



# CBGBOA NEWSLETTER

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## President's Message

### Pepper Holmes – Rosetta

The lazy days of summer are upon us; but, if you are like us, you are still catching up on bright work and the list of projects you dreamed of attacking last winter. Our weather has caused us to consider planting rice in our gardens and demands frequent trips to Rosetta to make sure "all is well" dockside.

We are enjoying the Fish Hawks, better known as Osprey as they have now migrated north from Chile or Northern Argentina, along the Atlantic Flyway. They will never win the award for "Tidy Nest Building" and are considered, by some farmers, to be wonderful scarecrows since no hawk will attempt to attack their poultry as long as an Osprey is in the neighborhood. It is fascinating to see the bird with a fish in its talons, turned in the same direction as the birds' flight. Have you ever found a fish in your back yard and wondered where it came from?

Geoff and I have accepted an invitation to attend the Great Lakes Rendezvous in St. Ignace, Michigan, July 23-26. Land craft will have to do since there are too many other commitments on the calendar. It is our hope that sharing ideas with another Grand Banks chapter will be mutually beneficial.

Sharon Nicholson recognized our need to have a corresponding secretary and has volunteered to send note cards to our members. Please let me know if you are aware of any member who has had recent surgery, is ill, has had a loss or just needs some cheer. I will make sure Sharon gets the details.

Our last newsletter looked to the spring cruises with excitement. Member attendance has far exceeded our anticipation for each event. Look within this issue for a story covering our travels, written by the cruise coordinators.

Now, we turn our focus toward the summer outings which are listed in the Pipeline. More details regarding each cruise can be seen on the website. Of special interest to our members with children/grandchildren is the Kids Cruise. All are welcome and there is no charge, but you must register on the website.

If steak and baked potatoes sounds good to you then you may want to pencil in the August cruise to Lankford Bay, jointly hosted by the Allen's and Krause's. A special DJ will be on hand for dancing after dinner so consider joining the festivities. Once again, members must sign up on the website where more details are available and make their own reservations at the marina.

By now, hopefully, you have received your invitation to our 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Rendezvous in St. Michaels, October 1-4. Please note we have slip reservations for only 30 boats. We are planning lots of surprises to commemorate this special event so please read the packet sent to you carefully and respond as soon as possible.

Keep the pointed end forward.

### Pipeline for 2009

#### **August 15-16 – Cruise to Langford Bay (B. Krause)**

Anchor or dockage available, pool, bikes, and cook out at the pavilion. See article below.

#### **September 19 - Hudson Creek (P. Holmes)**

This lovely Little Choptank River creek provides an anchorage just north of Casson Point. There's a dog friendly landing on a Sandy beach SW of the anchorage. Sign up on the web. Pepper will plan a Pot Luck Dinner among the boats planning to attend.

#### **October 1-4 - Fall Rendezvous 2009. (G. Holmes)**

St. Michaels & Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum. See article below. Important dates:

Sept. 7 – Reservations due to Geoff Holmes

Sept. 14 – Reservations with St. Michaels Marina/Spa

Additional event details at <http://www.cbgsboa.org/cruisingz.php>



CBGBOA & MTOA Members during Joint Rendezvous

## Officer Reports

### **Membership**

**Charlotte Featherstone – TIS'**

We welcome the following new members to our association. We'll be looking for your boats as we travel the Chesapeake Bay and East Coast waters. We especially look forward to seeing you at one of our scheduled cruises and our annual Rendezvous, always a very special event.

**Frank Calabrese** of *Imagine*, a GB 36 Classic; Wheeling, WV

**Steve & Tracy Chase** of *Crystal Lady*, a GB Classic 42; Galesville, MD

**Bob & Shirley Cunningham** of *Persystence*, a GB Classic 42; Portsmouth, VA

**Don & Carol Green** of *True Blue*, an Eastbay 43; Galesville, MD

**Jack Kennedy & Clare Feigl** of *Dea Latis*, an Eastbay 38; Portsmouth, VA

**Bob & Barbara Mullins** of *Endless Summer*, a GB Motor Yacht 42; Edgewater, MD

**Gerald & Donna Reilly** of *Little Sarah*, an Eastbay 39; Yardley, PA

**John Smith** of *Karrie*, a GB Sedan 32; Annapolis, MD

**Kurt & Susan Smith** of *Irish Lady Too*, a GB Classic 42; Baltimore, MD

**Ed & Colleen Taulbee** of *EzdvziT*, a GB Classic 42; Lafayette, LA

**Brian & Jennifer Toner** of *Shanti*, a GB Classic 46; Fairlee Creek, MD

### **CBGBOA Officers**

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### **DIRECTORS**

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## From Our Boat to Yours

### **RHODE RIVER RENDEVOUS**

**Roger Granum of 'Aurora'**

The 2009 CBGBOA rendezvous season got underway the weekend of May 8-10 on the Rhode River. This year the rendezvous included both a visit to the Smithsonian Environmental Research Center (SERC) and a chamber music concert.



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Participants began arriving Friday afternoon and anchored in the river; others arrived by car Saturday morning. Those brave souls who got to the SERC early enough on Saturday went on a guided canoe trip or walked the trails on part of the 3000 acres that comprise SERC.



Mark Haddon, Director of Education at SERC, unfortunately could not be present, but two able assistants, Josh Falk and Karen McDonald, met and greeted us and took excellent care of us.



The highlight of our Saturday morning was a chamber music performance by harpsichordist and cellist, Ken Slowik, artistic director of the Smithsonian Chamber Music Society, and Chris Krueger, principal flutist with the Boston Symphony, and Boston Pops, and Boston Esplanade Orchestra. The program included a cello suite, a flute partita, and sonata for flute and harpsichord by Johann Sebastian Bach. Eleanor Krause had an opportunity to play the harpsichord after the concert – she is good!

That afternoon, after a picnic lunch, we were educated by Karen McDonald as to the mission and programs of SERC. We



were amazed by the broad expanse of their research projects, both in terms of geographical reach and environmental studies. Please visit their website at [www.serc.si.edu](http://www.serc.si.edu) to get a better understanding of SERC.

After Karen's presentation, we wrapped up the afternoon with a wine and cheese party. A total of 34 participants were at the rendezvous, including Patty and Bill Howeisner who arrived just in time for the party on *Breakaway* after suffering a minor

### CBGBOA Cruise to Lankford Bay - Aug 15-16

In August we will cruise to the Langford Bay Marina off the Chester River. Langford Bay Marina has really nice facilities and a very welcoming atmosphere. They have a pool, nice dinghy dock, free bicycles and a wonderful covered pavilion for cocktails, dinner and dancing. See their website at [www.chesapeake-bay.com/lankfordbay](http://www.chesapeake-bay.com/lankfordbay) for pictures and additional information. Langford Bay Marina is located in Davis Creek within the Chester River.



Slip or mooring reservations should be made directly with Lankford Bay at 410-778-1414 or you can email [lankfordbay@atlanticbb.net](mailto:lankfordbay@atlanticbb.net) at least two weeks in advance be sure to mention you are with the Grand Banks group..

We have several events planned for the weekend:

- Coast Guard Auxiliary will be onsite from 12-2 to do safety inspections
- Chicken & Steak Filet Cook Out around 1700. Please bring your own libations side dishes to share. Appetizers & salads (A-L) and veggies & bread (M-Z).
- A mystery DJ will provide music for dancing after dinner.

Bruce & Eleanor Krause and John & Linda Allen are facilitating the rendezvous. Please register on the WEB site page at so they will know how much Chicken, steak filets to order. Look forward to seeing you there.

casualty.

Join us next year when we hope to have an expanded program at SERC and –yes, Eleanor and Bruce – more chamber music.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual CBGBOA/MTOA Rendezvous Carol Williamson of Lilly Pad

“...And a Good Time Was Had By All” could well be the





sentiments of all those in attendance at the Wye River/Granary Creek Second Annual CBGBOA/MTOA Rendezvous.

A few hardy boaters began arriving on Thursday, June 4 and brought with them a steady evening rain that continued into Friday. The Friday, June 5 weather did not deter GB'ers, totaling 12 boats plus one duo arriving by land yacht. MTOA



was equally well-represented bringing the total to 22 boats and some 70 people. When time for socializing arrived it was decided to gather in The Lodge, light a glowing fire in the beautiful stone fireplace and enjoy the warmth of good eats and renewed friendships.



As Saturday dawned the weather cleared and we again gathered for breakfast in The Lodge while the grounds and Pavilion dried out. Breakfast was truly gourmet—fresh brewed coffee, juice (with the added bonus of champagne provided by co-hosts Dottie and Bill Bugutski), bagels with all the trimmings, fruit cup and assorted sweet buns. Bill then organized a sign-up for people to become involved in outdoor activities, such as bocce ball, dinghy exploring, walking the grounds, horseshoes, bridge, visiting and the much anticipated fossil hunt, led by



Capt. Peggy Bjarno. All of these activities really added to people interacting and truly taking advantage of the beautiful DNR facility.

The Pavilion was the site of the evening social and dinner. Of special note was the grilling fire, again this year provided through the expertise of Geoff Holmes, and the table centerpieces “CB” made with fresh pineapples holding hand-crafted MTOA/CBGBOA miniature burgees.

On Sunday, many gathered for a repeat breakfast menu while others pulled anchor for the trip home. By mid-morning Granary Creek had returned to its natural state and MTOA/CBGBOA boats were all safely on their way home with fond memories of a good time.

## **STOW-STOW-STOW**

**By Bruce Krause and John Smith**

In May of 2007 Bruce and Eleanor Krause, and their boat partner John Smith bought a 1988 Grand Banks 36 sedan in Ft Meyers FL. Unfortunately the purchase price did not include the beautiful hand made New England design rowing dinghy. So this left the new owners with the challenge of coming up with a new dinghy. Fortunately however, the boat did have a well engineered and mounted set of St Croix Davits. The boat “Karrie” and her dinghy were among the boats featured in Passagemaker June 2001 article (pg. 47) on Tenders.

Now in real estate buying it's commonly accepted that the key factors are Location, Location, Location. With some literary license when it comes to dinghy and tenders it's Stow, Stow, Stow. Meaning where you stow it on your boat, what kind of load capacity does it have, and where do you put the darn thing on land when not in use. Well the first stow issue had been well taken care of by the previous owners so it was left to the new owners to handle the other two Stow issues.

Both owners were retired and had previously owned ‘Summner’ hard dinghies and were predisposed to a hard dinghy. A search of Craig's list located a 1982 Dyer dhow sailing dinghy and trailer for \$1800. The owners felt that the



Dyer lines and quality reputation were a good fit with the Grand Banks 36 so that choice was easy. Now came the hard



part. How to safely and attractively hoist the Dyer on the St Croix Davits?

We immediately agreed that we wanted to engineer our system without drilling any holes in the dinghy and what ever we came up with had to be pleasing to the eye. What we came up with was as follows: Four U shaped teak blocks approximately four inches square sanded on the backside to match the curvature of the dinghy hull were fastened to the Dyer up against the rail with 3M 5200 adhesive. (see photos). We then cut 2 1/2 diameter heavy wall stainless tubes which were to be the lifting support members. The ends of the tubes were ground to fit the curvature of the Dyer hull for a smooth tight fit. The tubes were then attached to the davits with an eye bolt and snap shackle.



This system has worked perfectly and the dinghy is easily launched and the stainless tubes are left attached to the davit lines and left laying on the swim platform where they are easily retrieved to haul the dinghy out of the water.

The solution to the third Stow issue came as a result of a trip we made to Block Island RI. Along the way we stopped at the Minneford Yacht Club North in City Island NY. This club's docks were owned by the slip holders. Here we noticed that many of the owners had their dinghies on floats or boards or other rigs at the head of their slips.

Returning to Annapolis and studying our Grand Banks 36 in her 40' slip at Sarles Boatyard and Marina on Spa Creek, a light bulb went on. Why not hang the dinghy in the slip. A check of the dock to make sure it was strong enough and a call to St Croix in Minnesota and a few days later a set of St Croix mounting plates matching the ones on the boat arrived and were fastened to the dock. Now when we return from a cruise with the dinghy it's a simple matter to lower the dinghy in the water, stand in the dinghy and slide the davits out of their mount on the cockpit coaming and slide them into the matching mount on the dock and haul her up. All this without dinghy racks, trailers, haul outs, it couldn't be better.

## Information and Observations

### **NOAA Initiatives**

#### **Joe Gibson – Surprise**

I often (almost 100% of the time) use C-Map electronic charts on Surprise's RayMarine chart-plotter when underway. I'm accustomed to utilizing computers for a wide range of tasks and just naturally adapted to this system when we purchased Surprise. I also like to have a printed chart onboard for backup purposes as electronics do fail and do so most often during a critical period. 'Murphy' lives! During a cruise Rosa will have the MapTech ChartBook (a convenient and in-expensive method of purchasing charts for a region) immediately available and likes to pick out and associate names with land objects along the way.

Yes, we have seen some differences between the chart-plotter information and the printed chart data. Besides the obvious differences in the chart presentation there are often differences in a buoy's location or the reported depth that I believe are primarily due to outdated charts. Changes in the nautical environment are constant and a chart is a snapshot in time. Electronic charts from C-Map and other vendors have the same issue. Methods of ensuring nautical charts being used are up to date is a classic issue.

Traditionally it has been the captain's responsibility to consult the weekly USCG (and other agencies) 'Local Notice to Mariners' (LNM) bulletin and make pencil changes to the appropriate nautical chart. This is a mandatory US Coast Guard requirement for commercial vessels. It's only recommended for recreational vessels and most boaters do not read the LNM much less update their charts. This process had been an issue among commercial shipping and several years ago both National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) (the agency responsible for charting US waters) and other countries chart makers initiated programs to improve the timeliness and accuracy of nautical charts.

The first program NOAA initiated was **Print-On-Demand** (POD) charts. <http://www.mdnautical.com/ogchart.htm> sells up to date charts that are printed upon receipt of an order. Every week NOAA Cartographers update the affected master chart images and scans a digital picture to create a very high quality multicolor digital chart image. This is a convenient system of obtaining a current chart but is somewhat expensive for recreational boaters. Each POD chart can cost \$20 or more plus shipping expenses.

In more recent years NOAA has initiated three other programs aimed at reducing the need for LNM changes to a printed chart. The first is NOAA's **On-line Nautical Chart Viewer** at <http://www.nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/mcd/OnLineViewer.html>. This service makes chart files from Print-on-Demand program directly available through a WEB browser program. You may browse a chart and, within your printing capabilities create a printed chart image. Care should be exercised here. The inks available in most home printers are water soluble thus the printed information probably has a limited lifespan onboard. Also you will be space limited and will probably loose much of the location information available from the edges of nautical



charts.

The second NOAA initiative is **Electronic Navigation Charts** (ENCs). ENCs are based on international standards. They are vector graphic files similar to those used in chart plotters, but created directly by NOAA and are in the public domain – thus they are free to the public. Today there are 721 ENC chart areas available for free download from the NOAA WEB site <http://www.nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/mcd/enc/index.htm>. ENC initiatives were originally focused at commercial shipping areas but in recent years they have expanded to cover much of the Chesapeake Bay and other recreational waters. They are becoming available for the ICW waters. As a result there are now several computer software vendors offering navigation programs that utilize ENC data. With some recognized limits, a Personal Computer can now be used as a chart-plotter. A topic for a future article!

The third initiative is also an expanded use of the NOAA Print On Demand program. **Raster Navigation Charts** (RNCs). RNCs are digital picture files of the printed NOAA charts. They are free to the public and can be downloaded from <http://nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/mcd/Raster/Index.htm>. RNCs were initially conceived and developed by Maptech under a contract to NOAA, and were once available for purchase from a MapTech WEB site. NOAA now manages the program.

As with ENCs, there are software programs available that use RNC data. I own a PC program that uses both ENC and RNC files which I use for route planning. Often, at least monthly, when an internet connection is available I download all newly updated ENC and RNC files from the NOAA WEB site. I keep a full set of charts for the east and gulf coast in the PC. This gives me the ability when cruising to prepare route plans onboard, transfer the route data into the RayMarine chart plotter, and then print the area of the route to have an up-to-date printed chart to supplement the commercial chart. Typically Rosa will note arrival times at points on the route making the printed page with route data an element of the ships log.

## Book Nook

### ***The Elegance of the Hedgehog* by Muriel Barbery**

**Patty Hohwiesner of 'Break Away'**

The book follows events in the life of a *concierge*, Renée Michel, whose deliberately concealed intelligence is uncovered by an unstable but intellectually precocious girl named Paloma Josse. Paloma is the daughter of an upper-class family living in the upscale Parisian apartment building where Renée works.

Featuring a number of erudite characters, *The Elegance of the Hedgehog* is full of allusions to literary works, music, films, and paintings. It incorporates themes relating to philosophy, class consciousness, and personal conflict. The events and ideas of the novel are presented through the thoughts and reactions, interleaved throughout the novel, of two narrators, Renée and Paloma. The changes of narrator are marked by

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**Oct. 1-4, 2009 at St. Michaels Harbor Inn, Marina & Spa**

**Our Silver Anniversary!** Events begin on Thursday with a Mid Atlantic Symphony concert at the historic AVALON Theater and continue through a unique Eastern Shore Dinner Saturday evening. Along the way we'll tour an eastern shore winery, the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum and have Jarrett Bay technicians available for conversation and advice.

Call now to reserve your slip and contact Geoff Holmes to register. St. Michaels is a favorite destination among many boater friendly towns in the Chesapeake Bay. We look forward to seeing you there.

switches of typeface. In the case of Paloma, the narration takes the form of her written journal entries and other philosophical reflections; Renée's story is also told in the first person but more in the present tense.

One French critic called "The Elegance of the Hedgehog" the ultimate celebration of every person's invisible part." Diane Rehm discussed this book on NPR on April 22, 2009 at 11:00 a.m. You can still listen to the book discussion but read the book first. My book group really enjoyed this book selection and it is one of those books that keeps coming back to you. An excellent read!

## Nautical Trivia

### ***Port and starboard***

Port and starboard are shipboard terms for left and right, respectively. Confusing those two could cause a ship wreck. In Old England, the starboard was the steering paddle or rudder, and ships were always steered from the right side on the back of the vessel. Larboard referred to the left side, the side on which the ship was loaded. So how did larboard become port? Shouted over the noise of the wind and the waves, larboard and starboard sounded too much alike. The word port means the opening in the "left" side of the ship from which cargo was unloaded. Sailors eventually started using the term to refer to that side of the ship. Use of the term "port" was officially adopted by the U.S. Navy by General Order, 18 February 1846.



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**Our Silver Anniversary  
~  
St. Michaels  
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**MRYC is hosting a  
uniquely Eastern Shore meal  
for the Gala Dinner**



**We have seats Thursday night for  
the Mid Atlantic Symphony**

**CBMM Small Craft  
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One of the nations premier  
small craft events. Take part  
in workshops,  
demonstrations or simply  
chat with professional boat  
builders.



**Life  
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**ST. MICHAELS WINERY**

**A party is  
planned among  
the kegs and  
vats of  
cabernet, pinot  
noir and  
viognier**



*Be part of the  
Review of the  
new intriguing  
novel by  
G.M.O.  
Callaghan*



**Frogmore Stew**



**Visit with our colleagues  
& talk with the JB technicians**



*We've Enjoyed Cruising in our Boats and Dinghies)  
In quiet coves and rivers along our Beautiful Chesapeake Bay*



*Come and enjoy our future events!*

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