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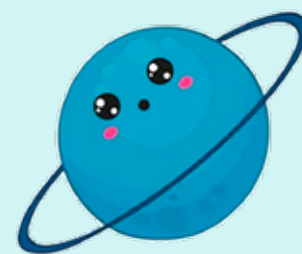
Marinating with Jim High



PACKING IT IN! PACKING IT IN! PACKING IT IN!

Trying to stuff 24 months of Summertime into a 3 month window frame! Summer is once again screaming by and I am screaming right along with it. Kinda like being at Kings Point on one of those

big coasters... hair back, hands in the air, sitting up front and smiling ear to ear as each day brings more Summertime Fun! Get out there Upper Bay Boaters and make 2025 Great!



A PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT FOR RECREATIONAL BOATERS

Warning, Non -Boating Humans have been seen conspiring to eliminate recreational powerboating from our planet. The NBH's have reached a new low by creating legislation that doesn't permit any recreational boating of any kind to take place on the planet Earth. They have suggested that recreational boating should only take place on Uranus. The NBH's feel as though Uranus is big enough to hold all the recreational boats. They feel Uranus is so big, fat, and round all the sailboats, powerboats, fishing boats, and Jet skis could all be on Uranus. The NBH's have also decided to allow kayak, paddleboards and canoes to continue use on planet Earth. They don't want them on Uranus.

I know a building absolutely covered in stickers. Whenever I return to Key West I make sure I visit it. It is a tribute to "I WAS HERE" from people that have a love of everything Jimmy Buffett. Shrimp Boat Studio located down by Schooners Wharf Area is where Jimmy recorded and returned many many times. Shrimp Boat Records is Jimmy's record-

ing studio! Every sticker and every tribute or random item left is a monument to the pilgrims who head to Key West each year. All those stickers are proof that I existed and I love the life style of beaches, ballads, and boats. It's about the stories behind it. The places where the magic happened. And now a days this little sticker-covered shack is prac-

tically hollowed ground for Parrotheads. Somewhere behind those walls are the ghosts of lyrics that changed how millions of people view their work-life balance. From the person who made his songs into a lifestyle for Millions and Millions across the world. We've got FINS to the left! We've got Fins to the right! We've got Fins everywhere!!!



I WAS HERE!



DIVE BAR DOLLARS!



As a kid my dad Jim High Sr. taught me a lifelong lesson. In my room, I always had pennies laying around some on the floor. Dad one day asked why I had pennies laying on the floor and explained that when he was a kid a penny was a lot of money. I picked up the pen-

nies and from that moment whenever I saw a penny laying on the ground I would pick it up and usually think about my dad and thank him. Now over the years my body has gotten older. A few years ago I decided not to pick up pennies because my knees, back and shoulders

ache! I still pick up all other denominations. I've been to a lot of tiki, dock and dive bars across the country and some have a lot of dollars hanging from the rafters. So, I started to relocate a few to my own Dive Bar and last week realized that's a lot of PENNIES! Dad is proud.



By Wendy Gilbert
Contributing Editor

WRITE ME A SONG, I NEED TO CHILL

There are a myriad of reasons to go out boating, but the first and seldom underestimated reason is to just chill. As Wayne mentions in his fifth part of a history series, the Boomers sought refuge on the Bay to escape the harsh realities of their world. Are we any different? There are days when I can barely watch television. And I'm a journalist! I am a part of The Media – so easily and often scorned, ridiculed, and derided.

Boating and relaxing (especially for the passengers) go hand in hand. It's like a cheeseburger in Paradise or a lime wedge in a Corona. Not only do we get to leave our cares where they belong – on land – we get to relax in the sun, gently bobbing on rippling water. Ah.

Being on the water in a boat offers numerous psychological and physiological benefits, often summarized by the concept of "Blue Mind," which describes the mildly meditative state

achieved when near or on water.

PSYCHOLOGICAL BENEFITS:

- Boating can reduce stress and anxiety by promoting a state of relaxation. It offers a mental reset from daily life and provides a digital detox.
- Being on the water can enhance mindfulness and focus, improving concentration and mental clarity.
- The experience can improve mood and emotional well-being through exposure to sunlight and fresh air.
- The calm environment can boost creativity and problem-solving skills.
- Boating provides a sense of freedom and adventure, which can enhance self-esteem.
- It can strengthen social bonds and create shared experiences with others.

PHYSIOLOGICAL BENEFITS:

- Being near water can lower stress hormones like cortisol and increase feel-good hormones such as dopamine, serotonin, and oxytocin.

• Physical activities associated with boating, like paddling or sailing, can improve cardiovascular health. Swimming in the ocean also benefits heart health and circulation.

• Sunlight exposure while boating helps in Vitamin D production, which is important for bone health and the immune system.

• The combination of physical activity, fresh air, and stress reduction can lead to better sleep quality.

• Navigating a boat can improve cognitive function by requiring spatial awareness and problem-solving.

• Breathing salty sea air can benefit respiratory health.

Overall, being on the water in a boat offers a holistic approach to well-being by reducing stress, improving mood, encouraging physical activity, and connecting with nature. What more does a girl without a screen need?

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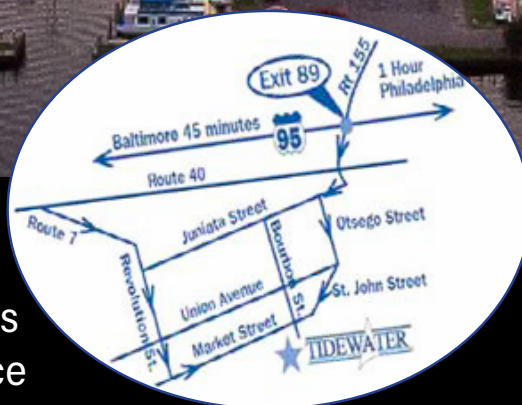
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Savory or Sweet

OLD BAY CAN'T BE BEAT *By Wendy Gilbert*

Marylanders keep a can of Old Bay on their shelves like other chefs' stock salt and pepper. And, hey, if you are out of salt and pepper – guess what? Old Bay to the rescue.

Known for being an absolute essential addition to summer seafood feasts, this beautiful can of lip-smacking goodness can bring some unconventional pops of flavor to other menu items. Just use it with a prudent shake – think salting caramel.

ON THE SAVORY SIDE:

- **Deviled Eggs:** Use Old Bay for a savory twist on deviled eggs.
- **Romesco Sauce:** Blend some into a romesco sauce for a unique layer of flavor.
- **Popcorn:** Sprinkling Old Bay on popcorn enhances the fun.
- **Mayonnaise:** Make your own Old Bay-flavored mayonnaise (for chef's -- aioli)



for a flavorful dip or spread.

- **Compound Butter:** Create a savory compound butter with Old Bay to spread on bread, rice, potatoes or a loaf of sourdough. Or if you are low-carbing it – broccoli, green beans and turnips.
- **French Fries:** Sprinkle liberally to season homemade or frozen fries for a flavorful twist.
- **Bloody Mary:** Mix Old Bay into a Bloody Mary for a spicy kick.
- **Steak:** Old Bay can be

used to season steak before grilling or cooking, adding a unique flavor profile.

- **Chicken Wings:** Old Bay provides a zesty and peppery flavor to chicken wings, both as a seasoning and in a dipping sauce.

ON THE SWEET SIDE:

- **Ice Cream:** Old Bay ice cream exists! It offers a unique salty-sweet flavor profile, and you can even make it at home by adding the seasoning to a vanilla base.

- **Chocolate:** Combine Old Bay with chocolate for a surprising kick. This can be done by sprinkling it on chocolate-covered pretzels or incorporating it into chocolate recipes.

- **Pumpkin Pie:** A sprinkle of Old Bay can add a salty, spicy depth to pumpkin pie, enhancing the natural sweetness.

- **Caramel:** Create Old Bay caramel for a savory-sweet drizzle for desserts like ice cream or brownies.

- **Whipped Cream:** Fold some into whipped cream for a unique topping on pumpkin pie or other desserts.

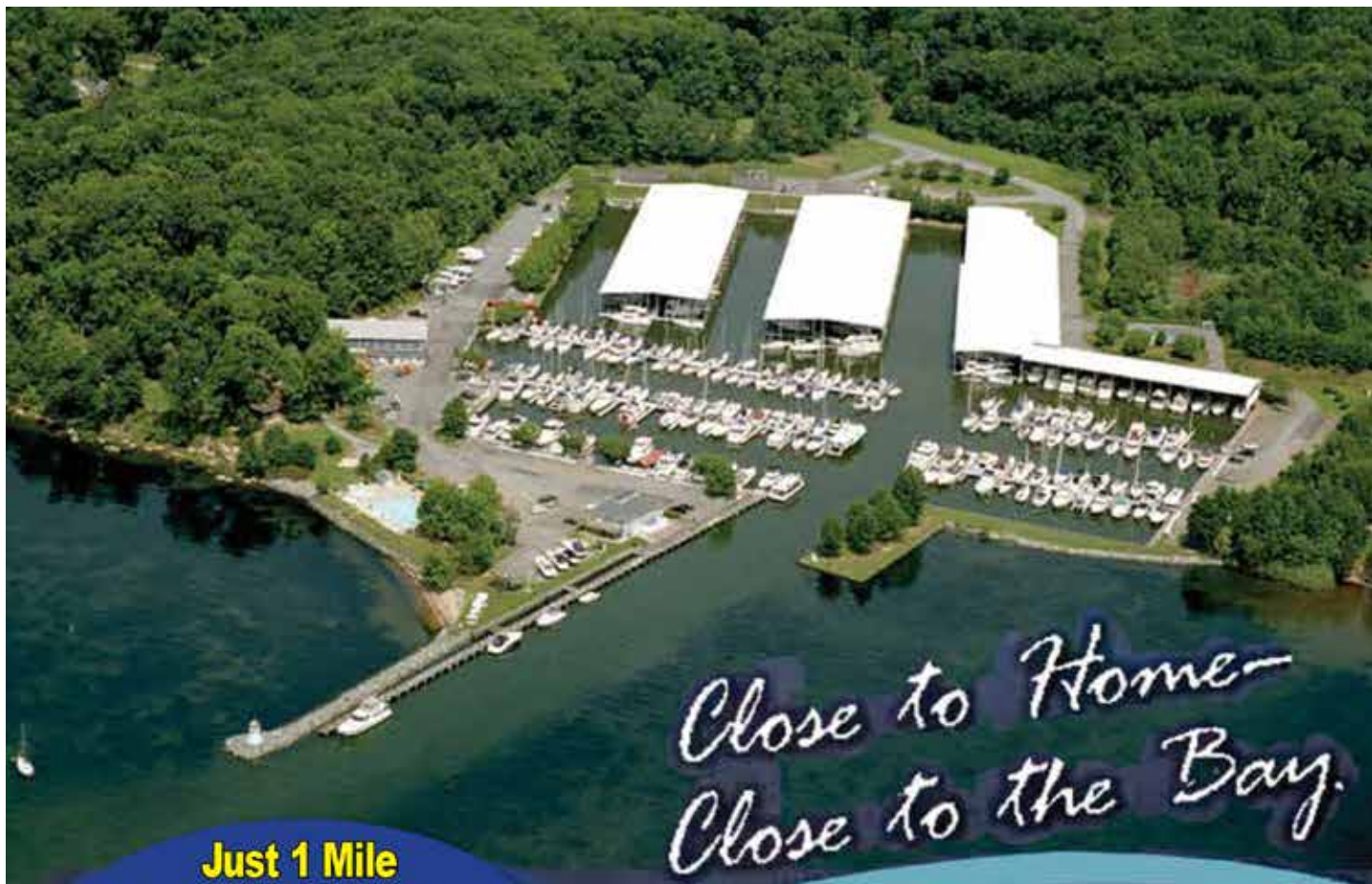
- **And my favorite idea – O.B. Snickerdoodles!** Replace the usual cinnamon-sugar coating with a mix of sugar and Old Bay.

- **Hot Chocolate:** Add a dash of Old Bay to Mexican hot chocolate for a blend of earthy and sweet flavors.



The 5th Annual West Virginia Bigfoot Festival was held in Sutton, WV, during the last weekend in June. Chainsaw carver Michael the Chainsaw Bunny and others produced some hair-raising art, including this ponderous sculpture. Sasquatch fishes? Of course he does!

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JAWS

By Captain Mark Galasso

It was my senior year of high school. We had moved to Queenstown back in March of 1975, after my dad got tired of commuting from New Jersey to cover his mid-Atlantic sales territory, made up mostly of Maryland, Delaware, and Virginia. He came home one evening shortly after Christmas of 1974 and asked if the family would consider moving farther south so he wouldn't have so much driving and he could come home most evenings. My younger brother and I, being the world travelers that we were, asked where and what was Maryland. Two months later, we would find out as we drove through a blizzard from North Jersey to move into a temporary rental home on the Wye River. My parents had already commissioned Friel Lumber to build them a house on Bennet's Point, but that wouldn't be ready until spring. The question hanging over my brother and me was whether we would be able to spend the summer with Granny in Barnegat Light like we had done every summer of our lives. When we asked the question, we got the standard answer. YES. You have a week to find a job, or the Jersey Shore would be only a fond memory.

So, when school let out that summer off we went. Our parents dropped us off at Granny's and went about their business. Dad went fishing and Mom relaxed on the beach. My brother and I went looking for work. It was easy for me. I already had three jobs lined up. I could dig clams or work on the head boat, White Star, where I worked last year. One of my surfing buddies had a third option. He was the lieutenant of the Barnegat Light Beach Patrol and offered me a job if I could pass the test. Even though it was a cut in pay, the thought of being a lifeguard and all the perks and privileges lured me in. So, on a cold, windy day, I jumped in the ocean with a bunch of college kids and swam out to sea, around a buoy about a half mile away, and swam back to shore, only to run about a mile in the soft sand. Thinking back on it, I was in pretty good shape. If I were asked to do that today, I'd file for unemployment

first.

I got hired and was pretty stoked. I got a pair of lifeguard trunks and a whistle, as well as a nice jacket and a couple of shirts. When it came time to get our assigned partners and beaches, I was a little shocked. I didn't have a partner, and the beach I was in charge of was in Barnegat Inlet. Come to find out we had to supply a guard for the State Park even though it was off limits to swimming and didn't have any waves, only LOTS of current! I asked my buddy Mickey, "What gives?" He said everything was based on seniority, and next year I would have a better assignment. Oh well. At least I could fish while I watched nothing in particular. The only waves were at the mouth of the Inlet, almost a mile out, and by the time the offshore boats reached them, they were just small specs on the horizon.

The next step in our summer adventures was to see who else showed up. Sometimes summer school kept kids away, and sometimes more lucrative jobs or family businesses would keep kids back in north Jersey, Philly or New York. Obviously, we would check on our girl or boy friends first. My girlfriend's family summer home was only two houses away from granny's so one day, when I saw a bunch of cars in the driveway, I walked over to see if she was there or if it was summer renters. Sometimes families would rent out their homes during the summer if they fell on hard times during the winter so they could afford to pay the taxes, insurance, and mortgage. By this time in late June, I was already in a routine. Tuesday through Saturday, I would either ride my bike or get a ride to my station in the park. It was my tall wooden throne where I would stare out into the ocean for eight hours a day, looking for nothing in particular. I had my uniform, binoculars, a walkie-talkie and a couple of fishing rods just in case. This was my routine all summer, rain or shine. I once watched as a guy get washed off the Island Beach State Park Jetty, but he was so far out that all I could do was call the Coasties. They never found him.



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78th National HARD CRAB DERBY

By Kimberly Ann



This annual event is held annually on Labor Day weekend in Crisfield, which is known as "The Crab Capital of the World". People come from all over, not just in Maryland, to attend. There is something for everyone at the Crab Derby. This year there are three concerts throughout the weekend featuring Tanzfusion, Smitty & On The Edge, and Full Circle. You can purchase tickets individually or get a discounted three-concert pass to see them all.

Back for the 61st year is the cooking contest. The contest will be held on Friday at Somerset Intermediate School, and you have to enter by Aug. 22. There is a panel that votes on best appetizer, soup/salad, main dish and of course crab cakes. Past entries have had creative names such as Jala Ate My Crab Dip and Crabby Smash. Other winners include: blueberry corn crab salads, crab stews, crab souffles, and summer salsa crab cakes. Winners get featured on the webpage along with

their recipes and photos of their entries.

For our runner friends. This year will be the 46th Annual Mike Sterling Crab Derby 10K Race, 5K Walk, and a 10K Ruck. This event will be held on Saturday, Aug. 30, and starts and ends at the Crisfield City Dock with all proceeds benefiting the Crisfield Area Chamber of Commerce.

There is also the Ms. Crustacean Pageant for those aged 15-18 who have at least a 2.0 GPA and the Little Miss and Mr. Crustacean Pageant for those boys and girls that are 5 to 6 years old and live in Somerset County and/or attend Somerset County schools. Entries are limited to the first 10 girls and 10 boys, so get your little ones signed up early.

And of course, there is the always popular boat docking contest. This will be 53rd year for this event, and it is being held on Sunday, Aug. 31. Did you know that boat docking contests originated in Crisfield? For the contest, the gates will open at 10 a.m. and the

contest begins at noon. You can enjoy bleacher seating for just \$20 or you can upgrade to the Captain's Deck with a covered area and food/drink service for \$40 per ticket.

The event is always looking for new sponsors for the event and also for the boat docking contest. Event sponsorship levels range from Claw Sponsor to Jumbo Lump Sponsor, with sponsors receiving incentives like wristbands for the concerts, having your company mentioned on stage during the events, company logo and name on banners displayed throughout the event, upgraded tickets to the docking contest, and more. Boat docking sponsorships are Gold, Silver, and Bronze and also have some great incentives.

So, if you are looking for some great entertainment, good food, and fun times with the family for Labor Day Weekend, head over to Crisfield and let them know that your friends at **Upper Bay Boating Magazine** sent you.



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SHARK!

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I did save two beach balls one windy day. The two girls thanked me like I was Superman. I guess to five-year-olds I was.

I digress. Good news. My girlfriend was going to be there all summer. She got a job at our favorite ice cream place in Loveladies, so I had a contact to get free ice cream. I went to see her at work when I got off one afternoon. It was late June, and it was hot. The green head flies chased me ten blocks as I peddled my bike to get a cold black raspberry milkshake. Come to find out she was getting off work early and going to see a movie at the only theater on the Island in Beach Haven. Her parents were driving her and her younger brother down a little later. She said a bunch of our friends were going, and did I want to go. Sure. I was off the next morning and was planning on surfing all day, even though it looked like there wasn't going to be much in the way of waves. The greenheads knew it was light west winds and a full moon, so until the mosquitoes came out, they were going to feast. I didn't even ask what the movie was.

I soon found out as we got our seats and started in on popcorn and soft drinks. Looks like it was going to be a Shark flick. Great. We were two blocks from the beach, and I'm going surfing

in the morning, just what I need to see is beach goers getting eaten. At least it would give me something to look out for while I sit on my wooden lifeguard throne. Perhaps it would scare all our girlfriends into our arms for comfort. After a couple of hours of bloodshed, I was glad it was over. As we were leaving the theater, one of my buddies had a great idea. LET'S GO SURFING!!! It's a full moon. Should be some waves on 29th Street near granny's. You get the stuff for a bonfire, and I'll get the Boone's Farm and we'll meet in an hour.

The next thing I know, we're sitting in the lineup about a hundred yards offshore. The girls are sitting around a campfire. Maybe five of us sitting on our boards with not a ripple on the ocean. It's literally flat calm except for small fish checking us out. You could tell when one would swim by the phosphorescent wake it would leave behind. It would have been ultra relaxing except that I couldn't get that confounded music out of my mind. You know the background music just before Jaws claimed his first victim, ironically the girl was swimming at night on a full moon calm evening.

And then I saw it. About a hundred yards away I saw a fin. It was tall and black and very slowly headed in our direction. I wanted to be cool, but I was

scared to death. I pointed it out to the surfer next to me. He wasn't so cool. He screamed. SHARK!!!! We all paddled to shore as fast as we could. There were no waves to help. It was pure adrenaline. When the girls heard us and saw us heading in, they all joined the chorus. SHARK!!!! Exhausted, we all sat there and stared at the shark fin slowly heading our way. It wasn't stopping, but was moving so slow we drank all the Boone's Farm while we waited. The fire was almost out since no one was paying any attention to it. All eyes were glued on the shark. It came right up into the wash.

Turns out it wasn't a shark. It was a black Hefty Bag full of water. A pocket of air had gotten caught in one corner of the bag and looked for all the world like the dorsal fin of a shark. It was pretty embarrassing. I can't remember if my girlfriend at that point was an ex-girlfriend. Like the hefty bag, we slowly drifted apart after that. But hey. I had a whistle, and I was a lifeguard. And the five-year-old beach bunnies still thought I was Superman. That was fifty years ago. I'm older now, but the jury is still out about wiser. Be safe. And wise. Not too many sharks in the Upper Bay.

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A Small Town Afloat

By Don Elwell

I'd be remiss in any discussion of the sailing/cruising life if I didn't mention dock life as a part of it

A number of years ago—and I've written of this before—a colleague of mine from the college, a Sociologist, was visiting us at the marina. Everyone was chatting and pouring drinks, but I noticed he was preoccupied, staring out at the ranks of docks and boats. "What's so fascinating?" I asked.

He smiled. "It just occurred to me; this is like a small town," he said. "The different docks are like different streets; the boats are houses. They each have their own character."

I thought it was perceptive at the time, but he's proven more and more correct. We've been at our marina for over a decade now, and it does, indeed, mirror some of the small towns in which we've lived. Some docks are dedicated partiers and hell-raisers, some are hardcore sailors and ship's captains, some just want to relax and be left to their own devices. Over time, the population of each dock seems to settle out, after a time of alternately irritating and being irritated by their slipmates, into folks shifting to the slip in which they belong. Our own dock is a bunch of slip-hippies: sailors and literal

ship's captains, musicians and artists. It's settled into being a really cool community, and we love it. It's one of the reasons we've stayed.

Finding a good dockside community is golden. You can benefit vastly from the experiences of other boaters. Equipment can be shared and traded along with the stories. We help each other with repairs and installations, share tools and advice, and in general help facilitate one another's lives on the water. Impromptu gatherings help incorporate new boaters and new slipmates (and let some know that this may not be for them). Lifelong friendships are found and sealed.

Yesterday afternoon, our dock became an accidental dock party. People were all here at once, so we gathered. Lawn chairs were opened, wine bottles uncorked, and we did what we do best: enjoying each other's company, the water, and the boating life. Aside from actually sailing and exploring the bay, the dockside life is one of the greatest joys of being on the water.

Take my advice: when in search of a marina, in the midst of looking at facilities and considering per foot costs, take a bit of time to walk the docks and chat with the denizens thereof.



Every Marina has its usual suspects.

Ask about your prospective neighbors and the culture of the docks, just as you would if considering moving into a neighborhood on the hard. And when you find that perfect slip, the one with the great slipmates and the wonderful view, grab it. Life is short.

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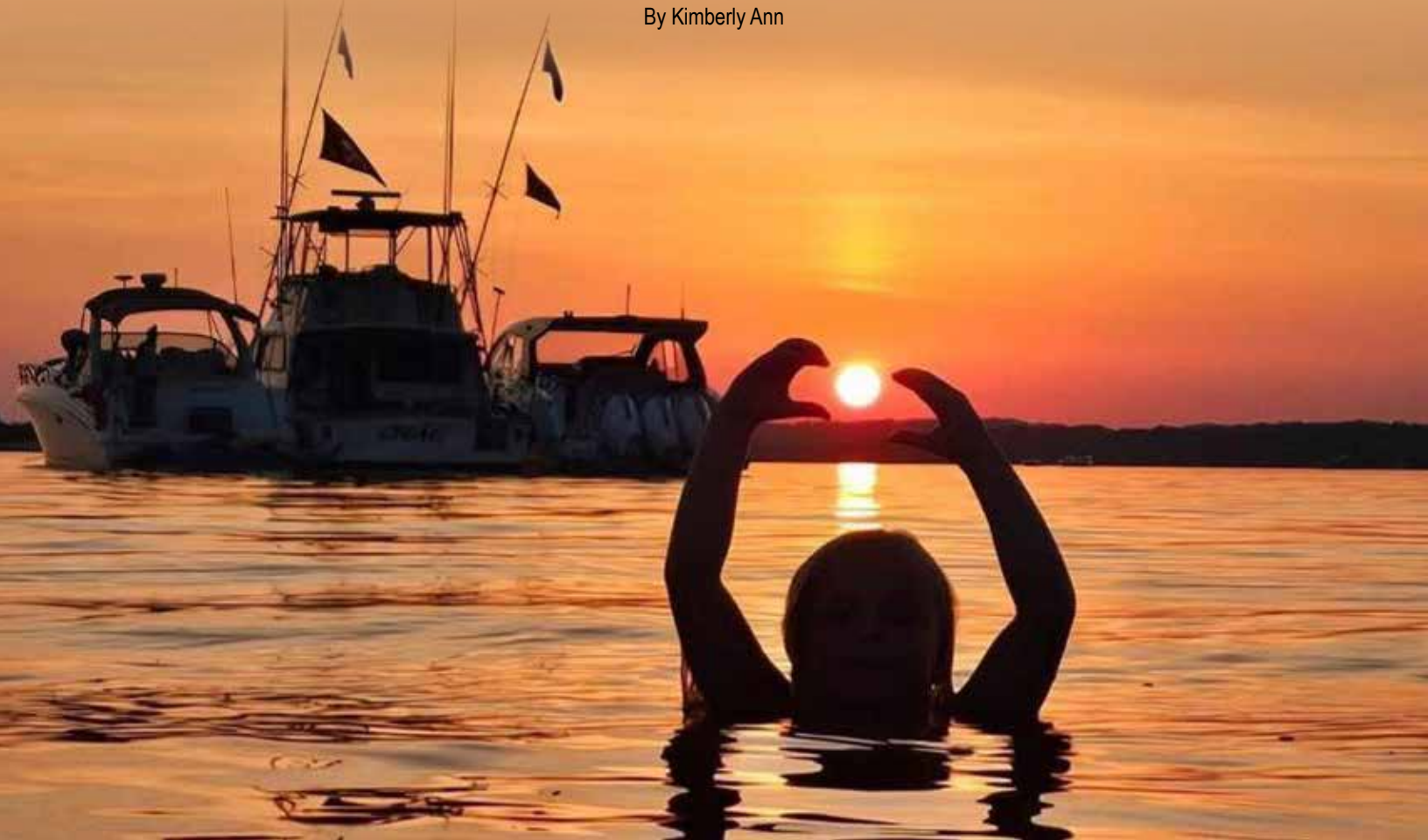
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JONNY TOWERS and Bohemia River Boaters

By Kimberly Ann



This month, I had the pleasure of speaking with Jonny Towers, the founder of the Facebook page Bohemia River Boaters & all of the Upper Chesapeake.

Jonny has been boating since he was 4 years old. The family had a small boat and Jonny's dad would take him and his twin brother crabbing and fishing. They would waterski and tube up and down the Elk River, which is where summers were spent at Grandma's house.

Jonny started the Facebook page as a way to create community for the boaters of the Boh. The Facebook group began as a way to introduce people to each other and help them learn to anchor and raft up safely, but has grown into something much bigger with more than 34,000 followers.

The group participates in community events such as clean-up days. This was inspired by a young man named Emory Tarr. This year was

a huge success as 1,776 pounds of trash were removed from the river. They have participated in Poker Runs like Thunder in the City and hosted a Back the Blue event to assist the widow of a local law enforcement officer who was killed in the line of duty, which raised over \$2500.

Another great event is the Lighted Boat Parade held in Chesapeake City. This event is a fan favorite and what started with 16 boats has grown each year. The event also collects food for the Chesapeake City Ecumenical Association (CCEA) food pantry and this year they collected about 2000 pounds of food. And while the boats can win prizes and get highlighted on the Facebook page, the real win is seeing the smiles on the faces of the community that come out and support the parade.

The page is also a sort of lost and found, and boaters can post anything they might have lost or found, and 9 times out of 10, the items are

returned to their owner. One story Jonny told me about was of a gentleman who had lost his wallet while out on the river. Almost a year later, another boater churned it up during a low tide, posted about finding it along with a photo of the ID inside, and within about 30 minutes, the owner was contacted. The wallet had all the cash and cards still in it when it was returned.

Jonny loves meeting and talking to people through the Facebook page but has had to take a step back since the birth of his son. But with the help of twin brother Jimmy, Shawn, and Will, the page will continue to flourish and help the boaters of the Boh and all of the Upper Chesapeake for years to come. And Jonny hopes that he and the page can inspire others to be safe on the water, be kind to each other, but his biggest hope is to inspire his son Jamison to become a Captain one day and to pass on his love of the river/bay life.

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BASS FISHING Tackle Tips *By Tim Sherman*

It is an understatement to pronounce that upper bay tributaries are popular destinations for bass fishing. You'll find all levels of anglers, from ultra-serious tournament competitors to the casual fisherman who might cast for bass a dozen times per year. No matter what an angler's level of participation, there are pointers about tackle and techniques that will help put more bass on the line. Avid fishermen may do things routinely and only need a reminder. The angler who has limited chances to wet a line often seeks tips to maximize every outing.

Tungsten weights have made a big impact in bass fishing over the years. Tungsten is harder and denser than lead and, thus, is smaller for the same weight. But, should it completely replace lead? There are obvious advantages to tungsten weights. The first benefit is that tungsten is better environmentally than lead. Next is the size to weight ratio aspect that keeps your presentation more compact. The hardness of the tungsten helps transmit a better feel when fishing deep cover, or when the bite comes at the beginning of a long cast. The one drawback ... tungsten weights are more expensive than lead weights.

Many applications for fishing soft plastic lures require snugging the weight right up against the lure. Pegging the sinker is an option, as is using

weights that have a wire-type cork screw molded to them. Both methods perform equally, but there aren't many tungsten weights with screw locks on the market. I find that the stereotypically rubber bobber stop works well for pegging the weight to the hook. The screw-in weights come into play when fishing in submerged vegetation. The screw lock holds the weight firmly to the soft bait and helps prevent the lure from sliding down the hook.

Casting crankbaits is a great way to catch bass. They are typically made of plastic or wood. Which material is better? The plastic models are more durable and can take more of a beating from errant casts. Contact with rocks, pilings, and other hard surfaces can ding or chip wood bodies. Wooden lures – balsa, cedar, and basswood – are more buoyant than plastic and float away faster from cover after contact. Many say that the faster rise after the deflection generates more bites.

Crankbaits come in both silent and rattling models. There are pros and cons to both. It's all in the appeal to their senses. In clear water, a silent bait is the best option. Things that appear or sound unnatural to bass in clear water can be a turn off for them. In stained water, where visibility is somewhat limited, the rattling models get their attention from farther away.

Tackle shops have entire aisles dedicated to fish attractant scents and dyes. There are numerous brands with a plethora of scents and colors. There are a few concepts behind the use of scent products: to mask unnatural human scent, attract bass, allow bass to hold on to the bait longer. They can be beneficial in cold water, dirty water, and in heavy cover. Dyes and makers are used to give soft baits contrast. A little change in color on claws, appendages, and tails can make a difference. And, yes, you can find dyes and markers infused with scent.

Sensitivity, abrasion resistance, and extreme low visibility to the fish are all qualities that fluorocarbon line has over monofilament line. But should this stellar line completely replace monofilament? Fluorocarbon line can help you get more bites. Fluorocarbon is a sinking material, allowing you to fish a crankbait or jerkbait, slightly deeper than with the same pound-test monofilament. Monofilament is better for top-water plugs. Because of fluorocarbon's sinking properties, the line will pull the nose of a surface lure down and can hinder the action it is supposed to produce.

These are but a few tackle tips that have helped me put a few more bass in the boat over the years. Try them and see if it helps you improve your catch, too.

WHAT GOES UP, COMES DOWN IN THE BAY

A Cleaner Running Engine Helps Everyone Breathe Easier

By TowBoatU.S. Captain Dale Plummer

During the hazy, lazy days of summer the heat multiplies the impact of air pollutants and can make the air quality index (AQI) rise to the point where it's just hard to breathe. So, why not go boating and enjoy a fresh breeze? Well, all combustion engines, including the engines on our beloved boats, impact AQI numbers and contribute to smog. Please do your part and follow these simple tips to keep your boat running cleaner to help reduce pollutants and the "hazy" in our August lazy days on the Bay.

Reduce environmental impact by tuning your engine, using fuel-efficient models, and maintaining your boat properly. Four-stroke engines generally have lower emissions than older two-stroke engines. Run at an average RPM to save fuel and reduce air pollution. Do not charge the batteries and other electrical components by idling to avoid burning more fuel and harming the environment. Idling can also damage the engine.

Regular boat maintenance keeps your boat in top condition, improves fuel efficiency and extends its lifespan. A well-maintained boat also has fewer issues, such as engine leaks that could endanger marine life.

Download a weather or tide app to monitor

the tides and winds before heading out to avoid strong winds or tide surges, which will help to reduce energy consumption and carbon emissions. If your boat uses petroleum diesel, consider switching to biodiesel, an excellent fuel alternative because it burns cleaner with lower air emissions, reducing smoke, soot, and carbon dioxide emissions. Remember to check your engine's warranty before a fuel change to ensure reliable performance and compliance.

Inspect your fuel tanks and lines for holes and cracks and fix them promptly to prevent spills and fuel evaporation. Also, invest in absorbent spill kits to catch drips. When fueling your boat's tank, do it slowly and do not over fill it. If you spill fuel or oil, use an absorbent pad to clean it up. Never run your engine with a fuel leak.

Sustainable boating is critical to protecting our fragile ecosystems. While newer engines and stricter regulations are helping, the cumulative effect of so many boats in our Bay remains concerning.

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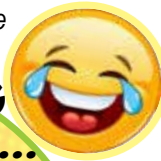
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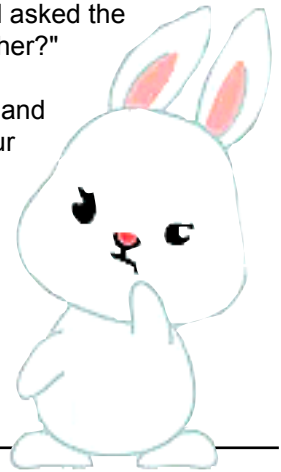
The priest replied, "I am a type A."

Next, the nurse turned to the pastor and asked, "And you, Pastor, what is your blood type?"

The pastor responded, "I am a type B."

Finally, the nurse looked at the rabbit and asked, "What is your blood type?"

The rabbit replied, "I think I'm a type O."



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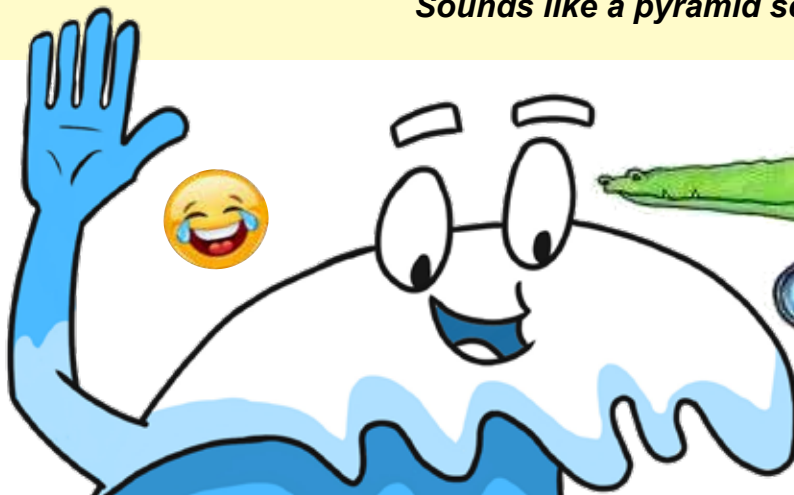


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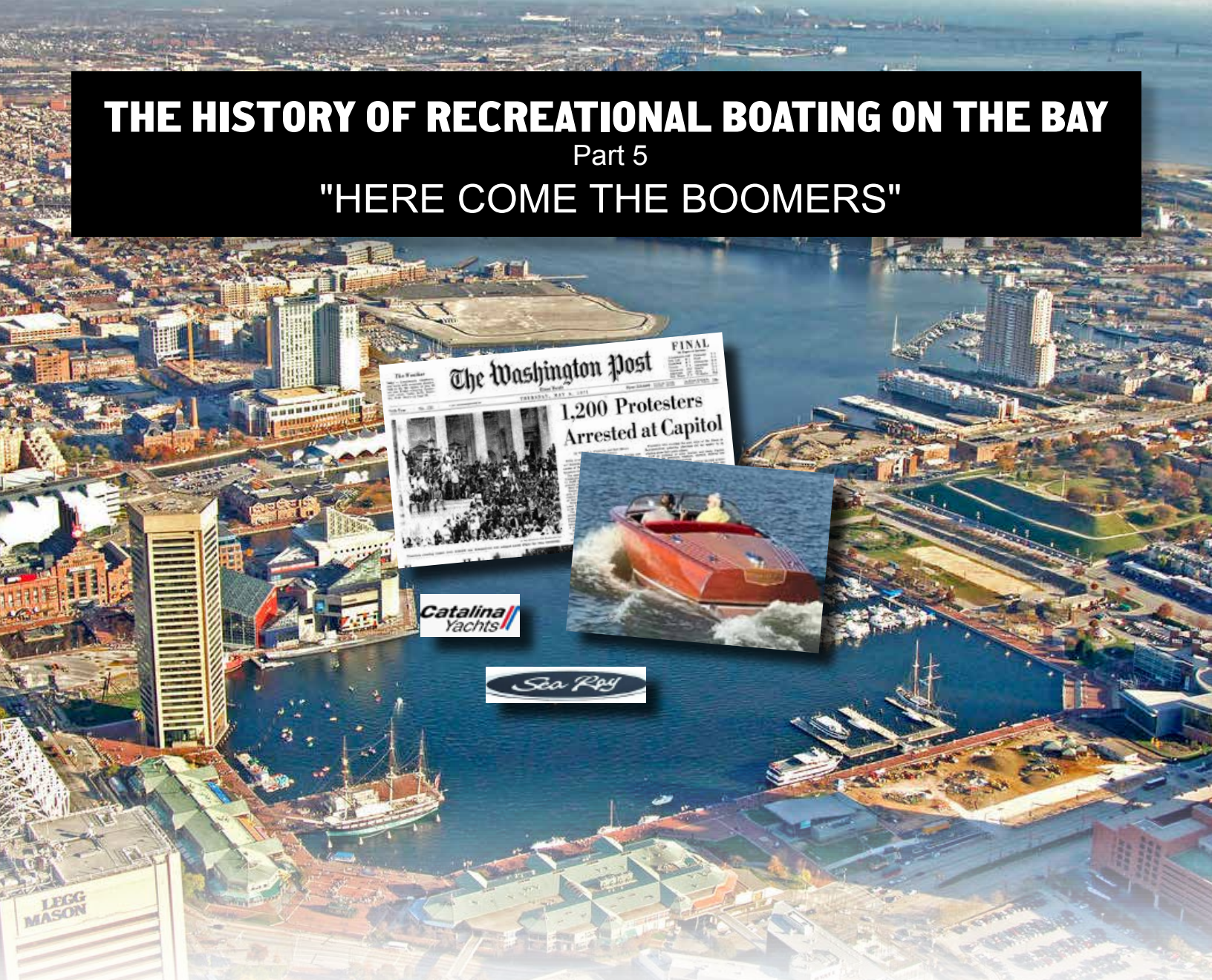
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THE HISTORY OF RECREATIONAL BOATING ON THE BAY

Part 5

"HERE COME THE BOOMERS"



The Baby Boom Generation, born between 1946 and 1964, are the children of the Greatest Generation and the largest generation at the time. Growing up in the turbulent 1960s, they experienced the Cuban Missile Crisis, the Civil Rights Movement, three high-profile assassinations, and widespread demonstrations and riots across cities and college campuses, culminating in the Vietnam War. Nightly news broadcasts on the three available TV networks, and many newspapers brought these traumatic events into every-

one's homes each day. By the late 1960s and 1970s, many pursued an escape from these harsh realities. This search sparked the second great wave in recreational boating on the Bay. Early Boomers, like their parents after WWII, sought the solitude and respite that the Chesapeake provides – where there was “no war” on the Bay. By the mid-1970s, the huge surge of new boaters caused a strain on the slip availability of marinas, boat yards, and yacht clubs. Most were filled to capacity. Some marinas, with boat dealerships,

began offering slip guarantees with boat purchases. For many first-time boaters, owning a trailerable boat stored at home became an easier solution. The rise of condo marinas also became popular. The slip shortage finally began to ease in the late 1970s and early 1980s, as new large-scale marinas were developed in Baltimore's Inner Harbor and also in more rural areas along the Chesapeake. Boat dealers struggled to keep up with demand, with some product lines sold out a year in advance. The fiberglass revolution spurred the

rise of new manufacturers eager to fill the gap. Established builders, like Sea Ray and Bayliner as well as Catalina and Hunter on the sailboat side, established themselves as the leading builders of that time. Boomers would go on to shape recreational boating for the next 50 years. With the influx of boaters on the Bay in the 1970s and 1980s, environmental concerns soon came to the forefront.

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My family often did our shopping along the shorelines. We would go by 4WD, or boat, to Chincoteague, Assateague, or other areas to shop. I would drag for flounders and fish. Once I cleaned the fish, their heads were used as bait to catch blue crabs in the shallow surf. Roller nets allowed me to hunt and capture soft crabs in the grass beds. Walking along the shore offered clams, oysters, and mussels at low tide. We kept our catch in the cooler until we made it back to camp or home. The fresh feast was always tasty and fun.

Boating was the main shopping cart used by the early Susquehannock's, Piscataway's, and other tribes. Shopping lists were passed down from the tribes elders to the new shoppers. There was a time when fish and seafoods were so plentiful, you could find oysters just about anywhere in the Bay. John Smith, an early pioneer, stabbed fresh fish, with his sword at Smith rapids, near Port Deposit.

Shopping was opportunistic back then. The menu was built around what you foraged. Since there were few highways, the watersheds became the grocery shopping areas. Cruising the edges of the watershed allowed you to quickly

fill your boat baskets, and creels with wild and fresh food.

Try using your boat to go shopping for a waterfront meal. Do your homework so you have an idea of what to look for. Fishing, hunting, and regulatory rules need to be researched as they are always changing. Your food search areas will be shorelines, beaches, islands, and the Bay waters. Hunting and gathering means searching in areas where there is public access and no pollution or chemicals. Cooking can be done on public shorelines or using boat cooking amenities or grills.

Veggies Cattails offer a wild celery food that comes from young shoots and the core of the marsh plants. The tuber root bakes up like a potato. These crops are available year around. Wild onions, ramps, and fiddlehead ferns made for great eating. Common seaweeds are Irish Moss, Sea Lettuce, and kelp. These plants can be rinsed and used for sushi or cooked in soups and stews.

Seafood In season, crabs, fish, and shellfish are great foraged foods. Take what you can eat and save the rest. No refrigeration needed. You can gig, net, or trap these common foods. Large quahog clams can make clam strips or be cut into chunks for chowder. Cherrystone clams are steamed and dipped into butter. Sushi is the favorite of many gatherers but be careful to keep your catch on ice before eating.

Shellfish Oysters are becoming more plen-

tiful. Clams and mussels are also common. Each live in certain areas and requires a different method of harvest. A rake can be helpful for finding clams. A keen eye is needed to find most foods.

Fruits and Nuts Hickory, walnuts, and hazelnuts are easy to find. Service berries, elderberries, blackberries, and other edibles thrive along watersheds. Persimmons in the Fall can be abundant. Jerusalem Artichokes can be eaten raw or cooked. Thistles also offer a tasty addition to your meal. Wild Mint can add flavor to your beverages and serve as an aid for indigestion. Marshmallows flowers can be gathered and made into a sweet paste for dessert. You can always stop by the produce stand for goodies to complement your meals.

While you are foraging for food you will also find other relics and goodies. Picking up trash will leave the areas better than you found them.

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This free, family-friendly event will feature a full day of activities on the water and along the riverfront, including:

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- Fire truck and helicopter displays
- Food and beverage vendors
- Local business showcases

Events kick off at 10:30 a.m. and no advance registration or admission fee is required. Attendees are encouraged to bring chairs, relax, and enjoy the festivities on the beautiful Sassafras River.

Parking will be available throughout the area—look for clearly marked signs as you approach Georgetown Harbor.

Last year's celebration drew more than 2,200 attendees, and an even larger crowd is expected this year. All proceeds will go toward supporting the Sassafras River Fireworks Show held each year on Labor Day weekend (and stay tuned, this year's fireworks will be BIG!).

Stay up to date on event details, vendor announcements, and more by following us on Facebook at Sassafras River Community and Boaters and on the Sassafras River Docking Contest and River Days Facebook event page.

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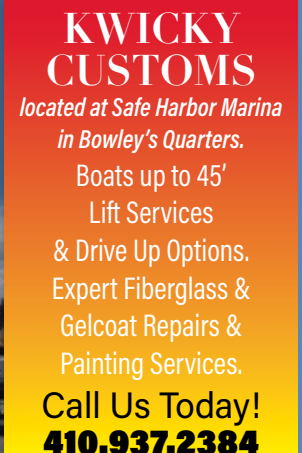
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By Kimberly Ann

Looking for some fun on the water with the family this summer? How does a brunch on the bay sound? Maybe a DJ party for those over 21? Crabs on the bay? Well, look no further. Maryland Party Boat is based out of Middle River Landing Marina at 1901 Old Eastern Avenue and has so much to offer.

Brunch on the Bay is a great way to spend time with the girls or family. Tickets are \$55 for adults, \$20 for kids 12 and under, and infants are \$1. You can purchase your tickets online at www.marylandpartyboat.net. Each ticket includes water, mimosas, coffee, and tea. There is also a cash bar for all your beverage options. Boarding begins at 11:30 a.m. and the ship sails at noon.

If dancing is your thing, you should check out the TGIF Boozin'

and Cruisin' Live Music Dance Party. This three-hour sunset cruise is a great way to celebrate a birthday or anniversary. Food and drinks are available for purchase, and the gates open at 7.15 p.m. Tickets are \$38.

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Maryland Party Boat strongly recommends buying your tickets early and online to ensure your seat for the fun. Parking is on-site at the marina with attendants to assist you. So, head on over to the website and check out all Maryland Party Boat has to offer, purchase your tickets early, and when you get there, remember to tell them that your friends at **Upper Bay Boating Magazine** sent you.



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However, aside from work, I have little joy. In the end, wealth is only a fact of life that I am accustomed to. At this moment, lying on the sick bed and recalling my whole life, I realize that all the recognition and wealth that I took so much pride in, have paled and become meaningless in the face of impending death.

You can employ someone to drive the car for you, make money for you but you cannot have someone to bear the sickness for you.

Material things lost can be found. But there is one thing that can never be found when it is lost – "Life".

When a person goes into the operating room, he will

realize that there is one book that he has yet to finish reading – "Book of Healthy Life".

Whichever stage in life we are at right now, with time, we will face the day when the curtain comes down.

Treasure Love for your family, love for your spouse, love for your friends.

Treat yourself well. Cherish others.

As we grow older, and hence wiser, we slowly realize that wearing a \$300 or \$30 watch - they both tell the same time. Whether we carry a \$300 or \$30 wallet/handbag - the amount of money inside is the same. Whether we drive a \$150,000 car or a \$30,000 car, the road and distance is the same, and we get to the same destination.

Whether we drink a bottle of \$300 or \$10 wine - the hangover is the same.

Whether the house we live

in is 300 or 3000 sq ft - loneliness is the same.

You will realize, your true inner happiness does not come from the material things of this world.

Whether you fly first or economy class, if the plane goes down - you go down with it.

Therefore, I hope you realize, when you have mates, buddies and old friends, brothers and sisters, who you chat with, laugh with, talk with, have sing songs with, talk about north-south-east-west or heaven and earth, that is true happiness!!

**FIVE UNDENIABLE
FACTS OF LIFE :**

1. Don't educate your children to be rich. Educate them to be Happy. So when they grow up they will know the value of things not the price.

2. Best awarded words in London, "Eat your food as your medicines. Otherwise

you have to eat medicines as your food."

3. The One who loves you will never leave you for another because even if there are 100 reasons to give up he or she will find one reason to hold on.

4. There is a big difference between a human being and being human. Only a few really understand it.

5. You are loved when you are born. You will be loved when you die. In between, You have to manage!

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Maryland Waterways Foundation is honored to be associated with several special volunteers that give of themselves to make a difference in our communities and the lives of others. Volunteers like Dale Grimes, Joe Endres and “Shaun” (aka John Melzer) don't spend their free time fishing or catching a



ballgame but instead are up early and out in the extreme heat picking up trash, mattresses, shopping carts and more from the side of the road and in creeks to improve our environment, waterways and make a difference in the lives of others.

One way in particular that volunteer Dale “the Flagman” Grimes makes a difference is recycling metal found on cleanups and from breaking down abandoned boats and turning it into cash to purchase crutches, walkers and wheelchairs for those in need. Dale breaks down tires found



discarded on the side of the road amongst other places to separate from the metal wheel to cash in at metal recycling stations. He then searches local flea markets



for disability equipment in any condition to be refurbished for those in need.

Dale has also established relationships with a few nursing homes to collect old, broken equipment. All this equipment is loaded into trailers provided by a non-profit organization, “Wheels for the World”, who sends the donated items to prisons repaired before distribution to those in need world-wide. Dale has turned 500 pounds of



gathered nuts and bolts into 40 pairs of crutches and works to remove all the metal from abandoned boats as he breaks them down to load into dumpsters after being removed from our waterways and roadways. Dale is truly turning trash into treasures for those in need.



Dale as Uncle Sam for the 4th of July



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