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President's Message

Sam Nicholson – Dr. Nick

So here we go with my first message as the president of the Chesapeake Bay Grand Banks Owners Association (CBGBOA). I am very honored to be in this position.

I would like to thank our outgoing president, Pepper Holmes, for her turning over a growing organization in fine order and financial health. She has been an active excellent leader, and I look forward to her continued service to the CBGBOA as a member of our board. I would also like to thank the previous presidents (Jim Watson, John Shanahan, Geoff Holmes, and Bill Hohweiser) for their leadership and support in making this a viable and enjoyable association. And I also want to thank the members of our board (Rocky Lowe, Anita Lowe, Carol Williamson, Joe Gibson, Rosa Gibson, Roger Granum, and Pepper Holmes) for their continuing support and for working the myriad of details that make our association a success. I look forward to working with all these folks, as well as all our members, to maintain the progress so that in two years a new (and younger) president can also take over an organization in fine order and financial health.

As I said at the business meeting in early October, my goals are for us to have fun and stay safe. Our many events should be planned and conducted with these non-conflicting goals in mind. Our organization's members are varied in age; type, size, and speed of boats; boating education, training, and experience; lifestyles and family desires; and a host of other factors. Some seek out the most relaxing anchorages, others the best equipped marinas; some have traveled far in their boats, others not so far; some conduct most of their boat's maintenance, others work with the Bay's capable vendors; all seek to maximize their boating experience as they define it. I mention this for as we plan our fun and safe events, we will work to meet the desires of all as best we can.

To this end, enclosed with this newsletter is a survey to canvas the membership on their thoughts on both weekend cruises and the annual rendezvous. Please take the time to complete it and return it to me by 1 February, 2011.

Oh, for those who don't know me I am not the doctor in Sharon's and my boat, *Dr. Nick*. The name honors my father who died just before we took delivery of our first boat in 1974. I am an old flange head nuke submariner...

2011 Pipeline

March 20th : Annual New Member Brunch – Anita Lowe. Our 2nd most popular event! Additional detail provided in a sidebar on page 3.

Survey: - Sam Nicholson. We are developing the full 2011 Cruise Schedule. Please contribute by completing the enclosed survey – page 7 & e-mail attachment.

Oct. 8-11 Fall Rendezvous – Roger Granum. Save the dates. We are planning a cruise into a Virginia coastal community with a bus trip to visit a historical park. Details will be published in early 2011.

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Officer Reports

Membership:

Anita Lowe – High Noon

We ask new members to share experiences and information on their GB boats.

Alan and Peggy Hill on the GB 46' Europa 'Muriel June'. We are thrilled to join the CBGBOA. We have cruised almost 4000 miles from Seabrook, Texas to be on the Chesapeake Bay for about two years. We love meeting people along the way who have enriched our lives by sharing their diverse cultural experiences: other cruisers, sailors, and fishermen.

What has surprised us the most is the light traffic on the Chesapeake waterways. The Houston-Galveston-Texas City intersection is the busiest in the US and second only to Singapore in the world. So, we are very used to heavy traffic from barges, freighters, Coast Guard, and commercial fishing boats.

What we have loved here are the many marine museums along the way and the very important history that the Chesapeake and rivers have played in the development of the watershed tidewater of both Maryland and Virginia. Our last stop this fall was to the University of Maryland marine research center in Cambridge that helped us understand how vital the Chesapeake is to the economic development of the east coast. The Chesapeake is a treasure to be preserved and we look forward to further explorations on the bay and rivers.

We keep our blog current at

<http://amashoo.wordpress.com>

Editors Note: 'Muriel June', Alan & Peggy are featured in a 'Sprey Magazine' article. See page 36 at

<http://www.grandbanks.com/images/newsEvents/spray/v10n1.pdf>

Bill and Sandy Northfield on the GB 42 Classic 'Southern Isles'. Sandy and I met while I was in graduate school at MIT, and she was a freshman student at Garland Junior College (for women), commuting daily to Boston by rail, from her home in Mansfield, Massachusetts. We were married there in 1958, and have three children, including a banker in London, an architect/single Mom in Boulder, Colorado and another single Mom from Vero Beach, presently back at graduate school once again, this time at Johns Hopkins in Baltimore, pursuing a degree in creative writing.

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Members who do not need printed copies should notify Joe Gibson at the above address.

My business career following graduation from MIT in 1957 was initially with larger firms until 1969, when I founded my first company, Computer Devices in Cambridge, Massachusetts. As an entrepreneur, working principally for myself over the next 35 years, I managed/owned about a dozen high-tech firms in the electronics, computer, data communications and wireless fields, and sold my last company at the end of 2004.

We have cruised Southern Isles from Bar Harbor, Maine coastwise southward to Cape Cod and the Elizabeth Islands, the Intracoastal Waterway, and all of Florida as far west as Pensacola, including the Dry Togas and all the Florida Keys. We've enjoyed several cruises to the Bahamas, as far south as Georgetown for the Annual Cruising Regatta there. We cruised Southern Isles northward from Vero Beach to Oxford, Maryland the first two weeks of June 2010, and she is presently for sale with John Shannahan at Oxford Yacht Agency.

Sandy and I have been residents of New Hampshire since 1977. We've spent the winter season in Vero Beach, Florida since 1993, first living aboard Southern Isles at a local yacht club until 2001 and then in our barrier-island home. We met Pepper and Geoff aboard Rosetta at the Vero Beach City Marina in early 2010, and soon joined CBGBOA, at their friendly urging.

Although we are new CBGBOA members, Cambridge was actually our 6th Grand Banks rendezvous. We've participated in 3 events in Florida, and 2 events in New England, since we purchased Southern Isles in 1993. The CBGBOA event was second in size to those that we have attended, but the very best, I think, offering a great mix of friendship, and Grand Banks cruising info, and insights on current world events, good food and fun entertainment -- even if the weather was a bit stormy for a few days. Only the Newport, Rhode Island Grand Banks Rendezvous in 1994, where Southern Isles was among 50 Grand Banks Yachts attending, was larger.

As a historical note, Southern Isles is GB 42 hull number 740, originally sold in 1981 by the United Kingdom Grand Banks dealer to the Government of France, to be shipped to Santiago, Chile, for use by the French Ambassador to Chile. She somehow was transported to the USA in the late 1980s, to Isles of Palms, just north of Charleston, South Carolina. From there, she was sold to an owner in Punta Gorda, Florida, who sold her to Sandy in 1993.

Information and Observations

CBGBOA Shirts:

Joseph Gibson – Surprise

Thanks to Bruce and Sandy Fenton who have worked with a vendor to select a line of men's and women's shirts with



an embroidered CBGBOA burgee emblem. Bruce



and Sandy modeled the shirts during the Cambridge Rendezvous and passed out order forms to all attendees. The order form is enclosed as an extra document in the e-mailed newsletter.

Wells Fargo & Travelers Insurance

Joseph Gibson – Surprise

I must begin by thanking Sy Baden (of Grand Baron) for recommending last year that we provide an article on this insurance program. I knew then the program was only available to GB owners but, with limited newsletter space available, I did not dedicate time to research and understand the programs benefits. Sy, I'm sorry. In hindsight I could have taken advantage of it myself. OK, next renewal for me.

The program is documented on the Grand Banks web site - www.grandbanks.com. On the GB home page go to the Resources menu and select "Insurance" for an introduction page. Then follow the links at the bottom of the page to the Wells Fargo site for more detailed information or the links to submit an insurance application on-line. As an alternative there's also an application you can print and mail to the Wells Fargo office in Seattle Washington.

Now I'm a layman on marine insurance. My only real expertise, besides purchasing for Surprise, was gained by reading a US Power Squadron booklet which explains the basics of a 'Yacht Policy' and also attending a Trawler Fest Seminar. For sure I could never fully justify one policy over another without formal quotes and thoroughly reading the documents. I can, however, relay several facts I learned in a conversation with a Bill Davis, a Wells Fargo Underwriter, that emphasize a quality program:

- First, they – Wells Fargo - became aware of Grand Banks quality production when they surveyed GB manufacturing facilities. Yes, they insure the GB production and distribution chains in addition to the cooperate offices.

CBGBOA MEMBERS' BRUNCH

March 20, 2011 at 11:00 a.m.

Each year we enjoy this opportunity to meet with our friends and welcome new members to the association. We'll convene at the Severn Inn which is located across the Severn River from the Naval Academy at 1993 Baltimore Annapolis Blvd. The Inn offers a



fantastic view of Annapolis and the Academy – preview it at <http://www.severninn.com>. On Sunday mornings it provides a bountiful spread of breakfast and luncheon entrées for customers and we have a reserved section where sea stories (some true) will be told and enjoyed. I'm told that the bottomless glasses of Bloody Mary's or Champagne helped enhance the stories last year and the desert table (it's a "work of art") helped provide additional energy. No calories of course!

Top it all with the camaraderie of your fellow Grand Bankers. We will introduce the cruising agenda being planned for 2011 and you can begin to plan your boating season. This is an event "not to be missed"! Last year was a spectacular success and we expect this year's brunch to use all of the 60 available seats. RSVP now to reserve yours.

- With 'cooperate knowledge' of the GB product line they petitioned GB to sponsor the program and negotiated a unique policy only available for GB boats.
- They know GB yachts. Bill and his wife Brenda own a GB 46 classic, and actively participate in the Puget Sound GB Owners Association.
- They aggressively compete for GB owner business through policy features. As an example, they offer a policy on GB boats (< 20yrs. Old) without requiring a survey.
- They state they aggressively price policies to compete for GB owner business.

I've not yet received a quote, and thus can't testify to savings. Others in the association can. I'm providing this article to make sure you are aware of the program. If you are renewing soon you can contact Krista Patten (Krista.patten@wellsfargo.com) at 206-892-9268 for additional information.



From Our Boat to Yours

Rain, rain, go away!

Pepper Holmes – Rosetta, & Editors Comments

After a year of planning the date for our event was upon us, and so was a Nor'easter. The tent was erected; side walls were installed, lights were in place, and the tables



& chairs ready. Just in time for the rain bands to begin to pass by on Wednesday afternoon and the wind to began to steadily increase, first a moderate breeze with some foggy periods and later into a down right "howl".



Regardless, our members plowed on through the fog and against the white caps, 37 boats safely arrived at Cambridge Harbor, each with their own story of a less than comfortable trip. By mid afternoon we had filled all



bulkhead slips close to the marina office and rendezvous tent and also the slips across the fairway.

The flare & fire extinguisher workshop had 20 wet folks

cheering at dockside and the red signals were easily seen against the angry clouds. Yes, a few birds did have to swerve to miss the areal bombardment. Also a few nearby boats were at risk.

Our Wednesday evening pot-luck filled the tent to capacity with a wide range of delicacies and beverages.



Yes, due to the damp environment and the promise of even higher winds we terminated the gathering early and a task force of men, led by Buz Busby collapsed the chairs and tables, and removed the tent curtains so the winds could soar through.



With the weather predictions for the next day deteriorating by the minute, the rendezvous chairman was close to a nervous breakdown before securing a





meeting room at the nearby Cambridge Yacht Club (CYC) for Thursday's planned lectures.

On Thursday our members braved the wind and rain to walk the short distance to CYC, and were greeted with warm coffee.



Each lecture held the audience captive with information regarding the history of navigation, function of the Maryland Department of Natural Resources and the



U.S. Navy's Military Sealift command. In the meantime white caps pounded the jetty and an 80 pound pig along with an ample supply of beef was being roasted under the tent, basted in perfect North Carolina style. The smell wafted along the transoms of our boats and no one needed to be reminded that it was time to eat. Our thanks to Jarrett Bay YS for a great meal!

Still the rains pummeled the Eastern Shore. Seven inches of rain caused the dockside power to be cut briefly during the night but, we were secure and warm in our boats. We returned on Friday to CYC for the continuation of the program. A very productive round table discussion was held by Grand Banks Yachts followed by another from Jarrett Bay.



CBGBOA President, Pepper Holmes, conducted the business meeting, distributed awards and gifts; and the members elected Sam Nicholson to be her successor.



Geoff Holmes announced Jim Kenney winner of the predicted log race and presented him with a white birch log trophy inscribed with his name.

The sun broke through late morning; just enough for us to enjoy a hot dog and sausage luncheon under the tent. Our thanks to Heaven Harbor!

Finally, reasonable weather! Well, Almost! Some members walked into Cambridge and others enjoyed a bus trip to Horn Point Laboratories. By that evening we were enjoying a successful cocktail party in the CYC dockside gazebo, and then dinner at CYC.

After two rainy and overcast days the weather finally improved and we awoke Saturday to clear skies and warmer weather. Even entertainment – a small fleet of vintage aircraft flew over on their way to a local air show. We enjoyed the tent area for more lectures and several local craftsmen who demonstrated their unique skills



including model building (both miniature ships in bottles and elegant duplications of yachts), net making, line construction and function.



Our unique party and banquet Saturday evening culminated an eventful rendezvous. First, we were entertained by “The Free & Easy Dixie Band” (see outside picture cover) with support from one recognized member.



Mother Nature didn't dampen our resilient spirits and a good time was had by all.

Thank you Pepper

Joseph Gibson – Surprise

During the rendezvous our association presented an engraved ship's bell to Pepper to honor her years of service to CBGBOA.





Chesapeake Bay Grand Banks Owners Association Membership Survey

Weekend Cruises – Annual Rendezvous

The purpose of this survey is to canvas the membership on their thoughts on both weekend cruises and the annual rendezvous as your board plans the events for 2011 and beyond. If you have questions while completing the survey, please contact Sam Nicholson at snicholson22@verizon.net or at the address below.

Weekend Cruises: These cruises have generally been small gatherings of boats/crews in anchorages or towns (marinas) planned around an event (Down rigging of the *Sultana*) or a place of interest (Smithsonian Environmental Research Center). They are generally no cost and require little planning.

1. Should these cruises be conducted only over weekends?
2. What activities or events would be of interest in conducting a cruise?
3. What locations are of interest for such cruises?
4. Should these be on a monthly basis or every 6 weeks or so?
5. Are you willing to lead a cruise?
6. Is there interest in a long cruise, say to Cape Charles, VA or Cape May, NJ?

Annual Rendezvous: These events are organized over a 4 day period in late September/early October with planned dinners, events, lectures/discussions, and some sort of boat training. The annual business meeting is conducted at these rendezvous. They generally take place in one location (marina) and an attendance fee is charged. There have been contributions by various GB and Bay vendors who have subsequently made presentations to the attendees.

1. Other than the business meeting, what could be the central focus or theme of a rendezvous?
2. What activities are desired for the rendezvous?
3. Are we conducting too many lectures/seminars/discussions? Or not enough?
4. What topics would you like to have discussed?
5. Is more free time desired for activities such as boat visits, informal discussions, meeting new/old members?
6. How many meals/cocktail parties should be provided?
7. Are vendor boat visits valuable (Engine vendors, maintenance vendors, etc.)?
8. Are the fees being charged excessive (rendezvous and marina)?
9. Should some of the CBGBOA general fund be used to defray the costs of the rendezvous?
10. Is a night at an anchorage desirable for part of a rendezvous?
11. Should the rendezvous involve the movement from one location to another?
12. What locations do you recommended for a rendezvous?
13. Are you willing to become the rendezvous chairman?

**Please take the time to complete this survey and return it to
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