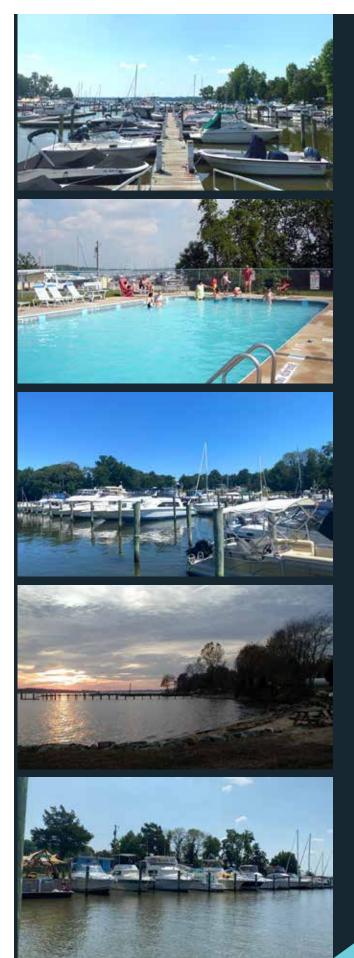
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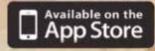
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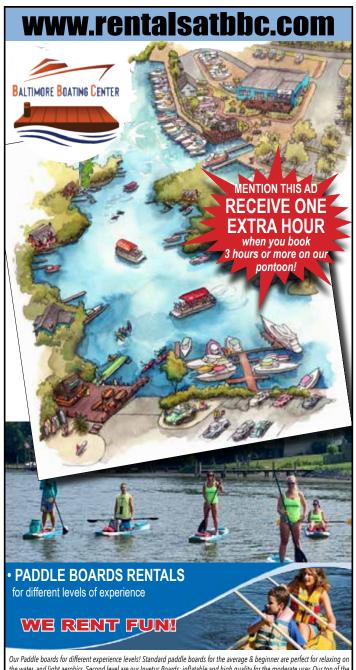
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Annapolis in NFL Sunday

As I strolled from one floating section of dock to the next several Octobers back, my brand new \$9.99 boat hook firmly in hand, I became uncharacteristically introspective. While selfexamination has never been one of my favorite pastimes, I usually give it it's due when it appears on the screen. Such was the case on that cloudy and damp Sunday afternoon.

"Here you are", the inner voice began, "walking where only boats should go ... bumping into the shoulders and arms and other, more intimate, body parts of fellow members of your water-walking throng ... waiting in long lines just to take off your shoes and climb aboard sailboats that you couldn't afford if you were a lottery winner, let alone a government retiree ... and all of this while missing the NFL on CBS!"

"Why?", the voice implored? "WHY?"

The question caught me off-guard. I had attended the previous umpteen U.S. Sailboat Shows, every year since I began sailing the Bay, and it was just something I did in early October ... drive down to Annapolis. I wasn't sure why, really, but it was just something Chesapeake Bay sailors did.

"Do you do things just because other people do them?", the voice responded, sounding more like Mrs. Turner, my 4th grade teacher, than the voice of reason.

Of course, I don't, I snapped back. Even though I can't possibly afford these cruising sailboats, there're hundreds of vendors down here who sell sailing equipment that I need ... you know ... like that bulkhead compass back in Tent A. The fluid in my old compass is cloudy, and besides, I've never liked the way it mounted ... there in front of the hatchway like it does.

I need a new sail cover, too. Boy do I! That old one has been repaired with duct tape so many times it's starting to look like ...

"TAKE OFF YOUR SHOES, HON!", said a familiar voice, interrupting my internal discourse. This time it was a REAL voice. Peg, my first mate, was standing on the stern of a gorgeous 42-footer, hands on hips, waiting for me to come aboard. "HellOOOOOO," she mocked. "Anybody home?".

Temporarily shaken from my internal struggle, I climbed down the hatchway to gaze upon yet another palatial interior. Maybe, as a lottery winner, I could afford this one.

Off the boat we shuffled and past the growing spread of empty boat shoes. As my bare feet hit the dock, my thoughts returned to that inner debate and my, thus far, meager attempt at explaining to myself why I was here and not at home watching the Eagles.

And cushions, I continued ... those closed cell cushions back in Tent B (or was that Tent D). The forest green ones will look great in the cockpit, plus they're really comfortable. I might just order a custom-made set of those.

"NOW, COME ON!", the opposition barged in. "We both know that you're not going to buy any of those things today. You're too tight! Your kids have known it since they could walk and your wife much longer than that! No ... you'll decide that, while the cloudiness in the compass or the rattiness of the sail cover or the need for cockpit cushions are all concerns that need to be addressed, they don't need to be addressed today. That compass still points to north, you'll rationalize, and the sail cover, albeit ratty, still covers ... the old cushions, too, still have a little life left ... so why spend the money?"

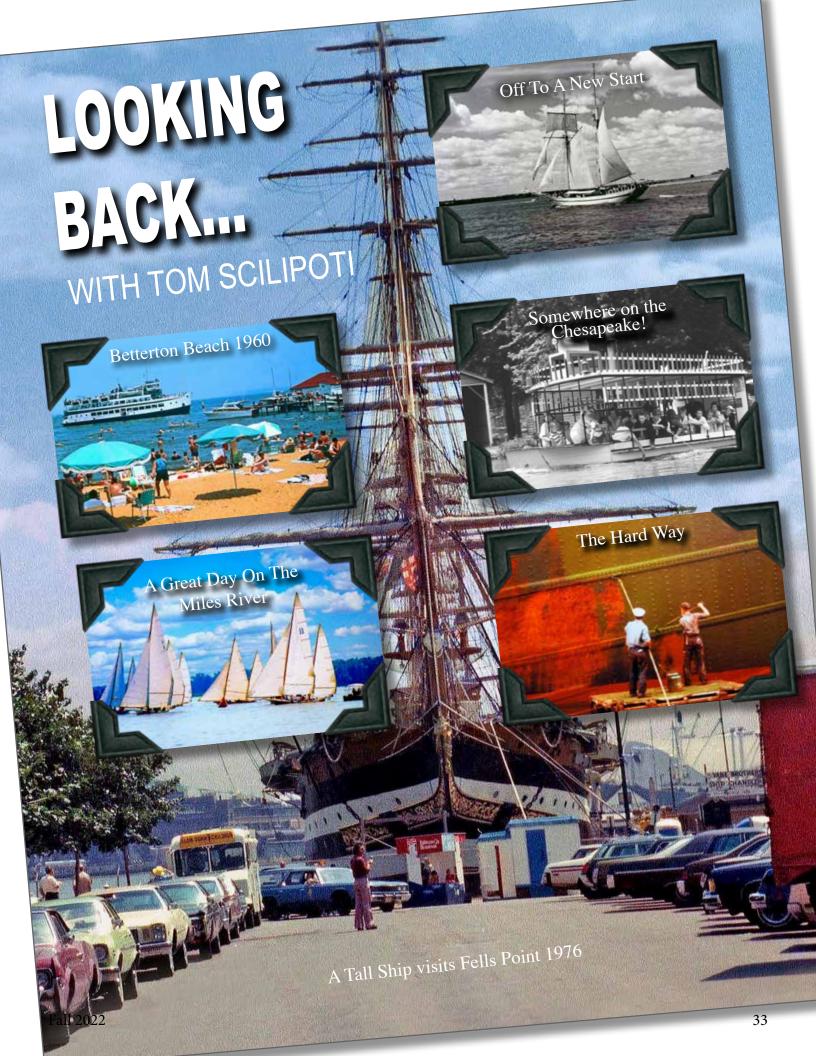
"And what's that you say? The boat hook purchase? If it weren't on sale for 2/3rds off and Peg hadn't helped close the deal, you would have decided that the old corroded one was good for another season!"

It's true ... it's all true. I've got to face it. I drive those 75 or 80 miles down to Annapolis every October, usually on an NFL Sunday, knowing full-well that I have little or no intention of making any major purchases ... or minor ones, for that matter. But, why? Why come all the way down here just to tease myself with cruising yachts that I can't afford and attractive accessories that I'm too cheap to buy?

Kicking off my boat shoes as I reached the front of another line, the real answer suddenly hit me like the boom on an accidental jibe. I come down to the U.S. Sailboat Show every October, not to buy things, but to be with people who love this sport as much as I do. I come down every October, foregoing the "game of the week", just to join in the party ... the Bon Voyage party. Our sailing season is drawing to a close and I want to bid it farewell in the style that it deserves! And what more fitting a place to bid a sailing season farewell than in Annapolis, the mecca of Chesapeake Bay sailing!

And besides, I'll still be home for Monday Night Football!





Topwater Time By Tim Sherman

I don't know many fishermen who are not excited about catching fish on surface baits. Whether it's blue gills on a popping bug or tuna on a mega popping plug, casting topwater baits is the most thrilling way to fish. Let me give you a literary visual. You cast your surface lure and you pop it, twitch it, or wake it back to the boat. The anticipation is high because you don't know when or if the fish is going to strike. All of the sudden ... KA-BLOOSH! The fish explodes through the surface to attack your lure. You are so startled that you just about jump out of your shoes. You feel the weight of the fish on the end of your line and its game on. When it comes to striper fishing, there is nothing like it. And this is the time of year for it!

In the fall of the year, I will always ... yes, ALWAYS ... have a topwater lure tied on. It doesn't matter if I am out on the bay or in the river shallows. In fall, stripers feed aggressively and are willing to attack their forage on the surface. Working those heart-of-the-bay feeding frenzies gets your heart pounding, yet seeking the stripers lurking in the skinny water is just as thrilling.

Being a shallow water enthusiast, I've come to know what to look for with the surface bite. The very first thing I watch is the current. Bait fish breaching the surface is important, but current is still number 1. Current pushes baitfish past

points, drop offs, humps, rip rap, jetties, etc. Knowing on which tide the current flows the strongest past these forms of structure and cover gives you the best chance to get the surface bite.

Shoreline cover often presents the best opportunities for topwater action in the shallows. The highest point of the tidal stage will help place stripers along the bank. Key on points, rip rap, and jetties. You will have to put some time in to figure out if they are there on a rising tide, falling tide, or both. If the current flows strongly during both tides, you've found a true honey hole for surface fishing.

Finding structural changes that hold stripers in the shallows isn't too hard. Hardcopy charts and navigational electronics often show shoals, drop offs. and obstructions. Obviously, you need to use caution in the shoal areas, yet all of this structure has the potential to hold fish. You can also look at the surface in areas to see what lies beneath it. The best example I know of on the upper bay is Maxwell Point on the Gunpowder River. On a falling tide, the outgoing current truly shows the shoal on the downriver side of the point. You can use this visual as a guideline for finding other shoals.

Some anglers say that the best times for topwater fishing are early morning and late evening. And, overcast days are far better than sunny ones. These

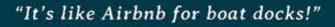
are pretty good guidelines, yet I let the conditions dictate when to fish on the surface. The tide and current aren't always right for the morning and evening low light conditions. If you have a long tidal stage where the current flows past your favorite spot, you could be in for a great outing no matter what time of day. If you are out at first light or in the evening and you have no tidal flow, the odds are not in your favor. However, those cloudy fall days are a blessing that can yield a daylong topwater bonanza.

For stripers, there are three surface baits that I rely on. If I want to cover an area quickly, I'll cast a plopper style lure. The offset boot tail is loud and churns a distinct wake on a straight retrieve. A popper is a great choice for imitating baitfish fleeing the surface as water splashes from the mouth of the bait. It can be used along the shoreline, or in open water. The surface walking lure, or spooks as they as commonly called, mimic an injured baitfish that is an easy target as it walks side to

side. When it comes to size, I try to match the size of the baitfish the stripers are feeding on. I carry 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 5-inch models. You may have to experiment with style and size. While stripers are aggressive, they can be particular.

The question arises -- what to do when a striper short strikes the topwater lure? There are two schools of thought. Some fishermen like to pause the retrieve for an instant and restart the presentation. Others, like me, keep the lure coming back to the boat. My thoughts are that the fish is aggressive enough to continue its chase, and there may be more than one striper tracking the lure. If the first one misses, competition for the prey dictates that the others in the school get their chance to strike.

Fall is a great season for putting surface lures to the test for stripers. It matters not if you are fishing the open water feeding frenzies or casting to shallow water haunts. Fall means topwater time!



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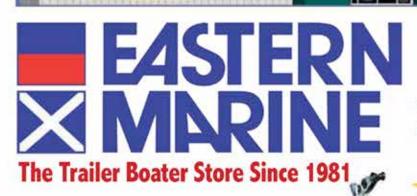


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