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Marinating with Jim High



Have you ever wondered how Junk Mail got to be called SPAM?

'Always Look on The Bright side of Life', is a song that has become synonymous with Monty Python. In the movie Life of Brian, as Brian is being crucified on the cross, he begins to sing this song for the first time. It has now been sung many. Many times over the years during the television show, on Saturday Night Live with Eric Idle, in the movies and in the fabulous play SPAMALOT! Spamalot is a combination of Camelot and the processed meat product SPAM. During episodes of Monty Python, they had a restaurant that only served, you guessed it... yes,

SPAM! Everyone loved to order SPAM and would shout out SPAM...constantly!!! Remember AOL and America Online? In the chat rooms when people were rambling on? Chatters began to type imitating the Monty Python SPAM restaurant...SPAM, SPAM, SPAM, SPAM... This is the beginning of how junk email began to be known as SPAM! One day at Starbucks, make your name on the cup SPARTACUS! See what happens when they call your name. This is also from Monty Python as people shout, I AM SPARTACUS!!!



PRIMETIME IS HERE! MAY...

Long days, warm weather, boats are in, waters warming, mosquitos swarming and raft-ups happening! The boating season is in full swing and don't waste your weekends! Get that honey-do list done and get down to the docks. I will be out as often as possible for both fun and frolic.

So watch out for the NBH's (non-boating humans) scamming you into

heading into the country for a damn BBQ! People just don't understand the commitment, desire, and fore thought that went into spending all of our weekends out on the water... out on our boats and out enjoying our beautiful Chesapeake Bay, rivers, creeks, beaches, dock bars and small, beautiful waterfront oriented towns.



WHAT'S IN YOUR CABIN?

Over the years, being in the boating business and owning a marina, I have had the need to destroy a few older boats. Let's just say 50+ One thing that was always constant in the cabin was the amount of Poker Cards I would find. Every cabin had a few playing cards. Usually, it was never even opened and many still mildewed. How much do we pack into our cabins? How much do we prepare for things that may never be used? Do you have a cabin filled with over preparedness? An example... 5 sewing kits in four different areas. 5 different kinds of antacid. 5 different unopened board games... you know for a rainy day in the cabin that you don't go day drinking for!



By Wendy Gilbert
Contributing Editor

GOTTA SEASICK NEWBIE ONBOARD?



There are plenty of OTC products to take before getting aboard, but as any seasoned captain will tell you, a lot of folks assume they won't have any issues. "All you need to do is keep your eye on the horizon," they say. And then chop happens. Or that greasy

hoagie and chips start to digest as the Chesapeake Bay version of The Dolls sets in on a 100-degree day in mid-July. Or perhaps that Low Tide smell doesn't mix so well with your Bud Light. According to experts roughly 1/3rd of

us – boating experts and landlubbers alike – suffer from motion sickness. When it's too late for preventative measures, try these – some tried and some not-so-true remedies for your queasy guests.

GINGER

Remember when Mom made you chicken noodle soup when you were sick and, as a special "treat," gave you a tall glass of flat ginger ale?

Well, me neither, but I'm told it is done.

In any case, ginger truly does have stomach-soothing properties. Ginger is available in many forms, but for our purposes, ginger gum or ginger gummies will work.

PEPTO

It never hurts to keep a package of the pink stuff in tablet form aboard.

MOTION SICKNESS PATCHES AND WRIST BANDS

I prefer these over medications like Bonine and Dramamine, but some find them less effective.

Motion Sickness Glasses

These are all over TikTok and while they are far from stylish, if they can help why not give them a try? You can find them for both kids and adults for prices ranging between \$6 and \$20 per pair.

CLAIMS AND BENEFITS INCLUDE:

With French automaker Citroën claiming to have created the first pair, these funky-looking lens less goggles have four circular lenses — two lenses in front and two to the sides of each eye — that are each partially filled with blue liquid. The instructions indicate that users should put them on at the first sign of motion sickness and wear them for around 10 to 14 minutes. Though they may not be exactly stylish, social media users are still abuzz, with

review videos having racked up millions of views on TikTok. Users swear that the eyewear contraptions help prevent motion sickness while allowing them to read or use phones in the car (a classic gateway to feeling sick).

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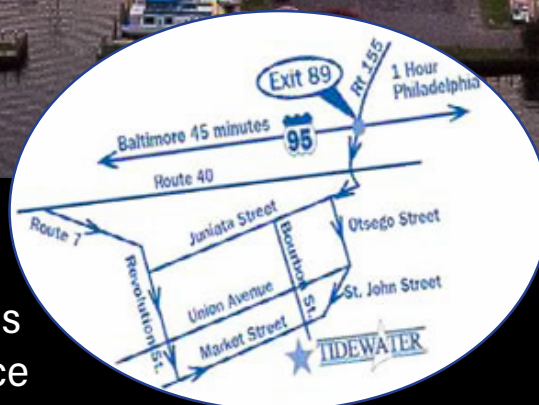
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The Game of Jacks By Any Other Name

By Wendy Gilbert

Any parent will tell you that extricating their kids from electronic devices can be a challenge.

It can take a beat, but most people really do warm up to haptic pleasures and social interaction quickly.

The trick is getting beyond things like Go Fish, jigsaw puzzles, the license plate game, and the Peg game at Cracker Barrel. You know, the stuff you stow in the cabin “just in case”.

This winter I was mesmerized by Seong Gi-hun and the Korean games on Squid games. Thank goodness it's spring at last, but winter pastimes linger, don't they?

- Ddakji - The player must throw their tile and try to flip the other tile on the ground. This is the same game that the Salesman plays in the subway.

- Flying Stone - The player must knock over a stone by

throwing another stone.

- Gonggi - The player must throw and catch several combinations of five small stones in their hand before throwing and catching all five, flipping them over onto the tops of their fingers before re-catching them all in their palm.

- Spinning Top - The player must wind a piece of string around a spinning top before skillfully throwing it so that it spins on the ground.

- Jegi - The player must keep the jegi in the air by kicking it five times without it falling to the floor. This one is very similar to 'hacky sack'.

I couldn't help but wonder how well I'd fare playing these games. They all looked simple enough, but as boaters well know, what is simple isn't often easy.

Perhaps Gonggi. It looked more like jacks than any-

thing else – something I remember having some skill at when I was 10.

I decided to investigate. According to the National Museum of Play, the game of jacks was inducted into their Hall of Fame 25 years ago.

“Whether called Iguni, Abhadho, Cincos Marias, or Huripapa, jacks is one of the oldest and most widespread games in the world. All jacks games share a strategy: toss a ball in the air and scoop up pieces before the ball bounces. In this game of skill, almost any collection of small objects will work—beans, rocks, stones, and even bones. Throughout history, kids in virtually every culture on the globe have sat cross-legged and played some version of the game. Cro-Magnon parents may have encouraged their children to play jacks

on cave floors, to increase the eye-hand coordination vital to later success at hunting. Kids in ancient Egypt played “knucklebones” with sheep toe bones. The game of knucklebones led to dice games for boys, and jacks, usually played with a wooden ball, for girls. In modern times, kids followed a bouncing rubber ball. The game inspired popular children's songs such as “This Old Man” (he played one, he played two, and so on). Classic American versions of jacks include Eggs in the Basket, Pigs in the Pen, Jacks on the Rooftop, Five Finger, and Challenge.

Additional research suggests that a rudimentary form of jacks was found depicted on a wall in Ancient Egypt. Who knew? Maybe me and King Tut and Seong Gi-hun have a little something in common?

The Childrens Museum
of Indianapolis - Jacks



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ROE YOUR BOAT!

Fish eggs are also known as roe. It drives me crazy when I see anglers cleaning trout and perch and then tossing out the nutritious roe. I know that eating fish eggs sounds gross, but there was a time when roe was considered nutritious, delicious, and a delicacy.

Native peoples and newcomers once enjoyed fish eggs more than the fish. Back in the day, you ate what you had. Nothing went to waste. When cooked properly, the fish roe tasted even better. Fish roe has a salty taste that people either like or don't.

Eating fresh fish roe is important. To process fresh roe from your catch, simply separate the skein of eggs and rinse. Keep on ice /refrigerated until needed. I have seen canned and preserved fish roe but...

Many species of fish are also full of roe. Most spring-caught female fish are laden with eggs. Sadly, anglers just toss this tasty treat away with the rest of the fish guts. Savvy anglers sell their roe so that rich people can enjoy their Chesapeake Caviar.

If the eggs are called caviar, maybe they seem more inviting. Trout, salmon, walleye, perch, shad, herring, and other fish roe are too good to waste. Native peoples and pioneers would fry the roe with bacon to make it taste great. Of course, an old shoe would be tasty if fried in bacon.

Finding inviting ways to present fish roe needs some creativity. Processing and presenting roe like caviar is a start. Serve it in a cute bowl of crackers, and it will make you look like you went all out to please your guests. After all, expensive caviar from sturgeons can cost hundreds of dollars a bite.

You can also add fish roe to other recipes. Here is an original recipe for the Chesapeake Bay Boaters to tackle:

CHESAPEAKE CAVIAR RAVIOLI Note: Use local white/yellow perch, shad, herring, trout, and other native fish eggs.



Prepare your ravioli pasta dough as usual. The filling and cooking of ravioli will stay the same as you would when making this Italian favorite.

To make the filling, use the skeins/sacks of roe as needed. Smaller species of fish will have smaller-sized eggs. Colors of eggs may also vary by species. It is best to use fresh roe.

Dice garlic and shallots. 4 tablespoons of olive oil. I really enjoy an infused Olive Oil called Blood Orange. This flavored oil adds amazing flavor to any seafood. Sauté the roe and spices for 5 minutes. You can add a little salt

or Old Bay seasoning. A little spice is all that is needed. Now form/load your ravioli and cook as you normally would.

For the pasta sauce, you need 2 cloves of garlic, 2 tbsp of butter, capers (drained but not rinsed), and fresh parsley. Top with grated parmesan/Romano cheese and thin lemon slices. Pine nuts and capers on top add texture and flavor.

I have served this as a main dish or as an appetizer. Place one ravioli on cracker and add the sauce and garnish on top. A small dollop of sour cream can also be added.

One of my favorite ways to serve this extreme dish is in a clean oyster shell. The oyster shell becomes a small plate and is presented on an ice tray. Real shucked oysters can be nearby.

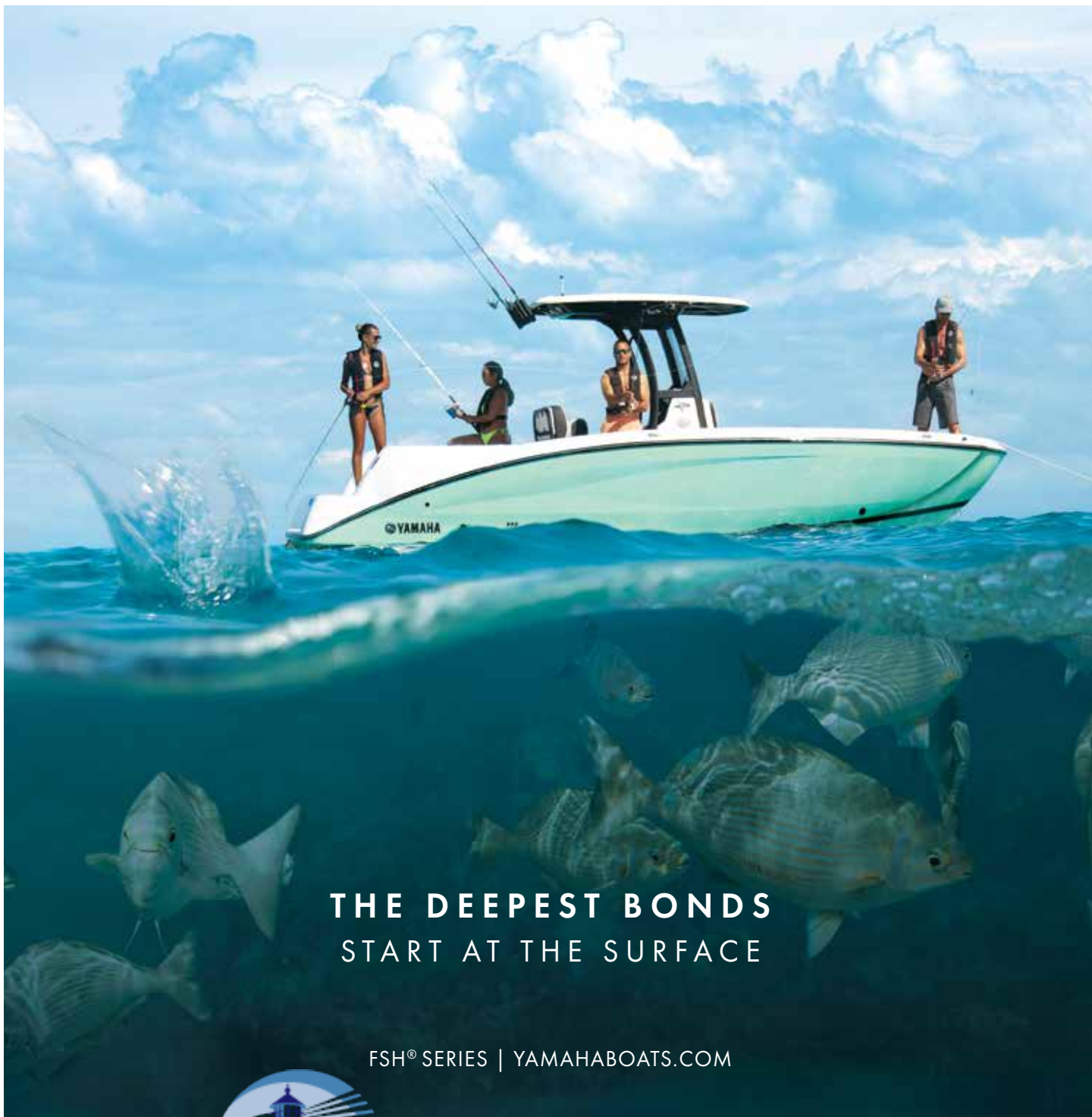
A dash or drizzle of vermouth over the ravioli will kick it up a notch. You may also prefer a drizzle of balsamic vinegar.

Enjoy a glass of champagne, wine, or a cold Natty Boh to cleanse your palate between bites.

Boaters enjoy serving seafood and local cuisine when afloat. Going a little extreme makes guests even more impressed and their boating experience more memorable.

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Pier Review

By Captain Mark Galasso



My father-in-law was an engineer. He was notorious for doing everything industrial-strength. When most mechanics got bolt cutters, he opted for something more along the lines of the Jaws of Life. He had a pry bar that weighed more than most tiki bars. And an hour with his post hole digger would bring an Oyster Tonger to their knees. So, I wasn't surprised when I saw him out in the back yard talking to the marine construction guys that were getting ready to build his new pier. I didn't want to get involved because, well you know I was only his daughter's annoying boyfriend at the time, and the last time I asked if I could help, I found myself up in his attic in July reinsulating the attic with Rock Wool. Forty-five years later, I still get itchy just thinking about it! So, I sat behind a big black walnut tree and covertly listened in on the conversation. It went something like this.

Sir, we got the extra-long pilings you requested and will probably pile-drive them in. No, they might be too deep to jet them in. We're going to chain saw off the tops anyway to make everything nice and even. But sir. I meant. Yes sir. I know you paid extra for the

longer and larger poles. We won't be cutting much off. I promise. Whatever you say, Sir. Yes, we can start soon. Just need the working barge to get here up the Creek. No Sir, it just has a little outboard. No, not a diesel. Next week. Ok, see you then. When the guy hopped in his truck, I noticed he was sweating profusely even though it was a cool day in late March.

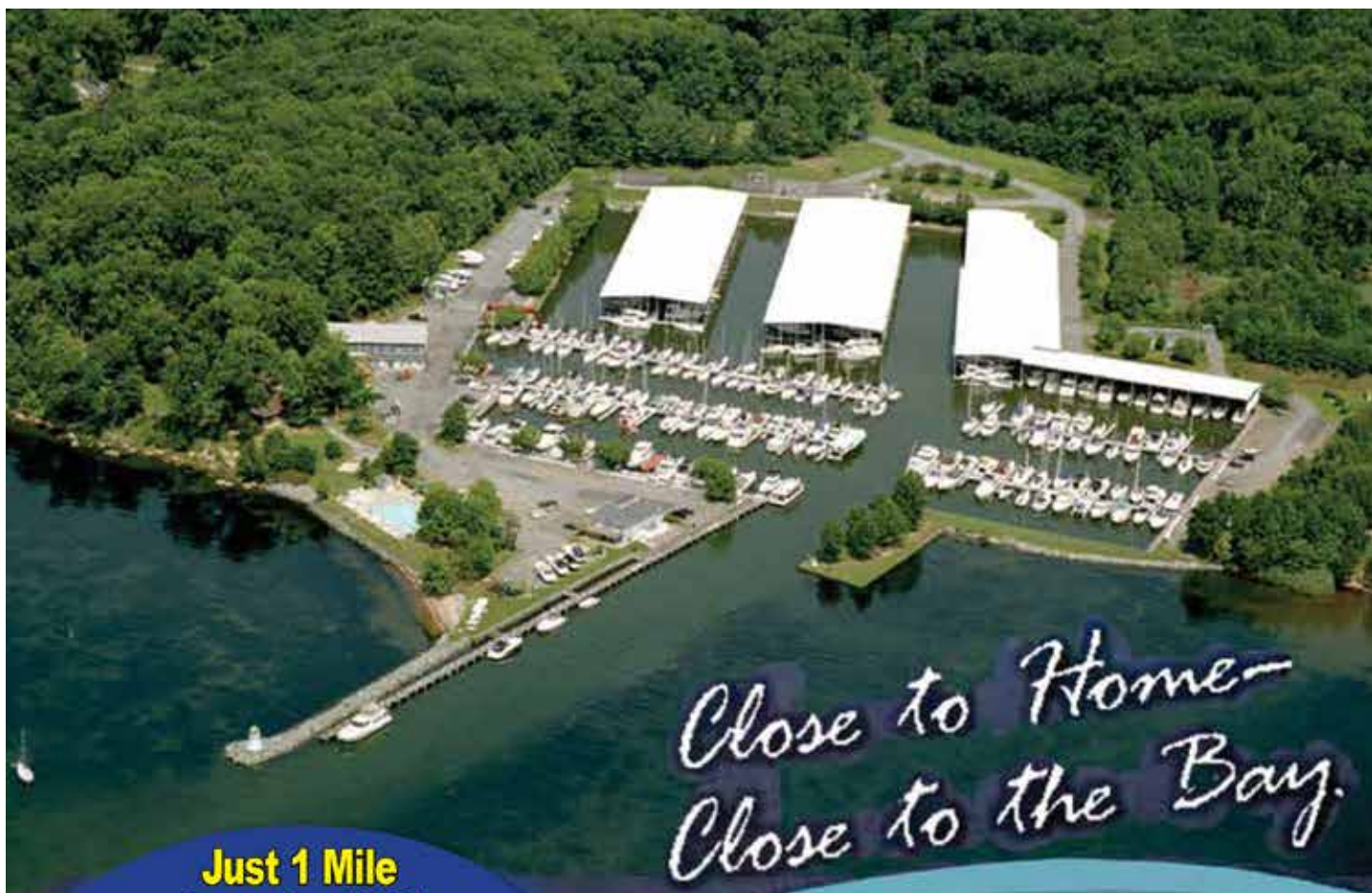
I got caught before I could even plan my escape. He asked me what I thought as he rolled out the plans on the grass. Considering they didn't even have a boat I thought the plans which would have been more appropriate if they were building a commercial port, were a little overkill. But I shook my head and just responded, "nice." Fast forward about 48 years.

The pier is now mine, and about all I've done over the years is put in electric, water, and a new boat lift. At the beginning of last summer, I noticed that a few of my docks planking was starting to look a little unsafe so I figured I'd inspect the dock and replace anything I needed to replace. Many of the old nails and spikes were rusted out, and the decking was starting to come apart.

My neighbors dock which was built around the same time looked like a hill-billy with gingivitis. Our shoreline was littered with old deck boards. I made up my mind -- I'd remove all the old decking and inspect the pilings and cross members as well as the plumbing and electric. I got a couple of quotes from a few professionals and then made up a materials list. It seemed like I could save myself a few thousand bucks if I did it myself. Big mistake!

I would screw down the new decking with deck screws. Someone told me if the pier is in sheltered water use screws. If it is in open water, use nails. The reasoning was that if the pier submerged in calm water the screws would hold fast. If it got submerged in rough open water it was better to lose a few deck boards than damage the whole pier. So, I needed 1500 deck screws, 230 ground contact, salt treated 6-ft, 2 by 6s and another twenty 2 by 10s. I had to get them in 3 trips since my truck couldn't hold all that weight. I gave myself four days to complete the project with no help.

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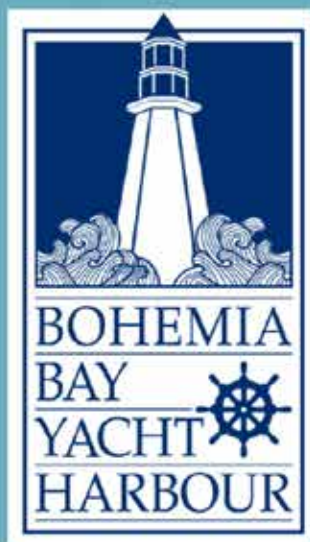


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A CAUTIONARY TALE

Don and Gail Elwell

And so, it's finally spring. After a windy, rather unpleasant winter, the sun is finally out, the ospreys have returned to the Middle River, the carp are slamming against boat hulls and scaring the crap out of tourists, and, in general, the aquatic equivalent of spring is in the air.

And this particular spring, in our right minds and everything, we've decided to forego the comforts of our lovely little shantyboat Dragonfly, with her nice galley and full-sized bed and all to go exploring from now through fall. We built Dragonfly a couple of years ago to be our home on the river, and it's been delightful, but this year, the wanderlust has finally caught up with us. Accordingly, we acquired a new-to-us Newport 27 sailboat, with sails and a mercifully working motor, and are preparing to set out on a year of adventure, investigating the inlets of the Chesapeake, meeting other boaters, seeing other

places, and, in general, communing with the water. The Newport was perfect for us; it was docked near us, the cabin was roomy enough for the two of us and our (somewhat hefty) adorable ship's cat, and the boat was in the size range we felt comfortable handling. All in all, it seemed a great bet.

We, of course knew that there would be some things we'd want to fix. We do some serious cooking, so we'd want to do a re-do on the galley space, and no sailboat I'd ever been on has enough light inside. Still and all, there seemed little to fix. Not beyond the usual anyway. Sailboats always leak (mercifully, generally from the top down, not the bottom up), and there was a bit of water damage around the windows, which I planned to rebed. There was some water staining around the Starboard chain plate inside and around the companionway, but nothing I didn't expect.

So, we set about to make

the boat water-worthy. We changed the old interior bulbs for brighter, more efficient LED's. We brought aboard our stove and oven and the fridge, and in general made the space more livable.

I was in the middle of congratulating myself on how well we'd chosen when I went to wipe down the starboard bulkhead and chainplate. . . and put my hand through it.

Honest, the damage didn't look that bad at all, just a little discoloration, but the more I tugged the more the wood crumbled. The cheery metal plate bolted to it holds up the mast. This was not good. It had to go.

The thing was in such rotten shape that I despaired of even getting it out to use as a template, so we made a paper pattern in place, found a decent piece of teak ply, and cut a new blank for the bulkhead. We tied off the main and jib halyards to take up some of the load for

the starboard shroud, took a deep breath, and pulled out the old bulkhead. It came out—and apart—with stunning ease. Moving as quickly as possible, fueled by LOTS of paranoia, we got the new bulkhead screwed and bolted into place and bolted on the chain plate and its backing plate. Whew.

We haven't gotten the trim on the new piece yet, but it looks great. And, yes, before you ask, after this we went over the rest of the boat with a fine-toothed comb looking for similar rot and degeneration. Happily, the only degeneration on the boat appears to be me.

So, we proceed. We'll do a trial sail in the next week to check out the rig while our beloved shantyboat migrates to the hard for the duration. The smaller space is an adjustment, but the adventure is worth it.

As for the cat, once he found his food bowl on the new boat he ceased to care.

See you out there.



Mostly, Magellan slept through the drama.



Our beloved Shantyboat gets a vacation, pay no attention to our friend on the stern



The repair was nerve-wracking, but turned out pretty well.



Yep, this was all that was holding up the starboard shroudline.

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Oh, My Osprey!

By Anne Sandbek



It's a clear Spring day, partly cloudy with a light breeze. The wintertime blues are long gone. A young boy is sitting on the end of a pier, casting out a line with a floating frog lure in hopes of snagging a Rockfish. Much to his surprise, a shadow comes darting down from behind and snags the lure right up in its talons! I'm sure you're not surprised to learn that he did not get the lure back from the hungry osprey. But I know his grandfather got a kick out of watching him try!

In addition to kids casting lines in the spring, the Upper Bay is full of hatching babies. A mated Osprey pair build their nest on the edge of land and water. They lay two to four eggs at intervals for spaced hatching time. They sit on the eggs for about a month and a half, and chicks emerge anywhere from late May through June. Since Chesapeake Bay has over 11,000 miles of shoreline, it's no surprise that 25 percent of the United States' osprey population lives in the Chesapeake Bay region. Today, these fish-loving raptors seem to be everywhere. Since they are so prevalent in the 2020s, Gen Zers might be shocked to learn that this wasn't the case just a few decades ago.

In August of 1945, a pesticide called DDT, or dichlorodiphenyltrichloroethane if you prefer, was released to the public in the United States. DDT was created in 1874 by an Austrian chemist, Othmar Zeidler. It became "useful" when Paul Hermann Müller discovered its insecticidal properties. It was used heavily in World War II to control mosquito and other disease-carrying insect populations to prevent the spread of malaria, yellow fever, and typhus. The Swiss chemist Müller was awarded the 1948 Nobel prize for the discovery.

It wasn't long after this that scientists began to raise concerns about the detrimental effects of the chemical on much more than just the targeted pests. When birds like our osprey friends eat fish, they are eating whatever the fish ate. Any chemicals that stay in a prey animal pile up in their predators. This is called bioaccumulation. Since raptors are at the top of their food chain they amass many magnitudes higher of these chemicals. This means that even though Osprey (and other raptors like bald eagles) were never a target of DDT, they became "prey" to its effects.

Among the many harmful effects of DDT is egg-thinning in birds. So, the

well-meaning momma osprey that sits on her eggs to keep them warm ended up crushing the eggs instead. Over the next few decades, populations plummeted and osprey were very rare.

I'm skipping over the how (go ask a boomer about Rachel Carson's *Silent Spring*), but DDT was banned in the United States on June 14, 1972. Over several decades, DDT began to work its way out of the wild ecosystems. This allowed those mamas that were left to start successfully hatching chicks again.

Their preferred nesting sites include pier pilings, buoys, and utility poles. As you can imagine, this caused some conflict. To help mediate the human conflict and encourage their population growth, human-built platforms were placed along the coastline. The platforms are intended to encourage ospreys to build nests away from other human structures. Thereby reducing the possible negative interactions between ospreys and people, allowing the birds to thrive with less conflict. Today ospreys are found worldwide (except on Antarctica) and breed on all continents except South America.



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FISH WHISTLE

at The Granary

By Kimberly Ann

This month I headed up to Georgetown in search of some good food and great vibes. I found both at Fish Whistle at The Granary. Located at 100 George Street, this gem offers some spectacular views of the Sassafras River.

When I visited, the outdoor deck was a little chilly, but the inside dining room with cozy fireplaces was perfect and still offered water views. I will most certainly be going back when the weather gets warmer to sit out on the lower deck and listen to the live music acts that perform there during the summer months.

The food was spectacular. The catfish fingers were a hit with everyone. The bacon wrapped jalapenos were well received by the spicy crew. But as someone who cannot handle spicy jala-

penos, I opted for the crab guacamole, and it was an excellent choice. My spicy crew also ordered some oysters and assured me they were delicious. Sorry, but I will just have to take their word on that one; oysters are a hard pass for me. We also tried the pulled pork BBQ sandwich made with their Fish Whistle's house smoked pork and covered with Old Mill BBQ Sauce, which was superb, and, of course, the Whistle Crab Cake made with no filler. Yummy!

We had a few local beers including Elk River Bohemia Belgian and Divine IPA from Union Brewery; to wash it all down and then were on to dessert. The Old-Fashioned Baked Bread Pudding was a treat, and I highly recommend it.

The vibe in the dining room was relaxed and people were enjoy-

ing the food on a sunny yet chilly early spring afternoon. We were lucky and got a table right by the fireplace offering some added warmth and ambience.

The restaurant offers different events throughout the year including 3 Course Special nights, National Bourbon Day and National Martini Day, along with wing nights, and brunches.

The Fish Whistle is also a great destination for larger groups and parties. You can send a request form through their website: fish-whistle.com, as well as request catering details.

So, whether by land or by water, in summer or early spring, I highly recommend you head on over to Fish Whistle at The Granary and let them know your friends at Upper Bay Boating Magazine sent you.



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Review

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I decided to start at the shoreline and work my way out. I even bought a new crowbar and pry bar. It took me almost an hour to remove the first 2 deck boards. They weren't as loose as I imagined. The first day, I did 25 boards. I called my brother, another engineer. He laughed. I'll bring you a PROPER pry bar he told me. So, the next morning, I had a pry bar that could lift a small truck. The first board I tried it on exploded and went sailing off into the water. Now that's what I'm talking about.

So, on and out I went. I'd pry up a few boards then screw down new ones. I did 75 that day. Luckily, I had good electric because my feeble battery-operated screw gun lasted all of one board, six screws on a charge. I made it almost to the end when I noticed one of the cross members had come loose from its piling. I had to get extra bolts for that.

While I had things up, I checked on the plumbing and electric. Everything seemed good. The project was a huge success, and I saved myself a

few thousand dollars. However, if I had to do it over again, I'd pay the professional. I couldn't stand up straight for a week and had to take three trips to the dump at 50 dollars a load just to get rid of the old decking.

Something else I noticed while out on the pier -- they don't make nails and bolts like they used to. Though some of the original nails looked like they were rusted out it was only an outer layer of rust. The nails were pretty solid. I did have to replace a few bolts on the lift. If you notice staining running down your pilings from bolts, it's probably because they were galvanized and are starting to rust out. Stainless bolts won't do that any time soon. But it's something to look at.

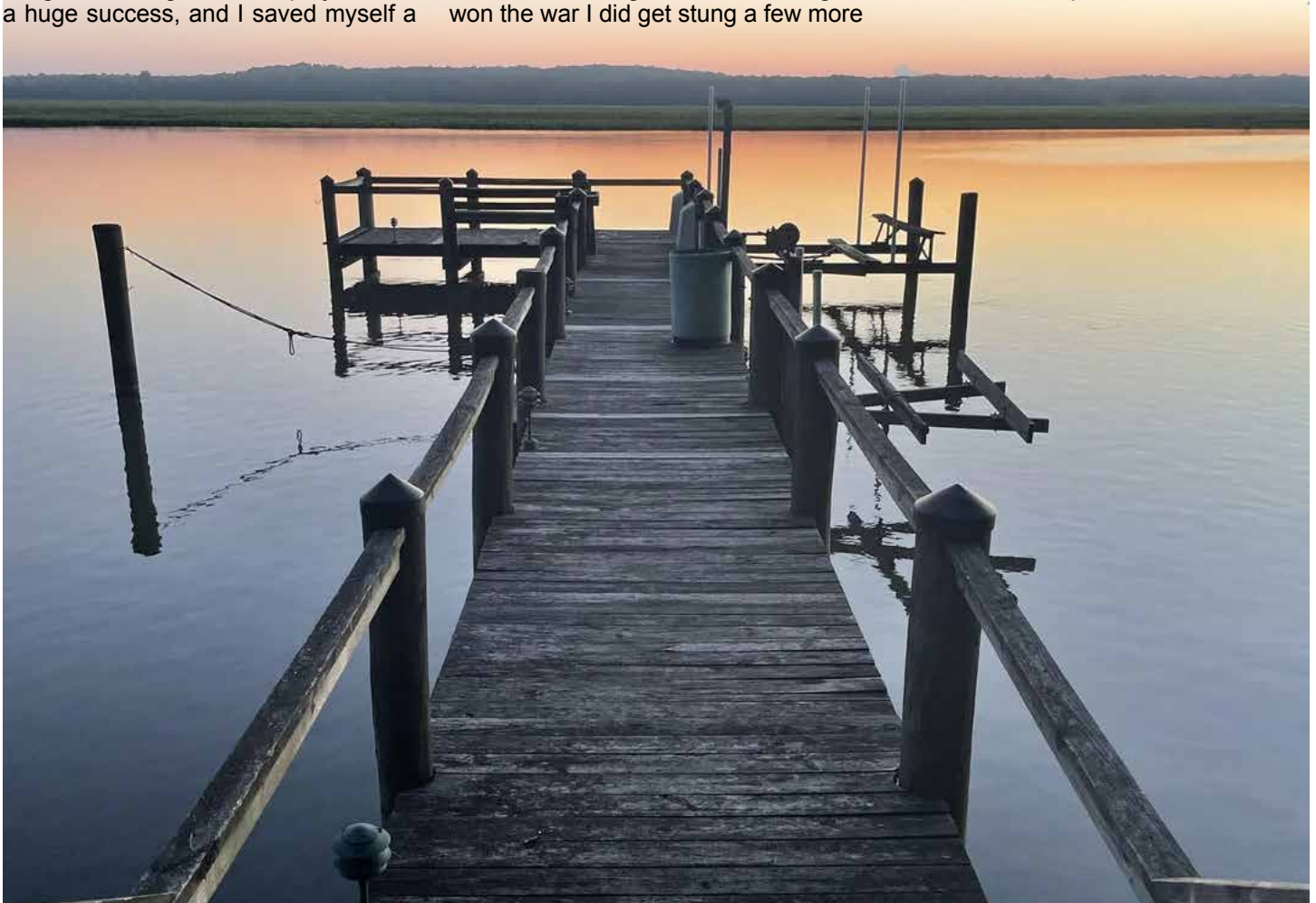
If you have a boat lift, inspect it and grease it early in the season before birds and bees become active. Last year I had a group of bald-faced hornets under a lift. They lit me up and my dog. My dog wouldn't go down on the dock for a month after that. I wasn't as smart as the dog, and even though I won the war I did get stung a few more

times.

Nowadays I appreciate my father-in-law taking the time and interest in making sure the dock was put in right. It went through the mid to late 70s when the ice tore up many docks. It seems to have weathered the storms even though they seem to be getting more and more numerous. He also had the foresight to make our dock a full foot higher above the water than all the surrounding docks. When I get up in the morning, I can tell if Kent Narrows is flooded just by looking out at my pier. If it's underwater, I know the road I take to work is also under water and I have to go around a different way.

Boating season is right around the corner. It's about time to do your pier review. There are almost as many accidents at piers as there is out on the water. And frankly, with a little foresight and work they are almost all avoidable. Good boating.

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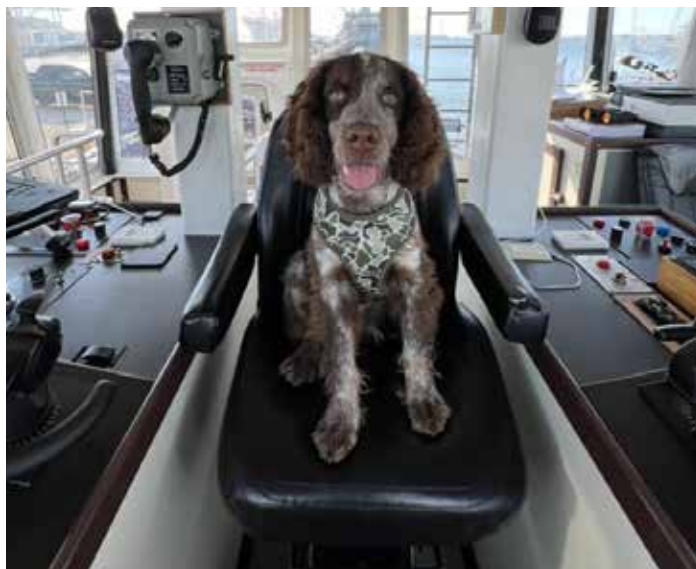
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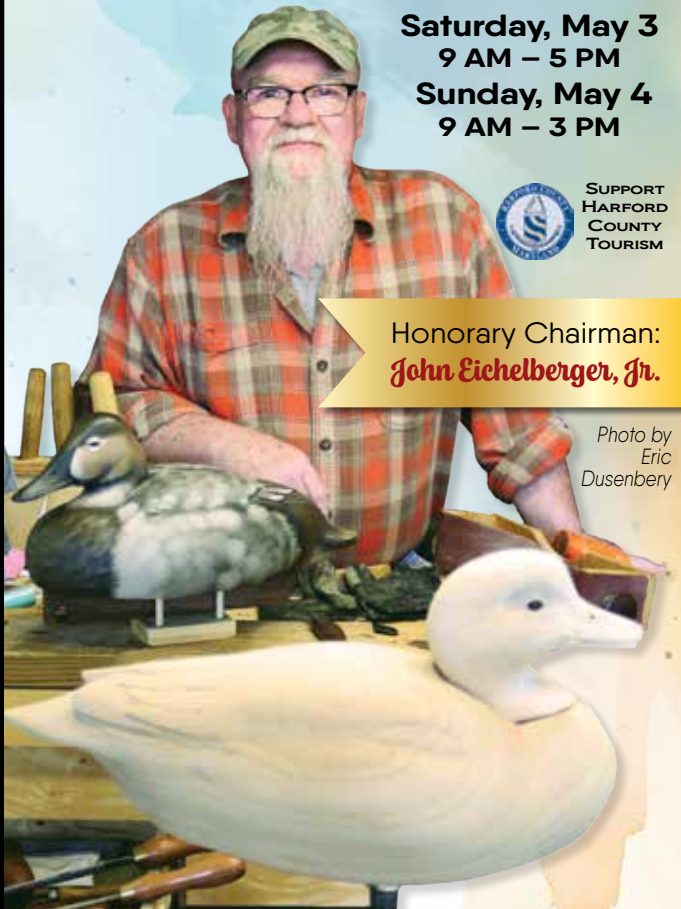
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Henry thinks about it for a minute and replies, "I dunno, Juke. But let's make a deal: If I die first, I will come back and tell you, and if you die first, you come back and tell me, if there is crabbing in heaven."

They shake on it and, sadly, a few months later poor Henry passes on. One day soon afterward, Juke is sitting there feeding the ducks by himself when he hears a voice whisper, "juke... Juke..."

Juke responds, "Henry! Is that you?"

"Yes it is Juke," whispers the spirit of Henry.

Juke, still amazed, asks, "So, is there crabbing in heaven?"

"Well," says Henry, "I got good news and I got bad news."

"Gimme the good news first," says Juke.

Henry says, "Well... there is crabbing in heaven."

Juke says, "That's great! What news could be bad enough to ruin that!?"

Henry sighs and says "Juke, on Friday I'm steering the boat and your pulling the pots!"

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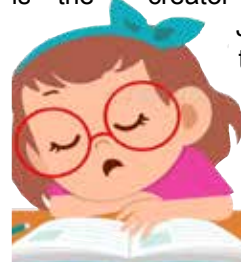
It's a sunny morning in the Big Forest and the Bear family is just waking up. Baby Bear goes downstairs and sits in his small chair at the table. He looks into his small bowl. It is empty! "Who's been eating my porridge?" he squeaks. Father Bear arrives at the table and sits in his big chair. He looks into his big bowl. It is also empty! "Who's been eating my porridge?" he roars. Mother Bear sticks her head out the kitchen door and yells, "For Pete's sake, how many times do we have to go through this? It was Mother Bear who go up

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first. It was Mother Bear who woke everybody else in the house up. It was Mother Bear who unloaded the dishwasher from last night and put everything away. It was Mother Bear who went out into the cold early morning air to fetch the newspaper. It was Mother Bear who set the table. It was Mother Bear who put the cat out, cleaned the litter box and filled the cat's water and food dish. And now that you've decided to come down stairs and grace me with your presence, listen good because I'm only going to say this one more time: I haven't made the f@#\$ing porridge yet!"

Josey wasn't the best pupil at Sunday school. She often fell asleep and one day while she was sleeping, the teacher asked her a question. "Who is the creator of the universe?"



Joe was sitting next to Josey and decided to poke her with a pin to wake her up. Josey

jumped and yelled, "God almighty!" The teacher congratulated her. A little later the teacher asked her another question, "Tell me who is our lord and savior?" Joe poked Josey again and she yelled out, "Jesus Christ!" The teacher congratulated her again. Later on the teacher asked, "What did Eve say to Adam after their 26th child?" Joe poked Josey again and she shouted, "If you stick that thing in me again, I'll snap it in half and stick it up your butt!"

A LAWYER, A BLONDE



A lawyer, sitting next to blonde on a long flight, was pestering her to play a game 'I ask you a question, and if you

don't know the answer, you pay me, and vice-versa.'

The blonde politely declined and tried to get some sleep. The lawyer made another offer: 'Okay, if you don't know the answer you pay me \$5, but if I don't know the answer, I will pay you \$1000' The blonde agreed.

The lawyer asked the first question. 'What's the distance from the earth to the moon?'

The blonde silently reached into her purse, pulled out a five-dollar bill, and

handed it to the lawyer. Then she asked the lawyer, 'What goes up a hill with three legs, and comes down with four?' And went back to sleep

The lawyer did research on his iPhone, called his buddies etc, all to no avail. After over an hour, he gave up. He woke the blonde up and handed her \$1000 and asked 'Well, so what is the answer?'

Again, without a word, the blonde reached into her purse, handed the lawyer \$5, and went back to sleep.

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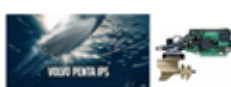
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MacGregor's Restaurant

Gordon Ramsay Renovations

By Kimberly Ann



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MacGregor's was established in 1987 when Dan and Cindy Lee bought the business and the building located at 331 St. John Street, in Havre de Grace. Dan did some renovations, added a deck overlooking the Susquehanna, and renamed the restaurant after his maternal grandfather.

Fast forward 30 plus years and current owner Stephanie Jean Golumbek, who started as a part-time bookkeeper over 20 years ago, created quite the stir last month as rumors began circulating that Chef Gordon Ramsay of Kitchen Nightmares and Hell's Kitchen was coming to MacGregor's. Crowds gathered outside the restaurant in March to try to catch a glimpse of Ramsay.

The city of Havre de Grace has also been very excited about the impact the visit was having on the city, as well as the benefits that MacGregor's was receiving as far as renovations and a little menu change.

The production team had been very guarded about what show they were

filming and when it would air but did indicate it was for a pilot for a brand-new show. They were quoted as saying the show was so new it did not even have a name yet.

The restaurant had announced its temporary closure via social media on March 8 and remained off-limits to the public for most of that week. While staff are unable to give any details of the show before the official release, they were heard shouting and cheering when they saw the renovations, that were made as part of the episode, for the first time. Select patrons were invited a few days later for their first look at the renovated bar, complete with high-top tables and banker's lamps, and a small seating area with a wall of safety deposit boxes, giving a nod to the building previously being a bank. The new décor also has a variety of historic Havre de Grace photos on the walls.

The menu has been updated featuring more upscale dishes such as crab linguine, stuffed rock fish (highly recommend), and flounder Milanese and



the restaurant will be relying more on local seafood and using local produce to offer the freshest products. But do not fear; there will still be some pub fare favorites, including chicken tenders, smashburgers, and fries.

MacGregor's officially reopened to the public on March 15 and has been packed ever since. After a few unsuccessful attempts to get a reservation, I was able to get in on a Tuesday evening and the food was delicious and the vibe was relaxed.

So, keep an eye out for the airing date of the episode and while you wait head on over to MacGregor's and check out the changes.

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All the country’s resources were marshaled towards winning the war. Rationing essential goods was required in homes. Production plants, including boat manufacturers, were repurposed to build war materials. Trumphy Yachts, who later relocated to Annapolis, built coastal patrol boats. In Dundalk, Owens Yachts built LCV landing craft. These conditions lasted throughout the conflict.

VJ Day ended the war on August 15, 1945. Starting

in June 1945, after the surrender of Germany, “Operation Magic Carpet” began repatriating servicemen and women. By September 1946, over eight million members of the “Greatest Generation” were welcomed home.

Veterans, who were mostly in their 20’s, came home looking to recover from the war’s horrors and deprivations. They looked for ways to escape the memories of that nightmare.

Entrepreneuring veterans looked for ways to meet this need. A few Chesapeake servicemen recognized the value of the cerebral effect of being on the bay. In the late 40’s and early 50’s they began to establish many of the marinas that exist today.

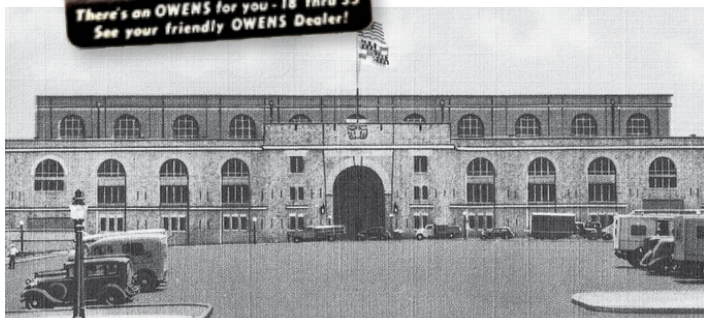
Another group began boat manufacturing plants. By

the mid 50’s, Trojan Yachts of Lancaster PA, Broadwater Boats of Mayo MD, and Revel Craft in Arnold all built production line powerboats. Dickerson Boatbuilders of Cambridge built sturdy; bay influenced sailboats.

Manufacturers looked for ways to present their products to the public. Boat dealerships proliferated in established and newly formed marinas. Builders and dealers sought to mass market to middle-class America. On February 22, 1955, the first Chesapeake Bay Boat Show was held in the 5th Regiment Armory in Baltimore. The public flocked to these venues to envision what was possible.

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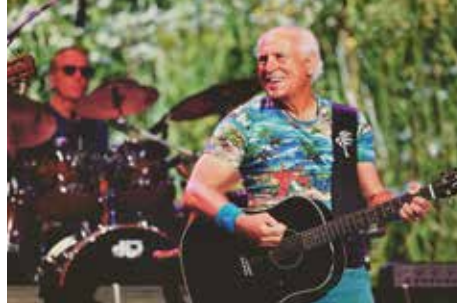
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FUN FACTS ABOUT

Jimmy Buffett

1. **FULL NAME & BIRTH** – James William Buffett was born on December 25, 1946, in Pascagoula, Mississippi.
2. **RAISED IN ALABAMA** – He grew up in Mobile and Fairhope, Alabama, where he developed a deep love for the Gulf Coast.
3. **MUSICAL START** – Buffett began his music career as a country artist in Nashville before embracing his signature “Gulf and Western” sound.
4. **BREAKTHROUGH ALBUM** – Changes in Latitudes, Changes in Attitudes (1977) featured his biggest hit, “Margaritaville,” which became his defining song.
5. **A LIFESTYLE BRAND** – More than just a musician, Buffett built an empire with Margaritaville restaurants, hotels, casinos, and even a retirement community.
6. **THE CORAL REEFER BAND** – His longtime backing band, the Coral Reefers, played a huge role in shaping his tropical rock sound.
7. **PARROTHEAD MOVEMENT** – His devoted fanbase, known as Parrotheads, started in the 1980s and became a massive community celebrat-



- ing Buffett’s laid-back philosophy.
8. **BEST-SELLING AUTHOR** – Buffett was also a successful writer, with books like Tales from Margaritaville and A Pirate Looks at Fifty making the bestseller lists.
 9. **PILOT & SAILOR** – He was an avid pilot and sailor, often flying his own seaplane and spending time on the water.
 10. **ACTING & CAMEOS** – He appeared in movies and TV shows, in-

- cluding Jurassic World, Hawaii Five-0, and NCIS: New Orleans.
11. **FRIEND OF THE FAMOUS** – Buffett was friends with celebrities and musicians like Paul McCartney, Harrison Ford, and Warren Buffett (no relation).
 12. **CHARITABLE WORK** – He supported ocean conservation, hurricane relief, and children’s hospitals, among many other causes.
 13. **ESCAPE TO THE CARIBBEAN** – He spent much of his time in Key West, the Bahamas, and St. Barts, drawing inspiration for his island-themed music.
 14. **LOVE OF BASEBALL** – He was a huge baseball fan and even part-owner of the Miami Marlins for a time.
 15. **BUSINESS GENIUS** – Forbes estimated his net worth at over \$1 billion, thanks to his smart business ventures beyond music.
 16. **FINAL ALBUM** – His posthumous album Equal Strain on All Parts (2023) was released after his passing on September 1, 2023.
 17. **A LEGACY THAT LIVES ON** – Buffett’s music, brand, and philosophy of “growing older but not up” continue to inspire millions worldwide.



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Snakehead MAYhem

By: Tim Sherman



Spring is definitely here. The roar of the outboards and swoosh of the kayak paddles are sounds of fishing hitting high gear. Bass fishing is heating up, striped season commences mid-month, and white perch are widespread. Yet, one angler gets charged up about the pursuit of another species: snakeheads!

Captain Andrew Donohue of 40 East Guide Service looks for an aggressive bite during the prespawn stage for snakeheads. You'll find him in Dundee Creek, the Gunpowder and Bush Rivers looking forward to the best snakehead action of the year.

Donohue's early fishing history traces back to Loch Raven Reservoir and largemouth bass. He quickly found an affinity for snakeheads after they became established throughout the entire Chesapeake ecosystem years ago. This fondness for the species inspired him to become a fishing guide, in which he is in his fourth year.

The first two weeks of May are primetime. Andrew focuses on key areas where snakeheads set up to feed before the spawn. At high tide, he looks for reed banks with quick access to 5-foot depths. Snakeheads will move to the deeper water as the tide falls out. These areas, with the year's newly emergent grass beds nearby, make for prime habitat. Add in sunken wood and you have snakehead paradise.

The top of high tide is the best time to start the day. And with such high water, Donohue refines his location even further. He targets the densest reed

banks, knowing that snakeheads won't be able to push as far back on high water. His casts are directed to pockets in the reeds and undercut banks that he has found at low tide stages. As the tide falls out, he can follow the fish out of reeds to the slightly deeper water and vegetation.

As May moves on, so too, do the snakeheads. Andrew finds that they migrate farther back into the creeks and coves looking for spawning grounds. All the while, they are feeding as they go.

The need to feed for prespawn snakeheads calls for aggressive lures. Andrew casts lures that are fairly weedless. The number one lure is a chatter bait. He keeps the color selection simple, opting for white or chartreuse/white skirts, paired with a matching swim bait trailer. He'll back that up with a white swimming frog with its appendages dipped in chartreuse Spike It Dip-N-Glow.

The exception to weedless lures is a Mepps inline spinner. The captain prefers the size 3 or 4 with the original gold French blade. These are worked from the reed bank out to the vegetation. He will also retrieve it parallel to a sunken log, and along the edge of a grass line.

There is a specific cadence to working these three lures. Donohue makes his casts to the target, and allows the lure to momentarily flutter before giving it a twitch. The strikes usually come on the twitch, or when he starts reeling the lure.

Floating frogs will also come into play. Andrew's favorite model is white with a spinner blade at the tail. He'll fire off the floater when he spots a snakehead along the bank. He has discovered that the blade is more of an attractant than the standard skirt legs. The frog is left to sit momentarily so the fish can get a visual. They will often stare it down, daring it to move. It's now time to figure out the rest of the presentation. Oftentimes a mere twitch of the frog will induce the strike. Other times, it takes a quick turn of the reel to illicit the crushing blow.

Captain Andrew Donohue knows that now is the time for some of the best snakehead fishing of the year. They are aggressively feeding ahead of their spawning cycle. Fast-moving lures and explosive strikes lead to pure snakehead MAYhem!

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Powerboat Races in Harford County

By Kimberly Ann

The Kent Narrow Racing Boat Association was established in 1990 as a direct result of a local businessman realizing that the absence of power boat racing in The Narrows had caused a decline in both the sport and his community. The association's objectives are to not just restore interest but to garner new interest in this beloved sport. While their primary activity is promoting "The Kent Narrows Power Boat Challenge" Hydroplane Race they participate in area boating events, festivals, and other special events.

One such event is happening this spring in Harford County. The association will be hosting The Harford County Spring Nationals at Flying Point Park. This event is packed with excitement and is definitely a great way to spend some quality time with the entire family. Kids of all ages will enjoy the two days of action happening on the Bush River in Edgewood. You can view the races from many spots inside Flying Point Park and you are welcome to bring your chairs or blankets.

The races offer both hydroplane and flatbottom classes.

The hydroplane boat, or thunderboat, is a

fast motorboat designed with a hull shape that uses the water they are on for lift rather than buoyancy. When traveling at high rates of speed the water is forced downwards by the hull and then the water exerts an equal and opposite pressure, lifting most of the hull out of the water. There are various classes within hydroplane based on engine type, size, and racing regulations. The fastest hydroplane boats are capable of speeds exceeding 200 mph. You might recall some time ago we introduced you to Stuart Shane from Havre de Grace and learned about his family's racing legacy. Stuart along with his wife and children all raced hydroplanes and that love has been passed down to his grandchildren now.

Flatbottom boats are another type of drag racing boat. The hulls are flat and designed for shallow water with fast acceleration. These boats also rise up out of the water and take great skill to control and to keep from flipping over.

But no matter which style you prefer you will be sure to see some great racing this spring. I know I can't wait to get there and get my spot close to the action.



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