

## May 2012 Boaters' Club News

### Spring Cleanup 2012



We had a great day and a great turnout for Spring Cleanup 2012. I want to thank all the members who came out Saturday morning April 14. We were able to put a coat of sealer on the large section of playground equipment that we rebuilt last year. When you approach the base of the pier, notice that the display case has been properly trimmed out and repainted. New bird wire has been put down the entire length of the fixed pier as well as the floating docks.



Many boards and cleats were also replaced. Several of the Boaters' Club ladies participated in the cleanup this year. With all the help we were able to finish before noon and enjoy a great lunch provided by the management at GPYC. Two of our members have been removing trash from the marsh on a regular basis.

If you missed the cleanup you can still participate. The small section of playground equipment needs a minor repair as well as a coat of sealer. Let me know if you would like to help and we will set up a time.

## OpSail 2012

<http://www.opsail2012virginia.com/>

### HEADS-UP!! OpSail is coming to Hampton roads.

The weekend of the June 8th - 10th is OpSail and let's go out and welcome the ships into Hampton Roads. The ships will be anchored off Little Creek and the parade will begin around 7:00 AM on the 8th. We will leave our dock at Hampton Yacht Club very early to get out to Craney Island to anchor. Then as you all get there we will raft up to watch the festivities. After the conclusion of the parade we will go into Hampton Yacht Club for the night. I have called and it is first come first served so we need to have a list of those who will be coming into Hampton by Monday the 4th so I may call and request the slips. We may also raft up at the pier "T's". Then on Saturday we will sail to Cape Charles, Bay Creek. There is no available space in the harbor so I have tentatively reserved about 8 slips together as a group at Bay Creek. Call to make a reservation for June 9th as part of the Gatling Pointe group. We will all go to town to see the schooners that are tying up in Cape Charles and view fireworks that night. Sound like fun??? Hope so, let's make it a time to remember...Ann Christian

I want to thank George and Ann Christian as well as Jeff Horne for serving as cruise captains for this event. I encourage the day boaters to raft up with us on Friday to enjoy the parade of sail as well as onboard festivities. Bruce

### Cruise Week 2012

Ahoy, Fellow Boaters,

STANDBY TO MAKE RESERVATIONS!! The planning for Cruise Week 2012 (22 June - 1 July) is moving at max speed for both sail and power boaters - - 4 knots and 40 knots, respectively. The DRAFT plan which has changes for 27 and 28 June is attached and shows us staying at 6 marinas during this period with hosts who are developing exciting activities. There will be three cook-outs mixed with 5 restaurant visits; in-town adventures; boat tours, brown bag wine tasting; a Poker Run - - and More! This summer cruise seeks to:

- Provide for less travel time (to reduce fuel costs)
- Focus on the Rappahannock River
- Spend 2 nights in most marinas
- Be home for the 3-4 July activities in Smithfield
- Maximize FUN

Please note that some of the marinas are close enough and/or have over-night sleeping facilities where day boaters or non-boat owners can join the "Cruisers" for a daytime or evening event. (More info will follow on such opportunities.)

If you EVEN THINK you might attend some or part of Cruise Week, please say so - to the Blesses or Christians. The same goes for any suggestions or comments.

Hope to see you during Cruise Week 2012 - - and on the Water.

Cheers,

Jim and Bobbie Blesse

George and Ann Christian

### **Warwick Yacht and Country Club Cruise, May 19-20**

Cruise Captains Tom Orłowski and John Wandling will be getting information out on what has become an annual cruise to WYCC.

### **Blessing of the Fleet, Memorial Day**

Cruise Captains Wayne and Joanne Willis will be getting information out on the Blessing of the Fleet Ceremony Memorial Day, May 28th.