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# Marinating with Jim High

Throwing Beads at...

## Mardi Gras!



Here's a picture of me with some awesome friends ( Mike and Holly, Dave and Ann plus the world's most kind and gentle wife Kisha). We spent my birthday in New Orleans this year for Fat Tuesday. We brought with us 850 strings of beads and found a balcony. I learned a lot -- most unusually the value of beads. You always hold on to your nicest beads and throw the cheapest. Some are for Showin' others for Throwin'.

Mardi Gras experts encouraged us to taunt people on the ground from our balcony and then they show you, their boobs! The value of the beads is high unless they drop to the ground. If they hit the ground, they, at that point, worthless. So, to some, where in twenty feet of life a valueless string of beads goes from people showing themselves off all the way, to hitting the ground and being worthless! Wild huh?

## THE ANTICIPATION OF SUMMER... AND THE APPRECIATION OF SUNSHINE

Life is a lot shorter than we think. Summers fly by while winters seem to linger. When I was a small child, summer lasted forever. We would wake up, go outside and play all day long. We enjoyed games like baseball, tin can alley, spinning the bottle with the Hogan gals and Helen L. We kept busy building forts -- sometimes in trees and sometimes underground. The underground forts often flooded because as eight-year-olds we didn't understand drain tiles or irrigation!

I appreciate life more now than ever. There isn't a day that I don't think about Mom, Dad, John, Janet, or Dom... and friends like

Keith, Teesa, Steve, and Buddy. To this day I think about my friend Keith Baker often. His parents gave him everything all the time and I was so jealous. Now and then I saw that Keith didn't have any hair. I had no idea what leukemia was or that his life would end at the tender age of sixteen. Life is not always kind. Enjoy your summers because life has a finite answer.

Summer is so important! You only have so many. Make your dreams come true, buy the boat, rent the RV, or just go to the beach.

But fair WARNING... do not let time slip away.



Do not take life for granted... Praise the Lord and go out and explore the world! This is not a dress rehearsal! Enjoy your Summer and thank you for reading my column.  
Jim High



### AN INTERESTING CONVERSATION AT A DOCK BAR...

I was sitting at a dock bar contemplating life when I met nurse/consultant on her way from Pittsburgh to Boston. Wendy and I chatted bit at the R and R Dock bar at the airport BWI...She explained she was a very valuable overpaid consultant. I realized that underpaid consultants are like a going out of business sale for Fortune Tellers... Never take their word for it and make life your own fortune!





By Wendy Gilbert  
Contributing Editor

## Let's Burn Turtlenecks Too!

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Do you remember doing inward eye rolls when the oldsters in your family greeted each other in the early spring like this – “Made it through another winter!”

Great Uncle Walter, Richard and Pops would laugh, pound each other on the back and smile. The assumption being that if you could make it through winter, you were somehow good to go for the next several months. I don't know what this says about all the folks who passed between April and November, but I'll be sure to let you know if I ever discover the answer.

A century or so ago, getting through the winter involved keeping everyone sheltered, warm, fed and well – usually in that order. Many of my ancestors were unsurprisingly farmers and lived north of the Mason-Dixon line. They canned the produce grown on the farm to sustain themselves. It was not a hobby. But between you and me, I get a kick

out of watching 20-somethings film themselves water-bath canning in their fancy Instapots on YouTube.

My grandma Pat said my sister and I were great little pickle packers. I don't know how talented we were at this, but it kept us

working with dimpled smiles on our faces. Bonus – she always sent us home with jars of pickles, something called chow chow, pepper relish and if we were really lucky – peaches.

During the winter these farmers became successful hunters and fishermen – providing for their families every which way they could.

By late winter/early spring, supplies were typically running low. The woodpile, once thoroughly impressive, was down to some bug-infested punky logs. Grandpa would grouse because Grandma was going to the corner market just about every week! He

was busy ordering seeds, reading the Farmer's Almanac, and consulting an impressive stack of weather/farm diaries. Once it was safe to start planting, a bonfire was started and the detritus of winter was tossed upon

I doubt Grandma permitted the boys to throw their socks on it, but that pile of silage and pig barn slats would burn for a couple of days! And the smell – yikes!

On the south side of the Mason-Dixon line sock burnings are quite popular. Folks in my boating community celebrate with the customary adult beverages as is tradition. I sometimes wonder why we don't take the practice a step further like my farming ancestors did.

I can think of a few more things I'd like to toss on the fire – like the half-dozen Lands End turtlenecks in my closet! Bring on T-shirt weather, my friends.

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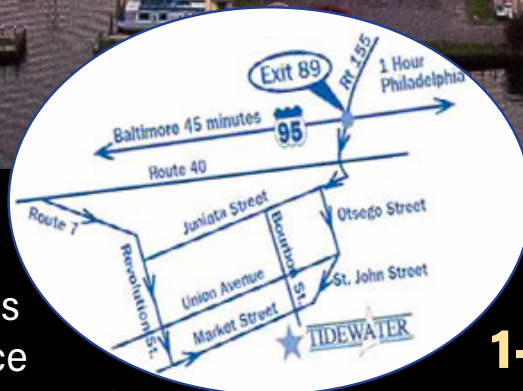


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# Blue, Blue and More Blue

Ever wander through a boat show or a boat yard when you are on vacation and stop in your tracks as you admire nothing more or less than a color?

Just when you think there can't possibly be another shade of blue for your boat's hull – there it is. And it's wonderful.

Color and design trends often start in home décor and explode out into every surface that can be painted, dyed, printed, or stamped. I recently attended a lecture on color and design trends to expect in the next year or two and it was fascinating. At the end of the presentation, the speaker invited us to do our own research ... and so I did.

The first two "colors of the year" I found will translate very easily to the marine world.

Sherwin Williams has selected Upward.

The company describes this color as, "... a breezy, blissful blue that brings timeless lightness and total tranquility to spaces where fresh ideas can take flight. Ever ascending, the relaxed and carefree color inspires moments to pause and reconnect with the creative spirit. According to Sherwin Williams, "Upward is the perfect hue for your next project. Used as an accent or all over, for exteriors or interiors, the airy and transitional blue of Upward inspires meditative spaces of limitless possibility and absolute peace in both residential and commercial settings. A vision for an uplifting new era, this calming shade of blue has the power to inspire, energize, and elevate design in a variety of coil and extrusion applications."

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# The First Bay Boaters

By Montana Grant



Bay Folks have been Rocking their Boats for generations. When we get onto the Chesapeake's waters today, we see tall sails, loud diesel engines, and gasoline outboards churning up the Bay. Boating is an expensive and intensive proposition today. There are rules, regulations, and training required to be a waterman today.

There was a time when all you needed was something that floated. It may have been an old tree, some grass mats, or rafts. Anyone near the water just had to find a way to float on it. Paddles, oars, and poles powered these primitive watercraft. Watersheds were the main avenue for traveling around the Bay. More fish, oysters, waterfowl, and trade were possible if you had a boat!

The main native peoples, and original boaters, were part of the Algonquin tribes. They shared

a language and desire to utilize the Bay region. Historians believe over 40 tribes became watermen in some way or another.

The first boats were simple rafts constructed from felled trees that were lashed together. These rafts allowed the person to float into places where seafood was more abundant.

Next came Bull Boats. These simple round barrel-like boats were animal hides covering a wooden frame. There was no bow or stern. Starboard and port was just where you happened to be going. In shallow water, a push pole could be used. Paddles were also improvised.

Dugouts were the Chris Craft boat of the day. A big log was hollowed out using axes, fire, and oyster shell scrapers. It took several weeks to make a dugout, but these boats lasted for years. Usually, they were forged from oaks

and poplar trees. Push poles and paddles were the power of these sleek boats. If the native people needed to take a cruise, several of these dugouts were lashed together into a big raft. A primitive sail could be used. Structures were built on top for shade and shelter.

Canoes were introduced when the Algonquins traded with tribes from the Great Lakes area. Using tree bark and skin-covered designs, the Bay Boaters would construct a wooden frame and bend the structure into a lightweight canoe. Smaller kayak-like canoes were perfect for checking fish traps and nets. These small boats also allowed the hunters to stealthily get close to big game and waterfowl.

Tribes were always arguing about something. Power, control, and jealousy often spawned attacks on each other's villages.

Larger War canoes transported warriors into battle. The Susquehannocks were the most powerful warriors in the region. They raided along all the Chesapeake shores and into Delaware.

Boats meant transportation. Watersheds were the first interstates and roads. Traveling allowed for more trade, communication, and opportunity. Boats were not about fun and recreation. Tribes needed boats to travel and work from. These early floating craft were about survival for the early Hunters and Gatherers. I think of them as members of the Redskin Yacht Club.

Paddling along the Bay's waterways must have been even more amazing during early times. The native boaters must have enjoyed being on the water as much as modern boaters.

Even in early times, it was 5 o'clock somewhere!







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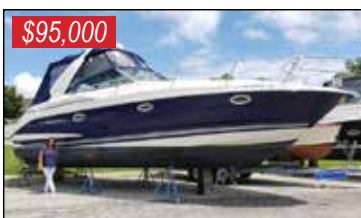


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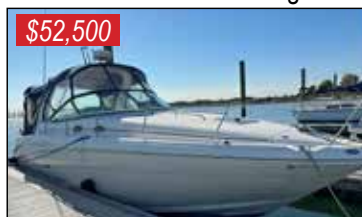
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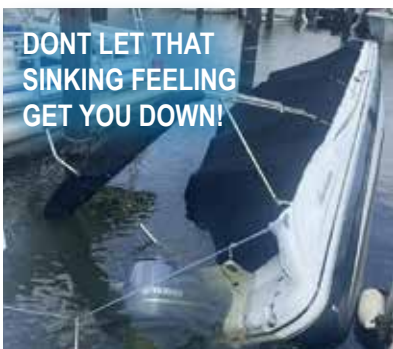
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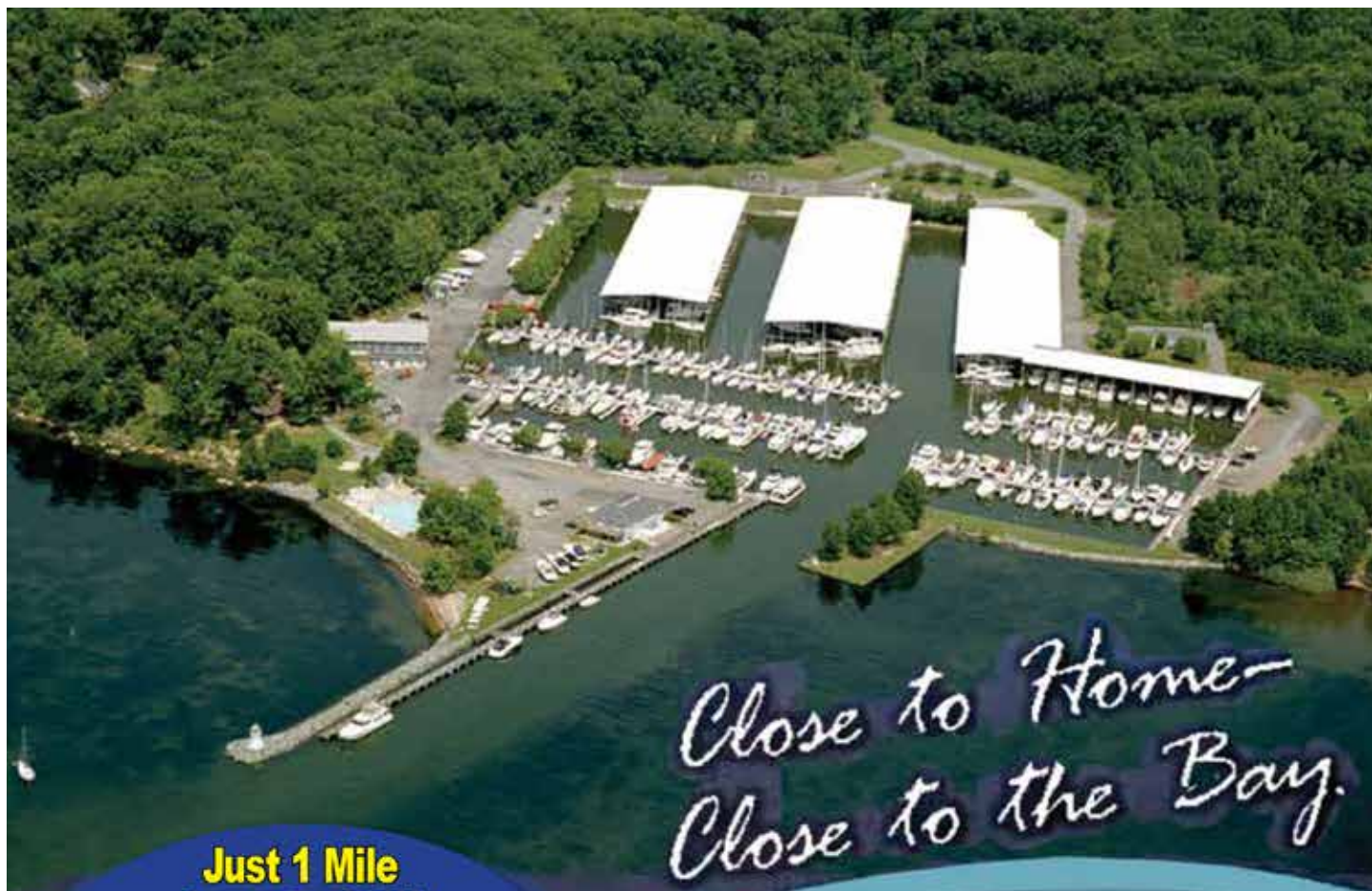
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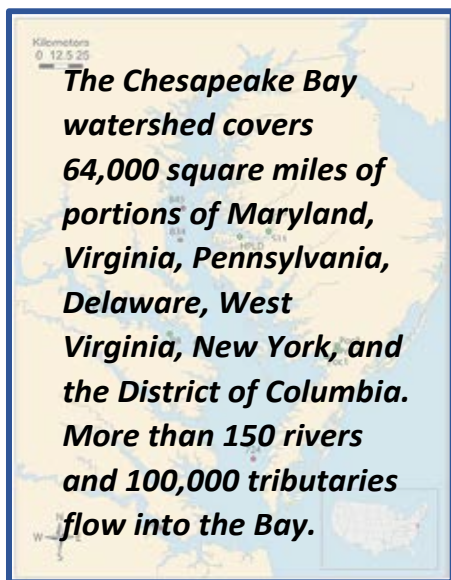
# What's That Floating Out There?

By Captain Dale Plummer

As a Captain, I am on the water in all conditions and have seen my fair share of floating tires, refrigerators, and tree trunks big enough to take out a 22' boat if not avoided. Branches, stumps, and garbage are

lifted from the shore by high tides and storms. The debris is then dispersed by wind, current and wave action throughout the Bay, causing devastating issues for the environment and marine life as well as potentially serious problems for recreational boaters.

Another large contributor to the Bay's marine debris is the Conowingo Dam. Debris originates upstream from the more than 27,500 miles of tributaries in the Susquehanna River watershed,



flowing down through New York, Pennsylvania, and Maryland and is held back by the dam for months. When the flood spill gates are finally opened tons of sediment and rubbish are allowed to enter the lower Susquehanna and the Chesapeake Bay all at once. A few things you can do to stay safe on the water and avoid damaging your boat this Spring:

- Keep track of the dam openings by monitoring VHF radio channel 16 for announcements.
- Make sure you stay alert and slow down, especially at night, after storms and when the flood gates are opened.
- Maintain a lookout. Use your crew as an extra pair of eyes to help spot floating debris.
- Don't run through debris lines – Go around slowly. Consider that what you can see above the water line is just the "tip" of what could damage your boat.

We challenge you to please stop and pick up floating debris whenever it is safe to do so. Post a picture on social media and tag us at @TowBoatUSab to help spread the word. By elevating the issue, we hope that boaters are more aware, the Bay is a bit cleaner and safer for all this season. As always, happy to help.

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# Fly, Bald Eagles, Fly

By Wendy Gilbert

When I first started boating, fishing and otherwise enjoying the heck out of the Upper Chesapeake Bay, I was overwhelmed.

Not only were there rockfish (who names a fish after a rock?), blue crabs and all manner of sea creatures to learn about, but also an entirely new history.

Lighthouses, bridges, taverns, birds, trees and towns – some more significant than others, but all are fascinating in their way.

One of the many interesting places unique to the Upper Bay is the Conowingo Dam. An engineering marvel when constructed, the dam forever changed the surrounding area. During the winter, it is a very popular spot for photographers, who come from all over the world to capture eagles doing all manner of things.

I often wonder if the folks taking all those fantastic eagle pictures at the dam, know that a town lies

beneath the mighty Susquehanna. Old Conowingo was swamped during the construction process and what little population remained was pushed up the hill.

It would give the shutterbugs something to think about while they wait for the next shot. For those of us who rely solely on our phones for picture-taking these days, seeing the line of avid birders with huge cameras seldom seen outside of a sports arena, is almost as interesting as the eagles. When dusk approaches and the eagles fly home with dinner, the line of photographers traces their paths with a synchronicity that is as majestic as the regal eagles.

The most popular time to visit the landing area at the dam is the dead of winter, but don't worry, there isn't a "bad" time to go.

And eagles aren't the only birds you'll see if you look. All manner of birds take advantage of the easy

feeding provided by the dam. Well over 200 species have been reported on eBird.

Eagles, gulls, and vultures are plentiful, although the gull population has thinned over the last few years.

I expect that will change soon. I saw so many gulls on the Susquehanna Flats recently, that I thought I seeing a sandbar in the fog!

There are plenty of spots to view them, but most birders head to the Harford County side at Fisherman's Park. From there you can view Rowland Island and get some great photographs.

The first time I went I was mesmerized by the vultures. Perhaps that is because I live on Turkey Point. When I first moved out on the peninsula, I thought it was named after wild turkeys, but after a couple of decades, I'm fairly certain it was named after turkey vultures. I see these birds so of-

ten; I was perplexed by the large population of black vultures on the island. Yes, I'm fairly easily perplexed by nature.

On the Cecil County side, look for waterfowl in the channels and all manner of birds on the rocky shore. Ospreys, eagles, and gulls can be seen from the Octoraro River Trail at Conowingo Park.

Look for Peregrine Falcons, Great Blue Herons, as well as Black-crowned Night Herons. The heron rookery is more active as the weather warms.

Orioles, vireos, warblers, flycatchers, woodpeckers, kinglets, Brown Creepers, and Winter Wrens can be spotted at different times. I'm no expert, so if you're interested be sure and consult the various birding groups online and on social media.

*Have a great time watching those bald eagles fly!*



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# Hawgfin Fun

By Kimberly Houck

I had the pleasure of chatting with Lenny Simmons this month about his Hawgfin Performance Fishing apparel line and also Simonizer Fishing Charters.

Lenny has always had a love of fishing and the water. He is a master-licensed charter captain and has been operating his Simonizer Fishing Charters for over six years now. He runs about 250-300 charters per year and will fish for cats starting in April, rock fishing starts around mid-May and will bottom fish during the summer months. He also offers bow fishing charters. These can be late-night charters, for snakehead, carp, cat, and gar. Once my son reads this article, I am sure I will be venturing out on a bow fishing charter soon. Lenny told me that in addition to his love of fishing, he used to be a professional bow shooter. All of the Simonizer Charters are run out of Ventnor Marina in Pasadena. You can find them on the web at: <https://simonizer-charters.com/>, on Facebook at Simonizer Fishing Charters LLC, and on Instagram at simonizer\_fishing\_charters.

So, how did the clothing and apparel line come about? Well, sometime around April 2022 he and Todd Riggs were thinking about opening a food truck. Why? He doesn't know. But luckily for us out of those conversations, the Hawgfin apparel line was born. The term "hawg" has been used down south as slang for big fish. They added "fin" to associate it with fish/fishing. The logo is very interesting with what appears to be an H inside some white lines, but it is actually two Fs laid on top of each other. Take a close look over at their website: [www.hawgfin.com](http://www.hawgfin.com), on Facebook at Hawgfin Performance Fishing, and on Instagram at hawgfin.

The shirts are all sublimated designs, which are designs that are made into the fabric not pressed on and they won't fade, crack or peel. Their designs are brainstormed by all and then created by Todd. The shirts have 50+UPF and are moisture-wicking and most importantly odor resistant. While fishing is fun no one wants to hang out with a person who smells like fishing. LOL! The hoodies are soft, cotton/polyester, which offers minimal shrinking, and do not show signs of wear easily.

With the addition of Bob Young to the team they have been able to expand across the country moving into Florida, Texas, and California. They will never forget the local community, their friends, charter customers, and their family's support of Hawgfin from day one.

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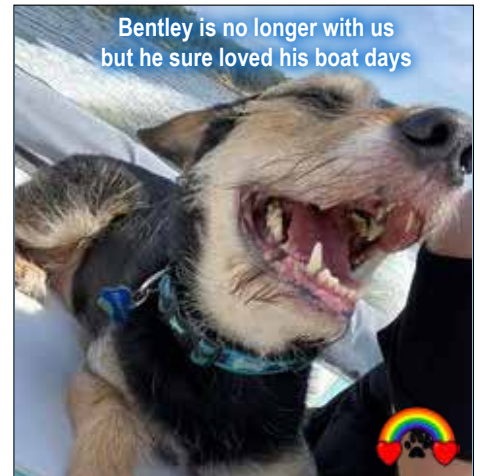
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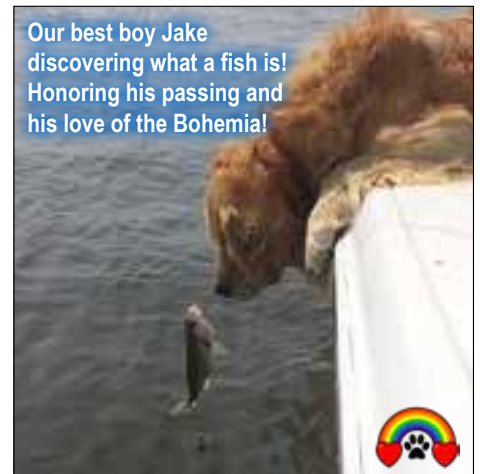
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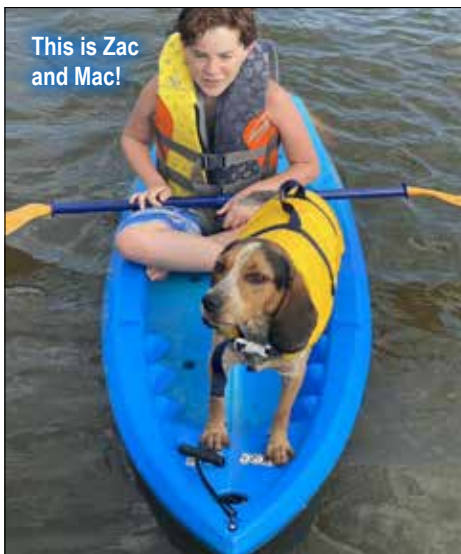
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# Love Point Vineyard

By Kimberly Houck



In real estate, the saying goes, "Location. Location. Location." The location of Love Point Vineyards is spectacular. Located at 305 River Shore Lane in Stevensville, just 3 miles from the Bay Bridge, the views of the Chester River remind me of the old Calgon commercials, "Love Point take me away." All your cares seem to melt away somewhere between the wine and the view.

Tim and Karen Seppi have created a peaceful and serene retreat on the spot that brought them together. Tim was working to revitalize an old vineyard at the time, and Karen was tasked with assisting him with whatever he needed. She started asking questions and working beside him and there – somewhere between the grape vines their love bloomed. Tim handles the year-round process of pruning, spraying, hedging, and leafing.

Some notable events at the vineyard include paint nights, yoga by the water, and a jazz dinner. You can also rent private event space, although they are not equipped for weddings and parties for anyone under 21. The tasting room holds 30 guests, and the outdoor patio can hold 200 guests. All food and liquor must be purchased on-site and why would you want anything other than these exceptional wines? And yes, you can purchase bottles to take with you.



My group ordered a nice charcuterie board and a veggie platter and got down to business. The wine flights are a great option, as we got to experience multiple wines before deciding on our favorite.

I tried the Sangiovese, which has won the Silver Governors' Cup, and was quite delightful. It had a somewhat spicy taste and after prompting I could taste the hints of licorice. I also tried the Nouveau and fell in love. The deep dark red/purple look, the smoothness, and the warm hug it gave me....ahhh... I think my old pal Mer-

lot might be cast aside for a time. And while this was my absolute favorite, I did; however, try their Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon. Both were fantastic but I am a Nouveau girl now.

My partner in crime tested the Seyval Blanc, which is a delightful French hybrid, and had notes of citrus and green apple. She also tried their Chardonnay and the Summer Breeze. The Summer Breeze also had those citrus notes along with some floral notes. She thought the Summer Breeze was delicious and paired well with our charcuterie board. And for the second time in his life, our beer snob enjoyed wine. He is hard to please when it comes to anything beyond beer and bourbon but he enjoyed the Summer Breeze, as well.





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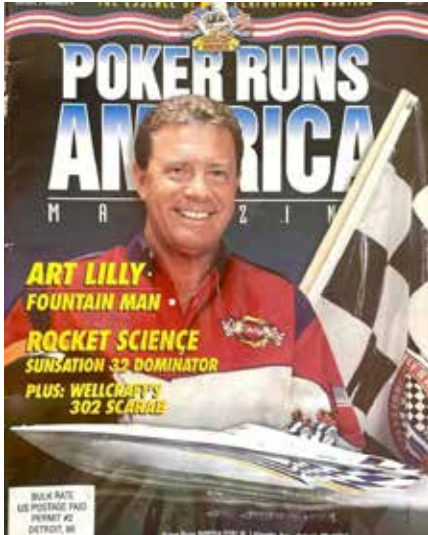
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# Let 'GO'

By Tim Sherman



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Through my years of being on the water, I have experienced many types of boats. I've been on wooden McKenzie drift boats in the flowing Potomac and sportfishing yachts in the Atlantic Ocean. These boats and those in between all have a specific purpose. No matter what the vessel is, they all provide the ability to get us out to and on the water. New to the upper Chesapeake is the personal-size, inflatable GoBoat. It is turning heads and sparking the question, "What is that?!"

The GoBoat 2.0 is a 70-inch round inflatable boat that offers stability, accessibility, and a whole lot of fun. The boat can be packed neatly in a portable carry bag and assembled and inflated in minutes. The seat, which inflates separately, is adjustable with straps from reclining to upright positions. The manufacturer reports using a round platform because it is stable, untipable, and can take waves from any direction. At 70-inches, it provides a lot of usable space. Stocky guys like me need not worry. This model is rated for up to 300 pounds.

The 2.0 is powered by a 35-pound thrust electric trolling motor with a top speed of 5 miles per hour. The trolling motor has 5 forward speeds and 3 reverse speeds. Truth be told, low speed in reverse is truly all you need in most situations. A 12-volt battery lasts up to 4 hours. The boat is made from a composite drop stitch material called Aircore. It is a very lightweight, yet tough material that adds rigidity to the inflated platform. The air tube is made from a dense layer of PVC that is extremely puncture-resistant. The deck features a bungee strap system to secure your gear.

I had the opportunity to give the GoBoat 2.0 Stealth a whirl in Dark Head Creek. Upper Bay Boating publisher, Jim High was aboard the Woody model. My upper 50-something-year-old arthritic knees always have me apprehensive when boarding small craft. Once on board, the inflatable showed its true rigidity and stability. The trolling motor pulled this stout-bodied writer along with ease. The steering takes a little getting used to as it is instantaneous, being

piloted by the trolling motor throttle handle.

The Stealth model comes with pad mounts, which allows you to add accessories like cupholders, oar mounts, and my favorite ... fishing rod holders. As for uses – WOW! I can see numerous fishing waters to access where even the shallowest draft boats can't reach. The GoBoat can give you hours of enjoyment, merely meandering around in your favorite creek or cove. Nature explorers can venture farther into the backwaters than ever. No slips available at the dockside restaurant or ship's store, no problem. The GoBoat can easily serve as a portable dinghy.

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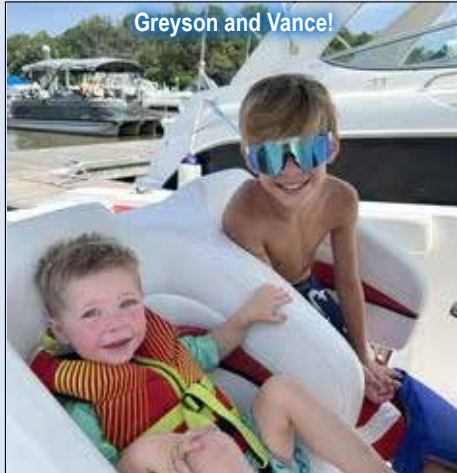


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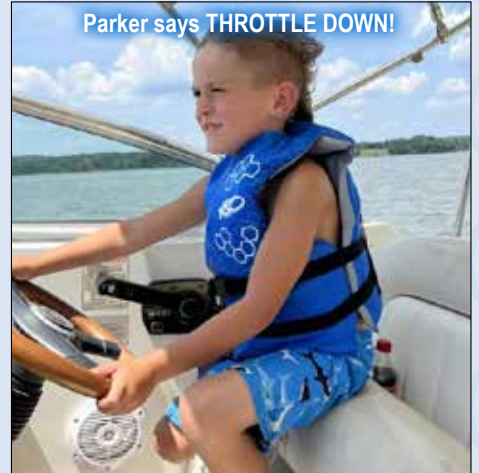
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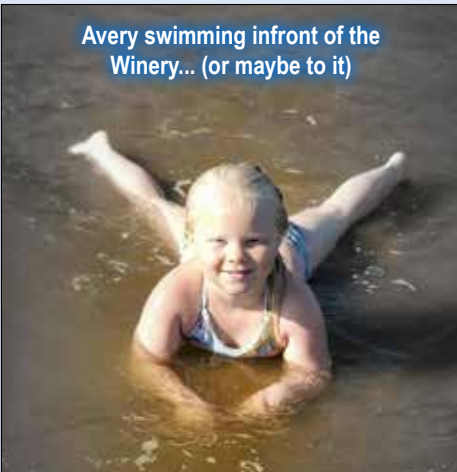
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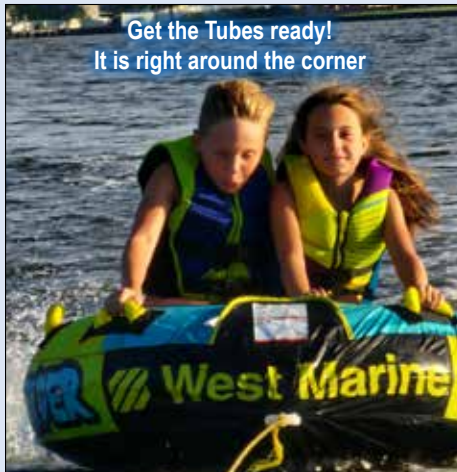
Lillian is celebrating the big Zero 4!!!



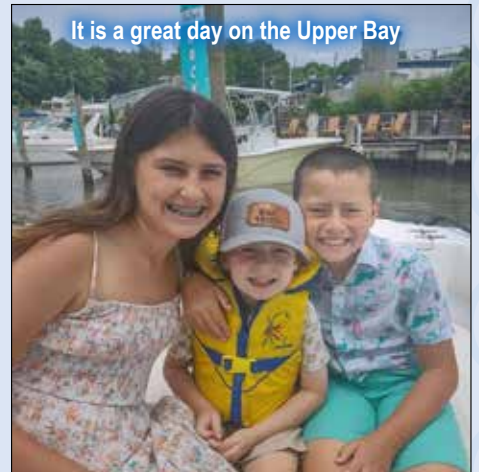
Avery swimming in front of the  
Winery... (or maybe to it)



Get the Tubes ready!  
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It is a great day on the Upper Bay





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# SANDY BOTTOM

Kimberly Houck

I remember as a kid hearing my mom say, "Brush off that sandy bottom before coming in this house.", or "No sandy bottoms in the car.", after spending some countless hours on the beach.

Recently I was introduced to a drink called Sandy Bottom. After my first sip I can see why it is called The Destination Cocktail. Sipping on an ice-cold Sandy Bottom transports me back in time and all my happy childhood memories from time spent playing in the sand and surf come flooding back.

This drink is Ahhhh! Amazingly refreshing! Amazingly delicious! Amazingly like summer in a bottle.

The creator of this wonderful drink is Sandra Mazza. Sandy is an entrepreneur who enjoys supporting Maryland Charitable Events with Cystic Fibrosis and Living Classrooms, among others. She is also a certified Minority Owned Business here in Maryland. Sandy has always had a love for the Chesapeake and being out on the water. She has also always enjoyed serving up her specialty cocktails to friends while spending time on the boat listening to music and relaxing on the Bay. Her friends were always encouraging her to share her cocktails with a bigger audience and that is just what Sandy did.

In 2010, a successful test market campaign sold out. The product was tweaked, and the current formula was born. This rum-based cocktail uses natural flavors of coconut, lemonade, and lime; and its pale pink coloring comes from natural fruit and vegetable juices.

It is light and refreshing, not heavy like some other summer drinks can be. Pre-mixed, containing 7% alcohol, and being fairly low in calories makes Sandy Bottom the ideal choice for any occasion. Boating, beaching, hanging out with friends BBQing, girls' weekend (me and the girls will be picking some up Friday for a long weekend in OC), you name it Sandy Bottom pairs well with it. Partnering with Opici Family Distributing has allowed the brand to continue to expand its Mid-Atlantic distribution footprint. You can find Sandy Bottom in liquor stores in Maryland, DC, Delaware, Connecticut, New Jersey, and Southeast Florida.

The bottle design is eye-catching and pops on the shelves so you cannot mistake it for any other drink on the market. It should definitely be your grab and go beverage of choice all summer – well all year - long. So, get out there and

SEA and be SEEN with your Sandy Bottom Rum Cocktails... The destination cocktail.







"Bless me Father, for I have sinned. I have been with a loose girl."

The priest asks, "Is that you, little Joey Pagano?"

"Yes, Father, it is."

"And who was the girl you were with?"

"I can't tell you, Father. I don't want to ruin her reputation."

"Well, Joey, I'm sure to find out her name sooner or later so you may as well tell me now. Was it Tina Minetti?"

"I cannot say."

"Was it Teresa Mazzarelli?"

"I'll never tell."

"Was it Nina Capelli?"

"I'm sorry, but I cannot name her."

"Was it Cathy Piriano?"

"My lips are sealed."

"Was it Rosa DiAngelo, then?"

"Please, Father! I cannot tell you."

The priest sighs in frustration. "You're very tight lipped, and I admire that. But you've sinned and have to atone. You cannot be an altar boy now for 4 months. Now you go and behave yourself."

Joey walks back to his pew, and his friend Franco slides over and whispers, "What'd you get?"

"Four months vacation and five good leads..."



Five out of six people agree that Russian Roulette is safe.



I was at my bank today waiting in a short line. There was just one lady in front of me, an Asian lady, who was trying to exchange yen for dollars. It was obvious she was a little irritated. She asked the teller, "Why it change? Yesterday, I get two hunat dolla of yen. Today I only get hunat eighty? Why it change?" The teller shrugged his shoulders and said, "Fluctuations." The Asian lady says, "Fluc you white people too!"



To everyone that received a book from me for Christmas, They're due back at the library next friday! THANKS!



I bet jellyfish are sad that there are no peanut butter fish

**SHERLOCK HOLMES AND DR. WATSON** went on a camping trip. After a good meal and a bottle of wine, they laid down for the night, and went to sleep. Some hours later, Holmes awoke and nudged his faithful friend. "Watson, look up at the sky and tell me what you see." Watson replied, "I see millions and millions of stars." "What does that tell you?" Watson pondered for a minute. "Astronomically, it tells me that there are millions of galaxies, and potentially billions of planets. Astrologically, I observe that Saturn is in Leo. Horologically, I deduce that the time is approximately a quarter past three. Theologically, I can see that God is all powerful and that we are small and insignificant. Meteorologically, I suspect that we will have a beautiful day tomorrow. What does it tell you?" Holmes was silent for a minute, then spoke. "It tells me that someone has stolen our tent."








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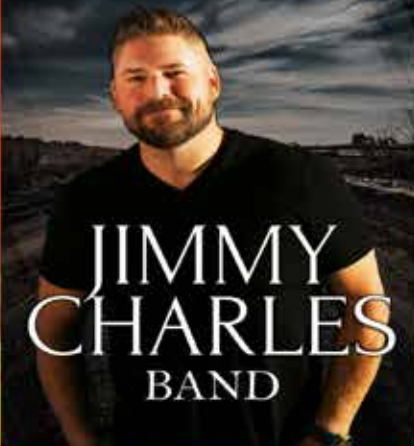
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### **MARCH 23 - HAWTHORNE COMMUNITY, MIDDLE RIVER, 9 AM - 12 PM**

Meet at Hawthorne Elementary School for supplies and map of areas needing attention in parks, shorelines and more

### **MARCH 29 - STEMMERS RUN, 4303 FITCH AVENUE, Nottingham**

10 am - 1 pm, Join us at Santangelo Family Chiropractic for Patient appreciation day. Check out their facilities, then grab a pair of gloves and bag to help pull trash from bushes and the stream.

### **APRIL 13 - GRAYS ROAD, DUNDALK 9 AM - 12 PM**

KEY BREWING sponsors this annual cleanup of the storm drain ditches along Grays Road, off of Wise Avenue in Dundalk, before they drain into Bear Creek. Key will provide food and beverages to our volunteers.

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*-Karen Wynn*





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