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THE HAVEN YACHT CLUB



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NEXT THYC MEETING

TBD

Long overdue picture perfect weather created the setting for a fantastic Crab Feast Club event that took place on Saturday, July 7th. A successful Club function such as this one simply cannot take place without a great deal of proper prior planning coupled with volunteer support before, during and after the event so major kudos and heartfelt thanks to everyone who helped out.

I also want to recognize the entire Board of Governors and Officers who elected to reduce the cost of the event for the Club members this time around from \$50 to \$40 in an effort to "give back" which is something that we have been working very hard on as we move forward. The Club activities and events, simply put, need to deliver fun and affordability and I believe that we are well on our way to delivering on that. Where else could you have gone for lunch, drinks, fun events, educational seminars, an all you cared to eat Crab Feast with all the fixings and a great live band for \$40.

I made an announcement during the Crab Feast, that the Club will not be holding a Scholarship Silent Auction this year. We have historically reached out to the same vendors and donors for contributions each and every year and we decided that it was time to give everyone a break. Our Club's financial Scholarship fund is currently positioned to handle the current scholarships and still have a buffer so we are in good shape for this year. Because of this decision, we opted to hold a 50/50 during the event which raised a total of \$660. Walt was the winner of the drawing who opted to give his entire share back to the Scholarship Fund which was an over-the-top Class Act. Thanks once again Walt!

As we have stated in the past, this Club belongs to all of the Members so please let us know how

we are doing. Suggestions are always welcome and more importantly, "volunteers" are always needed. Speaking of that, I hope that you have had the opportunity to read a letter dated July 9th that I had Beth Dunn, our Club's Secretary, send out addressing the subject of needed Volunteer Solicitation for Board of Governors and Officers. It is a great opportunity to have fun, contribute and add to one's social circle of friends not to mention that new faces bring new and energetic ideas so please give this serious consideration and feel free to contact me directly at my personal e-mail which is: mahscuba@msn.com

REAR COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

By: Janet Forman

Our next land event will be the infamous Pirates and Wenches kickoff party, to be held under the reception center at 6 PM on Friday August 10th. We will once again have the pirate bar open with plenty of rum punch, beer and wine! Please dress to impress in your best pirate garb and please bring a dish to share. There will be a gift basket for best costume this year, so don't miss the best party of the season!!

It's not too late to contact snag a slip to join us in our week long cruise at the end of August. As of yesterday, there were only 2 slips left in Annapolis, so hurry! Let me know if you booked directly with a marina, so that I can include you in our activities! Remember, you can join us or leave us at any part of the cruise....thank you! See the attached flyer for details.

SECRETARY'S SALUTATIONS

By: Beth Dunn

The best weather for the crab feast- EVER!!! When I look back at our Annual Crab Feast, all I can say is "WOW". What a perfect day for our Club- weather, food, fun and music!! This may be the first crab feast where someone mentioned they needed to put on a jacket. The cool weather also kept members up dancing to the music of "Vice Squad" until 10.

The dinghy race was fun to watch, as always. Amazing that boats could get out with the blow out tide we had. The anchor toss was a hit again this year- and, raised \$190 for our scholarship!! Thank you to everyone who made this event a success again this year - Robyn for coordinating the kids' art activities, Lou and Tony for manning the grilles, Klaus for the education/safety seminar (with help from Larry, Dan and Phil), and Mitch for picking up the food and his great clean up job on Sunday.

Chester River Seafood did a phenomenal job with food and service again this year. The crabs were huge! I heard there was other food to consume, but I never got to it. I couldn't get away from the crabs! Thank you to those who left tips for our servers. They truly appreciated it.

I hope you had a chance to meet Sarah Collins, our 2018 scholarship recipient. She will be attending Washington College in the Fall. Thank you to Walt Schlemmer for donating his 50/50 win back to our scholarship fund. It really is not expected to give it back, but, VERY much appreciated. With this donation, the anchor toss, and members' donations, we have funded one scholarship already.

There are lots of pictures on our Facebook page. Check them out!

FLEET CAPTAIN'S FLOAT PLAN

By: Janet Forman

THYC 2018 Cruise & Event Schedule

May 19	Shakedown Cruise to Kent Island
June 2	Opening Day White Party and New Member Mixer at Haven Harbour
June 15	Friday night BYOB cocktail hour
June 22-23	Cruise to Tolchester or Summer Solstice Party with RHYC
July 7	Crab Feast

July 20-22 Riverwatch Marina
 August 10 Pirate & Wenches Party
 August 18-26 Week long cruise
 Sept 15 Silent Auction
 Sept 29 Crock Pot Cookoff
 Oct 20 Fall Dinner

8. DAVE & MARIANNE WOOD (OBSESSION)
9. SCOTT & LOUISE ULRICH (RISING TIDE)
10. OLEH & NATALIA BOBAK (TSYHANKA)
11. JOHN PIERCE & ROBIN HENNEMAN (STORYTELLER)
12. JOHN & JOANNE ZIMMERMANN (GEORGE'S DREAM)
13. STEVE & MARGI TOMPKINS (GALILEO)
14. JOHN CARR & DEBBIE RIDDLE (WINDBLOWN)
15. ROB & CECILIA LIMOUZE (FAMILY ESCAPE)

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

By: Sigy Capuano

THYC 2018 membership drive has come to an end. Although membership applications are accepted at any time, I am always waiting for that one last promised application. We are now in the process of updating the 2018 directory on our website.

In total, we received 15 new memberships- 7 of those came from HHSOUTH. It sure has been a pleasure getting to know them. Judging by the good time that was had at Opening Day and the Crab Feast, I hope they will talk up the Club and help expand the membership count at HHS by next year. They have breathed some new life into THYC party scene and were able to hang to the bitter end dance party at the Crab Feast (you know who you are).

I would like to welcome all our new members:

1. BILL & CECELIA TRAINOR (FLOW)
2. AL & ANNMARIE HALL (HAPPY PLACE)
3. BRUCE & KRISTA HUNT (TREASURE HUNT)
4. DANIEL DESMEDT & DEBORAH BRIGGS (SPRAY CAT)
5. PETER & RUTH GRILLO (RUTHELLEN)
6. TOM & KAREN LAWLER (STAR LIFTER)
7. BOB & DIANE REITZ (BEAUJOLAIS)

If anyone has any questions I can be found at R26 or reached at 610-494-7548 or 302-588-0195

EDUCATION AND SAFETY

By: Klaus Burckhardt

This year's Crab Event also featured three Educational Presentations!

First, Larry Vernamonti utilized his medical background and props to explain the benefits and simple use by amateurs of an Automatic External Defibrillator (AED). The Marina has an AED, but it's stowed in the office above the store. Utilization of an AED after a cardiac arrest is most beneficial when used in the first few minutes. Larry suggested boat owners consider carrying one aboard.

Next, Dan Bliss hosted a discussion on rafting which was likewise well received by the dozen attendees. Dan's handout appears below for those who missed out.

Lastly, by popular demand, Marlinspike skills of knot tying, cleating, and line handling and heaving were reviewed. Cleat and rope props were provided by Phil Giangiorlando and Klaus and skills then practiced by around fifteen members. Special (expensive!) prizes were awarded in knot speed tying

competitions. This hour long Session was low key, but informative and again well received. Thanks to our Safety and Education Committee members for their efforts in all three Events!

Rafting Guidelines

You should have planned the probability that you were going to raft with others ahead of time. The location for the raft should have been selected so that traffic and wakes are going to be minimal. Be sure there is no threatening weather and that wind is 10 knots or less.

The Anchor Boat

Ground tackle should be capable of holding a raft of several boats in normal situations. Lunch hooks are not acceptable. An oversized anchor and long chain will make the rest of the raft feel much more comfortable if you plan to stay rafted overnight. A working anchor light, portable or masthead, is required. As needed, other boats must be ready to set an additional anchor, to set anchor lights, to operate their motor for maneuvering the raft, or to break up the raft.

Equipment - Each rafting boat should have:

- Two spring lines.
- Two breast lines. Diameter of all lines should be equal to your regular docking or anchor lines.
- At least two large fenders capable of completely protecting the side (hull and rail) of your boat. Covering them with colorfast acrylic materials helps to eliminate those annoying rubbing sounds caused by boat movement. Hang your fenders from your lifelines or rail; that way, they will remain with your boat.

Joining The Raft

- Approach the raft from astern
- The Raft Captain will direct you to the side to join.
- Deploy your fenders on the inside of the raft, and have all lines and crew ready for tying up.
- Coast to a stop **BESIDE** the raft; do not push it around by bumping into it at speed.

You need not stop rail-to-rail; just be close enough to toss your lines.

- If a line has a loop, extend the loop end of lines to the inside boat — cleating is your responsibility.
 - Toss a bow line to the boat inside you. After the other crew has slipped it onto their bow cleat, secure your end to your bow cleat (it will be adjusted later).
 - Toss a stern line to the boat inside you. After the other crew has slipped it onto their stem cleat, secure your end to your stern cleat.
 - Using these breast lines, pull your boat next to the other boat.
 - Run the first spring line from the bow of the boat inside yours to your stem. Adjust the spring so that your spreaders are one to three feet aft of the inside boat's spreaders.
 - Adjust breast lines so that the centerlines of the two boats are parallel.
 - The second spring line, run from the inside boat to your bow, and drawn against the first spring, will prevent the boats from seesawing forward and backward. They must be used if you need to maneuver the raft.
 - If these lines are adjusted properly and drawn tightly against one another, the boats will ride easily with minimal contact in minor waves and winds.

Rafting Courtesy

- Realize that other sailors will be walking across your boat to visit others. Clear away your own sails, lines and articles so as to avoid accidents.
 - To maximize privacy, cross only on the forward decks and not the cockpits. Wear clean deck shoes and do not step on sails or other articles.
 - Secure all halyards away from masts to prevent slapping noises. Dinghies may need attention also.
 - Prepare your boat for any likelihood of bad weather during the night.
 - Be available to remove your boat from the raft if winds increase.

Thanks to Chesapeake Catalina Yacht Club!



Upcoming



August 18, 2018 / August 20, 2018

Port Annapolis Marina
Annapolis, Maryland - MD



August 20, 2018 / August 22, 2018

Harbor East Marina
Baltimore, Maryland - MD



August 22, 2018 / August 24, 2018

St Michaels Marina
St. Michaels, Maryland - MD



August 24, 2018 / August 26, 2018

Herrington Harbour North
Tracys Landing, Maryland - MD

