

Maryland Cruising Club  
The Scuttlebutt

**MEETING AND CRUISING FREQUENTLY IN AN ATMOSPHERE OF  
SOCIABILITY AND GOOD FELLOWSHIP**



**February, 2009**



**COMMODORE REPORT**

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Hello everyone, Is it spring yet? I want to thank the few MCC members that came to our Tri Ball with Key & Charlestown. You know who you are. Shame to the rest of you that want MCC to fail after 55 years. I just don't get it. Many of the visiting Yacht Club's members that attended said it was one of the best Balls of the season. I agree with that statement and I was proud to represent MCC. It was a bitter sweet evening for me as it probably was MCC's last Ball. It would have been nice to have seen some of our life members there. Again, I just don't get it. We will have our opening with Key Yacht Club on Sunday, June 28th. We need your help to make it happen. Please try to sell opening day ads. If you can't, then please buy one yourself. Please let me know in advance of your willing to help with opening day. Our April general membership meeting must be canceled do the lack of officers and board members that have other obligations Friday the 17th. I'm keeping my fingers crossed that we will have a meeting in May. I would love to hear from the remaining active members. The boat is sinking and I can't bail it out alone. I NEED YOUR HELP!

thanks John

**Opening Day Ad forms at end of Scuttlebutt**

**Maryland Cruising Club Website**

Check it out at <http://www.marylandcruisingclub.com/>.

## FLEET CAPTAINS REPORT

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### NFL players may have shed life vests in struggle against elements

3:11 PM, March 4, 2009

A sad story gets sadder ...

Nick Schuyler, the lone survivor of an ordeal involving a capsized fishing boat off Florida's Gulf Coast, told investigators that he and three others -- including NFL players Marquis Cooper and Corey Smith, who remain missing and presumed drowned -- had donned life vests after their boat was flipped by a large wave.

But the St. Petersburg Times, quoting family members who were briefed by the U.S. Coast Guard, reports that the two NFL players eventually slipped free of their life vests and drifted off, with no more fight. The third missing fisherman, Will Bleakley, claimed to have seen a light and reportedly tried swimming to safety.

Whatever the details, three men are probably dead and what they went through underscores how quickly things can go wrong at sea, especially for those not thoroughly prepared.

With this in mind, the BoatU.S. Foundation offers these tips for anyone pondering an offshore fishing trip aboard a private vessel:

-- File a float plan and make sure you adhere to it. By filing a float plan with a reliable family member or friend, they will be your first life-line to safety by letting the authorities know when you are overdue, where you had planned to go, and what time you were supposed to return.

-- Have a Digital Selective Calling (DSC) VHF radio and ensure it's connected to your GPS receiver. With the U.S. Coast Guard's modern coastal "Rescue 21" system now operational in many parts of the country, including the Gulf Coast, anyone aboard a boat can simply press the mayday button on the radio that automatically gives rescuers precise location information. DSC VHF radios are also now available in hand-held models.

-- Purchase or rent an Emergency Position Indicating Radio Beacon (EPIRB). These satellite beacons are used for passages 20 miles or more from shore, beyond VHF radio range, and can be automatically activated to summon help. The Foundation rents these lifesaving beacons to anglers, racers and other coastal passage makers who have a temporary need for this safety device. To date, the rental beacons have saved 62 lives.

Meanwhile, a small armada of private boaters has embarked upon a search for the missing fishermen. The Coast Guard abandoned its search Tuesday evening.

-- Pete Thomas



### CBYCA DELEGATE REPORT Dion Guthrie

Project Clean Stream 2009

The Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay is looking for volunteers to take part in Project Clean Stream 2009, which will take place 9 a.m. to noon April 4 throughout Central Maryland and the Eastern Shore.

Project Clean Stream volunteers improve their community by removing trash, tires and other discarded items from area streams and nearby roadsides.

The Alliance is looking for volunteers on two levels: general volunteer crews and site captains, who will lead cleanups and orient volunteers.

Basic supplies, such as trash bags, gloves and a first aid kit, will be provided.

In 2008, more than 3,000 volunteers removed more than 180,000 pounds of trash from area streams.

For a list of local and regional cleanup sites, or to volunteer, contract Vickie Stinson at 410-337-6270 or [vstinson@acb-online.org](mailto:vstinson@acb-online.org). Additional information is also available at [www.alliancechesbay.org](http://www.alliancechesbay.org).

Project Clean Stream is coordinated by the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay and supported by a grant from the Chesapeake Bay Trust Partnering organizations include local watershed associations and regional county staff.



**SICK AND WELFARE**  
F/S Sharon Rebbel – [rebraft@comcast.net](mailto:rebraft@comcast.net)

Janet Yodris was under the weather the week after the ball.  
Jim Wilson is scheduled for surgery on April 20th

**LET'S KEEP ALL OF OUR MEMBERS IN OUR PRAYERS.**



**CHAPLAIN'S REPORT**  
P/C Donald Antos – [donantos@comcast.net](mailto:donantos@comcast.net)

**Is Your Hut Burning**

The only survivor of a shipwreck was washed up on a small, uninhabited island. He prayed feverishly for God to rescue him, and every day he scanned the horizon for help, but none seemed forthcoming. Exhausted, he eventually managed to build a little hut out of driftwood to protect him from the elements, and to store his few possessions.

But then one day, after scavenging for food, he arrived home to find his little hut in flames, the smoke rolling up to the sky. The worst had happened; everything was lost. He was stunned with grief and anger. "God, how could you do this to me!" he cried.

Early the next day, however, he was awakened by the sound of a ship that was approaching the island. It had come to rescue him. "How did you know I was here?" asked the weary man of his rescuers. "We saw your smoke signal," they replied.

## ***MORAL of the STORY***

It is easy to get discouraged when things are going bad. But we shouldn't lose heart, because God is at work in our lives, even in the midst of pain and suffering. Remember, next time your little hut is burning to the ground. It just may be a smoke signal that summons the grace of God.

For all the negative things we have to say to ourselves, God has a positive answer for it:

You say: "It's impossible," God says: All things are possible (Luke 18:27).

You say: "I'm too tired," God says: I will give you rest (Matthew 11:28-30).

You say: "I can't figure things out," God says: I will direct your steps (Proverbs 3:5-6).

You say: "I can't do it," God says: You can do all things (Philippians 4:13).

You say: "I'm not able," God says: I am able (II Corinthians 9:8).

You say: "I can't manage." God says: I will supply all your needs (Philippians 4:19).

You say: "I'm afraid," God says: I have not given you a spirit of fear (II Timothy 1:7).

You say: "I'm always worried and frustrated," God says: Cast all your cares on ME (I Peter 5:7).

You say: "I feel all alone," God says: I will never leave you or forsake you (Hebrews 13:5).

## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

### **Next General Membership Meeting**

**May 15, 2009**

**At Key Yacht Club**

**Meeting will be at 7:00 and Key has Shrimp and Wing night that we can enjoy following the meeting. Beer and wine will be available from the club.**

**Opening DAY**

**Sunday June 28, 2009**

**Key YACHT Club 2:00 PM**

### **Board Meetings**

**Thursday May 21, 2009**

## **FUNDRAISERS COMING UP**

for **King of the Chesapeake's son**

- **Sunday, April 26, 2009**, 2:00 - 6:00 PM @ Eastern Yacht Club, \$15.00 includes all you can eat and cash bar (\$8.00 children 12 and younger) For tickets or more information contact Annette Magee, 410-687-2866 . Note: all proceeds go directly to Aaron for his needs.

An unexpected accident has Aaron Magee, 22 year old son of K of C Jeff Magee, paralyzed and wheelchair bound. He has no medical insurance and needs home renovations to access his home. Please come out and show your support for Aaron and help make his transition to his new life a successful one.

## **Cookout for Cameron**

May 30, 2009  
see attached flyers



### **BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES**

Congratulations to everyone who is celebrating a special day this month!

#### **BIRTHDAYS**

##### **March**

4 Walter Brown  
12 Dottie Murray  
16 Ed Bruette  
18 Liz Yeakle  
20 BM/PC Don Antos  
30 Rosalie Antos

##### **April**

3 Dianna Guthrie  
29 Ron Rebbel

#### **ANNIVERSARIES**

##### March

24 PC Jim and Shirley Poling

##### April

none

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## **Opening Day 2009 Ad Campaign**

I/We hereby agree to pay the sum of \$\_\_\_ for a (n) \_\_\_\_\_ page in the Maryland Cruising Club Annual Opening day Program. The deadline for ads is May 30, 2009.

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Back and Inside Front	\$125
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Commodore John Vogel

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I would appreciate Ad copy also be emailed to me at [FMA2989181@aol.com](mailto:FMA2989181@aol.com) if possible.

Thank you for your support of Maryland Cruising Club. If you have any questions, please contact me at 410-255-5369 or [FMA2989181@aol](mailto:FMA2989181@aol.com)