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# Winter is Here. But Don't Despair

By Kaylie Jasinski

**A**fter a busy fall, the boating season is finally, sadly, slowing down for most of us, I'm sure. But just because we might not be out on a boat, it does not mean we have to resign ourselves to months without anything boating or fishing related.

Winter boat shows and fishing expos are a great way to catch up with fellow anglers and boating enthusiasts, as well as shop for gear for the next season. And heck, with special boat show pricing, you may even find a new boat for the summer as well! Find a roundup of shows in our region on page 33 and a guide to the Chesapeake Bay Boat Show January 10-12 on page 34. Team PropTalk/FishTalk will also attend two Virginia winter boat shows this year that we don't often have a chance to: the Richmond Boat Show January 24-26 and the Mid-Atlantic Sports and Boat Show in Virginia Beach January 31-February 2. Stay tuned for more details in our February issue.

If we have some mild winter days and you'd like to get outside and

spend time by the water, check out our See the Bay article on Chesapeake Birding Hotspots on page 30. We have suggestions on where to go, some of the birds you may encounter, and also some fun and helpful apps to help you identify the birds you see and also log your observations.

This time of year is also a great season for planning next summer's adventures. Did you find yourself recently lamenting that you didn't spend nearly as much time on your boat this past year as you wanted? Well, there's making resolutions and then there's making solid plans, and we have ideas on how to help you achieve your boating goals for the coming year. Flip to page 36 to get started.

And as you make plans to attend winter boat shows, take a peaceful walk through the marsh, or book slips for a summer weekend in your favorite



Eastern Shore town, make sure your precious boat is never far from your mind. Whether it's in the water with a bubbler, on the hard and shrink-wrapped at your marina, or in your driveway under a reusable cover (or any other combination in between), do not neglect your boat. Make sure to check on it throughout the winter. Make sure it's not frozen in its slip or has water/snow pooling on its cover. There's no worse feeling than uncovering your boat in the spring only to find a litany of problems that will delay your launch date. If you take the time now, you will happily reap the rewards come spring.

As 2024 comes to a close, we want to wish each and every one of you a Happy New Year! In 2025, PropTalk will celebrate its 20th anniversary. We could not be more thrilled, and we wouldn't be here without all of you—our readers, advertisers, staff, friends, and family. We want to extend a huge thank you! And we can't wait to celebrate more throughout the year. Stay tuned!

*Kaylie*

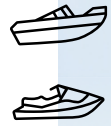




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Unfortunately, boat theft and vandalism are realities that boat owners face. Boat insurance has comprehensive and collision coverage that can protect you against events outside of your control, including theft and vandalism.

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### Maxum Parts

You were very kind to put an article in the November PropTalk, trying to help me find parts for my 1995 Maxum 3255 SCR. The article appeared on page 15 of the November issue and was great. After trying the Maxum boat owners' forum and several dealers/mechanics, I was really feeling like I wasn't going to get any help—anywhere.

Now being December 1, I can report that we have not had one response to my (our) request for help. Although I'm very disappointed, I will now shift my efforts to upgrading and changing out parts versus replacing with original parts. That may mean some modifications, but I see no other course of action.

I just wanted to thank you personally, and PropTalk in general, for supporting our efforts to find parts and get our issue in front of your many readers and sources. THANK YOU VERY, VERY, MUCH!

Should you or PropTalk ever come across a source of parts for our 1995 Maxum 3255 SCR, please let us know.

We will continue to get PropTalk monthly; we believe it to be a great family boating source of information/ideas. Keep up the great work.

Thank you again for your efforts in trying to help a fellow boater!!!

~Tom Grant

**Editor's Note:** If anyone has any ideas on where Tom can find parts for his 1995 Maxum, please email me at [kaylie@proptalk.com](mailto:kaylie@proptalk.com) so that I can pass them along.

### Trailerling

Thank you for publishing fun stories like "Trailerling a Boat to the Florida Keys" (published in the December PropTalk and at [proptalk.com/trailerling-boat-florida-keys](http://proptalk.com/trailerling-boat-florida-keys)). It is a great story in many ways, including the generosity and kindness of people throughout our country.

I would like to mention that trailerling can present many hazards, and low pressure or flat tires are but one. I have trailerled boats as far north as Ottawa, Canada, and south to the Keys, and dragged a fifth wheel from coast to coast to see America's waterways and awesome natural wonders. I never trailer without a tire pressure monitoring system on my boat or camping trailers. I have been warned of falling tire pressures while on the highway more than once and have avoided what could have been a real problem.

I hope others are willing to travel with their boats like the family who wrote this story and do it more safely with the easy addition of a tire pressure monitoring system.

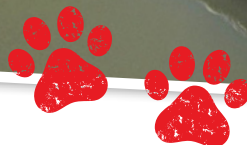
~Bill Curry

## Meet Bucky

Bev Sloss shares these photos of her boat dog, Bucky, a 10-year-old chorkie who loves to go cruising with his Pop Pop on their 32-foot cruiser.



Want to see your boat dog featured in PropTalk? Email one to three photos and a short description to [kaylie@proptalk.com](mailto:kaylie@proptalk.com).





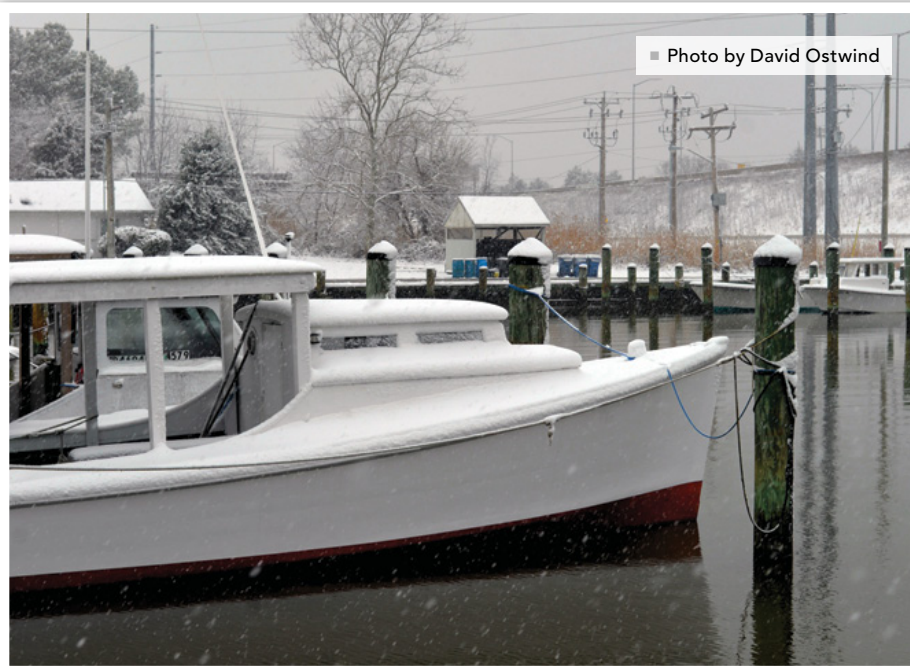
# Winter Wonderland *or* Bitter Chill?

**B**rrr... It's getting cold in Chesapeake Country. Let's all weather the chilly water and air conditions this season with a few basic strategies to ensure we are in fine form come spring.

For some common-sense advice, we checked in with local boater and photographer David Sites, who has lots of cold-water boating experience. As this issue went to print, Sites had been on the water every day of 2023 and 2024.

Sites says, "My main suggestion to boaters on the water during the winter or any severe conditions would be to have a MOD (Man Overboard Device) installed on their boat. The MOD works in conjunction with a wristwatch type device that will shut your engines down should you fall overboard. It also works like a manual remote shut off switch for the engines. This would hopefully give them a chance to get back on the boat if they fell overboard."

"I wear a Mustang Survival, work-type, floatation suit. This suit is what the crew members working on the decks on ships wear in case they fall overboard. I always wear my PFD also. Although I think that every boat should have a VHF radio, I believe it's even more important in the winter. I'm often surprised at how many boats don't have one."



"When it's below freezing, I make sure that my bilge is dry every time I go out. If you have water/ice in your bilge, there's a good chance that your bilge pump will not operate properly."

For boaters whose boats are on the hard, don't forget to check on your vessels regularly. When you do, keep in mind that docks can become slippery well before the first snowfall. A light coating of frost is sometimes all it takes to lose your footing, so tread lightly. In fact, when it is cold, it's not a bad idea to wear your PFD when walking the docks, even if you don't plan to board your boat.

For boats in the water and uncovered, when you visit, you'll want to check that the bilge pump

is operating properly. For any boat that is covered, whether in the water or not, make sure water isn't pooling on the boat's tarp or shrinkwrap, cockpit, and other exposed areas.

At this time of year there is often chatter about leaving a boat unwinterized for a day or two when the air temperature drops below freezing. Here you must assess your own risk tolerance. Yes, there will be times when the air temperature briefly dips below freezing, but the relatively warmer water will insulate your hull enough that you can squeeze by without winterization of systems, but this is a fine line to walk, and you'll need to know the water temperature where your vessel is. You're the one who has to sleep at night, so if you're risk-adverse, winterize now.

Finally, if you're responsible for a dock or pier, consider a deicer with a thermostat and a timer. While nothing is 'set it and forget it,' this is pretty close.

For more winter safe boating advice, visit [boatus.org](http://boatus.org).





## Boaters Log 100-Plus Days on the Water

The Century Club isn't just for sailors. Many of the boaters who challenge themselves to log 100 days on the water within the calendar year are powerboaters, rowers, and paddlers. Two 2024 Century Club members share parts of their journey below. To learn more, including how you can join the fun in 2025, click to [spinsheet.com/century-club](https://spinsheet.com/century-club).

### Eric Packard - 145 Days

#### Did you take one trip that stands out in your memory from 2024?

Yes! Fishing for cobia with Lenny Rudow (FishTalk editor), Zach Ditmars (PropTalk, FishTalk, and SpinSheet production manager), and Kaylie Jasinski (PropTalk editor) this past June on my birthday. I couldn't have asked for a better birthday present!

#### Do you go boating when it's cold outside? How do you prepare for it?

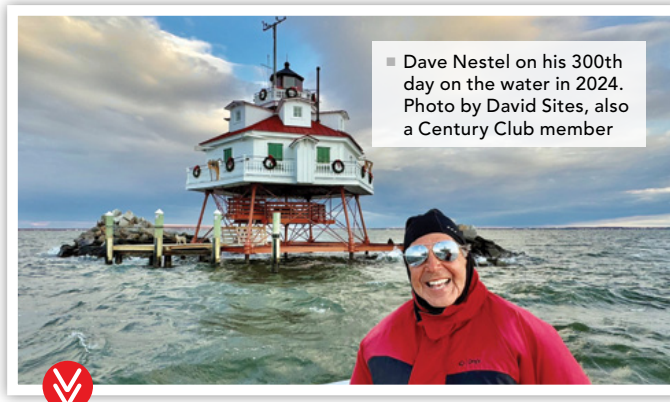
When the leaves start falling and the water temperature does, too, I get out the dry suit while out kayak fishing. If the air and water temperatures combined are below 120 degrees, it's dry suit season.

#### Do you have any cold weather boating advice for PropTalk readers?

Share your float plan with someone onshore, take appropriate outerwear (including a PFD), and plan ahead for any event. I keep a small survival kit in my kayak, first aid kit, space blanket, etc.

#### If a PropTalk reader were considering doing the Century Club challenge, what would you advise them?

Keep at it, build up the days on the water, even going down to the boat to check on it, a little repair work counts towards your 100 days. I bet once you reach 100, you'll try to keep adding those days out on the water.



### Dave Nestel - 305 Days

When asked if he experienced any scary days on the water, Dave sent this note: "Nothing compares to the rowboat ride that I had on Monday, October 14. When I left my dock that morning, the Bay was dead calm. I had assumed incorrectly that those conditions would prevail, and I decided to take my three-hour rowing route down the Bay. At the very moment when I was over five miles from home, a very light breeze rapidly evolved into 20- to 25-mph winds from the west, opposing the outgoing tide. I was lucky that the three-to-five-foot waves and wind were on my stern.

"I did a lot of talking out loud on my very exciting 'sleigh ride' back to my home. I quickly learned that the boat handled the extreme conditions very well even though it only has six inches of freeboard. Much of my initial fear evolved into exhilaration as my boat surfed down the face of the large waves. But with only 200 feet to go, a large wave broke over the side of my boat and filled it with over six inches of water. I frantically began bailing and accidentally knocked one of my oars overboard. Without that oar, I was only moments from being washed onto the stone seawall that lined the shoreline. Luck was with me, and I quickly retrieved the oar and continued bailing.

"On my final approach to my dock, I was again swamped by another breaking wave. This time I held on to both of my oars while I bailed the water so that I could come aside the ladder at my dock. Finishing my ride always involves removing and storing my oars and rolling over to my knees from a sitting position while holding onto the ladder for stability. On this day, I had to do all the above very quickly with the three- to five-foot waves rolling at my dock... I just assumed that I was going for a swim.

"With a little more luck and lots of my 73-year-old 'cat like agility,' I was able to get myself and my boat onto the dock. I felt justified in counteracting the adrenaline that was pulsing through my body by drinking a couple of Capt'n and Cokes. I did have a big smile on my face knowing that I had just successfully completed my 262nd day on the water!"







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## 32 Million in Clean Ports Funding for Port of Baltimore

Recently at the Port of Baltimore, President Biden announced 147 million allocated to the State of Maryland via the EPA Clean Ports Program. From that funding, the Maryland Port Authority (MPA) will receive 145 million, with 32 million benefiting sustainability upgrades at Seagirt and Dundalk Terminal.

Over the past several years, marine terminal operator Ports America Chesapeake (PAC) has taken strides toward environmentally friendly initiatives at the Port of Baltimore—including electrifying the container yard with conductor bars to support its existing fleet of hybrid/electric rubber-tired gantry (RTG) cranes. Newly

awarded EPA funding will support its next initiative which includes transitioning its entire fleet of terminal tractors from diesel to electric.

The project includes replacing 90 terminal tractors with electric models, installing 45 chargers with 90 power dispensers, building a new substation and necessary infrastructure to power the chargers, and securing an additional 5MW of power from Baltimore Gas and Electric.

“This project is a significant milestone in our journey towards achieving net zero emissions,” said Mark Schmidt, president of Ports America Chesapeake. “The EPA’s support will accelerate our transition, providing substantial environmental benefits,

operational resilience, and enhanced value for our customers. We are also committed to upskilling our ILA union mechanic workforce through OEM-led training on these new machines.”

“The goals of the Clean Ports Program align closely with our

vision at Ports America Chesapeake. By transitioning to fully zero-emissions operations, we can significantly reduce diesel pollution and improve air quality for our surrounding community,” said Bennett Creighton, senior director of operations at Ports America Chesapeake. “This initiative positions PAC and the Port of Baltimore at the forefront of sustainable logistics, benefiting our community and the environment for years to come.”

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## Recreational Boating and Fishing Anchor the Nation’s Outdoor Recreation Economy

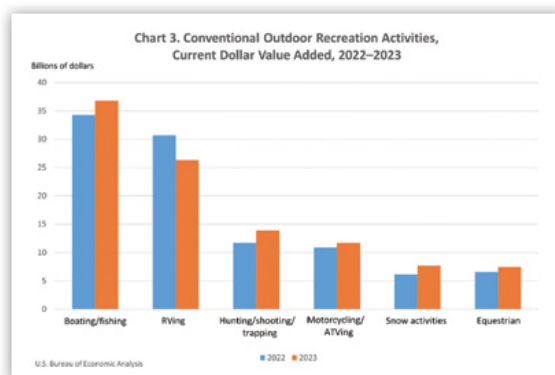
BoatUS recently shared a report from the U.S. Department of Commerce’s Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) which reaffirms that recreational boating and fishing continue to drive the outdoor recreation economy, contributing more than any other conventional outdoor activity including RVing, hunting/shooting, motorcycling, or equestrian activities. The “Outdoor Recreation Satellite Account: U.S. and States, 2023” report revealed that boating and fishing account for \$36.8 billion in current-dollar value added, representing a significant portion of the \$639.5 billion outdoor recreation economy in 2023.

The data also highlighted the impact of the industry at the state level, with Florida (\$4.2 billion), California (\$3.1 billion), and Texas (\$2.8 billion) leading as top contributors.

“BoatUS is committed to ensuring that policymakers recognize and prioritize the needs of boaters and anglers,” said BoatUS manager of government affairs David Kennedy. “This may include ensuring boaters have sufficient and safe access to the water such as launch ramps, support for boating safety programs, and conservation efforts to support fish stocks.”

The report also noted that outdoor recreation overall accounted for 2.3 percent of the U.S. Gross Domestic Product (GDP) in 2023. Boating and fishing were listed as the largest contributors to this sector in 34 states and the District of Columbia, demonstrating their widespread economic significance.

The BEA report’s findings come as communities across the U.S. face decisions on how best to manage natural resources and recreation infrastructure.



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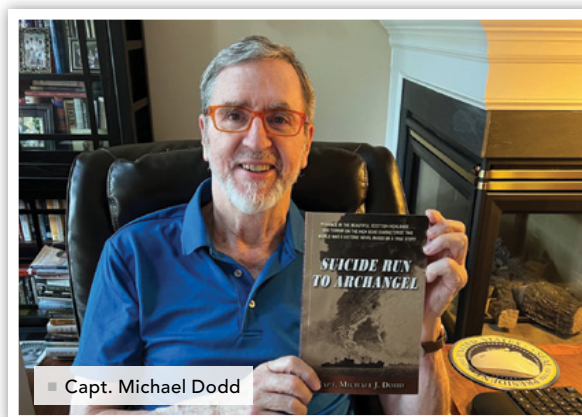
## Baltimore Boater Pens Liberty Ship Historical Fiction Novel

Chesapeake boater Capt. Michael Dodd has published a new historical novel, "Suicide Run to Archangel." The events of the novel, which is based on a true story, take place aboard the Liberty Ship *Esek Hopkins* during the World War II Battle of the Atlantic in which Allied Forces defended merchant marine ships carrying supplies to Europe. The novel is told from the point of view of one of the young merchant marine deckhands, Jack Dodd, a real person who was the author's uncle.

The story opens in Baltimore, where the Dodd family resides. At the time Bethlehem-Fairfield Shipyard was building Liberty Ships as fast as they could. Among the new ships were the *Esek Hopkins* as well as the *Patrick Henry*, which was the first of approximately 2800 Liberty Ships built nationwide between 1941 and 1945.

While serving aboard the *Esek Hopkins* Jack Dodd kept a handwritten diary,

which he eventually left to his son, the author's cousin, also named Michael Dodd, but with a different middle initial. About



■ Capt. Michael Dodd

30 years ago Jack's son Michael turned the diary into a printed document and shared it with about a dozen family members, including his cousin of the same name.

"I always thought the personal account would make a great novel," says the

author, who wrote the book in his living room in Edgewater.

"After I retired, I talked to my cousin about writing the book, and he encouraged me. I conducted a lot of my own research, which was fascinating in itself. I was easily able to find data on every battle using Google and was astonished that I could find the German's excellent and detailed records. In addition, I read dozens of books about the merchant marines and the operations in the North Atlantic during World War II. I have quite a collection of these books here in my living room!"

The book's title was chosen by Dodd, who explains, "It was the ship's own crew members who ended up calling the mission a suicide run, and Archangel is the name of the Russia port town for which *Esek Hopkins* was bound."

"Suicide Run to Archangel" is available on Amazon and at Barnes and Noble.



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# National Park Service Recognition for the Chesapeake Bay One Step Closer

On November 19, the U.S. Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources voted unanimously to advance the Chesapeake National Recreation Area Act (S.2620) out of committee.

If passed into law, the CNRA would create a network of landmarks along the Chesapeake Bay and unite new and existing National Park Service sites and trails, as well as partner parks. The key goals of this initiative are to increase sustainable public access to the Bay so that a more diverse range of visitors can enjoy it, preserve its natural ecosystems, and tell the untold stories of Indigenous peoples, free and enslaved Blacks, and others with historical connections to the Bay.

“Thanks to Senator Van Hollen’s leadership, this is a great day for the Chesapeake Bay, with another step forward in the four-decade effort to establish National Park Service recognition

for the nation’s largest estuary,” said Chesapeake Conservancy president and CEO Joel Dunn.

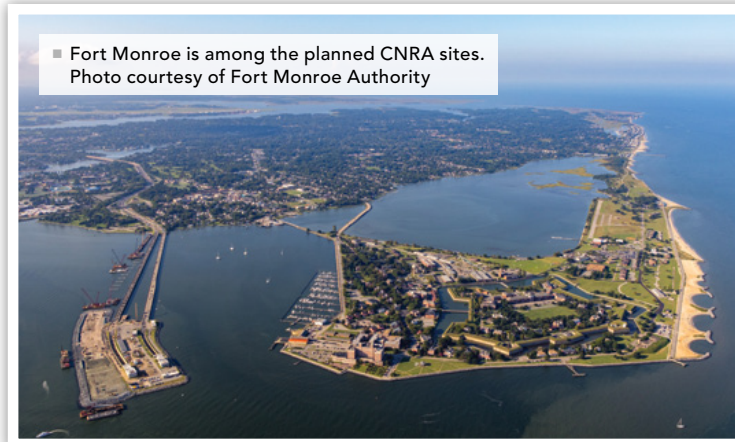
“Establishing the Chesapeake National Recreation Area (CNRA) expands resources for environmental protection and makes it clear that the United States cherishes the Chesapeake, the birthplace of American identity.”

Dunn continued, “Chesapeake Conservancy is deeply grateful to the TeraWulf Charitable Foundation, a private, philanthropic organization focused on funding and participating in social health, environmental and sustainability programs, for their significant financial commitment of \$1.25 million that helped the Chesapeake Conservancy and its

partners advocate for the establishment of the CNRA, which is one step closer to reality.”

“The TeraWulf Charitable Foundation is proud to have supported the effort to elevate the national significance of the Chesapeake Bay and thrilled to see that this legislation has cleared a key Senate Committee,” said Paul Prager with the Easton-based foundation.

Find updates at [chesapeakeconservancy.org](http://chesapeakeconservancy.org).



Fort Monroe is among the planned CNRA sites. Photo courtesy of Fort Monroe Authority

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## December

### Through Jan 1

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### Through Feb 28

#### CCA Pickerel Championship

Enjoy four months of great fishing to catch, photo, and release your way to some great trophies and other prizes. You may register any time before the tournament ends at [ccamd.org](http://ccamd.org).

### 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](http://ccamd.org).

### 5-19 Midnight Madness - Downtown Annapolis

Dec. 5, 12, and 19. The first two Thursdays of December from 4 p.m. until Midnight and the third Thursday of December from 4 p.m. until 11 p.m. Residents and visitors are invited to stroll along Main Street, West Street, Maryland Avenue, State Circle, Market Space, and Dock Street to support local businesses. The streets will be filled with entertainment and holiday decorations, and the shops will have refreshments and sales.

### 13-15 Christmas in St. Michaels

Events throughout the town of St. Michaels, MD, including a lighted boat parade Saturday, Dec. 14 at 6 p.m. The mission of the event is to provide resources to help local nonprofit groups enhance the quality of life for the residents of the Bay Hundred community.

### 14 Solomons Christmas Walk

Solomons Business Association celebrates its 43rd year with the lighted boat parade coordinated by Solomons Island Yacht Club, Solomons Yachting Center, and Southern Maryland Sailing Association. The parade begins at dusk and end along the Riverwalk at approximately 7:15 p.m. Also, many other events throughout town including photos with Santa, open houses, a vendor fair, cookie decorating, beer tastings, and more.

### 15 Deale's 7th Annual Parade of Lights

Beginning at 5:30 pm. Organizers encourage all boats to begin at Hidden Harbor if possible. If you cannot fit under the bridge, all others may follow beginning at Happy Harbor or Shipwright Marina. Pre-registration required. Questions: [dealeparadeoflights@gmail.com](mailto:dealeparadeoflights@gmail.com)

### 31 First Night Talbot and Blue Crab Drop

Free family friendly event in Easton, MD. Games, a photo booth, kids crafts and activities, a DJ, face painting, hot cocoa, and more! After the 9 p.m. crab drop, guests can enjoy the Union Baptist Choir and other entertainment.

### 31 Midnight Muskrat Dive

Marshall P. Muskrat will drop into 2025 in Princess Anne, MD. There will be Smith Island Cake, a DJ, free party favors, free toast to the New Year with sparkling cider/sparkling grape juice available for all.

### 31 New Year's Eve in Annapolis

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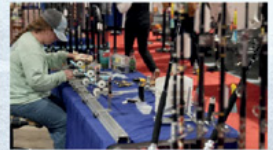
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## January

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### 4 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](mailto:rybeer@gmail.com)

### 8 FSFF Club Meeting

7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Free State Fly Fishers Clubhouse at the Davidsonville Family Rec. Center. Jim Thompson, Maryland DNR, will give a presentation on the work he has been doing with eel passageways in Maryland, especially as affected by recent dam removals in Maryland.

### 10-12 Chesapeake Bay Boat Show

At the Maryland State Fairgrounds in Timonium, MD. Presented by the Marine Trades Association of Baltimore County.

### 15 Annapolis Anglers Club Monthly Meeting

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

### 16 CCA Anglers Night Out

5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Ruddy Duck in Solomons, MD. Speaker: Capt. Mike Griffiths on how to successfully fish the CBBT and VA Beach. This event is free and open to the public and seating is first come, first served.

### 16 Invasive Fishes of the Chesapeake

5:30 p.m. in the Vann Lennep Auditorium at the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum in St. Michaels, MD. Through his lab at Salisbury University, Noah Bressman studies Blue Catfish and the Northern Snakehead to learn the best ways to manage their populations, while also supporting initiatives to encourage people to catch, kill, and eat these invasive fish to try to keep their populations down. \$8 per participant.

### 18 FSFF Hands-On Session

10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Free State Fly Fishers Clubhouse at the Davidsonville Family Rec. Center. Club member John Keough will discuss rod maintenance and how to do minor rod repairs. Questions: [rybeer@gmail.com](mailto:rybeer@gmail.com)

### 22 CCA Southern Maryland Chapter Happy Hour

5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Join CCA southern Maryland's chapter for a co-sponsored happy hour with the Chesapeake Beach Oyster Cultivation Society (CBOCS) at the 1936 Bar & Grill in Chesapeake Beach to make some new friends with likeminded folks and find out how you can help with CCA's work in your local area.

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**30** **Chessie: A Cultural History  
of the Chesapeake Bay Sea  
Monster** 5:30 p.m. in the Van Lennep  
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## February

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**19** **CCA Anglers Night Out**  
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**22** **CCA Southern Maryland Chapter  
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# Nimbus 305 Coupe: *Emotion in Motion*

By Lenny Rudow

In recent years Scandinavian design has taken the boating market in America by storm, but the name Nimbus is hardly a new one. In fact, these Swedish mariners have been building boats going all the way back to 1968—and when you see the 305 Coupe, you’ll discover that they know a thing or two about how to build a boat over there in Viking-land.

Despite being both advanced and rugged it’s not even the build that’s the main story with this boat. Yes, it’s vacuum infused with a Divinycell core. And yes, you’ll find polished stainless steel, safety-glass windows, Simrad electronics systems, and varnished mahogany. But the design is what really sets this boat apart from the pack. It’s exceptionally functional yet comfortable, laid out in an asymmetrical form. The starboard sidedeck is especially wide, making it easy to move fore and aft even from the helm via a sliding side door. The port sidedeck, on the

other hand, is quite svelte, allowing access when needed for docking but minimizing its impact on the cabin’s interior space. Net result? You get easy transit from bow to stern without giving up gobs of interior volume.

Hull design is quite unusual, too, with upper chines above hard chines that surround concave cross sections. At the center of gravity the deadrise is 21.5 degrees to smooth out the ride, and towards the transom the hull flattens out and tapers up, reducing resistance and draft. Nimbus calls it their “Smart Speed” hull. Its intention isn’t to go as fast as possible, but rather to provide as comfortable and efficient a cruise as possible through a wider range of speeds. In this case, that range is from idle clear up to 25 mph. Equipped with a Volvo Penta D3-220, at 20 mph the boat’s burning just a hair over eight gph to get well over two and a half mpg. Many boats topping 33 feet and 9000 pounds can’t

manage to get north of one mpg at similar speeds. And note that cruising at a trawler-like eight to 10 mph speeds, the Nimbus turns in better-than-trawler results with five to six mpg. Smart? Youbetcha.

So: the creative Swedish design team at Nimbus gets you the easy passage of an extra-wide sidedeck, the performance of a cruiser, and the economy of a trawler. But what about inside of the boat? The cockpit features open outdoor space with a large L-lounge wrapping the transom and port side around a cocktail table, and there’s a transom gate to the swim platform to starboard. The platform itself has plenty of space plus a raised-rail swim ladder on the center, rather than one of those flimsy fold-away ladders that aren’t incredibly easy to navigate when you’re climbing up out of the water. The hard top extends far aft to shade the cock-

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pit, and there's additional outdoor relaxation space to be found on the foredeck sun cushions.

Inside the upper cabin a dinette sits to port and the helm is to starboard with a galley behind it. The entire area is bathed in natural light thanks to a huge overhead skylight and an opening sunroof forward. Down below there are two staterooms; the forward can be fitted out with a V-berth or a queen, and the mid-cabin houses a double-berth plus stowage. The head demonstrates more creative thinking, with a sink forward and a separate head/shower compartment that closes off via a rotating door for showering.

For a 33-foot boat you'll find that the 305 Coupe is surprisingly well equipped with a collection of items that many would call critical cruising gear, but few builders provide. There's a first aid kit, a tool kit, and even cutlery for the galley. And that's on top of big-ticket standard features like the bow thruster and mahogany interior.

Add it all up and you get a coupe that has a lot more to offer than your run-of-the-mill 30-something cruiser. When you consider how long those Scandinavians have been building boats, it's no wonder that they've become pretty darn good at it—and that they've stormed onto the scene in America's waterways. ■

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# Chesapeake Birding Hotspots

By Kaylie Jasinski, Photos By Nick Huber

Winter is without a doubt a boater's least favorite season. But don't despair; you don't have to resign yourself to months spent inside in front of the television just yet. There are ways to spend time outdoors and by the lovely Chesapeake Bay without stepping foot on a boat. This month, we're going to discuss one of them: birdwatching.

During and post-Covid, birdwatching became, dare I say, a *cool* hobby, especially among millennials and younger generations. But just how did this "sport" come to be? To answer that question, we first must rewind a bit to when an interest in birds often meant hunting, killing, and collecting them.

According to the Smithsonian, ornithology during the 1800s was practiced by having a specimen to examine, keep, and refer back to. So, birds were shot, skinned, and kept tidily inside a cabinet drawer. In 1898, one such ornithologist, Edmund Selous, came to the conclusion that you could learn a great deal simply by observing birds. He said, "Now that I have watched birds closely, the killing of them seems to me as something monstrous and horrible." The Smithsonian goes on to say that Selous "made empathy for birds respectable and, in doing so, changed the world." Birdwatching has become one of the most popular pastimes around the globe. Thankfully, anyone can do it—you don't need fancy gadgets or a ton of knowledge. You can simply start with the birds in your backyard and go from there. When you're ready to venture out, put these five locations on your to-do list.



Hooded merganser

## Point Lookout State Park

Currently this park is the number one eBird hotspot (in regards to number of species logged) in Maryland, with a species list of 306 birds. Located in Scotland, MD, on a peaceful peninsula between the Chesapeake Bay and the Potomac River in St. Mary's County, the park was once the location of a camp which imprisoned as many as 52,264 Confederate soldiers during the Civil War. Today, it features beaches, a

nature center, a lighthouse, campground, and more. In the spring and fall this peninsula becomes a popular resting place for migrating birds. It is also a great spot to scan the water for ducks and seabirds. Bald eagles are often seen yearround, ospreys are a common sight, except in the winter, and varied shorebird species are present, especially in the summer. Recent sightings this fall, according to eBird, include ring-billed gulls, black scoters, double-crested cormorants, horned grebes, and hooded mergansers. *Currently the campground, Nature*

*Center and Civil War Museum, lighthouse, and fishing pier are closed for repairs. Stay tuned to the Maryland DNR website for updates ([dnr.maryland.gov](http://dnr.maryland.gov)).*

## Sandy Point State Park

Currently at number two on the eBird Maryland hotspot list, at 306 species, this 786-acre park is located along the northwestern shore of the Chesapeake Bay near Annapolis, MD. It features a marina, a one-mile sandy beach, pavilions, spectacular views of the Chesapeake Bay Bridge, and over 200 acres of forest to explore. Most birding takes place from fall through spring, as this is a very popular beach spot during the summer months. The park is known for waterfowl, loons, grebes, shorebirds, gulls, and terns, though unusual seabirds and other rarities sometimes make ap-





■ Barred owl



■ Osprey

pearances here. Recent eBird sightings include Gadwalls, buffleheads, ruddy ducks, and red-bellied woodpeckers. *Note that the South Beach area grounds are currently closed for construction until summer 2025. Stay tuned for updates at [dnr.maryland.gov](http://dnr.maryland.gov).*

### Assateague Island National Seashore

Another very popular summer beach spot, Assateague Island National Seashore is a protected area on a long barrier island off the coast of Maryland and Virginia. More than half of its 48,000 acres is comprised of near-shore and estuarine waters, and the interplay between these waters and the barrier island affects nearly every aspect of life in this dynamic coastal environment. While you can bird here in all seasons, fall through spring is a great time to avoid the summer crowds. According

to the National Audubon Society, winter highlights include flocks of brant, plus scoters and northern gannet. The summer months often see brown pelicans, wading birds, osprey, clapper rail, and nesting piping plover, plus an abundance of other shorebirds in the spring through summer. Peregrine falcons peak in early October, and starting in late September, the trees are filled with warblers and other songbirds during the fall migration. Visit [nps.gov/asis/index.htm](http://nps.gov/asis/index.htm) for more information on the park, including maps for nature trails.

### Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge

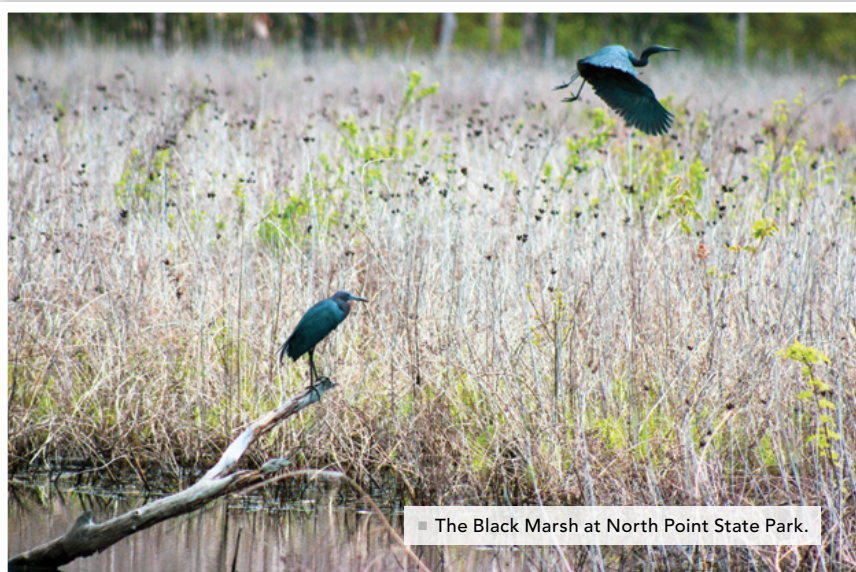
Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge, located 12 miles south of Cambridge, MD, was established in 1933 as a refuge for migratory birds. Habitats of the refuge include rich tidal marsh, mixed hardwood and loblolly pine forests, managed freshwater wetlands, and croplands.

It serves as an important resting and feeding area for migrating and wintering waterfowl and is one of the chief wintering areas for Canada geese using the Atlantic Flyway. The refuge supports one of the highest concentrations of nesting bald eagles on the Atlantic coast. The National Audubon Society lists snow goose, Canada goose, tundra swan, American black duck, mallard, and northern pintail among the most common species. The wetlands and marsh also host many shorebirds in spring and fall. Nesting birds include the least bittern, osprey, king rail, clapper rail, Virginia rail, brown-headed nuthatch (in loblolly pines), wood thrush, prothonotary warbler, seaside sparrow, and grasshopper sparrow. The golden eagle is rare in winter, but seen regularly, as is the peregrine falcon from fall through spring.

With over 20,000 acres open for public recreation, visitors can experience the refuge year-round in a variety of ways. More than five miles of hiking trails and 17 miles of paddling trails provide many opportunities to view wildlife in their native habitats. If you prefer to travel by car, take the 3.6-mile Wildlife Drive, which is also suitable for hiking and cycling. Visit [fws.gov/refuge/blackwater](http://fws.gov/refuge/blackwater) for more information.

### North Point State Park

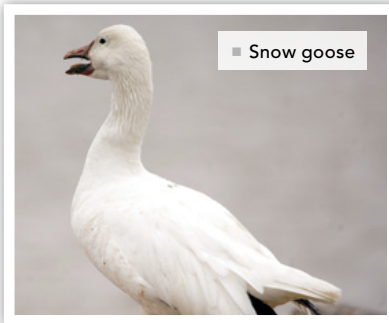
Edgemere, MD, in Baltimore County is home to the 1310-acre North Point State Park. This location was once the site of the Bay Shore Amusement Park, a popular destination for summer visitors from 1906 to 1947. Visitors can see the original trolley station, which is now used as a covered picnicking area, and the restored fountain that is still



■ The Black Marsh at North Point State Park.

## Birding at Dredged Material Placement Sites

The Maryland Port Administration (MPA) Dredged Material Management Program (DMMP) is responsible for finding adequate long-term placement capacity for all of the nearly five million cubic yards of sediment that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers dredges annually from the shipping channels that link the Port of Baltimore to the Atlantic Ocean and beyond. The DMMP has placement sites throughout the Chesapeake Bay. And while there is a noticeable decline in bird populations throughout the US, in large part due to habitat loss, at MPA's sites, birds are finding homes and important migratory waystations. MPA restores and maintains important bird-friendly ecosystems by restoring wetlands, uplands, and remote island habitats with dredged material. In fact, four of the top 10 birding sites in the state of Maryland (out of 2455 total birding sites) are MPA dredged material placement sites.



Sites with birding opportunities include Hart-Miller Island (currently the number three eBird hotspot in Maryland, with over 308 species reported), Masonville Cove (over 255 species; the nation's first Urban Wildlife Refuge), the Paul S. Sarbanes Ecosystem Restoration Project at Poplar Island (over 245 species), and (coming in 2025) the Swan Creek Nature Trail at Cox Creek (over 280 species). Cox Creek and Poplar Island are only open for guided birding tours. To learn more, visit [maryland-dmmp.com/community/birding](http://maryland-dmmp.com/community/birding).

in operation today. The Defenders Trail, which was used by soldiers during the War of 1812, also passes through the park. Today, North Point has scenic views overlooking the Chesapeake Bay, a water accessible area, two fishing piers, and hiking trails that lead you around the park and through protected wildlands. One of the most popular trails leads to the Black Marsh, a relatively undisturbed tidal fresh-

water/brackish wetland, uncommon in the northern part of the Chesapeake Bay. The rare and elusive least bittern has been found breeding in the marshes along with Virginia rails. Bald eagles are a frequent sight throughout the summer, while autumn and winter bring a diversity of dabbling ducks to the marsh. The lush marsh contains a variety of wetland grasses, marsh-loving shrubs, and flowers like the unusual rattlesnake-

master and the attractive tickseed sunflower. The land side of the marsh is surrounded by a mature forest.

North Point State Park is currently in the top 20 Maryland eBird hotspots, with 267 species logged. Recent eBird sightings logged include buffleheads, ruddy ducks, least sandpipers, and snow buntings. Visit the park website at [dnr.maryland.gov](http://dnr.maryland.gov) for more details and trail maps. *Currently the end of the North Point State Park Crystal Pier (approximately the last 100 feet) is closed due to storm damage.*

## Birding Apps

The next time you go birding, try out these two nifty apps to help you determine the birds you locate and log your observations.

**eBird:** A free, easy way to report the birds you find anywhere in the world. eBird is a global online database of bird records used by hundreds of thousands of birders around the world. This free resource helps you keep track of your birding activity, while making your data openly available for scientific research, education, and conservation. Simply select when and where you went birding and enter the birds you encounter (it even works offline). Also discover hundreds of thousands of eBird Hotspots by region, distance from you, or when they were last visited. Search for recent reports of nearby species and find new birds to plan your next birding outing. [ebird.org](http://ebird.org)

**Merlin Bird ID:** A free global bird guide. Using the Bird ID Wizard, answer three simple questions about a bird you are trying to identify, and Merlin will give you a list of possible matches. Sound ID listens to the birds around you and shows real-time suggestions for who's singing. Compare your recording to the songs and calls in Merlin to confirm what you heard. You can also snap a photo of a bird and Photo ID will offer a short list of possible matches. Both Song and Photo ID work completely offline. [merlin.allaboutbirds.org](http://merlin.allaboutbirds.org)

While there are so many more birding hotspots on the Bay, we've chosen to focus on these five that we know and love. For more locations, as well as details on birds logged at each site, search 'eBird hotspots Maryland' or visit [ebird.org](http://ebird.org).





# CHEESAPEAKE BAY

## Winter Boat Shows *and* Fishing Expos

Looking to purchase a new boat this winter, or in the market for some fishing tackle? Perhaps you want to take in a seminar, catch up with fellow boaters, or simply escape the winter chill. If any of those are correct, you'll want to add these events to your calendar. Be sure to check event websites for any updates or weather cancellations. If more events are added, we will add them to our calendar at [PropTalk.com](http://PropTalk.com).

## January

**10-12: Chesapeake Bay Boat Show.** At the Maryland State Fairgrounds in Timonium, MD. Presented by the Marine Trades Association of Baltimore County. [thechesapeakebayboatshow.com](http://thechesapeakebayboatshow.com)

**17-19: 50th Annual East Coast Commercial Fishermen's and Aquaculture Trade Expo.** At the Roland E. Powell Convention Center in Ocean City, MD. [marylandwatermen.com](http://marylandwatermen.com)

**17-19: Richmond Fishing Expo.** At Meadow Event Park – State Fairgrounds of Virginia in Doswell. The largest dedicated fishing product show in Virginia. Tickets: adults \$10, senior/military \$9, junior anglers (ages 6-12) \$5. [richmondfishingexpo.com](http://richmondfishingexpo.com)

**24-26: Richmond Boat Show.** At the Richmond Convention Center in Virginia. The largest boat show in the region. Tickets: adults \$15, kids 16 and under are free, \$5 military discount with ID; tickets are good all weekend. [downtownrichmondboatshow.com](http://downtownrichmondboatshow.com)

**25-26: Kent Island Fisherman's 13th Annual Fishing Flea Market.** At the Kent Island American Legion Post #278 in Stevensville, MD. 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. both days. Admission \$4 (free for ages 16 and under). [facebook.com/kentislandfishermen](https://facebook.com/kentislandfishermen)

**January 31-February 2: The 72nd Annual Mid-Atlantic Sports and Boat Show.** At the Virginia Beach Convention Center. Tickets: \$10, children under 12 are free. [vbboatshows.com](http://vbboatshows.com)

## February

**1-2: Edgemere Bait and Tackle Fishing Expo.** At the Edgemere VFW Hall in Sparrows Point, MD. Over 50 vendor tables, door prizes, cast contest, guest speakers, food, and more. Admission is \$5 per person, kids ages 13 and under are free. Visit the Edgemere Bait and Tackle Facebook page for more information.

**1-9: Great American Outdoor Show.** At the Pennsylvania Farm Show Complex and Expo Center in Harrisburg, PA. The largest outdoor show in the world featuring the latest gear for hunting, fishing, camping, and more. [greatamericanoutdoorshow.org](http://greatamericanoutdoorshow.org)

**14-16: Philadelphia Fishing Show.** At the Greater Philadelphia Expo Center in Oaks, PA. Tickets: adults \$12, ages six to 12 \$6, and kids ages five and under are free. [phillyfishingshow.com](http://phillyfishingshow.com)

**21-22: 78th National Outdoor Show.** At 3485 Golden Hill Road in Church Creek, MD. Held annually in Dorchester County with the goal of preserving the county's heritage. Tickets: adults \$8, children \$4. [nationaloutdoorshow.org](http://nationaloutdoorshow.org)

**22: MSFC Flea Market.** At the American Legion Dorchester Post 91 in Cambridge, MD. Presented by the Mid-Shore Fishing Club of Maryland. [mid-shorefishingclub.com](http://mid-shorefishingclub.com)

**22: Annapolis Anglers Saltwater Fishing Expo.** At the Annapolis Elks Lodge #622 in Edgewater, MD. Admission is \$5 per person, kids 14 and under are free. Local tackle dealers, regional charter captains and guides, food and beverages, and more. Seminars: 8:30 a.m. David Rudow and Dillon Waters on fishing for snakeheads, 10 a.m. Capt. Tom Weaver on light tackle fishing, 11:30 a.m. Capt. Steve Griffin on mastering your side imaging, and a 1 p.m. panel discussion on light tackle fishing with Lenny Rudow, Shawn Kimbro, Eric Packard, Capt. Richie Gaines, and Capt. Tom Weaver. [saltwaterfishingexpo.com](http://saltwaterfishingexpo.com)

## March

**1: GBFA Annual Fishing Flea Market.** At the Virginia Beach Field House. The largest fishing flea market in the area. Hosted by Great Bridge Fisherman's Association. Tickets: \$5, children 12 and under are free. [fishgbfa.org](http://fishgbfa.org)

**22: Maryland Fly Fishing Show.** At West Village Commons in Towns, MD. The Mid-Atlantic's premier fly fishing event. [marylandflyfishingshow.com](http://marylandflyfishingshow.com)



■ You never know what you'll find at a winter fishing expo or flea market.



January 10-12 at the Maryland State Fairgrounds.

# GUIDE TO THE Chesapeake Bay Boat Show

It's that time of year again! The fourth annual Chesapeake Bay Boat Show presented by the Marine Trades Association of Baltimore County (MTABC) returns to the Timonium Fairgrounds for three fun-filled days of all things boating and fishing. Here are all the details you need to plan your visit.

**Dates:** January 10-12

**Times:** Friday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., Sunday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**Location:** Maryland State Fairgrounds (200 York Rd.) in Timonium, MD

**Directions:** The Maryland State Fairgrounds are located near the intersection of York and Timonium Roads. Vehicle access gates are located on York Road between Padonia and Timonium Roads and on Timonium Road about a quarter of a mile east of Interstate 83 and just past the Light Rail tracks. Vehicles can enter using either of these gates.

**Parking:** Free parking on-site.

**Tickets:** \$12 in advance, \$15 at the door, \$10 for military with ID, ages 12 and under are free.

*Purchase tickets online at [thechesapeakebayboatshow.com](http://thechesapeakebayboatshow.com) to save time and money at the door.*

The Chesapeake Bay Boat Show will feature over 30 Maryland boat dealers showcasing more than 300 new boats, including sport fishing boats, performance boats, ski boats, cruisers, pontoon boats, cabin cruisers, and more. Boats of every size and for every budget will be on display in the over 150,000 square-foot, heated building. The show will also feature more than 100 exhibitors (including PropTalk and FishTalk!), a Fishing Tackle Area, live music all weekend, food and drink offerings, and more.

We recently caught up with Jason Baumgartner, president of MTABC, who says that the organization "is proud to present the fourth annual Chesapeake Bay Boat Show. It is a great event that offers something for everyone in our boating community. Whether you are shopping for a new boat, accessories, or apparel, interested in broadening your knowledge base on our fisheries, or just looking to get the kids out of the house, the show has it all, including interactive exhibits for the kids, Jimmy's Famous Seafood cooking tutorials, and a Saturday evening happy hour with a panel of guest speakers. Our goal at MTABC is to create an event that represents the boating lifestyle even if you aren't on the hook in your favorite cove." We hope to see you there!

## This year's expanded Fishing Tackle Pier will include:

- Fishing simulator.
- The Coastal Conservation Association (CCA) Kid's Corner: lure painting, fish printing (Gyotaku), oyster cornhole, a live fish tank, and photo opportunities with a catfish and a reef ball—all weekend long.
- Chef Charlie from Jimmy's Famous Seafood will be dockside: Catch it, Clean it, Cook it! Featuring catfish filet/cooking demos, tastings, and oyster shucking demos.
- Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR): Catfish filet demo.
- Maryland Department of Agriculture: Matt Scales will be speaking about the programs the department has and how consumers can engage with them. He will discuss Maryland's True Blue program (restaurants/retailers serving Maryland crab meat), wild-caught blue catfish restaurants/retailers, and upcoming campaigns they have such as Shuck & Stout. He will also chat about the Seafood, Eat Food pass, where consumers can build up points to redeem for prizes.



## Event Schedule:

At print time, this was the current schedule but be sure to check for updates on the boat show website and at [proptalk.com](http://proptalk.com).

### Friday

- 1 p.m. Matt Scales, Seafood Marketing Director at Maryland Department of Agriculture
- 2 p.m. Maryland Crab Soup Cooking Demo with Chef Charlie, Jimmy's Famous Seafood
- 3 p.m. Fly Fishing Demo with Tom Weaver and his daughter, Imogen
- 4 p.m. Ernie the Hog Snatcher and Hazlife, Catfish Fishing Influencers
- All Day: CCA Kid's Corner

### Saturday

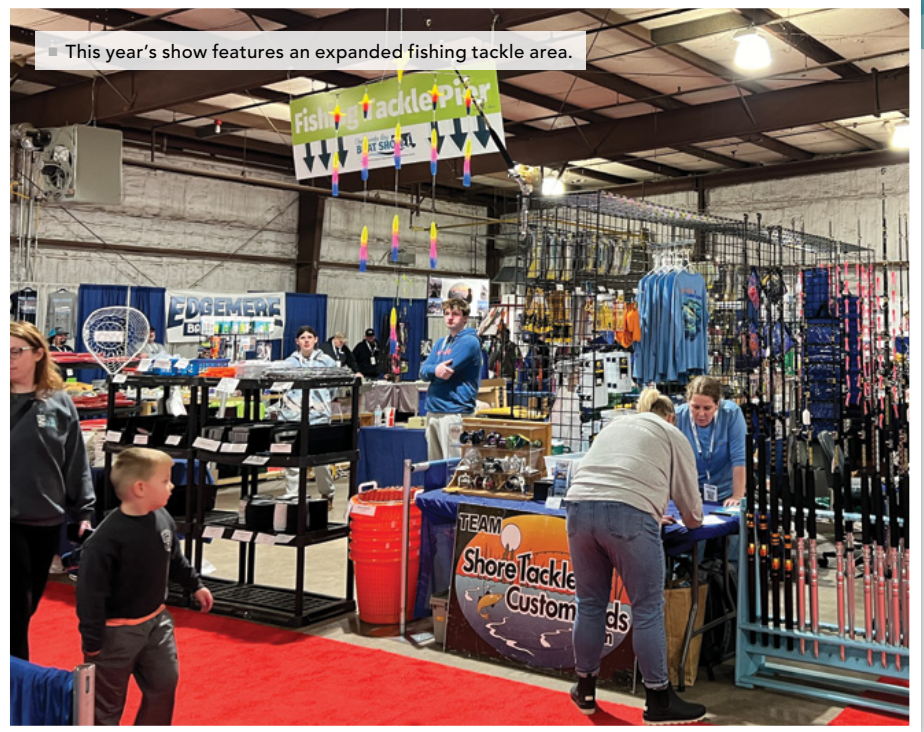
- 12 p.m. Kevin Atticks, Secretary of Agriculture
- 1 p.m. Fish Filet Demo with Branson Williams, Invasive Fishes Program Manager, Freshwater Fisheries and Hatcheries Division, Department of Natural Resources
- 2 p.m. Catfish Cooking Demo with Chef Charlie, Jimmy's Famous Seafood
- 5-8 p.m. Yamaha Rightwaters Great Chesapeake Invasives Count/CCA Happy Hour Panel Discussion with David Sikorski (CCA) and catfish fishing influencers: Ernie the Hog Snatcher and Hazlife. Also Flying Dog Oyster Stout Tasting and "Meet the Brewer"
- All Day: CCA Kid's Corner

### Sunday

- 12 p.m. Cooking Demo with Chef Charlie, Jimmy's Famous Seafood: How To Shuck Oysters and Talk on MD Oysters
- 1 p.m. Ernie the Hog Snatcher and Hazlife: Catfish Fishing Influencers
- All Day: CCA Kid's Corner

For more details, a list of exhibitors, and to pre-purchase tickets (you'll save money!), visit [thechesapeakebayboatshow.com](http://thechesapeakebayboatshow.com)

■ This year's show features an expanded fishing tackle area.



■ Boats of every size and for every budget will be on display.



■ Don't forget to stop by the PropTalk/FishTalk booth!



# Boating Resolutions and Planning for the 2025 Season

By Kaylie Jasinski



Rather than simply say “go boating more,” make specific goals and start planning now, to make sure they actually happen.

I can hear your thoughts now—please, no more talk of New Year’s resolutions... But being PropTalk, these aren’t your typical resolutions, i.e. lose weight, go to the gym, cut down on alcohol... No, these are boating resolutions, and if you follow these helpful tips, you might just make them into solid plans rather than simply goals.

The first day of spring is March 20. But in Chesapeake country, we’re just as likely to get snow as we are to get a random 80-degree day. So, let’s plan conservatively and say we’re most likely to have mild boating weather from April to September, and any other days on either side of those months are a happy bonus.

Seems like a long time, right? Well, if you count only weekends during those six months, that’s 51 days, or roughly seven weeks. Now keep in mind that you most likely won’t go boating every Saturday and Sunday in that span, as much as you may want to. There are things such as family reunions, anniversaries, and kids’ soccer games to contend with, not to mention weather. April could be mostly cold and rainy, and the same could go for the second half of September. If that’s the case, you need to get some plans set in motion *now* if you want to make the most of the upcoming boating season. If not, you’ll blink and find that it’s suddenly September, and you’ll be asking yourself where all the time went. All the wonderful boating plans you had that never came to fruition. To keep that from happening, read on.

**Mark certain “big” boating events on your calendar.** This could be things such as your favorite Fourth of July fireworks show, a yearly cruise with your boating club, a favorite annual event (such as the Chestertown Tea Party festival or Rock Hall Pirates and Wenches weekend), a fishing tournament, or even a meteor shower that you hope to watch from a quiet anchorage. Once they are on the calendar, barring bad weather or an event such as a wedding that you simply cannot get out of, keep to them.

**Know that you will have to give something up.** Most of us have other hobbies besides boating and fishing (gasp! It’s true, and if not, more power to you). But for the rest of us trying to juggle multiple hobbies, be it photography, birding, mountain biking, or anything in between, be willing to accept that some of those may have to take a back seat if boating is your priority this year.

**Expect plans to change and be prepared with a backup.** Say this is the year you’re finally going to take that weekend cruise to St. Michaels. It’s on the calendar, your marina slip is booked, and then the morning you are supposed to leave, it’s blowing 20 knots and raining. No one would fault you for not going. But rather than despair, look ahead and get something planned for the next clear weather window. This is boating after all; there are so many factors to consider, so flexibility is often the name of the game.

If you need some ideas for boating resolutions to add to your list, we’ve compiled a sample from readers and PropTalk staffers.

- Take a charter vacation. The Caribbean, Mediterranean, Bahamas, Tahiti, Canada—the possibilities are endless.
- Build your own boat. Have you checked out the wooden boat kits at Chesapeake Light Craft? There are options for sailing dinghies, kayaks, a cocktail class racer, stand up paddleboards, rowing crafts, and more.
- There’s nothing wrong with having ‘workout more’ on your list, boring as it may be. But rather than go to the gym, incorporate boating into your routine. Rowing is a great physical workout, gives you a connection to the water, and let’s face it, it is way more fun than running on a treadmill at the gym.
- Say “yes” more often to invitations to go powerboating or sailing on other people’s boats (OPBs).
- If you own a boat, don’t neglect it. Commit to doing a full deep clean and wax at least at the start and end of the season, but more as needed.
- Also, if you own a boat, commit to learning its systems if you haven’t done so already. One PropTalk staffer commented that he wanted to get better at adjusting his autopilot so he can do less “zigging and zagging.”



- Set a goal for the number of days on the water you would like to hit. It does not have to be a big number, but a goal that you can work towards and one that will have you feeling accomplished when you achieve it. Several years ago, our sister publication SpinSheet started the Century Club to celebrate boaters who log 100 days on the water (on a boat that leaves the dock) in a calendar year. A hundred is a lofty goal, however. So, if you know you spent less days on the water in 2024 than you wanted, why not start it at 25? (This year I'm set to hit 50, so I am going to set a personal goal of 75 for 2025. If I hit that, perhaps in 2026 I'll go for 100.)
- Try a new water-based activity. If fishing from a powerboat is primarily your game, try fishing from a kayak, or even shoreline fishing at a freshwater stream or reservoir. Always wanted to learn how to waterski or wakeboard? Put it on your list! Die-hard powerboater? Give sailing a try. If you don't know where to start, sign up for the free SpinSheet crew finder at [spinsheet.com/crew-finder](https://spinsheet.com/crew-finder) to find a boat to sail on.
- Visit a new place by boat. Even if you've been there by car, plan an excursion by water. We can pretty much guarantee it'll be more of an adventure.
- Take a boating course. Even if you are an experienced boater, you can always learn something new and refresh lightly used skills. There are many to choose from, whether it's an Intro to Boating course, first aid at sea, or Suddenly in Command. Both you and your crew will be better prepared if you take a little bit of time to make this a priority.
- Upgrade your gear. Have you been eyeing new foul weather bibs, upgraded electronics, or maybe even non-skid decking? Make a list of your must-haves versus like-to-haves and create a budget so that you can have at least one or two new items for you/your boat come launch day.
- Include your furry friends on more outings. To make it more comfortable and safer, consider items like an inflatable step to help them get back onto the boat easier after a swim, and definitely make sure you have a properly fitted doggy lifejacket.
- Introduce someone new to boating and/or fishing. Remember how happy you were the first time you got behind the wheel of a powerboat? Why not spread that joy to someone who has yet to experience it. And if they love it, you've gained a new boating buddy, too.
- Buy a boat! There are several great winter boat shows coming up (find a list on page 33) and they often have special 'boat show' prices on new boats. Do your homework now so that you are prepared. Just in case. You can also flip to our boats for sale pages at the back of the magazine and at [proptalk.com/boats-for-sale](https://proptalk.com/boats-for-sale).

In the season of resolutions, let's all add some *fun* boating goals to our lists and actually make them happen. We'll be right here alongside you. Best of luck!



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# A "SPRINT" DOWN *the* ICW

By Mike Pitchford

Sometimes you do it slowly and enjoy it. Sometimes you do it fast because you must. In this case, the life schedule said fast was required.

The trip from points on the Bay, like Annapolis, to various warmer South Florida destinations is at least 1100 miles, more if you are headed to the left coast. In most sailboats and true displacement trawlers, you are pushing to get 50 miles a day. In an eight-knot trawler, you can stretch it to maybe 80 miles in a pinch.

In a planing powerboat, 160-mile days are a possibility on some stretches. No wake zones and the required slow passes of slower traffic in confined waterways can limit those distances.

In the fall, daylight limits the long days to maybe 10 hours. The sun angles, in November in particular, make the earliest and latest of those hours problematic.

Likewise, the later into the fall you go, the more questionable the weather. Traveling inside in the ICW generally means you don't worry about offshore weather. However, the run down the Bay and the crossing of the North Carolina sounds calls for manageable wind and waves. In addition, there are several

places along the ICW in Georgia where following the "magenta line" requires you to "kiss" the ocean. A southeast swell in those sounds can make for a rough day.

This year, we made the trip the week before Thanksgiving week. Normally that is a bit after the biggest rush of snowbird traffic. However, this year, perhaps owing to the late tropical systems threatening Florida, it seems the bulk of the estimated 20,000 southbound ICW travelers decided to move the same week.

The "we" referenced above was my eager and reliable crew of college roommates and lifelong friends. My primary crewmate, my wife, Sue, has a distinct preference for the slow ICW trip. A trip planned with lay days, visiting friends along the way, and mid-day travel ("banker's hours") is her preferred pace. The "boys" can be driven hard. In fact, I think they like it that way.

Traveling the ICW in a sprint does not mean you don't get to "smell the roses." You just have to sort of sniff and go.

Our first leg was a run down the Bay from Annapolis to Norfolk. I have done



■ Sunset after a long day; near Wrightsville Beach, NC.

this trip in seven hours on a nearly flat calm Bay. It can be a beautiful thing. This was not one of those trips.

Try as we might to find three relatively calm days to cover the first three open water challenges (the Bay, the Albemarle Sound, and the Pamlico Sound) we could not. Studying the weather maps against the aforementioned life schedule, we ended up covering the distance from Annapolis to Norfolk on what you might call a "sporting" day. The wind was mostly out of the west, thank goodness, but the modest beam seas made for a rough and especially spray-filled day.

In Norfolk, we sat for a couple of days waiting for better North Carolina Sound weather. The wait paid off and the passage from Norfolk to our first stop, Belhaven, NC, 136 miles, was easy. Owing to the bridges, the lock at Great Bridge, and fairly heavy ICW boat traffic, this was our longest day at nine hours.

Belhaven has a new nanobrewery an easy walk from the downtown marina. Our late afternoon arrival allowed us

■ The beautiful Waccamaw River in South Carolina.



the perfect time to clean up and stop in to inspect their craft offerings. It was a worthy capstone on a long day.

The next leg was 131 miles to a nice little keyhole community marina just south of Wrightsville Beach. Wrightsville Beach proper is only another 45 minutes. However, the marinas there are often full and the current and wind can channel through the marinas. Sometimes, good docking is about discretion rather than valor.

One of the great little towns along the ICW is Georgetown, SC. It was our planned third stop. South of Myrtle Beach and along the way to Georgetown, you navigate the absolutely gorgeous Waccamaw River. For 20 miles the dark brown water disappears into the trees with nary a shoreline in view. If the ICW has a soul, it is the Waccamaw River.

The crew had time in Georgetown for breakfast ashore before a planned 8 a.m. departure. There are two early opening restaurants, and we defaulted to the one closest to the marina. While there, we were captivated by a young girl, maybe eight, who seemed to be a junior member of the waitstaff.

Sitting with her dad, she was dressed in what looked like a school uniform. We learned it was their Wednesday routine before the school day started. The captivating part of the morning was that she was also wearing a small apron with a bundle of beverage straws. She seemed to follow the waitstaff as a helper as if she were in training. It was too cute for words.

From Georgetown, we covered 155 miles to overnight in Hilton Head. The tides in South Carolina and Georgia can reach eight feet. There is a marina on Hilton Head that manages the tides with a lock. Inside the marina, the water level is constant and calm, a welcome outcome after bouncing along the waterway all day.

Also inside this protected marina is the South Carolina Yacht Club. We locked through and made a beeline for their visitor's dock. Dinner at the club with Annapolitans who have a winter home there followed. So, despite the sprint pace, we got a little quality social time!

From Hilton Head, we planned to push on 159 miles to Amelia Island, FL. There is a downtown marina there and



the city of Fernandina is an attractive stop with many restaurants and shops. However, the marina is exposed to winds out of the west and so it was on this day.

Given the prospect of a rocky marina night, we opted to add a few short miles to the Amelia Island Marina, a well-protected keyhole marina. Dinner is always on your mind after a long day on the water. The restaurant pickings there are slim, but we got lucky.

The Amelia Island Marina has one restaurant. Sometimes, maybe most of the time, a remote marina with one restaurant suggests a marginal dining experience, at best. This one was stellar, a place the locals rush to patronize. Our crew orders included a superior fried catfish entry with an étouffée roux and a nice pair of blackened Mahi tacos.

Usually, by the time you get to Florida in the fall ICW trip you can trade the warm fleece for shorts and T-shirts. Not this time. Our arrival in Florida matched one of those cold frontal passages that originated in Canada. It was

46 degrees outside when we woke up on our first morning in the Sunshine State.

The last stop before arriving at our home winter marina was New Smyrna Beach, 127 miles farther south. The cold and west wind persisted all day. The marina approach was almost impossible to see as the setting sun lined up with it exactly. It took all three sets of crew eyes to make a safe landing in our overnight slip.

New Smyrna Beach has a hoppin' downtown. We were rewarded for our patience with wind and sun by a visit to a local microbrewery on their main street. Dinner at a very nice local restaurant followed as did an early bedtime, a norm on an ICW sprint.

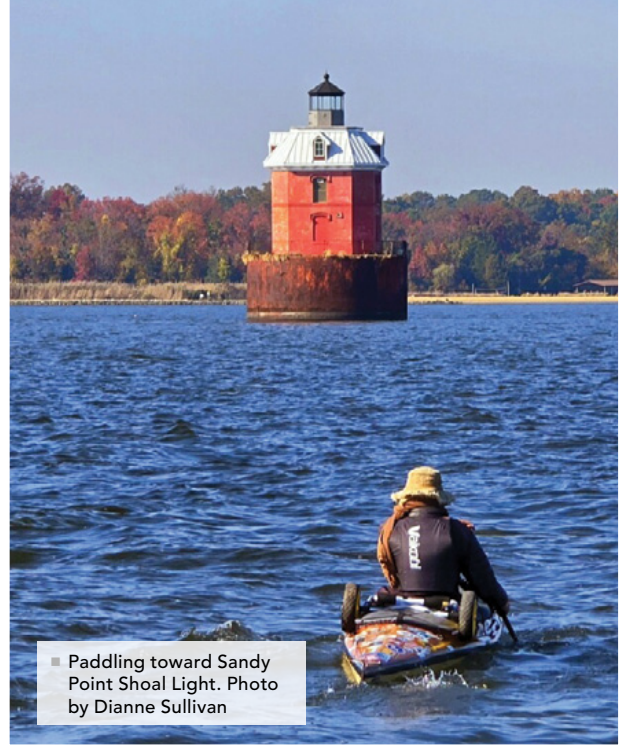
On this trip, we did it in eight days of travel, averaging 142 miles a day. We waited on the weather for two days. Run times were between seven and nine hours a day.

Bottom line, the ICW sprint can be done in a work week plus the weekends. If you are busy, why don't you try it next year?



# PADDLING THE GREAT LOOP—CLOCKWISE!

**P**eter Frank, a 23-year-old solo canoeist, recently passed through the Chesapeake as he attempts to complete the 6000-mile Great Loop circumnavigation of the Eastern US and part of Canada. Frank started his expedition June 27, at the town of Escanaba, MI, on the Upper Peninsula, and he anticipates that the entire trip will last 17 months. Here is a peek into this bold trip, which isn't Frank's first adventurous expedition and likely won't be his last.



■ Paddling toward Sandy Point Shoal Light. Photo by Dianne Sullivan

## WHAT INSPIRES A 6000-MILE EXPEDITION IN A CANOE?

“This expedition was an evolution,” says Frank, who has previously tackled several other amazing journeys, including a three-and-a-half-month solo unicycle trip in 2021. “Learning and growing through traveling, I gradually discovered what I enjoyed the most. I had traveled on bicycles, unicycles, and kayaks, and even did some hitchhiking out West, but nothing struck me quite as much as canoeing,” he says.

During another of his previous expeditions, this one in 2022, Frank canoed the entire Mississippi River from the headwaters in Lake Itasca, MN, to New Orleans and the Gulf of Mexico. Once there, he decided to keep going and continued around the coast of Florida

and as far north as South Carolina. The entire trip spanned 4700 miles and more than 11 months.

Frank says, “About that time, I learned of the Great Loop and realized that I had already paddled part of it the traditional way—counterclockwise. I took eight months off traveling (the longest I had stopped in three years), did some extensive planning, and decided to ‘try again’—this time going clockwise.

“While some would say I am headed in the wrong direction and traveling in the wrong boat, I knew that I had the skills, motivation, and mindset for this expedition. I decided to travel clockwise because I had already done more than half of the Loop going the ‘normal way,’ and my objective was to do something challenging.”

## NAVIGATING THE CHESAPEAKE

Frank says, “Although I must make as much distance as I can each day, the Chesapeake has so many hidden gems that I understand why boaters stay and explore for weeks on end.”

As news of Peter’s ambitious undertaking spread along the Chesapeake, boaters from Havre de Grace to Portsmouth welcomed him, offering their assistance and even housing.

In Delaware City, Frank met Foster, an America’s Great Loop Cruisers’ Association (AGLCA) Harbor Host, who aided the young paddler with connections as he traveled southbound on the Bay.

In Annapolis, SpinSheet Century Club member and boater extraordinaire, David Sites, reached out to the young paddler. Franks recalls, “David said, ‘Hey, there’s weather coming. Do you want to stay with me?’”

Frank says, “I was finding that the Chesapeake Bay in November was quite difficult to paddle, similar to how the Great Lakes are difficult to navigate in the fall. I accepted David’s offer and stayed with him for eight days waiting for the rough weather to pass.”

On his first day in Annapolis, Sites took the young paddler sailing aboard the 70-foot schooner *Woodwind*. Frank recalls, “I was put behind the wheel of a sailboat for the first time in my life. It was an exhilarating experience that I’ll cherish forever.”



■ Frank with the Bay Bridge in the background. Photo by David Sites



*“I see myself as part of a continuum, and it’s my duty to share the journey.”*

Sites and fellow Century Club member Dianne Sullivan also took Frank powerboating and fishing, making stops at iconic Middle Bay spots such as Thomas Point Shoal and Sandy Point Shoal Lighthouses, among others. In Annapolis Frank also had the opportunity to meet SpinSheet and PropTalk co-founder Dave Gendell and visit the Fleet Reserve Club on Ego Alley.

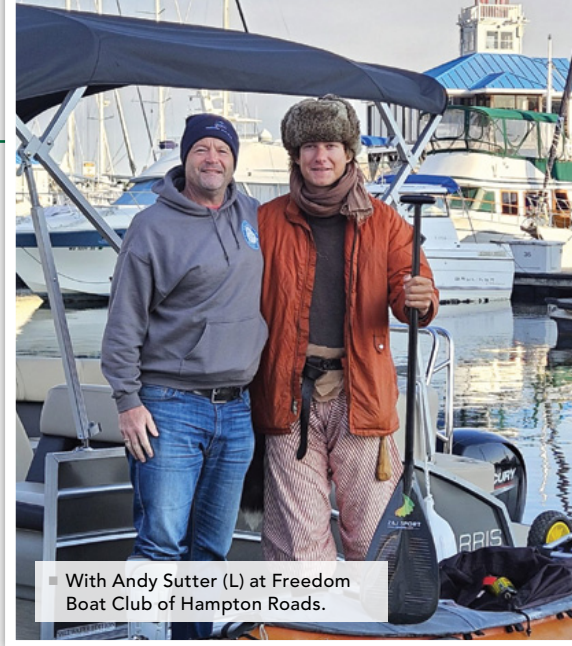
Upon returning to his journey, south of Annapolis Harbor Host Foster connected Frank with Gold Loopers Aubrey and Terri Smoot, who are located on Dividing Creek south of the Potomac and north of the Rappahannock. The Smoots were featured in the November issue of PropTalk, so Team PropTalk was delighted to learn the three had connected, especially when Frank again was hit with a rough weather patch; the Smoots welcomed him as their house guest for six days.

When the Aubrey and Terri learned that Frank sewed his own clothes, they borrowed a neighbor’s sewing machine. After a quick trip to a local quilting shop and a few hours of labor, Frank had created a new shirt for himself. He says, “The reason that I sew my own clothes is that I have not been able to find anything better in stores than what I make myself. My clothes are styled to meet my needs, practical, and made of all natural fabrics, which I prefer to man-made materials.”

Before this issue went to print in the first week of December, we checked in with Frank, who was at that point canoeing through the Great Dismal Swamp. He said, “I crossed Mobjack Bay in less than favorable conditions and pushed a lot of miles to finish the Chesapeake the day before Thanksgiving, which I spent in Fort Monroe with Nathan Greybeal. I attribute the success of my crossing, and not flipping seven miles offshore in the brutal conditions, directly to a Thanksgiving gift from God.”

While at Fort Monroe, Frank’s canoe was held at the Old Point Comfort Yacht Club, where Norm Effinger, the club’s Sea Scout leader, eagerly welcomed Frank, an Eagle Scout, and while he was there, Frank shared his stories with Norm’s young Sea Scouts.

Andy Sutter, owner of Freedom Boat of Hampton Roads, heard of Frank’s impending arrival and wanted to help too. Sutter even drove a local TV news reporter seven miles up the Elizabeth River to interview Frank, who was dazzled and amazed at having just paddled past the huge Naval Station Norfolk. Sutter and his wife hosted the young man for two nights before he shoved off for the next leg of his journey. As this issue was sent to the printer, Sutter told PropTalk that they continue to support Frank’s efforts as he passes through Elizabeth City, NC.



■ With Andy Sutter (L) at Freedom Boat Club of Hampton Roads.

While every day is different for Frank, one thing seems to stay the same: he continually connects with generous hosts, and while not all of them are mentioned here, each one that we’ve heard about reports that hosting Frank was their pleasure as he is an excellent house guest.

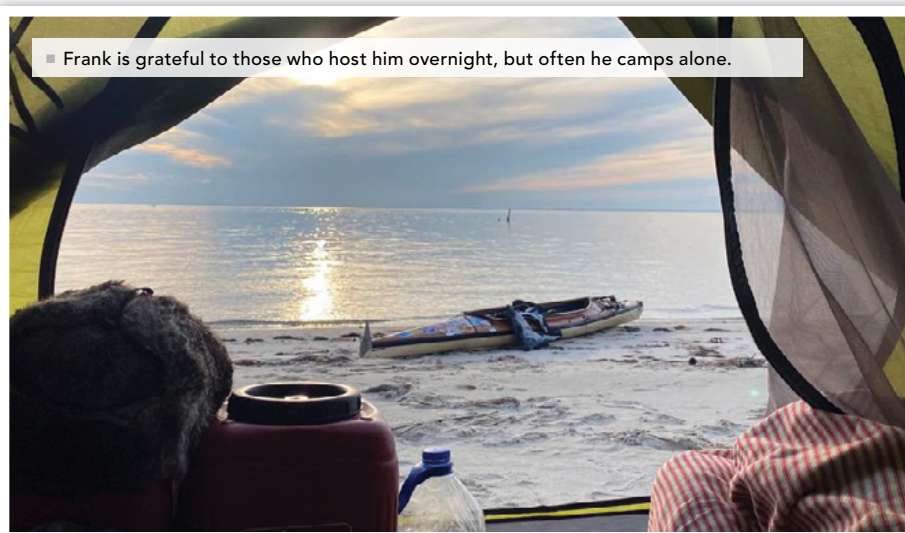
### PROVISIONING STRATEGY AND PREPARATIONS.

Chesapeake cruisers know a bit about provisioning, but how does one provision for such a long journey in such a small vessel?

Frank says, “In preparation for this expedition, I spent several months dehydrating and vacuum sealing my own meats, fruits, and potatoes. I find self-preserving and processing your own food is significantly more financially sustainable and healthier than purchasing pre-packaged processed food from the market. My provisions lasted through the first three months. Self-preservation of food requires a lot of tools and time, things that I don’t have while I’m on the actual trip, so I now live off of fruit, minimally processed dehydrated beef, and one ingredient—dehydrated potatoes—that I purchase online and have sent to me as a parcel to upcoming post offices.

### FISHING.. AND A KITTEN!

During Frank’s first expeditions he carried a casting net that was gifted to him in St. Louis in 2022 on the Mississippi River. He says, “I mastered the net and fed myself for many nights in the year I was traveling. The net also came in handy for feeding my cat River, a four-



■ Frank is grateful to those who host him overnight, but often he camps alone.



month-old Siamese kitten that I rescued in the dead of winter during one of the coldest spells that year. River lived with me in the canoe for six months, and was often fed from the pin fish in Florida that I would catch with my casting net.

“River now lives with my parents in Michigan, but I still carry a fishing pole and tackle. Through Canada I would catch walleye and smallmouth bass that I’d often cook over a fire. Some nights, where the wood wasn’t plentiful on the rock masses that make up most of Ontario, I’d use a bottle of soy sauce that I carry with me and eat the fish raw on the beach overlooking the sunset.”

### HONORING THE HISTORY AND LEGACY OF GREAT EXPLORERS.

Frank’s canoe is a 1982 Sawyer Loon decked canoe, designed by Verlen Kruger in the late 1970s. Frank explains, “It was made as a canoe with a raised seat and entirely hollow shell, much different than today’s modern sea kayak designs. The cockpit is 82 inches long, and beyond that is decking that is designed to take on harsh weather conditions for long expeditions. In modern terminology, my canoe would be referred to as a ‘hybrid.’ Verlen Kruger often said, ‘It’s neither a kayak nor a canoe. It’s neither a duck nor a goose; we call it the Loon.’”

Frank continues, “Verlen was a canoe expeditioner who documented two of the longest canoe expeditions ever taken in human history, one of which was 28,000 miles through North and South America that spanned three years. The beginning of his odyssey took him through the entire Missouri River, and then the circumnavigation of the eastern United States, backwards, with his son, Steve Landick.



■ Frank with Aubrey and Terri Smoot, and Yudee. The Smoot’s Loop boat is in the background. Photo courtesy of Terri Smoot/Facebook

“This was only the beginning of their journey, but regardless, they were the first and only people, to the best of my knowledge, who have ever paddled the Great Loop backwards (clockwise), meaning that 25 percent of the Loop will be traversed against the current through the 1600 miles of rivers that are part of the 6000-mile route. Never, to the best of my knowledge, has this even been attempted in the reverse route in a non-motorized paddle craft in the last 40 years.

“Part of this expedition for me is to honor Verlen’s legacy, another aspect is to just simply see if it’s still possible. When I purchased the boat, it was bald, clean, and untouched. I am the third owner and put in extensive work to

restore it the best I could. I’m only attempting this small segment of their total expedition, due to my reach, finances, and experience level, but if there’s any boat that can do a journey like this, this is the one.”

### SHARING A JOURNEY OF SELF-DISCOVERY.

Frank opines, “I believe it’s my destiny to replicate a voyage that is underappreciated and draw attention to something that might otherwise be forgotten. I see myself as part of a continuum, and it’s my duty to share the journey.

“The world needs explorers, but many people don’t have the ability to undertake such adventures. In a world where everything we can physically navigate under our own efforts has already been mapped and navigated, the one thing each of us can truly explore is our own mind. These trips are a journey of self-discovery, and now thanks to social media and publications such as PropTalk and SpinSheet, I’m able to share my trips with people who dream of them but are unable to make the trip themselves.”

Follow Peter at [whereispeterfrank.com](http://whereispeterfrank.com) and on Facebook and Instagram where he documents his journey.



■ PropTalk co-founder Dave Gendell, Peter Frank, and David Sites in Annapolis.



# CRUISING CLUB NOTES

**A**s 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](mailto:beth@proptalk.com).

## How the Other Half Lives

*By Anne Knab*

"This is a great boat except for one thing—it doesn't have sails," joked rear commodore Tim Nelson who seemed to be fascinated by all things powerboat as **Back Creek Yacht Club** (BCYC) members settled around the table for drinks and appetizers.

With just enough early fall chill in the air, several boats prolonged an end-of-season cruise to St. Michaels, MD, to anchor out overnight on the Rhode River. Members opted to settle onto a powerboat for drinks and appetizers and much of the conversation revolved around how the other half lives, with

lots of questions back and forth about powerboat cruising in comparison to how sailors manage.

Boaters on the mid-Chesapeake are certainly divided between sail and power vessels, and some may have even experienced a little not-so-friendly rivalry, although none was in evidence over a dinner of turkey chili that night. Instead, we experienced genuine curiosity.

BCYC's varied membership is split between sailors and powerboaters, meaning there is ample opportunity to meet new, like-minded people all pursuing their passion for Chesapeake Bay

boating. Whether you own a powerboat or prefer to sail, you're a boater because you love being on the water. If you enjoy boating with friends, there's no better group than BCYC. Our club has a year-round calendar of land and sea events, all hosted by our creative members.

As a virtual club, BCYC has no facilities to maintain and offers reasonable dues. Club members host a variety of events on the water as well as on land at a variety of venues. BCYC has been bringing together an eclectic group of sail and power boaters since 2001, and we love to meet potential new members. Check out our club at [backcreekyc.org](http://backcreekyc.org).



## Belvedere Yacht Club

Nestled in a hurricane hole on Forked Creek off the Magothy River, **Belvedere Yacht Club (BYC)** has served local powerboaters and sailors since 1952. Our club is located only four miles from the mouth of the Magothy, where it opens into the Chesapeake Bay. We are fewer than 15 nautical miles to Annapolis and less than 25 nautical miles from Baltimore's Inner Harbor.

Fishing and crabbing have always been popular at the club, and the membership usually has several accomplished anglers. Swimming is also a popular activity, and on any summer weekend there will be a boat or two heading out to a swimming hole. One advantage of the club's location is that it is not far from some swimming holes.

Although sailboats did not appear at the club until the late 1970s, today Belvedere is home to a number of sailors and sailboats.

Belvedere is a working club that is owned, maintained, and run entirely by its membership. Active participation by members and their families is key to the club's continued success. By keeping the operating costs to a minimum, BYC is able to offer one of the best deals all around.

If you would like more information about us, please visit [belvedereyachtclub.org](http://belvedereyachtclub.org) or contact [commadore@belvedereyachtclub.org](mailto:commadore@belvedereyachtclub.org). We will be happy to schedule a tour of our facility and an opportunity to meet some club members.



## Tell us About Horseshoe Crabs!

On a Friday evening in late October, members of **America's Boating Club Wilmington (ABCW)** enjoyed a delicious supper social, hosted by club members at the Country House in Wilmington, DE. Glen Gauvry, the founder and director of the Ecological Research & Development Group Inc. (ERDG), a nonprofit wildlife conservation organization, was our guest speaker. Gauvry provided an informative and entertaining program on horseshoe crabs.

The ERDG was established in 1995. Its mission is the conservation of the world's four extant horseshoe crab species, the only organization in the world like it dedicated to horseshoe crabs. In the absence of human interference, horseshoe crabs have successfully evolved for over 475 million years. ERDG has made a commitment to protect this remarkable mariner who plays a vital role in nature's delicately balanced food web and whose life-sustaining contributions to humanity have yet to

be fully realized. They believe that the foundation of a successful conservation program is effective public education and coastal community support in conjunction with conservation initiatives, both terrestrial and aquatic, that preserve essential habitat and minimize human impact. Using a visual aid life-like model and various molting shells of male and female horseshoe crabs, Glen described their anatomy, life cycle, habitat, and relevance.

Did you know that Delaware Bay contains the most horseshoe crabs in the world? In 1998, ERDG launched its highly successful 'Just flip 'em!' program to bring attention to the high mortality horseshoe crabs incur from being stranded upside-down during spawning and to encourage, through a simple act of compassion, an appreciation for this remarkable creature which will not survive public indifference. Many communities surrounding Delaware Bay have signed on to this program.



The ABCW social committee has been hard at work planning December events, which will feature the ever-popular Holiday Social complete with an exchange game of nautical gifts.

The purpose of ABCW is to improve boating skills through education, promote safe boating practices, and to enjoy being together as like-minded mariners. To learn more, visit [abc-wilmington.com](http://abc-wilmington.com) or contact us at [wspsoaters@gmail.com](mailto:wspsoaters@gmail.com).



## Auxiliarists and Sea Scouts Team Up for the Environment

Coast Guard Auxiliarists from Flotilla 25-08 (Mount Vernon) and members of Sea Scout Ship 25 /Flotilla 25-25 (Washington, DC), helped Alexandria's Four Mile Run Conservatory Foundation clean part of the parkland along Four Mile Run (a Potomac River tributary), on Sunday, October 27.

The Auxiliarists and Sea Scouts jointly removed 217 pounds of trash from the shoreline. The refuse ranged from items as small as discarded cigarette filters, which are extremely toxic to the environment, to three abandoned electric rental scooters.

"Environmental protection is one of the Coast Guard's core missions, so we are delighted to work side by side with the Sea Scouts to help clean up this tributary," remarked Robert Ivy, Flotilla 25-08's flotilla commander.



Sea Scouts and Auxiliarists helped clean a Potomac tributary. Photo by John Stevens

Robert Williams, Sea Scout Ship 25's skipper, commented "Practical efforts such as these help our young Scouts learn first-hand about the importance of clean water to our nation's precious watersheds and how community partners augment their efforts as future Guardsmen."

Learn about the Coast Guard Auxiliary's volunteers who assist the active-duty Coast Guard in many missions including recreational boating safety and consider joining them by visiting [join.cgaux.org](http://join.cgaux.org). Learn about the exciting missions of the Sea Scouts of Washington, DC, by visiting [seascoutsdc.org](http://seascoutsdc.org).

## Celebrating 100+ Years

Corinthian Yacht Club (CYC) in Ridge, MD, celebrated a 100-year milestone with its annual Oyster Roast. As part of our tradition, we took a group photo to compare with the 1924 photo that adorns the wall of our party room. The 1924 photo was taken when CYC resided in the Georgetown section of Washington, DC. While we are fewer in number, we are still a robust club, enjoying the bounty of the Chesapeake Bay.

This fall CYC held a fundraiser for the Cosmic Symphony, based in St. Mary's City. Cosmic Symphony provides free concerts to all.

Recently, we hosted a boating safety course, courtesy of a club member who is part of the US Coast Guard Auxiliary. The course, "Suddenly in Command," was geared toward the first mate and other crew members who may be onboard. We learned about man overboard drills, techniques for alerting others to help, and how to make good checklists to prevent problems from occurring.

Our club is located off the Potomac River, a few miles south of St. Mary's City. The majority of our members are power-boaters, but we enjoy a mix of boating styles. Learn more about our club at [cycchesapeake.com](http://cycchesapeake.com).







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## The Buyboat Winnie Estelle

*By Staff*

A buyboat, sometimes referred to as a deckboat, is a long wooden boat with a large open deck, a rear mounted deck house, and a mast and boom to load/unload that makes them perfect for hauling cargo. Often times, that cargo would be fresh fish or oysters, collected from local watermen and then delivered to market. The *Winnie Estelle*, currently housed at the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum (CBMM) in St. Michaels, MD, is one such buyboat with quite the interesting story.

The *Winnie Estelle* was built by Noah T. Evans in 1920 in Crisfield, MD. Evans was a native Smith Islander, and he named the boat after his two daughters, Winnie and Estelle. Originally equipped with a 12-horsepower engine, it was eventually upgraded to 35-hp by 1931. She operated on the lower Chesapeake Bay for more than 50 years, with different owners, hauling fish and oysters purchased directly from watermen and taking them to city markets or to big seafood packing houses for sale. *Winnie*

*Estelle* also transported shells and seed oysters for private planters and the State of Maryland oyster program.

Her last Chesapeake owners were Smith Islanders Watson Marie Marshall, known as “Shug,” and his son Eugene “Gene” Marshall. They bought *Winnie Estelle* in 1960 and frequently took the vessel across the Bay to pick up fish scraps for rendering, to sell oysters, or to travel to the waterfront fish market in Washington, DC. When sold by the Marshalls in 1975, *Winnie* was taken to

■ The plan is to have *Winnie Estelle* back in the water in the spring of 2026.





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the Caribbean as a cargo boat and, years later, was rebuilt for use as an island trader, carrying lumber from Honduras to Belize.

In 1985, in need of an enormous amount of work, the buyboat was scuttled and abandoned. She was found by Capt. Roberto Smith who decided to restore the historic boat, and he even traveled to the Chesapeake to learn more about buyboats in general before undertaking the five-year restoration process. Belize proved to be an excellent source of durable rot-resistant woods, and Smith stayed true to the vessel's traditional form during the refit.

In 1990, the newly restored *Winnie Estelle* headed to San Pedro and was used as a tourist charter vessel for more than a decade. But by 2012, Smith was considering retirement. He moved the boat to Guatemala, and around that same time later owner Michael Whitehill of Centerville, MD, was in search of a buyboat to purchase. Word got around that there was a buyboat in Guatemala that had undergone an extensive renovation, and it wasn't too long after that that Whitehill and Smith sealed the deal. In May of 2012, Whitehill and Smith "set sail" for the passage to Key West. Once there, a delivery captain took over for



Smith for the remainder of the journey up the Intracoastal Waterway and back to the Chesapeake.

Whitehill then began the process of making *Winnie Estelle* Coast Guard compliant. And in that span of time, word spread to the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum who was looking to find a replacement for its long-time passenger vessel, *Mr. Jim*, as *Winnie* was

both a classic Chesapeake vessel type and a comfortable passenger vessel. An anonymous donor purchased the vessel from Whitehill, and the *Winnie Estelle* was donated to CBMM in 2014.

Today, *Winnie* takes students out for educational programming and CBMM guests and private parties out for Miles River cruises. CBMM's shipwrights are continually working to preserve the legacy of this remarkable buyboat. Some of the restoration work includes the removal, fabrication, and replacement of *Winnie's* structural timbers, including the original keel laid by Evans as well as chines and bottom planks that date to the boat's time running charters in the Caribbean.

In May of 2024, it was a special day when a group of 10 ancestors of builder Noah T. Evans visited CBMM's shipyard to learn more about the work being done on the vessel. CBMM's staff offered a few small pieces of the now-removed keel that was the last original section of the wooden boat left after all the years of work to keep it on the water.

Restoration work will continue at CBMM's shipyard for much of 2025, with plans to have *Winnie Estelle* back in service as a passenger-carrying vessel in the spring of 2026. To keep up to date with the progress, visit [cbmm.org](http://cbmm.org).



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♣ *By Capt. Rick Franke*

## Happy Holidays to all our readers!

January is a good time to look back on the last year and to plan a bit for the New Year and the upcoming season. Our reports this month do both.

We don't usually talk much about sailboats, but **Caitlin Sims of North Point Yacht Sales in Annapolis** sends us this interesting step-by-step story about what can be done in area boatshops regardless of the type of boat. "*Brio* came into our shop with the intent of a fresh coat of paint and then getting packed up to head to the owner's new house in Charleston. From the start of the project, you could tell that Pete, the owner, was very excited to have the boat back and also have the opportunity to sail it some more. On the motor over to the boatyard from the boat's slip, we started to discover that this Alerion 28 was going to need a bit more than just some paint. While working down below on the mast wiring, one of the North Point technicians discovered a large section of rot in the sole. As we started to poke around a bit more, we learned that the entire sole would have to be replaced. We also started seeing that most of the running rigging on the boat was also at the end of its lifespan," she explained.

"Once we got a grasp on the scope of the project at hand and the boat was in the shop, the diversity of talent at North Point Yacht Services came to light. It was nice to see the ability of the team to tackle any issue that arose on the boat. Our fabrication team was able to produce a new custom teak and holly sole that matched perfectly with the contours of the interior. The sole was varnished with the

complete Awlwood satin system to ensure it survives the tough life of a floor. This was followed up by our system technicians refreshing the head and re-installing it," she added.

"At some point in its life *Brio* had teak and stainless rub rails installed on the hull sides, so the first step in the paint job was to remove these. The wood got sanded and sealed in an epoxy clearcoat before being finished in high gloss Awlwood. The hull paint was in overall good condition, with some minor dock rash on one side. The team started by sanding the hull, and it started to look great. No repairs were found, laying the groundwork for a beautiful finish. Epoxy primer was applied, and the fairing began. It took one full spray of primer and a couple of spot sprays to get everything prepped. We sprayed AwlCraft 3000 in Flag Blue followed by a Cloud White boot stripe and a Gold Flake cove stripe. Once that was complete, the entire hull was sprayed in AwlGrip HDT Clear to protect the fresh paint. When the boat was being hauled, we noted that the bottom paint was going to need some attention. The entire bottom was stripped, and a new barrier coat was applied followed by green Trinidad HD bottom paint. During this part of the project we uncovered a slight delamination in the leading edge of the rudder. The fabrication guys were able to lay a layer of glass to cover the seam and fair it in.

"The transformation that *Brio* saw from



A new cabin sole for *Brio* being varnished at North Point Yacht Sales in Annapolis, MD. Courtesy of NPYS

the day she entered the shop to the day she rolled out was remarkable. She looked like a brand-new boat as she rolled down the road to her new home in South Carolina," she concluded.

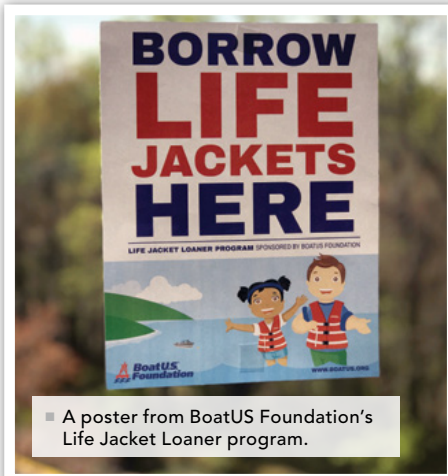
**Susan Campbell of Campbell's Boatyards in Oxford, MD**, sends us this comprehensive wrap-up. "It feels like 2024 flew by! Campbell's Boatyards was busy all year taking care of customers and maintenance projects. We wrapped up the completion of the bulkhead/floating docks at Jack's Point, which brings that marina up-to-date and complete. There are 50 floating dock slips, with seven slips under cover that are currently full with a waiting list.

"Customer projects for 2024 included replacing chain plates, standing and electronics on three Island Packet sailboats, paint jobs on boats from 17 to 44 feet in length, and repowering seven boats with Yamaha engines. The cabin tops and





■ BA1 Construction crews installing the floating docks in the covered slips at Campbell's Boat Yard at Jack's Point in Oxford, MD. Courtesy of CB



■ A poster from BoatUS Foundation's Life Jacket Loaner program.

dash were painted on a 34-foot wooden Chris-Craft that has been restored over the years. Electronics and generators were installed in several boats.

We hauled and stored 195 boats on land and 30 boats inside our buildings for the winter. Campbell's Yacht Sales has sold 16 boats this year and is looking to expand our inventory for 2025. Our crew has participated in many training courses to keep up to date on the latest technologies to include Yamaha, Cummins, Yanmar, and Awlgrip."

**A**ndy Dize of Roudebush Yacht and Engine Works in Dundalk, MD, sends us this newsy end of year report. "Although 2024 was a good one for RY&EW, the onset of the holidays looks to be keeping new projects on the sidelines. All is not lost though; this down period helps with performing a general

cleanup of the yard as well as allowing us to perform maintenance on our support equipment and boats. We are still looking forward to the repair and construction projects previously reported to start in 2025. In addition to our current repair work, we are pulling boats for the winter storage season.

"The Sea Otter 18 refurbishment project is in high gear. The 150-hp jet-ski donor propulsion plant has been extracted, prepped, and installed. Next steps are to complete the glass work and to install the electrical and control systems. Another repair project underway is for the topside repair of a 32-foot Chris-Craft Heritage Express. The topside fiberglass is in the process of repair before starting the fairing and Awlgrip repaint. A new project we picked up is for a Sea Ray 42 for the removal of the port engine for a starter

replacement and general engine repair. Please reach out to Andy to discuss your repair, refurbishment, or new construction needs. RY&EW is able to repair boats up to 44 feet long in our climate-controlled building. Happy holiday season to all!"

**S**itting on a trailer outside the shop door at **Marine Services LLC at Pocahontas Marina in Edgewater, MD**, is a beautiful, varnished Chris-Craft. Hank Reiser explains: "It's a 1951 U-22 Chris-Craft Sportsman coming into the shop for some varnish work and some woodwork over the winter." Hank had another boat in the shop. "It's a 1966 MFG. That stands for Molded Fiber Glass, 'The greatest name in reinforced plastics.' It's in the shop for a minor restoration; new rails, new light, new transom, stuff like that." We asked Hank how his order book looks for the winter. "It looks



■ Teak trim from Brio at North Point Yacht Sales in Annapolis, MD. Courtesy of NPYS



■ A 1951 U-22 Chris-Craft Sportsman waits her turn in the shop for some varnish and minor repairs at Marine Services LLC at Pocahontas Marina in Edgewater, MD. Photo by Rick Franke





A Hinckley 34 sports her new flag blue paint job at Campbell's Boat Yard in Oxford, MD. Courtesy of CB



Repair work in progress on a Chris-Craft 32 Heritage Express in the shop at Roudelush Yacht and Engine Works in Dundalk, MD. Photo by Rick Franke



A newly refurbished 17-foot Boston Whaler ready to return to her owner at Campbell's Boat Yard in Oxford, MD. Courtesy of CB

very good," he answered. "We're hoping to add a couple of months to the middle of winter this year so we can get everything done." He said with a smile.

**W**eaver Boat Works in Tracys Landing and Deale, MD, reports, via their web page, that they have three boats under construction; a Weaver 80, a Weaver 43, and a Weaver 43AM. Recently the 80 was moved from the as-

sembly shop in Deale, across the creek to the fitting-out shop at Herrington Harbor North in Tracys Landing. The boats are transported overland by a truck towing Weaver's custom built hydraulic trailer. Always a big day in Deale!

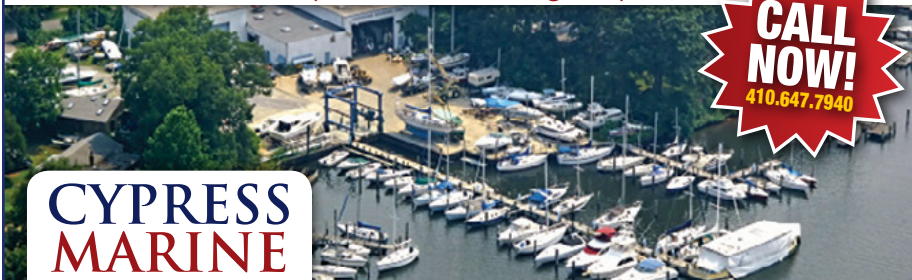
**W**hile we are not big fans of the New Year's resolution tradition (we never seem to keep 'em!) we'd like to suggest a resolution to our readers. They should

locate the nearest free lifejacket loaner location and possibly talk to their marina or club about participating. The following news release from **BoatUS Foundation** explains how the program works.

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Recently a Weaver 80 was moved from the assembly shop in Deale to the fitting-out shop in Tracys Landing. Courtesy of WBW



A 1966 MFG Runabout in the shop for a "minor" restoration at Marine Services LLC in Edgewater, MD. Photo by Rick Franke



The engine being prepped to install in a Sea Otter 18 at Roudebush Yacht and Engine Works in Dundalk, MD. Photo by Rick Franke

tion kid's lifejacket loaner program site. Supported by BoatUS member donations, the program offers a simple way to help children and young adults get the right-sized lifejacket when they go boating, sailing, or fishing.

"We currently have more than 550 lifejacket loaner sites across the US, and over the past 30 years more than a million recreational boaters have had the

need to borrow a lifejacket," said BoatUS Foundation program administrator Lynne O'Hearn. She added, "We know that sometimes a boater may not have a suitable lifejacket when a youngster comes aboard. We're looking for partners who are willing to make these lifejackets available to the public for the day or weekend. We supply everything you need, and there is never a charge to borrow a lifejacket."

Speaking of New Year's Resolutions, you might want to make one to stop by the Chesapeake Bay Boat Show at the Maryland State Fairgrounds in Timonium, MD. The show, the first in our area, runs January 10 through 12. Now that's a resolution that should be easy to keep!

Have a great holiday season, and we'll see you next month. ■

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*By Lenny Rudow*

## The Trout, the Whole Trout, and Nothing But the Trout

There's a new best-ever in Virginia, and angler Grant Bentz is undoubtedly feeling over the rainbow—rainbow trout, that is—with joy. Bentz destroyed a 30-year-old record for rainbow trout in the state of Virginia this summer, after catching a 14-pound, 12-ounce beast of a fish that bested the old mark by five ounces. Bentz had to work at it, too, because the first time he hooked the fish, after fighting it up to his net, the jighead bent and the fish slid free of the hook. He returned to the same spot the next day for another try and got it on his first cast, but again the fish swam free when this time the line snapped. Bentz waited an hour and then took his third swing. Again he connected and this time he managed to land the monster rainbow, proving that persistence is a key to success. The fish measured out at 33 inches with a 19.5-inch girth. Congratulations, Grant!

Also in Virginia trout news, the Department of Wildlife Resources (DWR) is reporting significant impacts to trout streams in Grayson and Washington counties due to Hurricane Helene. Habitat was altered due to high flows, and unfortunately, the timing of the storm coincided with brown and brook trout spawning. The DWR says the full impact won't be known until next summer when annual samplings are performed.



## Change Is Coming

With yet another utterly dismal striped bass spawn this spring—the Young of Year index for 2024 checked in at a paltry 2.0 in Maryland and 3.43 in Virginia, well below the 11.0/7.77 MD/VA average—the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Committee Striped Bass Management Board has determined changes to 2025 management measures are necessary to reduce fishing mortality and increase the probability of rebuilding the stock to 50 percent. As we go to press specific details on fishing regulations and reductions haven't yet been determined, but changes in the recreational fishing seasons and/or size limits for next year are likely; stay tuned.

## More O2 4 U

With the Maryland DNR and Old Dominion University having completed hypoxia reporting for the late summer of 2024, the results show better than average volumes for the Chesapeake Bay. While June began with a slightly above average level of "dead zone" hypoxic (low or no oxygen) water, by late June it was well below average and remained below average through the rest of the summer.





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■ Check out all the hot new boats at the Chesapeake Bay Boat Show in Timonium, Maryland, January 10 through 12.

## Hot Deals, New Fishboats!

Winter is here, and that means boat dealers will be wheeling and dealing at the boat shows. Next up is the Chesapeake Bay Boat Show taking place at the Maryland State Fairgrounds in Timonium, running from January 10 through 12. Show hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday, and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. See over 30 dealers and over 100 exhibitors, check out the fishing seminars, and browse gear and tackle at the Fishing Pier. Be sure to visit us at the PropTalk/FishTalk booth, too; our staff will be on hand to kibbitz and hand out magazines. Added bonus: get a few bucks off the ticket price by ordering in advance online or get a military discount at the door. You can see all the details at [thechesapeakebayboatshow.com](http://thechesapeakebayboatshow.com).

## TOURNAMENT NEWS

### More for Moore

Congrats go out to one of Fish-Talk Magazine's regular reporters from the surf, Dave Moore of Shark Whisperers, who traveled down to the Outer Banks for the NCBBA Red Drum Tournament. Competing against 550 surf anglers, he managed to place in the top five with a 47-inch bull red. WTG, Dave!

### Fish For a Cure Wrap

The Fish For a Cure tournament went off without a hitch—unless you call starting the day in 20 knot winds with gusts to 30 problematic. Fortunately, the savage conditions calmed by afternoon, and 58 teams got busy casting. PYY Fishing won top honors with a three-fish stringer of 95.75 inches, and Sheehy/

Heat Wave took second with 81.25 inches, just barely topping Susan's Boys/Fightin Fishin & Lovin Every Day third-place mark of 81 inches. The Slam category went unclaimed, Knot a Chance won the Perch division, and Fishful Thinking II won the Invasive Species category.

More important than the angling competition, of course, is the Captain's Challenge. This year Fish For a Cure brought in nearly 2700 donations raising an eye-popping \$1.1 million for the Cancer Survivorship Program at Luminis Health Anne Arundel Medical Center's Geaton and JoAnn Decesaris Cancer Institute. Number one in Legends League, team Reel Council, busted all records with a haul of \$228,615, while the Open League was topped by an awesome \$50,097 raised by AllTackle. (WTG captain Keith!!) Team FishTalk/PropTalk set a new record for itself, too, raising \$13,455 and coming in 10th place in the Captain's Challenge.



■ Legends League winner Reel Counsel. Courtesy of F4AC



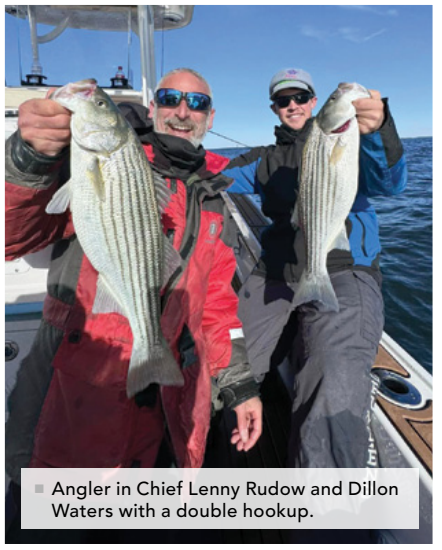
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■ Angler in Chief Lenny Rudow and Dillon Waters with a double hookup.



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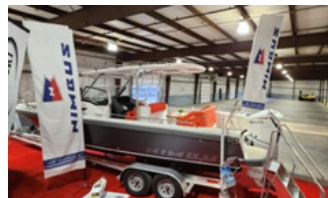


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**Yankee Point Marina** announces the acquisition of **Sanders Yacht Yard and Rappahannock Yachts**. This merger will consolidate all operations at Yankee Point Marina, providing expanded services to the maritime community while continuing to prioritize the needs of employees and customers from both organizations. Principals Todd Patterson of Yankee Point Marina and Bruce Sanders of Sanders Yacht Yard have worked closely together to ensure a seamless transition. As part of this agreement, many of the valued employees from Sanders Yacht Yard have been offered positions at Yankee Point Marina to ensure continuity in service and expertise. To further support a smooth integration, Sanders has committed to working alongside Yankee Point Marina for the next year. His hands-on involvement will ensure that the high standards customers have come to expect from Sanders Yacht Yard are maintained as operations transition to the new location. “We are excited about the opportunities this acquisition brings for our existing employees and customers along with the addition of Sanders Yacht Yard employees and customers,” said Patterson. Both parties are optimistic about the future and believe that this strategic move will benefit the entire local boating community. [yankeepointmarina.com](http://yankeepointmarina.com)

## Best of Show

**Mag Bay Yachts** announces that its newly released model, the Mag Bay 38 CC, has won the prestigious “Best of Show” award in the under 60-foot category at the 2024 Fort Lauderdale International Boat Show. This award recognizes the finest in design, craftsmanship, and innovation within the boating industry. “We are honored to receive this award at one of the world’s most prestigious boat shows,” said Mike Howarth, president of Mag Bay Yachts. “The Mag Bay 38 CC was designed with meticulous attention to detail and innovation, ensuring our customers experience all of what we have to offer including the finest in craftsmanship. Winning ‘Best of Show’ affirms our dedication to constantly striving to build the premier boat on the market.” The judges commended the Mag Bay 38 CC for its attention to detail, high level of craftsmanship, custom hardware, and a cutting-edge hull design that enhances fuel efficiency and performance. [magbayyachts.com](http://magbayyachts.com)

## Expanding

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Chuck Laughlin, owner of St. Barts Yachts, expressed his enthusiasm for the acquisition: “North Point Yacht Sales is an ideal partner for us because they value our history, our team, and our relationship with our clients. By continuing to operate independently, St. Barts Yachts retains our unique identity while also offering clients access to expanded resources and support through NPYS. This will allow us to better serve our community without losing the personal touch that St. Barts Yachts is known for.” [northpointyachtsales.com](http://northpointyachtsales.com)

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## New Business

After various experiences in the marine industry over the last 23 years, **Amanda Funk** has launched **Compass Maritime Group**. Amanda has worked with major marine retailers such as Boater’s World and West Marine and major manufacturers such as Gemini Catamarans and Garmin International. Compass Maritime Group specializes in workforce development and recruiting for the marine industry. She says, “Our processes help us understand the culture of your company, the position being filled, and the required qualifications for the role. We strive to build and maintain a qualified candidate pool to match employers and candidates efficiently. We offer business development, marketing, and consulting services to help your business expand and increase revenue. Our services include boat show booth design, marketing and social campaigns, marina and retail consulting, and business strategy.” [compassmaritimigroup.com](http://compassmaritimigroup.com)

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