Annapolis Boat Shows a Success

The Sailboat Show had absolutely perfect weather and we saw hundreds of boaters on the Catalina dock!
**Free Virginia Boating Safety Class @ DYC**

Saturday, February 25, 9AM to 5PM w/ lunch break
Registration Deadline February 1

Stingray Point Sailing School will offer a FREE class on February 25th which all Virginia boaters need to take. The Virginia Boating Safety Class will be held at Deltaville Yachting Center on Saturday, February 25th, taught by Bill Simpson, owner of Stingray Point Sailing School as a certified instructor for the State of Virginia. All operators of motorized vessels of any kind are required to take this class.

Class size is limited to 20 people, (12 years and older) and deadline to register is February 1st. To register call Bill Simpson 804-909-2655 or stingraysail@aol.com.

You may also register at [http://www.dgif.virginia.gov/boting/education/requirement/steps-to-requirement.asp](http://www.dgif.virginia.gov/boting/education/requirement/steps-to-requirement.asp) Click on VDGIF Boat Virginia Course. Click to move calendar to February and class will show up on Feb. 25th. Click on class. Click on “yes, register me”.

**Mark Your Calendars!**

**Free DYC Service Seminar!**

Saturday, March 24th, 1 to 4 PM, DYC Ship’s Store Seminar is Free with limited seating. Captains’ Bag of samples to each boater attending! Onna’s chili, cornbread and cookies to ‘keep you fueled up!’

**Holiday Schedule:**

**DYC Service, Marina Office & Chesapeake Yacht Sales:**
Closed 12/25/11 & reopens 1/2/12

**BOATEL:**
Closed 12/25/11 to 12/30/11
Boatel Opened on Saturday Dec.24 & Saturday Dec. 31.
Boatel Closed for Winter Jan. 1 to April 1, 2012.
The 2012 DYC Service Seminar will quickly fill up, so register now if you plan to attend
Contact Onna Grimm onna@dycboat.com or 804-776-9898.

Topics will include:
“Marine Corrosion: “What Do You Want to Sacrifice?” Martin Wigg, President of Performance Metals, Inc. is an engineer with years of experience as a boater. He will discuss what corrosion is, why it occurs and why some metals corrode more than others. How to protect your boat from corrosion and types of sacrificial anodes (zincs), how they work and the latest trends in corrosion prevention in the marine industry will be covered with time for questions/answers.

“Electronics: “What’s New & What’s Not” Michael McKittrick, Owner of Mike’s Mobile Marine Electronics, has certifications in ABYC Electrical and Marine Systems and qualifies as a NMEA Advanced Marine Electronics Installer. With many years in marine electrical/electronic installation and troubleshooting on everything from small craft to 70+ yachts, Mike can give you the ‘gloss’ scoop on marine electronics. He loves what he does and looks forward to answering your questions. Mike is hoping to have some examples of Raymarine, Garmin, Simrad and Furuno products to show boaters.

“Fuel Additives “Are They Worth It?” David Chrisman with StaBil Corp. will discuss the many additives available for diesel and gasoline engines.

STORM HAUL OUT LIST DOES NOT ROLL OVER FROM YEAR TO YEAR

Deltaville Yachting Center carefully monitors named storms. This year we watched as ‘Irene’ approached Virginia’s coast.

The DYC Storm Policy is posted on www.dycboat.com and can be read for details. Because ownership and location of vessels can change, EACH YEAR you must contact DYC Service Dept. to do a new workorder FOR THAT CALENDAR YEAR’s Storm Haul Out List. DYC maintains an Annual Storm Haul Out List which begins ‘fresh’ each January 1st. Your name goes on the list each year according to the date you sign the Storm Haul Out workorder. Signing the Storm Haul Out List authorizes participation in the Storm Policy for that calendar year only and does not roll over from year to year. So, don’t wait until named storms begin to appear....contact Laura Martin imartin@dycboat.com or 804-776-9898 in January and get your name on the 2012 Storm Haul Out List. (We pray that we don’t have to use it!)

TIME TO WINTERIZE! Deltaville Yachting Center’s professional marine technicians can winterize the systems on your vessel. We are happy to work with boat owners and help as you make decisions about what is the best practice for your particular boat. Even boats in the water and in the Boatel should be winterized. Don’t wait until the first deep freeze to contact DYC Service Dept. imartin@dycboat.com or 804-776-9898.
DYC Winter Reminder—
NO USE OF HEATERS,
LIGHT BULBS OR OTHER
HEAT SOURCES ARE
ALLOWED UNATTENDED!
You must be onboard your
dock when a heater, light bulb
or other heat source in the the
‘on’ position. 95% of boat fires
are caused by unattended heat
sources! Remember, loss of
electricity to the docks may occur
due to routine winter maintenance
and/or winter storms. Thank you
for your caution. Winterization
of your vessel is the only safe
way to reduce chance of damage
due to freezing temperatures.
U.S. Law requires all boaters
must comply with the National
Fire Protection Association Code
#302 concerning unattended heat
sources onboard all sized vessels.

Winterizing Don’ts: 6
Common Mistakes To Avoid
(Boat U.S. Insurance Report)
1. Failure to Winterize the Engine:
Freezing temperatures occur in most
states, and while they are taken
seriously up north, it’s the balmy
states where boaters are most likely
to have freeze-related engine block
damage.

2. Failure to drain water from
Sea Strainer: If your winterizing
plan calls for draining the engine,
you must winterize the seawater
strainer or residual water could
freeze and rupture the watertight
seal. Sometimes you won’t know
the strainer has been damaged until
water begins to trickle during spring
launching.

3. Failure to close Sea Cocks: For
boats left in the water, leaving sea
cocks open over the winter is like
going on extended vacation without locking the house. If a through-hull
cannot be closed, the vessel must be stored ashore—the sole exception being
cockpit drains. Heavy snow loads can also force your boat lower, allowing
water to enter through-hulls normally well above the waterline. Make a
checklist so you don’t forget to reverse the process in the spring.

4. Clogged Petcocks: Rust or other debris can clog engine cooling system
petcocks, preventing water from fully draining. If one is plugged try using
a coat hanger to clear the blockage or use the engine’s intake hose to flush
antifreeze through the system.

5. Leaving open boats in the water over the winter: Boats with large open
cockpits or low freeboard can easily be pushed underwater by the weight
of accumulating ice and snow. Always store them ashore.

6. Using Biminis or dodgers as winter storage covers: A cover that protects
the crew from the sun does a poor job of protecting the boat from freezing
rain and snow. Unlike a bona fide heavy-duty winter cover, biminis and
dodgers tend to rip apart and age prematurely when exposed to winter
weather.

Catalina 385 Christened in Annapolis

The Catalina Owners’ Party on Saturday night of the 2012
Annapolis Sailboat Show was attended by 200+ happy Catalina enthusiasts. After shrimp, snacks and cold beer, the
newest Catalina model 385 was christened. Onboard are
Lew Grimm of Chesapeake Yacht Sales along with Frank & Jean Butler, owners of Catalina Yachts, Gerry Douglas
Catalina Engineering Vice President and Sharon Day, Catalina
Marketing Vice President.
Perpetually soaked fiberglass weakens and wood core materials will disintegrate and lose their strengthening properties. Leaks can also cause a considerable amount of damage to wood interiors in a short amount of time during lay-up. Remember, when on the hard with the boat resting in a different position, water leaks can take another track and manifest themselves in a place that could harm your interior furnishings. Adding the cycles of freezing, warming and freezing again, can only exacerbate the leak by expanding the crack and making it worse.

What to do?
For now, place a tarp or cover over your deck. Measure your topsides and purchase a tarp that will cover most of the deck. Use the boom, canvas bows, or makeshift lines to support your tarp and tie it down securely to fixed points (stanchion bases, pulpit bases, stay or shroud bases). Do not use lifelines or any other lines that might flex and allow the tarp to whip around in high winds. Ensure you cover all places you know where leaks exist.

In the spring, fix the leak. Resolve to put leak repair at the top of your spring maintenance list. Whatever it takes, stop the leak by a proper repair of caulking, seals or fiberglass.

Lastly, jump on leak repairs when they first appear. It is easy to put them off but any leaks and moisture inside your boat detracts from the quality of your overall boating experience. Constantly dealing with mildew, wet interiors or new damage is a condition you do not have to endure.

Mildew: Your vessel’s interior needs to have a good circulation of air to help prevent mildew. Mildew spores attach and grow on most cloth materials (such as cushions, linens and blankets), head liners, walls and anywhere there is moisture, poor air circulation and less sunlight.

What to do?
Remove as much moisture from your vessel as you can.
SPSS Crow’s Nest
Boating Tip Cont.
Stop topside leaks, pump the bilge dry, close seacocks and buy moisture absorbent products like “Damp Away” or mildew control bags and place around the interior of the boat.

If possible, remove all fabric items such as linens, blankets, PFD’s, cushions, etc. from the vessel.

Open lockers, drawers, doors and interior hatches for air circulation.

Wipe down iceboxes, refrigerators and hard surfaces with a mild chlorine solution.

Other things to consider:
Remove all electronics and store in a warm and dry area. Exposure to extreme temperatures will only shorten their lives.

If you do not remove your batteries, plan to have a charge applied periodically during the winter. Do not let wet cell batteries discharge below 12 volts since low voltage on these batteries will weaken or destroy their ability to hold a charge. Leaving your charger on all the time is a dangerous fire hazard to your boat as well as to the marina. Plan to put periodic charging on your winter maintenance list.

And as a final word, visit your boat often during the winter season. Check your drains especially the cockpit drains and gunnels drains for tree debris and other clogging material. Some of the most costly repairs can result from a cockpit with clogged drains filling up with water/snow and allowing water to enter the interior through the bottom of the main hatch. If in the water, look at your dock lines, fenders and tarps for security and chafing. Making a through inspection inside and outside of your vessel will give you peace of mind all throughout the winter. Remember, no one will take care of your boat better than you.

Fair Winds,
Bill Simpson
Stingray Point Sailing School

Christmas Bird Count-Log Seabird Sightings
Every December, bird watchers submit data to the Christmas Bird Count, a long-running citizen-science project where participants record bird sightings for study and conservation. Because seabirds have been sparsely documented, author Diana Doyle and other long-distance mariners have organized the first CBC at Sea event scheduled for December 2011. Boaters are encouraged to submit their sightings of pelagic birds to the Cornell Lab or Ornithology at www.ebird.org. For more information, visit www.birdingaboard.com.

CYS Fall Open House
Brats, Boats and Beer was a great way to take a look at the large inventory of used and new boats at Chesapeake Yacht Sales. Seatrials on the new Mainship Pilot Sedan 31/355 and a vigorous sailing seatrial onboard the 2012 Catalina 355 made the Fall CYS Open House wonderful!

Catalina Owner Meets Catalina ‘Owner’
Captain James Pelland, Chesapeake Yacht Sales customer and owner of 2011 Catalina 309 #193, was introduced to the owner of Catalina Yachts, Frank Butler at the U.S Sailboat Show in Annapolis. Frank Butler frequently contacts Catalina owners as he continues to oversee manufacture and warranty for Catalina Yachts. Mr. Butler and his wife, Jean, started Catalina Yachts in 1969.
BOATING IN FOG

(US Power Squadrons)

To join Rappahannock Power and Sail Squadron, call Bill Crump at 804-776-7518.

Fog can develop quickly, reducing visibility to just a few yards and leaving boaters confused about their position and the obstructions around them. Limited visibility raises the risk of a collision, so it’s important to take preventive action, including slowing down, using navigation lights and sounding the appropriate sound signals required by the Navigation Rules. If you see fog moving in, do the following before visibility becomes seriously reduced:

• Fix your position on a chart or mark it on an electronic plotter.

• Reduce your speed so you can stop your vessel in half the visible distance.

• Turn on your navigation lights.

• Instruct passenger to help keep watch by sight, sound and smell preferably in the bow.

*Begin sounding one prolonged (four-to six-second) blast on your horn every two minutes while under way and making way, and sound two prolonged blast every two minutes when under way and stopped. Continue until the fog lifts and visibility significantly improves. For more tips on boating safety, visit www.uscgboating.org

Deltaville Yachting Center Appreciates Customers Comments

“DYC, thank you for the wonderful stay in Deltaville. Your facilities are so nice. The pool was relaxing and the hospitality was super!”

“Thanks to the DYC Service Department for an exceptional job in repowering our Catalina Morgan 440 as well as repairing various items, accomplished under budget and on time. Your entire team is to be congratulated on exceptional, flawless workmanship.”
—M/M J.A. “St Louie Woman”

“I just wanted to personally thank you for your excellent, friendly and courteous service relative to our Jeanneau 45DS. We have used the generator a couple of times since we were there. I will certainly recommend DYC to anyone who asks me and I will definitely return. Thanks again and warm regards to you and your staff.”
—P.S.
Quantico Frostbite
Regatta Video-
Charlie Hazard “Music Maker” shared this video of the 25-35 knot winds! Only 3 crew, so they were scrambling! “Music Maker” is the boat just prior to the two CH 46 helicopters flying out of Quantico Air Station. “Music Maker” was purchased through Chesapeake Yacht Sales in 2008.

Make your family happy! Buy a boat for Christmas!
Click here to see new and used boats offered by Chesapeake Yacht Sales!

Annapolis Boatshows
“You Name It, We’ve Got It”
The Annapolis Sail and Power Boat Shows were very busy this year! The Sailboat Show had absolutely perfect weather and we saw hundreds of boaters on the Catalina dock. The Catalina 385 was well received as the 3rd in the 445, 355...385 lineup of Gerry Douglas’ designs. Chesapeake Yacht Sales enjoyed the annual Catalina Dealers dinner meeting at the Lowe’s Hotel in Annapolis and was introduced to the innovations/designs which Catalina is launching. A new 325 Catalina is to be introduced this winter at the Chicago Boatshow. Come by DYC to see the new 2012 Catalina 355 which we have in stock.

FREE STORAGE UNTIL YOU ARE READY TO SAIL HER! Set up an appointment at info@cysboat.com or 804-776-9898.
The Annapolis Powerboat Show had all shapes and sizes of boats this year. The only limitation was the size of your ‘pocketbook’! Luhrs Marine presented and SOLD several beautiful boats at the show. Mainship Trawlers are built with the same detailed craftsmanship shown in the larger Luhrs yachts. Come see for yourself! The Mainship Pilot Sedan 31/355 has just been reduced to $183,474 and can be ready for your use immediately or FREE WINTER STORAGE and ready for your use in the Spring.

Vote for Best of The Bay Contest!
Place your vote beginning February 1st on www.chesapeakeboating.net

Help Santa
Purchase a DYC Gift Certificate!

CLICK HERE TO VIEW CATALINA 355 SPECS
CLICK HERE TO VIEW MAINSHIP 31 SPECS

VIEW NEW INVENTORY
VIEW USED INVENTORY