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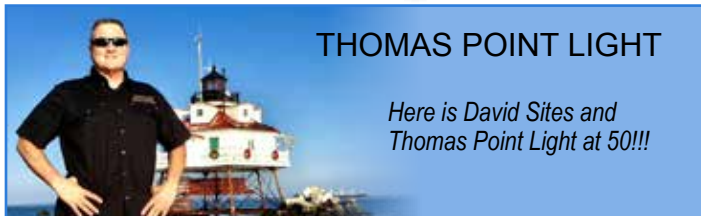
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Marinating with Jim High



THOMAS POINT LIGHT

Here is David Sites and
Thomas Point Light at 50!!!

This past August, Kisha and I had the honor of attending the **150th Birthday of Thomas Point Light** at the Naval Academy. The Legendary photographer David Sites was the Keynote Honorary Speaker! If you don't know David Sites, he does most of our front covers and is out boating every day. Not just some days... EVERY DAY!

A warning about NBHs!!!

Hannibal Lecter was a Non-Boating Human

Hannibal Lecter was an infamous doctor and cannibalistic serial killer from the Upper Chesapeake Bay area. Dr. Hannibal was a social elitist and served as



a board member for the Baltimore Philharmonic Orchestra and had his forensic doctor's office in Baltimore. But that was all before being committed to the Baltimore Psychiatric Hospital. That's when it dawned on me years ago -- If Hannibal Lecter had enjoyed some chicken livers with some fava beans and a nice chianti on the back of his 36-foot Sea Ray, maybe he wouldn't have wanted to EAT PEOPLE!

Well... Here we go, everybody rocking into October and the Fall Season with plenty of things to still do out on the water. UBBM will be down at the US Powerboat Show right by the Alex Haley Statue. Stop by and say HIGH to us! We may even have some Painkiller Samplers with fresh ground nutmeg. Do not give up on boating this season yet! We will probably have another false Summer, Then Fake Summer, and then an Indian Summer. Hopefully, after that, a few 70-degree days in November, and with the greatest amount of luck, the lighted boat parades will be warm at night with low winds and T-shirts! Who knows? Then put the boats away.



Pictured are Tim Magnus, David Sites, Yours Truly, Kisha and the Laura! (I'll see you guys at the US Powerboat Show.

VERY, VERY FALL BOATING BAD NEWS!

So, I was speaking to my sister, Suzy Q, this past Labor Day Weekend. She was very excited about decorating her home with all of the lovely fall and autumn things she owns. She had flipped three bedrooms into fall colors. She is what we like to call an NBH! For her, the shorter days, fall leaf colors, colder temps, and warming up by her fireplace are all things she adores!!! So, I ask you? What's the very, very FALL BOATING Bad News? I pulled into my driveway on September 7th, and there is Kisha (she's my wife) on the porch decorating for FALL!! NNNoooooooo!!!



By Wendy Gilbert
Contributing Editor



SING ME A SONG of the Chesapeake

In my heart of hearts, I always wanted to be a singer-songwriter. Alas, I don't have the talent required for such a vocation.

Another dream busted!

Ah well. When my soul feels the loss, all I have to do is remember this quote:

Plato: "Every heart sings a song, incomplete, until another heart whispers back. Those who wish to sing always find a song. At the touch of a lover, everyone becomes a poet".

So there!

Here are a few songs that were quite successful in capturing the love we all have for the Chesapeake Bay:

"Sailing Down the Chesapeake Bay" by **Bing Crosby**: Originally a 1913 ragtime-era song, this tune captures the joyful experience of taking a steamboat trip on the Bay, bound for Baltimore. The lyrics describe dressing up, enjoying a boat ride under the moon, and having a good time with banjos strumming on deck. Is a modern equivalent tailgating a Ravens game?

"Chesapeake Water" by

Dwayne Wilson: A modern country song that celebrates the boating lifestyle of the Bay. The artist, Dwayne Wilson, wrote the song after being asked to capture the essence of "Bay Life," highlighting a love for fishing and enjoying life on the water. I say he nailed it.

"Sailing on a Chesapeake" by **Tom Chapin**: This folk-style song tells a story of a boating trip on the Bay that runs into some trouble. It describes sailing on a "starry night" until the boat "sprung a leak," focusing on the potential for mishaps while still on the water.

"Out On the Chesapeake" by **Robbin Thompson**: This song from the Virginia-based artist's album Sweet Virginia Breeze evokes the feeling of being on the open water.

"Dredgin' Is My Drudgery" by **Tom Wisner**: Written by the Chesapeake Bay educator, singer, and poet, this song is a tribute to the Bay's oystering culture and the hard work of watermen. The lyrics both celebrate the culture and demonstrate a deep understanding of the Bay's ecosystem.

"Can't Work the River" by **Big Tribe**: A folk ballad that traces the struggles and challenges faced by Chesapeake watermen. The song, which was featured in an exhibit at the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum, touches on the difficulties of making a living from the Bay's resources.

"Blue Cat Blues" and "Chesapeake Channa" by **Rick Bowers**: These two country tunes were written to raise awareness about the invasive blue catfish and Chesapeake channa (snakehead) species. The songs frame fishing for these species as a fun way to help restore the Bay's ecosystem and protect its native fish and crab populations.

Jimmy Buffet, may he rest in peace, will always be my favorite singer-songwriter. He captured the spirit of our lifestyle in a way that I predict will never be matched. I can't begin to select songs. Do yourself a favor and let your heart guide you to your favorites. It doesn't matter if they are "popular". Just listen and then sing along!

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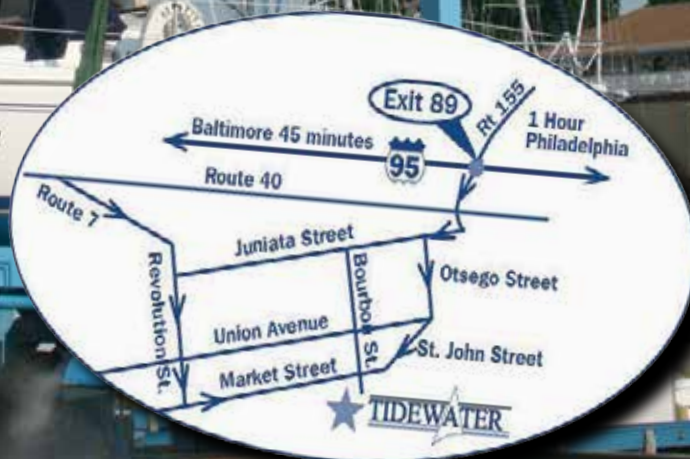
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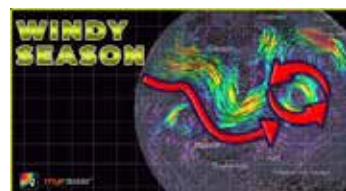
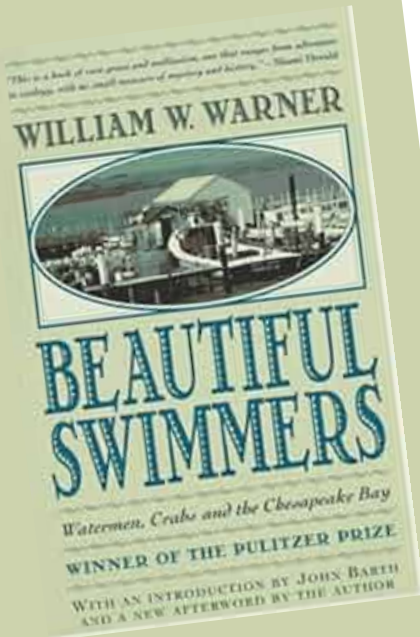
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Prepping For The Off Season

By Wendy Gilbert



Uncle Bob loved just about everything connected with what Upper Bay Boating is all about. He enjoyed powerboating, crabbing, and fishing. He'll never admit it, but he likes sailing too.

He loves kicking back after a long day on the water with a song in his heart and a beer in his hand.

What he doesn't like fills a very short list. And on the top of that list are socks.

Having to wear socks bugs Bob like nothing else. Uncle Bob has tried to talk his wife into snowbirding in Florida, but the pull of those 10 grandkids is like an industrial magnet.

So, all too soon, Uncle Bob and I and I suspect most of you, will be facing the ugly truth – it is sock season.

What's Uncle Bob to do until he can burn those foot covering annoyances?

Well, I did some research with a little help from Professor A.I. and here are some ideas:

READING

"Beautiful Swimmers: Watermen, Crabs and the Chesapeake Bay" by William W. Warner: This classic naturalist book is a must-read for anyone who has ever eaten a blue crab or wondered about the lives of the Bay's watermen. It provides a comprehensive look at the blue crab's life cycle and the culture surrounding it.

"Hunting & Fishing the Chesapeake: Unforgettable Tales of Wing and Water" by C.L. Marshall: Full of humorous and sometimes harrowing tales, this book captures the essence of the sporting life on the Bay's Eastern Shore. It's a great read for reminiscing about

adventures on the water.

"Flyfisher's Guide to Chesapeake Bay: Includes Light Tackle" by Ed Russell and Bill May: Written for fly and light tackle fishermen, this guide offers a comprehensive treatment of the sport in the Bay, with valuable, well-organized information for planning future trips. For all other tackle information, consult with our guy Tim Sherman!

"Navigating the Chesapeake: A Boater's Guide to the Bay" by Pasquale De Marco: An essential companion for boaters of all levels, this guide covers everything from navigation tips and weather patterns to the Bay's history, ecology, and best anchorages. Not that you need it, but it could help a friend, right?

TELEVISION

"Chesapeake Bay Week" (PBS): Held every April, this week-long event features programming that delves into the history, heritage, and environment of the Bay. You can find specials like "Chesapeake Beacons," which explores the Bay's iconic lighthouses.

"Racing Rivals: Log Canoes of Chesapeake Bay" (PBS): This special focuses on the Bay's unique log canoes and the passionate crews who restore and race them. It offers a glimpse into a cherished Bay tradition.

"Sport Fishing Television" (Discovery Channel/YouTube TV): While not exclusively about the Chesapeake, one notable episode, "Migrations: Stripper vs. Salmon," features the Chesapeake Bay as a sanctuary for striped bass.

"The Waterfront" (Netflix): This fictional drama series follows a fishing family in North Carolina, but the focus on the challenges of running a business on

the water and the beautiful coastal setting will resonate with any Bay enthusiast.

PUZZLES AND GAMES

Fishing and boating-themed puzzle books: You can find puzzle books specifically for fishing enthusiasts, with word searches and crosswords centered around topics like fish species, lures, knots, famous fishing spots, and boating terms.

The Shipping Forecast Puzzle Book by Alan Connor: While focused on the UK, this unique book uses place names from the iconic Shipping Forecast to create clever crossword and general knowledge puzzles that any fan of nautical themes will appreciate.

Chesapeake Bay-themed games and puzzles: Look for locally themed jigsaw puzzles or create your own with a favorite photo from a day on the Bay. I have one called "Crustacean Nation". It features a flag made out of crabs (blue and red, naturally) and sand dollars and shells.

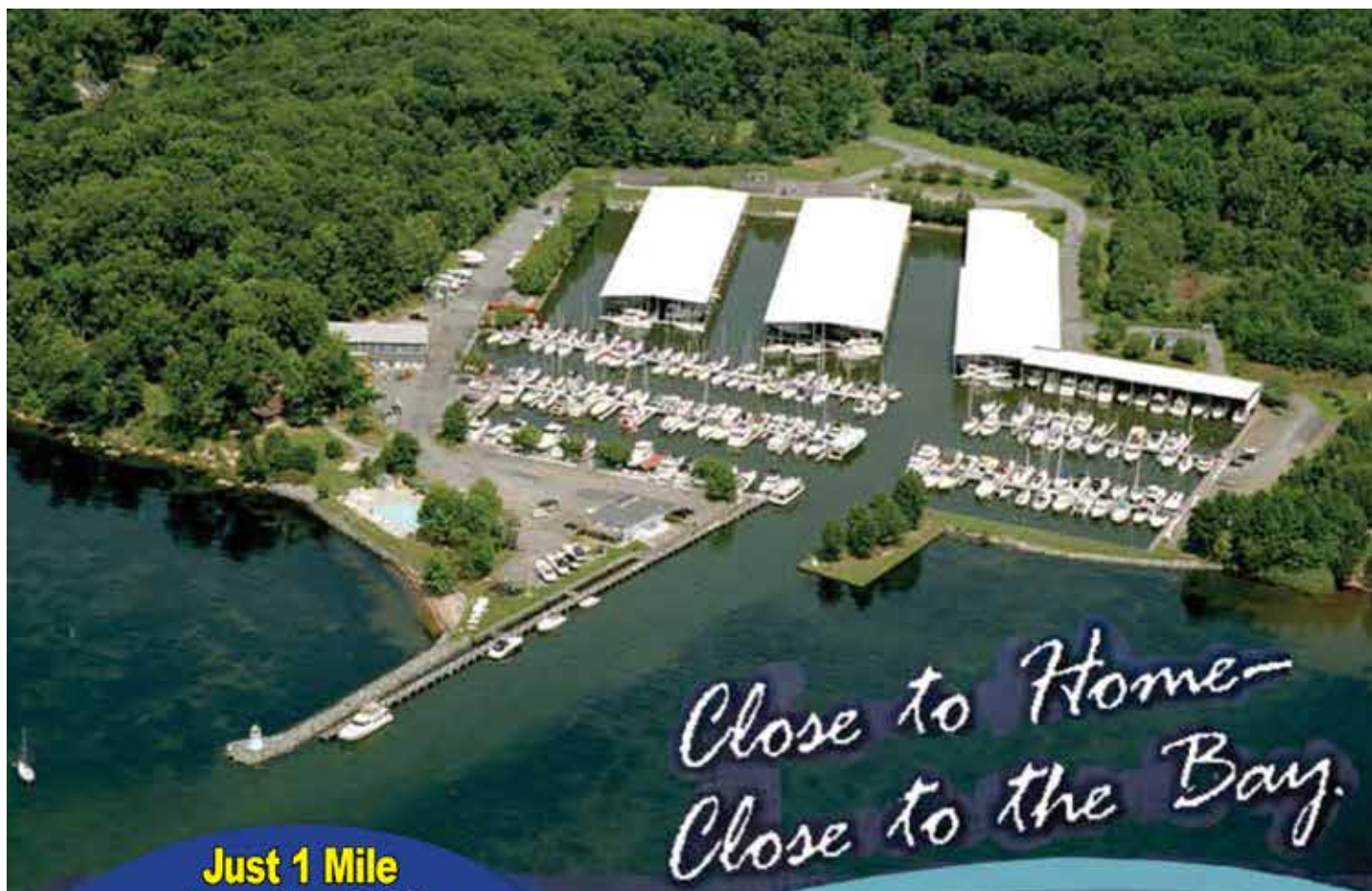
APPS

Navionics Boating App: A powerful tool for planning trips from home, this app provides detailed topographic charts and other useful features for boaters and anglers.

Windy or MyRadar: Stay on top of the weather by keeping an eye on wind patterns, tides, and potential storms in the region for future trips or just to daydream about a perfect day on the water.

Fishing games: Play virtual fishing games on your phone or tablet to get your fix when you can't be out on the Bay.

Animated Knots: This practical app offers a fun way to practice and perfect your fishing knots in an animated format, so you'll be ready for your next catch.



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Bay Soda Pop!

Native people around the Chesapeake Bay enjoyed a nice soda pop. Without a soda shop, or pop stop, they had to make their own. Foraging and fermenting were common native people skills. Pine needles are healthy, edible, and available.

A soda or pop is a flavored, carbonated, sweet drink. Modern sodas have artificial flavors and CO₂ added into them. You can add berries or use honey as your sugar to make your own custom drink. This just adds other healthy flavors and tastes.

So how did early folks make their own soda pop? They used pine needles! Long white pine or other long needled pines, like loblolly pines worked best. Avoid hemlock and shorter needled pines.

It turns out that pine needles are covered in wild, natural yeast. They have 5 times more vitamin C than oranges. Pine needles are also full of anti-fungals, anti-bacterials, and anti-virals. These are all great for a healthy body and skin. Folks often brew pine needle teas to enjoy these qualities.

Since pine trees are “evergreens”, you can make your own refreshing sodas year around. All you need is sugar to start the fermentation process. It will take 2-3 days to make your own sodas!

Several years ago, I started making Pine Needle Sodas at hunting and fishing camps. The first night we arrive at camp, I begin my brew. Water from a nearby spring and natural on-site ingredients were available.

3 Days later the sweet, refreshing and healthy soda was ready to go. Now I must admit that some of the hunting and fishing campers added some gin, vodka, rum, whiskey, or vodka. The Pine needle soda became tonic water and mixers. It also gave the drinkers healthy and invigorating additives. The campers were surprised and satisfied.

When I am making this drink for kids and non-boozers, or boaters, I serve the drink with a bundle of needles and a slice of lemon. They say it tastes like Sprite and has a citrusy, minty flavor. Ice helps but is not required. At one camp I gathered hail balls, after a thunderstorm, to ice our sodas.

TO MAKE YOUR BAY SODA POP

2 cups of pine needles. Trim off the bases and lightly rinse in cool water. Yeast is naturally on the needles so don't over wash. I cut my needles into 2-inch lengths and let them dry before making my brew. You want to rinse off any bugs and dust but no more.

2 ½ cups of water

4-5 tbsp of cane sugar or honey to taste, the sugar will feed the yeast causing the chemical reaction. CO₂ will form during fermentation. Only a negligible amount of alcohol will be created. If you add fruit or other sugary ingredients more alcohol is possible.

You can use old soda bottles, but they will need to have a flip top stopper added to them. I use mason jars. A pint size is perfect for this recipe. If you use a quart or larger sized jar, adjust the ingredients to taste. The bottles must be tightly secure so gas can't go out or in. Use a strainer to filter out any bits and pieces of the needles.

Once everything is in the bottle and tightly sealed, give the jars/bottles a shake, to dissolve the sugar, and let sit in indirect sunlight. This light will help infuse the ingredients together. Do not let brew exceed the 86°F degrees. Higher temps will kill the yeast.

Once the soda has sat for 3 days, do not shake it up before opening, unless you want an explosive mess. They also suggest that pregnant women avoid this soda. Apparently pine needles eaten by cows may have caused abortions. Better to be safe than sorry.

Your final Bay soda pop will be refreshing and have natural flavors. When a real soda is miles away, this homemade brew will suffice with ice.

Cheers!

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Chesapeake Bay Pilots

By Captain Mark Galasso



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We were watching the weather closely. I promised my wife we could take a weekend boat ride up the Chesapeake and get dinner at Schaefer's Canal House in Chesapeake City, about 60 miles from my pier on Greenwood Creek. I had studied a few charts, and though I had traversed Delmarva a few times on offshore fishing boats and research boats, I wanted to brush up on conditions that I may face as the captain of a smaller vessel.

It's really a pretty straight shot without too much to worry about. Go through Kent Narrows. Head out the Chester past Rock Hall and Swan Point and follow the Eastern Shipping Channel past Tolchester, the mouth of the Sassafra and Bohemia Rivers, and go up the Elk River until you hit the C&D Canal. Go into the canal, and the Canal House is a few miles down on your left – easy, peasy. The fact that my boat draws less than three feet makes it all the more carefree.

The only problem is the weather, which at this point looked like it was going to rival that of the Perfect Storm. Ouch. Gale force winds out of the Northeast and, rain coupled with flooding. The weatherman was not very encouraging, and though my wife and I are pretty hardy, it looked like a boat ride was out of the question. She looked disappointed. I got an idea. They have little cottages available next to the restaurant. We'll go up by car,

get dinner, and spend the night in one of the cottages. Assuming we don't get flooded in, we'll drive back the next day. Get packed!

An hour later, we were headed up Rt. 301. And a couple hours later, we were sitting in the dining room at the canal house, having cocktails and watching the rain and whitecaps turn the outside world into a maelstrom of activity. Trees were bending over, and leaves were blowing everywhere. It was a mess, but we were safe and very comfortable.

I noticed a large merchant ship heading up the canal toward Delaware Bay. It was huge and didn't seem to be having any problems. Someone over a loud speaker started talking about the ship. We learned that it hailed from Panama and was carrying cargo destined for Philly. It was 8,000 tons and drafted 28 feet, and had a crew of 12. I might have the numbers a little off. It was a long time ago. But just as it passed the restaurant, we saw a small boat heading out to meet it.

From a door, maybe three stories from the water's surface, we saw someone drop a rope ladder. The small tender, perhaps 40 feet long, pulled up under the ladder, and we saw someone on the smaller vessel grab the violently swinging rope ladder. To everyone's amazement, the person jumped up and started climbing. Once they got pulled into the big ship's door, some-

one else climbed back down. The big ship never slowed down, and once the second person was back on board the little boat, it sped off. WOW.

I was fascinated, captivated, and downright impressed on multiple levels. First of all, the rope ladder climbers had to be Olympic gymnasts or something. The people driving the boats must have been some of the best captains in the world. They never missed a beat. The whole scene was choreographed to perfection. Though I had worked on the water my whole life, this was my first real observation of Bay Pilots in action.

I knew about Bay Pilots. They are specialized boat captains who guide ocean-going vessels from special anchorages into ports. They need to have a good knowledge of all kinds of merchant and passenger ships, but more importantly, they need to have an intimate knowledge of the waters between those anchorages and the ports where the ships drop off passengers or cargo. Once they board a vessel, they are the ultimate authority on the vessel until it is tied up in port. Anyone who has spent a lot of time on the Chesapeake Bay is familiar with the two main anchorages in the Bay. Virginia has one just outside of the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel, north of Virginia Beach, and Maryland has one just south of the Bay Bridge off Annapolis.

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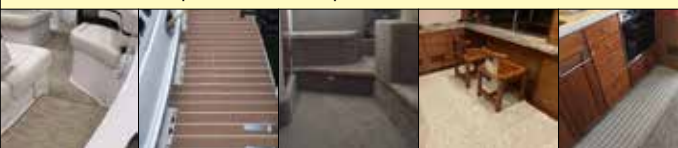
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Kimberly Ann



Coakley's Pub is a casual family pub and restaurant located at 406 Saint John Street, in beautiful Havre de Grace, adjacent to the Susquehanna River. The pub opened in 1997 and is owned and operated by Margie Coakley, a lifelong resident of Havre de Grace and husband Will Nori. Featuring both Irish and American fare the pub has something for everyone. There is live music every Friday and Saturday and outdoor dining is available April through November, weather and temps permitting.

From the exposed brick to the deep dark carved wood of the bar the pub has an awesome vibe the minute you step in. The exposed beam and in-laid ceiling add to the old-world charm. There is a mural along one of the walls that makes you feel like you are sitting in old time Ireland.

If you are there on a nice day make

sure you enjoy the patio/outdoor seating option. There are plenty of umbrellas for shade and the outdoor bar is fabulous.

The food is well portioned and delicious. The drinks go down smoothly, from beer to wine, to crushes and signature cocktails. The crushes are divine and the watermelon cooler was nice on a sunny day. There is also a great espresso martini on the menu.

The food is good in any type of weather but as the weather cools off try starting with a cup or bowl of Maryland Crab or Cream of Crab. The chili was also very tasty but hold the onions please. Looking for something Irish... start with the Irish eggrolls and then move on over to the Reuben or Rachel. You won't be disappointed. There is also a Reuben Dog. Lean more towards American pub fare.... how about the "Buffett" burger. It's a

cheeseburger in paradise. There is also a New York Dog with all the sauerkraut, fried onions, and mustard you could want. Have any special dietary needs...gluten free.... vegan? Not to worry. These dishes are designated on the menu for ease in ordering. And don't worry there is a menu just for the kids featuring some coloring activities and word puzzles.

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Bay Pilots work in almost any weather. Sometimes scheduling in the port can be more critical than weather conditions. Usually, small pilot boats pick up and drop off the pilots, like we witnessed at Schaefer's. Some ports actually have anchorages offshore, and these small pilot boats have to go a mile or two off the beach to make transfers. Ships tend to follow entrance routes to ports, whether they are channels to anchorages or the large magenta highways you see on nautical charts. Aeronautical charts have the same thing.

I was told that the Pilots' Union was one of the hardest to get into in the country. That may or may not be true, but the training to become a Bay Pilot is intense to say the least. I went to the Bay Pilots website just to see what was involved. It was fascinating. Currently, in the Association of Maryland Pilots, there are 65 active members and 40 retired members and widows, and 50 employees. It was interesting that they mentioned widows since it is obviously a dangerous occupation.

The website talks about a member who now sits on the Board. She is Captain Christman. She was selected as 1 of 6 candidates out of a field of 150 applicants. She went to one of the 6 or 7 Maritime academies. She underwent 5 years of extensive training. Captain Christman also has an unlimited tonnage license and a Master's Degree in Maritime studies. She is Federally and State Licensed and had to commit the 10 main Chesapeake Bay Nautical charts to memory. WOW.

Originally, there were two separate organizations, The Bay Pilots and the Docking Pilots, but in 2005, they merged and became the Association of Maryland Pilots. Though pilots have been around from the ear-

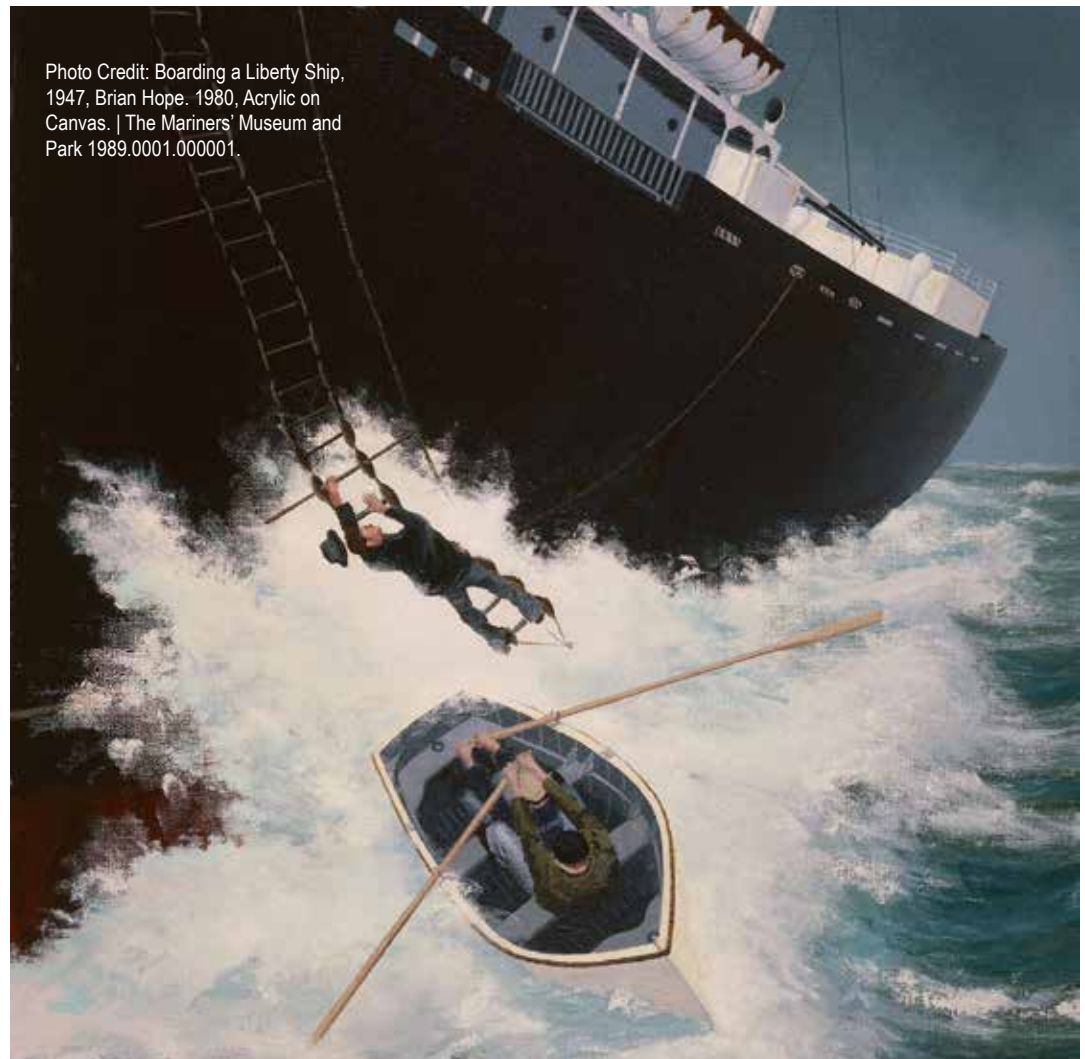


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liest accounts of shipping worldwide, the Maryland group was officially recognized during Maryland's first General Assembly meeting in 1787, but Bay Pilots were recognized as early as 1640 in Maryland. The official Charter for the group was done in 1852.

Shortly after Maryland was founded, local captains in small schooners helped guide large merchant and passenger ships to ports like Havre de Grace, Annapolis, Oxford, Baltimore, and St. Michaels. Unlike today, business for these captains was on a first-come, first-served basis, and competition was fierce. But with the shallow and treacherous waters leading to many of these ports, local knowledge was a necessity.

These early pilots were a fearsome group, and lat-

er during the War of 1812, many were commissioned as privateers to attack British ships using their small, fast, shallow-drafted vessels known as Clipper Ships. The *Pride of Baltimore II* is a replica of these clippers. These ships were credited with sinking 1,700 British Merchant Ships.

Ships have come a long ways since the War of 1812. Huge diesel boats carrying hundreds of thousands of gallons of fuel traverse the Bay every day. Baltimore has become the East Coast leader in unloading giant car carriers from all over the world. Ships can be as long as four football fields and draft over 45 feet of water. Considering areas in the shipping channel are only fifty feet deep, it's a real trick guiding a ship in these conditions. And the bottom of

the Bay is constantly changing. Dredge operations try and keep up with bigger and bigger vessels. Pilots have to be aware of these operations as well.

Mark Twain once summarized the character needed to be a pilot. He said, "A pilot must have a memory of substance, but there are two higher qualities which he must also have. He must have a good and quick judgment and decision, and a cool, calm courage that no peril can shake." I still can't shake that image of the Bay Pilot scurrying up that rope ladder in a ferocious Nor'easter. I wonder what the average retirement age could possibly be!

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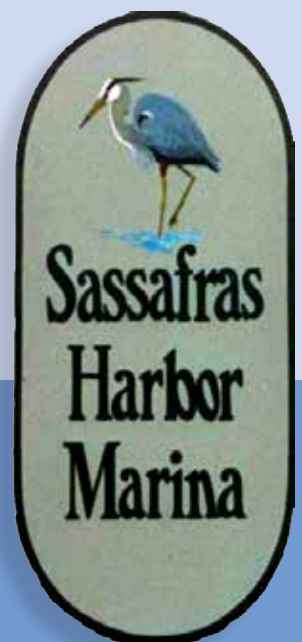
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The CEO of Apple, Huawei, and Nokia are all sitting together in a hot tub and bragging about their newest groundbreaking technology. The CEO of Apple starts explaining how his company invented a tiny speaker and a tiny mic which would be surgically attached to your thumb and pinky finger - so you could receive a phone call, only by putting your hand to your ear.

The CEO of Huawei looks very unimpressed. He starts explaining how Apple is way behind the Chinese tech market. He then points to his mouth and proudly said that he and all

his friends had already attached microphones to their teeth.

The CEO of Apple gives him a respectful applause and a high five. But the CEO of Nokia doesn't seem very interested. Then he rips a fart in the tub. And the two CEOs look very disgusted at him. The Nokia CEO then says:

"Oh, sorry, I just received an email."



AN OLD GUY IN A CHEAP BOAT!

Stopped at a fuel dock, and next to him was a rich man in a brand new 6-engine Fancy Race Boat! The first guy says, "That's a fabulous boat you got there, but my old boat is better". The second guy smiles and asks calmly, "And how is it better?" The guy replies, "Well, my boat comes with a genie." The guy with the Fancy Race Boat sarcastically asks, "A genie?". The guy says, "I'll show you". He jumps down on the boat and rubs the steering wheel, and a genie appears! The guy asks the genie to get them two coffees, and immediately, two coffees were there. The Fancy Race Boat guy, blown away, he says Wow! With a face full of unspoken questions, the other guy says, "You can take my old boat with the Genie in exchange for yours." The guy with no thinking, says Deal! And the two shake hands. The old guy jumps onto the Fancy Race Boat, fires it up, and waves as he pulls away! The other rushes into the old boat, rubbing the steering wheel impatiently until the genie appears. The guy asks the genie for the latest 6-engine Fancy Race Boat like he had, and 10 million dollars. The genie says, "I only make coffees."

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What is the name of your least favorite child?

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On what street did you lose your childlike sense of wonder?

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"CHANGING TIDES"

By the late 70s, boating habits began to change. Instead of the weekend boating that their parents enjoyed, baby boomers began to migrate to more day boating.

Several issues began to influence the boating habits of boaters. One of those was the divorce rate. Whereas the "greatest generation" had a very low divorce rate, the boomers rate of separation soared. This took a severe toll on family unity and family weekends on the bay.

As we moved into the 80's, spring-time boating became impacted by the proliferation of youth sports activities. Boomer's children flocked to field sports like soccer, lacrosse, softball, and baseball. Many families had more than one child on fields during the weekend. This impacted on the

time available for readying the boat in spring. This condition continues to exist today.

During the 70s and 80s, society became accustomed to air conditioning. Homes, businesses and cars all enjoyed the cool air. When summer arrived, families were less comfortable spending their weekend evenings on the boat but rather retreated to the comfort of a cool home.

Marinas began to respond to these changes. Some marinas added swimming pools. Electrical service was increased on piers to accommodate the emergence of portable air conditioning units. Meeting places were developed to facilitate socialization. Rest room facilities were modernized and upgraded. An increase in waterfront restaurants blossomed on many tributaries

and some marinas. All in an effort to increase the time boaters spent on the water.

Boat manufacturers also responded to changing boating trends. No longer was the primary effort to design models to accommodate the maximum number of berths in a cabin. Builders began to add day usage boats to their product lines. Power boaters saw the emergence of center console and bow rider models. Sailors enjoyed larger, more comfortable cockpits.

As the 20th century began to close, Gen X began making their appearance on the boating scene.

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The Mainstay

By Kimberly Ann

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It was at this time that Tom McHugh, who began his teaching career in Kent County, returned to the area and began to stage informal concerts. A local real estate mogul offered him the use of the vacant storefront that occupied N. Main Street, and the Mainstay was born. Tom and his volunteers wasted no time in developing weekly calendars of music performances featuring top local and regional talent. The year-round weekly programs at The Mainstay have continued without interruption ever since.

The name gets its origin from the part of a sailing vessel that supports the entire superstructure and holds things together. Tom feels that the work of The Mainstay is to support, serve, and inspire the great arts communities of Rock Hall, Kent County, and the entire Mid-Atlantic.

All genres are presented at the Mainstay, including jazz, bluegrass, folk mu-

sic, gospel, Celtic, classical, soul, and world music. The earliest jazz concert dates back to jazz great Charlie Byrd.

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While admission is free for school-age, high school, and college students, reservations are always recommended and can be made with a quick phone call to the ticket box. Tickets for all others can be purchased by phone or at the door if seats remain. There are also seasonal shows on the backyard covered stage, and these shows are confirmed usually 48 hours prior to the show based on the forecast for show night. There is also a "datebook" which consists of 10 tickets that can be used for any concert, bring a date to 5 shows, or attend 10 by yourself. The choice is yours.

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TOM McHUGH



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Although I'm not in line for a pumpkin latte in August, Fall is my favorite time of year. The cooler weather is bringing much-needed relief from the heat and from my electric bill. Of course, this wonderful season is best known for its name-sake - falling leaves. The colors inspire wonder and serve as a reminder to get the boat winterized before it's too late.

While some consider leaves to be a nuisance when they fall, they provide habitat and nutrients for a lot of aquatic wildlife. From microscopic critters to bait fish, all thrive with the right brew of "watershed tea." Our upland forests around the creeks and streams that flow to the Bay provide a specific blend that native species thrive on.

Another icon of the season is dead trees. Admittedly, downed trees are definitely a nuisance for all levels of boaters and paddlers, but in streams and small waterways, they help create debris dams, allowing smaller woody and leaf debris to get caught. These mini debris dams are crucial for allowing life to thrive throughout the stream, rather than being swept away with the next thunderstorm. Also called leaf packs, these pockets of rotting leaves and dead wood serve as spawning sites for species like hickory shad and yellow perch. They also serve as a nursery site for largemouth bass and stocked trout, providing food and, more importantly, protection from predators.

So, as you pick the pesky leaves off your windshield, remember they are actually helping next year's catch to grow up! If you'd like to enjoy peak leaf color throughout Maryland, check out the Maryland Department of Natural Resources' Fall Foliage Report. From late September through early November, Maryland DNR tracks foliage color change on a map by county showing the movement from no change, near peak, peak, and past peak each week.

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TIPS FOR SHALLOW STRIPERS

By Tim Sherman

October is the month that I truly look forward to when it comes to fishing. It's early fall, and the weather is cooling down. That also means that fishing for striped bass in the shallow waters of the upper bay is heating up. You all remember my formula for catching tidal fish: tide + current + structure and/or cover + food source = the fish we set out to catch. The more you take away from the equation, the less your chance at success. This is especially true for my favorite type of fishing.

Good shallow striper fishing can be found from the Patapsco to the Susquehanna, and on the Bay proper itself. Not every shoreline, jetty, point of bridge piling is going to hold fish. And when they do, it's highly likely that it will be during one tide cycle or the other. Consider yourself fortunate if you have spots that are good in both tides.

I have decades of experience fishing the fall run. That being said, I am always looking for more places to fish. A great tool for both navigating and fishing is marineways.com. The website/app gives you a topographical layout, in depth, of the area you want to fish. You will need to switch the layout to feet versus meters.

You will view break lines and depth along the shorelines. Submerged obstructions that often hold stripers are also marked. To be safe, I would consider these depths to be taken at high tide. Zooming out to a wide expanse

view allows you to imagine how the incoming or outgoing current flows past the rock piles, riprap, pilings, and break lines. This will help you determine the best tides for a given spot.

Even with modern technology, time on the water is the best teacher. Make the most out of your fishing time. Observe your surroundings, don't just make 100 casts. How does the current flow past a point? Is there a snag-prone area? Is there a certain stretch along the bank where most of the fish are being caught? Logging down these and other tidbits will help you maximize your fishing time.

Knowing how to use your onboard electronics is to your advantage. Even today's most rudimentary GPS/fish finders have a feature that allows you to split the screen to view both GPS and sonar. This will allow you to line up and fish along a break line while looking for fish, baitfish, and abnormalities along the bottom. This is your way of finding the best spots along a contour line of depth change.

Technology with apps and fishing electronics truly aids us in finding the best fish-holding spots. Tide charts help us determine when to be there when the current is flowing the best. These three elements of the equation are all fine and good. However, a good bait source is needed. You can watch your graph to see bait around the boat. Oftentimes, you can see schools bubbling or breaking through

the surface. There are other instances where you get that waft of honeydew melon smell when you are downwind from the school.

You have these hot spots for a reason. Stripers know that these areas are prime feeding zones. When you don't see baitfish, the question is, do you camp out on a spot, or do you hit some others and come back? The answer lies in whether you are marking stripers or not. If they are hanging out, you should too.

I am basing my lure choices on the activity level of the stripers and the size of the baitfish. Surely surface activity will have me casting a topwater lure. If the bait is small, my lure will be as well. If 4-inch shad or menhaden are fleeing through the surface, a popper or spook in that size will be cast. Rattle traps in ¼-ounce and ½-ounce sizes match the size of baitfish will match the size of most baitfish in the shallows. For my soft plastic baits, I carry slender and wide-profile lures in 3 to 4 ½-inch sizes. Rarely do I see baitfish larger than that in the shallows of the upper bay.

Now that fall is here, the shallow striper bite is upon us. Each trip, I am basing the day on my tidal fishing formula. With today's technology at home and onboard, and a trusted tide chart, I've got my game plan. Hitting my prime spots, I'm confident I'll have a successful day.

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Ken McQuage was our top supporter and contributor but most of all, he was our friend. He was a very charitable person with donations, items he thought you could use and most of all, his knowledge. He loved to read and research many subjects, but most of all he loved the Chesapeake Bay and its many tributaries. If he thought he could make a difference, he wanted to be involved.

Ken was also a master of connecting people that he thought may be able to assist each other in their mission. Many years ago, he introduced Sam and I to Coastal Conservation Association and we have made many lifetime friends and connections there and after other introductions.



One of the biggest contributions Ken made to Maryland Waterways Foundation was his support and interest in our summer intern program. He saw that we were trying to fund an internship and our goal and stepped in to find what it would take to make it successful. Ken

would take an interest in every intern, learning their history, interest and future goals. He would join in on field trips to Hart-Miller and Poplar Islands and whenever needed. He is helping summer interns drag in an abandoned boat at the boat ramp at Cox's Point on Back River in the picture above.

Ken was an enthusiastic boater, exploring the Chesapeake Bay, Erie Canal and even England and Northern Europe. He also loved to hike, dance and read. He spent a lifetime helping people with his Psychology practice and just in life. We appreciate all the support and guidance Ken offered us through the years but most of all, we are so very happy to have had such a wonderful friend.

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By Kimberly Ann

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The plantation originated as a land grant of 350 acres to Godfrey Harmon by the second Lord Baltimore. It was a prosperous tobacco plantation during the 17th and 18th centuries. The plantation was donated to a national preservation organization in 1974 so that it would be maintained and opened to the public. In 1997, Friends of Mount Harmon, Inc., purchased the property with a mission to preserve and interpret the plantation for the education and enjoyment of visitors.

Guided tours are offered May through October, Thursday through Sunday, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Day passes are also available; however, the buildings and manor

house are not accessible for day pass holders, only the grounds, gardens, trails, and picnic areas. These passes are available year-round and good from 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Other buildings/areas on the plantation include the Boxwood Garden, the plantation kitchen in its original building, the smoke house, slave quarters, tobacco barn, prize house, and the education center. The nature trails provide easy access to the plantation's scenic waterfront. The entire plantation is a nature reserve, so you will encounter all types of plants and wildlife while there, but please do not pick flowers or disturb the plants or animals in any way.

Coming in October is the Revolutionary War & Colonial Festival featuring reenactments, cooking, encampments, and living history demonstrations. History will come to life with military skirmishes and drills. There will be battle reenactments and, of course, a food court and tavern.

November brings the Paper Chase

with a course spanning 7 miles along the Sassafras River. Then, usher in the holidays with the Yuletide Festival on December 6th and 7th. Shop for all the people on your list, browsing through handmade wreaths, decorations, Artisan crafts, and gifts. The famous Yuletide Decorations & Greens Sale, tours, cooking demonstrations, and wassail in the colonial kitchen. The Yuletide Food Court and Open-Air Tavern will also be available this year. And of course, the Manor House will be decorated, putting everyone in the holiday mood.

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