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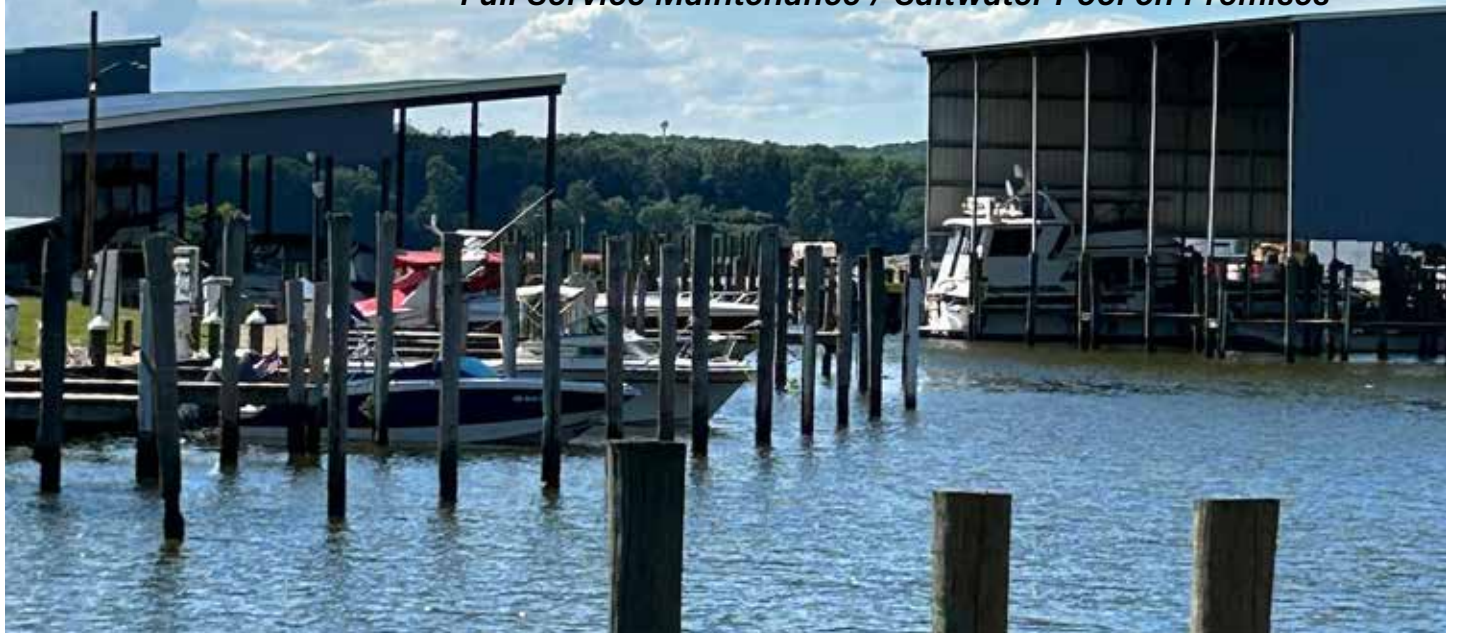
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Marinating with Jim High



And here we are
"Into the Holidays!"

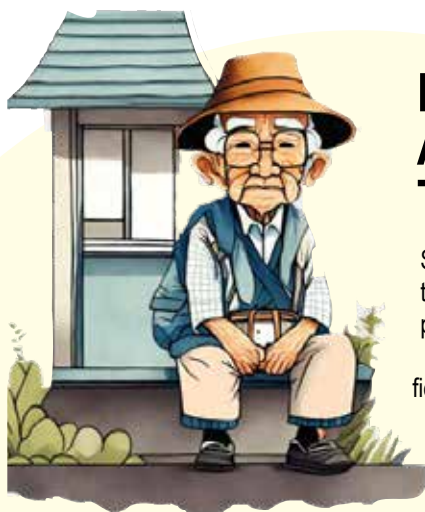
THE ENTIRE SEASON FROM MEMORIAL DAY TO LABOR DAY
IS MY NEW HOLIDAYS.

And once again I'm going to make sure this summer counts! We only have so many and the longer I live the more I realize there are fewer summers in front of me than there are behind me.

Kisha and I go out every weekend. The kids are getting outside, we enjoy plenty of boating. We visit lots of yacht clubs, attend on-water events, savor waterfront meals, and don't forget those wonderful sunsets and moonrises.



WATER LIFE! HAPPY WIFE!



NOAH AND TODAY!

So off goes Noah to the county offices to file for a building permit

Exactly one year later, a fierce storm cloud covered the earth and all the seas of the earth went into a tumult. The Lord saw Noah sitting on his front porch weeping. "Noah," God shouted, "Where is the ark?"

"Lord, please forgive me!" cried Noah. "I did my best, but there were big problems. First, I had to get a permit for construction and your plans did not comply with the codes. I had to hire an engineering firm and redraw the plans.

"Then I got into a fight with OSHA over whether or not the ark needed a fire-suppression sprinkler system and floatation devices. Then my neighbor objected, claiming I was violating zoning ordinances by building the ark in my front yard, so I had to get a variance from the city planning commission.

"I had problems getting enough wood for the ark because there

was a ban on cutting trees to protect the Spotted Owl. I finally convinced the U.S. Forest Service that I needed the wood to save the owls. However, the Fish and Wildlife Service won't let me catch any owls. So, sorry, but there are no owls.

"The carpenters formed a union and went out on strike. I had to negotiate a settlement with the National Labor Union. Now I have 16 carpenters on the ark, but still no owls.

"When I started rounding up the other animals, I got sued by an animal rights group. They objected to me only taking two of each kind aboard.

"Just when I got the suit dismissed, the EPA notified me that I could not complete the ark without filing an environmental impact statement on your proposed flood. They didn't take very kindly to the idea that they had no jurisdiction over the conduct of the Creator of the Universe.

"Then the Army Corps of Engineers demanded a map of the proposed new flood plain. "I sent them a globe.

"Right now, I am trying to resolve a complaint filed with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission that accuses me of practicing discrimination by not taking godless, unbelieving people aboard!

"The IRS has seized my assets, claiming that I'm building the ark in preparation to flee the country to avoid paying taxes. I just got a notice from the state that I owe them some kind of user tax and failed to register the ark as a recreational watercraft.

"Finally, the ACLU got the courts to issue an injunction against further construction of the ark, saying that since God is flooding the earth, it is a religious event and therefore, unconstitutional. I really don't think I can finish the Ark for another 10 to 15 years!" Noah wailed, "ahhh... government!"

So... I hate mosquitoes. The older I get the more I lather up my skin with citronella juice. If Noah had just killed one mosquito while on the ark. Just one mosquito... SWAT, POW, BAM... millions would have lived, which brings me back to Noah Today.

Noah is living with his family peacefully in a county in Maryland in 2024. He's having lunch under a tree when suddenly God appears and explains that in one year The Flood is going to begin. It will rain for 40 days straight and cover the world in water. God explains that he needs Noah to build an ark and place pairs of animals in it.



By Wendy Gilbert
Contributing Editor

I can't count the number of times I've been driving down MD 213 en route to delightful destinations and spied the sign for Bohemia River State Park.

It's been on the "I want to go there someday" list for a couple of years now. My husband and I make a point of keeping a weekday free from obligations and appointments. It's usually a Friday and we call them Date Days. We rotate our general direction, restaurants and entertainment as best we can.

As you can imagine, these date days are a lot more fun in the summertime!

On last Friday's Date Day, we had lunch at Bakers and decided this was the day to walk the park.

Access is quick and easy. Type in your passcode (and no, I haven't got one yet) or swipe a debit or credit card and voila! The gate pops open and off you go.

The wildflower meadows and spring-like breezes were most welcoming. We parked the car and viewed the information board. There are at least 3 different trails to pick from and as we weren't geared up for a long or arduous hike, we chose the Oak Point Trail. Hats and sunglasses on!

The lovely thing about a new park is all the trail markers (yellow) are visible and easy to follow. It was a warm and sunny day and all sorts of birds, bees, and butterflies were enjoying the meadow.

After a few minutes, the trail crossed into the woods.

For the next hour or so we indulged in what the Japanese call Shinrin Yoku or "forest bathing".

This is a practice of full immersion in the woodlands. You're supposed to meander and use all your



senses to connect to the natural world. I believe boaters do this all the time. I tried to find the Japanese practice of motorboating on the Bohemia, but my search came up a little empty.

We certainly tried our best to drink in the delights of the park trail. We spied a little creek, startled a toad or two, and arrived at Oak Point in short order.

If I had planned, I might have packed a picnic lunch. The tables were in the shade and offered a lovely view of the river. As we sipped the iced tea, we did bring along, we heard people talking. It was hard to tell where they were and harder still to figure out what they were saying. A few minutes later, we watched a speedboat and heard the skier hollering about the wake he was maneuvering. They made a couple of passes and that was the afternoon's entertainment.

On the way back, I was excited about the opportunity to do a little citizen science. A sign at a particularly scenic bend read MPS 101. Trail users were instructed to help DNR document the scene over time by uploading a photo.

However, I didn't read the instructions and put my cell phone in the slot vertically. The directions clearly stated to do it horizontally. Ah well. Next time. If you beat me to it, place your phone in the right way!

The Bohemia River State Park is

located at:

4030 Augustine Herman Hwy
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It is open 7 days a week from 7 a.m. to sunset for passive recreational activities such as trail use and nature observation. It can be accessed from Route 213 via the public entrance at 4030 Augustine Herman Highway. Phase 1 amenities at the park presently include a small parking area and multi-use trails.

The service charge for entry is \$3.00 per vehicle for Maryland residents and \$5.00 per vehicle for out-of-state visitors, payable via credit or debit card only at an automated entrance gate. Annual and Golden Age passholders, active-duty military and veterans, and Universal Disability Passholders will be provided with swipe cards for use with the automated gate. To obtain a swipe card for park entry, email your address and a photo of your existing park pass or military ID to bohemiarriver.statepark@maryland.gov or contact the Duty Ranger at 667-500-2417 for more information.

Parking is presently limited and the park's capacity is set accordingly. Visitors are encouraged to arrive during non-peak times such as weekdays to increase likelihood of securing parking in the short term.

Please note there is currently no vehicular access to the water-

front. Paddlers are encouraged to continue to utilize the existing public water access at Rt 213 and the Bohemia River bridge.

Things to do at the park:

Visitors are welcome to use the park for low-impact, passive recreation, such as hiking, biking, wildlife viewing, fishing, and hunting. Over half of the park's planned trail system has been completed. It currently features approximately 5 miles of natural-surface, multi-use trails that offer the visitor a wealth of opportunities for recreation and nature exploration. The trails traverse a variety of habitats such as hardwood bottomland forests, meadows, seeps, and tidal marshes, and offer numerous views of the Bohemia River. A further 5 miles of trail are currently under development.

Park Programs:

Paddle at the Park: Take a ranger-led paddle (with some hiking) on Great Bohemia Creek. Trips are offered from June through September and last approximately two hours. The cost is \$12 for Maryland residents and \$15 for Out-of-State visitors. Canoes, tandem, and single kayaks are available on a first-come basis. Paddles and life jackets are provided. Some experience with paddling is expected. Max 18 persons, ages 6 and up. For questions or to register email bohemiarriver.statepark@maryland.gov or call 410-398-1246.

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NOAA predicts above-normal 2024 Atlantic hurricane season

By Wendy Gilbert

Every year the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) releases its well-researched predictions for the upcoming season. It also releases the names of potential storms and explains in detail how they reach their scientific conclusions and predictions.

Some years, I'm just shamelessly looking to see if my name is on the list. After last night's hellacious thunderstorms, I'm interested in what the science has to say. Not surprisingly, La Nina and ever-warming ocean temperatures are major drivers of tropical activity. This year could be a whopper.

NOAA scientists have some new tricks up their sleeves for gathering all important data including saildrones this year. What the heck is a saildrone? Read on, my friend, read on.

NOAA's GOES-16 satellite captured Hurricane Idalia approaching the western coast of Florida while Hurricane Franklin churned in the Atlantic Ocean at 5:01 p.m. EDT on August 29, 2023.

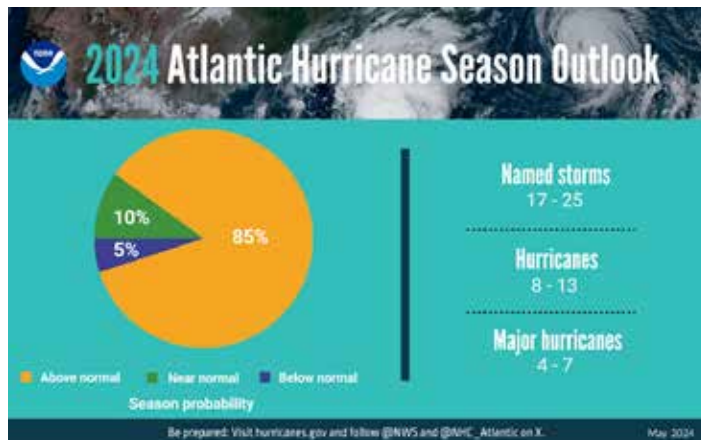


NOAA National Weather Service forecasters at the Climate Prediction Center predict above-normal hurricane activity in the Atlantic basin this year. NOAA's outlook for the 2024 Atlantic hurricane season, which spans from June 1 to November 30, predicts an 85 percent chance of an above-normal season, a 10 percent chance of a near-normal season and a 5 percent chance of a below-normal season.

HOW MANY NAMED STORMS?

NOAA is forecasting a range of 17 to 25 total named storms (winds of 39 mph or higher). Of those, 8 to 13 are forecast to become hurricanes (winds of 74 mph or higher), including 4 to 7 major hurricanes (category 3, 4 or 5; with winds of 111 mph or higher).

The upcoming Atlantic hurricane season is expected to have above-normal activity due to a confluence of factors, including near-record warm ocean temperatures in the Atlantic Ocean, development of La Nina conditions in the Pacific, reduced Atlantic trade winds and less wind shear, all of which tend to favor tropical storm formation.



"With another active hurricane season approaching, NOAA's commitment to keeping every American informed with life-saving information is unwavering," said NOAA Administrator Rick Spinrad, Ph.D. "AI-enabled language translations and a new depiction of inland wind threats in the forecast cone are just two examples of the proactive steps our agency is taking to meet our mission of saving lives and protecting property."

"Severe weather and emergencies can happen at any moment, which is why individuals and communities need to be prepared today," said FEMA Deputy Administrator Erik A. Hooks. "Already, we are seeing storms move across the country that can bring additional hazards like tornadoes, flooding and hail. Taking a proactive approach to our increasingly challenging climate landscape today can make a difference in how people can recover tomorrow."

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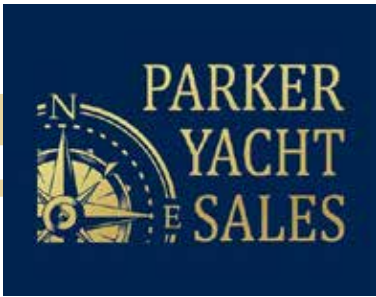
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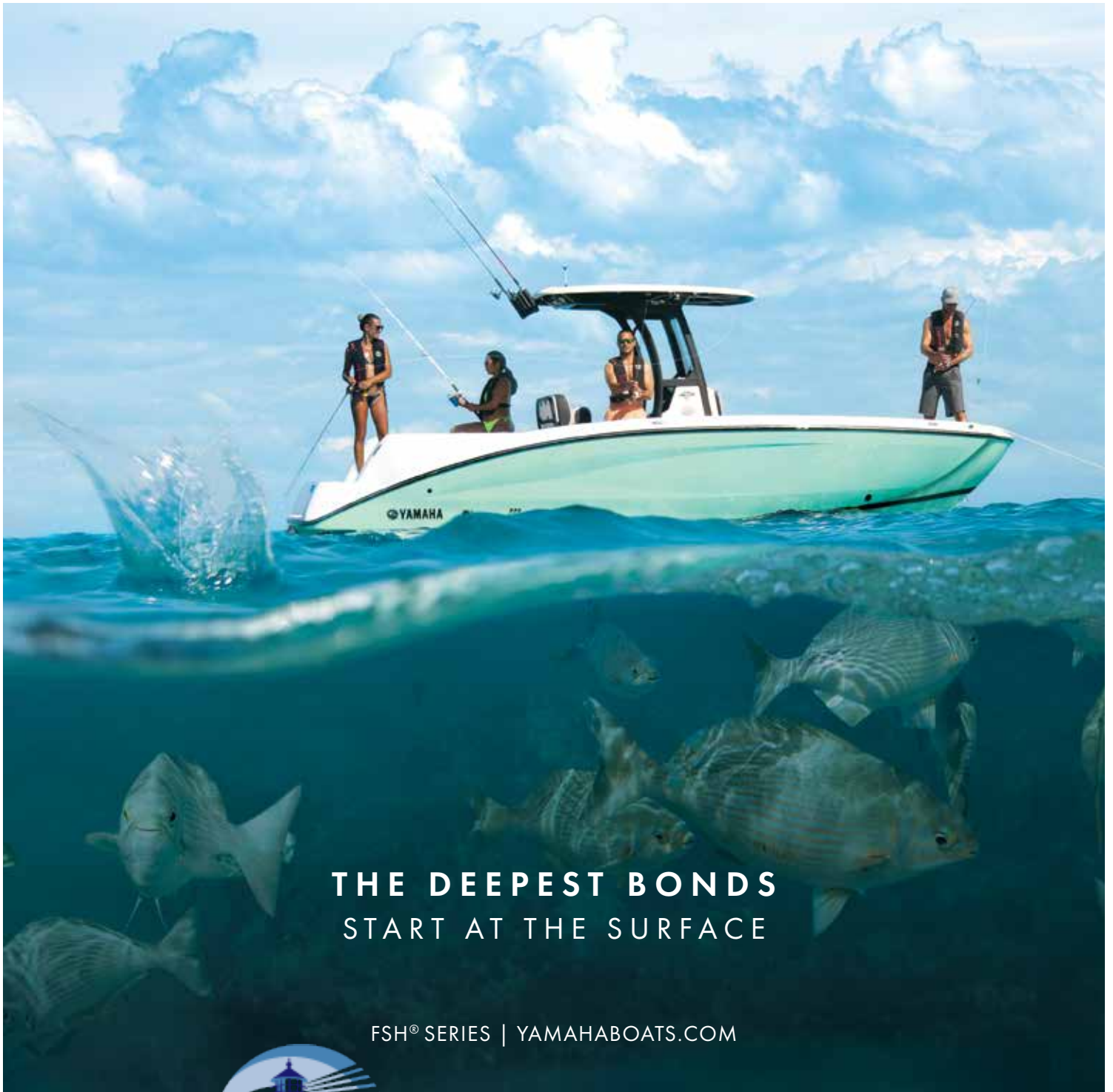
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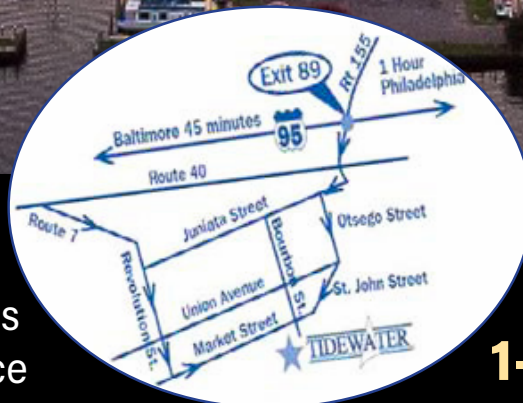
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All About Sea Trials

By Tim Sherman

SEAWORTHY: The word means that a vessel is ready for a voyage at sea. So, how do we know that a ship or boat is, indeed, seaworthy? Before a boat is reliable for a true voyage, it is first put through a sea trial. The term “sea trial” is also used by dealers and brokers who sell new and preowned boats. They put vessels through their paces to make sure there are no issues for the new owner.

Victoria Lawrence, broker with United Yacht Sales at Baltimore Boating Center, knows that there are numerous aspects to a sea trial. There are details that apply, not only during the sea trial itself, but before and after it as well.

The broker, in Victoria’s case, is the agent selling the vessel for the current owner to the new one. She must have the utmost confidence that the boat for sale is seaworthy at the time of the sale; and be able to instill that same confidence in the new owner that the seaworthiness will be long-lasting.

Victoria says that there is a lot of pre-sea trial inspection that has

to happen. First and foremost, the boat is checked for leaks. All measures have to be taken to make the boat is water tight before any sea trial can occur. Water leaking into the boat is not the only concern. She is also looking for any leaks within the mechanical workings of the boat. Leaks of fuel, oil, hydraulic fluid, etc., must also be addressed before the vessel is put through its on-water paces.

At the dock, a preliminary check of systems is performed at idle. All gauges are checked for working order at proper settings at idle. Fuel level, oil pressure, engine temperature, RPMs –amongst others – are confirmed before leaving the dock. The last steps before leaving the dock are to make sure all Coast Guard required items are on board, and all hatches, canvas, side curtains, and such are secured.

For the sea trial itself, the vessel is run at its cruising speed. Victoria will again go over a comprehensive checklist of things to look for. The gauges are again checked for functionality and proper read-

ings. Checks for leaks, and telltale smells, are again conducted before any highspeed run can be made. Once at top speed, the checklist is gone over once again.

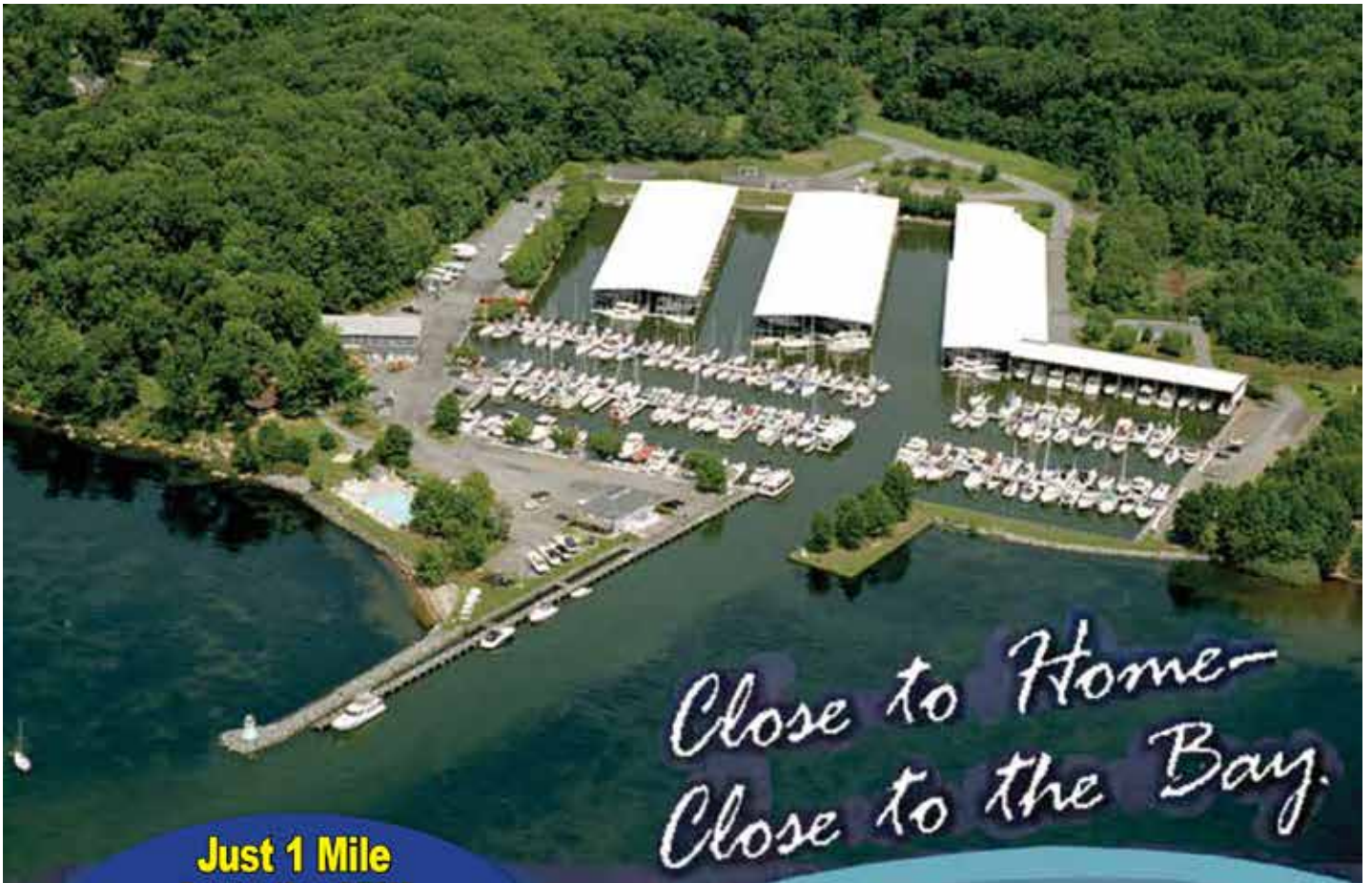
Depending on the sales market, and client preferences, a boat may not sell as quickly as expected. If a boat sits at the pier or in dry dock waiting for sale, the process will start all over again. The buying client’s personal sea trial is not conducted until the purchase and sales agreement is reached. The buyer already knows the amenities the vessel has to offer; but for the sea trial, Victoria says, “They are looking for a well running boat and the joy of finding full throttle.”

When it comes to smaller boats, such as a center console or bow rider, a client may ask for their sea trial on a day with a little chop on the water. They will want to judge the comfort level on a less than flat calm day. However, any hint of a small craft advisory in the forecast will scrap that plan. It is simply out of the question.

First-time boat buyers are given

a full tutorial. It’s not just the comfort and speed of the boat. As the boat’s operator, you have to be just as aware of the vessel’s gauges as you are of the water. Victoria advises that you should know the normal range of fluid pressures, temperatures, and trim tabs. Once back at the dock, further instruction is given. Dock water should be disconnected when you are not on board. A malfunction in the system could result in a scuttled boat. Dock power should stay connected to keep batteries fresh. Finally, dock lines should be checked at both high and low tides, to ensure proper length. Lines too long or too short could result in damage to the boat and / or pier.

A lot of thought and preparation goes into sea trials. They are not simply joy rides for customers. Victoria Lawrence gave me a great understanding of all the aspects. She knows the end-to-end process of sea trials, which will ensure your next boat is seaworthy for years to come.



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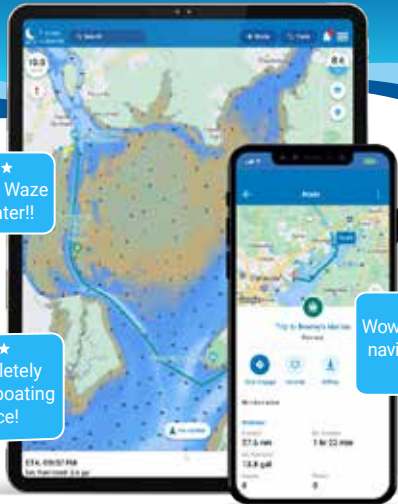
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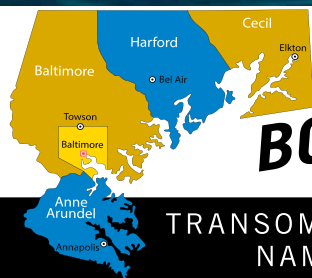
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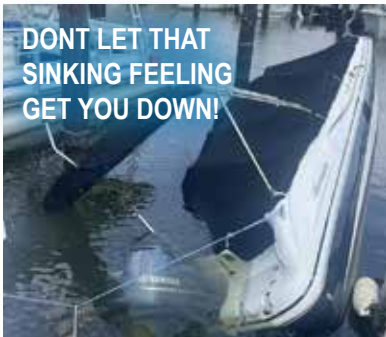
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DOCKING UNDER POWER

Like It or Not, It's Show Time

By L. Alan Keene

Few maneuvers strike more fear in the hearts of new (and often, not so new) sailors than docking in front of a knowledgeable crowd. As you sit there, waiting for a spot to open up at the busy fuel dock, you're reminded of how you felt just minutes before delivering that oral report in Mr. Miller's 10th-grade world history class. The mouth gets cottony, the palms sweat and the stomach starts to growl like an angry grizzly.

But why the performance anxiety? You're an adult, for Pete's sake; not an insecure teenager looking for approval from his adolescent classmates!

Well, it's simple. You're terrified

of embarrassing yourself in front of all those seasoned sailors -- terrified of ramming the dock or, even worse, ramming that gorgeous ketch refueling just ahead. And the thought of floating there, 10 feet off the dock, unable to get either bow or stern to cooperate, just makes you nauseous.

So, what do you do? You do what any self-respecting, self-doubting sailor would do. You turn and run. "I've got enough fuel to last until tomorrow," you tell yourself. "I'll fill up then, when I don't have to wait so long." Transparent as that attempt at self-deception may be, it beats the heck out of making a fool of yourself, you figure.

But, believe it or not, there are sailors out there who don't get sweaty palms. In fact, they relish the opportunity to slip into those tight spots, and the more experienced onlookers around, the better. And no, they don't have bow thrusters. They're simply sailors who have done it hundreds of times before. They are sailors who chose to have their embarrassing moments in the relative privacy of some remote dock.

While you've read the instructional articles on docking, and you have your spring lines, dock lines, breast lines, and fenders all rigged and ready to go, what you haven't done, I bet, is prac-

tice. Docking a keelboat in a confined space with changing tides and wind conditions, is like parallel parking in downtown Chicago at rush hour. To be successful at it, you have to do more than just read about it. You've got to practice. Repetition is the key to success.

So, on those disappointing days when you arrive at the slip to find the water flat and the burgees drooping, don't head home. Hop aboard, crank up the auxiliary, and find some open docking space away from the maddening crowd. Sometimes it's as close as the end of your pier.

You do what any self-respecting, self-doubting sailor would do.



Sweet Dreams - We've Got Your Back

by TowBoatU.S. Captain Dale Plummer

The best part of summer is upon us, and adventure awaits. If you are planning an overnighter on board your sail or power boat, we wish you sweet dreams. But instead of just hoping for a worry-free trip, follow these suggestions and fall asleep to the sound of waves gently lapping the hull knowing that you are prepared.

Do a vessel safety check before departing for your overnighter. Ensure that you have properly fitting personal flotation devices (PFDs) readily available for everyone on board. Verify that other safety equipment such as life rafts, emergency beacons, and flares are in working condition. Review procedures and ensure you know how to respond in case of an emergency. Inform someone on land about your plans to sleep on the boat and when you expect to return. Have multiple effective communication options such as a working VHF radio, cell, or satellite phone, in case of an emergency.

Check the weather forecast before you depart and be prepared for any changes in conditions during the night. Have a plan to secure the boat or seek shelter if storms or high winds are expected. Be prepared with a storm anchor that is heavier so the boat doesn't end up on the shore while you sleep. Use the automated anchor watch function built-in to most GPS units to trigger an alarm if you drag anchor.

Have a reliable source of lighting such as a flashlight or lantern within reach in case you need to get up during the night. Familiarize yourself with the location of the boat's battery and navigation light switches so you can find them in the dark and ensure they are working properly. Leave the anchor light on from sundown to sunup, so other boaters see you and know that you are at anchor.

Make sure the sleeping area is properly secured and that you have a stable, non-slip surface to sleep on. Use safety harnesses or tethers to prevent falling overboard, especially if sleeping on the deck or in an exposed area. If you plan to sleep on deck on a regular basis, install permanent safety rails or netting around the sleeping area. Also, when sleeping in the cabin ensure that the cabin is well-ventilated. Carbon monoxide, an invisible, odorless gas, can accumulate within the cabin especially if the boat's engine or generator is running so install carbon monoxide detectors in the sleeping area to alert you to any dangerous levels of the gas.

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NOAA predicts

As one of the strongest El Ninos ever observed nears its end, NOAA scientists predict a quick transition to La Nina conditions, which are conducive to Atlantic hurricane activity because La Nina tends to lessen wind shear in the tropics. At the same time, abundant oceanic heat content in the tropical Atlantic Ocean and Caribbean Sea creates more energy to fuel storm development.

This hurricane season also features the potential for an above-normal west African monsoon, which can produce African easterly waves that seed some of the strongest and longer-lived Atlantic storms. Finally, light trade winds allow hurricanes to grow in strength without the disruption of strong wind shear and also minimize ocean cooling. Human-caused climate change is warming our ocean globally and in the Atlantic basin, and melting ice on land, leading to sea level rise, which increases the risk of storm surge. Sea level rise represents a clear human influence on the damage potential from a given hurricane.

NOAA will implement improvements to its forecast communications, decision support and storm recovery efforts this season.

THESE INCLUDE:

- The National Hurricane Center (NHC) will expand its offering of Spanish language text products to include all Public Advisories, the Tropical Cyclone Discussion, the Tropical Cyclone Update and Key Messages in the Atlantic basin.
- Beginning on or around Aug. 15, NHC will start to issue an experimental version of the forecast cone graphic that includes a depiction of inland tropical storm and hurricane watches and warnings in effect for the continental U.S.

Research indicates that the addition of inland watches and warnings to the cone graphic will help communicate inland hazards during tropical cyclone events without over-complicating the current version of the graphic.

- This season, the NHC will be able to issue U.S. tropical cyclone watches and warnings with regular or intermediate public advisories. This means that if updates to watches and warnings for storm surge or winds are needed, the NHC will be able to notify the public in an intermediate advisory instead of having to wait for the next full advisory issued every 6 hours.

NEW TOOLS FOR HURRICANE ANALYSIS AND FORECASTING THIS YEAR

- Two new forecast models developed by NOAA researchers will go into operation this season: The Modular Ocean Model or MOM6 will be added to the Hurricane Analysis and Forecast System to improve the representation of the key role the ocean plays in driving hurricane intensity. Another model, SDCON, will predict the probability of tropical cyclone rapid intensification.
- NOAA's new generation of Flood Inundation Mapping, made possible through President Biden's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, will provide information to emergency and water managers to prepare and respond to potential flooding and help local officials better prepare to protect people and infrastructure.
- NOAA's Weather Prediction Center, in partnership with the NHC, will issue an experimental rainfall graphic for the Caribbean and Central America during the 2024 hurricane season. This graphic provides forecast rainfall totals associated with a tropical cyclone or disturbance for a specified time period.

SYSTEM UPGRADES IN OPERATION

NOAA has upgraded its observing systems critical in understanding and forecasting hurricanes. These projects will provide more observations of the ocean and atmosphere in the Caribbean, the Gulf of Mexico, on the U.S. East Coast and in the tropical Atlantic.

- NOAA's National Data Buoy Center recently upgraded many coastal weather buoys in the tropical western Atlantic and Caribbean to include time of occurrence and measurements of one-minute wind speed and direction, 5-second peak wind gust and direction, and lowest 1-minute barometric pressure to support tropical cyclone forecasting.
- New this year, NOAA will gather additional observations using Directional Wave Spectra Drifters (DWSDs), deployed from the NOAA P-3 hurricane hunter aircraft and in the vicinity of Saildrones, uncrewed surface vehicles which will be deployed at the start of the hurricane season, providing one-minute data in real-time. About a dozen Saildrones are planned for deployment this year.
- Dozens of observational underwater gliders were deployed in waters off the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico and the eastern U.S. coast. Additionally, a new lightweight dropsonde called Streamsonde will be deployed into developing tropical storms, collecting multiple real-time observations to collect valuable wind data.
- The CHAOS (Coordinated Hurricane Atmosphere-Ocean Sampling) research experiment aims to improve the understanding of air-sea interactions, providing sustained monitoring of key ocean features.

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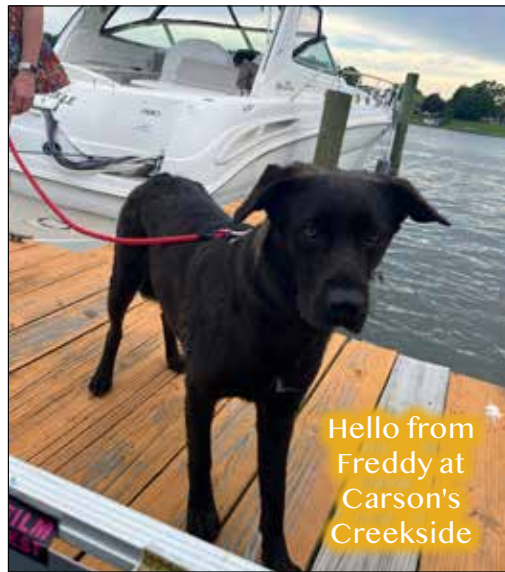
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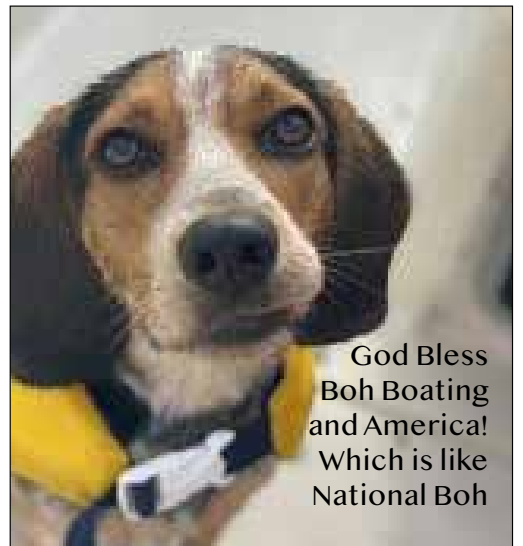
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Bay Life Performance

By Kimberly Ann

What could be worse than trying to have a great day on the water only to have your apparel let you down? Poor fit! Poor quality! Poor selection! Let's you get sunburned!

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The Bay Life line is inspired by the fantastic views around the Eastern Shore and began with nothing more than a heat press and Cricut vinyl cutter back in 2018. By 2019 the brand had gained its footing in the community and was growing. But then COVID brought all sorts of challenges in 2020, there were supply chain issues in 2021-2022, and of course, like with any business, some mistakes were made along the way; but without skipping a beat they reinvested in themselves and their brand, and Bay Life came out stronger than ever in 2023. With the addition of a full-scale enterprise-level

distribution partner, they are poised to continue growing through 2024 and beyond. Their customer base spans the Chesapeake to California, Maine to Mexico, Canada to Costa Rica, and the Gulf of Mexico to the Caribbean.

Their mission statement states, "We are more than just a brand, we're a way of life." This is seen in the designs and quality of their products. Their performance fishing shirts are perfect for any season with the UPF 50 plus sun protection. My sons wear them year-round for fishing and kayaking. If you don't have at least one of each design, you are missing out. I, myself, am partial to the "bay-washed" hoodies. They are super soft and super comfy. I might have a few of each color but then again who wouldn't? I feel like every color goes well with my pink trucker-embroidered hat. They even carry button-down shirts and quarter-zip pull-overs.

What if I accidentally get myself hooked on

a lure? The Bay Life guarantee is crazy comprehensive. It covers fish hooks, blood stains, horns, hunting accidents, shark attacks, fading or peeling of the images, decal fading, rips, tears, burns, riots, crazy ex's (check it out on their website), and even aliens. You just have to send an email to info@baylifeapparel.com, with your story for assistance with a replacement. But do note, that it does not cover lost or stolen apparel so keep it secure.

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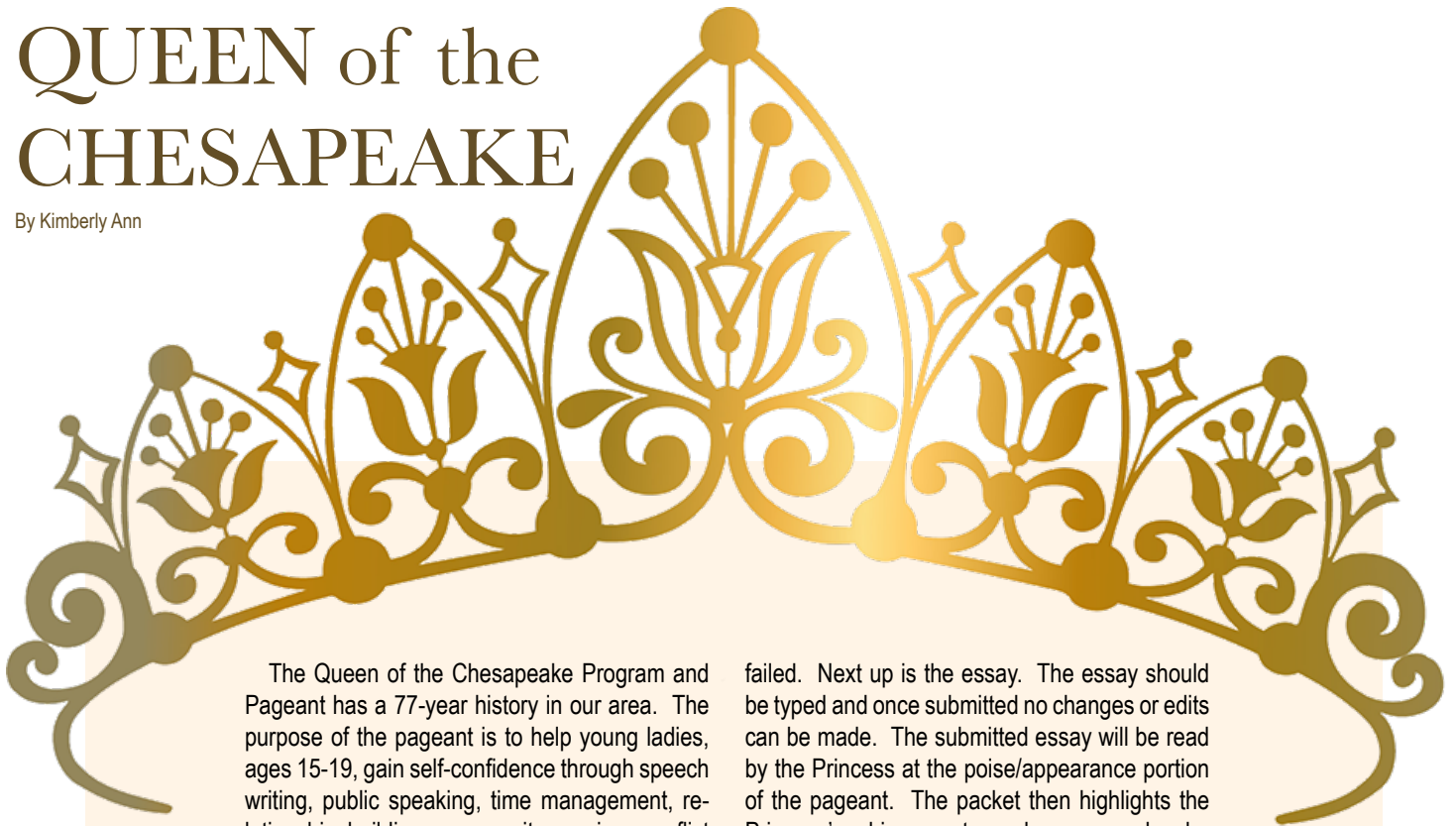
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QUEEN of the CHESAPEAKE

By Kimberly Ann



The Queen of the Chesapeake Program and Pageant has a 77-year history in our area. The purpose of the pageant is to help young ladies, ages 15-19, gain self-confidence through speech writing, public speaking, time management, relationship building, community service, conflict resolution, and fundraising.

The first Queen of the Chesapeake, Mrs. Mae Sgerman, was crowned in 1947 on the first Sunday in June. Over the years the pageant has changed and evolved to include a new scoring system that reflects the changing role of young women in today's world. The scoring breakdown focuses on achievements, interview skills, and poise/presentation equally. The winner and her runner-up each receive a scholarship for continuing their education, which can be held for up to five years after high school graduation.

The Princess must be sponsored by a yacht club in good standing and must attend an orientation that was held this year in February at the Maryland Yacht Club. At the orientation, the Princess is given her application packet that includes her Passport Book to record her attendance at yacht club meetings.

The application asks the standard information like name, school, club affiliation, and graduation year. However, it then gets a little more in-depth. The Princess writes her biography and an "elevator" pitch. Then she answers a series of questions focusing on strengths, and achievements, and is also directed to reflect on a time when she

failed. Next up is the essay. The essay should be typed and once submitted no changes or edits can be made. The submitted essay will be read by the Princess at the poise/appearance portion of the pageant. The packet then highlights the Princess' achievements and any awards she may have received over the years.

Once the application and entrance fee are sent in the next step is the pageant interview. This year the interviews were held on June 15. The contestants also turned in their Penny War jars and Opening Weekend Passports at this event. On Friday, June 21st the Queen's Farewell Pool Party was held to say job well done to the current Queen. At the conclusion of the pageant (throughout the pageant there were introductions, reading of the essays, Q&A sessions, Miss Congeniality, a parade of contestants, a final question for the Princesses, and the 2023-2024 Queen's Farewell Speech) the first runner-up was announced and given her awards and then the moment everyone was waiting for -- the 77th Queen for 2024-2025 was announced and crowned. Following the crowning there will be pictures poolside and a Queen's Cake Cutting.

The event is spectacular for not just the young ladies but their families and home clubs, as well. To support this effort in the future, visit www.mdyc.org/qotc for more information. And check back next month to see who was crowned 2024-2025 Queen of the Chesapeake.

Editor's Note: The Chesapeake Bay Area Yacht Club Princess was crowned just after press time. Our next issue will include an interview with this special young lady.



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What would Jimmy Buffet do?

LISTEN TO THE CHRIS SACKS BAND

By Kimberly Ann

Growing up on Maryland beaches gave Chris Sacks an appreciation for his family and the laid-back lifestyle that surrounded him. He is a singer-songwriter, and couldn't picture himself doing anything else. For the past 10 years, Chris has been able to be a full-time musician, averaging about 100 shows per year. He loves to travel the States sharing his gift with others and is always searching for "barefoot beaches and coastal sunsets." It has been said that he has Caribbean Sea Water running through his veins and he does not disagree.

His songs come from his life experiences and stories that have been shared with him throughout the years. He believes that as a musician he must create a picture in the audience's mind as if painting on the soul. He states, "I write my songs to connect to the audience in a way, that they feel, that they themselves are on their own personal journey or are able to revisit a prior one."

Listening to Chris' music you can close your eyes and transport yourself to the beach. There is a Jimmy Buffet feel to his music that makes you want to sit on your beach chair, tropical drink in hand and let all your worries float away.

Chris has performances set all over Maryland this summer and up and down the East Coast. He plays at many marinas, breweries, and festivals. You can find him at the Cecil County Fair, Baltimore Yacht Club, Cult Classic Brewing, Ocean City, Coastal Virginia Magazine Winefest, and Mudhook Brewing Company up in York, PA. The band comes in different sizes, if you will, you can have Chris solo, a duo, a trio, and a band. There can be five or six pieces including saxophone/keyboard, steel pan, and harmonica.

He has had the privilege of opening for acts such as Bucky Covington, Jesse Rice, Joe Diffie, Lori Morgan & Pam Tillis, and Mo Pitney.

This summer's tour event is titled, "What

Would Jimmy Buffet Do?" There are shows booked almost every day of the week and sometimes twice in one day offering many options for followers to find and attend a show. You can check out the full schedule at:

www.chrissacksmusic.com/home#upcoming-shows.

In August Chris will be coming home to Kent Island performing at Cult Classic Brewing Company. The performance will feature Coral Reefer Band members Roger Bartlett, Doyle Grisham, and Nadirah Shakoor. Special guests will be Emily Randle and Emily Guemple. You can come by boat or by car. Shuttles will be available from the nearby marinas. Grab your VIP tickets and meet Chris and the band before the show.

And if you get the chance to meet Chris and the band at Cult Classic or any of their venues let them know that you heard about them first at Upper Bay Boating Magazine.



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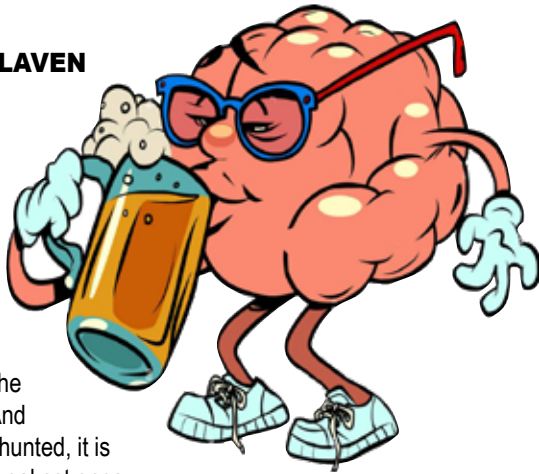


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BUFFALO
THEORY**

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PROBABLY
ALSO BE
APPLIED
TO SEA MEN!

A herd of buffalo can only move as fast as the slowest buffalo. And when the herd is hunted, it is the slowest and weakest ones at the back that are killed first. This natural selection is good for the herd as a whole because the general speed and health of the whole group continuously improves by the regularly culling of the weakest members.

In much the same way, the human brain can only operate as fast as the slowest brain cells.



Excessive intake of alcohol, as we know, kills brain cells. But naturally, it attacks the slowest and weakest brain cells first. In this way, regular consumption of beer eliminates the weaker brain cells, making the brain a faster and more efficient machine. That's why you always feel smarter after a few beers!



Jack walked into a tiki bar

A handsome man named Jack walked into a tiki bar around 9:58 pm on a Friday. He sat down next to a beautiful blonde woman at the bar and stared up at the TV as the 10:00 o'clock news came on. The news crew was covering a story of a man on the St. George Bridge threatening to jump.

The blonde looked at Jack and asked, "Do you think he'll jump?"

Jack says, "You know what, I bet he will." The blonde replied, "Well, I bet he won't." Jack placed \$30

on the bar and said, "You're on!"

Just as she placed her money on the bar, the guy did a swan dive off St George Bridge falling to his death. The blonde was very upset and handed her \$30 to Jack, saying, "Fair's fair... here's your money."

Jack replied, "I can't take your money, I saw this earlier on the 5 o'clock news and knew he would jump."

The blonde replies, "I did too; but I didn't think he'd do it again."

Jack took the money.

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A seagull by any other name...

By Anne Sandbek



POP! I NEED HELP

“Pop! I need help, I found a seagull wrapped in fishing line!” A plea I’m sure more than one waterfront grandpa has heard. When a kid finds a seagull wrapped in a length of fishing line how can you not help? While interfering with wildlife is generally not recommended, untangling a seagull is just plain nice. However, did you know that there is technically no such thing as a seagull?

When we refer to seagulls, we are talking about a group of birds scientifically known as gulls and terns. None of these birds spend a lot of time “at sea.” Either way, they coexist with humans pretty well -- too well sometimes.

The gulls are sometimes called the garbage trucks of the beach and a much less desirable term in parking lots.

They feed on all kinds of shellfish, fish, squid, insects, other birds’ chicks and eggs, dead animals, and human garbage. It is easy to see where both nicknames came from.

The most common gull in Maryland is the Herring Gull and is likely the one you have pictured in your mind. Standing about two feet tall with a four-and-a-half-foot wing span, these birds are mostly white with a pale gray back and yellow bill. Herring Gulls have been known to live for over 30 years. Hard to believe that the bird who required rescue could have been twice as old as the boy to help!

Along the coastlines of Maryland, these gulls stick around throughout the year. During migration and mating, however, they can be seen throughout all of North America, including Alaska! They migrate across the continental United States, breed in Canada, and overwinter (like many snowbirds we know) in the southeastern United States and even on the coasts of Mexico. Honestly, who can blame them?

Don’t forget to pick up your fishing line whenever possible and if you find these seagulls a bit annoying, just say thank you for cleaning up!

Think twice before rescuing wildlife that may be in distress. Call the Maryland Department of Natural Resources Wildlife Services toll-free before attempting to handle a wild animal at 1-877-463-6497. To learn more visit DNR at https://dnr.maryland.gov/wildlife/Pages/plants_wildlife/wildlifeproblems.aspx





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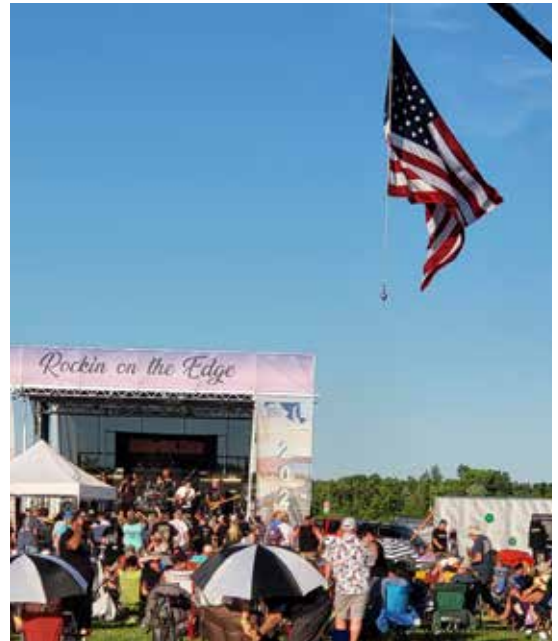
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The First Annual, *Rockin' on the Edge* Music Festival was held on June 8 with over 1,200 people in attendance to support good music, healthier waterways, and recreation for local children. We could not have ordered up a more beautiful day, with low humidity, clear skies and a slight breeze to keep people comfortable and our giant 20' x 30' American flag waiving over the stage.

The event name, *Rockin' on the Edge*, stemmed from the beautiful venue, Watersedge Park in Dundalk and the fact that the stage was set on the edge of the beach on Bear Creek, a local tributary leading to the Chesapeake Bay.



Maryland Waterways Foundation and Watersedge Recreation Council worked together to organize the fundraiser for the benefit of cleaning up our environment and waterways and providing an outlet for children through recreational and fun educational activities. Five bands played throughout the day with variety of food trucks and libations in the background to choose from.

The event only succeeded with the help of our many volunteers from both organizations, the cooperation and assistance of Baltimore County Rec and Parks and our many generous sponsors.

Thank you to all for making our first year such a success!



*A special thank you to Baltimore County Police Patrol, Marine & Auxiliary units, Wise Avenue Volunteer Fire Department & Medics, and the Bowley's Quarters and North Point/Edgemere Volunteer Fire and Rescue Boats

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Murphy was an optimist.

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SELF STARTERS—WILL NOT.

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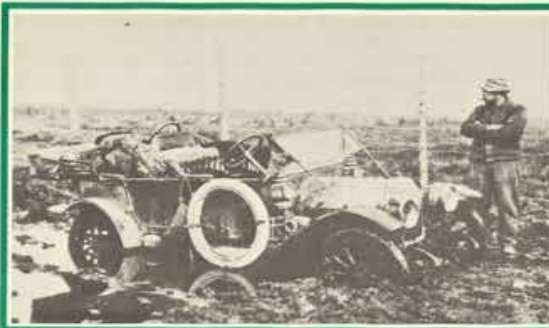
THERE IS ALWAYS ONE MORE BUG.

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WORRY, YOU'LL GET OVER IT.



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WHERE YOU STAND ON AN ISSUE
DEPENDS ON WHERE YOU SIT.

NEVER EAT PRUNES
WHEN YOU ARE FAMISHED

FRIENDS COME AND GO,
BUT ENEMIES ACCUMULATE.

IF YOU TRY TO PLEASE EVERYBODY,
NOBODY WILL LIKE IT.

A SHORT CUT IS THE LONGEST
DISTANCE BETWEEN TWO POINTS.

ANYTHING THAT CAN GO WRONG, WILL GO WRONG.

YOU WILL ALWAYS FIND SOMETHING IN THE LAST PLACE
YOU LOOK.

THE CHANCE OF A PIECE OF BREAD FALLING WITH THE
BUTTERED SIDE DOWN IS DIRECTLY PROPORTIONAL TO
THE COST OF THE CARPET.

NO MATTER HOW LONG OR HARD YOU SHOP FOR AN ITEM,
AFTER YOU'VE BOUGHT IT, IT WILL BE ON SALE
SOMEWHERE CHEAPER.

NO ONE'S LIFE, LIBERTY, OR PROPERTY ARE SAFE WHILE
THE LEGISLATURE IS IN SESSION.

THE OTHER LINE ALWAYS MOVES FASTER.

IN ORDER TO GET A LOAN, YOU MUST FIRST PROVE YOU
DON'T NEED IT.

ANYTHING YOU TRY TO FIX WILL TAKE LONGER AND COST
MORE THAN YOU THOUGHT.

IF YOU FOOL AROUND WITH A THING FOR VERY LONG YOU
WILL SCREW IT UP.

A \$300.00 PICTURE TUBE WILL PROTECT A 10¢ FUSE BY
BLOWING FIRST.

IF IT JAMS—FORCE IT. IF IT BREAKS, IT NEEDED
REPLACING ANYWAY.

ANY TOOL DROPPED WHILE REPAIRING A CAR WILL ROLL
UNDERNEATH TO THE EXACT CENTER.

THE REPAIRMAN WILL NEVER HAVE SEEN A MODEL QUITE
LIKE YOURS BEFORE.

WHEN A BROKEN APPLIANCE IS DEMONSTRATED FOR THE
REPAIRMAN, IT WILL WORK PERFECTLY.

A PIPE GIVES A WISE MAN TIME TO THINK AND A FOOL
SOMETHING TO STICK IN HIS MOUTH.

EVERYBODY SHOULD BELIEVE IN SOMETHING—I BELIEVE
I'LL HAVE ANOTHER DRINK.

BUILD A SYSTEM THAT EVEN A FOOL CAN USE, AND ONLY
A FOOL WILL USE IT.

EVERYONE HAS A SCHEME FOR GETTING RICH THAT WILL
NOT WORK.

IN ANY HIERARCHY, EACH INDIVIDUAL RISES TO HIS OWN
LEVEL OF INCOMPETENCE, AND THEN REMAINS THERE.

YOU WILL REMEMBER THAT YOU FORGOT TO TAKE OUT
THE TRASH WHEN THE GARBAGE TRUCK IS TWO
DOORS AWAY.

THE RACE IS NOT ALWAYS TO THE SWIFT NOR THE
BATTLE TO THE STRONG, BUT THAT'S THE WAY TO BET.

THERE'S NEVER TIME TO DO IT RIGHT, BUT THERE'S
ALWAYS TIME TO DO IT OVER.

WHEN IN DOUBT, MUMBLE. WHEN IN TROUBLE, DELEGATE.

ANYTHING GOOD IN LIFE IS EITHER ILLEGAL, IMMORAL OR
FATTENING.

IT IS MORALLY WRONG TO ALLOW SUCKERS TO KEEP
THEIR MONEY.

A BIRD IN HAND IS SAFER THAN ONE OVERHEAD.

MURPHY'S GOLDEN RULE: WHOEVER HAS THE GOLD
MAKES THE RULES.

EVERYTHING EAST OF THE SAN ANDREAS FAULT WILL
EVENTUALLY PLUNGE INTO THE ATLANTIC OCEAN.

NATURE ALWAYS SIDES WITH THE HIDDEN FLAW.

THE LIGHT AT THE END OF THE TUNNEL IS THE HEADLAMP
OF AN ONCOMING TRAIN.

CELIBACY IS NOT HEREDITARY.

NEVER SLEEP WITH ANYONE CRAZIER THAN YOURSELF.

BEAUTY IS ONLY SKIN DEEP, UGLY GOES TO THE BONE.

TO KNOW YOURSELF IS THE ULTIMATE FORM OF
AGGRESSION. (FREUDIAN PSYCHOLOGY)

NEVER PLAY LEAPFROG WITH A UNICORN.

A SMITH & WESSON BEATS FOUR ACES.

IF EVERYTHING SEEMS TO BE GOING WELL, YOU OBVIOUSLY
DON'T KNOW WHAT THE HELL IS GOING ON.

IF MORE THAN ONE PERSON IS RESPONSIBLE FOR A
MISCALCULATION, NO ONE WILL BE AT FAULT.

IN CASE OF DOUBT, MAKE IT SOUND CONVINCING.

NEVER ARGUE WITH A FOOL, PEOPLE MIGHT NOT KNOW
THE DIFFERENCE.

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TUB BOATS Organizing Tips For Summer Boating

By Montana Grant



Organization on Upper Bay Boats is always important. Having everything you need means less worrying, and a comfortable day on the water. A shipshape boat means less clutter and having what you want and may need. Having organized Tubs will save time when getting ready to launch.

Not all boats have great storage options. Open side walls often end up holding fishing rod racks. There may be a few under seat storage spots. The cabin may also hold some options. Once you have filled everything with PFD's, ropes, anchors, and other boat gear, there may not be any space for other essentials.

Tubs can create a dry, rodent/bug proof, storage option. This is especially helpful if the boat hat you have is open and exposed to wind, water, and weather. A few labels can identify what you have, so that the whole crew can access what they need. If the bench seats have no storage, place tubs under them. Some rubber material, glued to the tubs bottom, will keep them from sliding around. Bungy cords are also great for securing Tubs in place.

Some Tubs can stay on the boat while others can be taken on and off as needed. Protecting tubs with Armor All will extend their life, especially in the bright sunlight.

Here are some TUB ideas.

First aid kit Having extra suntan lotion, band aids, aspirin, bandages, antiseptic, Hydrogen Peroxide, and other health items always come in handy. Someone always gets bit by a crab, cut by a sharp hook, or bitten by something. Maybe some seasick pills are needed as well.

Electronics This waterproof box can hold cellphones or whatever technology that you need to put on your boat. Leaving fish finders, GPS, and radios aboard is often too tempting for Pirates.

Tackle Pre rigged gear, reels, and other fishing stuff/ crabbing stuff ca be on hand and ready to deploy.

Snack Box Having a goodie Tub is perfect for kids and snackers. Crackers are also handy for any upset tummies.

Paperwork This tub can contain any licenses, maps, instruction manuals, or printed materials. Pens and pencils can help make lists of ideas, boat needs, or chores to do for the next outing.

Optics Binoculars, range finders, extra sunglasses, and other accessories can be placed in the tub. Use some foam to cut a place where the gear can fit and be safe.

Go Bag/Tub A Tub, with a handle can float. Keep some emergency gear in this evacuation container in case you need to abandon ship.

Fun Tub This tub can hold a deck of cards, games, or books to read. Maybe a floating ball or other favorite fun items that you enjoy.

Picnic Tub Having a tub meal ready is handy. Plates, napkins, plasticware, and picnic support gear make a beach meal easy. Have a trash bag or two handy for clean-up.

Hygiene Tub The stub could contain a remote, battery powered shower pump. Some soap, personal products, TP, and towels may be in this Tub. Maybe a change of clothes in case someone gets wet or has an accident. They also make compact potties that fold up and can be on hand, just in case.

Pockets If you lack space for Tubs, attach some pocket storage to the sides of the boat or onto coolers.

Buckets Screw lid buckets allow for dry storage and make for emergency floatation items. They can also serve other needs.

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