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By Kaylie Jasinski

And just like that, we've made it to our spring issues. As I write this, there's more snow on the way, but it does give me some small comfort knowing that the days are getting longer, the ice is thawing, and our March issue will soon be on the streets.

This month, we want to get you started thinking about spring, because it's really not as far off as you may think. Do you have a plan for your boat for the season? Will you be keeping it on a trailer and driving to the nearest boat ramp? Will you be returning to a tried-and-true marina you've been at for several years? Or perhaps your priorities have changed, or you have a new boat and are on the hunt for a new marina? Whatever the case may be, we want to get you thinking about the season *now* so that you are prepared for when the warm weather hits. Because as we often talk about with spring commissioning (coming up in our April issue), if you wait until you want to use your boat to schedule work, chances are you'll be on a long wait list. The same goes for marinas. If you wait until May to go looking for a slip, your top choices might already be filled up and booked solid for the year.

If you are searching for a new marina, flip to page 36 to help get the ball rolling. You'll find helpful questions to ask yourself regarding your priorities and which amenities are a "must," along with a section on Clean Marinas and why you should consider giving them your busi-



■ Bodhi and I enjoyed the snow while it lasted... but now we're ready for boating season!

ness, regional news, and our Chesapeake Bay Marina Directory. You can also visit proptalk.com/chesapeake-bay-marinas for a map and our online marina directory.

This month in our See the Bay article we're sharing a few shoreline fishing destinations around the Bay because, let's face it, many of us are off the water for the next few months. You may remember in our January issue the article on Chesapeake birding hotspots—our goal with these winter non-boating articles is to get you off the couch and exploring all that the Chesapeake Bay has to offer, even by foot or land yacht. Our boats will be back in the water before we know it (I hope, I hope), but in the meantime, why not try expanding your horizons with a new destination or activity you might not otherwise have time for during the busy summer months?

We also have some timely spring safety reminders in this issue and want to reiterate the importance of vessel safety checks. They are free, and there's no penalty if you

don't pass, so there's truly no reason not to get one. I scheduled one myself back in the fall and can't tell you enough how much I got out of it (flip to page 51 to learn more).

We have several other great articles this month, from a boater's journey to a smaller boat (that actually allowed him to go boating more) to a summer poker run to add to your calendar. We hope you'll enjoy them as much as we do. PropTalk is turning 20 this summer, and we are so excited to celebrate that milestone with all of you. For everyone that has already written in, *thank you!* Your thoughtful responses mean the world to us. And if you haven't yet shared what PropTalk means to you, here's what you can do: Email your responses to the questions in the box to the left to kaylie@proptalk.com or snail mail if you prefer to: 612 Third Street, Suite 3C, Annapolis, MD 21403. We would love to hear from you!

Kaylie

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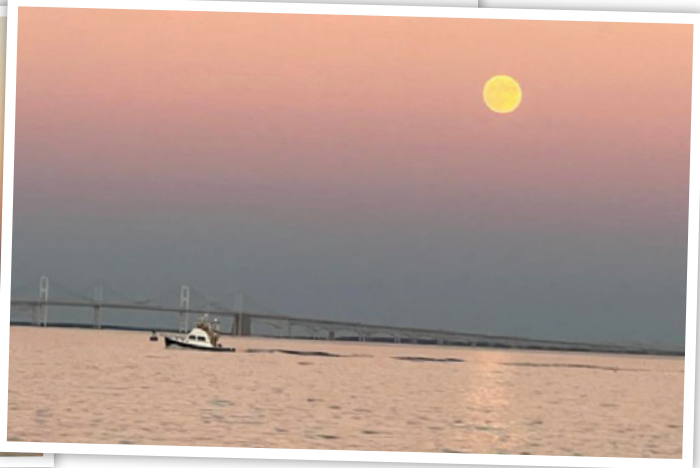
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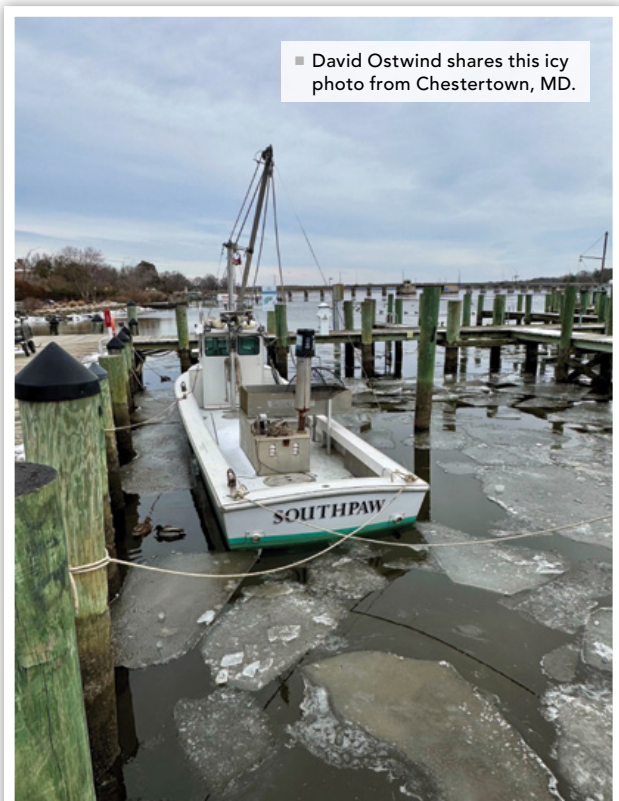
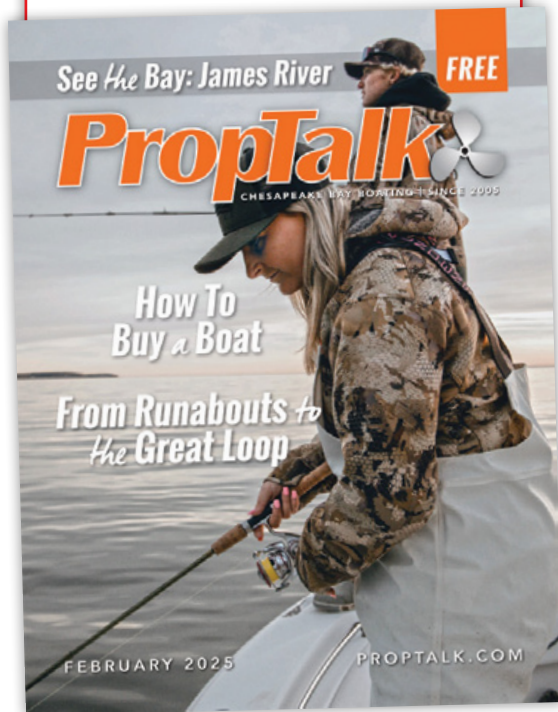
In the February issue we listed the cover photographer as Savannah Talbott. Savannah is pictured in the photo, but the photo should be credited to Camryn Lee Photos. We apologize for the mix-up!

Thank you

"Thank you so much for printing my story! I enjoyed rereading it in your online version. I must say that I didn't fully appreciate the extensive content of your magazine. It is full of valuable information for people who actively boat or are considering it."

~Bill Band

Editor's Note: If you missed Bill Band's article in the February PropTalk, Chesapeake Classic—Memories of a Bay Pilot," you can read it at proptalk.com.



David Ostwind shares this icy photo from Chestertown, MD.



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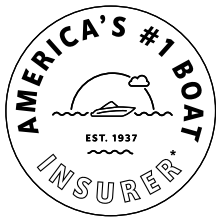


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2. Accidents can happen to anyone

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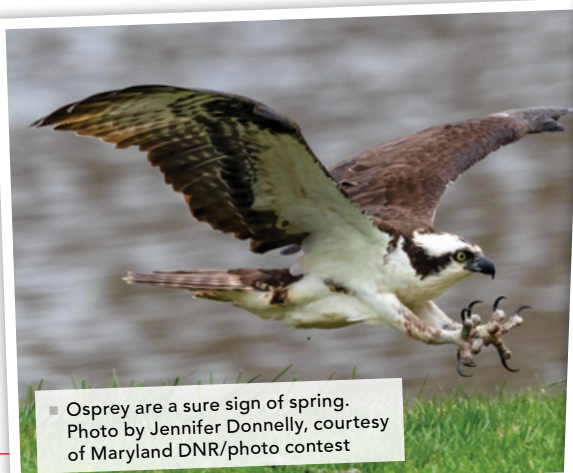


Spring will officially arrive in Chesapeake country on March 20, and while some land lubbers count on the calendar to alert them to the new season, boaters recognize spring's approach by other signs.

Boaters know spring is on the way when we see osprey return from warmer climes, our dock mates no longer wear socks, and the boatyard is full of service providers and DIYers.

Here are a few signs of spring that PropTalk staffers look forward to each year:

- Deicers come out of the water.
- Shrink wrap comes off the boat.
- Fuel docks are open on weekends.
- Daffodils and ducklings appear.
- Dock bars are open.
- Yellow perch are biting.
- Daylight Savings Time arrives, and the sun sets later.
- Osprey return to the Bay.
- The diesel engine starts with one push of the button.
- Boaters burn their socks.
- Crewmembers convene and tackle boat projects.
- It's spring boat show time.



■ Osprey are a sure sign of spring. Photo by Jennifer Donnelly, courtesy of Maryland DNR/photo contest



■ Anglers know spring is on the way when the yellow perch start biting.

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Instituted by Governor J. Millard Tawes in 1959, the Admiral of the Chesapeake Bay is a lifetime achievement award bestowed by the governor upon individuals who exhibit an extraordinary commitment to the conservation and restoration of the Chesapeake Bay.

The department updated the process to try to solicit more nominations as a way to honor former historian and community organizer, Vincent Leggett, who died in November. Leggett was honored as an Admiral of the Chesapeake Bay in 2003 by then-Gov. Parris N. Glendening. Leggett worked throughout his career to highlight the often untold stories about African American maritime life and Black watermen on the Chesapeake Bay.

The new public nomination form will help ensure the department and Governor are more aware of individuals whose work may not be well publicized but have significantly benefited the Bay and Maryland's environment. The nomination period will close March 31. A new committee of staff volunteers at the DNR will review nominations and make a recommendation to the secretary. Award winners will be announced publicly when chosen, and this is anticipated to take place by June 1. Previously, nominations for the award were made directly to the Governor and secretary of the DNR and then chosen based on internal discussions.

"The Admiral of the Chesapeake Bay is among the most important awards we bestow in Maryland, and we want to make sure we're receiving nominations from every part of the state that encompass the diversity of people and activities that

improve the Chesapeake Bay," said DNR secretary Josh Kurtz. "We're reforming the nomination process to make it more accessible to all."

Previous Admirals of the Chesapeake Bay (there are more than 100) include Captain Eldridge Meredith, a waterman and charter boat captain who worked in and around the Bay for 80 years; Tom Horton, a news reporter and photographer who has written about the Bay for more than 40 years; and John Page Williams, a master naturalist and environmental educator who worked for the Chesapeake Bay Foundation for 46 years. You can find a list of previous Admirals at dnr.maryland.gov.



■ Capt. Eldridge Meredith, a waterman and charter boat captain who worked in and around the Bay for 80 years, is a previous Admiral of the Chesapeake Bay. Photo by Anthony DePanise, State House

\$1.8 Million in Funding Approved for Recreation and Land Conservation

The Maryland Board of Public Works approved more than \$1.8 million in grants to local governments and land trusts from the Maryland Department of Natural Resources to improve parks and protect land with perpetual conservation easements.

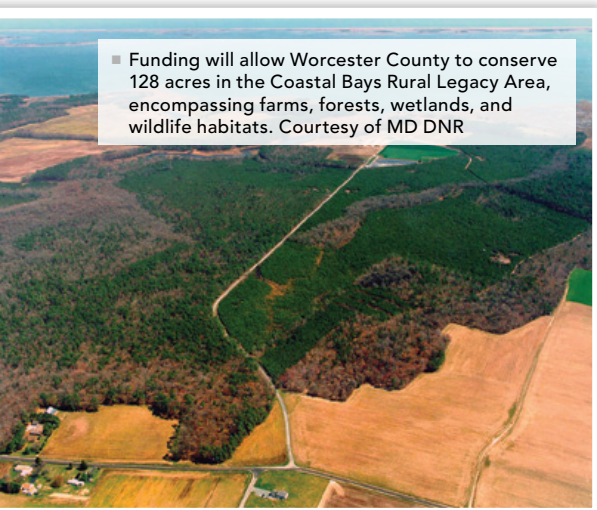
About \$800,000 in funds went to nine projects for Program Open Space. Additionally, \$1 million in Rural Legacy funding was approved for local sponsors to acquire conservation easements on three properties totaling 326 acres:

- The Lower Shore Land Trust will acquire a 100-acre easement within the Somerset County portion of the Dividing Creek Rural Legacy Area. The easement will protect agricultural and forested lands in the Manokin watershed, which supports the local economy and provides scenic views along a public road.
- Worcester County will conserve 128 acres in the Coastal Bays Rural Legacy Area. The property is mostly forested, and the conservation easement will protect stream buffers along tributaries to the Pocomoke River.

- Queen Anne's County will acquire a conservation easement on 98 acres in the Foreman Branch Rural Legacy Area. This easement will preserve productive agricultural fields with soil designated as prime farmland and farmland of statewide importance.

The Rural Legacy Program, created in 1997, conserves large working landscapes across 36 locally designated areas throughout Maryland.

Established under the Department of Natural Resources in 1969, Program Open Space (divided into local and stateside programs), along with other state land conservation programs, symbolizes Maryland's long-term commitment to conserving our natural resources while providing exceptional outdoor recreation opportunities for all citizens. The program is funded by a property transfer tax.



■ Funding will allow Worcester County to conserve 128 acres in the Coastal Bays Rural Legacy Area, encompassing farms, forests, wetlands, and wildlife habitats. Courtesy of MD DNR



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Career Discovery Day at the Chesapeake Bay Boat Show

Twenty-three students from Soller's Point Technical High School participated in a Career Discovery Day hosted by the Marine Trades Association of Maryland (MTAM) on January 9 during the Chesapeake Bay Boat Show at the Maryland State Fairgrounds in Timonium, MD. These students are enrolled in the diesel, automotive, or construction program at Soller's Point and were presented with the marine trades industry as a career choice in addition to more mainstream occupations.

The program commenced with opening remarks by Jason Baumgartner, president of the Marine Trades Association of Baltimore County, who hosted the boat show. He provided an overview of career opportunities within the marine trades and highlighted the strong work ethic prevalent within the industry.

Equipped with questions, the students toured the boat show, engaging with various MTAM partners regarding careers in the marine industry. Participating companies included Riverside Marine, Maryland Yacht Sales, MAD Soaps, Bosun's Marine, Yacht Brokers of Annapolis, Port Annapolis Marina, Proptalk and FishTalk Magazines, DiMillo's Yacht Sales, Intrinsic Yachts, and Annapolis Harbor Boatyard/Seakeeper. The day proved to be a resounding success, providing students with the opportunity to interact with the largest gathering of marine professionals in the Baltimore region.

MTAM partners generously shared valuable insights into the day-to-day operations of the industry.

Mike Muceli, owner of Maryland Boat Sales, talked about his love of working in the boating industry. "I've always been drawn to this industry. It's tough, but no job is perfect. What makes it special is that you get to work on the water. Sure, you need to learn more, but the constant exposure to the water is really rewarding.

Even if you don't have any boating experience, you can learn. You start at the bottom and work your way up—there's a lot of room for growth. Just be prepared to put in the hard work and don't jump around (from company to company)."

When asked about the qualities required to be a successful yacht broker, Matt Sansbury, the co-owner of Yacht Brokers of Annapolis, redirected the question back to the students. He could see the "wheels turning in their heads" as

overlaps the very same new automotive and home building technologies."

The students were astonished by the new technology promoted by the Annapolis Harbor Boatyard/Seakeeper booth. The Seakeeper boat leveling system that eliminates most pitch and roll on powerboats was like nothing they'd ever seen before. It was a highlight of the show for some of the students.

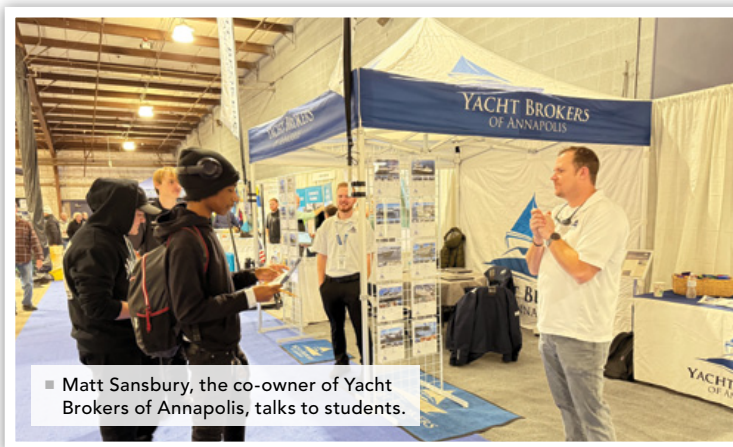
The Career Discovery Day concluded at the MTAM exhibit, where students received promotional products, such as shirts and hats, donated by members of the association. All students were encouraged by the positive job prospects in the industry. Soller's Point students Jaden and Jonah were encouraged to recognize that the electronics and construction skills they were acquiring at Soller's Point would be valuable in the marine trades industry. Other students

they contemplated the skills necessary to sell boats. The students were enthusiastic about discussing the topic further.

Riverside Marine's assistant service manager Jay Suever chatted about emerging technologies with the students. "The boating industry has made big strides in recent years. Touchscreen technology, theft deterrent systems, remote monitoring capabilities, and air conditioning control have become commonplace. Marine technology now

expressed their appreciation for the knowledge gained at the boat show and were impressed by the work ethic demonstrated by everyone they met.

Founded in 1975, the MTAM represents an industry that generates over \$4.2 billion annually for Maryland's economy. The association is committed to promoting recreational boating, creating a sustainable workforce for the marine trades, and preserving Maryland's waterways. Learn more at mtam.org.



■ Matt Sansbury, the co-owner of Yacht Brokers of Annapolis, talks to students.





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Be Wary of USCG Documentation Renewal Notices

Unfortunately, it's that time of year again, and BoatUS warns boaters with vessels that have a U.S. Coast Guard Certificate of Documentation to be wary of any letter arriving by U.S. mail offering renewal.

BoatUS advises that while the Coast Guard does send official annual renewal notices by U.S. mail, other notices being received in the mail are not from the Coast Guard but rather third-

party companies whose name or return addresses may appear similar to that of the official U.S. Coast Guard National Vessel Documentation Center (NVDC).

A 2017 Coast Guard issued bulletin says in part:

"The NVDC is aware that there are commercial entities that offer to manage the certification/renewal process on behalf of vessel owners for a fee. The Coast Guard does not endorse any of these companies, and the companies do not operate on behalf of the Coast Guard in any way. Any fees charged or agreements offered by such companies are in no way associated with the NVDC certification process. In addition, these companies are not authorized to issue any form of documentation, including travel letters and/or permits that authorize operation of ANY vessel. Customer complaints can be made through the Federal Trade Commission's (FTC) website at ftc.gov."

While third-party companies may legitimately provide services to assist with vessel documentation renewals, the Coast

Guard's own renewal process is simple for most vessels, and the price ranges from \$26 for one year up to \$130 for a five-year expiration, which is often much lower than what third-party services may charge.

To renew, go to the Coast Guard National Documentation Center website at uscg.mil/nvdc and click on "instructions and forms," and then "Certificate of Documentation Application for Renewal."

To be documented, a vessel must measure at least five net tons and, with the exception of certain oil-spill response vessels, be owned by a U.S. citizen. Boats about 27 feet in length or longer generally meet the weight requirement.

Why do boat owners choose to federally document vessels with the U.S. Coast Guard versus the more common practice of state registration? The boat was purchased with a bank loan and the lender required it, or the boat has plans to travel beyond U.S. waters. A Certificate of Documentation is internationally recognized and makes it easier for American vessels to enter and leave foreign ports.

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What if learning more about weather and forecasting would make you a more confident and safer boater? Team PropTalk and SpinSheet believe it would, which is why we will host three webinars by Mark Thornton of LakeErieWX March 5, 12, and 19. Our readers are welcome to sign up “à la carte” per session or for a bundle of all three.

As well as teaching at Cruisers University and acting as a forecasting consultant for high-end sailboat racing events and teams, Mark has taught several weather courses for our readers over the past few years. Our fans have benefited greatly from his expertise and thorough presentations.

Mark is a boater, so he understands real-life on-water challenges. He owns *Osprey*, a Mainship 34 Pilot, and he has also sailed for more than 30 years. His interest in weather forecasting grew from his experiences on the Great Lakes. A 2006 graduate of the Penn State University Certificate of Achievement in Weather Forecasting, Mark is the president of LakeErieWX LLC, a company dedicated to providing marine weather education and forecasting resources for recreational boaters.

The sessions cost \$35 each or \$90 for the bundle. Registration includes live webinars and access to the recordings through June 30. Learn more at spinsheet.com/weather-webinar. Questions? Email mark@lakeeriewx.com. Here is the 2025 schedule:

March 5: Interpreting Surface Weather Maps. Gain an understanding of the current large-scale weather pattern and how it will evolve over time; improve your forecasting skills and increase the safety and comfort of your outings.

March 12: Thunderstorms and Weather Radar. Examine the types of thunderstorms, the ingredients that

lead to their formation, and a wide range of resources for predicting thunderstorm development. Reduce your chances of a hair-raising or wind-swept encounter.

March 19: Understanding Weather Apps. Most boaters think they understand this topic, but do they? Gain a better understanding of your weather app to improve your marine weather forecasts.

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February

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CCA Pickerel Championship

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Through Mar 31

CCA Great Chesapeake Invasives Count

Help fishery managers collect important data about which invasive species are being caught and where. Log your catches and get entered to win prizes each month. Free to register at ccamd.org

15-16 Pasadena Sportfishing 32nd Annual Fishing Expo

8 a.m. to 2 p.m. both days at Kurtz's Beach in Pasadena, MD. Admission \$5 each day, ages 12 and under are free. Over 120 tables full of discounted items, new and used fishing tackle, crabbing supplies, custom-built rods and custom-made lures, nautical crafts, and more.

19 Annapolis Anglers Club Monthly Meeting

Speaker, food and drink, table raffle, and 50/50. Food starts at 6 p.m. followed by meeting at 7 p.m. At the American Legion Post 7 in Annapolis, MD.

13 CCA Angler's Night Out

7 to 9 p.m. at the American Legion Post 7 in Annapolis, MD. Join CCA Maryland and the Annapolis Angler's Club for a co-sponsored treble hook to single hook replacement workshop. We will also have an area dedicated to "tackle craft" led by Peter Turcik. This event is free and open to the public and seating is first come, first serve, so arrive early.

20 AMM Winter Lecture Series

7 p.m. at the Annapolis Maritime Museum. Topic: Pictured in Time, An Artist's Journey Around the Chesapeake. Speaker: Neil Harpe. Pre-registration is strongly suggested as space is limited. Registration fee of \$10 per person at the door; first come, first served. Free admission for First Mate (\$150) and above. Available both virtually and in-person.

20 Unpacking History: Black Packinghouse Workers and Owners in the Chesapeake Lecture

Shoreside communities like St. Michaels were once home to countless packinghouses that processed seafood and produce for more distant markets. Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum chief curator Pete Leshner will share stories of the Black workers and packinghouse owners who drove this local industry. 5:30 p.m. at the Van Lennep Auditorium at CBMM in St. Michaels (also available virtually). Suggested ticket price \$8.

22 CCA Southern Maryland Chapter Annual Fundraising Banquet

6 to 9:30 p.m. at the Calvert Marine Museum in Solomons, MD. This fundraising dinner directly supports CCA Maryland's focus on ensuring the health of our marine resources and anglers' access to them. Tickets include one-year membership to CCA, all you can eat raw oysters, open bar, dinner, live auction, live music, and more.

22 MSFC Flea Market

8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the American Legion Dorchester Post 91 in Cambridge, MD. Mid-Shore Fishing Club of Maryland.

24 CAPCA Monthly Meeting

6:45 to 8:30 p.m. at Annapolis Elks Lodge in Edgewater, MD, and online via Zoom. Topic: Taking Action to Protect the Chesapeake Bay. Free. More details at capca.net

27 AMM Winter Lecture Series

7 p.m. at the Annapolis Maritime Museum. Topic: Chesapeake Invaders, The Ecology and Economics of Blue Catfish on the Bay. Speaker: Jay Fleming. Pre-registration is strongly suggested as space is limited. Tickets \$10.

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March

1 Capt. Henry Marx Memorial US Sailing International Safety at Sea Course

8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Presented by The Mariners' Museum and Park in Newport News, VA, and Landfall Navigation. \$325, ticket sales close Feb. 17. This hands-on training course will prepare you for survival offshore in demanding situations and emergencies. Register:

marinersmuseum.org

1 FSFF Monthly Fly Tying

10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Free State Fly Fishers clubhouse (behind Ford Hall) at the Davidsonville Family Rec Center. Join FSFF as one of our members instructs us on how to tie a couple of fly patterns and demonstrates proper tying techniques. All materials will be provided. Please bring your vise and tying tools if you have them. Questions:

rybeer@gmail.com

1 GBFA Annual Fishing Flea Market

8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Virginia Beach Field House. New and used rods and reels, fresh and saltwater gear, boats and trailers, food and refreshments, and more. The largest fishing flea market in the area! Admission \$5

1 Middle River Bass Club Anglers Fishing Flea Market

8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Back River United Methodist Church in Essex, MD. Sponsored by The Middle River Bass Club Anglers. Vendors selling new and used fishing rods, lures, and much more. For more information or to reserve a table, contact Scott at (443) 909-9786. Admission \$5, ages 12 and under are free. Enjoy a delicious breakfast, sandwiches, and pit beef. Proceeds from food sales benefit Boy Scout Troop 372.

■ Burn your socks and celebrate the start of spring at the Annapolis Oyster Roast and Sock Burning March 22 at the Annapolis Maritime Museum. Photo by Shannon Hibberd



1 US Coast Guard Auxiliary Safety Review

At Fawcett Boat Supplies (919 Bay Ridge Road, Annapolis, MD, 21403) from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. RSVP to info@fawcettboat.com. Seating is limited, so sign up early.

5 Interpreting Surface Weather Maps Webinar

Join marine weather expert Mark Thornton for an online lesson in decoding the confusing symbols on surface weather maps to gain a better understanding of the large-scale weather pattern and how it will evolve. 7 to 8:30 p.m. Attend this one webinar (\$35) or the bundle of three (\$90) to include learning about Thunderstorms and Weather Apps.

8 Boating and Fishing Flea Market with Nautical Arts & Crafts

Kiwanis Club of Poquoson Boating and Fishing Flea Market with Nautical Arts and Crafts. Local legend guest speakers. Raffle prizes include a seaplane ride. 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Poquoson High School, 51 Odd Rd, Poquoson, VA.

8 CCA Virginia Banquet

6 to 9 p.m. at Arlington Fairfax Elks Lodge in Fairfax, VA. CCA Northern Virginia Chapter's Save a Fish - Build a Reef Banquet. Enjoy dinner, appetizers, beer, wine, and farm-raised oysters while ensuring the health and conservation of our marine resources and anglers' access to them.

March (continued)

8-9 Essex-Middle River Fishing Club Fishing Flea Market

8 a.m. to 2 p.m. each day at the Rosedale Volunteer Fire Company in Rosedale, MD. New and used fishing tackle and crabbing supplies, freshwater, saltwater, offshore, and boating supplies. Food and refreshments available. Admission: \$5, kids ages 13 and under are free. For more information, call Frank at (410) 686-2348.

12 Thunderstorms and Weather Radar Webinar

Join marine weather expert Mark Thornton for an online lesson in forecasting thunderstorms and tracking their evolution. 7 to 8:30 p.m. Attend this one webinar (\$35) or the bundle of three (\$90) to include learning about Interpreting Surface Weather Maps and Weather Apps.

19 CCA Angler's Night Out

6 to 8:30 p.m. at the West End Grill in Annapolis. A talk and Q&A about everything you wanted to know about Blue Catfish with local fishing experts followed by the Pickerel Championship awards presentation. Free and open to the public.

15 CPR/AED and First Aid for Boaters

8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Selby Bay Yacht Club in Edgewater, MD. \$100 for CAPCA and Selby Bay Yacht Club members; \$115 for all others. This course meets the CPR and First Aid requirements for USCG Captain's License. The certification has a two-year expiration date. The program is taught by American Heart Association Certified Instructors who are all experienced boaters. To register for the class, contact Capt. Alan Karpas at Alan@SafetyInstituteOfMD.com

16 30th Annual Saltwater Fishing Expo

8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Annapolis Elks Lodge #622 in Edgewater, MD. Nonprofit fundraiser event presented by the Annapolis Anglers Club. Informative seminars, local tackle dealers, regional charter captains and guides, food, and more. \$5 per person, kids 14 and under are free.

18 CCA Reef Ball Build

9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Patuxent Appeal Elementary in Lusby, MD. RSVP to volunteer with CCA at ccamd.org

19 Annapolis Anglers Club Monthly Meeting

Speaker, food and drink, table raffle and 50/50. Food starts at 6 p.m., followed by meeting at 7 p.m. At the American Legion Post 7, Crownsville Road, Annapolis, MD 21401.

19 Understanding Weather Apps Webinar

Join marine weather expert Mark Thornton for an online lesson to give you a better understanding of how your weather apps work and how to interpret the data. 7 to 8:30 p.m. Attend this one webinar (\$35) or the bundle of three (\$90) to include learning about Interpreting Surface Weather Maps and Thunderstorms.

22 Annapolis Oyster Roast and Sock Burning

12 to 4 p.m. at the Annapolis Maritime Museum. Rain date March 23. Celebrate the spring equinox and the beginning of boating season by burning those nasty winter socks. GA tickets \$50 for adults, \$10 for children ages 5-10, ages 5 and under are free. VIP tickets \$125.

22 CCA Kent Narrows Chapter Annual Fundraising Banquet

5:30 to 9 p.m. at the Kent Island Volunteer Fire Department in Chester, MD. This fundraising dinner directly supports CCA Maryland's focus on ensuring the health of our marine resources and anglers' access to them, and our objective to conserve, promote, and enhance our marine resources for the benefit of the general public.

24 CCA Reef Ball Build

9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Plum Point Elementary School in Huntingtown, MD. RSVP to volunteer with CCA at ccamd.org

26 CCA Reef Ball Build

9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Huntingtown Elementary School in Huntingtown, MD. RSVP to volunteer with CCA at ccamd.org

27 Watermen's Story Swap

Join local author and emcee Brent Lewis, as well as a panel of local watermen, for a lively evening of stories of the past and present drawn from lives spent on the water harvesting from the Bay. 5:30 p.m. at the Van Lennep Auditorium at the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum in St. Michaels (also available virtually). Suggested ticket price \$8.

29-30 MTAM Safety at Sea

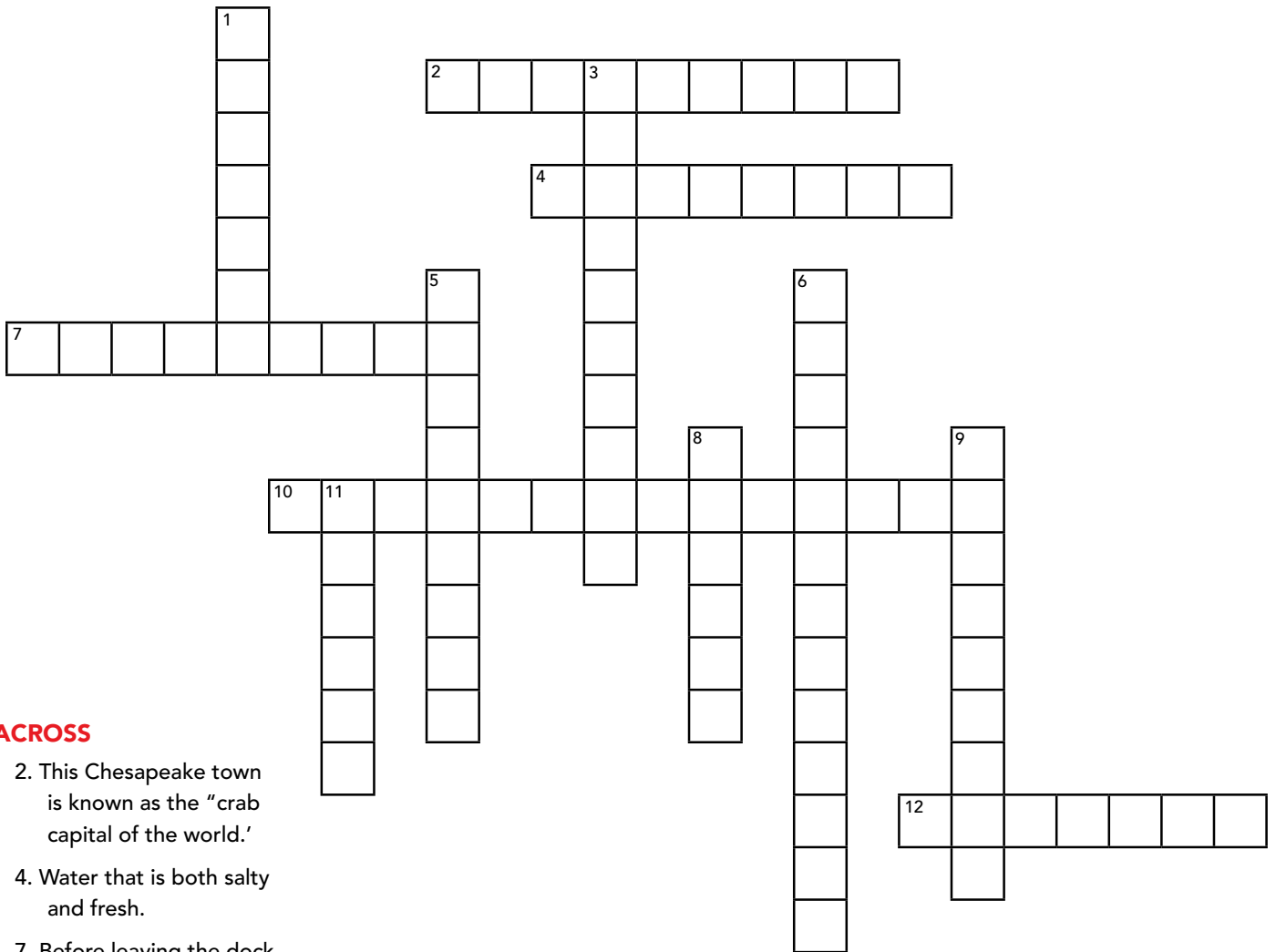
At the US Naval Academy in Annapolis. Three US Sailing Certificate courses will be offered: Offshore Sailing, International Offshore Safety with Hands-On Training, and International Hands-On Only Training. A Safety for Cruising course will also be offered (no certification).

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PropTalk Crossword

Can you complete the crossword using the 12 hints below? Send your completed puzzle to kaylie@proptalk.com by March 15 for a chance to win a PropTalk hat! We will do a drawing of all the correct responses, so no need to worry if you're not the first to submit. Best of luck!



ACROSS

2. This Chesapeake town is known as the "crab capital of the world."
4. Water that is both salty and fresh.
7. Before leaving the dock, you should always let people know where you are going, commonly referred to as "filing a ..."
10. A type of boat powered by engines and featuring two hulls parallel to each other.
12. Adult male crabs are commonly referred to as...

DOWN

1. This type of boat was used to buy the catch from fishing boats and bring them to market.
3. A protective covering commonly used on boats during the winter months.
5. *Channa argus* is the latin name for this invasive fish.
6. The largest estuary in the United States.
8. A dock or basin providing secure moorings for pleasure boats.
9. Maryland's capital city.
11. This bird is a common sign of spring returning to Chesapeake country.

ArrowCat 20CC: *Flying at the Bullseye*

By Lenny Rudow

Anyone who's been aboard a powercat already knows that twin hulls smooth out the ride in a way a monohull just can't match. This is especially true when considering small boats, since diminutive monohulls tend to have less V in their hulls than larger ones. And while there were lots of choices for small powercats on the market years ago, today they're few and far between. A new option recently hit the water for powercat fans, the ArrowCat 20CC, which is built down south in Clearwater, FL, but made an appearance at the Annapolis Powerboat Show last fall when it was introduced.

The smallest offering in ArrowCat's lineup, the 20CC is built much like the builder's larger boats. Construction is all-composite with a vinylester barrier coat, bow area keels get reinforced with Kevlar, the transom and mounting points are beefed up with fiberglass-reinforced high density polyurethane Coosa panel, and floors and bulkheads are bi- and tri-directional fiberglass over PVC foam core.

The boat's layout is straightforward and simple, designed without a bunch of cost-adding and complexity-adding niceties, which will prove ideal for anglers and day-cruisers who appreciate a boat that's easy to run and easy to maintain. There's an anchor locker in the bow and an elevated bowdeck with a stowage/fishbox underneath and a hatch that lifts up on a spring-strut, a center console with a forward console seat, a leaning post with a backrest and room for a cooler underneath, and a transom with stowage compartments in either side. In the center of the transom, you'll find a door leading



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to a walk-through to a swim platform between the motors.

Despite the boat's apparent simplicity, when we poked around the Arrowcat 20CC, we discovered a few unexpected perks. The bow compartment has molded-in recesses to hold a pair of five-gallon buckets. Anglers will appreciate the four flush-mount rodholders plus rocket launchers in the back of the leaning post (a folding T-top with additional rocket launchers is an option). But the biggest surprise is without question found at the console itself—or rather,

inside the console. The front is hinged at the base and flips down to access a large console compartment which could be used for stowage but is also large enough to house a portable MSD. That makes this the only 20-foot powercat with a head compartment on the market today that we're aware of.

Another big surprise lies in store when you step aboard. Place a foot on the gunwale, swing your other up over and step onto the deck and... nothing happens. Then scoot back and forth from side to side and see

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what happens. The 20CC barely moves, displaying static stability that's virtually unmatched among boats of this size. If you, your friends, or family hate it when a boat starts rocking and rolling, they'll love this attribute.

The ArrowCat is offered with a pair of 90-hp or 60-hp Mercury Four Strokes or Suzuki outboards, and

while we all love going fast and going faster, considering fuel economy, the smaller powerplants hold plenty of appeal. With the 60s you can look for a top-end around 38 mph and a 4000-rpm cruise in the low 20s while getting an eye-opening 5.37 mpg (according to the manufacturer's published numbers). Jump up to the 90s and top end just breaks 42 mph

while cruising in the low 20s nets you 3.86 mpg or cruising in the upper 20s, 3.5 mpg.

You say you love cats, but you want one that's small enough to easily trailer and simple enough to easily maintain? There's a good chance that you just haven't been able to find one built today that hits the bullseye—up until discovering the ArrowCat 20CC. ■

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SHORELINE FISHING HOTSPOTS

Experience the vast angling opportunities the Bay has to offer, from Maryland's Eastern Shore marshlands to the shadow of our nation's capital, and everywhere in between.

By Adam Greenberg

I know, I know, it's a boating magazine. But if you're an angler with engine problems, pulled your vessel from the slip during wintertime, or just want to give the ol' girl a break, look no further than the shorelines of the Chesapeake to tickle your fishing fancy. Explore marshlands, rivers, and everything this brackish paradise has to offer—all with your boots on dry land.

Matapeake Park

Located just over the Bay Bridge on Kent Island, Matapeake Park is one of the best public access points to the main Bay from shore. The 650-foot fishing pier allows for ample personal space, even on crowded days. It's open 24 hours and equipped with lights, catering to the nocturnal angler. Complete with picnic tables, grills, and restrooms, Matapeake is the perfect spot to spend a day fishing or crabbing with the family.

Casting soft plastic jigs on a medium setup is a great way to target rockfish, white perch, puppy drum, and bluefish. These same species, as well as spot, croaker, and catfish can be caught on bait such as bloodworms, cut alewife or spot, and razor clams. Crabbing with pull traps is also popular here, with chicken necks being the preferred bait.

If you've wrapped up fishing by dinnertime, head over to Harris Crab House for some killer seafood. They steam one heck-of-a-good pot of crabs, but this restaurant is no one-trick pony. Their fried oysters melt in your mouth, and the hush puppies are to die for.

Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge

The main attraction here is snakeheads. Blackwater is one of the first places in Maryland where the population of this invasive species really took off, and to say that the system is now full of these fish would be an understatement. Casting minnows under bobbers with a medium or medium-heavy rod is a tried-and-true way to catch snakeheads. Look for fish shallow and tight to vegetation during the warmer months and search deeper holes or ledges during colder times of the year. Anglers who wish to throw lures can experiment with topwater frogs, chatterbaits, spinnerbaits, and soft plastic minnows or paddletails to see which offering gets the fish to chew that day. Aside from snakeheads, there is opportunity to catch perch, largemouth bass, rockfish, and catfish. Pull traps and hand lines are popular for crabbing at Blackwater, too.

Shoreline fishing and crabbing access can be found via the Key Wallace Drive Causeway. This road spans across the Little Blackwater River and offers hundreds

of yards of fishing access on both sides. No parking is allowed on the Causeway, so be sure to park on the west end by the entrance to Wildlife Drive.

Just a short drive south of Cambridge, Blackwater is a Dorchester County gem that all anglers can take advantage of.



Ethan shows off a snakehead he caught on a chatterbait at Blackwater.

King's Landing Park

For those of you interested in filling the cooler or simply assisting in conservation efforts, head over to King's Landing Park on the Patuxent River for some excellent blue catfish action. Heavy rod and reel setups are ideal here, as these invasive critters have been caught at monstrous sizes, including Maryland's 84-pound state record. A fishfinder rig or Carolina rig equipped with a 5/0 to 10/0 size circle hook should do the trick. As far as baits, think about the stink. Any oily fish or raw meat will be the easiest for these scent-focused and opportunistic catfish to find. My personal favorites are alewife and chicken livers.

King's Landing is not only a fishing destination but a park packed with amenities to keep the whole family busy. There's a swimming pool (open from Memorial Day to Labor Day), hiking trails, and even an equestrian facility.

Fletcher's Cove

Just outside of our nation's capital lies a park on a stretch of the Potomac River that offers tons of fishing action and species diversity. Fletcher's Cove sits just below the river's fall line, making this part of the river both tidal and brackish. Different times of the year offer anglers the opportunity to target striped bass, white perch, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, American and hickory shad, blue catfish, channel catfish, flathead catfish, snakeheads, walleye, and

crappie. It's a long list, I know, so let's break it down by season.

In the springtime, Fletcher's hosts hundreds of fishermen flocking to the riverbank to catch shad. The "shad run" is the annual migration of both American shad and hickory shad as they head upstream to spawn. During the peak of the run, anglers can catch hundreds of these fish in just a few hours. Tandem rigs, spoons, and shad darts casted on light tackle are popular methods for shad fishing. Blue catfish, flathead catfish, and striped bass are also putting on the feed bag this time of year, gobbling up the plethora of shad in the river. Cut alewife and large soft plastic swimbaits on heavier gear are what you'll find most anglers throwing from the bank for these predatory species.

Summer is an excellent time to catch largemouth and smallmouth bass, snakeheads, crappie, and white perch. Target creeks or coves and slower moving water for the largies and snakeheads with topwater frogs, soft plastics, or live minnows. Crappie and perch will be found in the same areas but will be keyed in on smaller lures like micro soft plastics and inline spinners. Bloodworms, nightcrawlers, and minnows should get them biting as well. Smallmouth are more likely to be found in eddies or held up by rock piles. Try throwing ned rigs, finesse jigs, spinnerbaits, and topwater poppers. Live crawfish under a bobber also work great, if you can get your hands on them.



■ The author joined hundreds of other anglers who flocked to Fletcher's Cove during the shad run.

Fall is going to be a mixed bag of summer species, but with a bit more action from the catfish and walleye. Curly tail grubs and deep diving jerkbaits are absolute killers for walleye. Live minnows are a good bet, too. Target catfish the same way as in the spring.

Winter will be the toughest time of year, but catfish, smallmouth, and walleye may still be around. Downsize your artificial offerings or switch to live bait when fishing in the colder months.

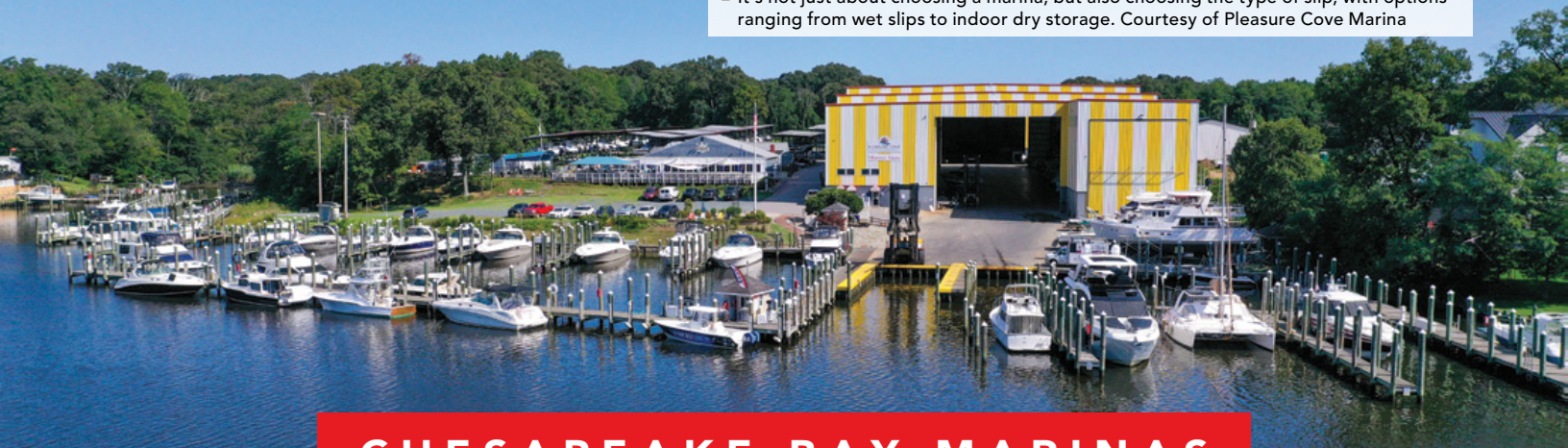
And when your stomach is rumbling after a long day of fishing, D.C. is right on the doorstep of Fletcher's Cove with loads of great restaurants from fast-casual to Michelin star. (Note: plan for some traffic if you decide to drive into the city). Union Market is one of my favorite places to dine in the District. This eatery is basically a foodie's dreamhouse, as each stall is unique from the rest. Sweet, savory, Asian, soul, Latin, Italian, pizza, you name it. Whatever you're craving, you'll find it at Union Market.

The Chesapeake Bay and her tributaries are rife with opportunities to fish and explore by land. All it takes is a car, your boots, and a fishing rod. There's no better time than the present. Head out and lose yourself in the magic and beauty of fishing the Chesapeake from shore. For more shoreline fishing opportunities, visit [fishtalkmag.com](https://www.fishtalkmag.com) and type "shoreline fishing" into the search box. ■



■ Parachute Pizza in Union Market is one of many tasty grab-and-go options after fishing at Fletcher's Cove.

■ It's not just about choosing a marina, but also choosing the type of slip, with options ranging from wet slips to indoor dry storage. Courtesy of Pleasure Cove Marina



CHESAPEAKE BAY MARINAS

How To Choose a Marina

We've said this many times before, but it's no less true now—picking a marina is an important decision. If you choose wisely, it becomes so much more than a place to simply park your boat. It is a community, a home away from home. And unless you are lucky enough to live on the water or have an easily trailerable boat, chances are you'll need to find a marina sooner or later.

But how do you find the right one? What might work for you and your boat won't work for everyone. It's not just the marina you must choose, but also the slip. Perhaps you have a large cruising boat, and a protected in-water slip is the right call. What about a smaller center console and the bottom is unpainted? A boat lift might be more prudent. Or perhaps you

want your boat kept out of the water, fully protected from the elements—you might want to check out a high-and-dry facility. What might be the *perfect* solution for one boater could be another's headache. So, when it comes time to choose a marina for the season, keep these factors in mind:

Location, Location, Location

Even before you start thinking about exciting amenities, the marina's location needs to be your first order of business. For some, it's all about proximity. They want their boat close to their home so they can get to it as easily and as often as possible. For others, they don't mind a little driving if it means their boat is in a prime location on the Bay. We chatted with one PropTalk writer for instance who lives in Virginia but loves the An-

napolis area, so that is where he chose to keep his boat. Read more on page 40.

You also must consider your specific boat when choosing a location. It might seem that most people would opt for a sheltered and well-protected marina, but what if the added "shelter" means the marina in question is up a long and winding river that is impassable for deeper draft vessels on a low tide? You must take your length, beam, and draft into account when looking at both marinas and a specific slip.

Some other factors to keep in mind include: distance from the marina to the main stem Bay and/or points of interest, urban or rural setting (if you prefer peace and quiet, you may not enjoy a large downtown marina with a lively dock bar), and distance to professional services (if you need work done, are their professionals nearby or on-site, or will you have to hire someone willing to travel, who may charge more?).

Amenities

So, you've narrowed down a general location but now you need to choose from a handful of marinas with varying amenities. Generally speaking, the more amenities, the greater the cost. But if you are looking for a community atmosphere with slip holder events, a pool, and an on-site restaurant, then your marina could become so much more than a place to store your boat. If on the other hand all you truly want is a well-protected slip



■ Do you want a marina that feels like a community, with events like pool parties and movie nights? Courtesy of Bowleys Marina/Facebook





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Chesapeake Bay Marinas

with plenty of water, then there's no sense paying extra for amenities you don't intend to use. Choosing a marina can be as personal a decision as choosing a boat. Here are some common amenities you'll find around the Bay.

Read through the list below and circle which amenities are a "must," put a check next to any amenities you'd "like to have," and cross out any you don't need. That way you'll be one step closer to finding a marina that fits your needs.

- Free WiFi
- Swimming pool
- Restaurant or dock bar on-site
- Picnic tables
- Transient slips
- Gear boxes
- Showers
- Dinghy storage
- Service professionals on-site
- Clean Marina status
- Fish cleaning station
- Gas
- Diesel
- Pump out
- Laundry
- Gym/fitness center
- Marina store
- Trailer storage
- Electric
- Slip holder events
- Adequate parking for you and your guests
- Travel lift
- Security

Before Signing On the Dotted Line

At this point let's say you have a location (St. Michaels for example), and you know your 'must-have' amenities, but that still leaves you with several marinas to choose from that check all your boxes. The next step is to schedule a visit. You can learn a lot about a marina by simply walking the docks and grounds. If there's a particular slip you have in mind, see how it looks from shore and check to make sure you would have enough room to dock your boat and get in and out of the slip easily. You'll also want to note if the piers and walkways are in good condition and if the grounds are neat and tidy. Come prepared with any questions you may have for the marina manager, and if you see other slip holders out and about, ask them what they think.

When you have a few locations narrowed down, be sure to compare prices to similar marinas in the vicinity. Some marinas may even be willing to give you a break on slip fees, particularly if they have a lot of unfilled spaces. Go over exactly what you will be paying for and determine if it's a good fit.

When it comes time to signing an annual contract, be sure you read the fine print, so you know what your responsibilities are as a slip holder, as well as the responsibilities of the marina. And make sure you are aware of the marina's rules.

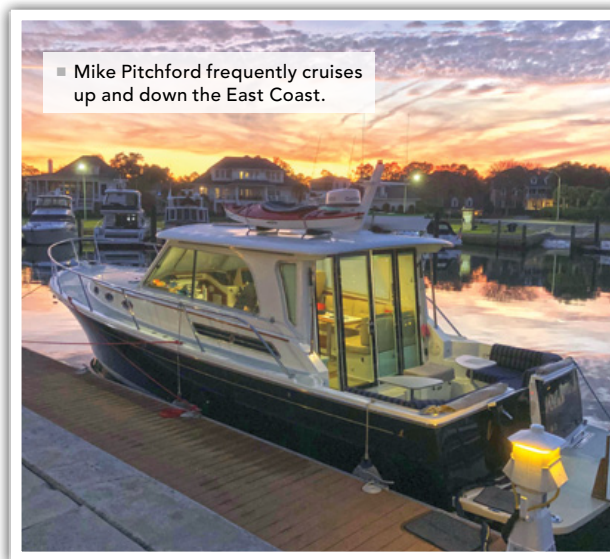
Take Stock

If you've done the necessary homework ahead of time, then you can be secure in the knowledge that you've made the right call for you and your boat. But don't be afraid to take stock every few years or even every year. Your priorities may change, you may purchase a different boat that is not as good of a fit at your current marina, or you may find that you are paying a premium price for amenities you don't use. Weigh the advantages and disadvantages of where you are keeping your boat against what you want to get from boating.

If you're ready to start looking for your next marina, check out our Marina Directory starting on page 47 and at proptalk.com/chesapeake-bay-marinas.

PropTalk Contributors Share Their Insights

We reached out to three PropTalk contributors to get their take on how they choose a marina for their particular boating lifestyles.



Choosing a Transient Marina While Cruising

"I choose transient marinas on several criteria: I am a fan of downtown marinas. We like to have walkability, dinner, etc. choices when we stop, and in-town rather than remote marinas are preferred.

"A relatively calm night on the boat is always a top consideration. I always consider wind direction and weather forecasts. A calm night on a floating dock marina is the gold standard.

"On our yacht club jaunt up the Hudson and into Lake Champlain last July we had one stop on the river in an unprotected marina. My assigned slip was abeam of a 20-knot wind with a long fetch so the waves were quite something. I could not have docked and several of the boats that did suffered damage. I and two other boats slated for that bad slip assignment simply traveled another 20 miles to our next club cruise stop, a very quiet and protected downtown marina!

"I don't look for amenities much at a marina. Sometimes in the summer we do seek a pool. I default to marinas on Dockwa or Snag-a-Slip. The reservations and cancellations are so much easier to manage while underway."

~Mike Pitchford





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“Thinking back to the decision to buy a new boat we also had to consider where to keep the boat. We stored our two previous boats at our house. They were smaller and a little easier to back into the driveway, but we had the inherent problems of leaves and bird and lantern fly poop. But I liked the convenience of walking out the back door and tinkering, cleaning, and generally puttering with my boat.

“Our current boat is bigger than our earlier boats, so the logistics of keeping it on the trailer, parking it in our driveway, and trailering the boat to a launch destination every time we wanted to use it were something to seriously think about.

“The main considerations were ease and convenience of storage and launching, and economics. In Virginia we have personal property tax on things like autos and boats. On a new boat the personal property tax would be considerable.

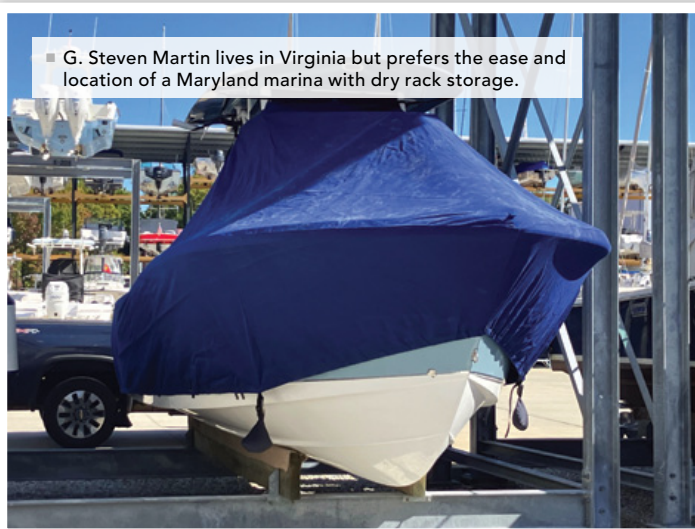
“I did not spend a lot of time researching yacht yards and marinas. We like Annapolis and Eastport and all they have to offer, even if we did not have a boat. That is where I focused my search.

“Living out of state with no Maryland residency established, you can register your boat in Maryland if you have a year’s storage lease, so that is what I pursued. I found Bert Jabin Yacht Yard on Back Creek in Eastport. They have in-water as well as dry rack storage and extensive haul-out equipment. Our boat is kept up on a semi-covered dry rack.

“The yard’s active window to access your stored boat runs from April 1 through November 1. You are guaranteed one launch

and retrieval per day during that period. The storage fee, so far, for one year is about 20 percent less than personal property tax would be. The added convenience of having a launch app, Speedy Dock, to schedule your boat to be in the water waiting for you is a big plus and easy. Bert Jabin Yacht Yard is a well maintained, highly active yacht yard, well-organized, and the lift crew is skilled and always helpful when launching and returning to the dock.”

~G. Steven Martin



G. Steven Martin lives in Virginia but prefers the ease and location of a Maryland marina with dry rack storage.

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Considerations When Choosing a Liveboard Marina

“I came up with a long list, and then consolidated a bit, to nine criteria. There is some overlap among my bullet points, but I believe some of these issues are important enough to warrant their own headings. These are not in a rigid ranking, but from a liveboard perspective, I think first about infrastructure, second about services, and third about intangibles. Aside from that, my rankings of these items might vary from one day to the next, depending upon what is foremost on my mind at that moment:

- Quality of dock infrastructure (floating docks, wave attenuator, well designed and sheltered marina).
- Reliable electrical and communications (50-amp pedestals and WiFi throughout the marina).
- Reliable sanitation management (frequent pump-out services and ‘winter water’ availability).
- Safety infrastructure (plenty of exit ladders, life rings, and fire extinguishers throughout the marina).
- Reliable maintenance and safety services (24/7 security and CCTV, trash collection, snow removal, deicer deployment).
- Slip holder amenities (nice bathrooms and showers landside, availability of washers/dryers).
- Vibe (friendly, community-minded neighbors who take care of each other and marina assets).
- Aesthetic setting (great view and good water quality).
- All-in cost (entrance requirements, slip/amenities fees, etc.).

“Finding a marina with these attributes provides greater peace of mind when away from home and makes me look forward that much more to returning home.”

~Nathan Younge



■ Nathan Younge lives aboard his houseboat at a marina.

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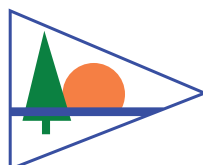
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Maryland Clean Marinas

The Maryland Clean Marina Initiative recognizes and promotes marinas, boatyards, and yacht clubs of any size that meet legal requirements and voluntarily adopt pollution prevention practices. The Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has certified 30 percent of Maryland's estimated 500 marinas as Clean Marinas or Clean Marina Partners and aims to continue increasing this number moving forward.

Clean Marinas meet their regulatory requirements and implement a certain proportion of the recommendations in the Maryland Clean Marina Guidebook. The Clean Marina "Award Checklist" (used to certify facilities) mirrors the recommendations in the Guidebook. However, marinas do not have to implement all practices. "Passing scores" range from 70-85 percent in each area. Sample recommendations include:

- Siting and Design ("Follow natural channels," "Enhance water circulation");
- Vessel Maintenance and Repair ("Contain dust from sanding," "Contain debris from blasting");
- Petroleum Control and Emergency Planning ("Train staff to prevent accidental spills on the fuel dock," "Post a written emergency response plan");
- Sewage Handling ("Have a well-maintained pump-out," "Have clean restrooms available 24 hours a day");
- Waste Containment and Disposal ("Provide or promote solid and liquid waste recycling," "Conduct daily trash pickup, especially near shoreline");
- Marina Management ("Incorporate 'best management practices' into all contracts," "Train staff to handle equipment and chemicals properly");
- Stormwater Management ("Cultivate vegetated areas," "Have a stormwater management system").







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We recently caught up with Donna Morrow of the Maryland DNR to chat more about this program.

Why should boaters choose Maryland Clean Marinas?

Donna: “Operators of certified Clean Marinas have voluntarily adopted a number of best practices to prevent polluted runoff to our waters, which improves the health of our waterways which makes boating more fun! Also, the boatyards in the program will be safer for families and pets because they take extra precautions on how and where they store hazardous products.”

What do you wish boaters knew about the Clean Marina Program?

“Marinas need boaters to help them run a clean facility. For example, follow the directions or signs at the marina that explain where/how to recycle solid and/or liquid waste. Several marinas have stopped offering recycling of cans/bottles because people put trash in the recycling bins, and sorting it again is a rotten job. Also, there are many things that Clean Marinas do to prevent pollution—such as staff training and writing emergency response plans—that a customer never sees, but they have an impact. The best thing a customer can do is acknowledge the Clean Marina status when choosing a marina or boatyard and let them know that it impacted their choice.”

For a list of Maryland Clean Marinas and Certified Clean Marina Partners (these are not true marinas, yet they promote the pollution prevention goals of the Clean Marina Initiative), visit dnr.maryland.gov/boating and type ‘clean marinas’ in the search bar. Clean Marinas are also given a flag to help identify them on site.

Virginia also has a similar initiative, the Virginia Clean Marina Program. To learn more, visit vims.edu/research/units/centerspartners/map/vacleanmarina.

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What's New at Regional Marinas?

Relocating

After 30 years on the waterfront in Annapolis, Pusser's Caribbean Grille will relocate to Lighthouse Point Marina in Baltimore's Canton neighborhood. Pusser's and Oasis Marina's management made the announcement during the Annapolis Sailboat Show last October. The new location, which will be called "Pusser's Landing at Lighthouse Point Marina," boasts increased capacity of more than 300 seats inside and 200 on a floating dock bar. Plus, the newly renovated marina will provide 350 new slips for transient and permanent boaters. Staying true to the Pusser's brand, it will serve its "World Famous Painkillers," fresh squeezed orange crushes, and a tasty mix of Caribbean and Chesapeake cuisine. The restaurant will have the same vintage bar from Wales that was imported to Annapolis and will have a British pub feel—relaxing and fun. Overall, Pusser's will deliver a fun, local, and tropical vibe



Courtesy of Pusser's Landing/Facebook

with a fabulous harbor view and beautiful waterfront sunsets.

Chris Townsend, co-owner of Pusser's and the operating partner says, "After spending the last 30 wonderful years building a great and terrific base of loyal customers, we are energized to build a similar loyalty in the Canton area. We hope to open in the spring of 2025. We look forward to getting involved in the community, creating fun and a unique dining experi-

ence, and always throwing a good party."

Along with the exciting addition of the Pusser's dining experience and newly built docks, Lighthouse Point Marina is fully renovating its office and marina facilities. This will include a new gym and shower facilities. Located two blocks from the Waterfront Park, the marina is located right on the Promenade. As Chris Townsend says to all of his friends, "We are only a short boat ride away!" newlhp.com

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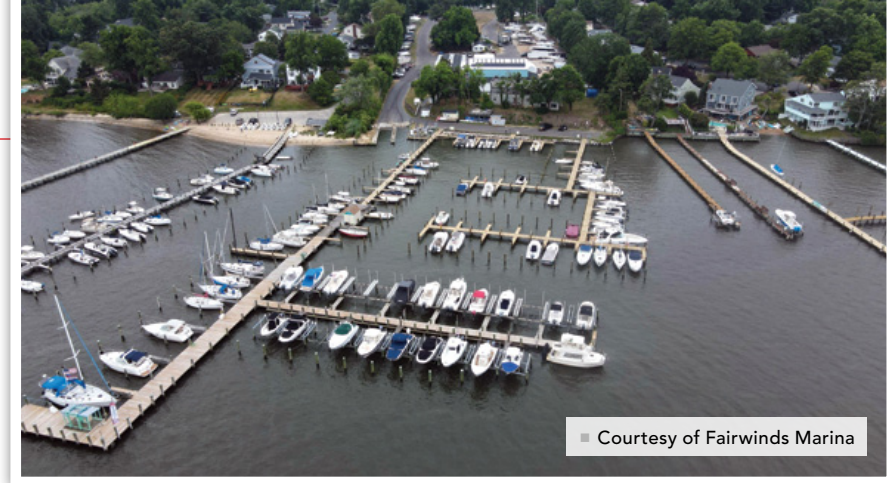
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Marina of the Year

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Courtesy of Fairwinds Marina

- **Rebuilding and Reconfiguring Docks:** Modernized docks with finger piers and water access at each slip ensure greater convenience and safety for boaters.
- **Wave Attenuator Installation:** Protecting vessels year-round with advanced wave attenuation technology.
- **Enhanced Electric and Security Systems:** Providing electric access at every slip and a customer-accessible camera system for remote boat monitoring.
- **Sustainability Initiatives:** Utilizing solar power and a closed-loop water reclaim system for power washing, reflecting Fairwinds' commitment to environmental responsibility.

JoAnna Goldberg, a U.S. Coast Guard-certified captain, has also distinguished Fairwinds Marina through unique employee training programs. She provides on-the-water boating education to ensure all staff, regardless of prior experience, are confident and knowledgeable about marina operations. "This award is a testament to the dedication of our incredible team and the strong sense of community we've built at Fairwinds," said Goldberg. "We're deeply honored to be recognized for the strides we've made to provide a top-notch experience for our customers while preserving the beauty of the Chesapeake Bay." fairwindsmarina.com

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Looking for a slip for your boat?

The perfect marina for you and your boat might not be so perfect for someone else. The first thing you should consider is which amenities are a must, which are a 'like to have,' and which amenities you don't need (and thus don't want to pay for). In PropTalk's Chesapeake Bay Marinas Directory you will find marina information including available slips, transient slips, gas, diesel, pump outs, maximum boat length, water depth, maintenance, as well as other amenities such as restaurants, dock bars, and swimming pools.

Marina Name	Location	City	Website	Phone #	Max. LOA	MLW	Total # of slips	Travel Lift Tonnage	Boat Ramp	Gas	Diesel	Pump Out	Clean Marina	Covered Slips	Transient Slips	Liveboards	Maintenance	Bathhouse	Pool	Restaurant/Bar/Food*	Wifi	
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Dandy Haven Marina	Back River	Hampton, VA	dandyhavenmarina.com	757.851.1573	50	6	65	25				•	•		•		•	•				•
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Lighthouse Point Marina	Baltimore Harbor	Baltimore, MD	baltimorelighthousepointmarina.com	410.320.6319	300	8	478					•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
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Riverside Marine Marina	Back River	Essex, MD	riversidemarine.com	410.686.1500	35	1	100		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Rock Hall Marine Railway	Rock Hall Harbor	Rock Hall, MD	rockhallrailway.com	410.639.2263	45	4	27	25									•	•			
Rod 'N' Reel Resort	Herring Bay	Chesapeake Beach, MD	rnresortmd.com	866.312.5596	70	5	270		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Selby Bay Marina	Selby Bay	Edgewater, MD	selbybaymarina.com	410.275.2122	70	6	90		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Shipwright Harbor Marina	Herring Bay	Deale, MD	shipwriightharbor.com	410.867.7686	80	7	250	13			•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•

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Escape to Herrington Harbour

Family and pet friendly resorts delivering unforgettable experiences for all ages with everything a recreational boater could desire. Family owned and operated since 1978.

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Amenities

Max. LOA: 90' | Mean Low Water: 7'
Total # of Slips: 600
 Gas & Diesel Available
 Pump Out | Clean Marina Certified
 Transient Slips | Maintenance | Pool
 Restaurant/Bar/Food | Wifi

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Skipjack Cove Yachting Resort	Sassafras River	Georgetown, MD	skipjackcove.com	410.275.2122	120	18	365	70	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
The Wharf at Handy's Point	Worton Creek	Chestertown, MD	handyspoint.com	410.778.4363	65	10	120	35				•	•	•			•	•		•	•
The Wharf Marina	Potomac River	Washington, DC	wharfdcmarina.com	202.595.5165	500	12	300					•		•						•	
Tri-State Marine	Just Inside Rockhold Creek	Deale, MD	tristatamarine.com	410.867.2398	45	40	9		•	•											
Whitehall Marina	Whitehall Creek	Annapolis, MD	whitehallannapolis.com	410.757.4819	50	12	115	25				•		•			•	•			•
Yacht Haven of Annapolis	Severn River	Annapolis, MD	yachthavenannapolis.com	410.267.7654	62	10	51	35										•			•

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Amenities

Max. LOA: 80' | Mean Low Water: 7' | Total # of Slips: 250 | Travelift: 13.5 Ton
 Pump Out | Clean Marina | Transient Slips Available
 Maintenance Available Onsite | Pool | WiFi | Bathhouse

For more information call 410.867.7686 or visit shipwriightharbor.com

The Importance of Vessel Safety Checks

And More Spring Safety Reminders

By Steve Gershman, Natural Resources Police Reserve Officer

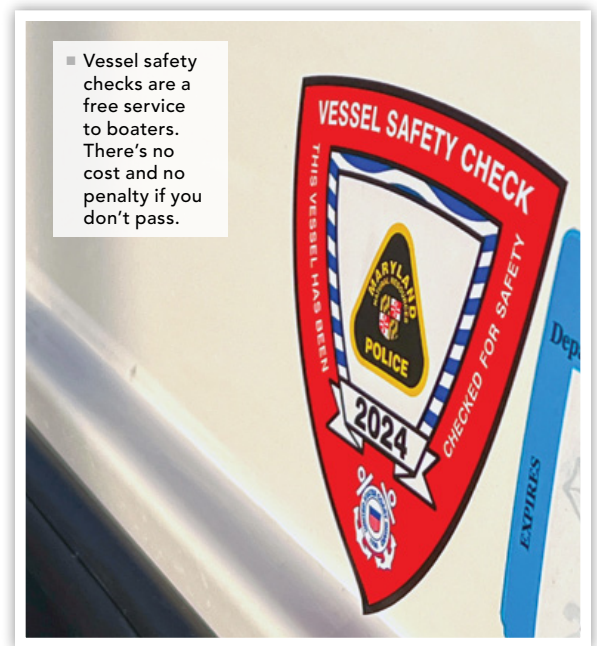
Over the past year, the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), Natural Resources Police Boating Safety Education and Outreach Unit, have conducted many Vessel Safety Checks (VSCs) at marinas across Maryland. The purpose of the VSC is to provide the boat owner/operator with an independent assessment of their vessel. This helps ensure the following: (1) Preventing citations and helps ensure that your vessel meets federal, state, and local safety equipment requirements, (2) Identifies possible equipment defects and costly breakdowns, (3) Increases safe boating practices to help you avoid accidents and injuries, (4) Provides a better understanding for the use and care of your marine safety equipment, (5) Helps ensure environmental compliance, and (6) Increases the boat owner/operator's level of confidence for them and their passengers safety and survivability.

To date, some of the issues identified include: severely outdated fire extinguishers, outdated flares, outdated and yellowed First Aid Kit components, inoperable navigation lights, no

registration onboard or on the person, non-secured CHT-Y valve, no emergency day orange distress flag, engine room exhaust blower inoperative, defective and inoperable bilge pumps, no sound producing device or horn, missing MARPOL environmental placards (required for vessels over 26 feet), improper display of vessel numbers, and significant corrosion of personnel flotation device (PFD) auto-air inflation cylinders, which were mainly found on PFDs left on sailboats.

For vessels not in compliance, there is no citation issued. This gives the boat owner/operator the opportunity to correct any deficiencies, without penalty. Another follow-up re-inspection, once deficiencies are corrected, is also free.

Upon successful completion of the safety check, boaters will be provided a



VSC safety sticker that will be displayed on the helm window, alerting DNR, the U.S. Coast Guard, and local police maritime units that you have taken the time and effort to go through this process, and that you comply with federal, state,

Don't Forget To...

File a Float Plan – This can be as simple as telling a responsible person where you will be going and when you'll be back. This might be a text, phone message, or note. It's best to state your intended destination, planned route, and expected timing. Adding a description of your vessel and the number of people onboard is even better. Even leaving a note under your vehicle's windshield wiper at the launch ramp can help trigger an alarm if you don't return in a timely manner. If you'd like a pre-made form to fill out, a very thorough fill-in-the-blank float plan can be found at floatplancentral.cgaux.org.

Complete a Pre-Departure Checklist – You know what they say about assumptions... And you should never assume that everything on your boat is in working order and/or that you have all of your necessary equipment. Maybe you took your PFDs off to clean them (and forgot to bring them back to the boat). Perhaps your fire extinguisher expired (unbeknownst to you). Or, you left the drain plug out... yikes! Getting into the habit of completing a pre-departure checklist will really come in handy. You can find sample checklists from BoatUS and U.S. Power Squadrons online with a quick internet search. Over time, it will be even more handy if you can adapt sample checklists to your specific boat and/or trailer.



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FLOAT PLAN

INSTRUCTIONS: Complete this plan before you go boating and leave it with a reliable person who can be depended upon to notify the Coast Guard, or other rescue agency, should you not return or check-in as planned. If you have a change of plans, or will be delayed, notify the person holding your Float Plan. Finally, close your plan by notifying the holder you have arrived home safely and if the holder has reported you overdue, notify all applicable rescue authorities of your safe return.

Do NOT file this plan with the Coast Guard



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IDENTIFICATION:

Name & Hailing Port _____
Document / Registration No. _____ HIN _____
Year, Make & Model _____
Length _____ Type _____ Draft _____ Hull Mat. _____
Hull & Trim Colors _____
Prominent Features _____

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DSC MMSI No. _____
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You can find a pre-made, ready to fill out float plan form on the USCG website. Courtesy USCG

and local safety equipment requirements. While this does not mean that you will not be stopped by a maritime police agency, it ensures them that you were previously in compliance the day of your check.

Another consideration is for the rapid identification and deployment of emergency medical gear. On land, a call to 911 is usually responded to in minimal time. Once out at sea, emergent medical care could be significantly longer, and an emergency First Aid

Trauma (FAT) kit should be readily accessible, identifiable, and effective. It is highly recommended that boaters complete in-person medical training, such as CPR, Choking Hazard, Stop the Bleed, and potential use of multiple tourniquets, in addition to the ability to treat burns. The objective is to have the capability to address emergent medical care and achieve the first 15-minute stabilization medical care, until proper treatment can be obtained.

It is recommended that medical supplies be obtained from reputable distributors, not from eBay, Etsy, or Temu, or other non-medical suppliers. There have been reports of counterfeit medical equipment, such as counterfeit tourniquets, that are not fit for their intended purpose.

Please schedule a free VSC at your marina's front office or contact your nearest U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla (cgaux.org) or U.S. Power Squadrons (americasboatingclub.org) for more information.



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Boating Safety Gear

By Staff

When it comes to boating safety gear, there is a difference between what is required by law versus recommended for added peace of mind.

Common required equipment items (though this will depend on the size and type of vessel) include: wearable PFDs; a throwable PFD; fire extinguisher; navigation lights; horn, whistle, or bell; daytime visual distress signal; nighttime visual distress signal; and a boating safety education certificate, among others. To find the full required equipment list for Maryland and Virginia boaters, visit dnr.maryland.gov and dwr.virginia.gov respectively. You can also plug “required boating equipment for Maryland” and/or “required boating equipment Virginia” into your search bar.

There are many other items that, while not required, could certainly come in handy on the water, including:

- **EPIRB:** Emergency Position Indicating Radio Beacons, known as EPIRBs, are designed to send a satellite signal to rescue responders

with your GPS location. This can be a game changer for boats that are out of VHF or cell range. Depending on the individual unit, EPIRBs will activate either manually or with water immersion. Such devices generally have about 48 hours of transmission power. Category One EPIRBs mount outside the vessel and are activated by water with a hydrostatic release of the cover. Category Two devices mount inside the vessel and require manual activation. It's extremely important to register your EPIRB (free at noaa.gov) to link your device with your vessel information.

- **PLB:** A Personal Locator Beacon, called a PLB, is made for individual use. Like an EPIRB, it sends a signal directly to rescue agencies. Key differences from an EPIRB are that PLBs require manual activation and transmit for approximately 24 hours, about half the time of an EPIRB. A PLB can be attached to a lifejacket. Be sure to register your PLB for free at noaa.gov.

- **VHF Radio:** A VHF (Very High Frequency) radio is the most reliable way to communicate with other boats and emergency responders on most waterways. New Digital Selective Calling (DSC) radios with a red distress button can even send an emergency call and other important information such as your location to authorities automatically when properly installed and registered. BoatUS Foundation offers a reasonably priced course titled “All About Marine Radio” which teaches you how to select and use a VHF radio on your boat. Find it at boatus.org/marine-radio.

Boating Safety Education

Requirement: In Maryland, the law states that anyone born on or after July 1, 1972, must possess a certificate of boating safety education in order to operate any motorized vessel. In Virginia, all PWC operators age 14 and older and all operators (regardless of age) of motorboats with a 10 hp or greater engine need to take a boating safety course.

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Extending Your Boating Season

▲ By Joe Borrison

Age may make us wiser, but it has the opposite effect on agility and endurance. We often hear of sailors switching from sail to trawlers as balance and strength leave them, but what of us powerboaters? We laugh at the ancient mariners whose boats never leave the slips and have transformed into floating condos. Now I am one of them and find myself searching for a better solution.

In my younger days extending my boating season had a different meaning. For decades my boat was held captive from the end of October until April 15, entrapped not by ice and snow but by my storage facility which closed the gates each year November 1. Wanting to extend my boating season, I reasoned with and even tried bribing the marina manager, all to no avail, and I found myself landlocked until mid-spring for decades. Winters found me not cruising the Caribbean but parked in the local pub, listening to others just back from a late tuna run or local boat parade wishing I could be the one telling the story but instead listening to others do the

telling. These pub sessions filled me with envy (and beer), conjuring up the most brilliant of solutions (until I sobered up).

My boat at the time, a 28-foot Grady-White bowrider, while not small, was still able to be trailered. Seemed easy enough to pull it home October 31 and keep it at the house allowing me access to use it when I pleased. Problem solved.

Putting this plan into action was harder than I thought. It made no sense to pull it out of a totally enclosed storage facility and park this monstrosity (my wife's description not mine) at the end of my driveway after covering it with a bright blue tarp in the off chance I might use it one more time over the coming months.

Back to the pub for more beer and ideas.

I might want to explain that this is not my first boat. Thirty-eight years and 16 boats ago, we were happy with a 16-foot bowrider with a 120-hp IO and

a single axle trailer. The latest boat was 28 feet, sat on a triple axle trailer, and was propelled by twin 250-hp Yamahas. As I now find myself in the same age bracket as the ancient mariners described above, the current boat and trailer was proving a handful to maintain as my agility and strength were both compromised by time. Extending my boating season by bringing it home was not going to work. The boat was proving to be more effort than fun.

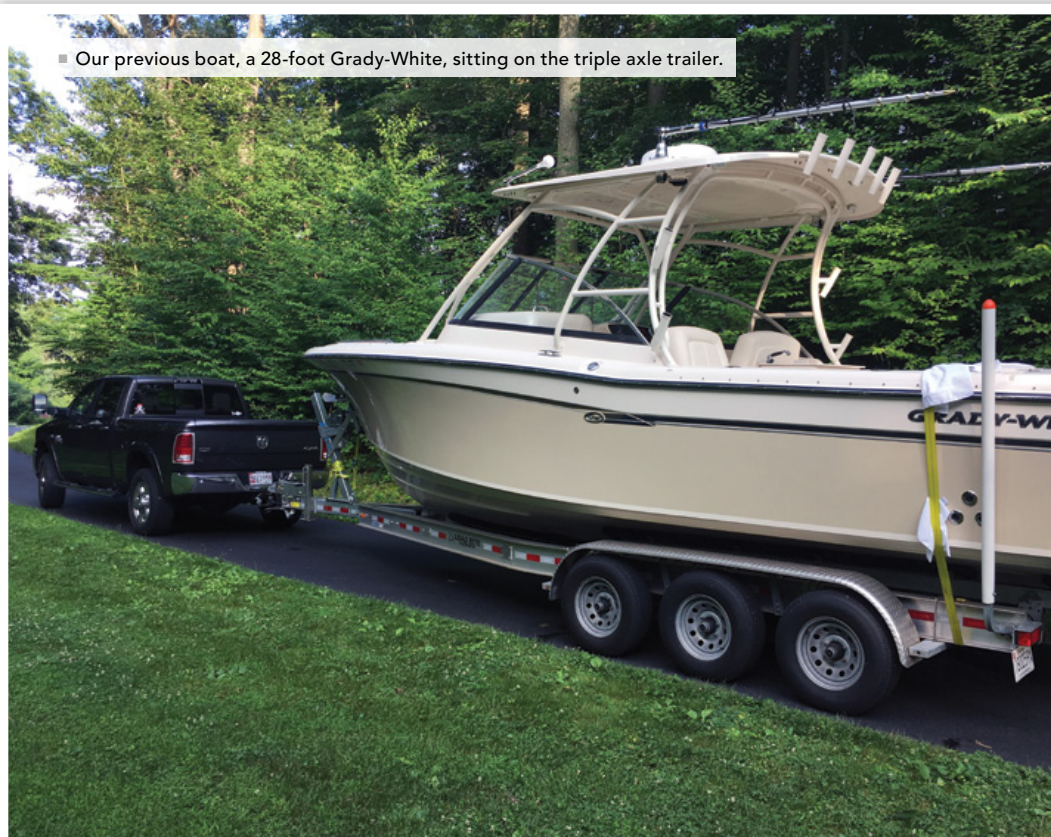
In October of 2023, I sold it. Problem solved. Instead of extending my boating season I eliminated it.

Being boatless after 40 years was liberating. I increased my golfing, spent time with the family, traveled. I felt like a new man. This lasted six weeks. My buddy Gary calls it a fiberglass addiction. My wife calls it an obsession. Whatever it is I knew I needed number 18.

Like our friends the sailors I changed my approach. Ninety-nine percent of boaters increase the size of their boats

“I needed to forget my ego and downsize to extend my boating season(s).”

■ Our previous boat, a 28-foot Grady-White, sitting on the triple axle trailer.





■ Our new boat with a dark cover nestled in beside the shed.

and find themselves overwhelmed by everything larger boats bring with them. An extremely intelligent gent, sitting on the next barstool during one of my fact-finding missions, reminded me of how much fun I had years ago on a smaller boat. I needed to forget my ego and downsize to extend my boating season(s).

That brings us to March 15, 2024, my wife's birthday. I promised her a fun day with lunch at a great waterfront spot on the South River. But first a quick stop at the Grady-White dealership, Tri-State Marine, located just 30 minutes south of the restaurant. It was a quick but expensive stop, and my wife ended the day with a great lunch and a new boat!

I left my ego at the door as I entered the dealership and instead of going larger, I downsized from a 28-foot bowrider to a 23-foot walkaround model. It may not sound like much, but in boat size every two feet is a huge difference. The boat kept the large beam of my last boat, measuring nine feet, three inches, providing lots of cockpit space for family and fishing and also kept twin engines but downsized to 200 hp from 250 hp.

After running the new boat all summer am I okay with giving up all that space? Absolutely. We might be a little cramped when everyone is onboard, but that happened once this summer. Most of my boating was alone or with my wife or a buddy or two. We found



■ My wife ended her birthday with a great lunch and a new boat! Photo by Lauren Fox, Tri-State Marine

we had more than enough space for everything we wanted to do. I even ran it to the Baltimore Canyon in July chasing tuna and dolphin with a few buddies. I may have to pick my weather days as I don't want to be beaten up during that long run offshore but it's a small price to pay. The last boat was trailered to Florida and run to Abaco, Bahamas numerous times and this boat might make the same journey. It is more than capable which might be more than I can say about this aging skipper.

Currently two of my friends have their boats for sale. I know they will miss being on the water, but age catches up with all of us. It had caught up with me until I made the move to downsize

to a boat I could easily singlehand and continue enjoying my boating life.

The new boat sits under a dark brown cover at the end of my driveway and the trailer now sports an electric winch just to make life easier. And I might add I took it to Ocean City at the beginning of December when the bluefin were migrating south just off the coast. And I might just enter it in the Christmas boat parade next winter.

Downsizing? Best thing I could have ever done as it has extended my boating season(s).

Tight lines! ■

C.R.A.B. POKER PURSUIT

By Dave Nestel

CRAB guests and community partner organizations can schedule adaptive fishing excursions aboard CRAB's new adaptive power catamaran, *Dream Catcher*. Photo by Will Keyworth



Why powerboaters should put this fun charity event on their list.

There is nothing that I would rather do than go for a boat ride, and I do that almost daily year-round! Taking that ride in areas of the Chesapeake Bay that I don't normally frequent is even more of a treat. Once a year for the past three years, I've been able to do both of the above while benefiting a most worthy cause.

Chesapeake Regional Accessible Boating (CRAB) is an organization started by Don Backe over 30 years ago for which the mission is to provide the therapeutic benefit of sailing to people with disabilities, recovering warriors, and youth from underserved communities. They have a fleet of sailboats that have been modified to accommodate people that could not typically go for a

ride on a conventional sailboat. Most recently, they have added a large power catamaran to the fleet and opened a brand-new facility, the Adaptive Boating Center, at 7040 Bembe Beach Rd. which fronts on Back Creek.

Each summer the Eastport Yacht Club (EYC) sponsors a sailing regatta to raise funds that benefit this wonderful organization. This past year a new record was set when over 100 sailboats took part in this regatta on Saturday, August 17. In 2021, a Poker Run was added to the venue in an attempt to encourage powerboaters to participate in this fun and worthy event. Unfortunately, only six to eight powerboaters have participated in each of these poker runs for the past three years. It is my

belief that most powerboaters are simply not aware of the event or do not understand that a poker pursuit is a conventional poker run with a twist. After all, we like to get out on the water *and* party just as much as the sailors do! The number of us that participate every May for the Blue Angels show should prove my point.

During the CRAB poker pursuit, a list of eight to 10 stops is provided in an attempt to allow powerboats of all sizes to participate by choosing stops that are safe and easy. For example, three of the stops in 2024 could be any of the following: Thomas Point Shoal Lighthouse, the central span of the Chesapeake Bay Bridge, Sandy Point Lighthouse, Ego Alley, Spa Creek Bridge (when open), and the Route 50 Bridge, but had to

include the new CRAB facility on Back Creek and the Eastport Yacht Club. A “selfie” with five of the above in the background texted to a most wonderful dealer got you your poker hand. You had from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. to make the stops and then get back to EYC in time for an awesome party under the tent, featuring great food, drinks, and two great bands.

So here is what you missed August 17, 2024:

The weather forecast was for scattered rain, potential thunderstorms, and high winds (great for sailing but not preferred for us powerboaters). The high winds and occasional rain did arrive, but none of the thunderstorms that I could see down the Bay developed in the Annapolis area. It seems to be fascinating to many that I do this poker run with my Jet Ski, but it is a very safe and versatile vessel for handling rough conditions, as long as you don't mind being wet!

I launched at Sandy Point State Park, wearing a much-needed drysuit, and headed south for my first stop at Thomas Point Shoal Lighthouse. Holding a CRAB Cup 2024 sign while trying to balance a rocking Jet Ski with the lighthouse in the background with my “flip phone” was more challenging than driving the 15 miles over and sometimes through the three- to five-foot waves created by the 15-mph winds blowing against an outgoing tide.



■ The CRAB Cup Poker Pursuit allows powerboat skippers to join sailors in a day of fun on the water. Take your boat to designated locations on the Bay and snap a selfie to get your playing hand! Photos courtesy of CRAB

With the first stop accomplished I had a really fun “sleigh ride” north running with those aforementioned waves to the much-desired calm waters of Back Creek and the CRAB facility for my second picture stop. Choosing Ego Alley as my third stop prevented me from “catching” the Spa Creek Bridge when it was up, so it was back to relatively rough water traveling against the waves up the Severn River to the Rt 50 bridge. The only consolation was that at that point the sun had come out and provided a much-needed warming effect to my aging body. I decided to take a side trip up the Severn River and gaze at all the magnificent homes that line the shoreline.

My last stop was at EYC around 1 p.m., giving me enough time to run out into the very rough water again to watch the 100-plus sailboats race across the Bay. The 22-foot CRAB sailboats and their special needs crews were out there with the “big boys” in very rough conditions giving all onboard a thrilling but memorable ride. After following the sailboat race across the Bay, I headed home on another sleigh ride to Sandy Point State Park so I could change into my “party/dancing clothes,” and park my Jet Ski at a friend’s house in order to make the 4 p.m. start of the festivities at EYC.

In total, I traveled 54 miles, spent four-and-a-half hours on the water, and five hours at the land party. I won a trophy cup for the Worst Poker Hand of the day... The best part of the day was hearing that one of the CRAB boat participants mentioned that it was the most distance that they had ever been from their wheelchair.

Calling all powerboaters! Another CRAB Cup Poker Pursuit will be here before you know it. I believe that we can easily match the number of sailboats that participate in this event to raise money for a very worthy cause. Give yourself a reminder note *now* to start looking in PropTalk magazine for the August 2025 date, as well as registration information. Let’s show Annapolis that powerboaters love good parties too!! To learn more, visit crabsailing.org/crabcup.



■ The author completed the 2024 Poker Pursuit aboard his Jet Ski.



Meet Melody Holmes

CCA Baltimore Chapter President

While Melody Holmes first learned to fish as a child, it wasn't until later in life that she really took up the hobby in earnest. Last year she was named the president of CCA's Baltimore chapter.

Did you grow up boating and fishing?

My mother taught me to fish as a child. We would fish on camping trips or at local spots like Centennial Lake. Fishing came into my adult life when I dated a fisherman. He was an amazing teacher, and when things didn't work out with him, I decided to pursue fishing on my own. I had a broken heart and a fishing rod, and I'm so grateful for that time in my life. I not only learned to fish, but it also taught me a whole new way to live. Spending time in nature has become a top priority. It has healed my heart and fueled my soul. Fishing is so much more than just catching fish.

When did you first get involved with CCA?

I first connected with the CCA through my friend Kayla. She invited me to their annual banquet, and it was there that I first learned of the amazing work CCA does for the Chesapeake Bay and its surrounding communities. I learned about reef balls and Noah's Reef. I wanted to jump onboard and decided to become a life member in April of 2024. They reached out to me a couple of months later to see if I'd like to join the Baltimore chapter's leadership team. I was excited

to get involved, and volunteering at CCA events became a top priority for me. After seeing my hard work and dedication, I was honored when they asked me to become chapter president in September of 2024.

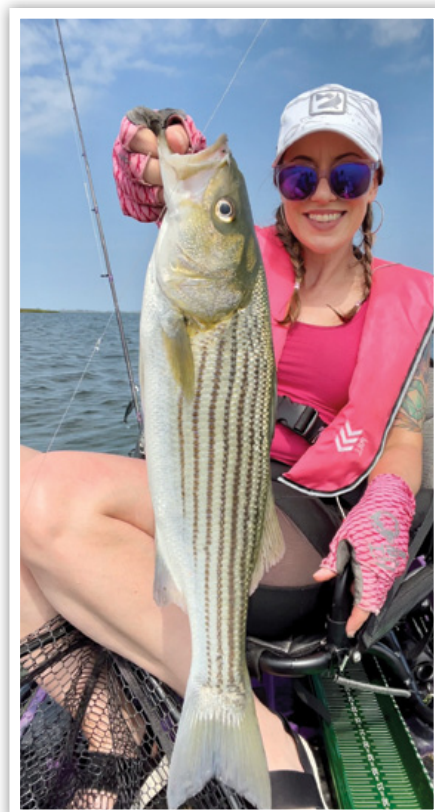
Tell us about some of your work with CCA.

Volunteering with the CCA has been life changing. It's so nice to work together with really great people to make a difference in the community and for our Bay. I'm always talking about the CCA everywhere I go. I also use my social media to help spread the word about CCA's mission and upcoming events. I was really excited when I was able to connect with FOX45 and go on the morning show to promote CCA Baltimore's Celebration of Conservation, our annual fundraising banquet.

Right now, I'm looking forward to warmer weather and getting outside with the community. At our outdoor events anyone can come and learn how to fish and take a fishing rod home. My favorite thing is when they try to give the rod back and I tell them that they can keep it. Their smile and excitement are everything! At our Oyster Blues and Brews Festival last year we gave away almost 100 fishing rods! I was working at the bait station, whew! It really was the best time. It's one of my favorite ways to connect with the community.

What's your primary mode of fishing?

When I don't have a lot of time to fish, I will stop by one of my shore spots just so I can get a line in. I'm a Patapsco girl, so it's



not unlikely for me to run down to a snakehead spot for 20 minutes to hopefully get a bite! You can also find me fishing from one of my friends' boats in the creeks or out in the Bay.

I fish a variety of ways, but my primary mode of fishing is by kayak. This is my absolute favorite way to fish! When I'm alone out on my kayak, I feel so connected to the water and nature. There's a peace that it brings that's indescribable. That, paired with the thrill of chasing and catching fish; it's all I want to do! And I want to do it on my own. I'm not very keen on asking others to take me to catch fish or asking

for fishing spots. Doing it all on my own is what brings me real satisfaction and a sense of accomplishment.

I am daring and I brave the salty waters alone, but I'm always prepared with safety gear which is a must. I always wear my PFD and have a whistle and GPS. Our Bay is beautiful, but it can turn scary in an instant—especially when you're on a kayak. It's very important to check the weather and tides and never go further than what you're comfortable with or that you know you can handle.

Do you have a favorite species to target?

I consider myself a multi-species angler. I would get so bored just catching the same fish over and over. I want to be immersed in every nook and cranny that nature has to offer. I want to fish every landscape, climate, body of water, you name it! If it exists, I want to experience it.

Here at home on the Chesapeake, my favorite species to catch has become red drum. They are so much fun to chase and fight! I like to fish all year round, so the species I'm catching depends on the season. I fish fresh and saltwater. I love to fish for striped bass in the winter, spring, and fall. I don't target them during very hot weather because that leads to higher mortality rates. In the summertime I'll target red drum, speckled trout, flounder, snakeheads, and smallmouth bass. Spring and fall are the best for all species and one of my favorites—walleye! Winter is great for stripers, pickerel, and even catfish. Catfish get a bad rap, but they're a lot of fun, especially on the kayak. My goal this year is to catch bull reds from the kayak!

What do you love most about the Chesapeake Bay?

The Chesapeake Bay offers us many amazing things like seafood and recreation, but what I love the most about the Bay is the community that surrounds it. Being involved with this community of fishermen and watermen has led me to meet and develop relationships with some of the most amazing people; people who are real.



What would be your quick pitch to try and get an angler to join CCA?

If you live in Maryland, then you should absolutely consider becoming a member of CCA MD. Almost everyone in our state enjoys eating crabs and rockfish, fishing, boating, and swimming. But besides all of that, the Chesapeake Bay is the heart of our home here in Maryland, and its health affects each and every one of us in some way. CCA works hard to maintain the health of our waters and the species that thrive in it. We want to protect what we have and also maintain our access to these things that we love to enjoy. You can do your part simply by becoming a CCA MD member today!

Anything else you'd like to share?

Outside of fishing I am a very busy lady. I am a mother to two amazing humans. My daughter is turning 21 this year and is currently studying psychology at GCU in Phoenix, AZ. She is accomplishing

amazing things, and I couldn't be prouder. My son is 12, and we homeschool. He loves aviation and dreams of joining the Air Force when he grows older. He's my best buddy, and I love it when he joins me in my volunteer work. Our pets are Max the pit bull and two cats, Guinevere and Loki. I also have two tarantulas! I love spiders.

I am a licensed esthetician, and I run my own wax studio. Owning my own business allows me to be in complete control of my schedule. I'm able to fit my fishing and volunteer work in wherever I please. That and the fact that I homeschool my son allows us to take trips whenever we'd like. I am also not married or in a relationship, so I'm not obligated to another person when it comes to dividing my time between activities. Being single and living this life that I've created, I'm the happiest I've ever been. I don't care about romance; I'm married to the fishing life!

Visit proptalk.com for our full interview with Melody and click to ccamd.org to learn more about CCA and how you can get involved.

CRUISING CLUB NOTES

As you'll read in these pages, Chesapeake Bay powerboat club members enjoy many fun cruises, social events, and educational opportunities. Share your club's excursions and other benefits of membership. Send approximately 350 words (sometimes longer) and clear photos of pretty boats and happy boaters to beth@proptalk.com.



■ L to R: Dolores Derrington, Marv Storey, Mary Johnston, Teresa Berger, Dudley Chase, Michael Berger, Brian Winsor, and Jim Test.

Change of Watch

Corinthian Yacht Club (CYC), located in Ridge, MD, in St. Mary's County, conducted its 122nd Change of Watch on January 18.

The nine-member board of trustees includes four past commodores. They are as follows: Dolores Derrington returns as commodore for a second year; Jim Test serves as immediate past commodore; Brian Winsor returns as

fleet captain, and Marv Storey serves a second term as vice commodore.

The traditional club "Barker Award" that recognizes a member (or two) who served the club in exceptional ways during the past year was awarded to Cathy Schrader and Mary Beth Brown.

This will be an exciting and fun year. We will start our season in April and have a flag raising ceremony on May 24. We will host monthly social

events, boating safety classes, and new groups such as a kayaking group for members.

CYC has a full range of covered and open slips available for active members and transient vessels. Covered slips can accommodate boats up to 50 feet. Open slips can handle boats 70 feet or greater. Email cycsignals@gmail.com if you would like to join the fun. Check out cycchesapeake.com for more information.



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Prepping for Vintage Exhibitions

By Jim Berry

In January, with a blanket of snow and the Port Tobacco River frozen solid shore to shore as a backdrop, thoughts of vintage race boat activities in warm weather are a distant anticipation.

Now, our club members' enthusiasm is directed to warming shops and garages so we can get the crafts repaired, tuned up, and even repainted. The layover months are not stopping a team of **Southern Maryland Boat Club** members preparing for the exciting upcoming season.

Plans are already well underway to welcome our spectators and boats from many states and Canada. The regional followers of the club are asking about this year's dates, any changes they can expect, and new entries.

The sponsors are stepping forward with their annual support to produce the event. New boats are being completed and awaiting warmer weather to test the improvements before the events. It appears that this year we will have the largest attendance yet.

June 7 and 8 start the East Coast vintage race boat season at Piney Point Recreation Area and Boat Ramp. This is a historic and premier racecourse with great access and visibility from land and sea of the oval course. The club has been on this revered water since the 1950s.

The next local event will occur at the Leonardtown Wharf Park in downtown Leonardtown, MD, on the weekend of July 26-27. This will be a traditional course, and the event is always well attended by boats and spectators. Well situated on the awesome Breton Bay, the idyllic view is a joy to visitors. Its proximity to the unique downtown area with many shops and restaurants makes for an ideal chance to enjoy small-town hospitality at its finest. Activities begin on Saturdays at 9 a.m. and conclude at 4 p.m. Sunday hours are 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Free admission, food trucks, and good times on the waterfront! Learn more at southernmarylandboatclub.com.

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MTOA Chesapeake Bay Cruisers

The winter months were busy for the **Southern Maryland Boat Club (SMBC)**.

Are you a trawler owner or trawler-owner wannabe? Do you own a different type of boat but love the trawler lifestyle? MTOA, the Marine Trawler Owners Association, is for you!

MTOA is a national organization. One of the two Chesapeake chapters, the **Chesapeake Bay Cruisers (CBC)**, closed out its 2024 season in December with a holiday brunch at Kitty Night House in Georgetown, MD, on the Sassafra River.

At the brunch members welcomed three new couples and heard from guest speaker Jeff Foulk. Jeff, a Chesapeake boater and creator of the Argo Navigation App, displayed his product and answered questions. As a holiday present to all in attendance, he offered a free upgrade to the app's premium version. The app is free, but the premium upgrade, which offers

additional capabilities, usually costs about \$20.

As this issue hits the docks, CBC members will have already met for social events in January and be looking forward to their gathering on February 27 at the Guinness Brewery in Baltimore for a tour and dinner.

Next up will be lunch at Schaefer's Canal House in Chesapeake City, MD, and cruising will get underway in May with a trip to explore Baltimore.

Among other planned activities this season are two big events: the MTOA North East Rendezvous in Mystic Seaport, CT, and the September MTOA National



■ CBC members enjoy a meal together.

Rendezvous, which will be held right here on the Chesapeake at Somers Cove Marina in Crisfield, MD.

Learn more about MTOA and the cruising lifestyle at mtoa.clubexpress.com.

A Focus on Safety and Education

America's Boating Club Wilmington (ABCW) takes the values of safety and education seriously as indicated by recent awards presented to our club by the education officer from America's Boating Club Mid Atlantic. For 2024, our club received three education awards from District 5, which supports 26 clubs located throughout Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, and Virginia. They are as follows:



■ John O'Reilly presents Commander's Electives Award to John Bailey and Randy Williamson. Photo by Richard Butler

The Commander's (Electives) Award (first place) is presented to that club showing the greatest percentage increase in completion of the elective courses taught. Members were congratulated for their completion of courses including Marine Electrical Systems, Sail, Cruise Planning, and Instructor Development.

The Henry E. Sweet Excellence in Education Award (third place) is presented for the greatest percentage increase in completion of the advanced grades and

elective courses, including Advanced (Piloting) Marine Navigation.

The Workboat Award (third place) is presented for the most work in teaching members both elective and advanced courses. It is based on the total number of members that have completed these courses.

In addition to the three club awards above, two of our members achieved

Educational Proficiency recognition. Congratulations to our squadron education officer, Bill Barber, and instructors Randy Williamson and Bill Zimmerman, who planned and provided the instruction of courses for our members.

In January, members enjoyed an informative and entertaining Zoom presentation by Allyson Ropp on "The Bridge to France: The Life of One of the Mallows Bay Ghost Fleet Vessels." Ropp, a maritime archaeologist, researches the relationships between factors influencing wooden shipwreck degradation, specifically microbial communities, water chemistry, historical uses, and archaeological depositional activities. She has worked on submerged archaeological sites around the world.

ABCW continues to improve boating skills through education and promotion of safe boating practices. Our members thoroughly enjoy being together as we are like-minded mariners. To learn more, visit abc-wilmington.com or contact us at wspboaters@gmail.com.

Get Happy!

By Anne Knab

One of the perks of yacht club membership is having a ready reserve of like-minded folks who might be interested in getting together for “whatever.” Being a virtual organization means that **Back Creek Yacht Club** (BCYC) doesn’t have a physical building around which to organize our activities, so we added a monthly happy hour to our calendar of events.

This is a win-win because members don’t incur the expense of maintaining a brick-and-mortar building, and we get to take advantage of the array of bars, restaurants, and taverns in and around Annapolis; in some cases we break out of our routine and try new places. We chose the second Wednesday of each month to provide continuity for those attending and so that the volunteers who organize our other club events would know when the happy hours would occur.

Even January’s prolonged string of cold temperatures couldn’t keep folks



BCYC members catch up during happy hour.

from the inaugural event at Chessie’s Wharf in West Annapolis. About 20 club members showed up on January 8 to catch up with each other after the holidays and talk about—what else?—boating plans over drinks and dinner. It was five o’clock somewhere alright! Those in attendance agreed that this is a great addition to the club’s events calendar and look forward to future gatherings.

Our January happy hour even included a couple of potential new members who

enjoyed meeting our eclectic group of sailors and powerboaters.

If your 2025 boating plans include a yacht club membership perhaps you’ve already been checking out backcreekyc.org. Our monthly happy hours afford the perfect opportunity to see what we’re all about and ask your questions. Join us at 5 p.m. on March 12 at Adam’s Taphouse and Grille in Annapolis. Look for a group of people wearing the same nametag! #welcomeaboard

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Mathews-Built Deck Boat *Peggy* Marks Her First 100 Years

By Mike Moore

Built in 1925 by Harry Hudgins in the William West yard, *Peggy* was named after the daughter of the owner, Walter Burroughs of New Point. Walter and his brother-in-law Raymond Hudgins employed *Peggy* in the pound net fishery until Raymond's death in the 1930s. Captain Walter was soon joined by his son Richard and in the 1950s had the boat decked over and shifted into the crab fisheries. In 1946 the bottom was replaced by noted local builder Alton Smith.

In 1961 *Peggy* was sold to Ed Grinnell of New Point and she was reconfigured for pound fishing again. Captain Ed would eventually return to crab dredging when that fishery became more profitable, and he continued to work *Peggy* for 40 more years until finally and reluctantly selling her in 2001.

Kim and Gretchen Granberry (PropTalk readers may recognize the Granberrys as some of the original founders of the Cocktail Class Wooden Boat Racing Association) had seen *Peggy* on the local waters and had long been fans. Kim called Captain Ed once a year for eight years until Ed was ready to part ways with what had become a member of the family.

The Granberrys converted *Peggy* to a liveaboard vessel and cruised her around the Chesapeake and from Maine to the Caribbean. They kept *Peggy* in her original working configuration as much as practical, preserving the lines of this locally designed and built working craft.

In 2008 the Granberrys donated *Peggy* to the Mathews Maritime Foundation. A major rebuild was undertaken under the guidance of Eric Hedberg who directed a team of enthusiastic

volunteers. Most of the work was performed at the Gwynn's Island boatyard and railway that was the former home of noted boatbuilder and author Gilbert Klingel. The decks, pilothouse, and motor were replaced, and *Peggy* was restored to her working configuration.

Always regarded as a "fast" boat, *Peggy* frequently took time off from fishing to jump into both organized and informal workboat races. This happened again recently at the 2024 boat docking



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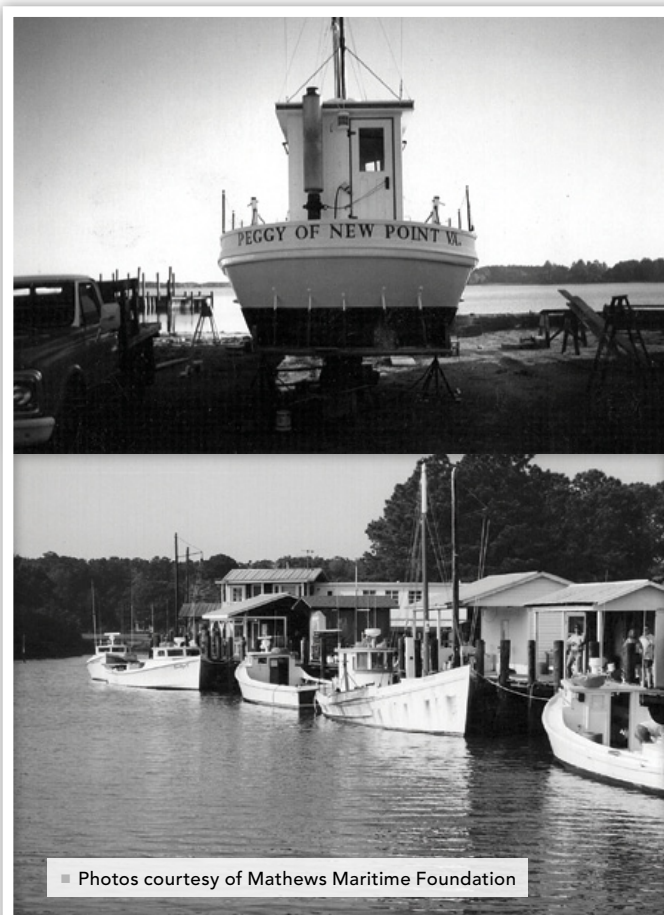
■ Raffle tickets for the John Barber painting of Peggy are available and support Peggy's ongoing restoration efforts.

contest at Williams Wharf, with *Peggy* taking third place! *Peggy* is now employed as Mathew's roving maritime ambassador, exhibiting local know-how, resilience, and spirit up and down the Bay at maritime festivals and events in ports such as Yorktown, Portsmouth, Urbanna, St. Michaels, Chestertown, Tangier, and Cape Charles, among others.

As part of *Peggy's* commemoration, Mathews Maritime Foundation has commissioned renowned artist John Barber to depict *Peggy* at work off New Point Comfort light.

Raffle tickets for the original John Barber painting, in frame with hand-lettered nameplate and painting light, are available now and a drawing will be held at her Centennial celebration at Horn Harbor in September. Proceeds of the raffle will go towards maintaining *Peggy* into her second 100-years! Visit the Mathews Maritime Foundation website for details on the fundraiser: mathewsmaritime.com.

The mission of the Mathews Maritime Foundation is to preserve, present, and participate in the rich maritime and cultural heritage of Mathews County, VA. The foundation is dedicated to preserving this rich heritage through research, documentation, conservation, and education. Incorporated on January 6, 1999, it has two locations, the Mathews Maritime Museum and the Gwynn's Island Boat Shop, the former site of Pulley Marine and Gilbert Klingel's boat yard. ■



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By Capt. Rick Franke



■ Daniel is preparing the motor mounts and bilge of a 1934 Chis-Craft Special race boat for the installation of the Model K engine at Marine Services LLC at Pochontas Marina in Edgewater, MD. Photo by Rick Franke

Well, the early forecasts of a mild winter didn't turn out so well. But at least it is almost over. The groundhog has spoken, and the days are getting noticeably longer, so spring can't be too far away. In the meantime, area shops are staying busy; most are reporting full schedules and plenty of work.

We'd like to take a moment to congratulate **Tiffany Yachts of Burgess, VA**, on an important anniversary. The following excerpt from their Facebook page says it all: "As we start 2025, it's not just a New Year, it's our 80th year of being in business! Join us on this year-long journey as we highlight the past, as well as feature current projects in the works. Patriarch Tiffany Cockrell started building boats with his father in the 1930s and then took a break to serve our country during World War II. Once he returned, Tiffany and his wife Betty Lee went full steam ahead with Tiffany Yachts. Today, the fourth generation of the family is leading the company into new directions."

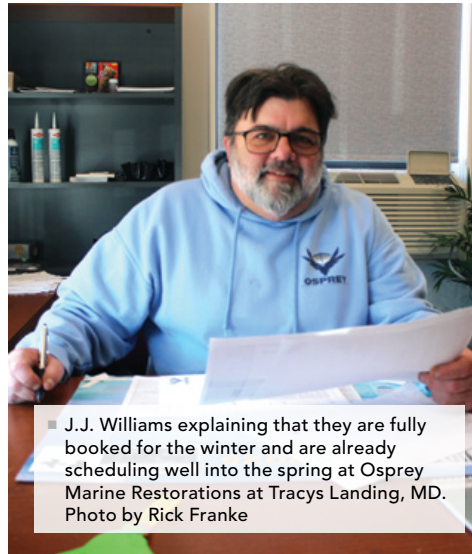
Rob Hardy of Composite Yacht Rin Trappe, MD, starts us off this month with a quick update from his busy shop. "We're still humming along with several builds and refits underway. We're building a CY 55-foot yacht tender which will be in a walkaround configuration and powered by a pair of Cat C18s connected to jets. Also underway is a CY 46-foot research vessel being built for St. Mary's College. This will have an open transom and a large, hydraulic actuated gantry/winch system to assist with the scientific operations. We also have a CY 34-foot walkaround and a CY 26-foot center console in production. We're wrapping up a major refit on *Miss Magic*, a 38-foot North Bay, as well as a 36-foot Palm

Beach which, interestingly enough, once belonged to Burt Reynolds. And of course, the repowers, paint jobs, and repairs continue to move through the schedule as always."

Eric Detweiler from The Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum (CBMM) in St. Michaels, MD, reports that things are pretty slow at the museum's shipyard due to the cold and snowy weather. He also reports that some work continues. "In CBMM's Shipyard, work continues on its extensive refit of the 1920 Chesapeake Bay buyboat *Winnie Estelle*. The team has made great strides on the new keel and begun replacement of the side planking. For regular video updates on the



■ Participants in a recent painting and varnishing workshop at Chesapeake Light Craft in Annapolis, MD, apply varnish to their project. Courtesy of CLC



■ J.J. Williams explaining that they are fully booked for the winter and are already scheduling well into the spring at Osprey Marine Restorations at Tracys Landing, MD. Photo by Rick Franke



■ Servicing a jet drive at Campbell's Boat Yard in Oxford, MD. Courtesy of CB



■ A 1947 Century Sea Maid 19 in the shop at Marine Services LLC at Pocahontas Marina in Edgewater, MD, for major restoration starting with a new transom. Photo by Rick Franke



■ Master Varnisher Owen Horton refinishing a swim platform for a 1994 Lyman 24 at Marine Services LLC at Pocahontas Marina in Edgewater, MD. Photo by Rick Franke

project, visit CBMM's YouTube page at youtube.com/CBMMorg1965."

When we stopped in to see him, we asked **J.J. Williams at Osprey Marine Restorations in Tracys Landing, MD**, what he expected in the near future. "As far as the immediate future is concerned, we are booked up for the rest of the winter. We are scheduling work for the spring. We just finished up a beautiful paint job on a 47-foot Catalina. As soon as we rolled her out of the shop, we pulled in a 58 Sea Ray sedan bridge for hull paint and a lot of small detail work. The owner is going to take the boat to North Carolina, but he wanted

the work done on the Chesapeake because he liked the facilities here. We are going to take care of that. We have a Beneteau trawler in for all paint and a lot of other work. We have a big Viking in for a total restoration. We just finished up a Grady White re-core. We're just waiting for the weather to break so we can bring more boats in. It looks like a busy year."

Susan Campbell from Campbell's Boat Yard in Oxford, MD, checks in with this newsy update. "It has been a cold and blustery winter in Oxford, and we are looking forward to spring being around the corner soon! This

winter we have been working on two Island Packet sailboats replacing the chain plates. Another is scheduled (an Island Packet 380) for the spring.

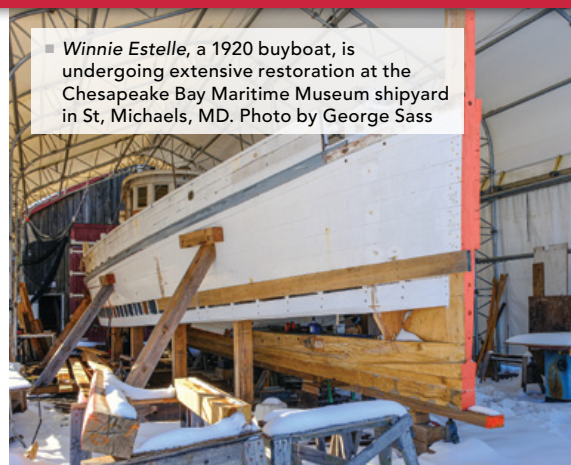
"Three Hamilton jet drives systems are being serviced this winter. These systems are perfect for shallow water navigation and ease of dockage. For the service we replace the system's anodes, inspect ram seals, check steering controls and linkage, as well as wear rings and impellers. We are also repainting the entire system to help protect it and keep them boating! The indoor storage buildings allow us to perform varnish work all winter on several boats so they will be looking



■ The hull is almost ready for the first coat of paint on *Sunshine and Whiskey*, a Beneteau Fast Trawler at Osprey Marine Restorations at Tracys Landing, MD. Photo by Rick Franke



■ A late 1930s vintage Chris-Craft Model K 95-hp flathead six ready for installation at Marine Services LLC at Pocahontas Marina in Edgewater, MD. Photo by Rick Franke



■ *Winnie Estelle*, a 1920 buyboat, is undergoing extensive restoration at the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum shipyard in St. Michaels, MD. Photo by George Sass

great for the 2025 boating season.

“Nate Dunker attended the Yamaha Electrical Systems training in Georgia in early February, putting him closer to having the opportunity to become a Yamaha Certified Technician. In January we launched our updated website. Take a look if you have a moment: campbellsboatyards.com.

We have some slips still available for the 2025 boating season (floating and fixed docks). Call the office at (410) 226-5592 to inquire. Coming up, Campbell’s is planning to host a Nautical Flea Market on Saturday, May 31 at our Bachelor Pt. location. Our slip holders and customers will be able to set up tables and sell their items to attendees. Mark your calendar to attend!”

We stopped in to see **Hank Reiser at Marine Services LLC at Pocahontas Marina in Edgewater, MD**, to see what he was working on and to meet his new dog. In the center of the shop was a Chris-Craft blue flathead six. Hank explained, “It’s a Chris-Craft Model K, 95-hp, late 1930s vintage. It’s going into that 1934 Chris-Craft Special raceboat over there. We are doing a total restoration on that boat. We are also doing a complete restoration on a 1947 Century Sea Maid 19. She’s getting a new transom and a lot of work.”

One employee, Master Varnisher Owen Horton, was completing a gorgeous varnish job on a swim platform for a 1994 Lyman 24.

I asked Hank about his view of the business, and he was optimistic as always. “Our season has been good; winterization is over. We have a variety of projects that will carry us right on through till springtime. We are looking forward to a good year. We are always looking forward to a good year.”

Fred Probst, at Phipps boat works in Deale, MD, was equally optimistic. “We have been as busy as ever, lots of jobs coming through the shop, a couple of big paint jobs. This Downeast style yacht in the shop now had a rotten deck caused by a leaking butterfly hatch. We had to take that apart and re-core the deck and fiberglass it and now we’re getting ready for paint. We have a Whaler in the shop, getting new brightwork. We’ve had several small powerboats through this winter with a

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■ Miss Magic, a North Bay 38, receives a few final touches after a major refit including new paint and updated electronics at Composite Yacht in Trappe, MD. Courtesy of CY



■ The deck house and deck on Quail is being repaired and prepped for repainting at Phipps Boat Works in Deale, MD. Photo by Rick Franke



■ A Sea Ray 58 Sedan Bridge just moved into the shop for new hull paint at Osprey Marine Restorations in Tracys Landing, MD. Photo by Rick Franke

variety of small repairs and refinishing. A lot of leak damage, leaking windows and delaminating floors, plenty of sea cock work. There is a lot of stuff going on here. There is plenty of work to do. The outlook for the new season is strong, but it's hard to find people to do the work."

Before we wind up this month's column, we'd like to invite readers to visit the website of the **Marine Trades**

Association of Maryland, mtam.org. Check out the invitation to the Safety at Sea Seminar sponsored by MTAM and scheduled for March 29-30 this spring. There are multiple programs offered for all levels of experience.

And on the same website, click on Shrink Wrap Recycling 2025. There is a concise and easy to read description of how to recycle used wrap. There is

also an instructive video explaining the operation of the whole program. Both are well worth reviewing.

And remember that we still have some winter to get through. Be extra careful around docks and small boats this time of year. The water is still dangerously cold and even a light frost can make docks slippery. Stay safe and warm, and we'll see you next month.

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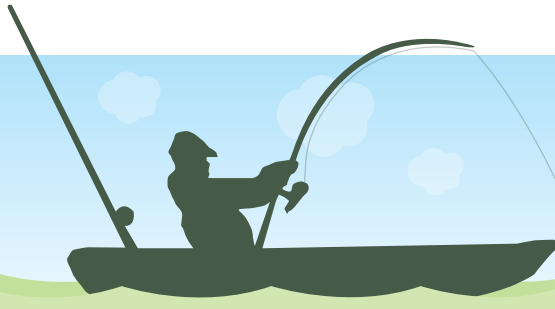


MARCH 2025 TIDES

BALTIMORE					ANNAPOLIS					CHESAPEAKE BAY BRIDGE TUNNEL				
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Sharps Island Light	-3:47	-3:50	*1.18	*1.17	Mtn Pt, Magothy River	+1:24	+1:40	*0.88	*0.88	Onancock Creek	+3:52	+4:15	*0.70	*0.83
Havre de Grace	+3:11	+3:30	*1.59	*1.59	Chesapeake Beach	-1:14	-1:15	*1.12	*1.14	Stingray Point	+2:01	+2:29	*0.48	*0.83
Sevenfoot Knoll Light	-0:06	-0:10	*0.82	*0.83	Cedar Point	-3:16	-3:13	*1.33	*1.33	Hooper Strait Light	+5:52	+6:04	*0.66	*0.67
St Michaels, Miles River	-2:14	-1:58	*1.08	*1.08	Point Lookout	-3:48	-3:47	*1.37	*1.33	Lynnhaven Inlet	+0:47	+1:08	*0.77	*0.83

All times listed are in Local Time, Daylight Saving Time has been applied when appropriate. All speeds are in knots. Tides & Currents predictions are provided by NOAA.gov



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Baltimore Harbor Approach (Off Sandy Point)

	Slack			Maximum		
	h	m	knots	h	m	knots
1	02:55AM	06:01AM	0.9F			
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Chesapeake Bay Entrance (2.0 n.mi. N of Cape Henry Lt.)

	Slack			Maximum		
	h	m	knots	h	m	knots
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Sa	06:19AM	09:28AM	1.7F			
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MARCH 2025 CURRENTS

Current Differences and Speed Ratios

Secondary Stations Baltimore Harbor Approach	Time Differences				Speed Ratios	
	Min. before Flood	Flood	Min. before Ebb	Ebb	Flood	Ebb
	Cove Point, 3.9 n.mi. East	-3:29	-3:36	-4:08	-3:44	0.4
Sharp Island Lt., 3.4 n.mi. West	-1:39	-1:41	-1:57	-1:43	0.4	0.5
Thomas Pt. Shoal Lt., 2.0 n.mi. East	-1:05	-0:14	-0:22	-0:20	0.6	0.6
Pooles Island, 4 miles Southwest	+0:59	+0:48	+0:56	+1:12	0.6	0.8
Turkey Point, 1.2 n.mi. Southwest	+2:39	+1:30	+0:58	+1:00	0.6	0.8

Corrections Applied to Baltimore Harbor Approach

Secondary Stations Chesapeake Bay Entrance	Time Differences				Speed Ratios	
	Min. before Flood	Flood	Min. before Ebb	Ebb	Flood	Ebb
	Chesapeake Beach, 1.5 miles North	+0:29	+0:48	+0:06	+0:00	1.0
Chesapeake Channel, (bridge tunnel)	+0:05	+0:38	+0:32	+0:19	2.2	1.2
Stingray Point, 12.5 miles East	+2:18	+3:00	+2:09	+2:36	1.2	0.6
Smith Point Light, 6.7 n.mi. East	+2:29	+2:57	+2:45	+1:59	0.5	0.3
Point No Point, 4.3 n.mi. East	+4:49	+5:33	+6:04	+5:45	0.4	0.2

Corrections Applied to Chesapeake Bay Entrance



FISH NEWS

By Lenny Rudow, FishTalk editor

Hiccup for Hickories

Despite all public comments regarding the establishment of some sort of limit for the unregulated hickory shad fishery in Virginia being positive, this winter the Virginia Marine Resources Commission (VMRC) rejected an effort to have a creel limit established for hickory shad. Driven by a Coastal Conservation Association of Virginia petition requesting that a reasonable creel limit be established where there is none currently in effect, the board voted unanimously to reject the notion based on “concerns about the effect of a creel limit on a hickory shad subsistence fishery of unknown extent.” All of Virginia’s surrounding states and Washington, DC, have either a 10-fish limit or no harvest at all is allowed.



Hickory shad remain unregulated in Virginia, despite angler’s wishes.

Master of the Sport

The Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources (DWR) says Josh Dolin, a former Virginia state record holder for fallfish, has hit the epic milestone of attaining Master Angler V status. This is no small feat, requiring the angler to catch citation size fish of 25 species. Dolin has been chasing the title since 2008 and becomes just the third person to ever hit the mark in the program’s 60-year history.

A 10.25-inch redbreast sunfish put him over the finish line, an auspicious ending to a difficult day of fishing that included dropping his truck keys overboard. While waiting for his girlfriend to arrive with a spare set, naturally, he decided to take a few more casts. And right when she called to let him know she’d arrived, the sunfish bit. “With every citation you’re hungry to go get that next one,” he said in a DWR interview, “so I’m already scheming to get number 26.”



Dolin’s 10.25-inch redbreast sunfish helped him attain Master Angler V. Courtesy of Josh Dolin

Ghost Pots Be Gone

Two organizations in our region, Delaware Sea Grant and the Oyster Recovery Partnership, have received grants under the National Fishing Trap Removal, Assessment, and Prevention Program. Almost \$70,000 was awarded to remove derelict blue crab pots from Delaware’s inland bays, while just over \$134,000 is being dedicated to removing derelict blue crab traps from the waters of Anne Arundel County, MD.

Holding Patterns

The Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission announced no changes for striped bass regulations in 2025, instead looking to the 2026 season (when new stock data will become available) before taking any measures. Meanwhile, the Mid-Atlantic Fisheries Management Council (MAFMC) announced no changes for black sea bass or summer flounder for 2025. Additionally, the MAFMC is considering an amendment to the flounder/scup/sea bass/bluefish management plans incorporating sector separation (managing the private recreational and for-hire charter boat recreational components individually). The amendment also considers approaches to improve or supplement recreational catch data.

Bassin' is Back

The month of March marks the kickoff for multiple bass tournament trails throughout the region. Angler's Choice, American Bass Anglers, Fishers of Men, and Bass Nation is just a partial listing; visit the internet for information on joining in for the local bass angling clubs and trails in your area.

The End of Invasives?

March 31 marks the final day of the 2024/2025 Coastal Conservation Association (CCA) Great Chesapeake Invasives Count. All year long hundreds of anglers have been helping to remove invasive blue catfish, flathead catfish, and snakeheads from our area waterways while also winning cool prizes. Data collected via each and every catch gets shared with fishery managers to help them better understand which species are being caught most and where, promoting science-based management. And the very next day on April 1, the 2025/2026 Great Chesapeake Invasives Count will begin. Look for monthly prize winners to be announced on the first Thursday of the month at 6 p.m. on FishTalk's Live with Lenny, which you can tune in to via YouTube or Facebook. Visit ccamd.org to get the full scoop on the Great Chesapeake Invasives Count and don't forget, anglers, CCA is our voice at the fisheries management table—join today to help build a stronger fishing community in the region. Added bonus: CCA members have some special prizes and incentives in store!



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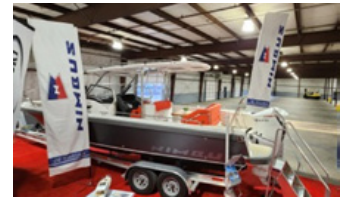
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Award

Fairwinds Marina, located on the scenic Magothy River, has been recognized as a 2024 **Marina of the Year** award winner by Marina Dock Age magazine. Honored in the Building and Growing category, Fairwinds Marina stood out for its commitment to innovation, customer satisfaction, and community engagement. Owned and operated by father-daughter duo Larry and JoAnna Goldberg, Fairwinds Marina has transformed over the past decade into a thriving hub for boating enthusiasts. The award recognizes the marina's extensive facility improvements, which have enhanced customer experience and set a new standard for small marinas. Highlights include rebuilding and reconfiguring docks, wave attenuator installation, enhanced electric and security systems, and sustainability initiatives. fairwindsmarina.com



Scholarship Opportunity

The application period is now open for the 2025 **National Marine Representatives Association (NMRA) Marine Trades Scholarship program**. The deadline for receipt of applications is April 15. Since 2008, NMRA has actively contributed to the future of the marine industry by offering scholarships to students pursuing education in the marine trades. In 2024, four NMRA Scholarships of \$1000 each were awarded to students attending Northwood Technical College, Great Lakes Boat Building School, Lake Careers and Technical Center, and IYRS School of Technology and Trades. To request an application for a 2025 NMRA Marine Trades Scholarship, email info@nmraonline.org with 2025 Scholarship Application in the subject line. nmraonline.org

Welcome to the Team

Seattle Yachts Annapolis announces its new managing broker: **Denise Hanna**. Hanna is a Certified Professional Yacht Broker who has been in the yacht sales industry since 1995. She is currently a board member for the Yacht Broker Association of America. She has won a number of awards throughout her career and has also represented many brands over the years, including Taswell, Valiant, Tartan, Sabre, Beneteau, Lagoon, Jeanneau, Dufour, Fountaine Pajot, and was the national sales manager for Beneteau Sailboats from 2012 to 2014. She has mastered the ability to introduce families to boating or to help couples choose the perfect cruising boat to spend their retirement on. Her expertise, hard work, and dedication go beyond the sale of the boat, and her level of service to her clients builds long-lasting relationships. Seattle Yachts is delighted to welcome her to the team! seattleyachts.com

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New Model

Aspen Power Catamarans introduces its new C128 with outboard power. The distinctive proa-cat uses Aspen’s patented, award-winning hull design that maximizes efficiency while delivering a smooth stable ride. Powered by Twin Suzuki 300-hp DF300BMB four-Stroke/4.4 Liter V6 outboards with dual four blade stainless steel counter rotating props, the newest Aspen is designed to cruise at 18-20 knots with a top speed of 26-28 knots. Fuel economy is expected to be 17 gph at 16 knots, 50-60 percent less than competitive boats. This incredible fuel economy should provide a cruising range of more than 270 miles. The Aspen C128 redefines what is possible in a 44-foot outboard-powered catamaran. With its innovative design and thoughtful features, this flagship model delivers unparalleled efficiency, comfort, and performance. True to Aspen’s award-winning design, the C128 maximizes fuel efficiency with its patented asymmetrical

hull. Owners can enjoy the perks of all Aspen catamarans—smooth, quiet operation, exceptional stability, and reduced fuel costs—while experiencing the added versatility of outboard propulsion.

Inside, the C128 offers a beautifully designed and executed interior that combines functionality with comfort. Sleeping accommodations are second to none, with three luxurious staterooms. Offering an incredible 800 square feet of deck and living space, the C128 brings people together but also allows for separate gathering areas. “The new C128 is the flagship of our outboard line, and it is a real standout,” says Larry Graf, Aspen’s founder and chief engineer. “This 44-foot flybridge combines quiet, efficient outboards with great speed and handling, plus plenty of space and comfort for extended cruising.” The first Aspen C128 is currently in production and should be completed late in the spring of 2025. aspempowercatamarans.com



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