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Kicking Back in the Quarters with my lovely wife Kisha!

WOKING UP WITH JAKE THE WATER PERSON!

I got to catch up with Jake again at the Bay Bridge Boat Show. All geared up and ready for warmer weather, Jake and crew are rearing for longer days and sunny weather. Now you know Jake is working when the sun comes up every day. He is off on Mondays but is still working when the sun comes up. In my conversation with Jake, he had to scratch his head a couple of times. He explained he "WOKES" up every morning before dawn

and gets to working! He hears on the news how people WOKE up every day sometimes at the crack of noon. Jake wonders how you can be so woke but not be up at 3 a.m. and working for 12 to 15 hours to feed your family and never have anything to complain about! I asked him about his Uncle Juke. Jake said his Uncle Juke is doing great out west. He just celebrated a birthday in February and loves riding his motorcycle.



A young boy enters a barber shop and the barber whispers to his customer, "This is the dumbest kid in the world. Watch while I prove it to you." The barber puts a dollar bill in one hand and two quarters in the other, then calls the boy over and asks, "Which do you want, son?" The boy takes the quarters and leaves. "What did I tell you?" said the barber. "That kid never learns!" Later, when the customer leaves,

he sees the same young boy coming out of the ice cream parlor. "Hey, son! May I ask you a question? Why did you take the quarters instead of the dollar bill?" The boy licked his cone and replied: "Because the day I take the dollar the game is over!"

MAY DAY MARINATING The Three Turkey Points

There are three Turkey Points in our Upper Bay Boating readership area. One on the Northeast River, one on the South River (just south of Annapolis), and finally where I live... The Turkey Point on Middle River. I have always found it un-

usual that one is literally North on the bay in North East, one south on the bay by Thomas Point, and the third almost directly in the middle! (Give or take about a mile and a half) It is a coincidence I am like so sure!

CORNFISH AND CABBAGE

Corned Fish and Cabbage and eating various fish for Lent!

I eat fish throughout the year. Tuna, Striped Bass, Flounder, Hake, Cod, Pollack... Lots of fish. I generally avoid farm-raised anything and I avoid Tilapia like the plague. But it always makes me laugh when people talk about

eating fish. They are like "Hey try this fish... it doesn't even taste like fish" So, how many people say "It doesn't even taste like fish" Have you wondered? THEN WHY ARE YOU EATING IT THEN?

(THIS IS PART ONE, PART TWO ASKS A BIGGER QUESTION)

A THOUGHT ABOUT YACHT CLUBS!

There are a lot of great yacht clubs around our Chesapeake Bay and we'll soon be celebrating spring club openings. My father was involved in a few yacht clubs and bought stock in two. I had two sisters who were princesses of two clubs. Susan High for Sue Haven Yacht Club and Brenda High for Eastern Yacht Club. Over many years, basically my whole life, I have been going to yacht club events up and down the bay. In the early 2000's I was involved with Hydroplane Racing at Bush River Yacht Club, which was fun. And I

have kicked back a few times at North East Yacht Club. The beauty of the yacht clubs up and down the bay is that our forefathers took their money, combined it, form a corporation, sold stock, bought properties on the water, built clubhouses, and invited their families and friends. These yacht clubs have provided an unbelievable amount of good times for our families for years and years and years. This spring try to make it to one of the Opening Weekends. It really is a great way to enjoy a weekend.

"If there are any idiots in the room, will they please stand up", said the sarcastic teacher. After a long silence, one freshman rose to his feet. "Now then mister, why do you con-

sider yourself an idiot?", inquired the teacher with a sneer. "Well, actually I don't," said the student, "but I hate to see you standing up there all by yourself."

Putin is held hostage by a terrorist. A Russian truck driver stops at the back of a long queue on the motorway. He sees a policeman walking down the line of stopped cars to briefly talk to the drivers. As the policeman approaches the truck, the truck driver rolls down his window and asks, "What's going on?"

Policeman: "A terrorist is holding Putin hostage in a car. He's demanding 10 million rubles, or he'll douse Putin in petrol and set him on fire. So, we're asking drivers for donations." Driver: "Oh, ok. How much do people donate on average." Policeman: "About a gallon."



By Wendy Gilbert / Contributing Editor

OF BOOBS AND BIRTHDAYS

Remember when birthdays were a cause for celebration?

A little cake, a little ice cream and oh yes, presents!

How we looked forward to them! Depending on the second numeral (5s and 0s are the best) a party might be undertaken.

But as S. E. Hinton's book title says, that was then, this is now. Some of us have wandered (or perhaps been unwillingly pushed) down the lane of life a little further.

One day we are working through a rum cake, sipping a little ice wine, and laughing at a few funny cards featuring gray hair and saggy boobs.

The next, some folks find themselves demurring as the birthday approaches, finding the whole ordeal rather dreadful. Now that we've rounded the hairpin turn of life, those approaching birthdays aren't quite so entertaining. Certain years usher in unwelcome medical tests and perhaps "procedures".

I was sporting a bandage on an awkward spot last month due to an unfortunate go round with a metal implement and a friend at church asked how my procedure went.

A procedure certainly sounded more interesting than admitting my lack of expertise with metal objects, so I said nothing.

I may have indicated a vague agreement with her assessment, but while we weren't technically inside the church, we were pretty close and it was a Sunday, so I didn't want to risk a full-on falsehood.

As one draws ever closer to the ever after, these spiritual precepts take on more importance than they used to.

Now that I've got all the gray hairs – not a single brown hair to remind me of younger days -- no one sends me funny cards featuring gray hair.

Saggy boobs yes, but not the hair.

Sure, I could strap them up a little higher and dye my hair, but to what end? We've got far more pressing matters to spend our time and energy on – boating.

Presents. No, I don't want presents. Just like my mother promised, I'm spending the back half of my life trying to get rid of things.



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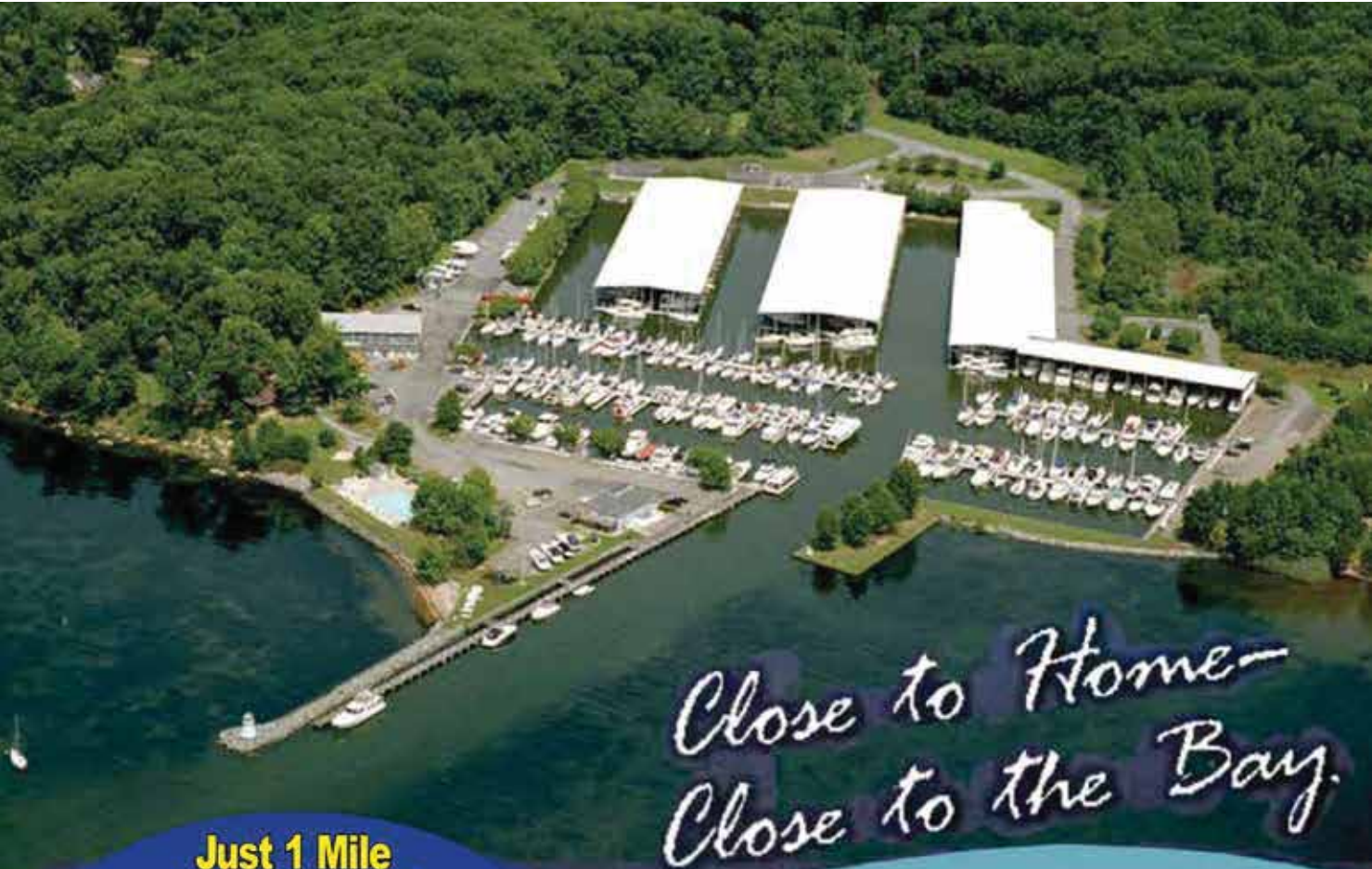
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A Chance Meeting on The Upper Bay

By L. Alan Keene

It was a typical late August afternoon on the upper Bay, where the winds were light and my mood anything but. NOAA radio had predicted 10-knot winds out of the west, but (surprise, surprise) the winds turned out to be nonexistent, out of nowhere. I was my usual grumpy self when reality fails to meet expectations, and Peg, my first mate, was her usual grumpy self when I'm my grumpy self.

"Don't you think we ought to tack away?" Peg asked, as we continued on what she felt was a "collision course" with a sloop that was barely visible on the horizon (well, maybe a little closer than that, but not much). "They're on the starboard tack, you know!"

"Relax, honey! We'll cross his bow with room to spare. And besides, we're only doing 2 knots, for Pete's sake. We could have lunch and take a nap before we get anywhere close to him!"

Admittedly, it did seem a little odd, given all the open water available to him, that he'd chosen to head directly for us. "Whatever," I thought. "He's probably just riding the tide and chasing the ripples like we are."

We were "sailing" that day in our Capri 25, which we'd purchased in a private sale some 10 years earlier. She was fast, wet, and fun when the wind was up, and faster than most when it wasn't, although that was little consolation under the current conditions. When you're out for a day-sail you want to sail, damn it, not flail!

Peg and I had talked a lot over the years about moving up to a

boat that we could cruise on, one that we could sail down the bay for a week or two, exploring the gunkholes of the Eastern Shore. We started talking about it again that afternoon. Interesting, I thought, how the topic of buying a cruising sailboat only seems to come up when the wind is down.

Crossing the sloop's bow with more than a football field to spare, I looked back at her, prepared to offer a friendly wave. What I saw was a man, the captain I assumed, standing amidships, waving his hands over his head and yelling something. At first, I thought he needed help, but it didn't seem like that kind of wave. Peg thought she heard him yell something about "my boat."

All of a sudden it hit me. Could that be the guy who sold us the Capri?

"Tom Talling, is that you?" I shouted back, totally amazed that the same old brain that can't remember where I parked the car can dredge up a name from over a decade ago. "Tom, is that you?"

After an affirmative and a "come on over" wave, we came about and eased alongside while Tom snapped picture after picture. With the initial pleasantries out of the way, Tom told us he was now sailing the Catalina 320 that floated there beside us: a beautiful boat that looked much like what Peg and I have imagined owning while bobbing around on so many of those windless August afternoons.

It was clear, though, that Tom didn't want to talk about his Cata-

lina. It was the Capri that captured his attention. He looked at her like a man who had just bumped into his old high school sweetheart...the one he always regretted breaking up with. The emotion was palpable. In fact, I started to feel a little jealous. After all, he had known her longer than I had.

After Peg and I had extolled "our" boat's virtues and the fun we've had with her over the years, I shared with Tom the fact that sometimes, especially on these painfully windless days, we've talked about moving up to a cruising boat like his.

"How's your Catalina sail?" I asked.

"Oh, fine. She sails fine," he answered, then quickly returned his focus. "Do you fly the spinnaker?"

"Not as much as we used to," I responded. "The last time we had it up, we got caught in a building breeze down at the mouth of the Sassafras and she got up on plane! It was a wild ride for two old people! Thought I'd never get the sail down." Tom's smile told me he knew the feeling well.

After exchanging email addresses and saying our goodbyes, we tacked away into the calm afternoon.

"Wasn't it great to see Tom?" I asked Peg, as we floated off to the east. "And how about that gorgeous Catalina of his? What a beauty! Wouldn't it be great if we..." But before I could finish, the boom swung, the sails filled, and off we charged on a beam reach.

End of conversation.



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BOATING IS A BRAIN EXERCISE

By Wendy
Gilbert



Ever read articles about how to stay sharp? I must have read one online once and now the Great Internet Manipulators (Let's call them GIMs) bring them to my attention constantly. Every time I sign on there's another list to greet me. "10 ways to avoid Alzheimer's!" "Master these habits to age well" You get the picture. Sadly, the GIMs are correct. I do read some of them. And this morning, I couldn't help but wonder why boating is never mentioned as a cure-all. Surely this lifestyle checks all the boxes. Fresh air, we go it.

Exercise, absolutely. Language skills. Ever switch from power to sail? Check that box. Problem-solving. Something always goes wrong on a long cruise. Social interaction. That's what yacht clubs are for. In fact, I can't think of a better way to improve your aging elasticity than boating. Need to improve your balance and core strength? Try sailing on a choppy day or give the small boats a try. My girlfriend adores her yak and her son can't get enough time on his SUP. My sturdy canoe

The Annie Boo II has seen me through some rough moments over the years. Once I became aware of what the GIMs were up to, I stopped being so offended by all the old people articles. After all, I put the spade in first on this particular rabbit hole. Every morning when I sit down to my beloved keyboard, darling Android or Kindle, something on the subject awaits. What will these master manipulators want to bring to my attention today? In no particular order this morning's "must reads" for me included:

"Blue Zone bread an aging miracle"
"Giant study pinpoints specific gut bacteria linked to Alzheimer's"
"Tart Cherry juice a miracle elixir"
"5 foods to remove from your diet to prevent age-related diseases"
The GIMs rarely disappoint. Well, I guess I can manage to drink some cherry juice with my sourdough and avocado toast on my way to the ramp with a puzzle book. Happy Boating!

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Freedom Boat Club and Baltimore Boating Center

By Kimberly Merriken



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Freedom Boat Club is a members-only boating community. They have locations worldwide, including Spain, and most notably here in the Middle River area at Baltimore Boating Center, located at 2015 Turkey Point Road. Baltimore Boating Center was just named Small Marina of the Year 2022, by Marina Dock Age. This prestigious award is awarded to marinas that show exemplary business practices that support customers, the environment, and the boating industry. Baltimore Boat-

ing Center was featured on the cover of the January/February 2023 edition of the Marina Dock Age Magazine. Baltimore Boating Center has everything from rental paddleboards and kayaks to a fantastic new waterfront restaurant, Charly's Sue Creek, and is very family oriented. Charly's menu boasts a variety of seafood dishes, as well as some old favorites such as steak and pizza. There is something for everyone at Charly's. There are upgraded floating docks, new bulkheads, finger piers, and concrete pilings. There are also new retention walls and boardwalks. But best of all Baltimore Boating Center has five boats in the Freedom Boat Club fleet with plans to add more over the next year.

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Native Animal Profile: Chorus Frogs

New Jersey chorus frog
by Scott McDaniel



MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Every year around this time, reports start rolling in of early spring frog calls—usually, it's the charismatic wood frog (*Lithobates sylvaticus*) or well-known spring peeper (*Pseudacris crucifer*). Spring peepers are members of the *Pseudacris* genus, a group commonly called chorus frogs, all known for singing their songs of spring loudly and proudly. Maryland is home to three additional species of chorus frog, the upland chorus frog (*Pseudacris feriarum*), the New Jersey chorus frog (*Pseudacris kalmi*), and the mountain chorus frog (*Pseudacris brachyphona*—listed as Endangered in the state of Maryland).

All three are considered related to tree frogs, and from a naturalist's perspective, can be highly frustrating to find; one moment they are piercingly loud in the wetland right next to you, and the next they are silent and invisible. In the case of the upland chorus frog, arguably the most common of the three, males are using their "crrreeek" sounding call (often described as the sound of running a finger along a comb)

to attract females for mating in these months. Interestingly, sometimes silent males show a behavior called sexual interference, sitting quietly and innocently near calling males and then intercepting approaching females. The female lays large quantities of eggs attached to aquatic vegetation, and metamorphosis occurs in two to three months.

While all three of these species are listed as species of least concern for conservation range-wide, very real threats exist for these tiny tree dwellers. Amphibians like frogs have porous skin that they use as part of respiration, and all amphibians start their life cycles in water as soft, slimy eggs. As such, they are great indicators of water quality due to their sensitivity and reliance on aquatic ecosystems for reproduction. Viruses and fungal infections, spread by human industry and the pet trade and worsened by the growing climate crisis, pose a danger of terrifying proportions. The loss of any frog species could mean throwing a wrench in the balance

of food webs and interconnected life cycles that could send ripples across multiple layers of species interactions.

How can you help support chorus frogs? If you fish or play in streams, make sure your gear is cleaned thoroughly between sites. If you find a frog, never handle it with dry hands; wetting your hands with fresh, non-chlorinated water is preferred. As always, plant native species whenever possible; these plants support a greater diversity of insects, providing food and habitat benefits to our frog friends. You can also provide great habitat by adding a water feature to your garden. Finally, support your local wildlife conservation program through a tax donation to our partners, the Chesapeake Bay Trust. Check out local records of chorus frogs at the Maryland Biodiversity Project.

For more on Maryland's frogs and toads, visit our website or check out *The Maryland Amphibian and Reptile Atlas*, published in 2018, which is full of photos, maps, and fun facts.

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Chesapeake Invaders

By Captain Mark Galasso



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My wife and I attended a Gong Show Karaoke night at the Cult Classic Brewery on Kent Island the other evening. It was a benefit for Talisman Therapeutic Riding, a group that is doing amazing things with young people and veterans as well as retired horses. It was a fun evening where I had a couple of locally brewed beers from the brewery and my wife worked on a couple of Orange Crushes. Needless to say, she was the singer and I was the driver much to everyone's benefit.

When we got home it was close to 11 p.m. It was calm and clear over Greenwood Creek with a bright moon almost full. My neighbors across the Creek had their outside lights on which always makes the Creek that much more surreal in the evening. As I scanned up the creek though I noticed something different. It almost looked like a spaceship had landed on the water and was illuminating everything around it. At first, it didn't seem to be moving. I ran to my office and grabbed a pair of binoculars. When I focused in on the ship I really couldn't tell. The lights were so bright they washed everything out. But I did notice it was moving slowly toward my dock. As it got closer the scene came into focus.

The apparition was a giant Jon Boat, maybe 22 feet long. From amidships all away around the bow were large halogen or fluorescent lights pointing down toward the water. There were maybe five occupants. The two on the front looked like they were bow fishing but I couldn't tell if they actually were being successful. I thought about running down to my dock and getting a better idea of what they were doing but it was getting late and the beer was making me tired. Yeah right.

Over the next few days, I did a bit of research. I know of bow fishing. In Maryland, there are basically four main targets. The first two are native species that seem numerous but are not fished much by traditional methods and have a limited food value. Those being Carp and Rays (Bull nosed and Cow nosed). The second pair however was introduced to our area both for sport and food value. Those being Blue Catfish and Northern Snakeheads.

Northern Snakeheads are an Asian fish that was released into the wild almost by accident just a few short years ago. Blue Cats on the other hand were introduced into a few Virginia Rivers back in the early seventies. The thought in both cases was these fish were from freshwater and would be contained in isolated populations up in the freshwater of the bay's many rivers. Not the case.

Both of these introduced species, the Blue Cats and Northern Snakeheads, are what we call apex predators meaning their diet consists of anything they can get a hold of from small fish to frogs and ducks. Though the two species have different feeding strategies they are both very opportunistic. Blue cats feed almost everywhere they can find food. They eat crabs, fish, frogs and yes, a stomach content survey done years ago found a partially digested Wood Duck in a big Blue Cat's stomach. On the other hand, Snakeheads are more shallow, warm water ambush feeders. They like shallows with lots of cover like lily pads and bay grasses. Areas that have lots of cover tend to have bigger fish. Two prime examples are Blackwater in Dorchester County and the Potomac River system. All this vegetation in the water also helps to increase visibility

making it easier to hunt these species out of a boat.

So back to the eerie spectacle I encountered the other evening. My thought is the party was hunting Snakeheads. I know they're in the Creek. I caught one in my crab pot last year. The pond across the street from me is full of them. And this pond has direct access to the creek. Ironically, we no longer hear as many frogs at night, and crabbing just hasn't been as good.

The northern Bay is full of Blue Cats and Snakeheads and the only real deterrent seems to be the lowly Sea Nettle. Catfish and Snakeheads aren't scaly like normal fish. They rely more on their thick slime layer for skin protection. However, this is not enough protection from Jellyfish so the fish retreat into fresher water during the summer when the Sea Nettles are around. Not a big deal in the Northern Bay where salinity isn't as much of a factor.

What's the moral of this story? Don't overlook Blue Cats and Snakeheads as targets for an easy (and tasty) meal. There are plenty of helpful videos online to help you get started. And you would not only be doing yourself a favor by providing a great meal but you would be doing the environment a great service by helping to control the populations of these invasive species. These two fish not only compete with rockfish and other native gamefish but they eat their competitor's young. Rockfish are no longer one of the Bay's apex predators. They have moved down the ladder a notch. Every fisherman on the Bay now should have a new mantra and focus. "Save a Rockfish, Eat a Snakehead". "Save a Crab, Eat a Blue Cat." *Tuna the Tide Charter Service*
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We all know that April is known for rain but April 1st brought downpours and high winds. While many other events were cancelled, volunteers set to cleanup Catonsville Park off Rolling Road, would not let Mother Nature win. Over 75 volunteers including members of the Oakcrest Community, Northwest Fishing Club, a representative for Councilman Young's office and the County Executives Communication Office led by

Mandy Rimmell pulled their raincoats on with hoods up and braved the elements to bag up over 3,500 pounds of trash from the winding paths of the park. Superhero Volunteers Indeed!



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UPPER BAY BOATING BEATS PLAYLIST

By Montana Grant

Boating and music are perfect together. The freedom of the waves, wind, and waters makes a sailor want to sing out loud. But what kind of nautical tunes are best? Every sailor has a different musical tendency. Be open-minded to all the styles and types of music. Music and Bay Boating is therapy.

Newer boats are equipped with amazing stereos and music systems. You can also use portable speaker systems to play off your MP3 or cellphones. Whatever choice you make, you will soon be singing while you are sailing away.

Music brings back memories shared with family and friends.

You could just go to Spotify or Amazon and download a premade playlist, or you can make your own. Challenge yourself to launch a playlist that is just about a specific boating theme. The hard part is how to narrow down your music selection. Pick tunes that you like but also try to expand your music horizons. Or you can just use this Upper Bay Boating music playlist.

Try to come up with a theme. Here are some ideas from a variety of styles and genres.



VINTAGE Sailors have been singing for centuries. They would never touch a rope unless a shanty was sung. Get your crew singing together with these beats.

Roll Boys Roll - Clayton Kennedy

Farewell and Adieu - perfect for "Sharkin"

Wellermen - The Longest Johns

Banana Boats - Harry Belafonte

CLASSIC Well known and recognized fun tunes.

The Love Boat - Jack Jones

My Heart Will Go On - Celine Dion from the Titanic movie.

Sailboat Into the Moonlight - Billie Holliday

SAILING Sail boating tunes are smooth and easy as you glide over the water.

Sail Away - David Gray

Sailing Away - Chris DeBurgh

The Down Easter - Billy Joel

Sail on Sailor - Beach Boys

Sailing - Christopher Cross

Son of a Son of a Sailor - Jimmy Buffet

CRUISING Water is about motion and movement as you cruise.

Cruise - Florida Georgia Line

Southern Cross - Crosby Stills and Young

The Reach - Dan Fogelberg

Calypso - John Denver

BOATS Being on a boat makes music sound better.

I'm On a Boat! - The Lonely Island (This song has some rough language but...)

Pontoon - Little Big Town

Sloop John B - The Beach Boys

If I Had a Boat - Lyle Lovett

Rock the Boat - The Hues Corporation

Boat Ride - Brian Kellogg

FISHING Music compliments fishing. Just don't play it too loud so that you scare off the fish.

Fishin - Elvin Bishop

Shut up and Fish - Maddie and Tae

Fishing in the Dark - The Nitty Gritty Dirt Band

I'm Going to Miss Her - Brad Paisley

SUN Boating on a sunny day is worth singing about.

Soak up the Sun - Sheryl Crow

Here Comes the Sun - The Beatles

BEACH Anchored by a beach or just being nearby invites your toes into the sand.

Kokomo - The Beach Boys

Surfing USA - The Beach Boys

Sitting on the Dock of the Bay - Otis Redding

WIND Moving air is what music is all about.

Summer Breeze - Seals and Croft

Ride Like the Wind - Christopher Cross

Catch the Wind - Donovan

WATER Keep the speakers dry when the water gets rough.

Water - Brad Paisley

Knee Deep - Zac Brown Band

The River - Garth Brooks

SUMMER Boating season is about the Summertime.

All Summer Long - Kid Rock

Summertime - Will Smith

Boys of Summer - Don Henley

DRINKING Of course safe boating is required. Select a Designated Captain.

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2 Pina Coladas- Garth Brooks

5 O'clock Somewhere/ Drive- Alan Jackson

KIDS - If kids need their special tunes, try these.

Under the Sea - from the Little Mermaid movie.

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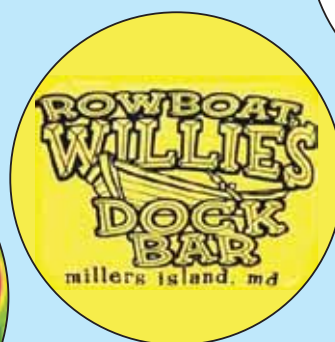
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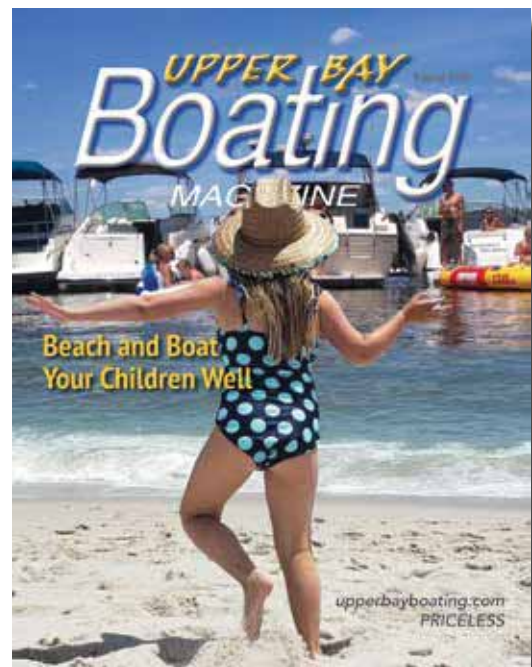
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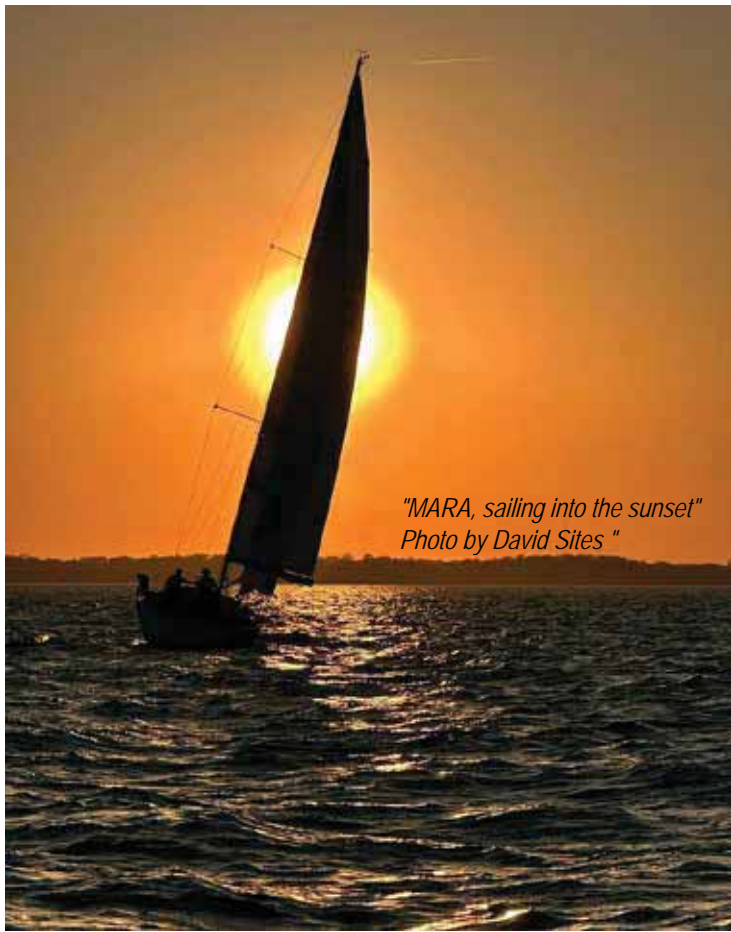
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Launch Your Own Bay Protection Plan

By Montana Grant

Chesapeake Bay boaters have a special and unique role to play. The waters of the Bay are full of life in an estuary unlike any other. The waters in the Bay come from several states to form a boating and outdoor paradise. Sadly, these ecosystems are fragile and need our help. Boaters are an abundant source of manpower in the region. The thousands of boaters have a responsibility to protect and conserve this amazing natural resource.

A "steward" is a person responsible to help. To be a positive steward of the Bay, there are many things that a boater can do to help.

Plant a Tree/ march grasses

Plants, grasses, and trees remove and use many of the pollutants that filter into the Bay. They also create habitats for many critters. They say that if there was a 100-foot forested or plant buffer around the Bay's shoreline and watersheds, most of the pollution would be addressed. Instead, many shore owners feel a need to mow the grass up to the beach, and create

docks and bulkheads that are responsible for eliminating life in their areas.

Create shoreline buffers. This means that you need to plant vegetative buffers along the waterfront property. Using environmentally friendly wood, stains, paints, docks, and materials that do not leach into the Bay waters. Sloped transitions made of a diverse sequence of plants and structures make a more natural and healthier waterfront.

Remove trash and garbage from the Bay. The bay is a mixing bowl, not a toilet bowl. Be responsible for your waste and trash. If you see other trash, pick it up and deal with it properly. Avoid spilling fuel and oil into the waters.

Respect rules, regulations, and limits. There are rules and limits for a reason. Speed limits exist to protect shoreline erosion. Larger waves, caused by faster boats, damage beaches. Fish, oysters, and crab limits are dependent upon the health of critter populations. These limits are supported by science.

Contribute to environmental groups that are working to protect the Bay. There are many good organizations working to protect the Bay. Hunting groups like Ducks Unlimited, community groups, and larger clubs and organizations all have the same goal. Become a part of the solutions to protect and conserve the Bay region. Set a good example for other boaters to follow.

We have a responsibility to respect and protect our natural resources, to ensure they exist for the next generation. Our healthy lives are linked to the health of our environment and wetlands. The Chesapeake Bay is a symbol of what we can all do to demonstrate our love and appreciation for this wonderful ecosystem.

Boaters can make a huge difference since they depend upon the Bay waters to enjoy their sport. They see firsthand how the Bay is changing and what it needs. Captains can educate and train their crews to be the best boaters that the Bay needs.

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Families looking for something special to do with dad on Father's Day weekend need look no further than this event, one of the largest classic boat shows in the Mid-Atlantic region.

Organizers with The Antique & Classic Boat Society (ACBS)-Chesapeake Bay Chapter have selected the theme "Show Us Your First Love," inviting boat owners to display their boats and share stories about what first

launched them on their lifelong love of classic and antique boats. More than 100 cruisers, runabouts and racers (wood as well as pre-1997 fiberglass and metal boats) will be displayed both in water and on land. There also will be a Field of Dreams for those looking to own one of these beauties.

Families can stroll the 17-acre CBMM campus to view these extraordinary boats and talk with their captains and to purchase unique works of art at the juried Coastal Artisans Fair. In addition, there will be a nautical flea market, children's activities, free boat rides, and a variety of educational seminars, including "From Their Jersey Nest: Excellence in Egg Harbor Yachts," "From Martha to Perri Lee – Evolution of a Hooper Island Drake-

tail," and "Fine American Designs Coronado, Sea Lark, SeaHawk by Arbib, Stevens, Loewy." Visitors can also learn about Chesapeake Bay history and culture in buildings throughout CBMM's scenic, waterfront campus.

Owners of boats in all phases of restoration in the following classes are invited to participate in the show: historic (up to 1918), antique (1919-1942), classic (1943-1975), late classic (1976-1997) and contemporary (any wooden boat). Early registration is encouraged as space is limited. Register online before June 1 at www.chesapeakebayacbs.org/participants-2/

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For general admission prices to the boat festival, which opens at 10 a.m. daily, visit www.cbmm.org

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BOATING HISTORY SEMINARS

FRIDAY, JUNE 16:

11 a.m. "Regional Cuisine – Old Line Plate Uncovers Classic Maryland Recipes."

Talk by Kara Mae Harris, culinary author and blogger

NOON "From Their Jersey Nest: Excellence in Egg Harbor Yachts"

with Steve Izant, retired hospitality executive, stage actor, antique boater

1PM "The Boats of James Bond: Vessels from the Movies"

2PM "Saving Finned Fiberglass Boats of the 1950s and 1960s"

Presentation by ACBS Tidewater Chapter President Eric Zellman

3PM Panel Discussion: "If You Only Had Room for a Score: The Top-20 Mid-20th century motorboats that should be dis-

played in a Mid-Atlantic museum", with an expert panel and staff of Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum, featuring Pete Leshner, Chief Curator CBMM; Chris "Seabuddy" Brown of PropTalk; Jeff Beard of Classic Boating Magazine; and Andreas Rhude, Midwest Boat Historian

SATURDAY, JUNE 17:

11AM "A CanAm Connection: Shepherd and Jafco Boats of Niagara Lake" featuring Paul Warner, retired Annapolis Architect & ACBS Chapter Founder

NOON "From Martha to Perri Lee – Evolution of a Hooper Island Draketail" with Designer Gary Van Tassel and vessel owner Lewis Gayner

1PM "All in the Family? Boats by Thompson, Cruisers, T&T, Grady-White"

Special presentation by Andreas Jordahle Rhude, Midwest Maritime Historian

2PM "Fine American Designs Coronado, Sea Lark, SeaHawk by Arbib, Stevens, Loewy"

with Jeff Beard, Classic Boating Magazine Contributing Author

3PM "First Loves – Boats That Grabbed Our Hearts (and We Won't Let Go)"

With Deb Fass and her Century Coronado; Paul Spadaro and his Pre-War Richardson; and more.

Seminars are free to all Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum Members, ACBS Festival participants, and visitors who have paid admission to the Museum grounds.

EAGLE VERSUS OSPREY

By Anne Sandbek



Standing with one foot in a kayak and the other on the shoreline of the Northeast River, facing the mouth of the Susquehanna I hear an annoyed chirp and look up. I see a bald eagle diving toward another bird that has a fish in its talons. At first, I'm confused, I thought bald eagles were the king of the raptors, why was it trying to steal a fish from an Osprey? Turns out that, while eagles are excellent hunters, they actually scavenge or steal most of their food. On the flip side, ospreys are much more specialized anglers. So why wouldn't the bald eagle steal a fish from an osprey?

While they fill similar niches here in the Chesapeake Bay region the raptors are actually pretty different. Osprey, or "fish hawks" are very specialized at fishing while eagles are more opportunistic. Live fish make up 99 percent of an osprey's diet. They catch a fish on 25 percent or more of their attempts, which only takes about 12 minutes!

These superb anglers have a few specializations to aid in their efforts. With large feet, long legs, hooked talons and a reversible outer toe these birds can snag even the slipperiest of fish. Their vision is also distinctive. Osprey eyes are excellent at spotting objects underwater from 33 - 131 feet above. Once they spot lunch, they dive feet first to "hook" their meal, sometimes getting completely submerged.

Despite their very specific diet, ospreys are found on every continent except Antarctica. They overwinter in warmer

climates along coasts and interior waterways. Then migrate for breeding. Ospreys breed here in Maryland and can be found nesting on nearly anything that stays still near the water. From large dead trees and man-made platforms to dock pilings, buoys and channel markers, osprey nests are extremely common.

These, almost annoyingly common nests, weren't always so ubiquitous. With the introduction of the insecticide, DDT (Dichlorodiphenyltrichloroethane) in 1947, osprey (and eagle) egg shells became so soft they would break when a parent sat on them. This caused an extreme decline in the population. Thankfully DDT was banned in 1972 and ospreys have made a full recovery in the watershed.

This recovery obviously comes from mating pairs hatching a few chicks each year. An osprey pair will use the same nest every year - which could be for 20 years. Like many raptors, ospreys lay two or three eggs 1-3 days apart. Therefore, they don't all hatch at the same time. Aggression among the chicks is rare, but if food is scarce the firstborn will outlive the others. With DDT no longer making their eggs weak and the abundance of food in the Chesapeake it is not surprising they flourish here once again.

This spring as you set out on the first voyage of the year notice how many different places you can spot osprey nests. Or see if the ones you saw last year are still there. Counting nests could become a new spring tradition for the younger generation aboard.

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Tackle Talk

PRESPAWN BASS

By Tim Sherman

When anglers think of fishing for large-mouth bass in the upper bay in May, they know bass are in two modes: pre spawn and spawning. Air temperature, water temperature, moon phase, and photosynthesis dictate aggressive feeding and eventual movement to the spawning ground. From Middle River, north to the Susquehanna Flats, and back along the eastern shore, bass anglers have rock, wood, and grass beds to target for the late spring phenomenon.

We will focus on lures that get the job done for pre-spawn bass. Follow along, top to bottom, with the picture. Most of these lures are of the cast and retrieve variety, while others are more target-oriented for when the bite slows down because conditions get tough.

One of my favorite lures at this time of year is a spinnerbait. It is often overlooked because other lures have become more popular over the years. The flash of the blades, the lifelike skirt and matching trailer all call to the bass. A spinnerbait is especially good when a breeze adds a little chop to the water. I have no issues with casting it to any of the forms of cover during pre-spawn.

More popular amongst the current generation of bass anglers is the bladed jig. This class of lure is commonly referred to as a chatterbait as a nod to the original. The vibration of the blade and the clacking sound it makes by contacting the jig head draw attention to the lure. You can add to its appeal by threading on a crawfish or double tail plastic trailer to the hook. A more subtle approach is the swim jig. With the swim jig, there is no flash or vibration. It relies more on the silhouette of the skirt and the undulation of the trailer's appendages. It is also up to the angler to add a swimming motion to the jig with slight up and down

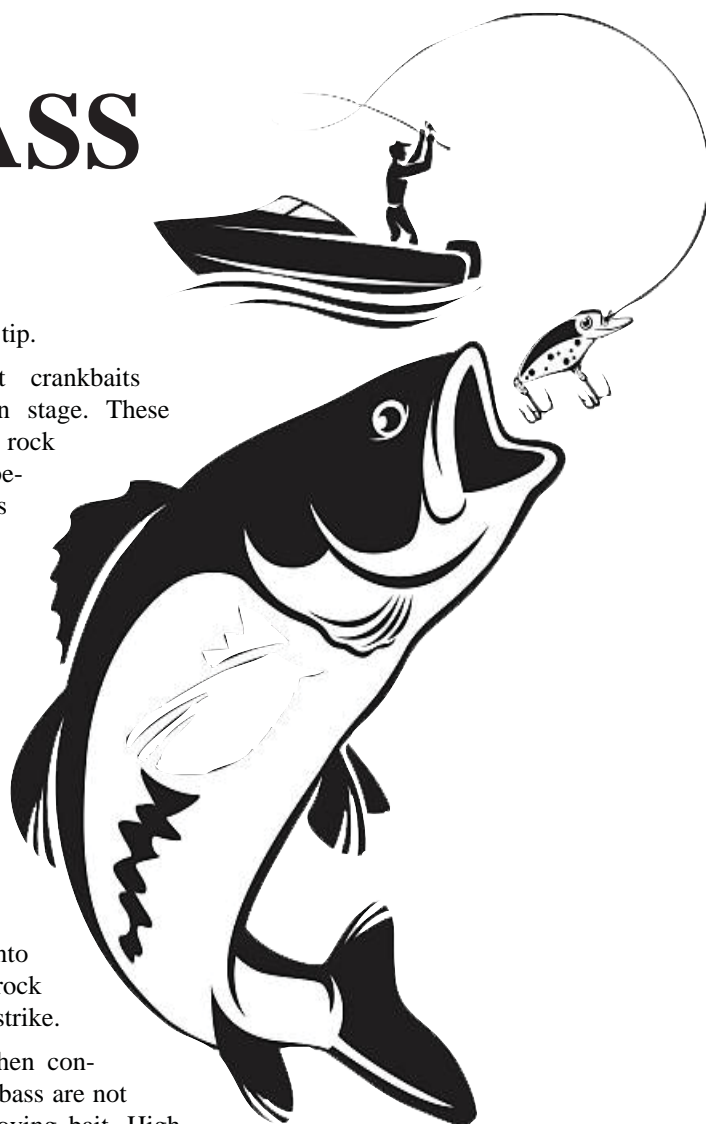
movements of the rod tip.

We cannot forget crankbaits during the pre-spawn stage. These are best suited for rock and wood cover because the treble hooks snag vegetation easily. However, they can be fished over the grass on a good flood tide, or skillfully guided around clumps of grass. A lipless crankbait is best suited for fan-casting areas with sparse cover. The square bill crankbait is the better choice for bumping into and deflection off of rock and wood to elicit the strike.

There are times when conditions get tough and bass are not willing to chase a moving bait. High pressure weather patterns and pressure from anglers themselves can turn and active bite sour. This is when a more targeted approach comes into play.

Some anglers like to slow down with a bulky soft lure in the class of a creature bait. These freaky lures look like nothing found in a natural aqua system, yet they are effective. The creature is Texas rigged to be snag-free, with a bullet weight to help it slip through cover. These lures are presented with a pitch cast alongside clumps of grass or the limbs of sunken timber. The fisherman is looking for a reaction strike with this presentation. It is left to sit momentarily before it is reeled in and pitched off to another clump or limb.

Plastic worms are an even more subdued choice when bites are hard to come by. Stick worms are a great choice for any type of cover. They are typically poured with a



heavier formula of plastic, and in most cases do not require added weight when Texas rigged. My favorite tactic is to make long casts to distant clumps of grass for the skittish bass. When it comes to working wood cover, the old school curl tail worm is a good, yet overlooked, choice. It is rigged in the same fashion as the creature bait, yet the worm's slender profile is far less intrusive. The worm is systematically worked through limbs and alongside trunks of falling timber rather than being pitched in a repetitive fashion.

These are not the only lures that are used for largemouth bass during the pre-spawn period. However, you can't go wrong with having an assortment of these baits along for the ride. These are my favorites and I hope they might become yours, too.

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Boating With Your Dog

4 TIPS TO HAVE A SAFE DAY ON THE WATER WITH YOUR PUP

By Dana Bowers

If you're like me, you hate leaving your dog at home, especially if you're headed out for an outdoor activity. I'm the type of person who would rather stay home with my dogs than go somewhere without them. If I am able to bring my dogs with me, then they are coming! I am the proud dog mama of a seven-year-old Golden Retriever, named Ripken (Ripper), and a five-year-old Chocolate Lab, named Jackson (Mr.J). One of my husband's and my favorite activities is going boating (you guessed it) -- with our dogs!

Our pups absolutely love coming aboard and are obsessed with the water. As retrievers, they could spend all day swimming. As their owner, it is my responsibility to make sure they stay safe while on-board. Here are a few tips I have

learned to have a great day on the water with your dog(s):

1. Dogs Need Life Jackets Too- I highly recommend that your dog wears a life jacket onboard, just as you should! You want to be sure that in an emergency your dog is protected too. My dogs wear their life jackets when swimming in the water as well as on deck. Ripken would swim all day if we would let him. Putting him in his life jacket keeps him afloat and most dog life jackets have a handle on the top which makes it a lot easier to pull him back on board. Life jackets also make it easier for other boaters to see your dog in the water.

2. Pack Extra Water For Your Dog- We boat on the Chesapeake Bay which is brackish water and is not safe for dogs to drink. Just like humans, dogs can get dehydrated,

especially when out in the summer heat. When packing water for your family, be sure to pack extra for your dog. Don't forget to also pack a bowl or cup for them as well. I keep a collapsible silicone bowl on my boat. It dries quickly, is easy to drink from, and folds up for easy storage.

3. Keep An Eye On The Heat- There is nothing better than boating on a hot summer day but that heat can be dangerous for your dog. Before you decide to bring your dog out on the water, check to see the projected high temperature for the day. If the temperature is too high, you might want to leave your pup at home in the air conditioning. If it's not too hot and you decide to bring them, ensure there is a shady place on board where they can rest and cool off. Our dogs love taking a nap under the T-Top where it is nice and

cool. In addition, to keep your dog cool, you can purchase a cooling bandana. We keep two cooling bandanas in our cooler and put them on our dogs when they need a break from the heat.

4. Always Keep A Watchful Eye- Just like children, you need to keep a close eye on your dog while on board. I recommend you designate a watcher, especially when your boat is underway, to make certain your dog stays safe. When we are underway we like our dogs to lie between the center console and the leaning post. This way we know where they are and can keep them secure. For bigger boats, you can consider purchasing a Man Overboard (MOB) Safety Device. A few companies make wireless devices that attach to your dog's collar and alert you if your pet falls overboard.



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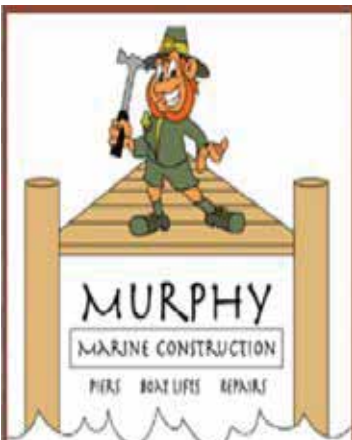
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by TowBoatUS Captain Dale Plummer

This year, National Safe Boating Week is May 20 – 26, so we thought this is a perfect time to review Personal Flotation Devices because they save lives and are required by the U.S. Coast Guard to be onboard all vessels. A PFD is the most important piece of safety equipment on your boat, and you should always wear one on the water. When choosing a PFD, make sure it is the appropriate type for your location and activity, is the right size for you, has enough buoyancy to support you in the water and is U.S. Coast Guard approved.

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