



# CBGBOA NEWSLETTER

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## President's Message:

Pepper Holmes – Rosetta

Thank you for your vote of confidence, I hope I don't prove you wrong.

Surrounded by elections and conventions I feel compelled to stand at a podium and make grandiose statements about things that will change during my tenure. That is not my intent. My hope is that we will strive to grow as an organization, become more engaged as a boating community and continue to share our experiences.

I wish I could state that "I will lower the price of diesel fuel" or "assure you will always have a slip at your favorite Florida Marina". I suspect the nature of how some of us use our boats may be changing and that may be disturbing. We may find we don't take those long distance trips every year; or, we really have a destination before we turn over the engine. Take heart, the glass is half full. We have the advantage of living in one of the most desired water basins in the country, full of tributaries just waiting for discovery. Carefully look over the "Pipeline" listed in this issue, consider the cruises and events listed and then I urge you to put those dates on your calendar (you and I know what will happen if you don't). Our webmaster (Bill Hohwiesner) will be listing the schedule on our web, please sign up on the web, it's the only way we know of your interest in an outing.

Our strength is in our members and their willingness to help CBGBOA to remain a vibrant, active association. You will notice a number of names contributed to this newsletter, please keep the articles coming to either "The Gibson's" or me. Consider volunteering to help the rendezvous committee, let me know if you have an alternative suggestion for a cruise, or if you belong to another organization that has a great idea and you feel it may fit into our agenda. This sounds like a "Pep Talk" and I guess it is. Here is my personal invitation to you, to assist your board and me, as George Carlin said: ***Life's journey is not to arrive at the grave safely in a well preserved body, But rather to skid in sideways, totally worn out, shouting: "...holy sh\*t, what a ride!***

Let's Ride!

Email me at [gholmes357@aol.com](mailto:gholmes357@aol.com)

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## Officer Reports

### **Membership**

**Charlotte Featherstone - Tis**

Why join the Chesapeake Bay Grand Banks Owners Association (CBGBOA)? Why get involved after you join? Our members tell us...

Pepper and Geoff Holmes, having just moved from Savannah to Maryland with their Classic 42 *Rosetta*, were looking for a new network of friends, soul mates with whom to share their Grand Banks experiences. CBGBOA was, says Pepper, "a natural."

Lynn and Alan Hendershot of *Revenir*, an Eastbay 38, were also seeking likeminded people, and they have not been disappointed: They found "down-to-earth, unpretentious, helpful, interesting folk with the same interests in boating that we have." In fact, says Alan, "The most beneficial part of the association has been the people who make it up. We have made terrific friends through our affiliation and know that we will be welcomed to any get-togethers the group might concoct. Must have something to do with the Indonesian teak smell! Oh, and they wanted a burgee☺"

The Holmes' see us as proud of our fine boats, but not exclusive. "It's pride in ownership that keeps our vessels purring as they propel through the Chesapeake. [We] are passionate, knowledgeable folk that include words like bilge, fly-wheel, fuel filters, genset and varnish in daily conversation and are at home wherever the anchor lies."

Such talk brings us to our members' resident expertise.

Katie and Gene Hamilton of *High Life*, a Classic 36, doubtless spoke for the many converted sailors amongst us when they said, "After five sailboats, a trawler was a unique concept to us; we thought we were flying at 8 knots." The Hendershot's also state that they had been sailors with simple-system boats and needed to understand motor cruisers. Seeking to learn something about the boat's systems and operating idiosyncrasies, they saw the value of practical feedback from other owners. And sure enough, they say, they have gotten lots of helpful ideas through CBGBOA, from winterization to system integration to the most fuel-efficient cruise speeds.

And then there's the cruising expertise. The Hamiltons have enjoyed learning about the many different cruising grounds the Bay offers. (They also completed the Great Loop and shared their experiences at our 2007 Rendezvous.) The Hendershots point out that hearing of CBGBOA members' extensive cruises has given them confidence to venture farther afield themselves.

Now I'll speak for myself. It's about the fun. CBGBOA weekend cruises are delightful, whether it's gathering for cocktails, beholding the Hohwiesners and Sharon Nicholson maneuvering their kayaks as Sam muscles his dinghy, venturing out on our trusty boat bikes, or savoring a beautiful setting while snuggled up with a good book on our fly-bridge. And it's hard to imagine a better mini-vacation than our annual CBGBOA Rendezvous, where it all comes together—the friendships, the expertise, the sharing, the fun, the burgees and the Indonesian teak smell.

Why have you joined and gotten involved with CBGBOA? Email me - [membership@cbgboa.org](mailto:membership@cbgboa.org), and we'll include your response in a future newsletter.

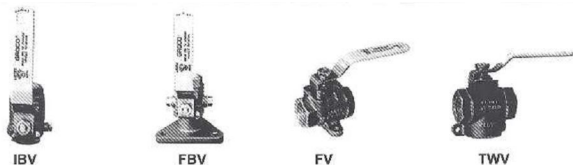
## **Information and Observations**

### ***Quick Hints from Members:***

#### **Editors**

**Gordy McDonald** received parts and assistance from a "AM Equipment Inc." – [www.amequipment.com](http://www.amequipment.com) to replace a windshield washer arm. He reports excellent support.

**Sam Nicholson** reports **GROCO Marine Products** has issued a service bulletin stating that thru-hull valves manufactured between 2002 and 2004 may have a defective stainless steel component. They recommend owners inspect the following valves:



If the stem as pictured below is silver in color

## **Pipeline for 2009**

### **March (TBD) - New-Members Brunch**

**(C. Featherstone).** We will meet at the Severn Inn in Annapolis at on a Sunday Morning. This is a chance for all of us to both meet new members and plan for the seasons boating events.

**May 8-9 - Rhode River/Smithsonian Research Tour (R. Granum)** This will be our first weekend cruise in 2009.

### **June 5-6 - Joint Rendezvous with MTOA**

**(C. Bowden, C. Williamson & G. Holmes)** Back by popular request the combined rendezvous with the Marine Trawler Owners Association will be on the Wye River.

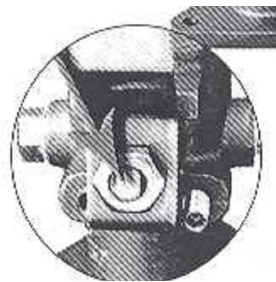
**July 17-19 - Cruise for Children (C. Langemak)** of all ages at a location TBD.

**August (TBD)- (J. Kenney)** week cruise to Cape May NJ

**September \_ - Fueling Party (J. Shannahan)** at Oxford Yacht Agency.

**October 1-3 - Fall Rendezvous 2009.** Langford Bay, St. Michaels & Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum.

Dates will be announced in future Newsletters and at [www.cbgboa.org](http://www.cbgboa.org).



owners should contact GROCO at 410-712-0160 for a replacement valve. Bronze colored stems do not need replacement.

Valve should be replaced at next haul out.

**Jarrett Bay Demonstration Cruises** of the new GB 41 Heritage EU are announced for Charleston SC (Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>), Wrightsville Beach NC (Nov. 29<sup>th</sup>) and Beaufort NC (Dec 6<sup>th</sup>). Contact Jattett Bay Yacht Sales at 252-728-2646 if you are interested in touring this new yacht design.

### ***Engine Room Inspections***

#### **Joe Gibson – Surprise**

We want to thank the Jarrett Bay engineers who helped our captains evaluate their boat's engine room conditions during the Tides Lodge Rendezvous. Roger Weatherington and Billy Galloway sat with us in the bilge and provided practical pointers on the maintenance of the heart of our boats. We

## Fall 2008 Rendezvous Wine Tasting



captains who often perform minor (and sometimes major) repairs benefit when our work is reviewed by professionals. Thanks Jarrett Bay!

### ***Dinghy Engine Challenges***

**Carol Williamson – Lily Pad**

In 2006 we purchased a new 5 hp Honda dinghy engine based on the “flawless” reputation of Honda and the 5 hp being the smallest engine with a reverse gear. As we discovered, the reverse gear was operational, but the “flawless” reputation left much to be desired!

For several boating seasons we struggled to start the engine and keep it running. Staff in our yard, the nearest Honda marine dealer and the original supplier attempted to help but with no success. The Honda mechanics who visited us (over three visits) cleaned the carburetor, dried the plug, and demonstrated starting the engine. There were several tutorials on maintenance we understood and practiced. We kept his number handy. Still we experienced problems and were becoming frustrated as we watched numerous dinghy owners start their engines with one pull and cruise by with ease.

This year our problem was solved during the CBGBOA/MTOA rendezvous in Granary Creek. We used the dinghy assuming if problems occurred we could get assistance from more experienced members. It worked! The engine failed and our friend Geoff Holmes (of “Rosetta”) noticed us being towed and stopped by to assist. He shared that he too had struggled with his engine on their last trip South and when he consulted with a mechanic, was told that ethanol additives were clogging carburetors. His mechanic’s solution—buy GUMOUT SMALL ENGINE GAS TREATMENT at the nearest automotive or hardware store, add it to the fuel and the problem would be resolved.

We couldn’t get to the store fast enough, bought the GUM-OUT and on the next visit to the marina added it to the dinghy fuel. Problem solved and the engine has been starting and running happily ever since. Additionally, a “West

Marine” staffer recommended adding the recommended amount of a substance called Star-Brite STAR TRON GAS ADDITIVE to the fuel along with the GUM-OUT. We have done so with favorable results and now we can rest assured the HONDA 5 hp will start and run, Sally (our standard poodle) can get to shore and we can respond more favorably to the “flawless” HONDA reputation.

### ***Legend’s Bahamas Adventure (3 strikes doesn’t mean you’re out)***

**Dick Seed - Legend**

Legend’s engines performed beautifully, so, despite some unexpected rough weather on the crossing from Grand Bahama, and in Albemarle Sound, the trip was great. With regard to the rough passages, we like to say that the boat performed beautifully, our cat a close second, and Barbara and I a distant third, but that’s another story. My focus in this article is to inform you of the three components on Legend that did fail during this cruise.

The generator hose blew explosively in a quiet anchorage at Blackpoint Settlement, Exumas, when both the raw-water impeller and the temperature shutdown switch failed. The sound of the explosion and the grey smoke billowing out of the engine room put a damper on the cocktail hour. Fortunately it was just “fried” antifreeze, and not a fire. We were forced to head to Nassau for the repairs and were able to use it for the remainder of the cruise.

Our “Cariba” washer/drier combo (now called “Splendide”) began to erratically pump water causing a minor flood and wet clothes during the drying cycle. Fortunately we were able to obtain excellent support from Lad, a technician at Westland Sales in Oregon. Together we traced the problem to the main control switch where sets of the contacts were dislocated and not turning the pump on or off when needed. We had to remove the switch to see the problem. Fortunately the contacts could be pressed (popped) back into position. Just in case, I added a long bolt through the switch to keep the contacts in alignment. It was fortunate that I was able to fix the machine, because it was evidently built into the boat!

It is over 3" wider than the only way out of our forward cabin!

The icemaker problem was the most interesting. Our 5-year-old Raritan Icerette would make, but not eject the cubes. Replacing the temperature did not help. Mac, the Raritan technician, helped me find that Teflon lining was separating from the surface of the ice mold. I could feel the rough surface with my finger. We first thought the refrigerant need to be evacuated but later learned it is may be possible to replace only the mold. Worth a try! He instructed me to turn it on for two to three minutes, and while it is still running, change the mold. (**Note: Only attempt this potentially dangerous replacement with the guidance of a factory technician**) A special tool – a T-15 Torqx driver with a center hole is needed for the three screws. Once I figured out how to align the screws I removed the old mold from the cold-plate, spread a special compound called Alluminasite on the new mold, and reattached. Ice is now being produced on a 38 minute cycle. Mac congratulated me on a successful repair.

## **Lesson's Learned**

### **Mary Lou Hamilton – September Song**

In nine years of traveling the ICW to Florida for the winter I figure I have been deck person in close to 400 dockings without a mishap. Maybe the odds were against me at the marina in Fl where we spent last Feb and March.

It was time to get our GB42 Classic "September Song" pumped out and as we were getting ready to leave our slip a fellow boater came over to help. He suggested that I leave the lines cleated to the dock instead of taking them aboard as we usually did. He said it was easier to simply drop the loops over the boat's cleats upon our return. When we returned he was there along with a dockhand to hand us the lines. I put the aft spring line thru the hawse hole and over its cleat and had the forward one in my left hand about to pull it through when the boat moved back and my hand went into the hawse hole jammed with the line. I screamed and my husband stopped the boat. My hand was bleeding and I went inside and washed it seeing that it was split between my ring and middle fingers. I put ice on it and when the boat was secure we were off to the hospital. I was lucky. An excellent ER doc got my rings off and the total damage was eight stitches. Of course, I was relieved of galley duty for a couple of weeks.

Several lessons learned: Stay with what you are used to doing; stay away from short lines tied to docks when around hawse holes; have good communications with the skipper; and don't wear jewelry while underway.

## **Holding Tank Problem**

### **Gordy McDonald – Finlaggan**

Our boat is a 1993 42 Classic—the following problem/repair issue concerns the holding tank and specifically the "manifold" plate that is bolted to the top of the fiberglass tank. I believe this situation should serve as a warning to any owner of a Grand Banks with some years on it.

Access to the manifold on my boat is behind the generator and, of course, difficult to reach. There are three hoses connected to the tank by the plate:

1. In-put hose from the aft head
2. Discharge hose to the macerator and pump-out line
3. Air vent hose

Over several days I noticed a hissing/bubbles around the air vent fitting and then around the edge of the manifold plate. This was only noticed because I happened to be in the engine room when the head was flushed. A pump-out and some MarineTex solved the leakage---briefly.

In just a day or two the building pressure caused more hissing/leakage. Clearly the vent was not venting but why so much pressure in an "empty" tank? Removing the manifold plate disclosed: 1) a totally clogged vent line and 2) the discharge pipe that should be reaching the bottom of the holding tank was basically gone. Instead of a pipe 18" long, it had rusted away to about 6" and collapsed down to a ¼ inch opening. Pump-outs were leaving the tank about ¾ full.

**Solution** - Because we were at the start of a 2 month cruise I paid too much to have a new manifold plate fabricated that day. I am certain there are some stock replacement parts available if you have time to search.

The removal and replacement work is understandably messy but with a socket wrench and heat gun to get the hoses off/on it does not require much technical expertise. As always, access is the real problem.

There seem to be two lessons:

1. Check your vent line on a regular basis for blockage.
2. If you have an older boat, remove the manifold plate and check the condition of the drain pipe. If the vent had been open who knows when I would have discovered the drainage pipe problem.

It may be possible to check the discharge pipe by just removing the hose and inserting a brush to "feel" if the pipe is open, solid and the correct length. If there is any doubt you could then remove the plate.

## **Medical Advice**

### **Immunization Recommendation**

#### **Jim Watson - Castoff**

As winter approaches, some of you are probably planning to travel south to escape the northern cold. Pepper has asked me to review the current recommendations as to the appropriate immunization for such travels. First, let me say this is just a brief overview listing the CDC's recommendations in general for all travelers and second, a brief look at those specific for the Bahamas as it seems this is the most likely destination for those of us traveling outside US waters on our own boats. If your travel plans include other Caribbean locations or countries worldwide, country specific detailed information is available on the CDC website, [www.cdc.gov/travel](http://www.cdc.gov/travel).

The recommendation for adults from the CDC and the American College of Surgeons assuming they have had the recommended childhood immunization is a tetanus booster

every ten yrs. This is usually given as a DT vaccine which includes diphtheria in addition to tetanus. Recommended childhood vaccination includes measles/mumps/rubella and polio.

Additional immunizations for the Bahamas may include Hepatitis A, Typhoid, and Hepatitis B. Hepatitis A is contracted through exposure to contaminated food or water and can occur in most any location, therefore immunization with IG (immune globulin) is a good idea. Typhoid is another disease transmitted by contaminated food and water and vaccination is recommended if your travel plans include small towns or rural villages. Hepatitis B is only recommended if your plans include any situations where you might come in contact with body fluids or blood of other individuals such as medical mission work etc.

Finally, here is a word about malaria. Currently, the only location listed for malaria risk in the Bahamas is Great Exuma Island. Prevention of malaria requires the use of the antimalaria drug, chloroquine. Chloroquine should be started one week prior to arrival in the area of risk and should be continued for four weeks after leaving.

As always, in any discussion of immunizations, there use must be tailored to the individual patient. The discussion above is meant to get you thinking about your immunization status and to encourage you to consult your physician as to your specific needs.

## From Our Boat to Yours:

### ***Cruising Close to Home***

**Katie and Gene Hamilton – High Life**

Although we had no intention of going down memory lane on our recent Chester River cruise it sparked memories of why we moved to the Bay from Chicago. There were so many destinations so close, but yet so far from our home waters of St. Michaels. With its fish weirs and duck blinds and miles of rolling farmland we forgot how natural the Chester River remains until our week meandering up and down its shores.

The Corsica River and Queenstown Creek were inviting anchorages. Langford Creek Marina is a lovely facility and on weekends has trolley service to Rock Hall, a laidback waterman's town with Oyster Court's unique little bungalow specialty shops. And the harbor town Chestertown, a welcome stopover with brick-lined streets of historic homes and fine eateries, all a few blocks from its town dock. We logged a total of only 75 miles in lazy, short run days that reaffirmed our notion that you don't have to go too far from home to really get away.

## Galley Talk

### ***Robin's BAJA Shrimp***

**Charlotte Featherstone – Tis**

Ingredients:

**Onions**

**Butter**

**Olive oil**  
**Shrimp**  
**White wine – about ½ cup**  
**Italian salad dressing - about ½ cup**

**Garlic**  
**Oregano**

Boil shrimp.

Cut up onions in pretty big, long slices.

Sauté the onions and garlic in a mixture of the butter and olive oil. Add shrimp, oregano, wine and Italian dressing. Refrigerate 1 hour – overnight.

Serve over cooked pasta.

Broil entire dish for about 5 minutes to heat up.

### ***Chipotle Chicken Enchiladas***

**Geoff Holmes - Rosetta**

Ingredients:

**1 rotisserie chicken**      **2 T extra virgin olive oil**  
**1 small onion, chopped**   **2 cloves garlic, grated**  
**1 T chipotle powder**      **¼ t ground cinnamon**  
**¼ cup cilantro, chopped**   **Juice of 1 lime**  
**Salt**  
**2 15oz cans chopped tomatoes with chilies**  
**2½ cups cheddar cheese, shredded**  
**8 corn tortillas**

Preheat oven to 375° F

Remove the chicken skin and discard. Tear the chicken meat from bones, shred it and reserve in a mixing bowl.

Preheat medium size saucepot with olive oil over medium heat and sauté onions until soft. Add garlic and spices and toast a few seconds until fragrant. Add tomatoes with chilies and season with salt. Cook for 10 minutes, until the flavors are well married and the sauce is slightly thickened. Add a ladle full of sauce to the bowl of chicken and toss to combine. Reserve the remaining sauce.

Heat the tortillas, if needed. Divide the chicken mixture equally among the tortillas and roll each one up. Add some of the reserved sauce to the bottom of a casserole or baking dish then line the dish with the rolled enchiladas, seam side down. Pour the remaining sauce over the chicken enchiladas and top with cheese.

Place in oven and bake for 15 minutes or so, until the cheese is melted, brown and bubbly.

Enchiladas will freeze nicely for later use, just reheat in a microwave and serve.

Yummy!

### ***Really Healthy, Interesting Pasta Sauce***

**(VEGETARIAN, USES LOTS OF BASIL)**

**Charlotte Featherstone – Tis**

Ingredients:

**2 - 3 Cloves**      **Garlic, finely minced**  
**1 - 2 T.**      **Olive oil**  
**¾ - 1 C.**      **Basil, sliced into strips**  
**¼ C. Parsley**      **1 T. Lemon juice**  
**1/3 C. White wine**      **1 - 2 T. Capers**  
**3 Cans Diced tomatoes (I like DelMonte with herbs; or use**

fresh tomatoes)

Notes:

- All quantities are very approximate; everything can be adjusted to your taste.
- This keeps well in the fridge—at least a week. It also freezes nicely.

Sauté garlic in olive oil!

Add parsley!

Sauté another 1–2 minutes until parsley starts to wilt!

Add basil!

Sauté another 2–4 minutes until basil wilts!

Add tomatoes!

Simmer while you add lemon juice, wine and capers!

Simmer sauce another 5 – 7 minutes!

Serve on pasta of choice, anything from angel hair to rotini to ravioli. Add shredded or shaved parmesan cheese to taste.

### Book Nook:

#### ***Hérons Poynte by G.M.O. Callaghan*** **Pepper Holmes - Rosetta**

This novel of the Chesapeake is set in geography we know so well. A young Choptank Indian travels to the bay in search of his ancestral land. It is a quest that takes him from a sod hut in the Oklahoma panhandle, through the United States Naval Academy and into the dark splendor of the Secret Archives in the Vatican. The undercurrent of environmentalism emerges when he discovers the land of his ancestors is now owned by a polluting local steel mill. The book also addresses the issue of American Indian entitlement

in the United States.

Caution: don't pick this book up unless you have time to devote to it, you will find it hard to put down.

#### ***Nine Parts of Desire by Geraldine Brooks In 1995***

**Charlotte Featherstone - Tis**

Ms. Brooks won a Pulitzer for 1996 release "March". released in 2006). Booklist effectively describes the premise of the book as follows: "During her six years covering the Middle East for the Wall Street Journal, Brooks sought to find out how Muslim women feel about their societies' attitudes toward women. What she discovered is sometimes astonishing, sometimes shocking, but always fascinating. Taking on the hijab herself, Brooks talked with women throughout the Islamic world, reexamined the Koran, spent time with fundamentalist and feminist alike, and emerged with a deeper understanding of the religion as one that once empowered but now cripples women... Brooks is a wonderful writer and thinker; the observations she makes and the conclusions she reaches open both our eyes and our minds to understanding Muslim women anew."

I personally gained a far deeper understanding of not only Muslim women but also the religion. A bonus is the book's glossary of Islam terms. Though obviously non-fiction, the book reads like a collection of fascinating short stories. It is a terrific read and a perfect complement to recent popular books such as A Thousand Splendid Suns, Infidel, Reading Lolita in Tehran, Kabul Beauty School, etc. I highly recommend it.

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## 2008 Fall Rendezvous

### **Rosa Gibson- Surprise**

Being new to the organization, my first exposure to CBGBOA was the 2007 Fall Rendezvous. I met many new and interesting people and was eager to connect again. Also the Tides Inn, just off the Rappahannock River on Carter Creek would be a new destination. Need I say more?



Joe and I on Surprise cruised with Don and Jean Carl on DONJE, and arrived in the eastern branch of Carter Creek Wednesday afternoon to anchor and then arrive at the lodge early Thursday. We were greeted by Bill Hohwiesner and given a welcome packet with the agenda, a beautiful potted mum to adorn the boat, a small gift bag containing a generous gift certificate for the Grand Banks Store and a special treat for each woman - a hand made jewelry bag crafted by Judi Watson. Thanks to everyone for this warm greeting.



Most of the CBGBOA boats arrived Thursday afternoon.

Joe and Don helped the Tides Lodge guys get the arriving captains safely into their slips. Others were busy in the pool & gazebo area setting up for the cocktail party. Later, personnel from our sponsors arrived and began to setup large banners along the docks. Towards late afternoon we had established a presence. Most of the slips were filled, and the "Grand Banks" and "Jarrett Bay" banners fluttered in the gentle wind. What an impressive sight. There were about 30 boats from 32 to 58 feet. Most were GB Classics and EastBays, with a few Motor Yachts and Europas. We filled the marina!

The first full gathering was a Welcome Cocktail Party hosted by Charlotte Featherstone in the gazebo near the boat slips. Rocky Lowe had purchased an excellent selection of wine and a variety of beer and soda. Everyone seemed to have a good time renewing



acquaintances and feasting on the variety of food provided by each boat. Bill and Patty Hohwiesner spoke to welcome everyone and introduced representatives Jarrett Bay and Grand Banks. Friday morning we were treated to a pancake breakfast hosted by Patty Hohwiesner assisted by Rocky Lowe. An abundant selection of muffins, sausage, yogurt, supplemented the great pancakes. What a good way to start a busy day of fun and adventure.



There was something for everyone! Some played golf, others enjoyed the Spa. The Inn supplied croquet, tennis, bicycles, canoes, paddle boats and kayaks. Also, they provided a van for excursions to

Irvington or Kilmarnock. Representatives of the Jarrett Bay Yacht Sales service team were able to visit with many captains for complementary engine room inspections and questions. The Coast Guard Auxiliary and United States Power Squadron were present to offer safety inspections. Joe's dinghy did pass.

Friday concluded with a Wine & Cheese party. Each boat supplied a labeled cheese for sharing. We had a varied assortment, some tart, others sweeter, all blended well with fruit and crackers, and they complemented the assortment of wine. Somehow wine bottles kept appearing as others emptied. As the cool evening air was moving in we were treated to Frogmore Stew prepared by the Jarrett Bay team. What a treat! This stew is a blend of seafood, sausage, corn and potatoes, the recipe originating in the low country coastal islands of South Carolina. Many went back for seconds and very few members needed a meal that night.



On Saturday we enjoyed coffee and pastries during the annual business meeting at the Tides Inn. Tucker West, Regional Sales Manager for Grand Banks, reviewed the New 41 Heritage EU including the Cummings Zeus Pod Drive System. Jan Boone, President of Jarrett Bay Yacht Sales introduced the JBYS support team and reviewed the steps their company is taking to incorporate maintenance of Grand Banks products into their large and varied organization. Gregory Poole Caterpillar service technicians were available to consult with boat owners. It was encouraging to see so many professional experts available to support us. Charlie and Bonnie Burk then gave an overview of their Great Loop adventure and Bill and Mary Ann Harris talked about their new 47 Grand Banks. The gathering ended with a session on Maintenance Tips/ Techniques led by Dick Seed.

Following the meeting, many members enjoyed a boat tour of Carter Creek and learned of the rich history of the area from a captain of the Tides Inn tour boats. There are many beautiful homes along the creek, and we were surprised to learn of the celebrities living in the area.

Later Saturday afternoon the Tides Inn van made several trips to transport about 45 members to the White Fences Vineyard & Winery. The owner, Bill Westbrook, had setup a tent among the grape vines where he and an assistant entertained us with interesting stories while we tasted the wines produced from grapes grown on the property. It was a charming setting where we sampled eight different wines; all named for the meteor showers visible in Irvington where there are few nighttime lights to mask the view of the sky.



The Rendezvous concluded Saturday evening with the banquet held at the Tides Inn. Good food and good company, what more could one want to end a perfect weekend. Bill Hohwiesner recognized and thanked the officers and directors who have supported him for the past two years, and the association presented he and Patty with a beautiful gift for Bill's service as President.

As new members we are fortunate. This association's members have warmly greeted us and shared both their boating experience and their knowledge of the Grand Banks products. This, our second rendezvous had exceeded all expectations. We renewed acquaintances from last year. We met with others for the first time, all interesting people who own or love the Grand Banks line of boats and enjoy cruising. Yes, we will be looking forward to future events.

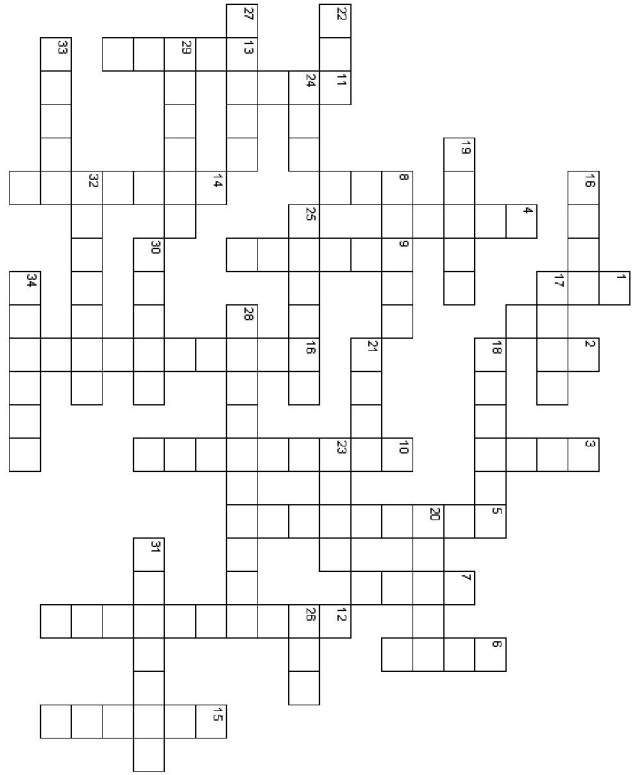
Joe and I have volunteered to edit and distribute the CBGBOA newsletter, this being our first edition. We ask for your feedback as we strive to improve future editions. We also ask for your input. With our limited boating experience we seek access to your knowledge and experiences. We will accept any article you wish to share with the association. Send us either finished articles or rough drafts (e-mail to [joesboat@comcast.net](mailto:joesboat@comcast.net)) of your experiences, maintenance issues, recipes, book reviews or, of course, favorite cruising destinations.

We truly look forward to seeing you at an event soon, especially the 2009 Fall Rendezvous in St

Michaels. Marvland. See you there!

Just for Fun Answers – Down: 1 Fog, 2 Slip, 3 Prop, 4 Draft, 5 Throwable, 6 Seek, 7 Wind, 8 She, 9 Ensign, 10 Generator, 11 Sole, 12 Liveboard, 13 Locks, 14 Compass, 15 Fender, 6 Hohwiesner. Up: 8 Stern, 16 Echo, 17 Gull, 18 Pulpit, 19 Chart, 20 Raise, 21 Line, 22 GPS, 23 NOAA, 24 Oil, 25 Dinghy, 26 ICW, 27 Cleat, 28 Chesapeake, 29 CBGBOA, 30 Radio, 31 Mooring, 32 Aground, 33 Beams, 34 Marina

**Just for Fun**  
**Pepper Holmes - Rosetta**



- Down**
- 1 Bewilderment
  - 2 Ladies undergarment
  - 3 Screw
  - 4 Uncle Sam wants you!
  - 5 Life saver
  - 6 Search
  - 7 Air current
  - 8 Third person singular
  - 9 Banner
  - 10 Power maker
  - 11 Single
  - 12 Homeless
  - 13 Tresses
  - 14 Magnetic needle
  - 15 Guard
  - 16 Leader

- Across**
- 8 Unyielding, severe
  - 16 Repeat
  - 17 Coastal bird
  - 18 Lectern
  - 19 To record
  - 20 Lift
  - 21 Point to point
  - 22 Electronic marvel
  - 23 Not dependable
  - 24 Black gold
  - 25 Conveyance
  - 26 Water highway
  - 27 Tiedown
  - 28 Mitchner's favorite
  - 29 Acronym
  - 30 Leon
  - 31 Had a ball
  - 32 Boaters nightmare
  - 33 Shines
  - 34 Boat motel

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