

CHESAPEAKE CRUISING MULTIHULL ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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The Commodore's Column

I would like to welcome all who share a common interest in Safe Seamanship, Good Company, Preserving the Bay and, of course, Multihulls to the 2004 Sailing Season! I've decided to renew as CCMA Commodore and I hope everyone decides to remain with us. An outstanding Board has been assembled this year to provide the CCMA with leadership, enthusiasm and support. Tony Smith's new revolutionary sail/power trimaran will open the Bay and our Club to many newcomers. Corsair's announcement to open a new Annapolis office will enhance our already strong racing fleet. I'm looking forward to 2004 being a great year for the CCMA.

Many fun boating events are being planned for the year. Here are some examples; weekend raft-ups, club racing, land/sea rendezvous and interesting speakers at the monthly membership meetings. I encourage you to take a non-member with you to these events to let them know the fun they are missing! Please feel free to contact your board members about events, issues or topics of interest that you have, with respect to the Club. The Club is a wonderful asset to the multihull community and by working together our hope is that it will continue to grow and prosper.

John Wayshner

Who's Driving This Thing?

Hello Multihull sailors! As the new CCMA Newsletter and Website Editor, I am looking forward to serving the club with up to date news and relevant sailing information. For those of you who don't know me, here is a little background.

I have been a member of CCMA since 2002 and sail a Stiletto 27 Catamaran. I bought the boat with the intention of trying out multihulls. Since this was my first sailboat I thought it would be a good idea to join a sailing club and try out racing to get some more sailing experience. We needed it! At the end of our first race, the Miles River Race, some members of the committee boat motored out to us in their dink to ask an important question, "Hey, are you guys still racing?" Thanks to a load of help from the racing fleet our sailing has improved since that day.

We can always use ideas for articles, so send them in, or give me a call. We can use cruising news, local happenings on the bay, race stories or anything else of interest to a Chesapeake Multihull sailor. I will gladly help get your article ready to publish with writing, editing and photo scanning.

I will keep the latest meeting information and breaking news updated on the CCMA website, so check there to get up to date information (<http://ccma.instantname.com>).

Phil Rappa

News from Tobago

The first annual CCMA raftup in the Caribbean took place on July 14, 2003 in Tobago. Those attending were Carolyn and Ken Loving on PAWS and Mary and John Knight on ALGOMA. The boats anchored in Man-of-War Bay near the fishing village of Charlottville and an excursion was organized to visit the bird sanctuary on the nearby island of Little Tobago. The glass bottom boat allowed everyone to see the largest brain coral in Tobago and enabled them to snorkel on Angel Reef after the hike through the sanctuary. The trip was completed with a delicious lunch at the Blue Waters Inn.

Everyone greatly enjoyed the day and was sorry that more CCMA members were not able to join the fun. Maybe next year? – John Knight



Carolyn and Ken Loving and Mary and John Knight enjoying Caribbean hospitality.

What to Do Before the Race

Phill Wadsworth, F27 CONKER

Before each race here are the six things that we try to do on CONKER to ensure that we have the right “stuff” to make the boat go in the right direction with maximum speed.

Clean the Boat

- Get under the boat and clean the slime – it is cold most mornings but with good crew it is

possible to get in the water and clean the slime off quickly. We are fortunate in Chase Creek to have a dock with three to five feet – ideal for walking around the boat and cleaning the bottom.

- Do this every race; the morning of the race to make sure the boat is as clean as possible.
- Good boat paint helps.

Tide Charts

- Being new to the Chesapeake we have spent time looking at the tides and working out which way to go and when. In one race we chose the right side and saw everyone in the middle of the Bay go backwards as we got a counter current off the chart.
- We have the NOAA tide chart (less than \$10) but we also get any additional information we can like the booklet below.

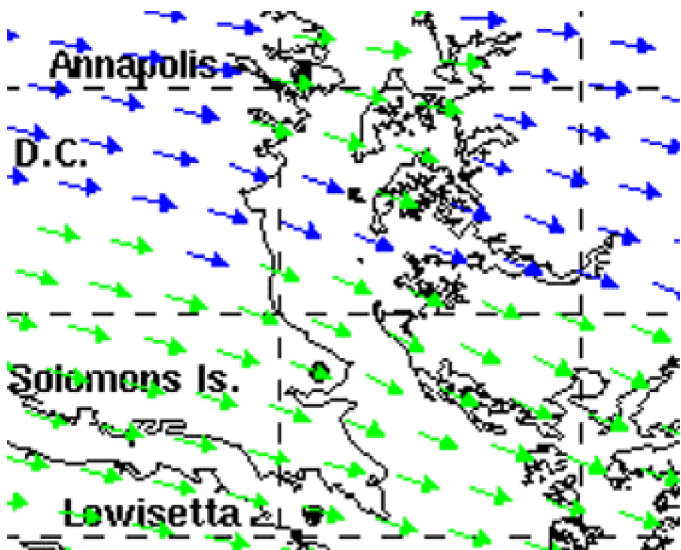


- NOAA also has tide information online at <http://tidesonline.nos.noaa.gov/geographic.html>

Wind Simulation

- We all know the winds are light and shifty on the Bay so having as much information as possible prior to the start helps.
- There are a number of places online to pull down wind simulations.
- This helps to determine which way and which side of the Bay to be on.
- Printing out the pages can take time so get up early.
- Plot your place on the chart to predict what will happen the next hour and compare with actual wind speed and direction.

- Charts like the one below can be found at <http://coastalpredictioncenter.chesapeakebay.net/default.htm>



GPS Coordinates

- Enter all the coordinates into the GPS before you start, best to know which way you are going!
- Have a hard copy of the direction and distance to the next mark within sight of the helm. We have them on the rear hatch.
- See the notes from the logbook below.

Crew Meeting

NOTES▶	Lat	Long	
Mark Q	76 24 .70	83 07 .65	R 94 A
Mark F	76 19 .80	83 50 .55	2 2 A
Mark N	76 15 .05	83 52 .55	R 4
Mark R	76 22 .95	83 53 .75	R 42
Mark E	76 13 .50	83 49 .90	G C 9
Mark X	76 07 .55	83 53 .75	R N 2

- On the way out have a crew meeting, remember these three rules:
 - Have fun
 - Do not talk about work
 - The Skipper never yells at the crew
- Which way are we going after the start, and why?

- Who else is racing, do we have the scratch sheet?

Weather

- We look at the weather and print out the latest information before leaving the dock.
- Check the weather often and write it in the logbook prior to the start (and even during the race).
- There are a few good weather sites including <http://www.accuweather.com>, <http://www.weather.com>, the National Weather Service, and the conditions at Thomas Point Light http://www.ndbc.noaa.gov/station_page.phtml?%24station=tplm2

New, Improved & Digital

What is that, a new sailing gadget? Actually it is a 27-year-old sailing gadget – it is the CCMA Newsletter! The Newsletter will soon be available as an Adobe PDF file and can be sent directly to your email address. The PDF format will be enable much higher quality, color photographs and links to Internet information. To sign up for electronic delivery send your current address to the Editor, Phil Rappa at CCMANews@earthlink.net.

I am still experimenting with how to get the best resolution while keeping the file size small. Right now the file size is still too large (1.4mb) and there are a few other adjustments to be made. I guess this first newsletter is our shakedown publication!



Quote of the Month

“No man will be a sailor who has contrivance enough to get himself into a jail; for being in a ship is being in a jail, with the chance of being drowned.... A man in a jail has more room, better food and commonly better company.”

- Samuel Johnson

Lightning Strikes - Twice!

Research Help Needed

A startling revelation from the latest IBEX seminar on lightning: Catamarans appear to be getting hit by lightning at almost twice the rate of monohulls! This is a dramatic change in events from the initial catamaran introductory period during the 1960's and 70's when one of their major selling points was that they got hit *less* (documented) than monohull sailboats.

It is my professional opinion that the reasons for this debacle have to do with our standards setting agencies marching off in the wrong direction in relation to requirements for bonding, grounding and co-mingling the differing electric and electronic systems on our vessels. I am trying to do enough research to promote the agencies to review their recommendations with a more realistic eye to the actual conditions of vessel use, rather than abstract theoretical calculations.

Please fill out the following questionnaire and return it to me by email, fax or snail-mail regarding

your experience or knowledge of vessels hit by lightning or suffering unusual galvanic corrosion. All the information requested is very important to determine the extent of the problem and its growth over the decades.

While I believe that there is no positive assurance of protection, it is my observation in over 25 years of surveying that the better a boat is grounded the more likely it is to be struck, and that many of the "safety" precautions actually create more hazard than they eliminate which culminates in: "if you haven't got it, it can't break."

It is not necessary to fill in the form as is, just list the pertinent items with answers.

Return to:
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Marathon, FL 33050
FAX: 305-743-0626
Email: yachtsurvey@bellsouth.net

Charles Kanter

Make, year and length of Vessel _____

Engines? _____ Raw water-cooled? _____ Fresh Water cooled? _____ Outboard? _____

Sail drives? _____ Straight drive? _____ Sonic drive? _____ "V" drive? _____

If straight drive or "V" drive does it have a Drivesaver on the shaft? _____

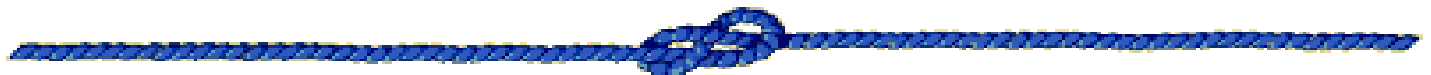
Generator? _____ Inverter? _____ Green wire connected to 12 Volt ground? _____

Is vessel bonded? _____ Type of thru-hulls, Bronze? _____ Marelon? _____ Other? _____

SSB or HAM radio? _____ If yes, is RF ground connected to DC ground? _____

Location of vessel when struck? _____ In marina? _____ Underway? _____

If in Marina, name of marina? _____ Was vessel plugged into shore power when struck? _____



2004 CBYRA Race Schedule – Multihull Class

The 2004 multihull race schedule has been finalized by CBYRA. The season will include the races that we have become familiar with and that will continue to challenge old and new racers alike.

There are a variety of race formats from around the bays (Volvo Cup) to long distance night races (Solomons and Gov. Cup). So if you haven't tried it yet, join us for a race and get in on the fun!

<u>DATE</u>	<u>RACE</u>	<u>SPONSOR</u>	<u>SANCTION</u>
5/29/04	Annapolis to Miles River	MRYC	320
5/30/04	Miles River Race Back	RRBC	321
6/05/04	Volvo Leukemia Cup	SSA/EYC/AYC	324
6/11/04	Bermuda Ocean Race	EYC	
6/26/04	Northern Bay Race Week	GSA	106/107
6/27/04	Northern Bay Race Week	GSA	108/109
7/10/04	Race to Baltimore/ Sail for Sight	MRSA/BCYA	204
7/11/04	Baltimore Harbor Lighthouse Classic	RCRA	205
7/16/04	Solomons Island Invitational	EYC	334
8/6/04	Governor's Cup	SMCSA	341
8/28/04	Cedar Point Race	GIYS	208
9/18/04	Race to Oxford	NASS	351
9/19/04	Hammond Memorial Race	AYC	352

2004 Cruise Notes

It isn't spring yet, but I can see it from here! While you are waiting out the last cold snap and dreaming of sailing, why not visit the CCMA website and start planning for the 2004 cruising season? Mike Brian has posted an extensive list of waterside events happening around the bay in Maryland. With this list in hand you can plan which hotpots to visit, or avoid if you want seclusion. Each event has an Internet link or phone number or additional information to help with planning.

The 2004 Cruise season is still being planned. The July 4th 2-day cruise is in-place and will begin with fireworks in St. Michaels on Saturday. After a short sail across the bay to Galesville on Sunday, there will be a picnic at Dave and Ruth Way's home.

Other possible cruises for this season include a raftup on Fairlee Creek or the Severn River at the home of Phil and Cindy Wadsworth; a cruise to

coincide with the Race to Oxford, which will give the cruisers and racers a chance to get together; and a land-sea rendezvous on Mobjack Bay.

Are you interested in planning and organizing a cruise or just meeting up with other multihull sailors on the bay? Drop us a note and we will forward it to the Cruising Coordinator - Mike Brian. (ccmanews@earthlink.net)

Membership Meetings

The membership meetings are a great way to get together with other members and learn more about sailing and the bay.

The January 25, 2004 membership meeting featured a presentation by John W. Alden, Co-Chairman of TEAM Kan-Do Volvo Ocean Race Syndicate. John is heading an effort to enter the 2005 Volvo Ocean Race. TEAM Kan-Do likely to be the only US entry and the boat will probably be constructed right

here in Annapolis. The team is now in the fundraising stage and can use your help and/or donation. Visit <http://www.kan-do.com/> to learn more.

Upcoming membership meetings:

- February 29** Phil Wadsworth, Annapolis Public Library, West Street, 2 PM
- March 28** TBA, Annapolis Public Library, West Street, 2 PM
- April/May** Spring Dinner and Awards, Location and date pending.

Membership Matters
Time to send your Dues Check

A belated Happy New Year to all our members!! Yes, it's that time of year again; time to send in your dues check for 2004, if you haven't already done so. With the exception of a handful of members who have already paid their 2004 dues, it is now time to get out the checkbook and send in your check.

In addition to sending in your dues, which is job number one, we would also urge you to let us know your current email address. One of our cost saving efforts will involve sending out the newsletter by email. This will forestall the necessity of increasing dues in the near term, so it is of importance that you let us know your current email address without delay. This can easily be achieved by sending an email to catsailor@mindspring.com with "CCMA" in the subject line.

In the future, when writing to the Membership Secretary please include the name Richard Tolson in the address. We have had some problems with the Post Office failing to deliver mail addressed just to CCMA. Also please make your checks payable to CCMA, and not to me by name. Thanks for your continuing cooperation.

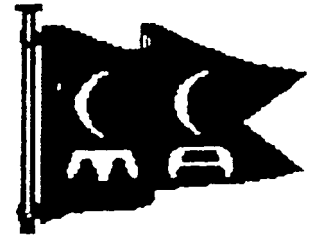
Richard Tolson

CCMA Flags and Jacket Patches

There are a few CCMA flags (burgees) left. Hurry up and order yours to keep your multihull in "Bristol" style. They are \$22.00 each. These are high quality flags made from heavyweight fabric with the CCMA logo sewn on. Or, you can let the world know multihulls are the way to go with the CCMA Jacket Patch. Each patch cost \$3.00, which includes shipping to your doorstep. Send your check to Mike Brian.



Jacket Patch



Burgee

Make checks (only) to:

CCMA
c/o Michael Brian
416 Plainview Ave.
Edgewater, MD 21037

***Did you know?** The WNAV Radio Boatshow, hosted by Dave Hanson, is broadcast every Wednesday from 2 PM to 3 PM on 1430 AM and on the web at <http://www.wnav.com/>.*

Crew Wanted/Captain Wanted

Are you in need of crew for a race or cruise? Are you looking for a boat that needs crew? Submit your needs and we will post them on the website and in the newsletters.

Crew Wanted: Sailor wanted to race aboard 27' Stiletto Catamaran PREVIOUS ENGAGEMENT for 2004 race season. Please contact Phil Rappa at (703) 960-7445 or CCMANews@earthlink.net.

For Sale



Condor 30
Tri My Way

Condor 30 1990 For Sale

Hull # 3. Ready for racing or cruising. Fast, strong and comfortable trimaran in excellent condition. Two complete sets of main sails w/Furlex furling jib. 2002 upgrades include UK spinnaker, Sunrise Side Nets, and Lewmar running gear/traveler. Electronics: VHF, Loran, mutli-function instruments (Wind, Depth, Speed) w/Sailcom, AM/FM radio, and solar panel/system. Engine: Nissan 9.9. Sea Lyon Two-Axle Boat Trailer.

May hold Note - \$10,000 down. Boat Slip available. \$45,000. Contact: Dave Way, 202-685-5368, or email; daveway@chesapeake.net

MacGregor 36' Catamaran For Sale

1982, Hull #185, \$16,000. Contact: Ted Story, Work: 202-606-1195, Home: (410) 956-5023 e-mail tmhstory@aol.com



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Application for Membership & Renewal

Please use the form below when sending in your renewal or new member check, so that we can be sure that our records are current; this is specially important for the Anniversary edition of the membership roster.

Circle one: **New Application** **Renewal** **Correction**

Name(s) as you wish them to appear in the roster:

Boat Type/Model:

Street:

Boat Name:

City, State, Zip Code:

Manufacturer/Designer:

Home Phone:

Year and Rig:

Business Phone:

LOA: **Sail#:**

E-mail address:

Circle: Cat Tri Mono Proa

Sailing Interests:

Home Port:

Send form with check for \$25, or \$20 if more than 200 miles from Annapolis, MD, plus \$20 racing fee if applicable, to:
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