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June on the Chesapeake Above the Bridge Reef, Reef, Reef

By Mia McCroskey

When Jackie at Haven Charters says “It will be windy Saturday and Sunday, so reef, reef, reef!” we listen.

That was Friday morning just after breakfast. The crews of *Legacy* and *Silver Lining* were preparing to depart for four days of sailing Above the Bridge – north of the Chesapeake Bay Bridge. Skippers Mia McCroskey (*Silver Lining*) and Bob Rainey (*Legacy*) met on the dock around 9:00 a.m. and declared it a skippers’ meeting. The plan was simple – sail from Rock Hall north into Worton Creek. The first to arrive would anchor with the other tying up alongside.

After safety briefings, making lunch, and stocking up on ice, both boats were away.

After motor sailing south outside of Rock Hall to Can 3, *Silver Lining* turned west to reach across the bay for a bit, hoping for a better angle on Worton Creek. The breeze was southwest clocking north and building.

As the afternoon progressed, the breeze built into strong

winds and the swells built up. The final couple of miles to the mouth of Worton Creek seemed to take forever.

Legacy made her way into the creek and found a good spot with some protection from the wind. Quite a while later *Silver Lining* rolled in and came alongside to raft up. Conditions were questionable – the swells were bending around the point into the river and the wind gusts were swaying the masts, but the crews secured the raft, at least for the time being.

Members of both crews jumped in the water for a delicious swim. But when Mia stuck her foot in under *Legacy*’s stern, something nipped at her toe. She squealed rather uncharacteristically and kicked hard away from the invisible predator. She wasn’t sure the others believed her until, a few minutes later, Virginia was also attacked by what we decided must be a large fish sheltering under *Legacy*. It left clear bite marks on Virginia’s skin.

As preparations were starting for a summer solstice

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Halloween-Frostbite Trip: Several openings

The days are shorter, the nights are cooler, the leaves are various shades of red, yellow and orange, and the frost is on the pumpkin. Join us for a fun-filled weekend on the Chesapeake. We'll anchor the first night, then take slips at Baltimore's Inner Harbor Marina. Fall is the best time for good winds on the Chesapeake, so don't miss out!



<http://www.thesailingclub.org/trips/2022/oct/>

In Memoriam

The Sailing Club mourns the passing of long-time member **Stan Richmond** on May 17, 2022. Before moving to North Carolina, Stan was active in the Club as a Skipper, and served on the Board as Commodore and Member at Large. A memorial donation was made to The Coast Guard Auxiliary of North Carolina.

SAVE THE DATE

This year's End of Season Party will be on Saturday, November 19th at the Hills Rec Center .

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Reminder: It is the Club's policy for all (in-person) activities, whether sailing trips or non-sailing events, that all participants must show proof of being fully vaccinated, as defined by the CDC, against the Covid19 virus.

2023 Sneak Peek

Based on overwhelming interest at this year's Annual Meeting, the Club will be trying something completely different—canal boats! The trip will run in August of 2023 on a section of the Erie Canal near Rochester, NY.

Full details will be announced in the spring with the rest of the season's plans.

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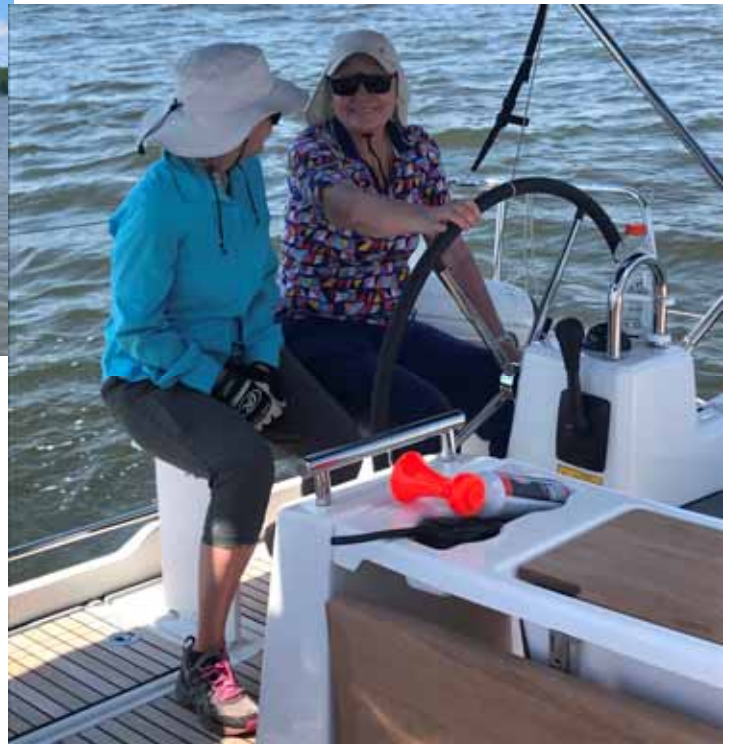
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On-Water Training — June 4-5, 2022

Each spring we invite all members to participate in a two-day training weekend. The program offers everyone a chance to practice steering under power and sail, docking, and anchoring. You do not have to be a skipper or first mate to work on these skills that make you an even more valuable crew member on every trip. Here are some scenes from this year's outing.

Please plan on joining us next year! 🇺🇸



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Club appetizer party, the boats rocked together on confused swells.

“We’re un-rafting,” Mia announced.

“Before the party?” someone asked.

“Before it gets any later. And before I have a drink!” was Mia’s urgent and immediate response.

Lines were quickly loosed and *Silver Lining* motored back behind *Legacy* and anchored, letting out a lot of scope. When skipper and crew all agreed that it was holding well, appetizer preparation resumed, as well as another swim. *Legacy*’s crew sent photos of their display of “summer solstice” appetizers, declaring Mary’s lemon blueberry cupcakes the solstice theme winner. On *Silver Lining* the food vanished before anyone could take pictures, but Craig’s tortellini/olive/sundried tomato skewers were the agreed winner.



It was a long, rolling night with constant wind and strong gusts. In the morning both boats were still in place, as well as the three or four others in the anchorage. *Legacy* weighed anchor and headed slowly for the channel to exit the creek. *Silver Lining*’s anchor was slow to come up, but lost its hold early on. So the strong wind pushed her into shallow water before Mia could take control. As the anchor broke the surface, the keel brushed the bottom. Mia let the bow pivot around and applied a lot of reverse. Bump, bump, bump – the keel dragged through mud, but she kept moving backward for about ten yards into deeper water. Mia finally breathed and turned the bow into the wind and toward the channel.

Legacy deployed a reefed main and jib while *Silver Lining* stuck with just the reefed jib for the reach down into Kent Narrows to Castle Marina where slips were waiting.



Seas were slightly abaft the beam and rough, with swells starting at a couple of feet, but building somewhat higher as the day went on. The wind was hardly steady, but averaged around twenty knots and gusted a lot higher, driving from the northwest. The sky was overcast and the water looked muddy brown with occasional lighter patches where the clouds broke and the sun came through. Off of Rock Hall, *Legacy* surged past *Silver Lining*, looking like she had a little more sail up than was efficient. *Silver Lining*’s crew didn’t feel inspired to put up more to compete.

Once south of Love Point the seas flattened a little and the wind felt less intense. The boats reached down toward the channel into Castle Marina and turned in, *Legacy* just ahead of *Silver Lining*.

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Boat US Discount



The Sailing Club, Inc. is a group member of BoatUS. The primary advantage of this membership is that it provides a discount for those Club members that may want to join BoatUS for their own purposes. It is a worthy organization with informative newsletters about boat operation and maintenance. There are various levels of membership that provide partial coverage for boat towing and trailer towing.

Our group code is: GA82513S

You can use this code for your renewal or initial BoatUS membership application.

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Both boats stopped at the fuel dock to pump out the holding tanks, then moved to their slips.

Docking beers were cracked open, crew members went to the pool and hot tub, and everyone relaxed.

Later the crews fired up two grills and occupied a pair of picnic tables for a wide selection of grilled vegetables, hamburgers, chicken kabobs, and home-made desserts. Beth's faux key lime pie (faux because it was regular lime juice) and Mary Ann's flourless chocolate cake, made with garbanzo beans, were both winners.

During the long sail on Saturday, aboard *Silver Lining* there had been discussion of just staying in the marina if Sunday's weather was the same as Saturday's. Fortunately, overnight the wind dropped considerably and after a very good night's sleep the clear morning renewed enthusiasm for venturing out.

Both boats had perfect sails north from Kent Narrows and across the bay to the Magothy River. The wind was still strong, but the swells had calmed a bit and both boats enjoyed great speed under reefed sails.

Legacy was first to the anchorage again, and took a few minutes to explore the inner harbor at the north end of Gibson Island, finding a sandbar and a lot of moorings, so no room to anchor. They returned to the usual large anchorage, which was somewhat crowded with, we assumed, Father's Day revelers. *Legacy* was finishing anchoring when *Silver Lining* arrived, and shortly Bob waved Mia in to tie up on port. As crews were passing and securing lines, a shout from a third boat got everyone's attention:

"*Legacy*, you're dragging!"

Indeed she was, right into that guy's boat. Bob got behind the wheel, while Mia got her lines back on board and *Silver Lining* away within half a minute.

"I'll anchor, you raft," she shouted to Bob as his crew worked on pulling up their anchor.

With seven-to-one scope out and the anchor holding steady Mia signaled Bob to come in. This time the raft took shape beautifully and no neighbors complained.

Some appetizers were shared back and forth between the boats, and both cooked up their final dinners. *Legacy's* crew took up their ongoing Farkle game while *Silver Lining's* admitted to being too tired to play anything.

Overnight the front we had experienced all weekend passed, leaving us with cool temperatures and no wind on Monday morning. After leisurely breakfasts, the boats separated and headed back to Rock Hall, motoring all the way.

Pre-summer solstice had provided variety and challenge, and we'd risen to both. We departed the Eastern Shore both tired and energized. 🍷



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Date	Event
March 19	Annual Meeting Luncheon
March 20	Annual Meeting Virtual Session
April 1	On-Land Session No. 1
April 15	On-Land Session No. 2
April 29	On-Land Session No. 3
June 4 - 5	On Water Training
June 17 - 20	Chesapeake Above the Bridge
August 21 - 27	Newport to Martha's Vineyard
October 29 - 31	Frostbite — Halloween
November 19	End of Season Party
January 28—February 7, 2023	Hawaii (<i>Tentative</i>)

