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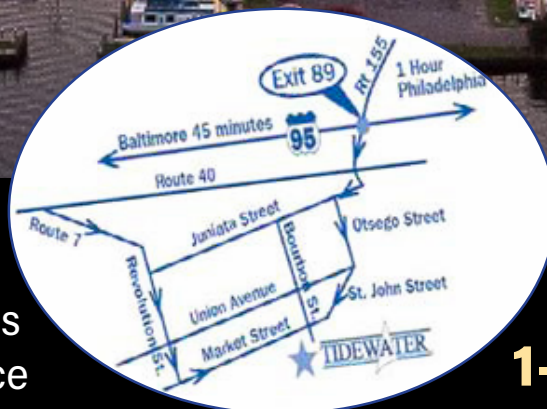
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Marinating with Jim High

Ahhh... The Holidays!



Have you ever noticed that sometime between Thanksgiving and New Year, when

you ask somebody for help and they respond with “No, it’s the Holidays”? Or you want to get help with winterizing the boat, and they are like “No, it’s the Holidays”. Could you come over and help me move some stuff from the basement and they be like “NO, it’s the Holidays”. People use this excuse constantly. We have a December board meeting scheduled and nobody comes because “It’s the Holidays”. So, this year whenever someone asks me for anything from Memorial Day to Labor Day, I’m going to tell them, “NO, It’s the Holidays!!!”

A Perfect Example of Non boating Humans

Dateline: May 1, 2024

Location: Any College Campus, USA

Two students are walking down the hallway towards each other on a Friday afternoon. They greet one another and each one asks what the other is up to this weekend. The first student carries two bottles of spray paint and a black towel. The other student carries a gallon of paint, a roller, two brushes, and a painter’s suit. The first explains he is heading to The Protest and will be staying in a tent identical to everyone else’s. He plans to spray paint anti-American slogans on concrete and marble then plans on putting the black towel on the head of a colonist statue! The other student explains he is heading down to his parents’ marina where their boat is. His dad asked him to take care of it and if the work is done by Friday, the whole family will spend the weekend in Kent Narrows checking out some live music and catching fish. What would you rather be doing?

WHAT NON-BOATING HUMANS DO THIS TIME OF THE YEAR!

I walked to the mailbox the other day. I got two invitations.

One invitation was from my lovely niece whose fiancé I really like! His name is Timmy. They are looking forward to being married this summer high in the Pocomo Mountains. It is a destination wedding where we are all going to stay in log cabins, eat at a huge family-style gathering hall, and stand in front of a jumbo fire while making s’mores and singing Kum-baya! My niece has always been very supportive of me and my life and has always been there for me. She was my wedding planner and volunteered the whole time. She even paid the huge bar tab. Timmy asked me to be his best man which I appreciate.

The other invitation was from a distant high school buddy Jonny, who after 23 years of college has finally gotten his associate degree. I haven’t spoken to him in many years. He is throwing a weekend-long party on the Bohemian River and at the Chesapeake Inn the very same weekend as the wedding!

I sure hope my Niece and Timmy will be understanding.

TUNNELS AND BRIDGES SEEM CONFUSED THESE DAYS!

I CANNOT FIGURE OUT WHY...

bridge (noun) · bridges (plural noun) a structure carrying a road, path, railroad, or canal across a river, ravine, road, railroad, or other obstacle:

tunnel (noun) · tunnels (plural noun) an artificial underground passage, especially one built through a hill or under a building, road, or river.

These structures to me are very different. But in today’s world people seem to think that bridges can be tunnels and tunnels can be bridges. I know that this sounds strange and maybe it’s hyperbole, but these are some serious times and I scratch my head a lot.

And then there is the Chesapeake Bay Bridge tunnel that links Maryland and Virginia! A tunnel in between two bridges... But that is a whole different story! Trust me on that one!!!

Parents today have to teach the kids about the Birds and Bees. Bees and Bees, Birds and Birds, Birds that were Bees and Bees that are now Birds and Bees that became Birds but still have a stinger.



PERSONAL NOTE!!!

I would like to take a moment to wish a colleague of ours a very Happy Birthday. This person has worked incredibly hard in our industry. She has done more and seen more than most. She took care of vast amounts of business for a lot of great people in our community. Off and on she has worked with me for my entire life. Together, she and I ran what became the Marina of the Year in 2022, the Baltimore Boating Center! She has been my best friend, ally, partner, cohort, and such... She will always be my “Favorite Sister Brenda” ... So, as I write this, I’m happily choked up thinking about all the incredible memories we have made over this lifetime.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY BRENDA WILMOTH!

You are one of the nicest, coolest, and best people I’ve ever known.



YACHT CLUB OPENING WEEKEND THOUGHTS

Opening Weekends at our assorted yacht clubs around the Upper Bay are A LOT OF FUN! I mean a tremendous amount of FUN! I think about some of the people that walked these grounds before we did -- the ladies and gentlemen that built these waterfront social clubs. Over a long time, the yacht clubs have provided some of the best waterfront gatherings for our families. So, raise a glass if you are at one of the openings and think about those that came before.



One snakehead, two catfish On a platter, *please*

By Wendy Gilbert
Contributing Editor

WHAT TO DO ABOUT ALL THESE HARMFUL INVASIVE FISH SPECIES?

Use them for bait? Fertilizer?
How about dinner?

It may not be a new idea, but it is gaining some traction as a way to rid our beloved Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries of invasive species.

Northern snakehead, blue catfish, and flathead catfish are the most harmful invasive fish in Maryland. Blue catfish prey on blue crabs, menhaden, white perch and other species. They and other invasive fish also out-compete native species for habitat space and food, and pose a threat to key commercial fisheries.

To combat these ecologically-threatening species, the Maryland Department of Natural Resources urges anglers to kill all invasive species they catch. In fact – in Maryland – it is illegal to transport live snakehead, blue catfish and flathead catfish. Anyone in violation of this can be fined up to \$2,500. The Department of Natural Resources strongly discourages catch-and-release fishing for invasive species.

Blue Channel, flatheads and Snakeheads are topping this season's lists and, it is hoped, our menus.

I try not to think too deeply about bottom dwellers like catfish. After all, you can't judge them too harshly when one of your most sacred obligations as a Marylander is to honor blue crabs.

However, just for the moment, let's consider the snakeheads.

When I first learned about their arrival, the gloom and doom was so severe, I'm sure all life as we know it in the Bay would have disappeared by now.

They were horrifying creatures worthy of chemical warfare.

And now after state legislators approved a bill in March, the common name for snakefish, *Channa argus* is being changed to Chesapeake *Channa*. The name change was made to improve marketability to both fishers and restaurant goers.

The other name floated initially was Patuxet (do you think they meant Putuxent?) Fish.

It could work.

I've tasted snakehead "bites" caught by my nephew Josh Trenary and they were quite tasty.

Blue cats and flatheads? Not quite sure who I'm going to call on for that big ole fish fry. Have you seen the size of some of those bad boys? Yikes.

Mustard Fried Catfish!



DNR's Steve Schneider obtained this cooking method for catfish while in southeast Arkansas while employed as a Fish Hatchery and Farm Manager.

Place prepared mustard into a bowl.

In a second bowl blend a mixture of cornmeal, salt and fish seasoning. Dip each fillet in the mustard, covering both sides. Then drop the fillet into the cornmeal mixture, and coat on both sides. In a large skillet, heat peanut oil until hot but not smoking.

Carefully place one fillet into the skillet at a time. The fillet should sizzle immediately after being lowered into the oil. Place additional fillets into the pan, up to 3 fillets depending on size.

Cook about 3 minutes or until brown, and then flip with spatula. Fry the second side about 2 minutes or until golden brown. Remove from oil and place onto a paper towel-lined plate. Repeat until all of the fillets are fried. Allow the fish to cool for about 5 minutes and serve.

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The Secret Is Out...

By Wendy Gilbert

THE TURKEY POINT LIGHTHOUSE TRAIL IS CLOSED THIS SEASON.

What?

I know.

Many locals, including myself, aren't sure what to make of it. A steady stream of guests drive through town en route to Turkey Point at Elk Neck State Park all summer. They stop at our attractions, shops, and eateries. Their wallets are sometimes fat and fly open for crabs, T-shirts, antiques, ice cream, and all sorts of goodies.

The view of the Elk River and Upper Chesapeake Bay from the cliff on a clear day is spectacular.

Getting to it requires a little patience as the last few miles on MD 272 South lack shoulders and one of the very last sections is currently being repaired. You never know when a cyclist, jogger, or hiker might appear as you navigate a blind curve. Other road hazards include slow-moving recreational vehicles, deer, box turtles and snappers. I had to stop for a very large beaver once.

Over the last few years, the next hurdle has been finding a parking space. The small lot fills up quickly and trust me, the solution is not to park in Chesapeake Isle. My neighbors get a little frosty when there are so many cars parked on their lawn, it looks like a party is going on. Trust me, it's no picnic.

According to DNR: Over the years, there have been several issues and concerns related to access at the Turkey Point Lighthouse. These include inadequate parking, illegal parking in the neighborhood, traffic backups on Turkey Point Road, and the risk of cliff erosion and slumping along the existing vehicular drive. Over the past several years, the Department of Natural Resources has been working with consultants to evaluate the site and design improvements to address these

concerns. Based on an analysis of the site, it has been determined the best option is to move the vehicular access drive and create a parking lot closer to the lighthouse. The project will include removing the existing road and parking lot, reconfiguring the entrance, constructing a 52-vehicle parking lot and providing handicap-accessible parking at the lighthouse itself. Stormwater management and for-

est replacement is also proposed, both on-site and at Rogues Harbor.

Will the tourists continue to flock down MD 272 or not?

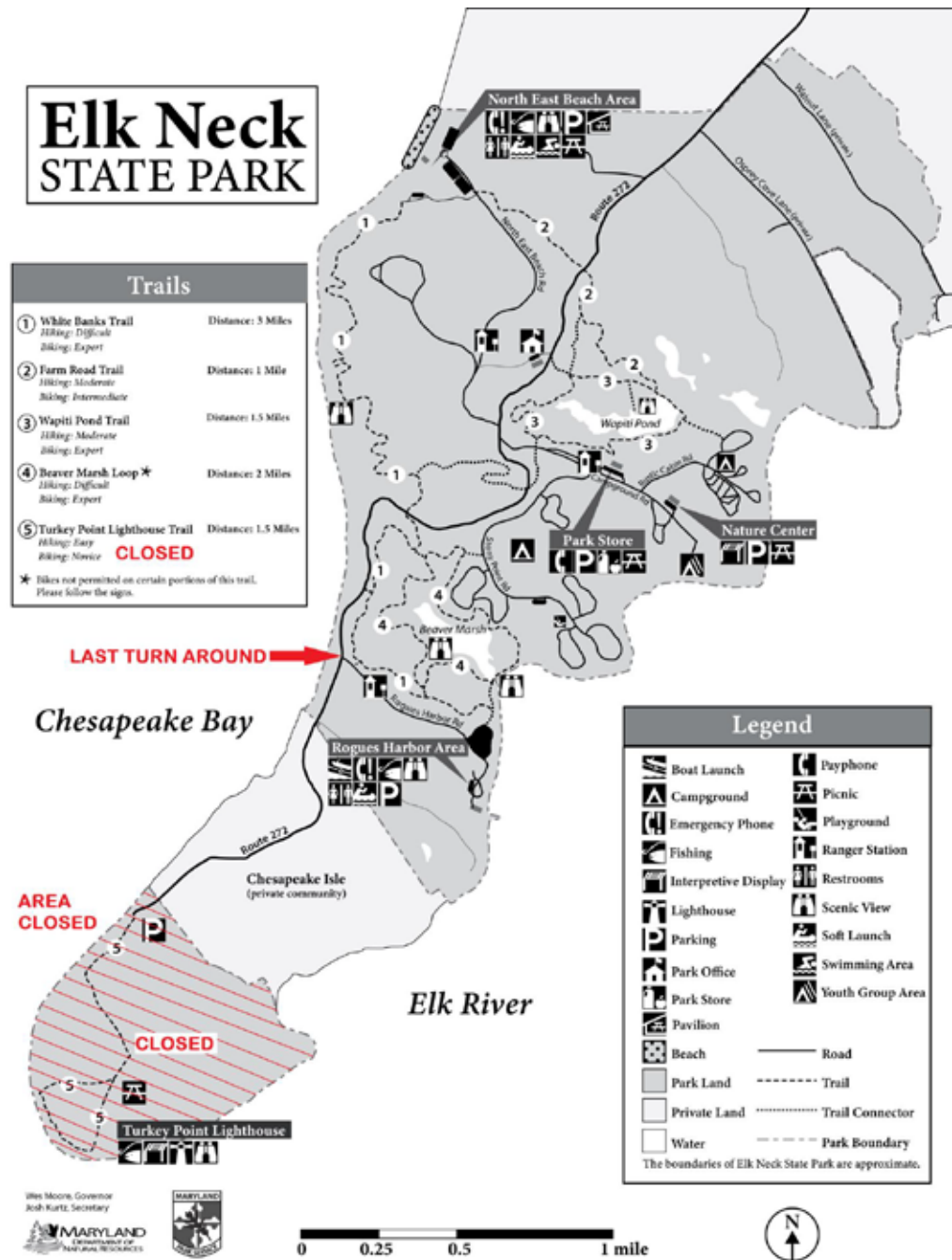
After they make that U-turn at the entrance to Rogues Harbor, and head back north, who knows?

Personally, I'd suggest they take the Rogues Harbor entrance into

the park and hike the Beaver Loop Trail instead. It's more challenging, but it's better than being in the car all day.

Perhaps we should just keep this secret to ourselves?

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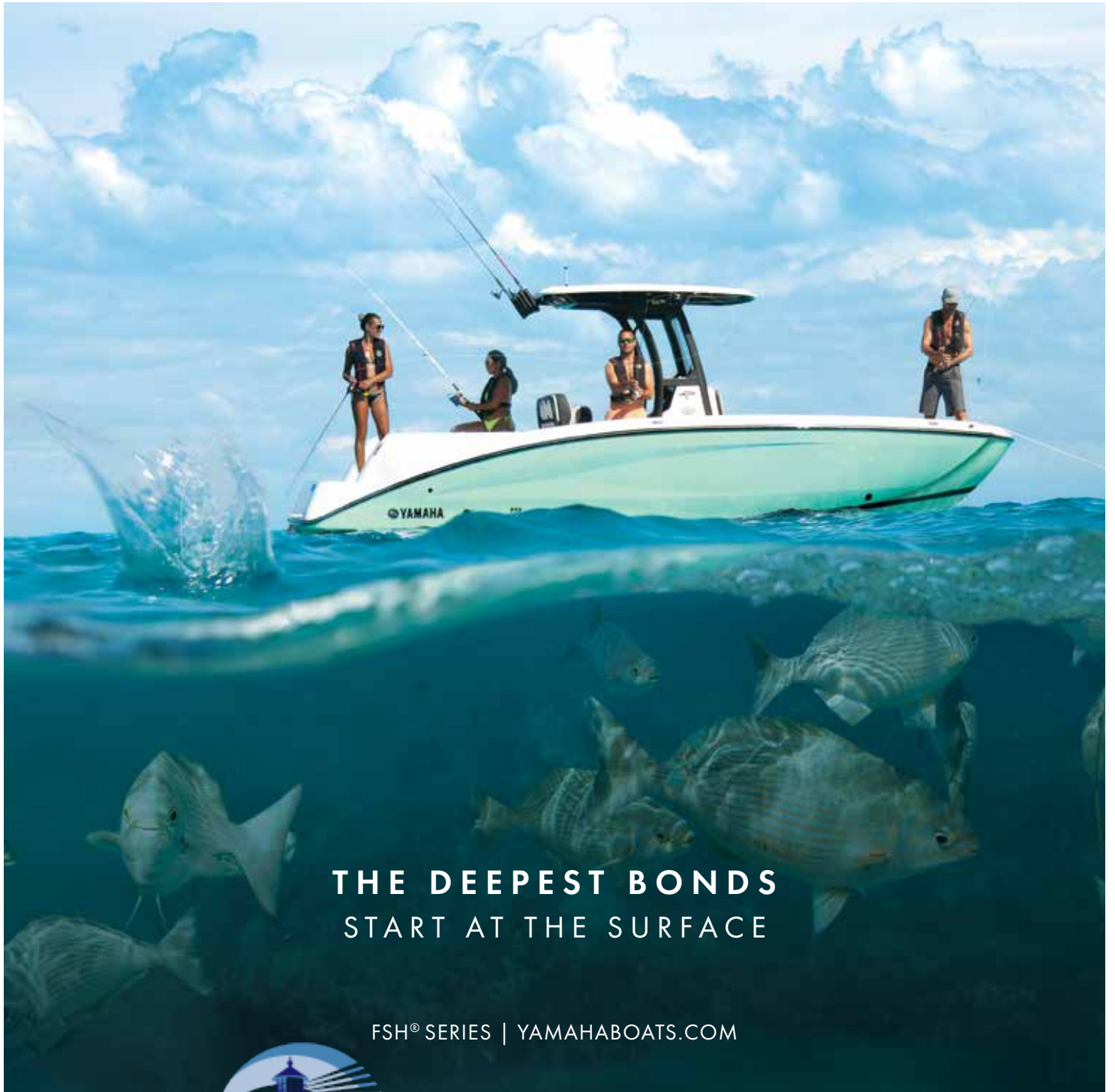
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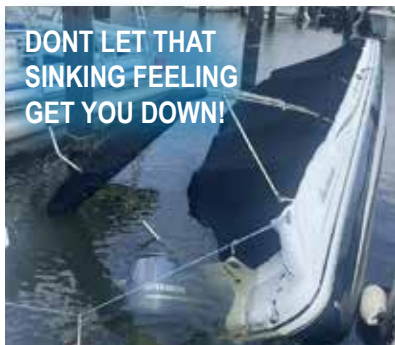
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UPPER BAY CRAB EGG ROLLS

Upper Bay Boaters have a taste for saltwater and great seafood. Cruising the Bay can work up an appetite. Creative Captains offer unique and tasty dishes from their galleys. Finger food is always a favorite.

Here is an Egg Roll recipe that has been well received by my crews over the years. I started

just making small crab balls and frying them. Then I baked them in small cupcake/muffin pans. In some cases, I added diced shrimp, lobster, oysters, scallops, and fish to the Crab Cake mix. Having a selection of dipping sauces adds to the flavor fun and presentation. This is a recipe that allows you to personalize the flavors.

CRAB CAKE FILLER

1 pkg. of egg roll wrappers (for 8 rolls)

1 cup Mayo

1 tsp. of Old Bay seasoning

1 tsp Worcestershire Sauce

1 Tsp of lemon juice

1 Tbsp of parsley flakes. Fresh chopped is best.

½ cup of breading (this could be Panko, breadcrumbs, saltines, or Ritz crackers. I enjoy the Ritz)

A dash of hot sauce/ Siracha.

(I add the hot sauce to a dipping sauce. Crab flavor is delicate.

There is an Old Bay version of hot sauce)

2 Tsp of mustard of choice

½ cup of shredded cabbage and/or carrots. Red Cabbage adds a nice color and texture.

Shredded Cheddar cheese.

(This is a personal choice. Not too much.)

1 egg for an egg wash and 1 egg to mix into the filler.

Blend the ingredients gently.

Bigger chunks of crab shine in the rolls. Add the crab meat last.

You can also use other seafood added In/Ons. Poached rockfish,

trout, white perch, bass, and Bluefish work well. Mix the fish into the crab and double the recipe. I have just used Bluefish, without crab, and everyone thought it was crabmeat.

The cabbage and carrot shreds need to be thin. They add a nice appearance, crunch and texture. I have also added some shredded spring onion.

Roll the egg roll wrappers so they are full but not bursting. There should be no openings that allow the filling to fall out. Brush the egg wash on the seam and over the roll. An air fryer at 400 degrees, for 10 minutes works nicely. Turn the rolls have way through.

You can also deep fry in Canola oil at 350-375 degrees for 3-5 minutes. Let drain on a cooling rack/towel after frying.

Hush Puppies make for a nice side dish and can be dipped into the sauces. An Old Bay seasoned Potato or Cole slaw is a nice addition.

Dipping Sauces (Crew members enjoy choices)

TARTAR SAUCE

Tartar sauce is always simple and tasty. Make it fresh or use your favorite brand. My Tartar is made with a mix of mayo and sour cream. Add Old Bay seasoning, lemon juice, and parsley to taste. A little pickle relish adds a nice flavor.

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6 tbsp. of mayo

½ tsp of Dijon mustard

½ tsp of Old Bay seasoning

½ tsp of lemon juice.

Mix and place into a condiment squirt container. This allows you to apply the sauce rather than dip it.

LIP SMACKIN GOOD SAUCE

Take the Tartar Sauce and add some sweet chili sauce, horseradish, and old Bay hot sauce. A little diced spring onion adds color and spice. A little more sour cream adds a smooth texture. (if you are a Ramp or spring onion eatin lover, this is also a nice dipping sauce for them)

Egg rolls are the perfect size and shape for dipping into a sauce. Serve the platter with small shot cups of sauce. Cut the egg rolls in the middle, at an angle.



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Why Not Give Sailing A Try In 2024

By L. Alan Keene

With the 2024 boating season on the Upper Chesapeake upon us, why not consider broadening your nautical horizons this year and give sailing a try. You may find that it's much more fun than you ever expected. Like most non-sailors, you probably have some misconceptions about sailboats and the people who sail them, but you'll never know fact from fiction until you hop aboard a boat that's powered by the wind. Here are a few of those misconceptions:

1) I can't afford it! Sailboats are too expensive.

Back before the advent of fiberglass as a boat building material, recreational sailing was a sport of the wealthy. The cost of building and maintaining a wooden sailboat was well beyond the reach of the middle class. But, while that hasn't been the case for well over half a century, the sport hasn't been able to shake it's elitist image. Even today, many non sailors, consciously or not, conjure up the image of the ascot-wearing, meerscham pipe-smoking millionaire snob at the helm of his teak-decked, brass laden maga yacht. The reality, though, is much, much different.

Sailing today is accessible to almost anyone with a middle class income and a desire to get into the sport. While new boats are cost prohibitive for many of us, the used sailboat market is loaded with seaworthy boats, many of which cost less than a used SUV. In fact, many trailerable mini cruisers are priced under \$5,000. And, while annual maintenance costs can be appreciable if performed by a marina, most sailors take pride in doing much of the work themselves. From bottom painting to fiberglass repair and a myriad of jobs in between, the do-it-yourselfer is the norm....not the exception.

2) It's very hard to learn how to sail!

Not true. The basics of sailing can be learned in a matter of days, and with a little supervised instruction under your belt, you can become a safe and competent sailor in a matter of weeks. Learning the finer points of sailing, of course, takes a lot longer. Since wind and sea conditions are never exactly the same from one outing to the next, learning new things about your boat and how it responds to varying weather conditions can be

a lifelong process. In fact, that's part of the appeal.....there's always something new to learn.

In some ways we sailors are responsible for creating the mystique that keeps non-sailors from giving our sport a try. Many of us love to give the impression that sailing is more difficult than it really is. We love to impress weekend guests with fine adjustments to sail trim and don't hesitate to use sailing's overly complicated vocabulary without practical translations. Using practical terms to describe stays and halyards, sheets and travelers, vangs and cunninghams can go a long way in demystifying our sport.

3) Going that slow has to be boring.

Sailors laugh when they hear this sentiment expressed. While there are those August days when the wind is down and the sailing's not overly exciting, the days when the when the wind is up more than make up for them. Most 20 to 25 foot sailboats have a hull speed (top speed) of around 6 knots and, while that sounds painfully slow to a power boater, it can feel like 60 knots when the wind freshens and your boat heels (leans over) at 15

degrees or more. With the sea spray in your face and the bow knitting through rolling seas, it's anything but boring.

And if you have a yen for matching your boat and sailing skills against other weekend captains, yacht clubs from Havre de Grace to Rock Hall and beyond sponsor weeknight races for their members. The competition can be as intense or relaxed as you want it and the race is usually followed by a social hour to help heal any wounded egos.

So there you have it....a boating adventure that's affordable, easy to learn, and exciting. Sounds like a winner to me. For centuries, the wind was the engine that powered exploration around the globe. Why not be a part of what was once the only way? Why not give sailing a try?

PS: For health reasons, my first mate and I are retiring from sailing after over 40 years at the tiller. Our 1982 Catalina Capri 25, TACKFUL, is looking for a new home. Interested? Email me at keenesofqueens@yahoo.com for the details.



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Lessons Learned: *Buying or Selling?*

by TowBoatUS Captain Dale Plummer

With the current glut of used, abandoned, salvaged and “free” power and sail boats that litter our Bay’s marinas, home docks and mooring balls, I thought it might be helpful to relate two stories to help you avoid two common boat buying and selling pitfalls.

Just this past week the Department of Natural Resources contacted a life-long boater who in 2004 had donated her 28’ sailboat to a non-profit group. The boat, still registered in her name, was found stripped of valuables and sunk in the Magothy River. Whatever organization or individual that accepted the “FREE” boat had never bothered to re-register or re-title the vessel. According to Maryland State law, the last known registered owner is responsible for salvage and disposal of the abandoned vessel.

If your plan is to sell, donate or destroy a vessel, ensure that the Department of Natural Resources is notified within 15 days. Notification should include date of the sale, purchaser’s name, address, and the dollar amount of sale and be forwarded to a Licensing and Registration Service Center either in person (by appointment only), by fax, by mail or by emailing customerservice.dnr@maryland.gov. Never just assume that the new owner will re-register the vessel. In this case, the vessel was raised, towed and picked-up for demolition. It cost thousands of dollars out of pocket for this unsuspecting former owner. Avoid this headache by following the DNR notification process when selling your vessel.

Several times a week TowBoatUS local dispatch receives calls from customers asking how much it would cost to tow a boat from one marina to another that is being offered to them for “FREE” but has pre-existing engine issues. We always advise boaters to walk away, or run, from these deals. Sadly, we didn’t get a chance to talk to one of our latest customers before he took ownership of his project boat. He called us in defeat to find out how much it would cost to get the boat towed away and demolished after four years of trying to find the time and money to make the necessary engine repairs. There is no such thing as a free boat, especially one that doesn’t run.

The boat engine is the most important, most valuable part of a boat. If you have to cut corners on your purchase, find a boat that is well-maintained but may require cosmetic repair instead. Also, most marinas will not allow a vessel to be towed into its new slip for the first time which protects the marina from being stuck with a derelict vessel that can’t leave under its own power.

No matter what you buy, be sure the vessel qualifies for marine insurance. Do your research and be patient. The right boat will become available for the right price. Local boat brokers, boat surveyors, mechanics or marine group members can also help. And, of course, we recommend that you become a member of TowBoatUS for any problems that occur out on the water. As always, happy to help.

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Fisherman's Village Kent Narrows

By Captain Mark Galasso

There's a waypoint on my GPS. It's 38 58.020N, 076 14.512W. It's labeled HOME. It is one of my favorite waypoints even though it's not any big secret like some of my more obscure fishing holes. It sits conveniently just a long ride by boat or a short ride by car from major cities like Baltimore and Washington, Philadelphia, and Richmond. It's an easy ride by boat from anywhere in the Chesapeake Bay. In other people's GPS's it might be labeled "The Big Owl" or on others "The Jetty". Still, others might have it entered as "The Hyatt Place or Best Western". But most boaters and beachgoers know it as The Kent Narrows.

Fifty years ago, when we first visited Kent Narrows from our home on the Jersey Shore it was a small sleepy fishing village with a couple of restaurants, a few old shacks, and a lot of commercial fishing boats. I later learned that many of the shacks were migrant housing for the workers in the local Oyster and Crab shucking, picking, and packing facilities scattered throughout the area. One local operation United Shellfish was receiving and shipping thousands of bushels of soft clams to New England markets every year. The restaurants like Fisherman's Inn, The Narrows, and Anglers catered more to the local Waterman than anything else. Places like Holly's and Angler's opened at 7 a.m. every morning. There was no need to open earlier since most of their customers were out on the water working. A lot of the waterman were halfway through their day by 7 a.m. But when they finished by noon they were famished and the local restaurants were well known for generous portions of hearty food.

Fast forward to the present day and you wouldn't recognize the place. Some of the old packing houses are now restaurants like



the Bridges. Upscale hotels have sprung up scattered all around the Narrows. Tourists pour in from all over the country and the world to get a taste of what we "locals" sometimes take for granted -- just plain old hometown food and entertainment. So, say you're looking for a destination this summer, whether a day trip or a long weekend here's a little guidance. Unlike some areas, Kent Narrows has plenty of boat parking in front of a couple of the hotels as well as several restaurants. The newest hotel, Hyatt Place has dockage for small and large vessels and you can walk to all the other venues from there. The Garden Hilton has a similar setup. The Best Western is also just across the street.

There are restaurants all through The Narrows and they all have easy accessibility, by boat or by car. The menus vary but the emphasis is on seafood. I'm by no means a food critic but in my experience, Kent Narrows is hard to beat.

All this is obvious to anyone who has spent any time in Kent Narrows. What may not be quite as obvious is how the locals have tried to meld the new with the old. Though most oysters are now packed in bottles, they used to be packed in cans. And believe it or not, those old oyster cans are as collectible as old decoys. Harris's Seafood restaurant on the northeast side of Kent Narrows has a very impressive display. They should since some of the cans

are from their operation! And Harris's seafood still packs oyster today. Another item that has become collectible over the years is oyster plates. And yes, it's a thing. Plates specifically designed to hold oysters so they don't tip over and lose all their salty goodness. If you dine at Fisherman's Inn on the southeast side of the Narrows, you'll see a collection started by Mrs. Betty Schulz long ago. It is considered one of the best collections in the state.

While dining at Fisherman's you'll hear model trains overhead. This was an addition added by Mr. Sonny Schulz after the restaurant burned down and was rebuilt years ago. Perhaps he was remembering a time when trains came to Kent Narrows to pick up box cars full of oysters harvested by the local waterman and shipped to Philadelphia.

Though it's not what it once was the seafood industry still is thriving in Kent Narrows. A monument to the Waterman has been erected in front of Fisherman's Crab Deck. It was designed by a local artist and Charter boat Captain Tilghman Hemsley. A hundred yards away craftsmen at Shore Tackle and Custom Rods still build fishing rods one thread at a time. And even though the components have changed over time the craftsmanship hasn't. They build high-end rods for fishermen from kayakers to some of the wicked tuna boats! They are open most days and are more than hap-

py to show you around.

On the southwest side of the Kent Narrows Bridge sits the Kent Island Yacht Club. And a short ride down the Eastern Bay sits its sister club -- Miles River Yacht Club in St. Michaels. The Waterman's Marina also has a home next to the yacht club. Every day boats can be seen coming in and out with the day's catch of crabs, clams, and oysters.

If you want to see what Kent Narrows was 100 years ago you have three options. The Office of Tourism has an office in the northwest corner of Kent Narrows or just a few miles away The Chesapeake Bay Environmental Center, CBEC. Horsehead Wildlife Sanctuary as it's also known gives you a glimpse of Kent Narrows in the past when it was a small creek surrounded by Marsh. Wildlife abounds here and it has become a birders paradise.

Another option is a day trip with one of the Charter Captains docked at the Big Owls Tiki Bar. And yes, I'm one of them. We offer full-day or half-day fishing or Crabbing trips. And if you want to get a firsthand tour of the area, scenic cruises by the hour. Our three seasoned Captains have been working and recreating on the water here since we were all teenagers, and between us, I'm embarrassed to say have over a hundred years of experience! We can handle groups as small as two on up to groups of 25. And for evening and sunset cruises we need a little notice. You can go to exploredelmarva.com for more information about us.

If it's entertainment you crave, wow. Bands start firing up in Kent Narrows the first week of May and generally run through October. Red Eyes, The Jetty and The Big Owl bring in local and regional talent from all over. For example, The Big Owls has bands Wednesday through Sunday with Friday night being reserved as DJ sunset party

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night! The Jetty has bands as well with Wednesday a DJ night. Red Eyes Dock Bar also caters to the party animals and is a go-fast boat destination on numerous poker runs. I once saw 20 go fasts there. But the amazing thing was those 20 boats sported 80 outboards! Eighty outboards times 350hp. That's a (insert explicative of choice) lot of gas!

Kent Narrows also has one of the largest boat ramps in Queen Annes's County. Weekend pressure to launch has been lessened

due to the fancy new Boatel next door. They offer a well-stocked ship store and a new restaurant, The Dock House.

There are two fuel docks in Kent Narrows. One on the northwest side, Piney Narrows, and one on the northeast side, Safe Harbor North. Safe Harbor also operates a marina on the southeast side of Kent Narrows, offering travel lift services.

One of the newer operations in Kent Narrows is Kent Narrows Rentals. They are basically very

upscale houseboats on boat lifts next to the Big Owls Tiki Bar. Frankly, I wish I had thought of it. You can come by boat or by car. Or even bring a small boat, launch it, and keep it at your private lodge for the weekend. You can walk to any restaurant or bar or just sit back on your private deck and watch the sunset while you're listening to the music. WOW.

I could go on and on and I'm sure I've left things out. But the bottom line is Kent Narrows has something for everyone. And it's super conve-

nient. If you're computer savvy you can google any of the businesses in the area to find out more and get rates and availability, however, a shortcut can be found by going online to Fisherman's Village Kent Narrows. A neat aerial photo of the east side of the bridge pretty much shows where everything is and has direct links to them.

So, if I see you on my numbers this summer I won't get upset. Unless you are fishing! Have a great and safe summer.

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Women on the Water

Spotlight on Stephanie Schaub

By Sue Kane

Stephanie Schaub, a Maryland native and based artist, crafts enchanting jewelry that transcends the bounds of this world and ventures into realms of whimsy and wonder. As the founder of The Dwelling Gem, her online jewelry boutique, Stephanie channels her boundless creativity into handcrafted treasures that fuse traditional metalsmithing with electroplating techniques, metamorphosing gemstones, crystals, seashells, and natural specimens into wearable works of art.

Rooted in her upbringing amidst the landscapes of rural Maryland and summers spent by the ocean at her grandparents' beach house in Ocean City, Stephanie's artistry finds its muse in the splendor of nature, particularly the ocean. This profound connection is vividly manifested in her latest collection, "Venus Adorned," where she seamlessly integrates foraged seashells with precious metals and gemstones, birthing exquisite, one-of-a-kind jewels that echo the timeless allure of the sea.

While Schaub's journey in the gallery scene is just beginning, her ambitions soar high. With her latest collection showcased at the Milburn Stone Gallery Theater, she aspires to expand her presence across Maryland and beyond, infusing new spaces with the magic of her creations and enchanting audiences far and wide.

Discover more of Stephanie's artistic odyssey by following her on social media @the_dwelling_gem, where she unveils her monthly seasonal jewelry collections, and for those eager to adorn themselves with bespoke treasures, The Dwelling Gem website offers a gateway to her world, where custom-made designs and jewelry await discovery. Join her in celebrating the beauty of the natural world, transformed into wearable art that ignites the soul and sparks the imagination.

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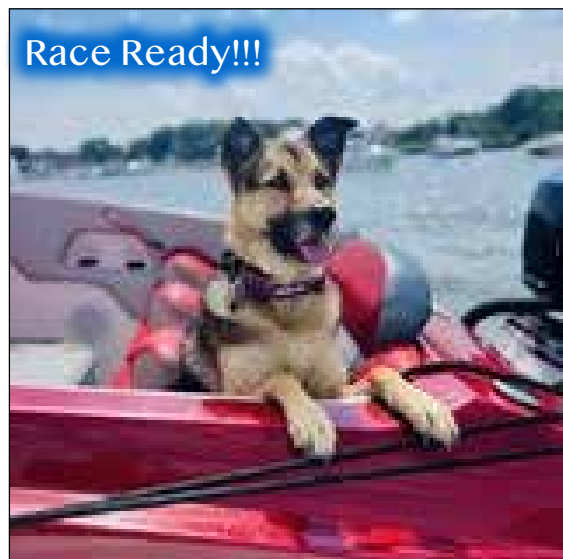
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The original people were great boaters! They navigated the regions rivers and shorelines using rafts, dugout canoes, bull boats, and bark covered canoes of all sizes. Power was supplied using paddles and simple sails. Since there were no roads, waters became avenues for traveling in the region.

Over 30 native tribes would migrate to the Bay area seasonally. These camps can be identified by large piles of oyster shells. Many of these tribes spoke Algonquin dialects. These words and names can still be found, and spoken, throughout the Chesapeake Bay region.

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Dock Power

By: Tim Sherman

Decades ago, having electric on your waterfront dock was a luxury. These days, my visual poll of said docks on the upper bay finds that few are without power. One thing is for certain -- water plus electricity can cause death. Electric shock drowning is a threat to anyone in the water around docks with aged, corroded, and/or weather-worn wiring. This is less of a threat in saltwater, though still a concern in brackish and fresh water.

John Edmunds of Edmunds Electrical Services specializes in upgrading, updating, and installing new electric service to docks. He has worked on piers and docks from Cecil to Anne Arundel Counties. Each job is different, from the initial power supply to adding power outlets, or power for lights or a boat lift.

John stresses that updating old power systems should be considered. When it comes to old systems, he says, "Just because it works doesn't mean it's up to code." Over the years, the worst things John has seen are spliced and exposed wires under a pier to inferior hardware that corrodes and allows wiring to drop to the

waterline at high tide. Even in cases less hazardous than these, old wiring still can be a safety and liability issue. Think of the safety of your guests who may want to frolic in the water alongside your dock.

From installing power systems to new docks, to updates and upgrades, Edmunds works to National Electrical Code (NEC) 555 standards. These are the minimal requirements and are updated every three years. The State and counties can add requirements to their own codes on their own time schedule. Keeping up with changes in the code are almost as laborious as the electrical work itself. He does admit that adhering to the codes does reflect in the price to the customer. However, cost over safety is a no-brainer.

No longer can straight wiring be run along piers. They must be run through PVC electrical conduits. Most counties require Schedule 40 PVC, while Baltimore County requires Schedule 80 PVC. John must consider the length of the pier when choosing the correct gauge wire. Longer docks will experience voltage drop if too thin

of a wire is used. Ground fault outlets used to be the norm for dock installation. Today, ground fault breakers at the electrical panel are code standard. He also says that having the breaker box at the pier is more popular as it is quicker to access than having it installed at the residence.

Mother Nature plays a major role when predicting how long a job will take to complete. Working in the rain can be an issue. Yet, when working under the dock, high winds can make stability an issue when working from a dinghy at the dock's far end. Abnormally high tides make it difficult, at best, to work under the decking.

Edmunds must have new electrical work inspected by the county in which the work is performed. It is recommended upgrade and update work also be inspected. The property owner must realize that not only the upgrade or update will be inspected, but the existing electrical work as well. Once considered a luxury, dock power is now a must-have for lighting, functionality, accessories, and even entertainment. For whatever reason you need it -- safe dock power is the best dock power.



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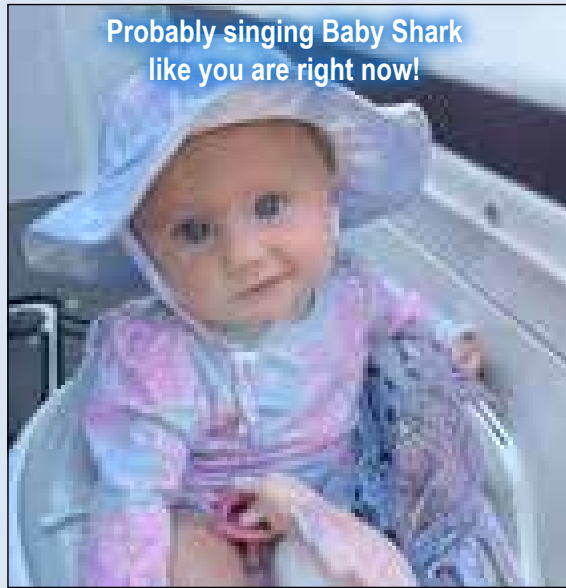
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Chorus of the Chesapeake

By Kimberly Ann

Barbershop harmony is a style of unaccompanied vocal music characterized by consonant four-part chords for every melody note in a primarily homorhythmic texture. The melody is consistently sung by a lead (second tenor). The first tenor harmonizes above the melody, the bass sings the lowest harmonizing notes, and the baritone completes the chord. Barbershop Harmony is rooted in African-American traditions of the late 1800s in the South.

But what does that have to do with the Chesapeake? Well, way back in 1957 a gentleman named Bob Johnson founded the Dundalk Chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society. The chorus was over 150 men in its heyday and was named the Chorus of the Chesapeake. The chorus competed in a variety of contests and won the first international championship they entered. However, in future years they would not be so

successful, and membership dwindled.

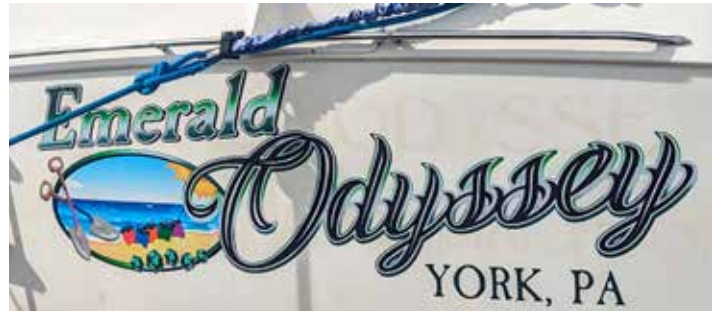
In 1966 Fred King took over as leader. He was young and energetic and brought new life to the chorus. He was also part of the well-known quartet The Oriole Four, which had been ranked in the top 10 internationally. Under his leadership membership held steady at around 100 members. The chorus sang the National Anthem at Game 1 of the World Series, 1971, right here in Baltimore.

Fast forward to September 1977 when Fred King started as the music director at Overlea High School, on the very same day that Mike Rowe started as a student. Mike sang in the school chorus under the tutelage of Fred King for several years before he came across an album from The Oriole Four in Mr. King's classroom. A few nights later Mike went with Mr. King to a woodshedding event for the Chorus of the Chesapeake. It was

there he learned there was an entire society, thousands of members, chapters, and thousands of registered quartets. Mike feels that Mr. King changed the trajectory of his life by having him join a quartet. His quartet, Semi-Fourmal, wore tuxedos and tennis shoes. In 2017, Mike received a Lifetime Membership with the Barbershop Harmony Society. Mike feels that barbershop harmony got him through the door of the entertainment world.

Nowadays the Chorus of the Chesapeake is still going strong. You can catch them in action by visiting their Facebook page for upcoming events. They are still hosting Holiday Beer Blasts and putting on shows over at Superior Catering Hall. Take a look at their Facebook page for event listings and tickets. And when you see them let them know their friends at Upper Bay Boating Magazine sent you.





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One day, a man's beloved dog passed away, leaving him heart-broken. His dog had been incredibly helpful, doing chores like washing dishes and running errands. Grieving, the man decided to find a new pet to fill the void.

At the pet store, he asked the manager if they had any animals that could perform tasks like his dog had. The manager looked around and said, "We don't have

much, but there's this centipede."

Though skeptical, the man took the centipede home. To test its abilities, he asked it to fetch a beer from the fridge, and the centipede did so.

Next, he asked it to run a bath. It also accomplished.

Before getting into the bath, the man requested the centipede to go to the local bait shop and grab a copy of Upper Bay boating Magazine.. The centipede agreed. However, when the man emerged from

the bath an hour later, he found the centipede at the bottom of the stairs, not having left for the bait shop yet.

"Didn't I ask you to go to the bait shop?" he questioned.

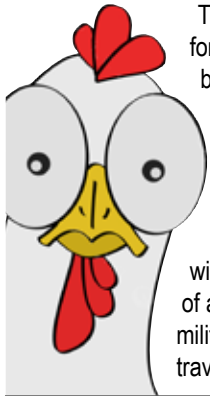
The centipede replied, "GIVE ME A CHANCE TO PUT MY SHOES ON!"



A lady comes home from her doctor's appointment grinning from ear to ear. Her husband asks, "Why are you so happy?" The wife says, "The doctor told me that for a forty-five year old woman, I have the breasts of a eighteen year old." "Oh yeah?" quipped her husband, "What did he say about your forty-five year old ass?" She said, "Your name never came up in the conversation."



CHICKEN GUN



The engineers for Rolls Royce built a gun specifically to launch dead chickens at the windshields of airliners and military jets all travelling at

maximum velocity. The idea was to simulate the frequent incidents of collisions with airborne fowl to test the strength of the windshields.

American engineers heard about the gun and were eager to test it on the windshields of their new high speed trains. Arrangements were made, and a gun was sent to the American engineers.

When the gun was fired, the engineers stood shocked as the

chicken hurled out of the barrel, crashed into the shatterproof shield, smashed it to smithereens, blasted through the control console, snapped the engineer's back-rest in two and embedded itself in the back wall of the cabin like an arrow shot from a bow..

The horrified engineers sent Rolls Royce the

disastrous results of the experiment, along with the designs of the windshield and begged the British scientists for suggestions.

Rolls Royce responded with a one-line memo:

Defrost the CHICKEN!



Three ducks walk into a bar!

The bartender asks the first duck what his name was.

The Duck answers Huey! Thank you for asking.

What have you been doing so far today? Asked the bartender

I've been in and out of puddles all day! What else would a duck do?

The bartender speaks and says "that is awesome..." To the second duck he asks "What is your name?"

My name is Dewey! I have had an incredible day... "I've been in and out of puddles all day! What else would a duck do"

"Wow, that is excellent" and to the third duck the bartender says "So you must be Louie"

And in a sultry female voice the third duck says "No, I'm Puddles"




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THE QUOTES OF STEVEN WRIGHT:




1. I'd kill for a Nobel Peace Prize.
2. Borrow money from pessimists -- they don't expect it back.
3. Half the people you know are below average.
4. 99% of lawyers give the rest a bad name.
5. 82.7% of all statistics are made up on the spot.
6. A conscience is what hurts when all your other parts feel so good.
7. A clear conscience is usually the sign of a bad memory.
8. If you want the rainbow, you got to put up with the rain.
9. All those who believe in psycho kinesics, raise my hand.
10. The early bird may get the worm,
but the second mouse gets the cheese.
11. I almost had a psychic girlfriend,
....But she left me before we met.
12. OK, so what's the speed of dark?
13. How do you tell when you're out of invisible ink?
14. If everything seems to be going well,
you have obviously overlooked something.
15. Depression is merely anger without enthusiasm.
16. When everything is coming your way, you're in the wrong lane.
17. Ambition is a poor excuse for not having enough
sense to be lazy.
18. Hard work pays off in the future; laziness pays off now.
19. I intend to live forever ... So far, so good.
20. If Barbie is so popular, why do you have to buy her friends?
21. Eagles may soar, but weasels don't get sucked into
jet engines.
22. What happens if you get scared half to death twice?
23. My mechanic told me, "I couldn't repair your brakes,
so I made your horn louder."
24. Why do psychics have to ask you for your name
25. If at first you don't succeed, destroy all evidence that you tried.
26. A conclusion is the place where you got tired of thinking.
27. Experience is something you don't get until just after
you need it.
28. The hardness of the butter is proportional
to the softness of the bread.
29. To steal ideas from one person is plagiarism;
to steal from many is research.
30. The problem with the gene pool is that there is no lifeguard.
31. The sooner you fall behind, the more time you'll
have to catch up.
32. The colder the x-ray table, the more of your body is
required to be on it.
33. Everyone has a photographic memory;
some just don't have film.
34. If at first you don't succeed, skydiving is not for you.
35. If your car could travel at the speed of light,
would your headlights work?





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Waterman's Museum

By Kimberly Ann



This month found me at the Waterman's Museum in beautiful Rock Hall. The museum is located right next to Haven Harbour Marina at 20910 Rock Hall Avenue. You can pick up the key at the marina office daily from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

When you enter the main room of the museum you will find tools, nets, an old buoy, pulleys, a ship's wheel, and photos of watermen at work through the years. There is a really cool drawing "The Watermen of the Chesapeake Bay" on display. There are also several old decoys that are really cool along with a pelican statue. There are also several replica boats in the center.

Heading to the right you will enter the Boat Room. Here you will see a variety of historical photos along the walls. There is a compass made by Ritchie and Sonds that utilizes alcohol as the internal liquid. No, not the alcohol I usually write about. The alcohol is used because

it can work in freezing conditions. There is a replica boat in the center of the room along with ship's pulleys adorning the walls.

To the left of the main room is the Oyster Room. Oystering was the biggest industry of the Bay; however, parasites devastated the industry, as well as the many restrictions that were put on the waterman. Where there used to be thousands of skipjacks oystering now only a few dredge for oysters. Some watermen still use hand-tonging or patent tonging to oyster but those numbers continue to go down. You can also learn about clamming through the various displays. Chesapeake Bay soft clams are found throughout the Northeast with the majority of them going straight to New England. Clamming is done using water pressure to force the clams up from the bottom and onto a conveyor belt. The clams are then picked off the conveyor by the watermen.

You can view the fishing shanty from the

Oyster Room. If you are like me, you will be amazed to learn that a fishing shanty was actually a one-room structure towed behind the work boat until the destination was reached and then it was beached. The waterman had to be sure to include enough provisions, supplies, and tools to last until the run was over, at which time the shanty was towed back. You could liken this to the modern-day motor homes that are so popular with the glampers nowadays.

While the museum may seem small it is jam-packed with interesting artifacts and details of what life has been like for watermen across the years. So next time you are in Rock Hall for the day be sure to plan some time to head on over to the museum and take a trip through time at the Waterman's Museum, and don't forget to tell them that your friends at Upper Bay Boating Magazine sent you.



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Small changes make a Big Difference!
Colton is 7 years old and is showing his school project for Earth Day. Colton has adopted everyday habits, participates with Community Cleanups and helps his grandfather, Dale cleanup all around Dundalk and Essex. He also leads others by example and participates in the Dundalk 4th of July parade as Uncle Sam's nephew.

BQ community members, BQVFD volunteers and many Rosedale Federal Employees showed up with family to help cleanup many areas in Bowleys Quarters



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Santangelo Family Chiropractic in Nottingham sponsors a cleanup of Stemmers Run every year with patients and other volunteers. Baltimore County Fire Station #8 brought ladders and strong workers in between emergency calls to help out. This was a great help to get down to trapped trash in the stream.



Our annual cleanup with Key Brewing was a great success again with over 100 volunteers and all the dumped trash along Grays Road in Dundalk cleaned up. We had many volunteer groups from Rosedale Federal, M&T Bank and Baltimore Co. Executive Director Communications office.



Middle School students volunteer at North Point State Park on Earth Day



The H. Chambers Company (Chambers USA) reached out to volunteer for a day of service. The group pulled lots of trash at the shoreline cleanup at Ferry Bar Park at Baltimore Peninsula.



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