

THE CLASSIC YACHT CLUB OF AMERICA, INC.

# The Ancient Mariner

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## The Winter Ice Breaker

If there is a nicer place to be for the ice breaker, I cannot think where it would be except being onboard a boat of course! The March "Ice Breaker Dinner" was held at the Kent Manor Inn located in Stevensville, MD.

It was my first time at this extremely impressive Inn. The main Inn is very old – with the original section being built in 1820. The original property goes back to a land grant from 1651 and it still comprises more than 200 acres.

The dinner dance was held in their adjoining party room – the Garden House. With glass enclosing us on three sides, this "Garden House" was a delight. The central dance floor and circular design added to the party atmosphere. The food was excellent and the service far better than average.

Hats off to everyone involved in planning this wonderful event because a grand time was had by all. 




Eric Horst shares some News from the Ship's Store. Why not do a little shopping today by visiting the Ship's Store on our website.

## Yearbook Report:

By Mike Thielke

Due to the active recruitment of new members this past winter, printing of the 2007 Yearbook insert pages has been delayed to accommodate the inclusion of new members voted into the Club during the February and March board meetings.

Members may expect to receive the 2007 Yearbook insert pages by mail sometime during April. 

There were far, far too many photos for this newsletter, but the rest are all available on the web page. As anyone can plainly see, folks really enjoyed themselves. To access the additional photographs, use the blue button on the left-hand side are located under "Scrap Book." ENJOY!



Our Commodore Jim and Debbie "getting down."



Dale Harris, "I'm just a runway model!"



And the winner is...  
Bill Rhoads!



Members dance the night away!



Welcome to the Kasbah!

Blessing the meal -  
Chaplain Bonnie Heath





# Winter Ice Breaker - Fun with Friends



Slow Dancing -  
Tom & Linda Lane



Hawk them tickets!  
Jim Spaulding & Mike Thielke



Dave & Clara Ochipinti



Tim Drake &  
Paula Harrington



John & Barbara Line



Sarah Bartlett  
&  
Chris Mason



Dave & Clara Ochipinti, Patrick Dunlap,  
Wanda Ulsaker & Bonnie



Flying our Flag!



Just Chillin'  
Susan & Mike Haines & Bill Kazmierczak



# Winter Ice Breaker



Mark & Sue Stevenson

Bill Rhodes, Susan Juttner, Malcolm Resnick, Peter & Suzanne Max & Becky Ray



Ken Jordan enjoys the buffet



Mike & Joan Stevenson



GirlTalk!  
Donna Clausen & Diane Savage



Board Meeting  
DeeAnn Harris, Judy Willingham, Patrick Dunlap, Dave Ochipinti & Mike Thielke



Gayl and Terry Gross



## The View from the Bridge

by Commodore Jim Gartley

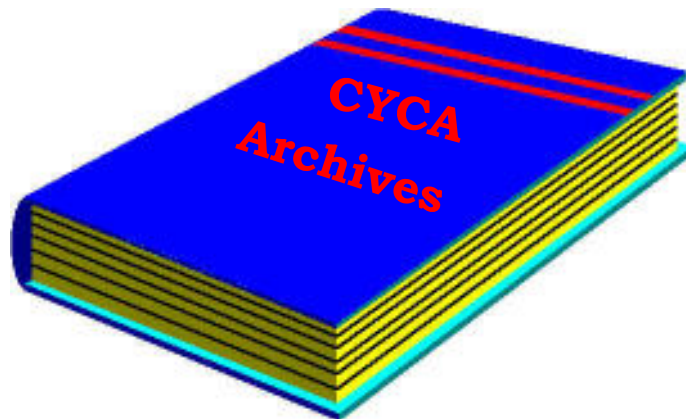
I want to thank R/C Dave Ochipinti for the wonderful job he did planning the Ice Breaker Dinner Dance. Debbie and I had a wonderful time and it seemed to us that all who attended enjoyed it as well.

I also want to remind you that any of you who belong to Boat US can renew with them at a discounted price using Classic Yacht Club's number, which you can find on our web page in the "Members Only" section.

Jim Spaulding is hard at work on the survey trying to finish the analysis so we can report back to all of you. If any of you have not filled it out as of yet, please do so. We want to hear from all of you.

Our next event will be the Flag Raising Rendezvous which is in Annapolis, MD this year. If you have never seen this take place, try and make it. It's really a special moment to see our flag flying high. Debbie and I are also very excited about our home port of North East as one of our rendezvous this year. Ron & Audrey Edwards and the Gartley's will be co-hosting under the leadership of Fleet Captain Chris Ulsaker.

We're also working on our historical archives. History is precious and it would be a shame to see it lost. If you have items that could be donated to our history files, please let me know. We hope to see all of you this summer. I think we have a great year planned! 🗝️




## A hearty hello to all club members from your new Rear Commodore!

by Rear Commodore Dave Ochipinti

I am extremely pleased and humbled to have been asked to represent you club as a Bridge Officer. My affiliation with CYCA has been an extremely rewarding one. Like the rest of us, I have a love for old boats and enjoy being around people who share that interest. I truly look forward to each and every club function to regenerate my passion for antique and classic watercraft.

This year as your Rear Commodore I will be mainly responsible for the annual judging event in September. As stated in the CYCA handbook, "The Rear Commodore will be responsible for making the arrangements, conducting, and announcing the results of the annual judging. Further, the Rear Commodore will be responsible for obtaining and presenting the awards at the annual meeting."

As my first official duty, I want to encourage each and every member to consider entering their respective boats in the judging this year. Having done so for the past 4 years, I can speak from experience – it's a lot of fun! What better way to share your pride and joy, no matter what level of restoration she is in, with your fellow club members? For me, having my boat open to club members and the interested public is affirmation that many people share my love for old boats and who appreciate the preservation, restoration and commitment we have all made to our hobby. So please consider showing your boat this year. 

### FLEET CAPTAIN:

The Winter Ice Breaker dinner dance was a grand time. The schedule for this coming season is in place and posted on the web page. Some highlights: The Mid-Summer Rendezvous at North East will include a Commodore's cocktail party on Friday evening and the Late Summer Cruise to Rock Hall which will include a dinner at the Waterman's Café -- always always a great place with cash bar and music. Also, this year, the town dock in St. Michael's will be including fans to keep us cool.

I would like to give you a "heads up" about slips. Most of the marinas find it hard to provide more than 15 slips. It would be really helpful to know well ahead of time whether you are bringing your boat to a rendezvous. Please take a look at the schedule and, if you are definitely coming, let me know as soon as possible. The more I am able to plan ahead with the marinas, the better our rendezvous will be.

It's going to be a great season, and I'm looking forward to seeing you all.

Chris Ulsaker  
culsa@earthlink.net





## A Fond Adieu...

Dear Friends,

It is with great regret that we must give up our dream boat Miss Pris III due to my disability which will not allow me to do the necessary repairs and restoration finish on our 1962 Greenwich 45' motor yacht.

I have fond memories of wooden boats. In 1946 (the year I was born) my dad bought a 1912 Lawley 40' double ender which we kept for 24 years in Wildwood, NJ and the Chesapeake. My father's boat "Shadow II" did not have any of the amenities of our Greenwich motor yacht. No air conditioning, push button toilets, GPS, dockside water, refrigerator etc. We had the pump on sinks for water and the "head" plus the 150lb. ice box. Our navigation was done by compass and stars which my dad understood much better than I. I never quite understood how a former dairy farmer from North Jersey knew so much about navigating a boat, but I suspect he was never afraid to learn while doing - a trait that has always done me well and proud to have learned from him.

Wooden boats to my dad and I have never been work. It was and still is for me a melding of a good work ethic and a true understanding of love to accomplish a task deep inside yourself. There is so much pride in a wooden boat that has been cared for by its owner and pride in the boat itself for accepting these labors to keep it "alive."

We probably will stay on as Associate members. Keep up the great work for our club really is the bridge that opens for future generations to experience the history and love of wooden boats.

Thank you!

*Ron & Priscilla Zytkowicz*



"The person who goes farthest is generally the one who is willing to do and dare.


The sure-thing boat never gets far from shore."

Dale Carnegie



## Naming of the Lifetime Achievement Award

In December, our "Boat Genealogy" article was about Dwain and Kay Watkins and their 44 years on the water. In honor of their dedication to boating and to our club, the Lifetime Voyager Award has been renamed the "Dwain and Kay Watkins Voyager Award."

Any member who cruises 1,000 statute miles during a 12 month season (November 1 through Oct 31) is eligible for the newly-named Dwain and Kay Watkins Voyager award. We congratulate Dwain and Kay and look forward to seeing this award presented to deserving members in the years to come. 




### *Welcome to our Newest Members!*

Sarah L. Bartlett and Chris Mason from Alexandria, VA – 48' Hatteras 1981 "Annabel Lee."

Dale and Amy Gross from Camp Hill, PA – Associate Member.

George Garrison from Delmar, DE – 47' Greenwich 1966 "Golden Parachute."

Jon and Barbara Lines from Chester Springs, PA – 53' Hatteras 1981 "Freebird V." 



## Technical articles:

Last year we had some great technical articles relating to some of the challenges that arise from ownership of these wonderful classic boats. Members really appreciate the opportunity to learn from the experiences of other members. Please consider sharing some of your own experiences. If writing "isn't your thing" I'll be glad to take your rough draft and serve as your personal ghostwriter!

## CYCA Cookbook:

At one time, there was a cookbook for CYCA. What a fantastic idea! Is anyone willing to take on this project? Maybe you'd like to work with another member or two to bring this idea to life. Members are always looking for recipes to prepare on the boat. You know the kind — easy stuff we could all try without feeling like a fish out of water.

Any volunteers?

# From the Editor:

By Cheryl Spaulding

Judy Willingham has passed along to me a box of historical documents relating to our club. I thought it might be fun to see what our club has done in the past. I will be including some "blast from the past" articles throughout the coming year.

In looking back over some of the newsletters, it's interesting to see how life has changed in such a short time. Less than ten years ago, there were columns for "What's Happenin," and "Words of Inspiration" to name a few. In those days before web pages and email, we communicated much more in our newsletter about ourselves and our boats. Communication is quicker and easier now, but I wonder if it is better. I've listed some topics below that we could reintroduce in our newsletter that would be enjoyed by all.

Your boat: Are you working on a major project? Send along a few words about it. Here is one example about my boat, "Rose": Rose has been undergoing a major refit of her cabin and a major overhaul of her electrical system. Hopefully, our bunks will no longer be wet and our lights will work. You get the drift? What's going on with your boat? Send your updates to me at [SailingRose@verizon.net](mailto:SailingRose@verizon.net) .

I've included a couple of ideas for articles or projects in the column at left. Think about it and let me know your thoughts.

Please get back to me about these or any other issues relating to the newsletter. It's your newsletter, so the more I hear from you all, the better it will be.



## Boat Genealogy: "Waiting for Godot"

This is the seventh in our series of articles that explore the history of our old boats. This time, we are featuring a serious competitor. (boxed banner)

It's seems appropriate that Mason Craig and Bonnie Heath's 18', Chris Craft was built in Cadillac, Michigan because this boat is now and always was, a deluxe model. Built as Model #118 with a long list of equipment, the boat was shipped to Bournes Boat and Storage Yard in Geneva, New York. At 18' Length, 6'4" Beam and 15" Draft, the boat was ideal for a day on the water. The 1941 "List Price," \$1,240.00! The original ad really captures the attitude Christ-Craft had about their boats, and not much has changed has it?



"Good For What Ails You – the pure, fresh air and sunshine vitamins you'll absorb, once you own one of these new 1941 Chris-Craft, 18 ft. De Luxe Utility Boats! It's the world's most popular way to renew energy – and Christ-Craft provides the world's most popular boats... Speeds to 34 m.p.h."



The boat is named for the classic, and very famous 50 year old play, "Waiting for Godot" by Samuel Beckett. It's such a favorite with Mason, that he has been a season subscriber to the Phila. Walnut Street Theater for 25 years.

As a serious competitor, Mason and Bonnie have shown their boat numerous times up and down the East Coast. It has won numerous ACBS International Annual Preservation Awards and our own CYCA award in 05'. Her awards include: 04' ACBS Skaneateles, NY, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Utility; 03' ACBS Lake Winnepesaukee, NH, 1<sup>st</sup> Place Utility; 04' ACBS St. Michael's, MD, Competitors Choice; 04' ACBS – Moskougionil, Harvey's Lake, PA, Best Preserved; 04' ACBS Harvey's Lake, PA, Best Christ Craft; 05' CYCA Best in Class; 05' ACBS Essex, CT, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Utility; 04' ACBS Smith Mountain Lake, VA, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Utility; and 05 ACBS Mystic Seaport, CT, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Utility.

I suspect these Chris Craft's are a special favorite of many our younger generation of boat enthusiasts. I can tell you all I have a son who would love to own this boat. It's David's absolutely perfect boat and on his list to have one day.

Your Editor.

