



# THE HEADWAY

## Season Kick-Off and Crew Listing Party

*Friday April 15, 1730 hours*

Join RRYC's racing fleet captain, Jerry Latell, for our Season kick-off and crew listing party. The purpose of this event is to connect our racing skippers with other sailors looking for crew positions this season. It will not be limited to RRYC members but will be open to all interested sailors. So, bring any friends who

want to get it on the local racing action. We'll have refreshments and meet and greet potential new crewmembers, and have time to catch up as well with other active river racers.

Come on in and help kick-off the 2005 racing season. See you at the club on April 15.

## Cruising Calendar – 2005

*By Dick Muller, Cruising Fleet Captain*

Have you ever been to Drayden, MD, Kings Creek, or Stutts Creek? How about Hudson Creek, or Wye River? Do you know the back way into St. Michaels? We will visit some of these interesting places during our '05 cruising season.

The kickoff event this year is an overnite trip to the Eastern Branch of the Corrotoman. Really, this is just a short shakedown jaunt to make sure your engine is OK, refrigeration works, etc, and to meet some new cruisers. Leave April 23, back on April 24.

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## Cruising Seminar

*Dick Muller, Cruising Fleet Captain*

**Don't forget the Cruising Seminar 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. on April 3 at the clubhouse. Everyone welcome!**

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## Sundown at RRYC

It used to be that every Friday night, many members of the club would drop by to watch the sun set from our porch. Many think it is the best view in town, in the State, even in the whole wide world. Some folks would bring a small appetizer to share with other sun worshipers, and maybe a steak or something to grill. Sometimes they just gathered to watch the sunset and catch up on the latest gossip. On occasion they probably happened to have a bottle of wine with them. Now only a few members still do this and we've probably forgotten to mention it in the new member orientations. So, this is just a reminder that the club has the best views of a setting sun and we can all gather there to watch from our porch, share a few words and tidbits with others, and relax at the end of the week knowing that we have the best view in the world.

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# Commodore's Message

By Blaine Liner, Commodore

- *April 2 is Clean-up Day* and will be held at about the time you receive this newsletter. I do hope most of you got the word and are planning to be with us. It's a lot of fun, a lot of camaraderie, and a good spring house cleaning for our wonderful property.
- *Hooray for Jerry Latell and Dick Muller*, who have turned to and organized a tremendous sailing season for us, both racing and cruising. Thanks also to Tom Richardson, who has put new energy into the Flying Scot activity and Rear Commodore Charles Springett, who is updating our clubhouse and grounds in so many ways.
- *The Junior Sailing Registration Form* is enclosed in this issue of the *Headway*. Please check your youngsters' schedules and sign them up ASAP. The first session is *Junior Sailing and Seamanship* and will be held on Monday June 27 – Friday July 1. The second session is *Junior Race Training*, and it will be held July 18-21, with a Regatta on July 22. If you have questions, don't hesitate to get in touch with me, Jerry Latell, or our Junior Sailing Master, Frank Birdsall.
- *The Blessing of the Fleet* will occur on Saturday, April 16. Please be on time so we can all participate in this annual tradition. Reverend Bill Morris will preside.
- *The Cruising Seminar* will be held the next day, Sunday, April 3, from 1300 – 1600 hours. This will be a good opportunity for old-timers to share their experiences with new members and new cruisers. Cruising Fleet Captain Dick Muller will preside, and he always is worth listening to on matters of sailing (and other things, too!).
- *Vice Commodore Carl Gerster to head Long-Range Planning Committee* for RRYC. At the March Board meeting, our Vice Commodore was charged with heading a long-range look at RRYC and its needs. The committee will address physical, social, and sailing needs and activities. This will be a long and arduous task. Several members of the Board of Directors will join him on the committee, and a few non-Board members will be asked to assist. The Board is interested in your views. It is your club, and we hope to make a conscientious effort to keep the organization and its properties up-to-date by anticipating needs and directions it should take.

## SSL

### (Sailing as a Second Language)

Killick: A small anchor; hence, a slang term for a Leading Seaman, because the distinguishing badge he wears is an anchor. Also, the name of Captain Aubrey's steward in the Patrick O'Brian historical novels.



# Flying Scot Fleet #185 News

*By Tom Richardson, Flying Scot Racing Fleet Captain*

The Spring Series is fast approaching and we have two sailing workshops planned to help us get back in the sailing groove. The first will be held Sunday April 10 at FBYC. Greg Fisher, winner of the Midwinter's Championship, will be the instructor. The session will start at 11:00 and go until about 16:00. Complete information about the workshop will be coming shortly and there should be a signup for this event on the FBYC web-site, <http://www.fbyc.net>. The second workshop will be held April 16 at RRYC. Mike Klopff, the sailing team coach at UVA, will be the instructor for this workshop. This session will start at 09:30 and go until about 13:00. We plan on having the Scots in the water for this workshop and Mike will run

us through a bunch of starts and other tune-up activities.

## Spring Series Schedule:

Spring Series 1  
Sunday, April 17  
Spring Series 2  
Sunday, May 1  
Spring Series 3  
Saturday, May 14  
Spring Series 4  
Saturday, May 28

RRYC Annual Regatta  
June 11 and 12

For the Spring Series, the Skipper's meeting will be held at 12:00, first race to begin at 13:00, no race to begin after 16:00 and the after race results and social starting at around 17:30. I hope

to have Sailing Instructions written and distributed before the first race. The Sailing Instructions would essentially replace the need for a detailed Skipper's meeting and help standardize race committee procedures.

Lake of The Woods Annual Regatta will be held April 23 and 24. Jerry Latell and myself plan on traveling up to Fredericksburg to compete in this event. Let me know if you would be interested in going, the more the merrier.

The Flying Scot Fleet will need race committee and other volunteers to make the racing series and Annual Regatta go smoothly. If you are interested in helping please email [trichardson@chesbank.com](mailto:trichardson@chesbank.com) or call me during the day at 435-1181 and in the evenings at 438-5122.

## “Lets go racing!” RRYC 2005 Racing Season

*By Jerry Latell, Racing Fleet Captain*

The racing season is moments away! April 17 is the first race day for Flying Scots and the PHRF fleet will cross the starting line on April 30. We are also planning a season kick-off party for 5:30 pm on Friday April 15.

There are four CBYRA sanctioned events as well as a four day joint club series this spring. The two RRYC Spring regattas, the YPYC Spring regatta, and the RRYC/FBYC River races are CBYRA sanctioned events and a

little more formal. Everyone planning to compete in these regattas must have a valid PHRF certificate and, if you have not done so yet, now would be a good time to apply for one. If you have any questions about applying for a PHRF certificate let me know and I will help you through the process.

The Joint Series races are less formal and open to any boat 19' or longer. If you have a PHRF certificate that will be the rating

you will race with. Anyone without a PHRF certificate will have a rating assigned by the fleet captain. This series is a great opportunity for anyone new to racing to give it a try. It is also a good opportunity for seasoned racers to get some time on the racecourse. We will be giving both daily and overall series awards.

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# Membership Notes

By Sally Clark

## Prospective Members:

Blaine Liner and Carl Gerster have proposed Allan Young of Weems for Active Membership. Allan owns “*Wild Goose*” a 47’ Kenner 35 Skipjack, located on Carters Creek and “*Hummingbird*” a Catalina 22, located at YPYC. Allan has over 20 years of sailing, both out of Annapolis and Yankee Point Yacht Club, racing on “*Hummingbird*” and cruising on “*Wild Goose*”. As a member of YPYC, he has served as Chairman of the Turkey Shoot Regatta for the past two years. Now that he is relocating to Carters Creek, he is looking to become active with our local yacht club, both with racing and cruising programs.

Bill & Donna Foote and Dick and Betty Baylor have proposed William and Nancy Garvey of Kilmarnock for Active Membership. The Garveys own “*Ben-My-Chree*”, a 36’ Beneteau, which will be located on Dividing Creek. The Garveys have participated in one-design racing on Lake Michigan and Lake Geneva since the mid-1950’s. They currently cruise & race in Florida and the Bahamas. Will is a past Commodore of Sheridan Shore Yacht Club (Wilmette, Ill.)

and is currently Treasurer of Melbourne Yacht Club (Melbourne, Fla.). As they are moving to our area, Will and Nancy look forward to cruising and racing with RRYC.

Members may direct comments about these applications to Membership Chair Sally Clark prior to the April Board Meeting.

## Membership Changes:

The board has regretfully accepted the resignations of Eric Von Mueller (Active) and Victoria Marek (Inactive).

The Board regretfully accepted the resignation from Active members Pat Calkins, Ronald B. David, James A. McCaig, William H. Rowden and Bob Murphy, and from Inactive Members Paul H. Lamb, III, Wade Mann, and Fred Doty.

Active to Inactive Status – The Board voted to approve the following Active Members to move to Inactive Membership: Betty Baylor, Dory Rice, Alex Jackson, III, and Clark Winner.

## New Member Applications:

We have several new member applications in process. The Membership Committee would

like to remind potential sponsors/endorsers of their responsibilities in moving these applications along. These responsibilities include writing letters of recommendation, detailing how the applicant would be a participant in our racing/sailing activities, assisting the applicant to obtain the (4) necessary signatures, and introducing the applicant to as many members/Board members as possible. Please pull up the membership application information on [www.rryc.org](http://www.rryc.org) to review your part in bringing a new member into RRYC. Once we have a complete application (which includes all 4 signatures, 2 letters of recommendation, and the \$500 application fee), we can publish the new potential member info, set up a “meet the Directors” event, if necessary, and move towards a Board vote. What tends to slow down a new member application is the lack of proper sponsors/endorsers support. So if you have someone you think would be a great new member, please review your responsibilities, so you can help move the process along. Any questions – please contact Sally Clark at [clarks@kaballero.com](mailto:clarks@kaballero.com).

## Cruise along the coast of Turkey in 2006

The Indian Creek Yacht Club is reviewing options for a cruise along the coast of Turkey in September, 2006. Charter options would include bareboat, crewed yachts, or Turkish quillettes accomodating 2 to 6 couples.

A planning meeting is scheduled on April 20, 2005 (6:00 PM) at the Indian Creek Yacht and Country Club. Anyone interested please contact Carol Van Gunten at 436-0701 or e-mail at [cnamoose@aol.com](mailto:cnamoose@aol.com).

## “Lets go racing!”

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The party on April 15 will give all of the seasoned racers a chance to catch up and tell some lies, and introduce all the new faces to the group. Information will be made available that evening on all of the river racing that will be going on this season. It will also be a good opportunity for skippers in need of crew to fill their rosters, and for anyone who wishes to crew on a boat to meet the racing skippers. We will be inviting everyone in the area who is interested in racing to attend. Please come and bring a friend.

Upcoming races/racing events:

April 15

Racing kick-off party

April 30

RRYC Spring Regatta 1

May 7

YPYC Spring Regatta

May 8

SPRING JOINT RACE 1

# HELLO SPRING AT LONG LAST!

## Social Notes

*By Nan Liner and Ronnie Gerster,  
Social Chairpersons*

A belated celebration of St. Patrick’s Day did not daunt the spirits or the appetites of RRYC members and their guests. Karen

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# REAR COMMODORE’S CORNER

*By Charles Springett*

Well, they’re gone! The Beavers have cut down the three pine trees and the dead oak tree between the drive and the parking lot and the half dead cedar in the central area. We intend to rearrange the parking area to make access easier, particularly for the Flying Scots, and to provide space for more cars. The Beavers will be continuing with this project as the year progresses. By the time most people get this edition of *Headway* Clean-Up Day will have come and gone. As I write this it has still not come so I hope it turns out to be a success and we can say that the club looks much better for all the members’ hard work. In preparation for Clean-Up Day the Beavers have removed all of the ugly bushes from the round concrete pipes that provide the barrier between Carters Creek and our property. A green thumb portion of the membership will be planting day lilies in these receptacles on Clean-Up Day. Water has been restored to the dock and grounds and we now have brand new hoses on the dock that are a big improvement over the ugly and discolored hoses that we removed last year. Future projects that are under consideration are new wooden walkways round the club house and new driveway material in the areas used by cars so that we don’t track “crush and run” over our wooden floors or our fiberglass decks. Finally, Kent could stand it no longer and he has replaced the torn flag on the flag pole in plenty of time for the Blessing of the Fleet.

## Results of the 2005 Boating Interest Survey

*By Dick Sisson, Yearbook Editor*

The results from approximately 43 completed and returned forms are summarized below. I suspect the numbers of interested members are actually probably higher. The degree of interest ranged from “Want to Learn” all the way to “Willing to Teach”, in many categories.

The actual names of those who expressed any degree of interest have been passed along to the Upper Management of the Club.

Category	Head-count
Cruising	52
Racing	30
Junior Sailing	8
Social	7
Women’s Programs	6
Yearbook	3
Landscape/Grounds	6
Headway	1
Ship’s Store	5
Membership	3
Beavers	5

## Cruising Calendar–2005

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The weekend of May 7-9 Walker Stevens will lead us N to the Great Wicomico for cocktails on his boat and dinner at the Horn Harbor Restaurant for those who want to eat ashore. Then on Sunday, down to Antipoison Creek and an anchorage near Patti and Bill Hope's house. Cocktails on their dock. Return home May 9.

Back by popular demand is a trip to Stutt's Creek and the Mathews YC on May 28. This is a short trip mileage wise, but everyone always has a good time at MYC. Then on Sunday, following an optional brunch at MYC, up the Piankatank to Wilton Cr anchorage for cocktails. Dave Raffetto is your cruise leader, talk to him about dockage, otherwise, anchor out.

Dave Bronson spent many years on the southern Potomac River when his boat was based at Smiths Creek, MD. After cocktails and spending the night on Mill Creek on June 10, Dave will show us the way up the Yeocomico River to Port Kinsale Marina. You can anchor out or tie up at the marina. There will be a no host (BYOB) cocktail party on their screened porch. Then, dinner at the marina, or aboard your boat. Sunday morning there is a buffet breakfast at the marina for those who don't want to cook. Then, across the Potomac and up the St. Marys River to historic St. Marys City. By mid afternoon it will be time for Dave to reveal the night's dockage/anchorage. Hint – it's a small family owned marina.

Cocktails and dinner ashore or aboard. Return home on Monday.

Onancock is one of Mosby West's favorite spots so he's going to take us across the bay on June 24 to this quaint Victorian town. The marina has limited space so check with Mosby if you want to tie up. There are several good restaurants within walking distance. On Saturday it's back across the bay to Jackson Creek where a cookout is planned ashore at FBYC. Bring your own food. Dockage is limited at FBYC, check with Mosby if you want to tie up. Sunday the 26 is return home unless an extra day or two is of interest.

The marina at Bay Creek Resort is part of a new master planned retirement community near Cape Charles. The marina is new, with floating docks, restaurant and all amenities. We plan to be there July 9. Charles Springett is the cruise leader. This is a new port of call for us, and rated first-class by visitors last year. Charles has just returned from a business trip to Europe and details were not available at press time. See the *Headway* next month for details.

You will note that no cruising plans have been made for the rest of July and August. The high temperatures and lack of wind make this period very uncomfortable. So shine up the boat, pet the cat, and keep cool.

Then, on Labor Day weekend, Sept. 3 to be specific, there will be the annual pilgrimage to the Sarnowski's house and pool for a great late afternoon party. For those who have never attended,

you don't know what you have missed. Arrival by boat is the preferred "way to go," there is plenty of anchor room. Just follow your nose up Dymer Creek. It's a BYOB party, with beer and soft drinks provided. Each family is asked to bring a dish for the groaning table. No cruise leader for this weekend because many families want to do their own "thing" together. More details in the August *Headway*.

Mark your calendar to go on a longer cruise the last 10 days in September when the weather has cooled down and the nights are wonderful. This will be an "Up the Bay" trip with stops such as Hudson Creek, Cambridge YC, Oxford, St. Michaels, Wye River, Rhode River, etc. Since it is 5 months away, detailed planning is not complete. The itinerary will be available in August, so if you have any suggested stops, let me know.

Two more activities are being considered. First is a bus trip to the Annapolis Boat Show. This would be a day trip, up in the AM and return late the same day. Show your interest on the sign up sheet and if there is enough interest we will schedule it. Second is a short Autumn Nocturne cruise to close out the season. Dates are October 22-23. If it isn't too cold this could be a real "winner".

There will be a Cruising Seminar 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. on April 3 at the clubhouse. Everyone welcome!

If you have questions regarding a specific cruise, ask the cruise leader. He has the details, knows about dockage, anchorage, etc. More to come, watch the *Headway*.

### Social Notes

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Haynie provided a superb baked corned beef dinner, and served along with volunteers Cathy McNair and Margie and Lloyd Redland. Those who cleared and served desert were Bev and Joe Oren and Kimberly and Scott Vail. Board members assisting at check-in were BJ and Tom Norris. We thank everyone for their help and good humor.

Now to welcome Spring, and following the blessing of the fleet on April 16, Cora's Kitchen will

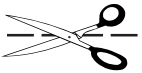
provide a traditional fried chicken dinner with suitable trimmings. Come join us for this memorable event, and enjoy friends, family and guests as we officially begin the sailing season of 2005!

Make reservations ASAP to [dinner@RRYC.org](mailto:dinner@RRYC.org) or clip enclosed reservation form to be sent by mail. Please note that it is not necessary to send in your check as the Board Representative prefers to take all money and checks at the door. Cancellation deadline is, as usual, the Wednesday evening before the event (April 13).

## April Menu

- Southern Fried Chicken
- Potato Salad
- Green Salad
- Hot Fresh Rolls
- Pound Cake with Rum Sauce

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Saturday, April 16: Blessing of the Fleet 5:00 PM

Dinner 6:30 PM

RSVP by Wednesday, April 13.

- Southern Fried Chicken
- Potato Salad
- Green Salad
- Hot Fresh Rolls
- Pound Cake with Rum Sauce

\_\_\_\_\_ # Adults @\$17<sup>00</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ # Children (10 and under) @ \$5<sup>00</sup>

\_\_\_\_\_ # Cocktails only @\$5<sup>00</sup>

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Name

# Club Calendar

## (April-June 2005)

April 2	Annual Clean-up Day 0900 – 1400 hours	May 1	Scot Spring Series 2	May 29	RRYC Picnic with FBYC 1600 hours
April 3	Cruising Seminar 1300 – 1600 hours	May 7 – 9	Antipoison and Great Wicomico Cruise	May 30	Memorial Day
April 3	Daylight Savings Time begins	May 7	YPYC Spring Regatta	June 5	Joint Race #3
April 15	Racing Kick-off Party for Skippers, Crew, Club Members 1730 hours	May 8	Spring Joint Race #1	June 10 – 13	St. Mary's/Mill Creek Cruise
April 16	Blessing of the Fleet 1700 hours RRYC monthly Social / Dinner RRYC Officers/Directors 1500 hours	May 8	Mother's Day	June 11-12	Flying Scots Annual Regatta
April 17	Scot Spring Series 1	May 14	Scot Spring Series 3	June 18	RRYC Officers/Directors 1500 hours
April 23 – 24	Shakedown Cruise	May 15	Joint Race #2		RRYC monthly Social / Dinner 1730 hours
April 25	Private Party 1800 hours	May 21	RRYC Officers/Directors 1500 hours RRYC monthly Social / Dinner 1730 hours	June 19	Father's Day
April 30	First PHRF Race—Spring Regatta #1	May 21	RRYC Spring Regatta #2	June 19	Joint Race #4
		May 27 – 29	Mathews Cruise	June 24– 26	Onancock/Jackson Creek Cruise
		May 28	Scot Spring Series 4	June 27 –	
		May 28 – 29	River Races with FBYC	July 1	Junior Sailing Camp

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