

2015 National Rendezvous at Annapolis



The Hatteras Classic Club held its 15th National Rendezvous September 9 – 13 at Port Annapolis Marina on Back Creek in Annapolis, Maryland. Forty members attended, including new members David and Karen Rice, who arrived by boat, and Walt Nussbaum. Also in attendance were prospective members Bruce Mallinson and Debbie Coco, who came by boat, and have since joined the Club. There were ten boats at the docks.

The weather was not the best, with some serious rain, and lots of drizzle off and on. Some outdoor events had to be moved inside, but this group can have a good time regardless of the weather.

The event started Wednesday afternoon with a cocktail party under the open pavilion at the marina. Afterwards, everybody made their own dinner plans. The planned activities began on Thursday and most members attended "Boater's University" under the pavilion. The first speaker was a little different for the HCC. Rachael Moyer, director of a foundation advocating wide-spread defibrillator access, led a class on CPR and the use of defibrillators, which included practice on dummies. Everyone enjoyed her presentation and learned some very useful information since we are all getting older. With the next speaker, it was back to boating. John Adey from ABYC spoke on ABYC standards and included some insightful demonstrations on

wiring. He was followed by a speaker from Marinalife on their services. After lunch, which was provided by the café at Port Annapolis Marina, a class on tracking, scheduling, and performing boat maintenance was presented by Vessel Vanguard.

In the afternoon, a group traveled the 10 minutes to Annapolis for a guided walking tour of the historic city. It was an interesting tour, but that group really earned it. Sometime during the tour the heavens opened and the rain came down in buckets. Fortunately, they were able to run into a nearby souvenir shop to buy some thin plastic ponchos that kept some of the rain off. Back at the marina, the rest of the members simply holed up on the boats. Dinner Thursday night was on your own, but most members ended up at Sam's Waterfront Café, a restaurant at a marina a half mile down the road and those with cars provided shuttle service. We had a delicious meal, a good time and over dessert, sang Happy Birthday to Amir Al'Naimi.

Friday, all boarded a school bus to be transported to the Naval Academy for a morning walking tour that was very impressive and interesting. The Academy certainly is a facility that we can all be quite proud of. Friday afternoon, as usual, half of the boats were open for touring. Members spread out all over the city that night for dinner.

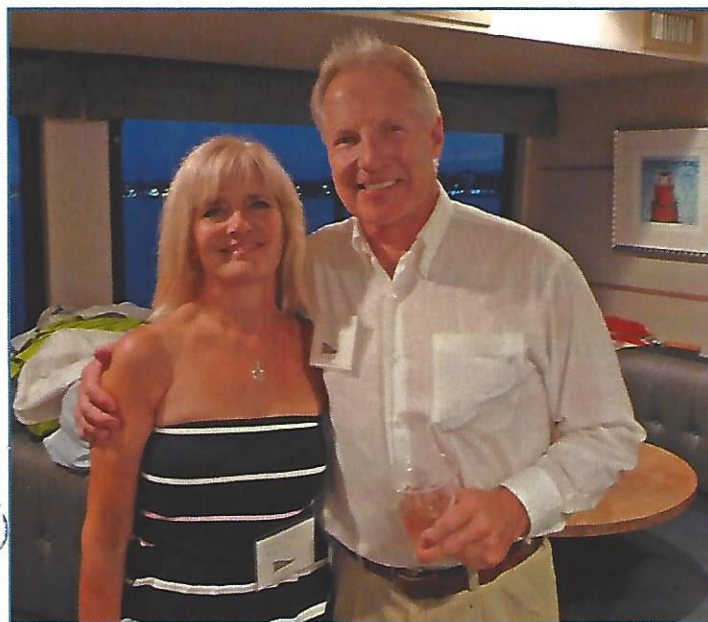
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Saturday morning the annual business meeting was held and 2015-17 officers were elected. The marina graciously allowed the club to use a meeting room at no cost, since it was too rainy to use the pavilion. That afternoon, the remaining boats were open for tours and the prospective members even opened their 61' motor yacht.

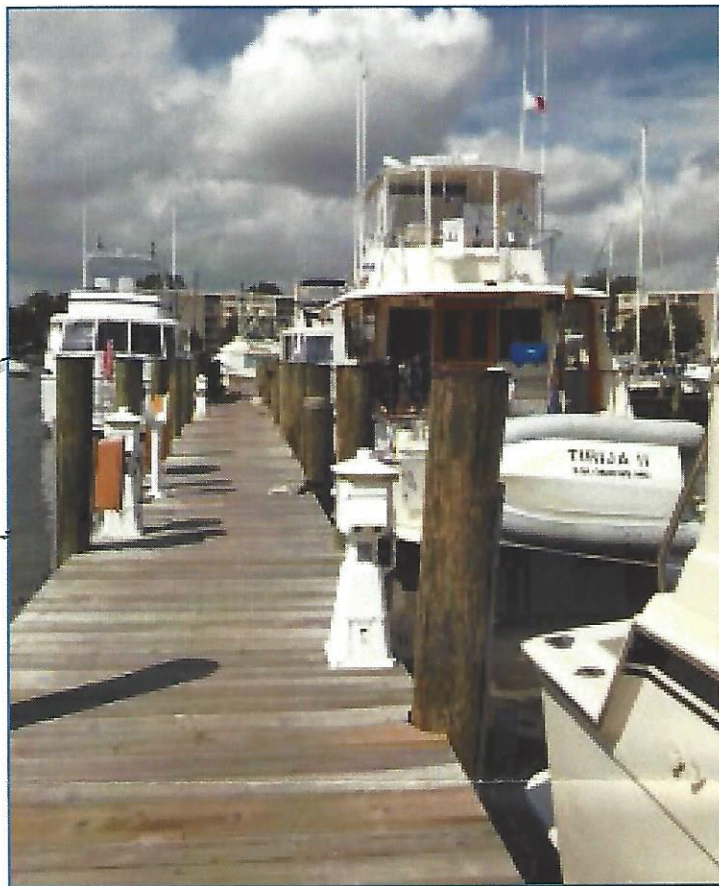
For dinner Saturday night, the Brandons arranged a dinner cruise up the Severn River aboard "Lady Sarah," a 65' catamaran. Once again the weather interfered; the tide was too high for the large tour boat to dock at the marina.

Water taxis were arranged to take the group to the adjacent marina where all could board easily. The evening was a lot of fun and the food outstanding.

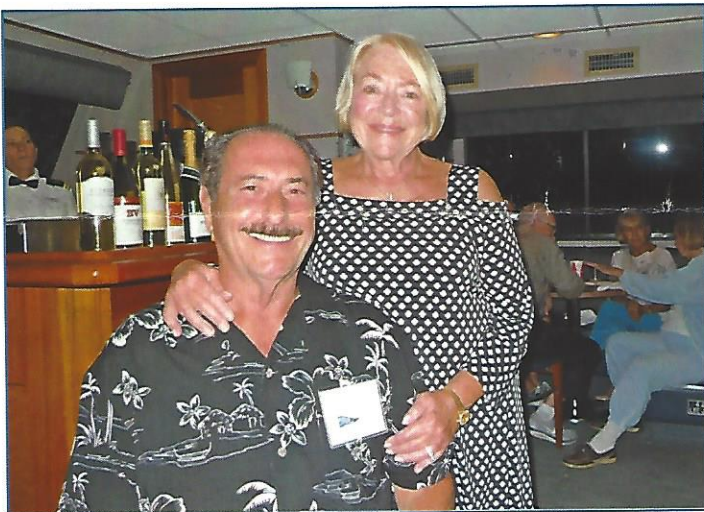
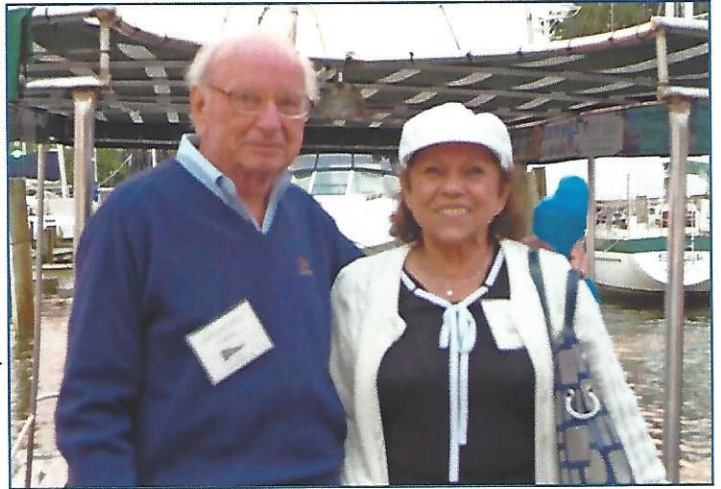
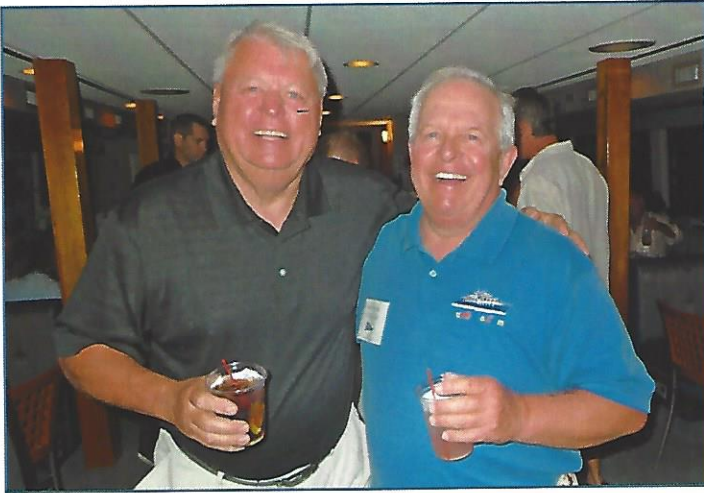
Members left Sunday morning by various means of transportation. Many thanks go to Bob and Jackie Brandon for a great rendezvous in Annapolis. Also many thanks to Port Annapolis Marina and the helpful staff who went out of their way to accommodate the club and the boats, even closing the travel lift fairway for two days to provide side-to dockage for six boats.



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