

FLEET 30 LOG

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Commodore's Log by Dawana Jennings



Commodore's Log:

March was a great beginning to a new sailing season for Fleet 30. We started off with our first "official" cruise of the year with the annual Sock Burning held at Southall Landings Yacht Club on March 14th. The weather held out for our traditional gesture of throwing our winter socks and 'blues' in the fire. We were certain that 80 degree weather was around the bend...somewhere...maybe not in Hampton Roads at the time, but it will be soon enough. Many thanks to Jennings, Patty and others who put together this great event which was started by our very own Wayne and Millie Morris (Irish Fever) many years ago. (I believe Millie and Wayne has something to say about this later in this email.)

Our Educational Series are continuing as I write and

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Vice-Commo's Log by Jim Dombey

VICE-COMMODORE'S LOG

with Jim Dombey

Now that April is here and we have two scheduled sailing events (or more if you're racing) per month, we hope to see most of you on the water. This year is off to a great start with the predictably strong participation in the Educational Series and the events of February and March.

As we still have a few items to finish for Cool Change II to be ready for the season, I'm remembering last year at this time when U.S.C.G. (aux) conducted courtesy inspections at Blessing of the Fleet and on the Military Bases. A few common hits were Coast Guard



Commodore's Log (continued)

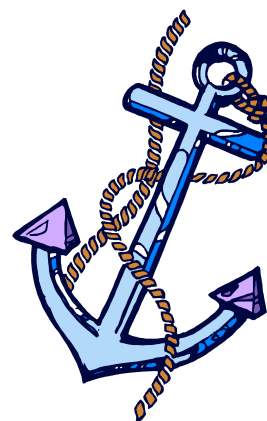
will conclude with our CPR training in early April....(yea, I've been pestering the VBFD for a date – they promised !) For the extended series - the month of March saw Capt. Dave Wilbar (our host this season by offering his facilities for training) continuing his talk on pivot points, jib leads, point of sail, and a ton of great “classified” information only an experienced sail training individual could offer. Another “sell out” crowd was on hand on the 18th and another is expected on the 25th when Don Gulliver continues his talk on multi-meter testing and electrical circuits. I can't tell you what a great experience this series has been for me and I know, a lot of others in the Fleet. The speakers willingness to share their vast knowledge of their trade and their overall goodwill to the fellow boater. It has been a wonderful experience and I hope each of you had a chance to take in one, more or ALL of our seminars. I will be sending you the names/addresses of these individuals who offered their time and talents with this series. Please take a moment to drop them a note of appreciation.

Our next cruise (on the water!!) will be at Willoughby Marina on April 4th. Andy and Loretta Shanks will be hosting a “regatta” for the fleet in Willoughby Bay during the traditional Azalea Festival. Read more about this cruise in this newsletter. Later in April the Fleet will have our annual “Blessing of the Fleet” to be held at Southall Landing on April 25-26th. In early May, the Fleet will say ‘Bon Voyage’ to our founding members – Stew and Diana Kauffman, who will be leaving the Chesapeake Bay on a round the world – 3 year cruise !!! WOW! We will have a Bon Voyage Party for the Kauffmans during the May 9-10th Cruise to Portsmouth hosted by Robbie and Joanne Bock. More exciting details to follow.

On another future note, many of you may know that Fleet 30 is celebrating our 25th year !! We will be hosting an anniversary celebration – as in years past, on October 16 or 17th of this year. Mark your calendars for this event. It is still in the planning stages, but will prove to be an event you don't want to miss.

In the meantime, rest up...’cause it's going to be a long and great spring and summer !!

Fair...but steady Winds,
Dawana



Documentation numbers, Battery terminal covers (which were in short supply at the local marine stores), and through hull hoses that were not double clamped.

Visit <http://nws.cgaux.org> and <http://safetyseal.net> for more information and be ready for the first part of this year's Blessing of the Fleet on 25th and 26th of April.

Go sailing, be safe, have fun,

Jim Dombey

s/v Cool Change II

Item 1 - Display of Numbers:

Item 2 - Registration / Documentation:

Item 3 - Personal Flotation Devices (PFD):

Item 4 - Visual Distress Signals (VDS):

Item 5 - Fire Extinguishers:

Item 6 - Ventilation:

Item 7 - Backfire Flame Control:

Item 8 - Sound Producing Devices / Bell: Under a recent change, a vessel 12 meters (39.4 ft) to less than 20 meters (65 ft) is no longer required to carry a bell on board.

Item 9 - Navigation Lights:

4 Degrees

Item 10 - Pollution Placard:

Adagio

Admiral's Choice

Item 11 - MARPOL Trash Placard:

Airborne

Item 12 - Marine Sanitation Devices:

All the Way

Item 13 - Navigation Rules: Boats 39.4 feet and over must have on board a current copy of the Navigation Rules.

Arete

Item 14 - State and/ or Local Requirements:

Arima

Bay Dreamer

Item 15 - Overall Vessel condition:

Bay Eagle

Beach Magic

a. Deck free of hazards and clean bilge:

Bella Gianna

Bella Luna

b. Safe Electrical and Fuel Systems:

Beowulf

c. Safe Galley and Heating Systems:

Blew Yonder

Brink on the Bay

Calypso

Caphira

Cap'n Cook

Carina

Cat Nap

Celebration II

Chessie

Cinderella II

Treasurer's Corner

With Renée May

Treasurer's Report March 2009

As I took my walk this morning (saving the best part of the walk – the docks - for last), the wind on the docks pushed me as I skipped south and impeded me as I trudged north. I watched the seagulls and decided that they were doing the smart thing to get away from me– tacking to port, then to starboard- so that they could use the wind to escape to the un-peopled portion of the docks. I concluded that the birds were showing me that I need to be tacking in a boat beneath a sail. Thanks to Patty and Jennings and to Kim and Grady for helping Fleet 30 to get a jumpstart on the season and for making a drippy wet Sock Burning fun. It felt good to see everyone. We opened this month with a balance of \$3456.33, deposited \$282 in dues and decal requests, and spend \$198.21 on the educational series leaving a balance of \$3540.12.

Membership Roster, the members in yellow are up to date, those not please contact Renée with your dues.

4 Degrees

Adagio

Admiral's Choice

Airborne

Alize

All the Way

Arete

Arrimar

Bay Dreamer

Bay Eagle

Beach Magic

Bella Gianna

Bella Luna

Beowulf

Blew Yonder

Brink on the Bay

Calypso

Caphira

Cap'n Cook

Carina

Cat Nap

Celebration II

Chessie

Cinderella II

Cool Change II

Cool Runnings

Coriolis

Cricket

Deborah

Decision

Dessert First

Disconnected

Diva

DorisAnn

Dutchwind II

E

Escapade

Fair Winds

Flicka

Shadefish

Frolic

Gail Marie

Genesis

Genie

Grey Quill

Idyll Time

Imp

Indecent Pirate

Inspiration

Irish Fever

Irish Mist

Island Girl

J&B

Kim Rose III

Knot A Problem

Koinonia

Kokomo

Lady of Dreams

Laissez Faire

Libertine

Long Winded

Magic

Magic Moment

Magical Dreamer

Majjic II

Marigot

Mazi

Melelu

Merlin

Mi Vida

Mojito

Moonshadow

Morada

Morning Star

Mutual Fun

Naubinway

Nepenthe

Nostromo

On the Brink

Partos

Williamson

Gammel

Orion

Outward Bound II

Paupers Palace

Peaceful Easy Feeling

Pegasus

Pier Pressure

Pipe Dream

Poquito

Promises

Quantum Leap

Querencia

Quicksilver

Rest Stop

Rhapsody in Blue

Right Boat

Royal Serf

Salty Dogs

Sandy Sea

Sanity II

Saulty

Sea Dawg

Snoodle Time

Sunny Daze

Suwensa

Tardis

Third Star

Thrill Seeker

U-Never Know

Venture

Veritas

Virginia Breeze

Wild Wind

Windblown

Windjammin'

CRUISING CORNER

With Jennings and Patty Lyon

We have several cruises coming up in April starting with a cruise (land or sea) to Willoughby hosted by Andy and Loretta Shanks, *Thrill Seeker*, (757) 312-0198 on April 4th and 5th. Following that on April 25th and 26 is the annual blessing of the fleet at Southall Landing, hosted by yours truly, Jennings and Patty Lyon, *Veritas*. To start May off we have the May 9th and 10th Mothers Day Cruise to Portsmouth to enjoy the art show with Robbie and Joanne Bock, *Diva*, (757) 621-2293. In addition to the art show we will be celebrating Stew and Diana Kauffman's, *Casual Class*, 3 year adventure around the world. Make note, don't forget and get prepared for a great season on the water.

Blessing of the Fleet, April 25th and 26 at Southall Landing, hosted by Jennings and Patty Lyon, Veritas, (757) 334-2226:

The weather is getting warmer, grass is beginning to grow and trees are starting to bloom, which means that the "Blessing of the Fleet" is almost upon us. On March 14th, twenty three boats burned their socks in preparation for spring, so things are definitely looking up. The blessing should be a lot of fun this year. We are trying to get as many people out on the docks as possible to celebrate the start of the cruising season, so mark your calendar and don't disappoint. We have contacted the Coast Guard and they will be on hand to inspect boats. Remember, this is the time of the year to start up your engine, raise your sail, pop open a beer, turn up the heat, bless your boat and hit the water. So let's start it off with a bang. As always, please bring a dish to share and the club will be providing barbeque and some liquid refreshments, and as I have always said, please, come prepared to party. Also, this will be an outside event, so dress appropriately!

The city of Hampton is planning to perform an emergency dredge of the Salt Ponds channel early this year, but they are still in the "waiting on permits" mode; therefore, I would pay close attention to the tide if you are planning to attend by boat, and as I am writing this, it is the middle of March and the dredge has not arrived. Don't fret, dredge or no dredge, the party must go on! To make a reservation at Southall Landing marina call (757) 850-9929.

The Sock Burning Cruise, Saturday march 14, 2009:

Spring is almost here and it sure did feel good to burn a few socks! What is a little rain between friends? The sock burning event went over like a downpour, with twenty three boats represented. It was truly great to see so many boats in attendance for the first outside event of the year. Yes, it rained the entire time; however, we had people show up wearing everything from flip-flops and shorts to duck boots and foul weather gear. If this is any indication as to what the turnout is going to be during this year's cruising season, it is going to be fun! The boats in attendance for the sock burning event were: *Veritas, Salty Dogs, Paupers Palace, Marigot, Long Winded, Mazi, On The Brink, Pier Pressure, Idyll Time, Island Girl, Thrill Seeker, Chessie, Arrimar, Inspiration Kokomo, Diva, Merlin, Fair Winds, Quantum Leap, Magic, Poquito, Celebration II, S/V Morada.*

We have added the following information to help you plan your cruise week schedule, so take note and be sure to make reservations early. We are planning to have a cruise week planning meeting (maybe two) as we get closer to the event, but we are still trying to figure out the best way to do that and keep it productive, so stay tuned.

Cruise Weeks, Broken Down

June 20th through July 4th Cruise Week: There will be two cruises going on during this time period. One cruise going to DC and the other will be floating around the lower Potomac. Cruise Captains for the trip to DC will include Jennings and Patty Lyon, *Veritas*; Frank and Joann Tiffany, *WindJammin'*; Jay Rickles and Robin Garlick, *Quantum Leap* and Pat and Arlene Connelly, *Rest Stop*. The cruise Captain for the Lower Potomac will be Jim McCormac, *Airborne* (757) 719-1660; Jim will be planning activities for the group with details to follow (note: Jim will be leaving on Thursday, June 25th to start home, so we are looking for a volunteer to lead the fleet from Thursday, June 25th until Saturday, June 27th when the two cruises meet at Herring Creek for a huge blow out). The schedule for the two cruises will be as follows:

Cruise #1; Cruise to DC:

Saturday, June 20th: Hampton to Indian Creek off Fleets Bay – 47 miles. Charles & Anita Lee (Koinonia) have invited the boats heading for DC ashore at their home on Pittman's Cove (located on Indian Creek) for a get together to start our DC adventure. I can't think of a better way to start a Fleet 30 adventure than a party.

Sunday, June 21st: Indian Creek to Machodoc Creek - 48 miles. We'll be anchoring out on the lower Machodoc. There is a marina located near Coles Neck called Cole's Point Plantation Marina (804) 472-3955. They offer gas and diesel and they advertise 6+ feet of water. Fuel up if needed then come on over to the Lower Machodoc to anchor.

Monday, June 22nd: Machodoc Creek to Mattawoman Creek - 54 miles. Mattawoman Creek is located approximately 26 miles south of DC and will be a beautiful anchorage for the fleet after a long sail up the Potomac. Plan on anchoring between day markers 3 and 4. We may even have a dinghy spin once the sun goes down.

Tuesday, June 23rd: Mattawoman Creek to DC – 26 miles. We have talked to Gangplank Marina on the Potomac (202) 554-5000. They said they could accommodate around 15 boats up to 40 feet, but we will need to make arrangements as a group. There is also Capital Yacht Club (202) 488-8110, and James Creek Marina (866) 554- 8844 or (202) 554-8844, so we still have a few decisions to make as to where we will wind up. Depending on the size of the final group we may actually be in two marinas. We have around 18 boats interested in the trip to date, so we will keep working on picking a good marina and let you know what we have decided real soon. Note: James Creek Marina is the only place to get Diesel in DC.

Friday, June 26th: We will leave DC and return to Mattawoman Creek for another beautiful night at anchor and more after hour's activities – 26 miles.

Saturday, June 27th and Sunday 28th: We will leave Mattawoman Creek at sunrise and head to Herring Creek to meet the 2nd cruise **for a big blow out** – 55 miles. Herring Creek is approximately 15 miles from Point Lookout and about 3 miles upstream from Piney Point. Stay at Tall Timbers Marina (gas and diesel) (301) 994-1508, or anchor out. Beach party ashore! Note: This is a change to the schedule as we are now staying two nights in Herring Creek.

Monday, June 29th Herring Creek to Yeocomico River and stay at Olverson's Lodge Creek Marina on Lodge Creek. Olverson's has laundry and year around bathrooms. The club stayed

here a few years ago and we all had a blast – 12 miles (804) 529-6868, or (800) 529-5071.

Tuesday, June 30th: Yeocomico River to Mill Creek off The Great Wicomico and raft up for a party aboard, details to follow – 30.6 miles, but plan on more partying.

Wednesday, July 1st: Mill Creek to Jackson Creek – 23.8 miles. Several options are available for those who are not planning to attend Harborfest, so we will alter the schedule as we feel necessary from this point.

Thursday, July 2nd: Start back home and prepare for Harborfest – 42 miles.

Cruise #2; Cruise to the Lower Potomac:

Saturday, June 20th: Hampton to Deltaville, Jackson Creek (804) 776-9812: - 42 miles

Sunday, June 21st: Jackson Creek to Reedville anchor or stay at the Crazy Crab (804)-453-6789 – 25 miles.

Monday, June 22nd and 23rd: Reedville to Point Lookout Marina (301) 872-5000 on the Potomac – 27.5 miles.

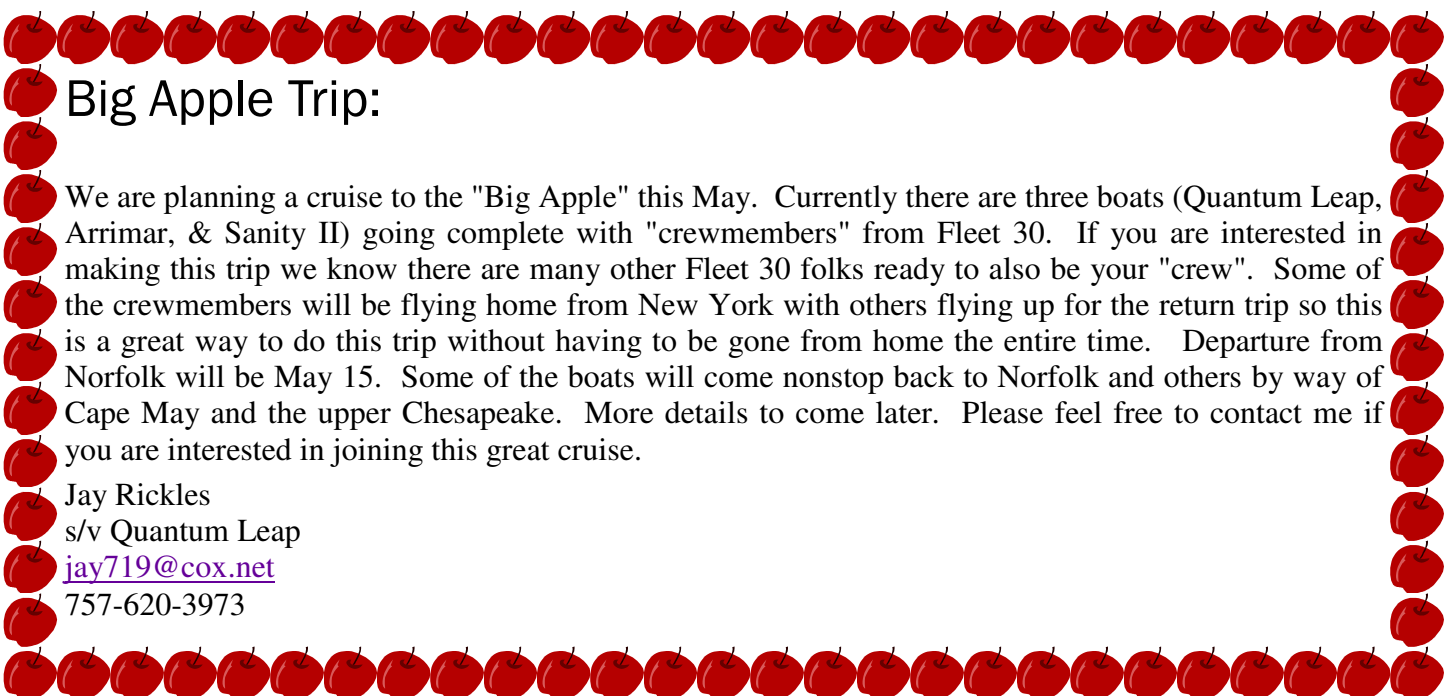
Wednesday, June 24th: Point Lookout to Carthagen Creek and stay at Dennis Point Marina, now called St. Mary's Yachting Center (301) 994-2288 or anchor out and go ashore and enjoy the tiki bar and pool – 7.2 miles.

Thursday, June 25th: Carthagen Creek to Horseshoe Bend at St Mary's Collage - 4.1 miles.

Friday, June 26th: St. Mary to Coan River – 14 miles.

Saturday, June 27th and 28th: Coan River to Herring Creek and meet cruise #1 – 14.7 miles.

Go Boating, Stay Safe, Have Fun and Be Flexible,



Big Apple Trip:

We are planning a cruise to the "Big Apple" this May. Currently there are three boats (Quantum Leap, Arrimar, & Sanity II) going complete with "crewmembers" from Fleet 30. If you are interested in making this trip we know there are many other Fleet 30 folks ready to also be your "crew". Some of the crewmembers will be flying home from New York with others flying up for the return trip so this is a great way to do this trip without having to be gone from home the entire time. Departure from Norfolk will be May 15. Some of the boats will come nonstop back to Norfolk and others by way of Cape May and the upper Chesapeake. More details to come later. Please feel free to contact me if you are interested in joining this great cruise.

Jay Rickles
s/v Quantum Leap
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FLEET 30

SPRING "FUN RACE" AND PARTY

WILLOUGHBY HARBOR MARINA

4 APRIL 2009

Skippers meeting will be held on the steps at the Willoughby Harbor Marina office at 1:00 pm.

Race Start will be 2:00 pm in Willoughby Bay just outside of marina.

Race course will be one lap around marks around Willoughby Bay (please attend skippers meeting for details!!)

PLEASE contact Andy Shanks to notify of your participation in the race so ratings can be assigned **prior to April 4th!!!!** His e-mail address is fastsailor1@cox.net.

Party and awards to follow immediately afterwards at Willoughby Harbor Marina. Please bring your favorite dish to share and a chair to relax in as you relive all the tacks and gybes of the race.

The Willoughby Harbor Marina office can be reached at 583-4150 to arrange for slips.



Hampton Boater's Fan Tour - On April 10 - 12, 2009, Hampton Public Piers will be hosting a boating season opening weekend named "Hampton Boater's Fan Tour". The cost for the weekend will be \$2.00 a foot. The price includes dockage for 2 nights, power and water. In addition on Saturday, April 11, 2009, we will host the "Hampton Boater's Fan Tour Party," sponsored by the Crowne Plaza Hampton Marina Hotel. Admission to the party is free, for all participating boaters. Hampton Public Piers will take reservations until the marina is full, so reserve your spot early. For more information or to make a reservation, please contact Gregory Harrison at (757) 727-1276 or greg@downtownhampton.com.

Blackbeard Festival - Don't miss the annual Downtown Hampton Blackbeard Festival, taking place June 5-7, 2009. If you have a boat and would like a front seat to all the action, please contact Gregory Harrison at (757) 727-1276 or greg@downtownhampton.com for reservations.

Racing News

I can tell from the great turnout our club had March 14th in a cold rain for members to take the opportunity to burn their socks and say farewell to winter that we are definitely ready for the sailing season to start! I highlighted in last month's column the dates the various clubs are firing their starting guns – hopefully everyone survived any St. Patrick's Day hangovers and are making good progress getting their boat ready.

At the sock burning party Jennings and I asked for interest in the Willoughby "Cruise" party, wondering if possibly it was scheduled too early in the season. Of course, with an audience willing to party in a cold rain the answer was, "sure, we'll come and party at Willoughby." I love the spirit of this club!!

In last month's column I also briefly mentioned a fun race as part of this "cruise" if there was interest. I plan to set a course of one lap around Willoughby Bay on the normal course used on Thursday nights. I would like any interested parties to e-mail me to confirm so that I can ensure I can assign a rating for everyone. (Before you get any ideas, you probably wouldn't want me to guess at the last minute!) My e-mail address is in the members section of the website. I'll conduct a skipper's meeting at 1:00 pm Saturday on the steps by the office and we can plan to race at 2:00 pm, with a party to follow ashore. Please plan to bring a dish to share for the party.

Hopefully we'll have great weather, a great turnout, and a great opportunity to get out there and race!

Andy



LOCAL NOTICE TO MARINERS (ABRG)

VA - HAMPTON ROADS - ELIZABETH RIVER/SEWELL POINT/WILLOUGHBY BAY -U.S. NAVY RESTRICTED AREAS

Mariners are reminded that the area in the vicinity of the U.S. Naval Station Norfolk, from the Elizabeth River Channel Lighted Gong Buoy 5 (LLNR 9470) to the Elizabeth River Channel Lighted Buoy 11 (LLNR 9525) and along the south side of Willoughby Bay, is a RESTRICTED AREA. This OFF LIMITS AREA is depicted in the color magenta on the below listed charts. Unauthorized vessels entering this RESTRICTED AREA may encounter USE OF FORCE procedures by patrolling security vessels. Boaters are requested to remain in the marked channel clear of shipping while transiting the Norfolk Harbor Reach. Naval Station Norfolk Security can be contacted via VHF-FM channel 14. Charts: 12245, 12253, 12256 & 12206.

NAUTICAL CHART UPDATES

The National Ocean Service (NOS) has moved and expanded the function of its "critcorr" website. The new "Nautical Chart Updates" website allows the mariner to update their nautical charts from one database that includes information from NOS, and NGA Notice to Mariners, the Coast Guard Local Notice to Mariners and the Canadian Coast Guard Notice to Mariners. To access the website and for more information go to: and click on: <http://www.nauticalcharts.noaa.gov>.

MD- VA - DC- POTOMAC RIVER - WOODROW WILSON BRIDGE- PROPOSED CHANGE TO OPENING REQUIREMENTS

Mariners are advised that the Coast Guard proposes to change the regulations governing the operation of the new Woodrow Wilson (I-95) Bridge, at mile 103.8, across the Potomac River between Alexandria, VA, and Oxon Hill, MD. This proposal aims to balance the number of required bridge openings based on the projected use by vehicular and marine traffic needs. The proposal would permanently maintain the drawbridge in the closed-to-position each day from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Comments on this proposal should be forwarded to the above address attention (dpb) no later than March 26, 2009. A copy of Public Notice 5-1136, which describes the proposal in detail, can be obtained by writing to the address above or by calling (757) 398-6222. Chart: 12285 & 12289.

VA - ELIZABETH RIVER - EASTERN BRANCH - MOSELEY CREEK - BROAD CREEK - NEW BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION

Mariners are advised that Skanska USA Civil Southeast Inc. (the contractor), on behalf of Hampton Roads Transit (the bridge owner), will begin construction of the new double-track light rail project across Broad Creek from Brambleton Avenue to Newton Road located in Norfolk, VA. There will be a crane barge, material barges and a tug boat to support the new bridge construction which is parallel with the Interstate 264 Bridge that spans Broad Creek. Demolition of the existing railroad trestle is the first activity scheduled to begin on May 27, 2008. Pile driving, concrete construction and girder setting will continue through March 2009. The work will not block the Broad Creek channel. Mariners should exercise caution when transiting the area. Chart :12253.

VA – ATLANTIC INTRACOASTAL WATERWAY (AIWW), SOUTHERN BRANCH OF THE ELIZABETH RIVER TO THE ALBERMARLE AND CHESAPEAKE CANAL - BRIDGE CLOSURE

Mariners are advised that the Norfolk Southern #7 Railroad Bridge, at AIWW mile 5.8, across the Southern Branch of the Elizabeth River in Chesapeake VA, will be closed to vessels to complete structural repairs beginning at 5 a.m. until and including 11 p.m. each Sunday on February 1, February 8, March 1, March 8, April 5, April 12, May 3 and May 10, 2009. At all other times, the drawbridge will operate in accordance with the operating drawbridge regulations set out in Title 33 Code of Federal Regulations Part 117.997(e). Mariners should adjust their transits accordingly. Chart: 12253.

VA –HAMPTON ROADS – THIMBLE SHOAL CHANNEL – DREDGING

The dredges PADRE ISLAND and DODGE ISLAND will be conducting dredging operation in the Thimble Shoal Channel from 01 April through 15 May, 2009. The dredge will monitor VHF-FM Channels 13 and 16. Dredge material will be transported to the Dam Neck Ocean Dredge Material Disposal Site by the tugs GA FRANKLIN and SEA BEAR. The survey vessel ST. JOHNS RIVER will be operating in the dredge area. Mariners are cautioned to stay clear of dredge, booster, floating (pontoon) and submerged pipelines, barges, derricks and operating wires associated with dredging and marine construction operations. Operators of vessels of all types should be aware that dredges and floating pipelines are held in place by cables, attached to anchors some distance away from the equipment. Buoys are attached to the anchors so that the anchors may be moved as the dredge advances and the location of the submerged pipelines are marked by buoys on each side of the channel. Mariners are cautioned to strictly comply with the Inland Rules of the Road when approaching, passing and leaving the area of operations, and remain a safe distance away from the dredge, booster, buoys, cables, pipeline, barges, derricks, wires and related equipment. Owners and lessees of fishnets, crabpots and other structures that may be in the vicinity and that may hinder the free navigation of attending vessels and equipment must be removed from the area where tugs, tenderboats and other attendant equipment will be navigating. Dredging projects are usually conducted twenty-four (24) hours a day seven (7) days a week, all fishnets, crabpots and structures in the general area must be removed prior to commencement of any work. Chart: 12221.

SUMMARY OF DREDGING/MARINE CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS CURRENTLY IN PROGRESS

VA Hampton Roads/ Newport News Middle Ground Underwater construction Until completed WEEKS BARGES 271 & 96 Ref LNM 03/09

VA Thimble Shoal Channel/Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel rock groin replacement until completed SKANSKA INC Ref. LNM 45/08.

VA Rudee Inlet Dredging Dredge RUDEE operates 24/7 weather permitting.

Software updates

Garmin, Furuno, and Raymarine have all recently offered updates to their software. If you have a chartplotter, you may wish to visit the vendor's website and make sure you have the latest version. Also make sure you select the correct country / region for your software. Some manufacturers produce different versions for US and European customers.



Grand Opening of the Newly Renovated Town Point Park
27th Annual AT&T 4th of July Great American Picnic and Fireworks
33rd ANNUAL NORFOLK HARBORFEST® Presented by AT&T
NEW DATES !! Friday–July 3–Sunday, July 5, 2009

THIS IS YOUR INVITATION TO THREE GREAT EVENTS IN ONE GREAT MARITIME WEEK-END.

YOU WILL BE GUESTS AT THE GRAND OPENING of the newly renovated Town Point Park AND the 33rd Annual Norfolk Harborfest®, presented by AT&T AND the 27th Annual AT&T 4th of July Great American Picnic & TWO !!! Fireworks displays.

[A NEW RAFTING LOCATION !](#)

This year the Rendezvous fleet will be docked along floating barges along the waterfront. Rendezvous Club accommodations will include, Friday dock party, Saturday daily/nightly entertainment dockside, and Sunday brunch. Boaters Bag/ T Shirt/ Burgee and skippers party/meeting included.

This will be another great year for boating! This year's Harborfest® is slated for Friday – Sunday – July 3-5, 2009. Tall ships and character vessels, military craft, colonist vessels, fleets of the era, and hundreds of private vessels, will “take the stage” in a GRAND historical Parade of Sail Friday, July 3, 2009 starting at 0900 (9a.m) with an entrance to downtown Norfolk harbor at 1200 (12 Noon). The weekend will be filled with maritime events, shows, concerts, SHIPS and prizes for “Best Dressed Boat”!

Cost per boat is \$175. Docking will include 2 night accommodations – Friday, July 3rd thru Saturday, July 4th. (Note: No power/water).

Deadline for registration is June 1, 2009 –
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Final Note

**THE EDITOR'S
TURN**

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LIGHTNING STRIKES TWICE

CRUISE CAPTAINS, Please send in information about your event so we can publish it in the newsletter, any wrap-up reports would also be great.

It is was the best of times, it was the worst of times....

As some of you know, lightning has struck twice on my job. Once again, my position has been eliminated at Symantec. If anyone has a lead on a Software QA Manager position, please let me know. While it is not a great time to have this happen, on the other hand this does give me some more time to spend on the boat. Considering that it is spring, it is a great time to have some spare time. We have been scrubbing and polishing stem to stern. Time to check your lines, rigging, and inventory all that you have on board. Take a look at your pantry and decide if you have any sundries taking up weight and space. How is your lighting, can you convert any of it over to LED? We changed our overhead lights to LED and now can have all of them on at less of an current draw than 1 halogen lamp. This can be quite a savings on the hook. Have you checked your outboard? The new gasoline is not like the stuff from previous years. The gas becomes unstable quickly and makes a nasty varnish in the carb. Time to clean and tune up your outboard and genset get it ready for launch. We have a long cruising season ahead of us, the more preparations we take care of now the easier the season will be.

Deltaville Yachting Center had a great event where Selden, New England Ropes, Cummings were able to speak about their products and share some great information. One of the more interesting points was a caution to make sure your boom is not kept level during the winter. They have to ship out a boom or two every spring to customers who had water settle in the channel of the boom, freeze and crack the boom. I had never even thought about that. They also handed out a great book on tuning your mast, I have a copy if anyone wants to take a gander at it. All and all it was a very interesting weekend.

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April 2009

Fleet-30 Hampton Roads Calendar

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| | | | 1  | 2 | 3 | 4 Willoughby by Land & Sea |
| 5 Andy & Loretta Shanks 312-0198 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 |
| 12  | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 |
| 19 | 20  | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 Southall Blessing of the fleet |
| 26 Jennings & Patty Lions 850-0604 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | | |

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| 10 Robbie & Joanne 621-2293 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 Mobjack bay cruise |
| 24 Jim & Laurie 424-1783 | 25 Jorgen & Maria 839-8549 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |