

Hatteras Classic Club Annual Rendezvous and Business Meeting  
September 8 – 11, 2021

The 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Hatteras Classic Club Rendezvous was held September 8-11, 2021 at Calvert Marina in Solomon's, Maryland. After four unavoidable, last minute cancellations, 34 members and 2 guests attended the gathering, the club's first "in person" event since its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary Caribbean cruise in February, 2020.

Jackie Brandon, Fleet Captain, planned a fantastic 4-day rendezvous and provided ample time for members to relax, socialize, and simply catch up. There were three, informative speakers and two fun excursions.

Members gathered on Wednesday for welcome "docktails" in the attractive condo association meeting space at the marina, The Harbours at Solomon's Island. Hors d'oeuvres and wine were plentiful, varied and delicious, and were supplied by Jackie with several members adding to the assortment. The evening held much excitement as members greeted each other with enthusiasm after a long time apart.

Thursday morning began with coffee and donuts in the meeting space before two speakers from the adjacent Washburn's Boatyard. First up was Eric Scow, Washburn President, whose presentation, "Maintaining Your Hatteras," reminded members to pay attention to and monitor many areas that can cause problems. Washburn's Vice President and ABYC certified technician, Bill Brandon, then spoke about the phase out of NMEA 0183 and the new NMEA2000. He had abundant technical knowledge about marine electronics and urged members to ensure all electronic devices are certified and compatible.

That evening, members shared rides to travel onto Solomon's Island proper to Carmen's Art Gallery where cocktails and heavy hors d'oeuvres were served around the pool in Carmen's lovely back garden, complete with decks and lush foliage. Carmen Gambrell kindly provided the space and opened the gallery for shopping as well. She is a good friend of member Jan Cober and HCC is grateful for her generosity. The delicious food was catered by Island Hideaway restaurant with libations furnished by the club.

A leisurely Friday morning was provided and in the afternoon many boarded a bus to travel across the Patuxent River to visit the Patuxent River Naval Air Museum. The museum opened in 1978 and now spans three buildings and has an interesting line up of retired aircraft, many unique to the Naval Test Center. A favorite was the recently donated Blue Angels jet.

Dinner was "on your own" on Friday evening and presented an opportunity to try one of the many restaurants in the area. Several chose the Ruddy Duck, Charles Street Brasserie or Island Hideaway.

The annual business meeting was held Saturday morning in the meeting space at Calvert Marina with HCC president, Phyllis Earnest, presiding. A moment of silence was held to mark the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the September 11, 2001 attacks in New York, Washington, DC, and Pennsylvania.

Member participation at the meeting was energetic and FC volunteers for the 2022 and 2023 annual rendezvous as well as spring events in 2022 and 2023 were secured. Charlie Lamb accepted the nomination for vice president for 2022-24. The willingness to participate is the lifeblood of a club and all are grateful for these HCC volunteers.

Following the meeting, Dan Worrell, from Shell and Barrell on Maryland's eastern shore, provided samples of his delicious, salty raw oysters, Salt Buoy brand, for members to try. There was quite a line! This was after an earlier interesting and entertaining presentation on his journey to become an oyster farmer.

Saturday afternoon wrapped up with the traditional boat showings. Six boats were available to tour to view the most recent structural, aesthetic and mechanical upgrades.

The grand finale was a chicken barbeque dinner under a large rented tent on the grounds of the marina. The weather was perfect. HCC chef extraordinaire, Bob Brandon, was the grill master with several side dishes provided by the nearby Boomerangs Restaurant. The flavorful and tender chicken was gobbled up, along with most all of the food, as members gathered at picnic tables and enjoyed their last evening together.

Many thanks go to Matt and Carmen Gambrill for generously allowing the HCC to use their facilities at Calvert Marina and Carmen's Art Gallery. Also thanks to Eric Scow and Bill Brandon for their time away from Washburn's Boatyard and to Dan Worrell for traveling with his oysters and enlightening all about oyster farming.

Most of all, the club is indebted to Jackie Brandon for planning and carrying out an especially nice rendezvous. It was evident that members had missed being together, and in that regard, this event was one of the most special. Thank you, Jackie for making it happen!