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*Cruisin' - The New Normal*



Life is different now for all of us!

Our WSPS Cruise Committee started planning in December for an Annual June Cruise complete with a kickoff reception, Sail Rallyes, social activities at multiple marinas, a themed event, sharing of appetizers, covered dish dinners, and the ever-popular Closing Ceremony. However, the need for social distancing and small group activities forced a rethink of everything traditional.

Every year for years, in coordination with the Cruise Committee, Barbara Sharpless put together a well-organized Cruise Book with all the details for successful participation. This year we cancelled our marina reservations and thought we were going to have to cancel the cruise. Fortunately, in mid-May, marinas opened for spring commissioning. Those who could participate considered a more modified week on the water. In lieu of the Cruise Book, our esteemed Cruise Co-Chair Donna Zimmerman put together a well thought out 2020 Summer Cruise Pamphlet that was just the ticket! It included ground rules, destinations which were primarily anchorages, Communications, and Participants.

### **“General Ground Rules in the Year of COVID-19”**

- ◆ Raft-ups are limited to four boats/eleven total people maximum though we will keep to three and less than ten when practical.
- ◆ Appetizers and meals will generally not be shared among boats.
- ◆ Please have a facemask available to use if social distance can't be maintained.
- ◆ Everyone should remain on their own boat unless you are specifically invited to board another vessel. Facemasks may be appropriate during the raft-up process for all.

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June greeted us with beautiful weather and reminded us why we love being on the water!

Given the challenges we experienced due to Covid-19, the annual Cruise committee designed a more relaxed week while acknowledging the rules of social distancing and small group gatherings. No social activities were planned, and the group spent five of six days in early June in small raft ups at anchorages.

As it turns out, a more relaxed, informal cruise was perfect and thoroughly enjoyed by everyone! Meanwhile, your Executive Committee initiated Zoom meetings in April. Though we found ourselves forced to connect in ways we were unfamiliar that tested our ability to adapt, we had 100% participation in May!

Some Executive Committee members are looking at a plan to promote "The Power of One", recruiting program. When appropriate, a task group will be getting together to review, clean out and organize historical WSPS records. Though 48% of District Squadrons have adopted "doing business as America's Boating Club", given the feedback and listening to member's concerns, the Executive Committee agreed to table the discussion for WSPS for now. Our annual Crab Feast in Rock Hall is still scheduled for the end of July. Here is hoping we will be able to get together!

Don Engler and I continue outreach efforts. In May, Spin Sheet published my WSPS Commander's Message (abbreviated Change of Watch speech!) with a picture of our Bridge. June's article focused on our fun and memorable activities with a great picture of Bart Wilson in Cowboy duds. July will include info and pictures from our June cruise.

Though our world is somewhat transformed, and social distancing is our new normal, WSPS is a group of like-minded individuals who care about each other! As our USPS Commander stated, "keep up the good work, your sense of humor, and compassion for others, as we continue through this uncharted journey!"



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**Communications** - Channel 78 is our working channel. Bill Zimmerman on Mystic Star hosted the directed net each morning at 0800. As we may be making destination decisions/changes "on the fly" this year, your participation is even more important than ever. Remember to use low power unless you are in a different area than the rest of the fleet.



**Raft-ups** - We are planning to suggest boats for each evening's raft-up at each morning's net call and will try to ensure that everyone gets at least one night with everyone else!



**Destinations** - No arrangements for marinas, dining or shore-side activities have been made this year. A modified itinerary follows. Please feel free to step away from the cruise at any time to stay in a marina (or to get fuel, ice, pump out) – just let Bill or Donna Zimmerman or Carol Hanson know your plans." Co-Chair Carol worked on small raft-up schedules based on ground rules, reasonable rotations, and anchor boats.





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Six sail boats cast off from North Point Marina in Rock Hall headed to the Rhode River on Sunday, June 6<sup>th</sup>. Rafted up at the anchorage, or gathering in dinghies, the boaters sang happy birthday to Bart Wilson!



These included: Brio - Bruce Wyngaard, Leslie and Nina Brower, Gypsy II - John and Betty Ingram, Mystic Star - Bill and Donna Zimmerman and Kathy Leef, Pleasure's Mine – Bart and Bev Wilson, Star Reacher – Scott and Kathy Mayhue, Carol Hanson and Dennis Wallace, and Windward Passage – Randy and Susan Williamson, Jeff Ariza and Nancy Pepper.



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We were blessed with beautiful weather and good wind.

On Monday we headed to Dunn Cove off Harris Creek on the Choptank River. There we were joined by Skylark – Bill and Joan Barber, and Lady L - Wayne and Laura Hepting.



On Tuesday, we anchored in lovely San Domingo Creek. We took the opportunity to dinghy into St. Michaels for an outdoor lunch or drink at the Crab Claw and some tasty ice cream!



On Wednesday, given the high winds, and weather forecast, Pleasure's Mine and Lady L headed back to North Point Marina while the remaining boats took advantage of docking safely at Cambridge Yacht Club. The crew aboard Mystic Star thoughtfully acted as dock hands as they supported everyone



getting into their slips. Many in the group enjoyed outside dining at Snapper's Restaurant in Cambridge.



Thursday we were joined by Willow – Mark and Chris Atkinson in Trippe Creek off the Tred Avon River. On Friday, longing for one more night on the lovely Choptank River, the group anchored out in Baby Owl Creek. There we celebrated Donna Zimmerman's Birthday in song, complete with a brief pass by from the Coast Guard! (Was it our singing?!)

Overall, we had a thoroughly enjoyable week with great friends and good weather! Given the challenges of the COVID-19 virus, the relaxing, peaceful, modified cruise was just what the doctor ordered!



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## *Chesapeake Bay News at Your Fingertips*

The weekly e-mail Bay Bulletin from Chesapeake Bay Magazine has become my source for news about the Bay we love to cruise. At the May 20th Zoom meeting of the squadron's Executive Committee meeting, I reported the easing of restrictions on recreational boating on Maryland waters that had just been announced that day during the discussion of the upcoming cruise. When I said the source was the weekly Bay Bulletin, it was suggested that I do a report for the Lubber's Line.



I have no idea how long this service has been available. I've been a subscriber for a couple of years, so it's not a new thing, but obviously not everybody is aware of it. It is a free service.

Once a week, subscribers get a summary of stories about the bay; events, people, accidents, services, and more. Each story has a link to the full story on the magazine's home page. Most stories are written and may include photos and some are video reports. Items are professionally prepared according to journalistic standards. At the end of each story there are links to related stories previously reported.



The initial e-mail is free of advertising, so it is a concise review of the past week's doings on the Bay. Advertising is included with the full story on the magazines home page, not burdensome and may even be of interest. Better, there are no pop-ups.

Signing up is easy. Google Chesapeake Bay Magazine and click on the link for the home site. The Bay Bulletin is one of the primary departments on the web site. Click on Bay Bulletin and one of the first items before a listing of the current stories is an opportunity to subscribe. Enter your e-mail address and you are set to receive the weekly review.

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*P/C Mark Atkinson, AP*



Willow





## Boating Safety News

### *Is it Safe to Swim in the Chesapeake Bay – Part 3*

#### Nodules

This infection can require 6 months of antibiotics. It usually occurs when people swim with an open skin cut. The average time between being in water and showing signs of infection was 21 days (range 5 to 270 days). Also known as “Fish Tank Granulomas,” they are slow growing and can affect the elbows, knees, and backs of feet and hands. The infection can look like either nodules or shallow ulcers.

“As a grandparent myself of 2 kids ages 19 and 13,



they almost always have some kind of scratch or abrasion on their shins or arms and it's easy to overlook those open wounds.”



#### Cryptosporidium

A protozoan organism comes from human and animal feces. Unfortunately it is NOT tested for by local health departments.

Cryptosporidium can cause serious diarrhea. In 70% of samples from the Chesapeake Bay (near Baltimore), levels were high enough to infect people, according to Dr. Thaddeus Graczyk, a Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health researcher.

Nitrates are compounds found in polluted runoff from farms, lawns, and streets. They can seep into surface and ground water. Drinking water with excessive nitrates may raise the risk of cancer, nervous system deformities in infants and other problems.

“What About People with Younger Children?”



Children can certainly swim in the Chesapeake Bay, but with extra caution. They are at higher risk for ear infections, skin infections and diarrheal illnesses. Parents know that younger kids are just not as good about avoiding getting water in their mouths. Plus, a young child swallowing a bunch of bacteria is going to be a much bigger dose, relatively speaking, compared to an adult.

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*Jubilee*



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### *2020 WSPS Photo Contest*



WSPS Members – The Photo Contest has resumed this year. The closing date will be **Wednesday, 17 September 2020**. When you go to the Chesapeake Bay, whether in the car or boat, don't forget to capture images with your camera or cell phone.

*The categories will be the same:*

**People - Boats - Scenic/Wildlife - and Sunrise/Sunsets**

First, second and third place winners will be announced in October-November-December 2020 Lubber's Line. WSPS members can submit as many digital photos as they want in one category or in all of the categories. The winning images will also appear on the squadron's website. These images must have been taken between **1 October 2019 and 16 September 2020**. These images should be of life on the Chesapeake Bay where we spend most of our time. Folks should take a look at their archived images, select the best ones, check the date, to see if it is in range of the above dates, and send them via e-mail to:

Lt Sue Engler, P at: [sue@englers.com](mailto:sue@englers.com)

Because these files could be as large as 25 megabytes, please send (medium size) files or whatever your internet service provider will permit. If you are using a software program to reduce the image's size, please make the longest side 2000 pixels. It's Ok to send multiple emails. *By submitting images to this contest the photographer gives his/her permission to have the pictures published in the Lubber's Line and on the WSPS Website.*

So, show off your photographic skills and impress your fellow WSPS members!

*Lt Sue Engler, P  
Photo Contest Coordinator*



*Jubilee*



## *Squadron Member History*



It is always so interesting how connections impact our lives! Around 1990, as the Health Services Administrator at Kendal Crosslands Communities, I hired an impressive candidate, Sandy Netting, to be our Director of Nursing! We worked closely together and shared the same values of clinical excellence. We also became good friends. Sandy frequently talked about their love of sailing and their boating friends in the Wilmington Sail and Power Squadron. Long time members, Sandy invited me on the WSPS Annual Summer Cruise in 1991 on their 35' O'Day sailboat *Glory*. The following year, 1992, they invited me and my fiancé, Dennis Wallace, on the cruise. We had a blast and we caught the bug!

Back then on the Annual Cruise, typically there were 34 boats and over 100 people. Sandy and Dave wrote the Cruise Book and designed and printed Tee shirts for all participants on the cruise. They performed the Sunday morning religious service complete with a prayer pamphlet and song, and finally at the end of the cruise, the roast of boat owners and closing ceremonies. Sandy roped me into helping her distribute the boat gifts at the closing ceremony, and I have been doing it ever since.

She and Dave also encouraged us to buy the Bryson's 26-foot *Colombia, Oleanna*, which we renamed *Cygnnet*. It was an ugly duckling, hence the name, but it was a great teaching boat! Throughout the years Sandy and Dave have supported us numerous times, whether it be assessing a potential boat purchase, helping get our boat ready for the cruise when we ran out of time, and teaching us the art and science of sailing.



A major roll of the squadron is to educate. We took several classes and learned a lot from fellow boaters. Over the years, Dennis was the annual Cruise Chair for more years than he cares to remember, and in 2000, he was Commander of the Squadron. Since retirement, I have had the opportunity to assume those roles. I continue to be impressed with the commitment of the WSPS Executive Committee. The annual cruise, monthly social activities, raft-ups, Crab Feast and Oyster Dinner are really fun! However, the greatest value that we have gained through WSPS membership is so many great friends! What began as a professional relationship became a boating lifestyle with unforgettable friends and experiences! We could not be more grateful!!



*Cdr Carol Hanson, P*



*P/C Dennis Wallace, P*



## *WSPS Birthdays*

### June Birthdays

Gangone, John James	06/01
Marden Jr., Harold C.	06/06
Wilson, Bart	06/07
Moody, Bill	06/09
Zimmerman, Donna	06/12
Royal, Michael A.	06/17
Drummond, Jane E.	06/21
Orris, William	06/22
Collier, C. Forrest	06/28
Hall, Robert B.	06/30

### July Birthdays

D'Wolf, James F.	07/07
Hastings, Lynda L.	07/07
Shipman, Wendy	07/07
Leef, Kathleen H.	07/19
James T. Walton	07/19
Ingram, John G.	07/24





## *Schedule of Up-Coming Events*

Executive Board Meeting via Zoom - July 15, 2020

There will be a notification if the Crab Feast is ON!



— Coming Soon —  
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