



ANNUAL DINNER – JANUARY 9

2010 ANNUAL DINNER PROGRAM FLOW

NEW COMMODORE:

- INVITE EVERYONE TO BE SEATED AT 1900 FOR DINNER SERVICE
- INVOCATION

COMMODORE:

- MIKE AND PAM PRESENT CORSAGES TO JOAN AND STEPHANIE BEFORE DINNER

NEW COMMODORE - AFTER DINNER:

- WELCOME (28TH Consecutive Year for dinner)
- INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS
- RECOGNIZE HONORARY MEMBERS
- RECOGNIZE PAST COMMODORES
- RECOGNIZE NEW MEMBERS

COMMODORE:

- COMMODORE'S REMARKS
- PRESENTATION OF FLAGS TO NEW OFFICERS

- PRESENTATION OF *PAST COMMODORE* FLAG TO MIKE EPPRECHT

NEW COMMODORE:

- NEW COMMODORE REMARKS

CSSM ANNUAL DINNER
TALBOT COUNTRY CLUB JANUARY 9, 2010

WELCOME MEMBERS AND GUESTS TO THE 2010 ANNUAL DINNER (28TH Consecutive year)

DEAR FRIENDS, WE HAVE MUCH TO BE GREATFUL FOR THIS YEAR – AND NOW IF YOU WILL ALL BOW YOUR HEADS PLEASE FOR THE **INVOCATION**:

ALMIGHTY GOD, GIVER OF ALL THINGS, BLESS THIS GATHERING TONIGHT. WE THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO ENJOY THIS BANQUET AND FELLOWSHIP. MAY OUR FREINDSHIPS BE STRENGHTENED AND OUR SPIRITS UPLIFTED.

BLESS OUR NATION AND MAKE IT TRUE TO THE IDEAS OF FREEDOM, JUSTICE AND BROTHERHOOD FOR ALL WHO MAKE IT GREAT. GUIDE US SO THAT WE MAY HELP OTHERS BE THE BEST THAT THEY CAN BE. HOLD IN YOUR LOVING HANDS OUR BRAVE MEN AND WOMEN IN MILITARY SERVICE AND PROTECT THEM AS THEY PROTECT US.

FOR THESE AND ALL THY GIFTS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR WE THANK YOU.

AMEN

INVITE COMMODORE MIKE AND PAM TO MAKE THE “SPECIAL AWARD PRESENTATION” TO JOAN AND STEPHANIE

AFTER DINNER

WELCOME EVERYONE ONCE AGAIN. WE HOPE YOU ENJOYED THE DINNER AND COMMARADARIE.

I WOULD NOW LIKE THOSE WHO HAVE BROUGHT GUESTS TONIGHT TO PLEASE RISE AND INTRODUCE THEM (**INCLUDE DENISE AND DAVID LOVELADY AS GUESTS OF THE CLUB**).

I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO RECOGNIZE THE HONORARY MEMBERS WHO ARE HERE WITH US TONIGHT:

GLORIA AND LES ANSTEY
JOAN AND ALEX COLLINS
BARBARA AND ERNIE COX
SALLY AND BILL DUNTON
MARY AND STAN HUTCHISON
ELLEN AND NORMAN PLUMMER

I WOULD LIKE TO NOW RECOGNIZE THE PAST COMMODORE'S WHO ARE HERE TONIGHT:

BILL DUNTON	1996
LES ANSTEY	1997
FRED TOMPKINS	1999
ALEX COLLINS	2000
TED CLARK	2001
LINDA TOMPKINS	2002
GEORGE WECKEL	2004
TERRY BURKE	2005
MIKE GATES	2006
DENNIS SOKSO	2008
MIKE EPPRECHT	2009

WE HAVE THREE NEW BOATS ADDED TO OUR MEMBERSHIP THIS YEAR; A HARDY WELCOME TO THEIR CREWS:

PAMELA AND JIM MCCLOUD ABOARD *GYPSEA*

JOANN AND DAVID MILLER ABOARD *GRACE*
LINDA AND JIM MONTAGUE ABOARD *REJOICE*

I WOULD NOW LIKE TO TURN THE PROGRAM OVER TO MIKE EPPRECHT.

- COMMODORE'S REMARKS
- PRESENTATION OF THE FLAGS TO OFFICERS
- PRESENTATION BY NEW COMMODORE OF PAST COMMODORE FLAG TO MIKE E.

NEW COMMODORE'S REMARKS AFTER PRESENTATION OF FLAGS

I AM DELIGHTED AND HONORED TO BE CHOSEN TO JOIN THE ESTEEMED RANKS OF THOSE COMMODORES WHO HAVE PRECEDED ME, AND WHO HAVE DONE SO MUCH TO ADVANCE THE IDEALS AND INTERESTS OF OUR CLUB. IT IS WONDERFUL TO SEE MANY OF THESE INDIVIDUALS ARE HERE TONIGHT.

SINCE BEING ELECTED LAST YEAR AS VICE COMMODORE, THE MAGNITUDE OF THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF BEING COMMODORE BECAME A REGULAR DINNER TOPIC FOR KAREN AND ME. IT OCCURRED TO ME THAT THE TITLE "COMMODORE" JUST DID NOT ADEQUATELY ENCOMPASS THE IMPORTANCE OF THE POSITION. SO I BEGAN SUGGESTING OTHER TITLES TO KAREN IN ORDER TO GET A SENSE OF HOW SUCH A CHANGE MIGHT BE ACCEPTED BY THE MEMBERS SHOULD I BE ELECTED COMMODORE IN NOVEMBER. HERE ARE SOME EXAMPLES:

EL EXIGENTE

MASTER AND COMMANDER (My favorite!)

CAPTAIN GENERAL

YOUR EXCELLANCY

CZAR (Popular these days within the beltway!)

DEAR LEADER (Also popular in certain Asian locations!)

NEEDLESS TO SAY, THE FACT THAT I DID NOT INTRODUCE SUCH CHANGE AT THE ANNUAL MEETING IS AN INDICATION OF HOW THESE WERE RECEIVED BY DEAR KAREN. IF FACT, SHE

SUGGESTED THAT THESE TITLES WERE FREQUENTLY ASSOCIATED WITH DICTATORS! I MENTIONED THAT WAS THE POINT, BUT DECIDED IT WOULD BE PRUDENT NOT TO PRUSUE IT FURTHER.

2009 WAS A PIVOTAL YEAR FOR CSSM THANKS TO THE LEADERSHIP OF MIKE EPPRECHT. SOME OF THE MORE NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENTS:

- THE HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL EFFORTS TO MOVE THE CLUB INTO THE ELECTRONIC AGE WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF OUR WEBSITE (*Our thanks also to David Lovelady who made it all work*)
- THE INCREASED NUMBER OF CRUISES AND CRUISE NIGHTS
- THE INCREASED NUMBER OF MEMBERS CAPTAINING CRUISES

THESE ACHIEVEMENTS WILL CERTAINLY BE DIFFICULT TO EQUAL. MIKE, YOU HAVE MADE A LASTING IMPACT ON CSSM, AND YOU AND PAM WILL BE MISSED OUT THERE ON THE BAY WHEN YOU EVENTUALLY SELL EAGLE. WE DO HOPE YOU WILL CONTINUE ON AS SUSTAINING MEMBERS

WITH THE SALE OF EAGLE AND EMPTY NEST, AND NOT COUNTING THE HONORARY MEMBER BOATS, WE WILL BE DOWN TO 18 BOATS (THE SAME AS THE COUNT THIS TIME LAST YEAR). SO IN 2010 WE WILL CONTINUE TO FOCUS ON RECRUITMENT OF NEW MEMBERS. I ASK FOR YOUR HELP IN INTRODUCING QUALIFIED PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS TO OUR CLUB – WE WILL HAVE OPENINGS FOR SEVEN MORE BOATS! REMEMBER TO DIRECT PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS TO OUR WEB SITE. IT IS A GREAT RECRUITMENT TOOL.

SO FAR WE HAVE RECEIVED **FOUR** CRUISE PLANS FOR 2010. WE WILL HOLD OUR CRUISE PLANNING MEETING AT 1000 ON FEBRUARY 6TH AT THE ST. MICHAELS LIBRARY. THE CONSOLIDATED CRUISE PLAN WILL BE ISSUED SHORTLY THEREAFTER AND POSTED TO THE WEBSITE. **ENCOURAGE NEW MEMBERS TO CONSIDER LEADING A ONE/TWO DAY SHAKE DOWN OR SNOWBALL CRUISE.**

IF YOU HAVE NOT REVIEWED THE PHOTOGRAPHS FROM THE 2009 SEASON ON OUR WEBSITE RECENTLY, SUGGEST YOU HAVE A LOOK AT THE SLIDE SHOW ON THE LAPTOP OVER ON THE TABLE. ALSO, IF YOU HAVE PHOTOGRAPHS FROM THIS PAST YEAR THAT YOU HAVE NOT SUBMITTED, PLEASE GET THEM TO ME SO WE CAN HAVE THEM INCLUDED IN THE WEBSITE.

AS MENTIONED DURING THE ANNUAL MEETING, WE HAVE PLANNED WHAT WE TRUST YOU WILL FIND TO BE AN INTERESTING SET OF LUNCHEON SPEAKERS FOR FEBRUARY, MARCH AND APRIL. WE HAVE TWO RECENTLY PUBLISHED WRITERS AND TWO CHESAPEAKE BAY PILOTS. THESE LUNCHEONS WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE MILES RIVER YACHT CLUB AT 1200 (*Thanks to Judy Tanczos for making the arrangements*):

- FEBRUARY 25: DONALD PARKS, AUTHOR OF CHESAPEAKE WINDS AND TIDES, JOURNEYS AMONG EASTERN SHORE ISLANDS, RIVERS AND COMMUNITIES
- MARCH 25: ROSEMARY FREITAS WILLIAMS, AUTHOR OF MARITIME ANNAPOLIS, A HISTORY OF WATERMEN, SAIL AND MIDSHIPMEN
- APRIL 22: RICHARD OWEN, CHESAPEAKE BAY PILOT (RETIRED) & NED MCCALL, CHESAPEAKE BAY PILOT

I WOULD LIKE TO ADD MY THANKS TO JOAN AND STEPHANIE FOR THEIR SUCCESSFUL EFFORTS AS SOCIAL DIRECTORS DURING THE PAST COUPLE OF YEARS.

OUR COMMODORE'S PICNIC WILL BE HELD AT TOC ON AUGUST 28TH AT 1700. WE WILL OF COURSE MAKE SEPARATE ANNOUNCEMENTS AS THE DATE DRAWS NEAR, BUT PLEASE MARK IT IN YOUR CALENDARS.

I AM FORTUNATE TO BE WORKING WITH A GREAT GROUP OF EXPERIENCED AND TALENTED OFFICERS THIS YEAR. WE ARE ALL FOCUSED ON MAINTAINING THE STANDARDS AND FINE TRADITIONS OF CSSM WHILE CONTINUING TO ENDEAVOR TO

GROW THE CLUB TO ITS FULL ROSTER OF TWENTY-FIVE BOATS (NOT INCLUDING HONORARY MEMBER BOATS). WE WILL CERTAINLY NEED YOUR HELP IN ACHIEVING THIS.

I WILL AGAIN BE MANAGING THE CSSM LOGO GARMENTS. ANYONE INTERESTED IN MAKING A PURCHASE OF THESE ITEMS SHOULD CHECK THE "SHIPS STORE" ON OUR WEBSITE FOR SELECTION AND PRICE; THEN CONTACT ME FOR CONFIRMATION OF PRICE AND AVAILABILITY.

FOR SUBMISSION OF CRUISE REPORTS AND PHOTOGRAPHS TO THE WEBSITE, I HAVE ESTABLISHED A SEPARATE E-MAIL ADDRESS: JDAYCSSM@YAHOO.COM. I WILL COMMUNICATE THIS AGAIN BY E-MAIL SHORTLY. I AM HAPPY TO SAY THAT MIKE EPPRECHT AND DAVID LOVELADY WILL STILL BE INVOLVED IN THE WEBSITE FOR 2010 – IT WILL BE UP TO ME TO DO WHATEVER I CAN TO MINIMIZE THEIR WORKLOAD – SO BEAR WITH ME FRIENDS AS I WORK THROUGH THIS.

AND NOW THE AWARD PRESENTATIONS THAT EVERYONE HAS BEEN WAITING FOR!

GREEN ONE: Falconer (Presented by Mike Epprecht)
Awarded to the captain who either leaves a mark on the wrong side, when entering or exiting a harbor, or ending in the wrong harbor by misreading a chart.

Pax River Cruise: The entrance to the creek has two standard green marks to begin with, a white day marker with red edge and "4" on the center. On approaching the entrance to Battle Creek, Falconer chose to head for the anchorage rather than the conventional method of following the marks. The shallows helped change Falconer's plans when they bumped, backed off, turned a hard right and headed for Green 1 which was successfully navigated around. Fortunately high tide came to help Falconer as she proceeded between the two reds and made it safely into the anchorage.

KEELS WHEELS: Falconer (Presented by Dick Tanczos)

Awarded to the captain who runs aground and gets free with skill, finesse and/or other assistance.

Chester River Cruise, Tilghman Creek: The lead boat into Tilghman, or at least the first lead boat was Falconer who reported that the bottom was closer to the surface than they would have liked and retreated for a higher tide. They then followed Eagle into the creek but got hung up just at the last buoy. After some struggle, they were free and came in and anchored. There was another vessel involved that did complicate things a bit. Falconer looked at the tide tables and found that high tide was very early in the next morning so grasping for every extra inch of water, they departed very early. As the rest of the fleet shook out the cobwebs of the evenings cocktail party ashore, they noticed that Falconer had it's sails up, we thought wow, they be sailors, but alas it was not to be, the sails were the old heel it over trick to make the boat draw less. Many attempts to get free were to no avail and Boat US came to the rescue.

**DRAG RACER: Rejuvenation (Presented by Alex Collins)
Awarded to the captain that managed to drag anchor the greatest distance at a scheduled anchorage during a club sponsored cruise**

During a summer storm with strong winds on Canoe Neck Creek, Rejuvenation dragged anchor and had to circle the anchorage until the storm abated. All the while Judy dutifully worked the boat hook to keep one of the dinghy oars from going into the creek. Dick claimed that the problem as that he had anchored in "sea weed"! Is there seaweed in Canoe Neck Creek?

THE STORY OF THE YOUNG LADY AND THE GENTLEMAN:

THIS IS A REAL LIFE STORY – NOT A FAIRY TALE

THERE ONCE WAS A COMELY YOUNG LADY WITH FINE LINES AND STRONG EUROPEAN ROOTS. SHE WAS VERY

SOPHISTICATED IN THE “FRENCH” SENSE. THAT IS TO SAY THAT SHE PREFERRED OLDER, MORE WORLDLY MEN. THIS WAS A CONSTANT CAUSE OF CONCERN FOR HER GUARDIANS AND IT ALMOST ENDED IN DISASTER.

ON A NOT SO DARK AND STORMY NIGHT LAST SUMMER THE YOUNG LADY’S GUARDIANS WERE AWAY ENJOYING A REPAST WITH FRIENDS. THE SKY WAS DARKENING RAPIDLY AND WIND WAS GUSTING STRONGER AND STRONGER AS COLDER AIR ALOFT MADE ITS WAY TO THE SURFACE ----- PERFECT CONDITIONS FOR THE YOUNG LADY TO BREAK AWAY AND VISIT A NEARBY OLDER GENTLEMAN SHE HAD BEEN ADMIRING FOR SOME TIME. THE GENTLEMAN HAD SWEDISH ORIGINS AND HAD BEEN A WORLD TRAVELER ----- THUS THE YOUNG LADY’S INTEREST! INDEED THE YOUNG LADY DID BREAK AWAY AND MET WITH THE OLDER GENTLEMAN, BRIEFLY THEY EMBRACED BUT FORTUNATELY, BEFORE THINGS GOT OUT OF HAND, THE YOUNG LADY’S GUARDIANS ARRIVED AND SEPARATED THE TWO; THUS THE YOUNG LADY’S HONOR REMAINED INTACT ----- AT LEAST UNTIL ANOTHER DAY!!

OF COURSE THE YOUNG LADY’S NAME WAS “?????” AND THE GENTLEMAN’S NAME WAS MR. “?????????”. **STAY TUNED!**

ROOKIE DRAG RACER: Grace (Presented by Mike Epprecht)

(To be preceded by the "Story of The Young Lady and The Gentleman" (Read by Joe Day)).

Awarded this year to the new member that managed to drag anchor in a memorable way at a scheduled anchorage during a club sponsored cruise.

Pax River Cruise, Battle Creek: The night was wonderful and the winds were calm. We had just completed cocktails and the Newbie's from Grace were aboard Eagle for dinner when the wind started picking up and then the rain came. As JoAnn looked at Grace through the porthole in the aft head, she detected movement, alerting her better half that Grace needed them, they jumped in their dinghy and made it as fast as that

little outboard would go toward Grace, who by this time had a close encounter of the worst kind with Falconer. But Capt. Don was on deck defending his boat and was able to let Grace continue her drag racing experience. This is reminiscent of the Annapolis Cruise in 2008 when Orient decided to move, but at a less convenient time. The Crew of Grace got on board and reset the anchor and enjoyed a peaceful night, well it was peaceful after they hung all their clothes on the rail

PRACTICING SAILOR: Falconer (Presented by Mike Gates)
Awarded to the Captain or Crew, who because of forgetfulness, poor concentration, or is a victim of the elements, fails to complete a task thereby causing a glaring error observed by his or her peers.

Pax River Cruise – Battle Creek. The events outlined in the Green One presentation and Keels Wheels presentation.

PERPETUAL: Dennis Sokso (Presented by Terry Burke)
Awarded to the individual or individuals who remain cheerful no matter what happens.

Various Engine problems, torn sails, complicated auto pilots, marks and buoys that get in the way – no problem. All is overcome by a joy of sailing that stands out among peers; an ever present cheerfulness that that persists through trial and tribulation on the water.

It was thought that this magnificent trophy would finally be passed on to another deserving captain or crew, but no – at least no yet. We were reminded of this “perpetual” cheerfulness on the James River Cruise when Voyager was plagued with engine overheating problems that required anchoring in the Onancock channel while the problem was resolved temporarily, and then later in the trip several visits to the Deltaville Marina which delayed Voyager’s departure, but where the engine problem was finally resolved. All the while Dennis remained unruffled and in good spirits.

HANG IN THERE: Don and Jean Saballus (Presented by Joe Day)

Awarded to the member who sticks with it or "hangs in there" for one reason or another after most of us would give up.

A sailor has to have a certain amount of determination and tenacity to sail a boat with a six foot keel on the Chesapeake, especially around the Eastern Shore. There is no doubt the Falconer's keel has had a vigorous workout over the past two or three years. In fact, it would not be surprising to find out, upon careful measurement, that the keel is now actually shorter than the nominal six feet! This year alone Falconer participated in channel dredging events in Battle Creek, Tilghman Creek and various parts of Kent Narrows – and these were all during club cruises. Although not related to a club event, Karen and I witnessed Falconer get deep into the mud on exiting Knapps Narrows Marina to the extent that it required a considerable exertion by Tow Boat US to extract Falconer. Not to be deterred Falconer and its hardy, determined crew pressed onward and once again have earned this award.

CRUISINGEST SAILOR: Mike and Pam Epprecht
(Presented by Mike Gates)

EAGLE: 50 CRUISE NIGHTS

ONE AND ONLY (UNO EN ISO): Mike Epprecht (Presented by Joe Day)

TO OUTGOING COMMODORE

ADJOURN