

# CHESAPEAKE CRUISING MULTIHULL ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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## The Commodore's Column

Alacrity, Rex and Celeste Conn's Newick 50 Trimaran, was dismasted on the first day of the Heineken Regatta in St Maarten. Celeste Conn writes the following for CCMA distribution:

"Incredibly, a professional photographer captured the dismasting on film, and the cause of the problem is clear. Also, divers were able to retrieve the rig which substantiated the initial impression of the failure. The mast builder has not returned our calls, and emails to him have been bounced back. Therefore, Rex and I fear we will need legal help to protect our interests. If anyone in the club can recommend a good Admiralty lawyer, we would be grateful for the referral.

Thanks in advance for your help.

Celeste Conn "

Celeste can be reached at [catdock@starband.net](mailto:catdock@starband.net) or 410-778-0404. Photos of this incident can be viewed at <http://photo.action.com/regattas.htm>. After reaching this web site click on "St. Maarten St. Martin Heineken Regetta 2004" then choose "Alacrity" from the list on the left hand side of the screen.

John Wayshner

## Club Name Change?

During the membership meeting a few club members suggested that the Board consider a name change for the club. This issue was raised because some members felt the current name, Chesapeake Cruising Multihull Association; 1) placed a great emphasis on cruising; 2) did not represent both the cruising and racing interests of the club; and 3) possibly had a negative effect on membership.

The suggested new name is the Chesapeake Multihull Association.

The board is considering this issue because:

1. Club membership is declining and has been for a number of years.
2. Some new members mentioned that they didn't join before because they thought the club was just about cruising and not for them. Surprisingly, these were not all race members.
3. At least two industry representatives said they felt this change might be good for the club and might improve membership.

The Board members are asking for your input on this matter and would like to know your opinion. Please let the Board know how you think the club would be best served into the future.

Please send your reply directly to the newsletter editor at [ccmanews@earthlink.net](mailto:ccmanews@earthlink.net) and I will compile the responses and forward them on to the

Board. If you wish to remain anonymous feel free to fax comments to me at 703-960-7445 or mail to Phil Rappa, 5901 Mount Eagle Drive, # 1505, Alexandria, VA 22303.

Phil Rappa

## CCMA Website

The CCMA website is being updated with additional information useful to CCMA members. So far the Racing section has been expanded and two new sections, *Links* and *Newsletters* have been added.

The *Links* section contains multihull and bay sailing links of interest, including owner associations for specific boats, links to designers and manufacturers, Chesapeake Bay weather and other multihull clubs. This section is rather new and still being expanded so we can use suggestions for links to include.

In the *Newsletter* section the current and past 1-year of CCMA Newsletters can be downloaded in Adobe PDF format. The website newsletters have color photos but they are at a low resolution to help save space. If you would like a high-resolution photo, just let us know and we can send it via e-mail.

We can always use information for the website and welcome your suggestions for improvement. If you see any errors on the website, be sure to let us know so we can correct them. Send your suggestions, articles and links to us at [ccmanews@earthlink.net](mailto:ccmanews@earthlink.net).

## Racing Season Set to Begin

The 2004 multihull racing season kicks off on May 29<sup>th</sup> with the Annapolis to Miles River Race. If you are interested in racing you just need two things to get started, a rating and an entry form. To receive a rating, contact the club rater, Kiyoshi Mizuuchi at [kmizu@helix.nih.gov](mailto:kmizu@helix.nih.gov) and he will get your boat details. Race entry forms are available from the CBYRA website (<http://www.cbyra.org/>).

Additional racing information has been posted on the CCMA website (<http://ccma.instantname.com>). There you will find:

- The 2004 multihull racing schedule;
- A new section with frequently asked questions (FAQ);
- The crew wanted/available list; and
- Race Summaries.

The FAQ is intended to help answer the questions of someone new to racing. It covers information about how to get started racing and what to expect at the races.

Race Summaries are provided to augment the race announcement by describing the racing conditions and the social arrangements for the post race party. A section titled *Cruiser Interest* is also included to highlight aspects of the race that may be of interest to those who primarily cruise.

## Upcoming Races

Date	Race Name
May 29	Annapolis to Miles River Race
May 30	Miles River Race Back
June 5	Volvo Leukemia Cup
June 11	Bermuda Ocean Race
June 26	Northern Bay Race Week
June 27	Northern Bay Race Week

## Cruising Notes

The best time for cruising the Chesapeake is approaching quickly and we would like to help cruisers plan by suggesting cruising tips, gunkhole locations (especially those really shallow places only a multihull can reach) and answers to new cruisers questions.

If you have some information that you can share with a less experienced cruiser, please send it in. Even really simple stuff can be useful to the novice cruiser. Send your tips to [ccmanews@earthlink.net](mailto:ccmanews@earthlink.net).

## Electronic Newsletter

It's working! The newsletter is now being delivered via e-mail as an Adobe PDF file. The photos are really clear and much nicer in color. We hope this format will be an improvement and make the newsletter more enjoyable. If you would like a paper copy, just print one on your printer. The quality of the printing is as good or better than the photocopy versions we send.

The newsletter can also be downloaded from the website. If, however, you really hate the digital age, you can still receive a paper copy. Just let the Membership Board Member, Richard Tolson, know and he will update your delivery option.

Since this is the first month for electronic delivery to the entire membership, a postcard has also been mailed to notify members of the delivery. These cards will probably not be sent in the future. For members with no e-mail address, a paper copy will follow in several days.

## Have you read...

Have you read *Catamarans Offshore* by Rudy Choy? This book chronicles the early days of offshore catamaran racing, cruising and construction. It is a great introduction for those new to multihulls and a great description of the dawn of modern multihulls. Rudy Choy was denied entry into the 1954 Transpac on WAIKIKI SURF but sailed the race anyway starting a few minutes after the last class! Times have changed and now the perpetual Transpac multihull trophy is named in honor of Rudy Choy for his pioneering work. Choy designed many successful cruising boats and his WORLD CAT design was the first unballasted catamaran to circumnavigate. The book is now out of print, but it may be possible to borrow a copy through the local library or by inter-library loan.



## *Quote of the Month*

*"I find the great thing in this world is not so much where we stand, as in what direction we are moving: To reach the port of heaven, we must sail sometimes with the wind and sometimes against it - but we must sail, and not drift, nor lie at anchor."*

- Oliver Wendell Holmes Jr.

## Great Adventures, Small Catamaran

Brazilian Roberto Pandiani and South African Duncan Ross have crossed the Drake Passage aboard an open 21-foot sailing catamaran named 'Satellite'. The Drake Passage is the body of water between Cape Horn and the Antarctic Peninsula. This is some of the most notorious and roughest ocean in the world.



Photo: Gui Von Schmidt

The pair of adventurers sailed a highly modified cat based on a Hobie 21 hull with high tech reinforcement from Carbon Fiber and Kevlar over a 12mm Divinycell foam core.

Pandiani and Ross faced a variety of conditions from dead calms to winds of 25 knots and waves over 15 feet. While the sailors had a support vessel

following their course for emergencies, this was no Sunday joy ride. There were major physical challenges to overcome including seasickness, freezing air and ice-cold water temperatures. The worst weather would come on the leg to the Melchior Archipelago, 120 miles of sailing. A deceiving weather forecast predicted winds of 4 to 8 knots but Satellite faced 37-knot winds on this leg. Rolling white water on the tops of a long-range swell from the west met a wind generated swell from the NE to produce an unenviable sea condition. Between dodging floating ice and a near collision with a whale, it is amazing that this team accomplished this remarkable feat.

Much more information and an opportunity to donate to the adventurers fund can be found at the team's website: [Travessia do Drake](http://Travessia do Drake).



Photo: Julio Fiadi

## Membership Meetings

### Annual Spring Dinner! By Dave Way

This years Annual Spring Dinner meeting provides the answers to the questions for 2003 activities (i.e. the awards!). Who will win the racing trophies? Who will be the recipients of the cruising awards? Selections for other items could be you? Join with your fellow CCMA members for a delicious and joyous spring afternoon at Deep Creek Restaurant.

**DATE:** SUNDAY, MAY 2, 2004

**TIME:** 3:00 PM or 15 BELLS

**PLACE:** DEEP CREEK RESTAURANT, 1050 Deep Creek Ave, Arnold, MD

**SELECTIONS:** Participants choose from four Dinners at the restaurant:

Broiled Crab Cakes --- Beef Tips

Chicken Alfredo --- Egg Plant Veggie

Dinners include choice of two salads; choice of Desserts (Chocolate Cake or Key Lime Pie); and soft drinks, tea, and coffee. A Cash Bar will be available.

**COST:** PER INDIVIDUAL PERSON = \$26.00. Checks (only) need to be made out to CCMA and mailed to Dave Way, 4919 Hine Dr, Shady Side, MD 20764

**RSVP:** DAVE WAY, Vice Commodore, before Wednesday, April 28, 2004.

(410) 867-2814 (H) or (202) 685-5368 (W)  
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### Past Membership Meetings

**Corsair Trimarans:** The club held two outstanding membership meetings in February and March. In February, Pat Hogan presented information about the Corsair series of trimarans and highlighted some of the plans he has for multihull activities/services in the area. This summer there will be a seminar on race tuning and at least one Corsair cruise is being planned. Pat is the Annapolis area representative for the Finish Line (<http://www.fboats.com/>) the largest Corsair trimaran dealer on the east coast. We look forward to having Pat's knowledge and experience with Corsairs as part of the club!

**Telstar at Performance Cruising:** Performance Cruising hosted the March meeting at their Factory in Annapolis. (<http://www.geminicatamarans.com/>) Tony and Neil Smith gave an in-depth presentation

about the construction of the new Telstar 28 Trimaran. Tony and Neil have been pioneering new vacuum bagging and resin infusion techniques to produce a lightweight and strong boat. CCMA members were able to watch the process in action and see a part made during the demonstration. Following the factory discussion, members had a chance to “kick the Amas” on the new boat and see the folding system demonstrated. We will have a detailed article about the factory tour and the innovative Telstar in a later newsletter.

## Did you know?

Flares expire and expired flares do not count toward the minimum compliment of visual distress signals required (three) by the USCG. Check the expiration dates and get new flares to replace the old ones. Hang on to the old flares though, they will probably still work and will be appreciated if you find yourself in a real emergency.

## **Membership Matters** **Thanks very much!**

Dues response in the first 3 months of the year was good. However, there are still quite a few members who haven't sent in their 2004 dues check yet. Your address label will tell you if your 2004 dues have been received. If the first line of your label reads “**Dues paid through 2003**” and is highlighted in yellow, your 2004 dues were **not** received by the last day of March. Please just take a minute now and get the check in the mail. Your prompt payment would be most appreciated. Please send your check to the address at the bottom of this page. Please also note any changes in your data on a copy of the Application Form.

This will be the first month that many of you will get your Newsletter through email. Your Board of Directors feel that many members will find this a more convenient way to receive their Newsletter, and the savings in postage to CCMA will be

significant, staving off the need for a Dues increase. If you decide you do not wish to get your Newsletter by email or do not want to view it on the CCMA web site, please let me know at [Catsailor@mindspring.com](mailto:Catsailor@mindspring.com) or by phone at (410) 561 4861.

Please join me in welcoming the following new members to CCMA. Pat Hogan has rejoined and will be sailing a new F-28, probably to the limit! Scott Marino of Rockville is interested in racing and cruising, but does not currently have a boat. George Markus is based in North East, MD and sails a Corsair 28 Center Cockpit called “SomeKindaBlue”. Finally Jim Nealey from Severna Park has a 33-foot Catamaran by Reynolds/Morrelli & Melvin, as yet un-named. We look forward to meeting these new members at our upcoming events; please welcome them to our club.

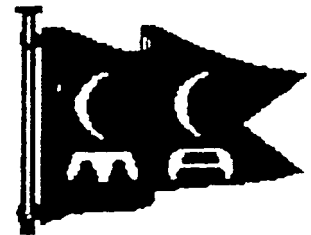
## CCMA Flags and Jacket Patches

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

## 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 Available:** Available to crew for both regular weekly races and regattas. Interested in learning more about trimarans. Experience includes primarily monohull racing.

I would like very much to crew for a CCMA racer this season, either occasionally or on a regular basis. I used to race on multis a decade ago in New England, and cruised the area in a little Searunner 25 trimaran. Please contact Scott Marino (h) 301-527-8208; (c) 240-506-6774.

**Crew Wanted:** Crew 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](mailto:CCMANews@earthlink.net).

## For Sale

### Condor 30 1990 For Sale



Condor 30  
*Tri My Way*

(larger photo  
available on  
CCMA  
website)

**Condor 30:** 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, multi-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. \$42,000. Contact: Dave Way, 202-685-5368, or email; [daveway@chesapeake.net](mailto:daveway@chesapeake.net)

### Seawind 24 Catamaran, 1989 For Sale



Seawind 24  
*Mistral*

(additional  
photos on the  
CCMA website)

**Seawind 24:** Hard decks rear, trampoline front, new Quantum square top full batten main '03, roller furling w/1 jib, 2 genoas, cruising spinnaker w/sock, late '02 Honda 5 hp 4 stroke, dual axle trailer, Loran, wind/depth speed Signet Ultra Pak, VHF, crane lifting harness, rotating mast w/lazy jacks. Many extras. Ready to cruise. \$15,500. Dick 410-867-7272.



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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:  
Richard Tolson, CCMA Membership, 11 Aylesbury Road, Timonium, MD 21093

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