

# Banter

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#### **COMMODORE'S CORNER**

Jim DiSomma, commodore@broadbaysailing.org

Hi All!

I'm sitting on my couch, its Monday night, Memorial Day weekend, flat worn out! We love seeing everyone's pictures from birthdays to raft ups so keep posting!

I am sunburned, tired, and beat-up! And I didn't even sail Down the Bay!! I did however sail my 1959 Comet around Hampton, played on power boats, went fishing, and watched fireworks! And wow, A LOT of people were on the water!

I do want to share an ALMOST horror story. A lady was laying on her paddleboard floating near the Fort Monroe beaches. A power boater came through, and I believe he saw her at the last minute. He was cruising along at a rapid pace, he wound up shutting down, dipping his bow, turned hard port, while tossing several of his guests (they all stayed aboard) but fell about the boat.

The paddleboarder fell off, due to the bow wake! Was truly frightening! We sailed over, and she was good, just startled, can't blame her! A young girl aboard the power boat had hit her head. They left, and just as quickly as it had happened, it was over...

I realize we are a sailing community, but just ask people to be diligent when underway... This lady did drift out quite far, but still... just grateful the worst didn't happen.

OK, looks like the Memorial Day cruises went well?? Saw pictures posted online, just happily none of the BBSA board members were in speedos! OR were those edited out?

If you get a chance take a look at the BBSA calendar we have 3 cruises this June, starting with the Cruise to Norfolk Harborfest Friday, June 10.

Then the Summer Sailstice Progressive Dinner Cruise, the Summer Cruise up the Bay, and in July the Independence Day Cruise to Cape Charles! Nice to see our cruisers are busy!!

Meanwhile, summer racing is heating up with Southern Bay Race Week last weekend, and don't forget registration for the Cape Charles Cup is open! Also, I'd like to take a moment to congratulate/give credit all those who sailed Down the bay! I heard it was sporty!

OK, my rum n coke is empty, and I need aloe!

Till next time!

Jim DiSomma 2022 BBSA Commodore

#### **RACING NEWS**

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Well May racing hasn't gone as planned. As you all know the weather hasn't been very "Spring" like. Cancellations have been plenty for both LCSA and WR. Even one of our signature events, The Cape Henry Cup was cancelled due to weather. The first time since 2003. LCSA did get in the first series, but two of the three races in the second series have been cancelled. Willoughby Racers had a difficult time getting started, but the last few Thursdays have allowed for some racing there.

The winners of the LCSA series 1 were:

- NS1 "Black Widow" Gade, Girardin, Copeland
- NS2 "Whisper" Davis
- Spin "Gray Area" Radam

Registration is also underway for BBSA's signature event of the summer, the Leo Wardrup Memorial Cape Charles Cup to be held August 19-21. Easy online entry and payment, including registration, t-shirts, and Saturday party ticket purchasing are all available at <a href="www.CCCup.net">www.CCCup.net</a>. Sign up now before the late fee kicks in. **The deadline is earlier this year as supply chain issues are affecting delivery guarantee for all of the event regalia.** Please get your orders in before June 15<sup>th</sup>. This is a highlight of the summer racing season and has been voted "Best of the Bay" by Chesapeake Bay Magazine. You don't want to miss it.

Leo Wardrup Memorial Cape Charles Cup also needs your swag and sponsorship!! The Leo Wardrup Memorial Cape Charles Cup is our biggest event of the year. The planning committee has been working hard to bring us another successful regatta. Each participating skipper receives a bag with sailing instructions and crucial racing information plus lots of cool gadgets or information (commonly called "swag").

Finally, as I write this some of our members are headed up the Bay for the "Down the Bay" race. Here's hoping they have good weather. Results in next month's banter.

Jay Thompson
Racing Fleet Captain
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#### Become a Certified US Sailing Race Officer.... and support BBSA Racing:

Don't want to race anymore, but miss the excitement of racing? Get certified as a US Sailing Club Race Officer. You still get invited to all the after-race parties.... and you can really provide a great service to your racing friends and BBSA. US Sailing is offering online Race Officer courses. You can find a course and sign up at: <a href="https://www.ussailing.org/competition/rules-officiating/resources/find-a-seminar/">https://www.ussailing.org/competition/rules-officiating/resources/find-a-seminar/</a>

Alternatively, John McCarthy will be offering an in-person one day course locally in January 2023. This course includes donuts and coffee.

Contact Jay Thompson, BBSA Racing Captain, if you have questions.



## Broad Bay Sailing Association

Tresents the Nineteenth Annual



## Leo Wardrup Memorial Cape Charles Cup

Friday, Saturday, & Sunday – August 19th-21st, 2022

<u>THE</u> Cruising event for serious Racers! <u>THE</u> Racing event for serious Cruisers!

Cape Charles Cup is the only "destination" weekend regatta on the Southern Bay. With plenty of racing competition plus two "signature socials" highlighted by the Saturday post-race festivities at The Oyster Farm Marina at Kings Creek, there is truly something for everyone!

#### BOTH races are part of the Southern Bay Distance Racing Series!

**Friday** – Finger food, beer, wine and sea stories begin at 1800 at 4317 Pretty Lake Avenue, Norfolk, Virginia, at the corner of Shore Drive and Pretty Lake Avenue. Skippers' Meeting starts at 1830.

**Saturday** – Race from Little Creek to Cape Charles (first gun

at 1000). Post-race buffet supper, awards ceremony, and awesome social at The Oyster Farm Marina.

**Sunday -** Race across Bay to Buckroe (first gun at 1000).

**Entry Fee** - \$115 if received by **July 22nd**, \$165 if received later. Entries received by **July 22nd** will have a picture of the boat and/or crew included in the Cape Charles Cup yearbook. (a link will be given to send your boat pictures) Entry fee includes registration, hat, tee shirt, four Saturday dinner tickets, skipper's bag, and our famous SOCIALS!

**Extra stuff** — Great Cape Charles Cup tee shirts (long/short sleeve, men's/women's versions), tech shirts with and without hoods (men's/women's), hats, skipper's bags and extra dinner tickets are available for purchase on the entry form.

Info/Questions/Sponsorships Contact – Al Brazzi at (757) 407-1687 or CCCup@broadbaysailing.org.

**Docking!** — Docking at Oyster Farm Marina to be closer to the after-race party or Cape Charles Harbor for a DEEP-WATER solution! A reservation will be made for



you and a slip at the location you request on the Race entry form. There's no need to call the marina to make a separate reservation. **Enjoy** and Sunday hospitality morning munchies at both Marinas! There will also be a fast, reliable, and fun shuttle service on Saturday to Oyster farm Marina from City dock, Cape Charles Harbor for Party and awards. Hail on VHF-16 when approaching the docks.

# ENTRY – ONLINE ENTRY AND PAYMENT FORM at <u>www.CCCup.net</u> as well as the complete Notice of Race. Sailing Instructions will be posted there by August $6^{th}$ .

**Classes** – PHRF: A, B, C, and separate Nonspin classes for single and double headsails (current PHRF valid rating required), several Cruising classes, Multihull/CMA with committee-assigned handicaps, an ORC Cruiser class (separate rating required from ORC).

**Anyone Can Win** – PHRF Nonspinnaker participants will receive an 18 sec/mi handicap bonus for Cape Charles Cup PHRF Division Trophy calculations.

**Prizes -** Daily class awards based on number of entries. Cape Charles Cups for the best total corrected time in PHRF, Cruising, CMA/Multihull, and ORC Cruiser divisions (13 boat minimum). Keeper trophies are traditional big brass Weems and Plath yacht lamps, plus winning boats' names on the perpetual trophy awarded at the final party at the September BBSA Meeting.

Registration is open for the 19<sup>th</sup> annual Leo Wardrup Memorial Cape Charles Cup. We are scheduling the full weekend of events locally and in Cape Charles. Come join us for another great event.

Visit <u>www.CCCup.net</u> to register, see additional details, and stay informed. The BBSA website and Facebook will also provide event updates.

#### More event details:

At a value of well over \$350, the Early Bird Registration fee is the same as 2020 and 2021 at \$115, which is a \$50 discount on the regular price. Early registration closes July 22; however, for guaranteed shirt sizes please order by 15 June. Late Entry Fee is \$165 from July 23 to noon August 15.

#### **Included with entry:**

- 1 x Regatta hat
- 1 x Regatta t-shirt
- 2x dinner tickets plus beer and wine at the Skippers' Meeting for "Skipper plus One"
- 1x high quality skipper's bag
- 4x dinner tickets for Saturday evening's awards social in Cape Charles
- Regatta yearbook, including your boat's photo
- Free Transportation to/from Cape Charles marinas for Saturday night dinner and awards presentation (5-10 PM) (Please tip anyway)
- Free Valet service at East Beach Clubhouse for Skippers' Meeting (please tip anyway)
- Heavy hors d'oeuvres and beer and wine at the final awards party Sept 20 at AJ Gators
- Slips are available both at Cape Charles downtown (City Docks and CCYC) and the Oyster Farm Marina (LWMCCC will assign as noted on your entry form)
- Hand blown glass trophies for winner of each fleet
- Class winners get Weems & Plath brass lamps
- With after-race critique submission, chance to win free entry for 2023 LWMCCC Race

#### **Continuing this year:**

- Women's t-shirts sizes for sale (S, M, L, and XL)
- Long sleeve wicking Men and Women UVA block "Tech Shirts" (S, M, L, XL, XXL and XXXL)
- Crew board for "boats looking for crew" and "crew looking for boats"
- Enter early with the ability to order additional regalia online through 15 August (sizes guaranteed if ordered by 15 June)

#### **Reasons to Participate in the LWM Cape Charles Cup:**

- It is THE Racing Event for serious Cruisers, and THE Cruising Event for serious Racers!
- New this year is an "ORC Cruiser" division (for those with Cruising Boats that like to race)
- LWMCCC is part of the Southern Bay Distance Racing Series (SBDRS)
- The Saturday awards social on the docks at Oyster Farm Marina is legendary!
- The Sunday morning breakfast/lunch box is becoming legend!
- It is a great value for the money, and it is so much fun!
- It supports youth sailing in Tidewater. Again, last year the LWM Cape Charles Cup committee and BBSA donated \$5000 to SAIL NAUTICUS to help support Hampton Roads

- youth and community sailing. BBSA also donated an extra \$3000 to assist with the purchase of new sails.
- For five years in a row, the Cape Charles Cup has been voted the "Best Regatta in the Chesapeake" during Chesapeake Bay Magazine's "Best of the Bay" Competition!

#### **Final Details**:

Please pass to your cruising and racing friends: **Special \$50 entry fee for any owner** that has never entered this race before (we know you'll come back after your first Cape Charles Cup). Due to the continuing construction at the various Little Creek area marinas, make your reservations early if you plan to sail in and stay overnight on Friday for the Skippers Meeting.

We look forward to having you enter the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Cape Charles Cup Regatta.

Please let me know if you have any questions or comments.

Best wishes,
Tim J Dull
2022 LWMCCC Event Entry Coordinator
dull1492@verizon.net

#### FLEET RACING

#### **Little Creek Sailing Association Wednesday Races:**

littlecreek@broadbaysailing.org

LCSA Face Book Page: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/groups/250807138384289">https://www.facebook.com/groups/250807138384289</a>

It's been a fantastic start to the 2022 Summer Racing Season. We completed Series 1 of 5 Wednesday May 4<sup>th</sup>, and managed to beat the weather gods and completed all five of five Races. And... the drum roll please, for the Series 1 winners:

NS1: First Place - Black Widow (Gade/Girardin/Copeland); Second Place - Arberia (Qejvani); Third Place - Trouble (Atkinson/Moore).

NS2: First Place – Whisper (Davis); Second Place – Coeur d'Alene (Giffin); Third Place – Brittany (Eash).

SPIN: First Place – Grey Area (Radam); Second Place – Elixir (French); Third Place – Red Frog (Goodman).

Little Creek is having a great time, and some of our newer members are challenging the status quo. The competition is getting tighter on Wednesday night; and more and more LCSA sailors are participating in various weekend races throughout the Bay. I'm looking forward to seeing how well they do in the Down the Bay and Southern Bay Race Week. Standby to Standby... more news on our traveling racers next month.

Series 2 weather has been off to a March weather pattern, rather than the expected May weather pattern. So far, we have been able to race only once out of the first three races due to unsafe weather conditions.

All past and current race results can be found on the BBSA website: <a href="https://broadbaysailing.org/LCSAResults">https://broadbaysailing.org/LCSAResults</a>.

See you all about the water, Andy Spittler LCSA Racing Coordinator

#### **Willoughby Racers Thursday Races:**

Check out the Willoughby Racers link from the BBSA website at <a href="https://broadbaysailing.org/WRHome">https://broadbaysailing.org/WRHome</a> and our Willoughby Racers Facebook page for updates and more information.

#### **Hobie Fleet 32 News:**

Jeff Nelson is this year's Hobie Fleet 32 lead. His contact info is as follows: 757-572-5776 jeffnelsonsails850@gmail.com

#### TRAINING NEWS

Larry Baun, training@broadbaysailing.org

BBSA conducted training on "Sailwave" scoring software used for LCSA and Willoughby Racers Beercan series. A good crowd of 15 enjoyed the ambiance of Deadline Brewing Project on 10 May. In addition to sharing craft brews and pizza – Eric Brinsfield conducted expert hands-on training on use of the software. The training is being followed up with volunteers scoring actual races to test their knowledge and abilities to augment BBSA race scorers.

Larry Baun
Training Captain
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#### CRUISING NEWS

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## From the Cruiser Cockpit

2022 Cruising Captain: Eric Brinsfield

#### **Memorial Weekend Cruise**

What a beautiful weekend we had!!! Most sailors were treated to a rollicking sail up the Bay into Mobjack and on into East River. There may have even been some undeclared racing going on. Once everyone arrived and anchored, we counted about 17 boats ready to relax and have fun for the weekend.



Roy and Irene Weisert generously hosted docktails on Saturday night and a potluck on Sunday evening at their home near Matthews. We can't thank them enough for their hospitality.

During the days, the creative cruisers found ways to stay cool and have fun. Clever stern-to temporary rafting provided an exclusive swimming pool in the middle of East River. Thanks to Sergio Diehl for organizing the cruise. The participants included Modus Vivendi, Bella Vela, Argo, Virginia Breeze (the 2 hull version), Freedom, Tempo, Summer Wind, E, Lio Kai, Southerly II, Lady Charlotte, Holakai II, Sugaree, Sandy Sea, J&B<sup>5</sup>, Flight Risk, and Mermaid Chaser.



#### 2022 Norfolk Harborfest

Ben and Christina Ritger are hosting the annual cruise to Hospital Point for Norfolk's Harborfest. Yes, it is on this year. Always a fun trip with lots of anchoring entertainment, waterfront activities, and good food. The food and drink is available on shore or on other boats, so you will not starve. Please plan to join us. If you have never participated, please reach out with questions.



Harborfest, Norfolk's iconic Maritime Festival is back. On both land and sea, come and join the Harborfest Cruise where we will partake in various activities on both land and water, plenty of live music, a Parade of sail and of course fantastic fireworks show (speculation is that there will be drones as well). Our cruise is back in full swing!

We will sail on Friday to Hospital Point and are planning a Friday evening cocktail hour from 5:30-6:30PM at S/V Argo. This will be either on board or alongside in your dinghy. Bring your favorite libation. I will have snacks, feel free to bring something to easily share.

If you are interested in participating, please email me. Saturday morning, we will host a bloody Mary bar at S/V Argo from 10-11:30 AM. Bring your own cup and ICE!!!! There will be no other formal events after the bloody Mary bar.

If you prefer to get a slip, dockage is still available at Waterside Marina, (757) 625-3625 or via Dockwa. I encourage you to do so sooner than later! We hope you will join us, and please RSVP so that we have enough supplies onboard.

Cruise Captains: Ben & Christina Ritger

### **2022 Summer Sailstice**

Start planning early for the Summer Sailstice Cruise. Mary Anne Greblunas is planning and organizing a fantastic and fun event starting June 16, 2022. See Mary Anne's flyer at the end of this report.



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BBSA & HYC Cruisers, Racers & Powerboats Are All Welcome

"Sail Locally, Celebrate Globally!"

Option #1: Cruise June 16th (Thursday) to 19th (Sunday) -

Progressive Dinner at anchorage on the way to Pirates Beach

Option #2: Cruise June 17th (Friday) to 19th (Sunday) -

Sail directly to Pirates Beach

Option #3: Sail on June 18th (Saturday) -

Join 19,000 other Sailors on the water, just sail!

Thursday, June 16 - Sail to anchorage (we will pick that anchorage on Wednesday, it will be somewhere between between Hampton and Pirates Beach), there will be a progressive dinner that evening. Please

Email Mary Anne by June 9th in order to join in on the Progressive Dinner fun. Everyone starts at the appetizer's raft up and are then given their boat assignment for each course. Contact Mary Anne to get the details of the progressive dinner and how to sign up for your course.

Friday, June 17 - Sail to the Summer Sailstice anchorage, Little Bay (off Fleets Bay, past Windmill Point). Fun on Pirate's Beach, wine tasting, Happy Hour and a bonfire.

Friday Wine Tasting: Bring a bottle of wine to share. The wine tasting will be broken into 2 to 3 different wine groups. You and your wine will be in a group with wine that is most similar to the wine that you brought. After the tasting, all tasting groups will merge together for Happy Hour and taste some of the other group(s) wines.

Saturday, June 18 – 2<sup>nd</sup> day at Pirate's Beach. A whole day at the beach with sailing related activities. Lots of fun on the beach, games/contest (including the famous Team Building Sailboat Race & Limbo Hook), Happy Hour and new this year... Storytelling around the campfire. Email Mary Anne for more details.

Sunday, June 19 - Head back to Hampton/Norfolk or join the Up the Bay Cruise or continue your own adventure.

If you are interested in joining in on the Summer Sailstice fun, contact Mary Anne Greblunas at 804-402-1181 or <a href="marygreblunas@yahoo.com">marygreblunas@yahoo.com</a>. Be sure to sign up, <a href="margeblunas@yahoo.com">click here</a>, create an account, then login, then click this link again to sign up for the prizes. (Whether you sail on the organized Southern Chesapeake Bay's Cruise or plan to do your own cruise.) Are you now signed up to win prizes from Summer Sailstice. (Many HYC & BBSA's Members have won prizes.)

About Summer Sailstice: Saturday, June 18th marks the 21st anniversary of Summer Sailstice, a global holiday celebrating sailing. Sailors participated by racing, cruising or day sailing from all 50 US states and over 40 countries sailing 'together', wherever they are in the world. There are usually around 5,000 boats with 19,000 sailors participating. Mary Anne Greblunas have been joining in the fun since 2004. To participate and win prizes, sailors need to simply go to link above and then go sailing on the weekend of June 18th. There's no better way to start the summer and no better weekend in the Northern Hemisphere to unite with sailors around the world. Mary Anne welcomes to her Summer Sailstice Cruise Team Debbie Koelliker and Rena on Liberty. I believe this will be our best year yet. We will be introducing storytelling around the campfire this year.

#### June 2-Week Cruise up the Bay

The long summer cruise this year will depart as a part of the Summer Sailstice Cruise (Please let Mary Anne know that you will be attending) and then we will have a leisurely cruise up the Bay, only as far north as San Domingo Creek (the backside of St. Michaels). Destinations include Indian Creek Yacht & Country Club, Reedville, Solomon's, St Michaels, Mill Creek (off the Great Wicomico), Tides Inn, the Corrotoman and then returning to join the 4<sup>th</sup> of July cruise in Cape Charles. If you are interested in participating, please e-mail (sergio.diehl@cox.net) or call me ((757) 635-1846) and I will send you a more detailed itinerary. As of this writing we already have seven boats signed up for all or part of the cruise.

Sergio S/V Modus Vivendi MMSI#: 367763140 (757) 635-1846 Sergio.diehl@cox.net

**NOTE:** The cruise to Hampton's Mill Creek and Ozzlefinch Brewery has been rescheduled for July 15, 2022.

#### **Final Notes**

Finally, I want to remind everyone to stay tuned to our Cruising Calendar at Broad Bay Sailing Association - Cruise Calendar

We hope to post some cruises on short notice when a weather window opens. I will also send email notifications, but you can always find the latest news in the calendar. Additionally, I am thinking about offering some cruiser photo shoots. We get plenty of photos of racing boats, but cruisers are an elusive bunch. On some weekends where we do not leave for a cruise, I hope to take Flight Risk out and anchor either off Little Creek or off Buckroe Beach to take photos of cruising boats under full sail. I will post some dates soon, so let me know if you are interested.

Thanks
Eric Brinsfield, 2022 Cruising Captain
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#### **MEMBERSHIP NEWS**

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#### Ship's Store News, Bev Borberg, (757) 460-1051, <a href="mailto:bevborberg@yahoo.com">bevborberg@yahoo.com</a>:

Time to start flying our beautiful Burgees when sailing. If you would like a new one, let Sergio Diehl know and he will contact me and I will mail you one. They are still \$25, send the check to Sergio, payable to BBSA.

#### **BBSA Name Tags, Mary Anne Greblunas:**

The BBSA name tag has the BBSA Burgee on it along with your name and, if desired or applicable, your boat name. If you are a first-time new member, you get up to 2 free name tags (one per person) if ordered the 1<sup>st</sup> year of your membership. The name tags were brought back so we can put a name with your face. Please wear yours to meetings and other gatherings.

If you are not a new member, the name tags are \$10/each.

Name Tags can only be ordered through the website. Please click this link

https://broadbaysailing.org/event-4552998 to order your nametags. Please make sure your address is correct. Please email Mary Anne



Greblunas at <a href="mailto:marygreblunas@yahoo.com">marygreblunas@yahoo.com</a> with any questions.

We only ship name tags twice a year, May & October. Thank you.



#### **Plantation Rum Tasting**

We had a great turn out for the Plantation Rum Tasting. We started out socializing while sipping on the **Plantation Grande Reserve 5 Year Rum** (Barbados). Next, Francois gathered everyone around and passsed the **Plantation Stiggins Fancy** bottle of rum around so they could taste it. He went over the process how the barks of Victoria pineapples are infused in Plantation 3 Stars rum.

Francois then proceeded to talk about the following rums:

**Plantation XO 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Rum** which is combination of pot-stilled and column-stilled Barbadian rums that are initially aged in the Caribbean in ex-bourbon casks for 12-20 years. They are then transported to France for a second 12-18 months aging in small French oak casks.

(You can purchase this rum as well as the other two above in VA.)

**The Fiji** uses local Fijian sugar cane and doubled aged, total years? It is available in other states, like MD.

Plantation Trinidad 2003 double-aged rum aged a

total of 12 years. This was the top pick by the sailors who love to sip Bourbon.

**Plantation Peru 2004**, doubleaged a total of 13 to 14 years.

**Plantation Single Cask 2009** 

Jamaica. This is the one I will be bringing to my Rum group in Richmond. It was distilled at Long Pond, which makes my all-time favorite rum Long Pond 2003. Most rum are all pot stilled in Jamaica, in fact,

July 2021 the GI (geographical

indication) states that it has to be pot stilled. This rum was





Column stilled. It was the last vintage column stilled at Long Pond, as a fire destroyed the column still.

After Francois told us about the rum, everyone could taste and retaste any of the rums. We enjoyed the Potluck social brought a dish and Francois stayed to answer any questions. He was going to race on Grey Area the next day, unfortunately, the race was canceled due to weather.



#### **NEWS from BoatUS**

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BoatUS: New U.S. Coast Guard Fire Extinguisher Regulation Effective April 20

12 year expiration for disposables and different carriage requirements for older, newer model year vessels



A new U.S. Coast Guard regulation for disposable fire extinguishers mandates a 12-year expiration date from the date of manufacture. <u>Download hi-res photo</u>



A new U.S. Coast Guard regulation aims to increase use of a newer class of disposable fire extinguishers. A "5-B:C" class is shown here. <u>Download hi-res photo</u>

ANNAPOLIS, Md., Feb. 15, 2022 – A rite of passage for every boater is the annual spring commissioning. Newly added to the boat owner's to-do list this spring will be to check all

disposable (non-rechargeable) fire extinguisher dates of manufacture, as well as the label for their U.S. Coast Guard classification.

That's because a <u>new U.S. Coast Guard regulation beginning April 20</u> for disposable fire extinguishers mandates a 12-year expiration date from the date of manufacture. Boaters can find the manufacture date stamped into the bottom of the bottle or near the UL label. This may be two or four digits — if it is two, as in 08, that means 2008. Additionally, while the new regulation does not change the type (U.S. Coast Guard-rated) or quantity or requirement for USCG approved fire extinguishers aboard, it does specify the minimum Underwriter Laboratory (UL) classification of extinguishers to be carried aboard certain vessels — depending on the boat's model year.

This is the result of phasing out older "B-I" and "B-II" labels for newer "5-B" "10-B" and "20-B" extinguisher classifications. The number in this new rating refers to the size in square feet of the potential fire the device is suitable to extinguish and not the exact weight of the dry chemical inside the bottle.

Vessels on the water today that are less than 26 feet and model year 2017 or older may continue to carry older, dated or undated "B-I" or "B-II" disposable extinguishers. However, when they are no longer serviceable or have reached 12 years of age since manufacture, they must be replaced with newer class "5-B" or greater extinguishers. Boats less than 26 feet and 2018 model year or newer must carry unexpired "5-B" "10-B" or "20-B" fire extinguishers. Having older "B-I" and "B-II" types do not meet the new carriage requirements.

Many retailers today offer "10-B" class fire extinguishers, which may be a good choice as they exceed U.S. Coast Guard minimum carriage requirements for boats under 26 feet, while at the same time giving boaters more extinguishing coverage. For boats 26 feet or greater, however, having one "10-B" aboard does not equal two 5-Bs. Only a "20-B" classification meets the requirement to carry two "5-B" extinguishers. For a look at how many and what type of fire extinguishers are needed aboard all recreational boats up to 65 feet, go to <a href="BoatUS.org/Fire-Extinguishers">BoatUS.org/Fire-Extinguishers</a>.

BoatUS strongly recommends going beyond the regulation's minimum requirements. <u>The results from a Foundation-sponsored boat burn showed</u> that one extinguisher may give very little time to make an emergency call or potentially prepare to abandon your vessel.

BoatUS also notes that most U.S. Coast Guard disposables on the market today carry at least a dual B:C rating, able to douse both liquids and electrical fires, and some boat owners wisely prefer triple rated A:B:C extinguishers, adding a third protection for combustible fires.

To be serviceable, a portable extinguisher must have a pressure gauge indicating an operable range, lock pin firmly installed, clean discharge nozzle, and no significant corrosion or damage. Some more recently manufactured portable fire extinguishers aboard boats today may carry both old and new labeling, for example, having simultaneous "B-I" and "5-B" classifications.

There are no changes to rechargeable or fixed-mount (i.e., engine room) extinguisher regulations. They continue to require regular maintenance and servicing, typically done annually by a technician.

"This new U.S. Coast Guard expiration date regulation aligns with the 12-years recommended by the National Fire Protection Association," said BoatUS Foundation Assistant Director of Boating Safety Ted Sensenbrenner. "We expect that the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary and United States Power Squadrons vessel safety check program will soon include this new regulation as part of their free, no-penalty vessel exams. Because this change affects a critical piece of safety equipment aboard your boat, we also expect the U.S. Coast Guard will initially focus on education. You may want to start checking extinguishers now while your boat may be ashore this winter."

Sensenbrenner adds, "Also take a look now to ensure your fire extinguishers are readily accessible. You can <u>buy only the bracket</u> if you don't have one and mount your extinguishers where they need to be — at points of egress, at the helm, and near the engine and fuel supply. Burying them in the bottom of a compartment ensures they will be hard to reach when you need them the most. Familiarizing yourself with the <u>PASS method</u> (Point, Aim, Squeeze, and Sweep) will prepare you for fighting a small fire aboard."

For more information on the new requirement, as well as frequently asked questions and an infographic, go to <a href="https://www.uscqboating.org">www.uscqboating.org</a>.

### **Treasurers Report**

Attached separately.

#### **CLASSIFIEDS/WANTED**

#### Jonathan Romero has a few items for sale:



6-inch White light Stainless Steel Cabin Dome Lights, \$35 set or \$5 each.



West Marine 6 inch Deck Inspection Plate, \$10.







3 Series Double Deck Organizer. Sheaved for 11mm max line, \$35.





Spinlock 3-gang Clutches, 6-8mm line size\$135.00 for 3, or 55.00

Jonathan Romero nursejromero@gmail.com (757) 285-6017

#### Ron Charlton has 2 anchors to sell <a href="mailto:charltonmobility@aol.com">charltonmobility@aol.com</a>





33 lb galvanized anchor- \$175.00 33 lb stainless steel anchor- \$250.00

#### Jack Clayton has an anchor for sale <a href="mailto:jgc@melantho.com">jgc@melantho.com</a>



30 lb CQR galvanized anchor- \$50.00

## Your illustrious secretary is selling a couple of items of interest... or not... you decide:

Contact info is <a href="mailto:karl.shulenburg@gmail.com">karl.shulenburg@gmail.com</a> or (757) 374-6034.



1/2" Dock line never used. 1 50' line left. \$25 OBO



25 pound Danforth anchor. Came with the boat when we bought it. Never used as evidenced by the intact label plate. New costs roughly \$140. I'm good at \$40... OBO

#### Chip Jones is selling a dinghy and an anchor:

AB 12VSM dinghy for sale 12' long Fiberglass bottom rib with 25HPTohatsu 2 Stroke \$3,500 / OBO

Chip Jones 757-298-9200







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2022 Executive Committee and Volunteers

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| Rear Commodore         | Stephanie Sweeney |

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|  | Andy Spittler, Eric Brinsfield, Curt Hauger, |
|  | Bill Wheary                                  |
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| Ship Store                                 | Bev Borberg                                  |
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| Webmaster                                  | Eric Brinsfield                              |

• The Commodore is ex-officio member of all committees.