

**CSSM ANNUAL DINNER
TALBOT CC JANUARY 12 2013**

1900: DINNER

FRITZ

- Please be seated, and take note of the location of emergency exits.

Welcome members and guests to the Cruising Sailors of St. Michaels Annual Dinner. You should have a small card with your name on it; this card indicates which meal you ordered. When your server comes around please give her your card.

- Please stand for the Pledge of Allegiance, and remain standing.

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

This would be the time for the Invocation, however having a heathen such as I lead you in prayer seems somewhat hypocritical, so please bow your heads for a moment of silence and offer a prayer of Thanksgiving to the Deity of your choice.

- Amen...enjoy your dinner.

2030: PROGRAM

FRITZ

- Welcome once again. I hope you enjoyed your dinner. I would like to thank the club manager, Chris Wyles, the chef and the entire staff of Talbot Country Club for once again helping to make this event a success.

GUESTS

- We have several guests with us tonight who we hope will be joining our august group this summer
- David or JoAnn Miller please introduce your guests
- Virginia Albert please introduce your guests

PAST COMMODORES

- Please welcome the Past Commodores who are with us tonight
- **Les Anstey**
- **Dennis Sokso**

HONORARY MEMBERS

- I would also like to recognize the honorary members who are with us this evening. These folks who have completed, as active members, 15 or more years cruising with CSSM
- **Gloria and Les Anstey**
- **Barbara and Ernie Cox**

NOW I'D LIKE TO TURN THE PROGRAM OVER TO COMMODORE IRV HETHERINGTON

- **COMMODORE'S REMARKS**

- **PRESENTATION OF FLAGS TO NEW OFFICERS**
COMMODORE....Fritz Moritz
VICE COMMODORE...Tod Engelskirchen
FLAG LT....Jayne Hetherington
PURSER...JoAnn Miller

FRITZ

- **PAST COMMODORE FLAG**
 Irv please come forward.
 Irv, I want to present you with this **HIGHLY COVETED** flag in recognition of your service and leadership as Vice Commodore and Commodore over the past two years.
- **NEW COMMODORE'S REMARKS**

FRITZ

I am pleased and honored to have this opportunity to serve as commodore of the Cruising Sailors of St. Michaels. Wendy and I have enjoyed many days of cruising with CSSM and have made many good friends as a result of our association with the group.

Any club that centers its activities on sailboats, cruising and having fun is my kind of organization. A non cruiser once asked me what a CSSM was like if you didn't stop at a marina. I told him it was a lot like the directions on a shampoo bottle:

- Cruise to a pleasant anchorage with your friends
- Securely anchor your boat
- At the appointed time repair to the cruise captains boat for cocktails and hors d'oeuvres
- After a couple of hours of food, drinks and camaraderie return to your boat for the night
- Sleep aboard under the stars
- Awaken in the morning
- REPEAT

That was how I recall my first cruise with the Alberts as our sponsors and many cruises since.

This is an organization whose very existence is based on having fun with like minded people and we are good at it. Our cruises whether short or long, in good weather or bad, with or without wind always have one common factor...**THEY ARE FUN**...so I urge you to plan a cruise this season. If you are one of the perennial cruise planners and leaders – thank you for your past efforts and please continue. If you haven't led a cruise for a while please try to lead one this year. Remember, the best way to go on a cruise that you would like is to pick the time frame and destination and plan and lead the cruise...it will be fun.

The Cruise Planning meeting is scheduled for 1000 at the St. Michaels library on Saturday Feb. 16. Please submit your cruise plan to me before the meeting and try to attend to work out the schedule.

I would like to thank Stephanie for her years of service as Flag Lt., and Tod for stepping up to assume the Purser's duties when an unanticipated opening occurred. Thanks also to our new Purser – JoAnn Miller, and Flag Lt. Jayne Hetherington. And thank you to our new Vice Commodore Tod Engelskirchen for volunteering to serve. Thanks also to Virginia Albert, Jane and Wally Jansen, and Anne Pilert for their service as Social Captains.

As you know we recently made some changes to our guidelines in an effort to encourage participation. We are interested in your thoughts about ways we can improve CSSM and make ourselves more relevant to your cruising ideal. Please feel free to share your thoughts with me or any of the other officers and we will try to incorporate your suggestions.

Watch your email for notices of upcoming events. The web site calendar will be updated throughout the year and once the cruising schedule is finalized the planned cruises will posted. Be sure to check the web site periodically

AWARDS

At last it's time for the presentation of our awards.

ONE AND ONLY AWARD (UNO EN ISO) – KARAYA Irv Hetherington

Awarded to the outgoing Commodore by the incoming Commodore
Irv please come forward.

Irv, in recognition of your leadership and service as commodore this past year I present you with the beautiful and truly one of a kind ONE AND ONLY award.

DRAG RACER – ORIENT Wendy Moritz

Presented by Fitz

She awoke to the smell of burning plastic

She noticed that the boat wasn't where she left her

She started the engine and moved to a safer location

She hauled the anchor only to discover that it was AOWL

She rigged and deployed the lunch hook

It would not hold

She called and asked Fritz if he would like to leave his luncheon companions and come back to ORIENT and lend a hand

GOOD SAMARITAN (DRY FEET AWARD)

Awarded by Thom Vargish

PRACTICING SAILOR – ORIENT Fritz Moritz

Presented by Wendy

He walked/ran from The Main Ingredient back to the dinghy dock at Harness Creek

Out of breath he started rowing to his moving sailboat

After a few attempts he was able to tie the dinghy painter to a stanchion and a second line from the stern of the dinghy to another stanchion

Since the boarding ladder was collapsing due to ORIENT'S forward motion it was of no use for boarding purposes

Standing on the rail of a Fatty Knees dinghy is a recipe for a capsize

His only hope of getting aboard was to dive from the center of the dinghy (the only safe place to stand) under the lifelines and into the cockpit

He landed atop the starboard cockpit locker in a tangle of dinghy painter and jib sheet

The only thing bruised was his ego

But he truly looked like...A PRACTICING SAILOR

CRUISINGEST SAILOR

Presented by Irv