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Marinating with Jim High

Vince Lionetti from Freedom Boat Club with yours truly getting the Summer in!



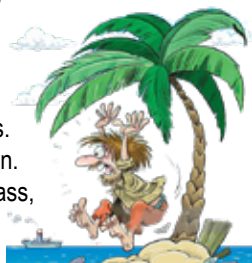
Bumpers Versus Fenders!

My whole life I have called a group of white plastic balloons that sit on the side of your boat to avoid damage, bumpers or fenders. I have heard them called both. However, I now know the difference. Just like a car, bumpers are on the front and back. Fenders are always on the side. So ... If your white plastic balloon is being used on your bow or on your transom it should be called a bumper. If you are rafted up alongside friends, then your white plastic balloons are fenders!

A CUPULA QUICK JOKES....

We don't normally get to say coupula unless you're going out with some friends and to have a cupula beers!

1. From a passenger ship, one can see a bearded man on a small island who is shouting and desperately waving his hands. "Who is that?" a passenger asks the captain. "I have no idea but every week when we pass, he goes crazy like that."



2. Sailor Johnny was sitting on a dock bench, having his lunch! Today he chose six bars of chocolate. A man walked up and noticed Sailor Johnny devouring the sweets. "Son," said the man, "eating too much candy isn't good for you." "My grandfather lived to be 100," Sailor Johnny replies. "Did he eat six chocolate bars a day, too?" the man asks. "No," said Sailor Johnny, "He minded his own damn business!"

3. A man goes to the doctor and says, "Doctor, doctor! I think I'm going deaf." And the doctor says, "Can you describe the symptoms." "Sure I love them, Homer, Marge, Lisa, Maggie and Bart. Been watching them for years..."

MARINATING OUR WAY THROUGH THIS SUMMER!

Don't say we didn't have fun! By the time you read this, Labor Day may in fact have already passed. (Hopefully, it wasn't a smoky/rainy/stormy mess) And... summer may seem almost over, but it is not! There are still several summer weekends, autumn weekends, Indian summer weekends, second Indian summer weekends, Dressed up like it's still summer Halloween weekend, halfway decent November weekend, and alas... A 70-degree Lighted Boat Parade Weekend! By then... hopefully, we all had some fun!

MY CRAB SOUP RECIPE:

Many years ago when I was a caterer I developed a crab soup recipe that over the years has gotten a lot of compliments! Here is that recipe.

1 lb beef cubes w/ fat
1 lb Hand-Picked Claw
3 lbs Mixed Vegetables
1 16oz Jar of Prego
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Brown beef cubes in two inches of water. (You are boiling the flavor out)

Add 1 jar of Prego. Fill jar of Prego twice with water and add to pot

Add 3 lbs of mixed vegetables and bring to a boil

Add 1 lb of Hand-Picked Claw and Old Bay to taste

Let simmer for an additional 15 Minutes.

Should take 1 hour start to finish!!!



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The Yacht Clubs of the Upper Chesapeake Bay have provided such incredible memories for our families and friends for such a long time. It has been an honor to be a part of many events, boat races, crab feasts, openings, parades, parties, wine festivals etc. etc. Following yacht clubs for all these years (two sisters were princesses) I have to say... The group from Galloway Yacht Club has had one incredible summer!



By Wendy Gilbert /
Contributing Editor

POWER OUTAGE



Before The Power Goes Out

We don't always have a head's up before the power goes out, but often we do. After a hurried exit from a day on the water, the wind that started kicking up an hour ago ratchets up ominously. Dark skies turn darker, trees sway to the point of breaking, and already saturated ground bubbles.

When the wind kicks up and we know a power outage is likely in Gilbert Hollow, we take steps to make our life in the dark a little nicer, and after all these years of power outages on Elk Neck, here are a few tips:

First, get some ice in a cooler. Nothing gets Mr. Gilbert crankier of an evening than an evening without a couple of cold ones.

Second, get those fruits and vegetables out of the crisper and onto the counter. Once the power goes out, that fridge door stays shut! Most fruits and vegetables can be stored outside the confines of your machinery and if you happen

to have tomatoes, onions, and avocados, you can expect magic.

Keep a well-stocked pantry. Canned tuna, beans, granola bars, and applesauce cups may not be your preferred fare, but when the roads are blocked for a day or two or five, you'll thank your forward thinking. Also, keep a few of those leftover condiment packets in the spice cabinet. No one wants to open a 24-ounce jar of Duke's if you can't keep it cool afterward! Trust me, that ice will melt and Mr. Gilbert will be drinking Mrs. Gilbert's red wine for the duration, and that gigantic container of mayo will curdle.

If the outage goes on for more than a couple of days and the batteries on your devices have all run down, it could be time to go old-school with your entertainment.

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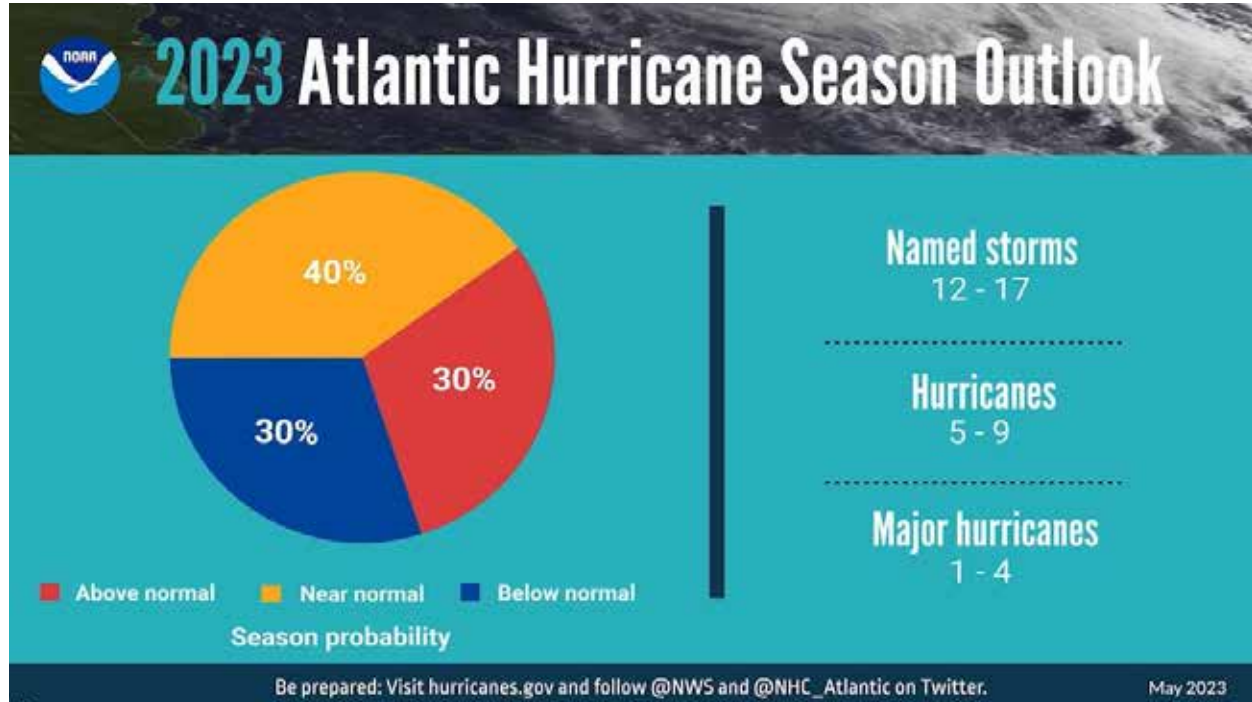
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NOAA Predicts Typical Hurricane Season Ahead

By Wendy Gilbert



The National Ocean Atmospheric Association recently released its Atlantic hurricane season predictions. I would have expected them to call for a whopping season considering the warming oceans and the current El Nino, but the folks at NOAA are seeing a fairly normal season. NOAA climate experts expect between a dozen and 17 storms this year with several named hurricanes likely.

Track pending storms and current weather conditions online at hurricanes.gov or on your preferred weather-savvy media channel.

Some of my boating buddies prefer Weather Underground, but as they say, you do you.

As we all know weather can change quickly, so monitor it prior to taking off, and don't forget about VHF Channel 16.

NOAA recommends having a solid hurricane mooring plan as well as a safe place to store your boat. I remember when one nasty hurricane was about to strike, many wizened boaters were convinced the storm would blow water out of the Chesapeake Bay. The opposite happened

and the subsequent deluge and storm surge was devastating. So even if you think you know what's going to happen, be prepared to be surprised.

Hurricane season is increasingly coupled with tornados and they are devilish by nature.

To give yourself another advantage, download the FEMA app to receive real-time alerts from the National Weather Service for up to 5 locations. Perhaps those might be home, your marina or harbor, a boating



buddy, and your go-to destinations. You can also sign up for community alerts. Both The Emergency Alert System (EAS) and Wireless Emergency Alert (WEA) require no tedious sign-up.

I have an enduring fascination with the naming of the hurricanes or cyclones and love perusing the lists for oceans around the globe. For most folks, the Atlantic names will suffice. My personal hurricane name will not come back into play until 2025, but for the rest of you, here are the names for this year:

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| • Cindy | • Nigel |
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Striper Mode

By: Tim Sherman



It's September! With the switch from late summer to fall this month, the weather will start to cool down. Days will get shorter. Soon the leaves will start to change colors. Sure, I've enjoyed perch fishing, chasing bass, and the striper trips I've had so far. Anytime I can set the hook, I am happy. However, my main fishing focus going forward this year will shift to catching stripers.

In early September, the bite can be tough for the light tackle crowd. Weather patterns can be unsettled. A mix of hot days and temperate days do not allow for a slow, but steady, lowering of water temperatures. Nonetheless, I'll accept the early challenge because I know that the bite will only get better.

On the upper bay, there are several things to look for to find stripers, both shallow and deep. In the Patapsco, the obvious man-made structures of the outer harbor hold stripers ... and fishermen. Yet, to get away from the crowds, you can find the humps, drop-offs, and channel edges in the river. Trust the GPS electronics and the layout of depths. It will clue you into these structural elements below. I look for spots in 10 to 20 feet early in the fall, then 20 to 35 feet depths as we get into late fall. That said, I do have some shallow spots it will try until mid-November.

It's time to rely on your depth-finding electronics when you arrive at a location. First, you are looking for the hump, drop-off, or edge. The second thing to note is the presence of stripers and how they are relating to the bottom. And lastly, you are looking for the presence of baitfish.

If you find stripers on the bottom, allow your jig to touch bottom. If they are suspending, count your jig down to just below the school and jig back through them. It may take several casts to find the count depending on the depth they are suspending and the weight of your jig. Should you see a boil or two on the surface, you can play around with surface lures, or cast and retrieve your jig quickly.

Fishing shallow is really more my style. I feel more in tune with the stripers farther north in the Middle River and the Gunpowder River. Middle River doesn't get the credit it deserves for striper fishing, but they are there if you know what to look for. The Gunpowder feels like home to me. Much like the deeper water Patapsco; in the Gunpowder and Middle River, you are still looking for structural anomalies on the bottom. Not only will your GPS direct you to the spots, but tidal currents will also show the shallow rips, rock piles, and points.

I have found there are differences between the Patapsco and rivers farther north throughout the season. Because the Patapsco is a deeper river, stripers migrate to the deeper spots as fall progressively gets colder. In Middle River and the Gunpowder, stripers will hold on to the shallow structure and cover until water temps become colder than their tolerance level.

For the pure joy of it, I am always searching for a good topwater bite in the shallow rivers. I'll look for stripers swirling on baitfish, or merely pods of baitfish on the surface. I start with a popper or walking lure to search for aggressive stripers. If I don't have any response on the topwater lures, I'll work down through the water column. To cover an area quickly, I rely on two lure styles: a paddle tail swimbait and a rattle trap. Both are simple cast and retrieve style lures, yet you can give them a twitch or pause as you wind them in. The final lure I try is a soft jerkbait on a light jig head. I will jig and swim it along the bottom for the less aggressive bite.

I'm always excited for the fall run of stripers to begin. It's time to sharpen the hooks on jig heads and hard baits. I'll tie on new leaders for a fresh start. The anticipation of combat with fall stripers is only subdued by setting the hook. Then, the real excitement begins!

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LANDS POINT

Winery and Vineyard

By Kimberly Merriken

This month I traveled to Chestertown. A quaint little town nestled over in Kent County. My intrepid travelers and I braved I-95, traveled down some scenic country roads, and finally arrived at our destination, 22620 Handy Point Road. Lands Point Winery and Vineyard! But you could just bring your boat.

The vineyard and winery are located on Worton Creek, just a stone's throw from the Chesapeake on land that is rich in history. The former owners include six generations of the founding Quaker families. Dave and Eileen Smack purchased the land in 2008, for what was then a hobby. The business opened to the public last year.

The farm's guest house is home to the Big White Dog Tasting Room. It was named for the couple's dog, Minnie. There is indoor seating, a screened porch facing the creek, and outside seating with spectacular views. I, honestly, could have sat there all day watching the water.

When we arrived, we were promptly greeted by Dave and Eileen. Dave went over the grapes grown on the premises which include Cabernet Franc, Petit Verdot, Chambourcin, Vidal, Chardonnay, and Sauvignon Blanc. It's ok if you can't pronounce all these Dave will be happy to go over them with you. He will also go over the wine list and help you select a glass based on your preferences. Or you can get a three-sample flight.

We opted to get 2 flights, one red, and one white. The Lands Point Cabernet Franc blend was delightful. It paired well with our charcuterie tray. The Lands Point White blend was the right dryness for my dry wine-loving

travel partner. And the Lands Point Red and White was the favorite for all of us. Dave explained to us that this is very similar to a French blend. It is made from their Chambourcin, Chardonnay, and Sauvignon Blanc grapes. It was light and refreshing on a hot Saturday afternoon. My only regret was I did not get a glass of the Lands Point Wine Granita, which is a sweeter wine made with crushed ice and a sweetened flavoring mix.

After we finished our charcuterie board, we took a stroll down to the pier. Lands Point is accessible by a floating dock. You should also consider the neighboring marinas such as The Wharf at Handy's Point, directly across the creek, Worton Creek Marina, just a short distance up the creek, Safe Harbor Marina at Great Oak, or Tolchester Marina. There are many trails on the property and you can grab a bottle of wine and a charcuterie bag and head out for an afternoon of hiking and relaxing at the shoreline.

The winery and vineyard are open Fridays and Saturdays from noon until 7 p.m. now through September 2. Because of the historic preservation, the winery and vineyard are not handicap accessible nor open to anyone under 21 years of age. There are also no outside pets, food, or drinks allowed.

Check out their website at www.landspointwinery.com or their Facebook page: Lands Point Winery and Vineyards or just go hang out and drink great wine at a great location. And when you do tell them your friends at Upper Bay Boating Magazine recommended them.





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BAY CRAB RECIPES FOR BOATERS!

By Montana Grant



Cooking and eating crabs on a boat is difficult. Bigger boats have more potential than smaller ones. You can plan and prepare ahead of time.

If the boat is big enough, place a picnic table onboard. Cover it with paper that can be tied down. Now you just need a turkey burner and a crab pot. Catch

your crabs fresh and steam them on the deck, in the water. Have your sides, salads, and beverages in the ice cooler. You can cook, pick, and clean with minimal mess and plenty of Chesapeake flavor and fun.

Make sure to bring a trash bag for the mess. Wrap up the paper with the

picked shells and toss it into the trash back at the dock. Steamed crabs will not rot or be eaten by scavengers. The natural decomposers and bacteria were killed during the steaming. Chesapeake Bay is not a dumpster and needs to be protected. We all have the responsibility to keep our Bay clean



If steaming crabs on board is too Red-neck for you, plan crab dishes that can be made ahead of time or in a small galley. Here are some ideas.

MIDDLE RIVER MUSHROOM CAPS

- 1 large chopped onion.
- 2 lbs large mushrooms
- Old Bay seasoning
- Fresh parsley and basil, chopped
- 1 tsp dry mustard
- Breadcrumbs
- ½ lb Monterey Jack cheese.
- 1 lb crab meat
- Butter

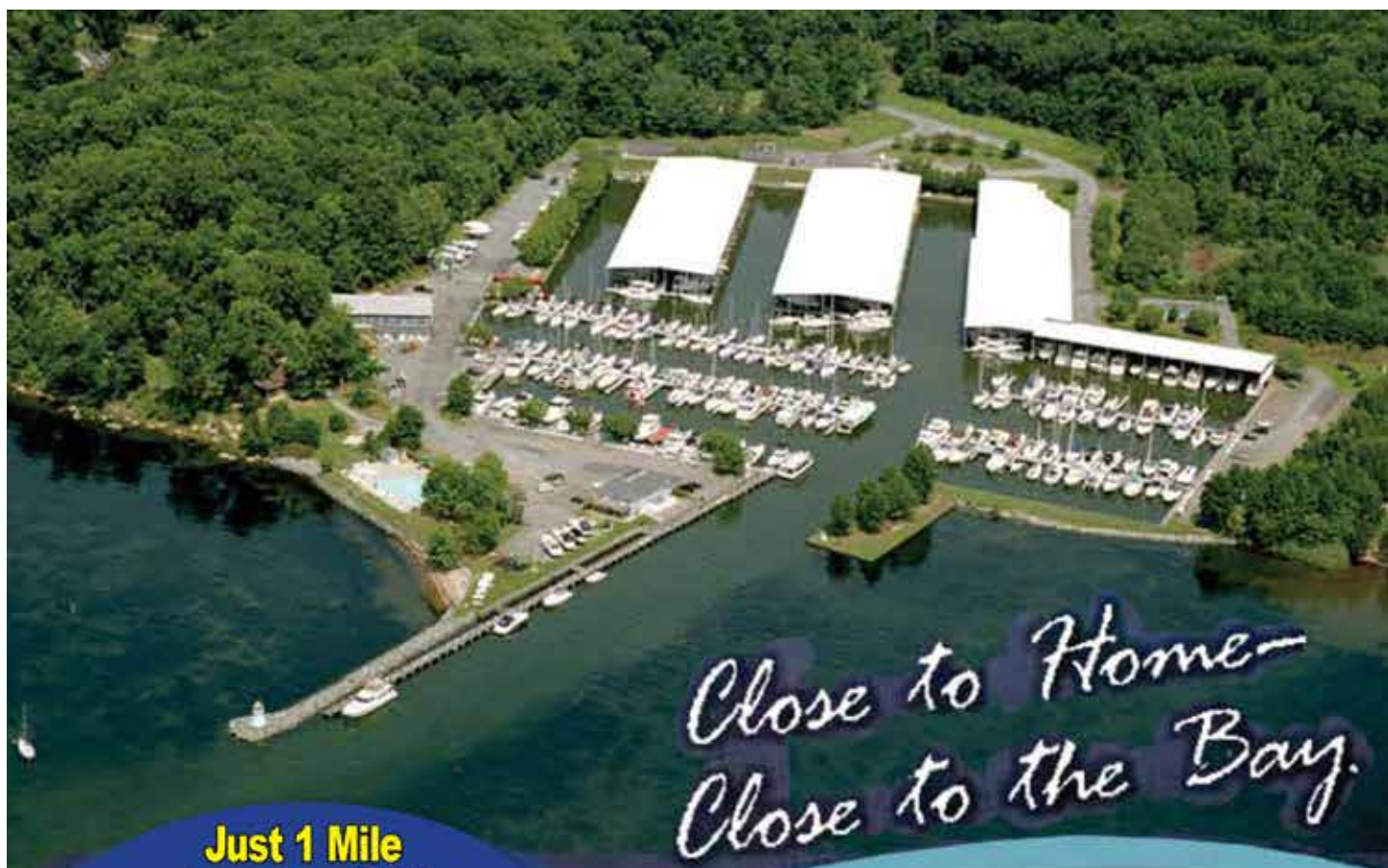
Remove the mushroom stems and sauté them in the butter. Add the spices and onion, fresh herbs, and bread-

crumbs. Allow it to cool, then add the crab meat. Stuff the mixture into the hollow mushrooms. Top with grated cheese. Bake at 350 degrees for 15 minutes or until the stuffing mixture is golden brown. Serves 4-6 sailors. There will be no leftovers.

You can also use this same recipe to place on crackers, pretzels, tortillas, chips, lettuce wraps, or in an empty clean picked crab shell. You can dice up the entire mushrooms and place it onto an English muffin that has been toasted and brushed with melted butter. If you invent it, you get to name it!

Presentation is key. Try to be nautical and original using Chesapeake Bay themes. These treats can be served on napkins, so you have a minimal mess.

Launch some new crab ideas afloat!



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Delaware City Marina and Delaware City

Kimberly Merriken

Located at the top of the Chesapeake Bay on what was the original eastern terminus of the C&D Canal is the Delaware City Marina. This full-service marina is located near shopping, dining, and many recreational areas and activities. The marina is open year-round but does close for frozen precipitation of any variety. But who is thinking about frozen precipitation in September?

The marina features floating docks, electricity, excellent updated facilities, a full-service marine store, the cutest whimsical nautical gifts and gear, and a fuel dock with diesel and gas. Area safety boats and stand-by vessels, for both marine and bridge construction, are also housed here; and are pretty cool. The marina also has a travel lift and crane service. Some of the services offered include oil changes and tune-ups, blister repair, soda blasting, power washing, gel coat repairs, woodwork, and brightwork, as well as electrical and transmission/engine repair.

If you are not a slip holder don't worry. You can dock overnight or just for the day at the short-term visitor's dock. A short walk from the marina takes you right into Delaware City. The town has a "main street" feel with quaint shops. I found the cutest wineglass that had a hand-painted beach

scene at one of the shops. You can grab some grub at Crabby Dick's and enjoy a hand-dipped cone at the Ice Cream Parlor. I highly recommend both. You can also take a ferry to Pea Patch Island and tour Fort Delaware State Park. I thoroughly enjoyed my trip back in time; however, I did not brave the bat or ghost tours.

If you are a nature enthusiast, you can hike one of the many trails that start and end in Delaware City. The Michael N. Castle C&D Canal Trail is a little over 12 miles on paved surfaces. There are benches along the way for a quick rest to admire the canal. There were so many different types of wildlife along the way I took some great photos and sometimes just stopped to admire them. I ran into bicyclers, runners, families with children, and some avid bird watchers during my hike. Don't forget to get your picture with the Delaware City bridge in the background.

So, whether by land or sea take a trip traveling to Delaware City. If by sea make sure you reach out to the marina and secure your short-term visitor slip at 302-834-4172 or at delawarecitymarina@rocketmail.com. And of course, let them know your friends from Upper Bay Boating Magazine sent you.





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CHESAPEAKE BAY FRY BABIES!

Montana Grant

Chesapeake Bay Country sunbathing can smell like fried bacon. Getting a sunburn is easier in higher or more open environments. Reflected light off the water will intensify the solar burn. Bay Country means that being outdoors, and on the water in the sun, has its risks, especially when on a boat.

A sunburn is a form of radiation burn. Intense solar radiation impacts living tissue. Overexposure caused by UV rays will cause skin damage. The worst times to get burned are between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. You can get sunburned during any season. It's not about the temperature as much as the solar radiation.

Light-skinned and red-haired folks are at risk for serious burns. Even animals can get sunburned beneath their fur and hair. Exposed skin will easily burn along with the eyes.

Baking in the Bay's bright sun can surprise you. We once participated in a Bluefish Tournament. The fishing was fast and furious. So was the beverage consumption. Our shirts soon came off and our shorts came out. The fishing around Hackett's Bar, and the Bay Bridge, was on fire. My personal best blue of 19 ½ lbs. was netted during this event. After checking in our fish, it was time to head back to the marina in Middle River. We sat on the open bow



while the captain navigated us home. We never felt the intense sun in the cool breeze until the next day. OMG! The intense burn made life miserable for a week after. The Solar vitamin "D" exposure stood for "death" on this day.

You will know that you are burnt when you have these symptoms.

Dizzy, skin is warm to touch.

Swelling

Dehydration

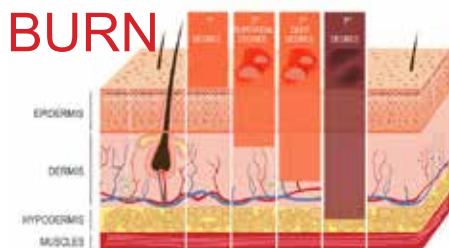
Fatigue

Pain



Red skin, that will peel and itch.

Sun Poisoning is an allergy to the sun. Symptoms are more severe. The victim will also get sunstroke, cramps, and heat stroke from solar exposure.



It is true that some solar light helps give our bodies vitamin D. Excessive solar exposure offsets any benefits. Using tanning beds to get a "base layer" will not protect you from too much sun. Most sun worshipers and solar bed fanatics end up with premature skin aging, wrinkles, and an increased risk of cancer.

Back in the day, we all swam, sunbathed, lifeguarded, and begged to get a great tan. We also burned, blistered, and suffered for days after. Our skin peeled, itched, and left large spots which could later become melanomas, lesions, or fine veins covering our skin. We looked good but were frying our skin.

All outdoorsmen should wear eye protection and cover up. Lightweight UV protection clothing is available. Good, polarized sunglasses are critical for protecting your eyes and seeing more fish. Large, brimmed hats are helpful. SP 30 suntan lotion should be applied every 2 hours during solar prime time.

There are also meds that promote burning. Advil, Motrin, Statins, Ibuprofen, and antibiotics will make your skin more sensitive to being burned. Some cosmetics will also invite sunburning. Alcohol consumption will also promote severe sunburn.

If the solar lifestyle is your desire, expect wrinkled skin and leathery, blotched, scarred skin when you age. It's better to smear on the SP-30, wear protective gear and clothing, and limit your solar exposure.

Don't be a Fry Baby!



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Medium (3-5)

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- Cover-up & Hat
- Sunscreen SPF 30+
- Seek shade (midday)

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High (6-7)

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- Cover-up & Hat
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8-10 UV Index
Very High (8-10)

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COMMON SNAPPING TURTLE

By Anne Sandbek

Earlier this year I was driving to work and slowed as a police car in the opposite lane was stopped with its lights on. Since it's a rather quiet road with no shoulder this was unusual. Turned out to be a citizen and a cop attempting to assist a snapping turtle across the road. With the turtle in good hands, I moved on, giving a thumbs up to the compassionate drivers. Another surprise was how far the road was from water - over a mile. And that was just a small creek. Turns out these resourceful turtles can travel great distances from water to look for appropriate land to lay eggs or find new habitat.

While there is only one type of snapping turtle in Maryland there are 19 native species of turtles and tortoises including five sea turtle species who visit our waters. One of the most common and infamous in the Bay is the Common Snapping Turtle. Known in the scientific community as *Chelydra serpentina* it is the largest freshwater turtle found in Maryland. *Serpentina* means "snake-like" perfectly describing their quick neck movements with a sharp beak-like jaw.

While snapping turtle jaws are a great defensive tool it also comes in handy at meal times. They are omnivorous, which means they eat aquatic vegetation and meat. Snapping turtles are active hunters that ambush prey, but they are also

scavengers. Basically, they'll eat anything. With the wide variety in their diet, it's not surprising that they regularly live over 100 years. Catch and recapture studies have found that once these turtles reach adulthood, they almost always live past 100 years in the wild.

Word to the wise, if you dare assist a snapping turtle cross the road, do so with extreme caution and a long tool like a snow shovel. Their necks are deceptively long and unlike turtle reputations, they can move quickly. Never grip one by the tail because there is a high chance of breaking it. The snapping turtle is not built to be held by its tail.

If you find a turtle in the middle of the road, be sure to place it on the side of the road it was facing - not the side it is closest to. By assisting the turtle in getting to its destination you prevent it from having to attempt the road crossing again.

Snapping Turtles are more likely to be aggressive when out of the water. If you've been in the Bay or its muddy tributaries you've likely been closer to one than you'd prefer. Since they are more comfortable in the water and generally feel less threatened, they will slip away before you can notice them. So next time you're up to your ankles in mud don't fret but appreciate the fierce survivor that's hiding just out of sight.

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Boaters grow fond of their watercraft. There are so many great memories that happen when afloat. Some captains often feel the need to upgrade or get something newer. Others want to hold fast to their great memories.

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My Uncle Jim had an old Chris Craft motorboat that he kept in mint condition. The big block engine roared smoothly and powerfully. The back rumble seat was a great ride. He used it to water ski or just cruise. The wood was always beautiful and caught everyone's eye. Not only was this old boat beautiful, but it also gained value with every season.

Wooden boats need more love but so do all boats. Sailors enjoy the boats all year. Cleaning, finishing, maintenance, and dock work

are part of the boating experience. Launching and cruising are part of the reward for the hard work that Bay Boaters take pride in.

One of my nautical neighbors has kept his family boats afloat for decades. Dennis McCain's Dad infected his son with the boating lifestyle and sport. He showed his son the ropes, rigs, and boating lifestyle. They fished, cruised, swam, and celebrated the Bay Life together. The family boat was called the "Mad Hatter". This boat is still afloat in its Middle River marina. Dennis has made many upgrades, and tune-ups, and kept the Mad Hatter fishing and floating ready. Whether he is smoking a stogie at the dock or reeling in a rockfish around Hart Miller Island, The Mad Hatter lives on.

All boats require work! Whether your boat is a new fiberglass glam craft or a vintage mahogany or a teak-crafted relic, sailors will need to be sweating and maintain their fun crafts. Every time you launch the family boat, the memories, sto-

ries, and fun will continue. Making new memories will carry on the boat's heritage and family adventures. If you are not willing to take responsibility for this expensive investment, of time and money, rent a boat when you want to navigate the Bay.

Make every guest, and family member, help keep your family boat afloat. Share and teach all the crew chores and jobs. You need to pay to play. Owning a boat is great but not every guest can afford, or wants, that responsibility. They will enjoy helping and joining in with your family fun.

If you can't afford a new boat, find a project boat, and bring it back to life. Have the family and friends help to bring this craft back to life. Once you rebuild a boat, you will become an expert. The reward of finishing and restoring an old boat is worth the effort, and cheaper. When you learn how to do the job, you save time and money.

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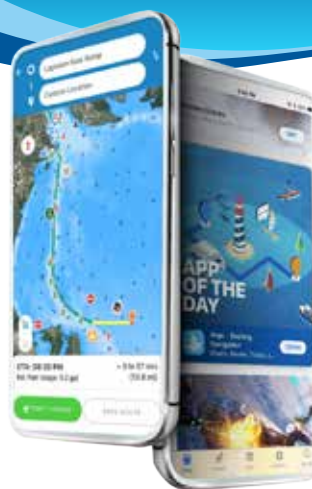


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Commodore Ira Sheckels Jr. and First Lady Michele welcome you to the second annual **Galloway Yacht Club Annual Guide to the Chesapeake Bay!**

For the second year, Galloway Yacht Club is excited to share our experiences on the Chesapeake Bay with you, and offer recommendations for making the most of our beautiful waterways during the autumn months. We thank the publishers of *Upper Bay Boating* for the opportunity to connect with our fellow boaters.

Boating is Better Together

Galloway Yacht Club has grown to over 60 members strong since its inception in 1979 primarily because boating is more fun with friends. As a “paper yacht club,” Galloway does not

own property. We still function as a member of the Yacht Clubs of Maryland, but our activities are primarily social and community-based, not focused on maintaining a physical club. This makes GYC one of the most fun, stress-free, enjoyable clubs on the Bay.

Since the season is coming to an end, we are focusing our recommendations on getting every minute out of the beautiful bay before we have to break out the shrink wrap.

Kent Narrows

Galloway kicks off the transition from summer to fall with a rousing weekend at Safe Harbor Narrows Point. The marina offers a picturesque setting, well-maintained facilities and amenities, ample boat slips, and reliable docking services for a large group like ours.

During Labor Day weekend, the marina buzzes with a festive atmosphere. The large pool and ample grilling areas and pavilions allow us to say farewell to summer with a cookout and crab feast. Kent Island



also features nearby bars with live entertainment, all within walking distance of our boats.

Annapolis

After saying farewell to summer with the Labor Weekend blowout, we shift gears to locations that offer cooler weather activities.

The next weekend finds Galloway at Port Annapolis Marina. While the weather may still allow us to enjoy the marina's beautiful pool, we also recommend Port Annapolis as a destination anytime in the fall boating season. The ride under the Bay Bridge is a beautiful one as autumn landscapes begin to show their colors.

Port Annapolis is a quick shuttle or cab ride to the nearby historic district of Annapolis which offers charming shops, delicious

restaurants, and cultural attractions, offering the perfect complement to a fall boating weekend. And it wouldn't be a Galloway weekend without a pub crawl through Annapolis' many fun bars on Friday or Saturday night.

During the day, boating visitors can enjoy the Annapolis maritime history through its colonial architecture, museums, and historic sites like the United States Naval Academy. In the evening, you can enjoy some of the best ghost tours in the nation!

Keep an eye out for the fall boat show in October! There are lots of vendors and opportunities for boaters to celebrate the summer season, welcome the crisp, fall weather and exchange boat improvement ideas.





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Saint Michaels

A few weeks later, Galloway heads to Higgins Yacht Yard at St. Michaels, an annual stop for the club in the fall. Higgins offers the perfect cool weather getaway for weekend boaters. This affordable marina is conveniently located at the end of Carpenter Street. Visitors can easily walk to the center of St. Michaels, a charming and historic eastern shore town that offers a wealth

of attractions for visitors. Boaters can explore the town's maritime heritage through the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum, which showcases a collection of traditional boats and exhibits on the Bay's history. Strolling through the quaint streets, you will find boutiques, art galleries, and restaurants serving fresh seafood. The fall season also brings various festivals and events to the area, like pumpkin carving contests,

farmers markets, and live music. Stop by the brewery, distillery or wine tasting room. The pub scene is also lively, and you can walk home to your boat!

Rock Hall

Rock Hall is an easy day trip, and is a perfect way to spend a fall day on the water. In the later autumn months, the area transforms into a vibrant display of red, orange, and yellow hues as the leaves change color. Cruising along the waterways of Rock Hall provides breathtaking views of the Chesapeake Bay's seasonal beauty.

Rock Hall has several marinas offering daily dockage. Rock Hall Landing Marina provides excellent facilities and easy access to

tional boatyards, learning about the area's nautical past and immersing themselves in its rich history.

Rock Hall is also known for its seafood restaurants, and fall is the best time to indulge in local catches like crabs, oysters, and rockfish. On Sundays, you might catch Galloway members rooting for the Ravens in one of the waterfront bars!

Sassafras River

The scenic Sassafras River is another fall favorite of Galloway members. Continuing up the river, you'll come across Betterton Beach, a lovely sandy shore that's perfect for a relaxing afternoon picnic or beachcombing for seashells. The beach's tranquil atmosphere and stunning fall scenery make



the town's attractions and restaurants. Haven Harbour Marina has first-class amenities and great waterfront views. Osprey Point Marina provides a tranquil atmosphere and well-maintained facilities. And Lori at North Point Marina will welcome you like family.

In addition to its natural beauty, Rock Hall hosts various fall festivals and events, including live music performances, arts and crafts exhibits, and food festivals. Boaters can visit the town's museums, historic sites, and tradi-

it an ideal spot to soak up the autumn sun and enjoy the colors of the season.

For a taste of local culture, boaters can stop by Turners Creek Winery, located along Turners Creek, a tributary of the Sassafras River. Here, you can sample a variety of locally-produced wines and enjoy the serene countryside views, surrounded by the river's fall foliage.

Finally, journey further up the Sassafras River to Georgetown, a charming waterfront town that's rich in maritime heritage. Visit the Sassafras River



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Chestertown

As you cruise up the Chester River, a pretty, quiet river, you'll encounter the picturesque town of Chestertown, with its well-preserved colonial architecture and tree-lined streets adorned

with vibrant fall foliage. Dock your boat and take a leisurely stroll through the town, exploring boutique shops, art galleries, and cozy cafes that exude small-town charm.

Havre de Grace

When the weather gets colder, Galloway often heads north. Boating in the Northern Chesapeake Bay is always a scenic trip with charming waterfront destinations. The region's stunning fall foliage and serene waterways make it an ideal destination for a memorable autumn adventure on the water.

Galloway recommends a stop in Havre de Grace, a historic town nestled at the mouth of the Susquehanna River. Dock your boat at the Havre de Grace Marina, Tidewater Marina, or City Marina and immerse yourself in the town's maritime history by exploring the Havre de Grace Maritime Museum. Head to the Tidewater Grille for a great meal of fresh seafood in a picturesque waterfront setting. Take a leisurely stroll along the beautiful promenade, which offers views of the river and the colorful autumn foliage.

Cecil County

Continuing up the Susquehanna River, you'll find Port Deposit, another charming town boasting scenic waterfront views and cute shops. Dock at Marina Park and set off on foot to explore the town's historic Main Street, where you can discover unique gifts and local crafts in the shops and art galleries. When hunger strikes, dine at Lee's Landing Dock Bar, a popular riverside restaurant known for its delicious seafood dishes and live music.

Further up the bay is the Northeast River where the towns of Charlestown and North East await. Dock your boat at the North East River Yacht Club or Charlestown Marina. You can enjoy crabs at the Wellwood Shanty or wander Northeast's inviting boutiques and antique stores. Refuel at Woody's Crab House in Northeast for mouthwatering seafood dishes. The Naughty Goose provides waterfront dining overlooking the North East River, a perfect place to enjoy the views.

For a weekend getaway, consider docking at Chesapeake Inn and Marina in Chesapeake City. Galloway stopped at this marina earlier this year and found ample docking and friendly staff. The nearby town, situated right along the Chesapeake & Delaware Canal, offers charming shops and eateries. For an enjoyable dinner option where you can get a front-row seat to the fall colors, take the water taxi over to Schaefer's Canal House.

Local Fun

In autumn, the wind does blow up the Chesapeake Bay, and as responsible boaters, Galloway knows when to stay local. You can find us visiting our fellow yacht clubs in the area, or supporting local bars and restaurants. Check out our Galloway Guide to Local Waterfront Bars later in this guide. Look for the green and white Galloway burgee at the pier, and say hello!

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2023 was another great year providing veterans a stress-free day on the Chesapeake Bay. Sixty Captains

showed their support for over 200 veterans and their families who have made so many sacrifices for this country. Together we toured the Inner Harbor from the event’s home port, Maryland Yacht Club.

Last year, we had many boaters reach out asking how they could support this worthwhile event beyond providing their boat for the date. Great

news! There are many ways to help year-round.

The planning for this event runs almost year round. A few months after our annual August event, we’re kicking off planning for the next year. Volunteers are needed to help organize, fundraise, update the website, and help spread the word.

The event is funded entirely by donations. We welcome donations on WWDob website for any amount. Every dollar counts. If you work for a local business, ask them to support with donations of money, volunteer staff, or product. Have a birthday coming up? Make WWDob your birthday fundraiser on Facebook.

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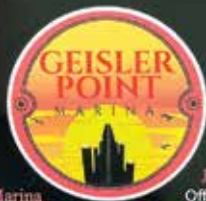


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We're also looking forward to checking out the new restaurant taking over the River Watch Restaurant & Marina on the waterfront in Essex. Looney's Pub co-owner Bill Larney said on social media that it is officially moving forward, with a "full rehab and brand new concept (with some Looney's love)" to be called "Loonasea" - Sea you there!!

**Look for the Galloway
burgee, come by to say hi!**

GALLOWAY TO GRENADA

Part I

By Donna Hill

Steve noticed the sleek Lagoon 42 catamaran on several of our frequent cruises in Middle River during July 2019. She appeared out of place but stood tall and majestic in Galloway Creek, near our marina, Bowley's. One sunny Saturday afternoon, with 7 of us aboard our Chapparral 22, we motored by and spotted a gentleman whom Steve assumed to be the captain onboard. My husband, who never met a stranger, shouted, "Beautiful boat!" The gentleman, who was indeed the captain and the sole person aboard, answered, "Would you like to come aboard?"



Indeed, the Hill family would be thrilled to come aboard! We toured the 3-berth, 3-head French vessel and discovered that Teddy, a Canadian, was "in town" because he had sailed Stet (Latin for "let it stand") on her maiden voyage from France

to Barbados. Then, searching for friendly waters, he came across "free anchorage" in Galloway, near the home of a childhood friend in White Marsh. We endeavored not to overstay our welcome or drool too much, and departed only after obtaining

Teddy's email address, as he had no phone. We told him we would be in touch soon and host him for dinner.

About ten days later, Steve set out for Galloway to taxi Teddy back to our home on

Hogpen Creek for a vegetarian dinner. Imagine a sailor who declines fish and meat! Dinner was a success, and soon Steve strung a "dinghy dock" line off our pier. Teddy could dinghy over at will and tie up for dinner, laundry, or just doing mechanical things in Steve's shop. He kept up with our kids, joined us for birthdays, and fit perfectly into our family. He had never been to Washington, D.C., so we hopped on the MARC train for a day at the mall. Steve and Teddy cruised to Deale Island. He even hosted our neighbors aboard Stet for happy hour and five of our friends for a 29th anniversary cruise.

Our friendship only took an in-person hiatus in mid-November when Teddy set off for Grenada for the winter. We vowed to stay connected and soon I was planning a trip to Grenada for spring of 2020.



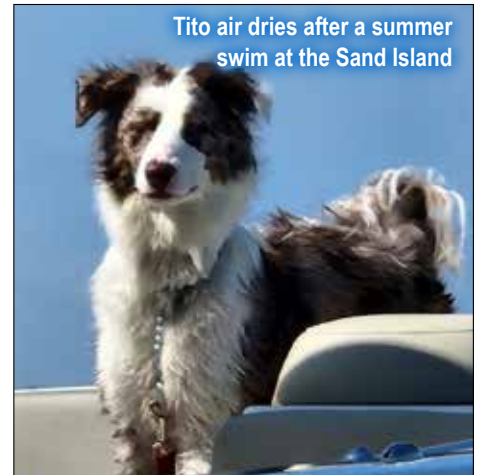
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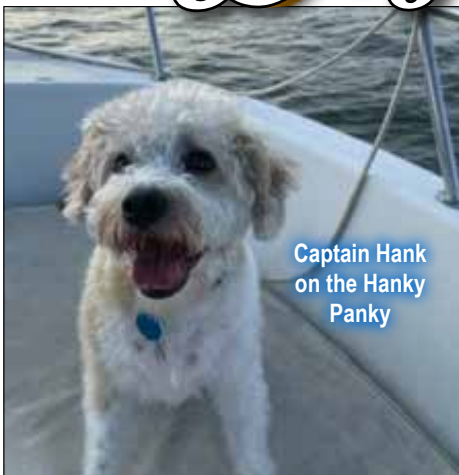
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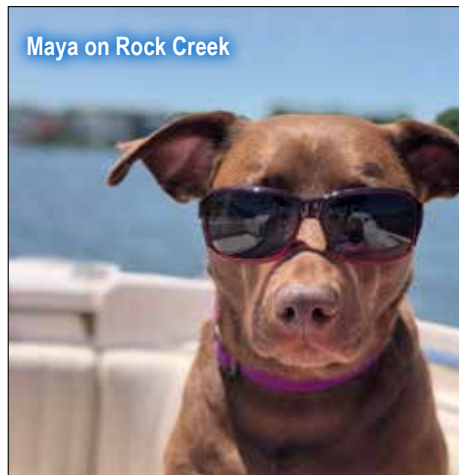
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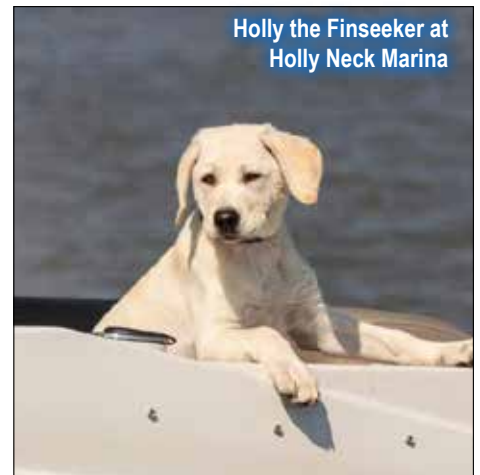
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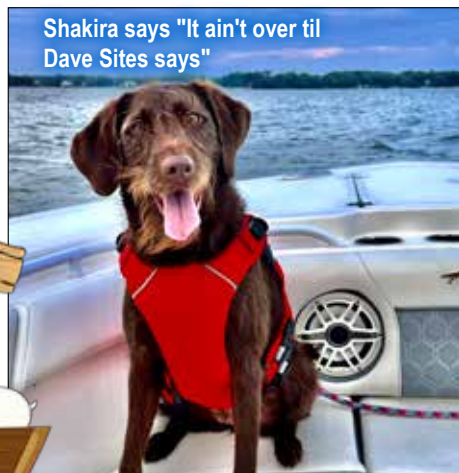
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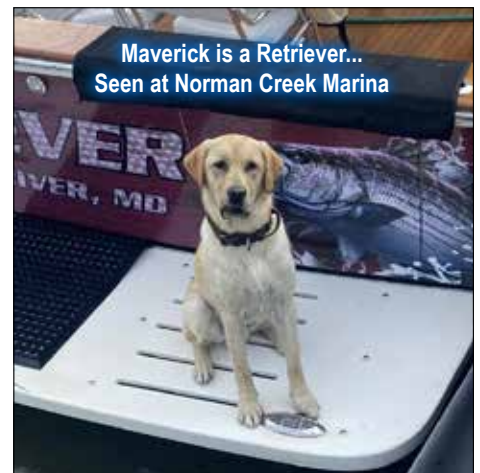
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Lessons Learned

by TowBoatU.S. Captain Dale Plummer

Another Summer of boating on the Chesapeake is quickly ending. No matter how long I've been a TowBoatUS Captain, I see situations that are still new to me. But more often, it's the same types of problems that we respond to over and over. Here are a few lessons learned this year which I hope will keep you from being just another boater who got themselves into a jam.

Problem number one: A simple dead battery. Several times (92 so far this year) our local dispatch has received calls from boaters who need a jump start. Standard Operating Procedure requires that while you wait for our response that you securely anchor. A re-occurring difficulty is that since the battery is dead, boaters don't know how to manually deploy or raise their anchor without the boat's power anchor windless. By not anchoring you put you and your family at risk. I could tell at least ten stories from this season where a boater didn't anchor, and the boat ended up drifting into the shipping channel or on to shore damaging the boat's hull.

My advice is this: take a few minutes to figure out how your windless works with, and without, power. Or at the very least, keep a spare anchor down below for emergency situations. We have said it before: Once your engine dies, the only control you have over your boat is the anchor.

Problem number two: A simple soft grounding. Maybe you weren't paying attention, or the sandbar has shifted, whatever the reason, groundings happen daily. I'm not suggesting you don't try and back off under your own power but be careful. Inboard engines use "raw" water to keep them cool. As the engine is sucking in bay water, it will also be sucking in sand and other debris which can clog and lead to overheating. Your props can also take a beating from the unknown on the bottom. Be prudent about how hard you try to get the boat back into deeper water. And, please, don't let a good Sam attempt to unground your vessel. You are risking damage to running gear, cleats and whatever else that can't take the strain of being pulled the wrong way.

A couple of years ago a well-meaning fellow boater attempted to unground a large sailboat. It ended with the grounded vessel losing a cleat and a full 6' section of the side of the boat. That sailboat owner was a member of TowBoatUS but had thought it would be easier to allow a stranger to do the job. Thousands of dollars in damages helped this guy learn his lesson. Don't be that guy. My advice: Wait for the professional.

We sincerely hope that you and your family have a safe and happy Fall boating season. Hopefully we will see you at one of the Annapolis Boat shows in October so you can get your \$50 discount off your annual renewal. As always, happy to help.

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Ego VS Common Sense

The PFD Debate Goes On

by Alan Keene

None of us like having big government interfering in our personal lives, especially when it comes in the form of legislation designed to protect us from ourselves. With that said, there are times when a law can help us overcome senseless emotional taboos that only serve to promote reckless behavior. Over the years some states have come close to passing adult life-jacket legislation that would require PFD use by solo boaters. An incident I observed recently made me wonder if that might not be a good idea.

As I was driving down I-95 south of Wilmington, DE I noticed a small center-console skiff motoring down the rain-swollen Christina River, apparently on its way out to the Delaware River. The captain, who was alone, was leaning out over the stern, making an adjustment to his outboard. The river was loaded with floating debris.

Returning my eyes to the road ahead, I knew I had been watching a recipe for disaster. One bump from a floating log and the preoccupied captain would be swimming for his life in the murky Christina. Since the river, at that point, wasn't much more than 100 yards wide, I dismissed my concern, assuming that most boaters are swimmers and most swimmers can negotiate 50 yards when their lives depend on it.

Thinking back on the incident later that day, I was surprised (and not so surprised) to discover that the possibility the captain might have been wearing a life jacket had never occurred to me. It hadn't because, like most recreational boaters, I think of personal floatation devices as being intended for small children and non-swimming adults who are ill-at-ease around the water.

Most capable and confident boaters wouldn't consider donning a PFD, except in extreme weather or the need to abandon ship. To wear one at other times is seen by many of us as a sign of insecurity... a sign of weakness, and the male ego will have none of that. Sadly, the male ego has cost some very capable and confident boaters their lives.

Every boating season we read of sailors and powerboaters who take their boats out alone for a spin or a short sail and never return to port. The boat is later found, abandoned and aground, but the captain's body is often not. In most cases, these were boaters who were enjoying a pleasant afternoon or evening afloat, when suddenly they found themselves treading water as their boat sailed off in the distance.

They might have been leaning against an aging lifeline seconds before or adjusting their outboard like the Christina River captain. But unlike the skiff's captain, these boaters had much more than 50 yards to swim to safety. Some of them had many miles, and even the best of swimmers isn't often up to that, especially when overcome by panic.

Common sense tells us that we should wear a life vest when we're out in our boats alone. Common sense tells us that whenever there's no one aboard who can throw us a line and bring the boat around, it's reckless not to wear one. Common sense tells us that falling overboard when boating solo is often a death sentence.

A law requiring solo boaters to wear personal floatation devices when operating recreational boats would allow common sense to prevail over senseless bias. Motorcycle helmet laws in states across the country have done just that. The male ego has been removed from the decision. Many bikers who, for years, avoided wearing a helmet for fear of appearing timid or weak now wouldn't ride without one.

But, if we have to wait for legislation to change things, we might be waiting for a long time. If enough experienced boaters have the courage and good sense to voluntarily don their

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Governor Moore Announces New Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays Improvement Strategy

Governor Wes Moore, Lieutenant Governor Aruna Miller, and Maryland Department of Natural Resources Secretary Josh Kurtz plant an oak tree at Wye Mills Natural Resources Management Area as part of 'Bay Day'. Photo by Joseph Andrucyk

During an [Eastern Shore "Bay Day" tour](#), Governor Wes Moore announced a major policy shift in how Maryland will deploy state resources to improve water quality in the Chesapeake Bay and other waterways to restore the Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays. The governor signed two executive orders and outlined plans to provide more places for people to safely swim, better protect coastal areas from climate change, and increase fish and crab populations to improve economic opportunities for watermen and the state's seafood industries.

"Our administration is focused on working in new and collaborative ways to reduce the pollution reaching our bays and providing our local communities and farmers with the opportunities and resources they need to succeed," **said Gov. Moore**. "Now is the time to embrace the lessons we've learned in the Chesapeake and Coastal Bays over the past 40 years and evolve our strategy to reflect that."

Under the Moore-Miller administration, Maryland will become the first state in the Bay watershed to embrace the latest scientific recommendations to improve our land and clean our waterways, taking a proactive healthier waterways that are more accessible for Maryland's communities, more resilient to climate change, and benefit the important industries that depend on the Chesapeake and Coastal Bays. The governor was joined by EPA Region 3 Administrator Adam Ortiz, Lieutenant Governor Aruna Miller and state, local, and federal officials.

"The Bay belongs to all of us, and it's on all of us to protect it," **said Lt. Gov. Miller**. "Today's announcement solidifies our administration's plan to ensure Maryland does its part to make our coastal bays a thriving ecosystem for future generations. Whether it's farmers, homeowners, boaters, or business owners, our approach invites every Marylander to be a part of the solution to keeping our waterways clean."

Speaking at [Wye Island Natural Resources Management Area](#) in Queenstown, the governor signed a new



executive order to create the Governor's Council on the Chesapeake and Coastal Bays Watershed, renaming and restructuring the former Governor's Council on the Chesapeake Bay, or Bay Cabinet, which was first formed in 1985. The restructured council will be charged with coordinating and accelerating the restoration of the state's waterways with a collective goal to create healthy watersheds that benefit the environment, economy, and communities.

Maryland will focus water quality improvement projects in specific areas with the most potential to improve wildlife habitat and populations and bolster shorelines from rising sea levels.

"The new focus on increasing wildlife habitat will help striped bass and blue crab populations recover. Our ongoing effort to plant 5 million new trees in Maryland during the next decade will add new streamside buffers along rural and suburban areas as well as increase tree canopy in our cities to prevent polluted runoff and cool temperatures," **said Maryland Department of Natural Resources Secretary Josh Kurtz**. "As rising sea levels and stronger storms due to climate change threaten Maryland, we'll be looking to expand marshes and reconnect streams and rivers to their floodplains to mitigate flooding threats."

At the University of Maryland's Center for Environmental Science at Horn Point, Gov. Moore signed a second executive order to establish the Oyster and Shell Substrate Task Force. The diverse task force was created to develop a proactive plan to keep and purchase oyster shells to ensure the state has enough hard surface to increase oyster abundance in the Bay.

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MWF Intern Ivy learning to run boat

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Another major problem we are facing in our waterways, shorelines and streets are abandoned boats. More and more boats are being let loose to drift away, costing taxpayers hundreds of thousands of dollars to retrieve and destroy.

These boats are breaking down, leaking harmful oils and fuels into our waterways that affect the health of the Chesapeake Bay. There are many obstacles to retrieving these eyesores, but MWF is working with Baltimore County and State Officials to change laws and clean up these derelict boats. Stay tuned, more details coming!



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HOMESCHOOL MARSH CANOE

Thurs., September 7

1:00 – 3:30 p.m., \$15/person

The freshwater marsh of Otter Point Creek is teeming with life! Learn the basics of canoeing before setting off to explore this fascinating ecosystem. This program is for ages 12 to 16. Registration is required by 9/6.

The following programs are for ages 8 to adult and registration is required:

EARLY MIGRATORS CANOE

Sun., September 3

10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., \$15/person

Which species are the first to sense the incremental slide into autumn, calling them to travel south? Discover the fish, fowl, and insects preparing for seasonal migration.

THE FALL OF SUMMER CANOE

Sun., September 17

11 a.m. – 1:30 p.m., \$15/person

With the autumn equinox around the corner, catch one last glimpse of the summer marsh before the new season sets in.

WONDERFUL WILDFLOWERS CANOE

Sun., September 24

2:30 – 5:00 p.m., \$15/person

As summer winds down, the plant community is changing. Discover what flowers are still blooming while paddling around the marsh.

CRITTERS OF THE CREEK CANOE

Sun., October 1

8:30 – 11:00 a.m., \$15/person

Explore the marshes and lagoons in search of critters. You never know who you will find swimming, perching, or wading in the water!

AUTUMN COLORS CANOE

Sun., October 22

1:00 – 3:30 p.m., \$15/person

Travel through the waters of Otter Point Creek to see the fall foliage at its finest.

BYE-BYE BREAKFAST PADDLE

Sun., October 29

8:30 – 11:00 am, \$15/person

Bring along a thermos of your hot beverage of choice to sip while exploring the awakening marsh. We'll tuck into a quiet curve of the creek to share breakfast on this final canoe of 2023.

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KAYAK CRUISING ON THE CREEK

Fri., September 1 or 15

10 a.m.-12:30 pm, \$15

Nudge around the endless nooks and crannies of Otter Point Creek and the upper Bush River with an adult only group. This program is for adults and registration is required by the day before.

BIRDS OF THE MARSH KAYAK

Sat., September 2

10 a.m.-12:30 pm, \$15

Paddle the water trails of Otter Point Creek in search of our feathered friends. Take note of who is passing through and who calls this freshwater wetland home. This program is for ages 8 to adult and registration is required by 9/1.

KIDS-N-KAYAKS

Sat., September 23

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Bring your wee little water lovers out for their first-time paddle. Paddling safety and basic stroke instruction is covered before

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Fri., September 29

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Sat., September 30

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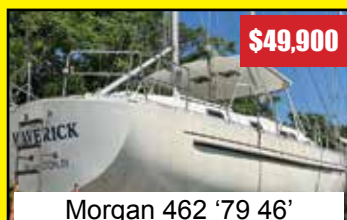
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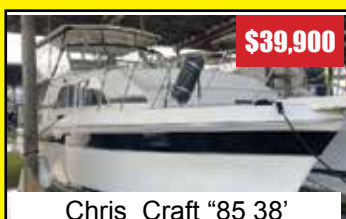
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