

THE CLASSIC YACHT CLUB OF AMERICA, INC.

# The Ancient Mariner

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## Save the Dates Upcoming Events



*Above: Historic view of Baltimore Yacht Club.*

*Left: A favorite view of the Baltimore Yacht Club Hill.*

**37**  
years  
of  
classic  
boating  
1971 - 2008

**June 6-8, 2008**

**FLAG RAISING RENDEZVOUS**  
Baltimore Yacht Club  
Baltimore, MD



**July 18-20, 2008**

**MID-SUMMER RENDEZVOUS – PICNIC STYLE DINNER**  
Worton Creek Marina  
Worton, MD

**August 22-24, 2008**

**LATE SUMMER CRUISE RENDEZVOUS**  
Rock Hall Landing Marina with  
Dinner will be held at Osprey Point Marina  
Rock Hall, MD

**September 19-21, 2008**

**ANNUAL JUDGING RENDEZVOUS**  
Harborview Marina  
Baltimore, MD



# Welcome New Members!

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**MARY KATHRYN**

1957 56' Chris Craft MY

Annapolis, MD

Division II-Class 4

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**BAY B RUTH**

1981 47' Bertram MY

Piney Narrows, MD

## The View from the Bridge

Commodore's Report:

Well, here we go again. Another new season. Another new adventure. What could be better than creating memories.

The Ice Breaker Dinner at the Chesapeake Inn was a huge success. Rear Commodore, Chris Ulsaker put together a tremendous evening and all 56 members and guests had a great time. My many thanks to Chris for his efforts.

Our Fleet Captain, Bill Reynolds has a fabulous summer of rendezvous planned for us. I'm looking forward to seeing all of you at our first one, the Flag Raising on June 7<sup>th</sup> at the *Baltimore Yacht Club*. *One of our largest turnouts for Flag Raising was two years ago at Md. Yacht Club where we had 18 member boats and 84 members and guests for the ceremony and dinner. Let's try to outdo ourselves this year and exceed that.*

*At the Change of Watch this past October, V/C Dave Ochipinti introduced a new award we will be giving starting this year. Any member who attends all four Rendezvous with their boat will not only earn a certificate but also a Blue Star to be displayed on their Bungee. This is certainly a prestigious award and quite an accomplishment.*

*You recently received a survey from our Long Range Planning Committee. The committee seeks your input and ideas to help our club move forward. As Commodore, I very much would appreciate your feedback. If you have any questions about the survey, please call Governor Mike Thielke or me anytime.*

*As always, if you have questions or suggestions concerning the club, please give me a call.*

Your Commodore,  
Mike Haines



## New Members...

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**CARTER MCKENZIE**

1969 41' Hatteras Twin Cabin

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Division III-Class 2

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**SARAH**

1965 38' Chris-Craft Corinthian

Sea Skiff

Bohemia River, MD

Division II-Class 2

## Vice Commodore's Report

*Membership is the name and Membership is my game. At least that's what our Commodore has instructed me to focus on as our game plan this year. I'm pleased to report that since October of 2007 we have enlisted 11 new members with 11 new boats!!!*

*In addition, we had 3 new members, the Hudales, the Smiths and Will Stahlgren and Lori Arbitell join us at the **Ice Breaker Dinner** in Chesapeake City last month. Just what we are looking for... **active new members.***

*Thanks to Mike Thielke we have a wonderful web site that has been effective in recruiting new members. We have had more than one visitor turn into a new member. Again, fellow club members are our best advertisement and we can recruit new members just with our enthusiasm. Just refer them to me or the web site for more information.*

*As we head into the boating season, keep your eyes peeled for potential members on the water and at your marinas. Our club is green and growing. And remember... "When you stop, you rot. And rot is not good in boating!"*

*Please welcome our new members listed in this Newsletter, and I hope to see many of you at the Flag Raising in June.*

*Hearty Boating,*

*Dave Ochipinti  
Vice Commodore*



## New Members...

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### **SEA STAR**

1968 47' Chris Craft Commander  
MY  
Edgewater, MD  
Division III-Class 3

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### **PATRIOT**

1979 36' Jarvis Newman Boat Co.  
Middle River, MD  
Division III-Class 1

## Fleet Captain Report

With the exception of a few details, all of the rendezvous' have been finalized. The Flag Raising details are complete and it is fast approaching. Invitations will be mailed shortly. This will be a spectacular event. The Baltimore Yacht Club is high on a hill with a breathtaking view looking east over the Chesapeake Bay between Pooles Island and Hart-Miller Island -- on a clear day a several mile view. This is where the flag pole is and the flag raising ceremony will be held. The restaurant is also on the hill with the same view. Baltimore Yacht Club has been very gracious allowing us the use of their pavilion for the cocktail party including the use of grills, and they are providing coffee/donuts for the Sunday morning getaway. We were impressed with the cordial reception we got. The facility has a very large in ground pool as well. Please check their website for more details [baltimoreyachtclub.org](http://baltimoreyachtclub.org). *Enclosed in the invitation is the slip request form to be sent back to me with your deposit. We look forward to seeing you there for an event to remember.*

*The next rendezvous will be at Worton Creek Marina a quaint secluded marina/restaurant facility on a hill which I have gone to for over 50 years and it remains much the same now as it was then. I introduced Commodore Haines to it about 12 years ago and he and Susan fell in love with it as did my wife and your secretary, Robyne Reynolds, when I introduced it to her about 25 years ago. Hope you will all attend this one as well it is truly a unique setting.*

*Best wishes to everyone! I'm looking forward to seeing you all on June 6<sup>th</sup>.*

*F/C Bill Reynolds*



# New Members...

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**BILLINGSLEY**

1978 42' Grand Banks

Annapolis, MD

Division III-Class 2



## From the Club Archive, Words that ring true today:

*"It is becoming increasingly clear that the expense of boating in general, and the cost of marinas in particular, will more and more affect our rendezvous tradition. I believe the officers and board of governors in future seasons will be forced to take this into consideration in the planning of our events. There are many alternatives, none being particularly desirable, such as fewer or shorter rendezvous, or more informal cruises with anchorage designations rather than marinas, with their questionable service and accommodations. This is something the general membership must consider. If we are to remain a viable organization, a policy will have to be devised in order to make the club a continuing and attractive experience."*

*Excerpt from What's Old is New Again: The View From The Bridge, Spring 1982*

## A Lighter Look... at Boat Repairing

Anyone who thinks you simply repair a classic boat and then enjoy it, either never owned one or hasn't owned one for longer than a year. Classic boats, especially wooden ones, deteriorate over time. Sometimes right in front of your eyes! It's truly a testament to our passion, creativity, (and maybe our insanity) that these old boats still go and, more amazing yet, still look fantastic. But there are two things that those who admire our boats do not see. One is the engine. The other is the bottom. Heaven help us, but those two places seem to be the areas that generate the most repairs. Here are a couple of cartoon characters working on the boats. If you have photos of your own insane project, send them to the Editor – [SailingRose@verizon.net](mailto:SailingRose@verizon.net).



*Mike Haines working on MAGNOLIA... "Oh please don't tell me it blew up again!"*



*The dreaded motor... "It's not my fault, it's not my fault! HELP!!!"*

*Bill Kazmeirczak... "Okay then, I won't tell you. I'll just help fix it."*



*Les, the Motor Mechanic... "HEY! The #%\*@^#@^# thing just blew up again!"*



*HOPE, the Boat... "Don't I have a great new bottom? John Dutton did such a great job, it's a shame nobody will see it!"*



*Jim Spaulding working on ROSE... "You know, they don't call it dead wood for no reason at all. My kids are starting to think ROSE would make a great playhouse in the back yard!"*

# Unseen Restoration

*Windward, my 1962, 42' Matthews is going through an exciting transformation this winter. Since December she has been snugly docked under cover at Sarles Boat Yard in Annapolis. While many will not readily see the transformations taking place they are extensive. It was time to bring this classic into the 21<sup>st</sup> century.*

*December, I started removing the old copper tubing used for the fresh water system including galley sink, head sink, shower and the small corner sink in the V-berth. Sounds simple, huh? Well as those of us who have ever worked on our classic vessels know nothing is ever simple on a boat and less so on a classic. After 22 hours of twisting, turning, squeezing into places not meant for even someone of my small size and a forward slide, head first into the engine room, I was victorious! All the old copper lines were removed. This included having to disassemble the mid-ship port side cabin. It is always fascinating figuring how the vessel was assembled so you can work in reverse to disassemble a certain section. Now we are to the easy part, running the new PVC blue/red water lines! Of course that was the silliest thought I have had during this entire process. The holes through various bulkheads were just big enough for the copper tubing so they had to be redrilled and 45 year old mahogany and marine plywood is some dense stuff. I was also back to the twisting, squeezing into impossible places and a fresh batch of cuts and bruises. I was victorious and Windward is looking stylish with her new blue and red fresh water lines. Now it is time to cut out the original fresh water tank, install the new one and hook up the system. Think I will wait until all the bilge pumps are reconnected!*

*January started the next major tear out. Goodbye dryer plugs for inverter and generator! Goodbye non ABYC compliant wiring! John Levelle of Merke Marine started the total rewire project which will include replacement of a rusted out charger and coffin size inverter. No more screw in fuses and lights that don't work. The electrical project will also include new 50 amp service, air horn, gauges that work and much more. At the same time I decided to remove both toilets, head vanity and reduced the vanity counter top to add a feeling of more space in the head. Only one new toilet with fresh water feed is going back in.*

*February brought the installation of reverse cycle heat and air, extension of the aft deck hard top to the stern and a fresh coat of paint on the interior.*

*If all goes well (we each know the likelihood of that) Windward will be back on the Wye River early April. The biggest thing I have learned so far is this is an extremely well built vessel and the Matthews Company took great pride in their craftsmanship.*

Dan Ramia





***Icebreaker  
Dinner  
April 5, 2008  
Chesapeake Inn***