

## Eleventh Annual Hatteras 1510 Club Rendezvous – September 8<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>, 2011



The ground shook under our feet. The winds howled and the rains came. The waters rose and the land flooded. Amidst all of this, the HATTERAS 1510 CLUB'S 11<sup>th</sup> RENDEZVOUS was successfully held at Calvert Marina in picturesque Solomons Maryland on September 8<sup>th</sup> through 11<sup>th</sup>

Boats arrived Thursday the 8<sup>th</sup> in time for a welcome cocktail party held in the sales office of The Harbours of Solomons. Thanks to marina owner and developer Matt Gambril, we were able to stay dry in a beautiful setting. The staff of The Harbours provided us with wine and cheese. Cocktails were provided by the Club. The members of the Club augmented the event with some terrific hors d'oeuvres. A short history of the area and an explanation of the new housing development were given by Matt's staff.

Friday started off with coffee and pastries at Back Creek Bistro. Due to a mix up in scheduled speakers, Bill Houttekier was kind enough to host another of his great open forums on anything Hatteras. Thanks Bill. This was followed by a very interesting presentation by Martin Hardy from Composite Yachts. Martin walked us through the process of prep and paint for one of our yachts. I think there was something for everyone.

A tour of Patuxent River Naval Air Station, with transportation, was arranged by Mike Wilmore for the afternoon. The tour included many things that normal civilians are not privy to and the lunch at the "O Club" was fantastic according to those that attended.

For those that didn't take the PAX tour, a water taxi was available to transport people to and from the Calvert Marine Museum and town. I'm led to believe that Rosemary Gray led a successful shopping expedition across the bridge to Saint Mary's County.

Friday evening found the group gathered at Carmens Art Gallery for a cocktail party. Everyone enjoyed the open bar provided by the club and the heavy hors d'oeuvres catered by Solomons Island Yacht Club. Carmen was kind enough to donate the use of her gallery and was rewarded by sales of a number of her beautiful pieces.

Saturday found us once again at Back Creek Bistro for coffee and sweets. Our morning speaker, Roger Wetherington, had to cancel due to a personal issue. Luckily, Broadus Rose was able to reschedule and gave a fantastic presentation on his new replacement windows. Thanks Broadus, I think there are a number of us ready to "deep six" our old aluminum frames and switch to fiberglass.

Following Broadus's presentation, President Harry Hamelink called the Annual 1510 Business Meeting to order, which included the officer's reports (Ed's treasurer's report was particularly interesting) and election of officers for the up coming year. Further topics discussed were P&L for all events, 2 year terms for officers and progression of officers. Next years events were talked about including the Dixons Florida trip with a come as your favorite alcoholic beverage theme( I think I'll be a Pink Lady) and Charlie Lamb's 2012 National Event at Portsmouth VA. Election of a Fleet Captain for 2013, however, is still up in the air with thoughts that the event should be held back up north. Amir Al'Naimi talked about another Detroit cruise or a fly/drive to Mackinaw Island.

Lunch was provided by Back Creek Bistro followed by two hours of open boats. Boats of note not seen at previous Rendezvous were Colvers' 50' Hatteras Convertible "Diamond Girl" and new members Carl and Joyce Hunts' 54 MY "Hunt Club". New members Terry and Kim Carlson brought their 53 Classic Kimerick. Kim is very talented and did a great job of renovating their galley. It was wonderful to see all the personnel touches each of the owners have given their boats. These boats are all the same but oh so different.

Saturday evening we gathered for the annual group picture. Thanks Kim. Then back to Back Creek Bistro for our annual farewell dinner. The Club provided each Club Member with a commemorative wine glass with a where's Waldo moment.

After dinner it was time to say adio to all our friends until next year at Portsmouth VA.

Thank you all for attending the 2011 Rendezvous.

Jan and Tim Cober