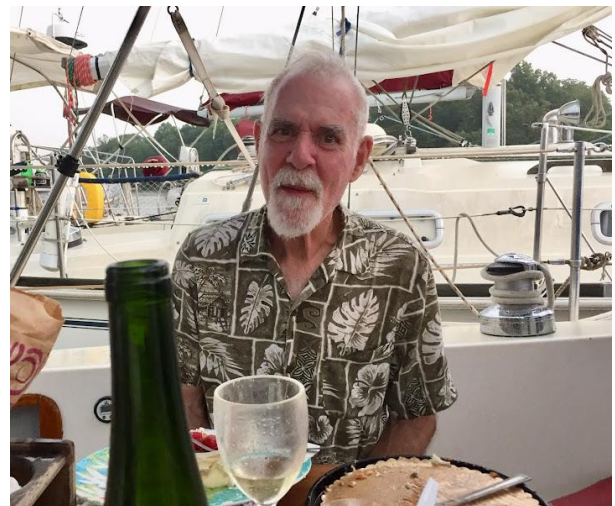


## **Bastille Day Raft-up in Worton Creek (July 17-18, 2021)**

*By Bob Morrow*

Thank you, Bob Morrow, for hosting the recent Bastille Day raft-up in Worton Creek. He had 3 Pearson member boats attend with 4 PSA groups; Scott & Sandy Hughes aboard “Curious”, Jack Janos, Joan and Ed Criscuolo with Jasper the dog aboard “Antares” and of course Bob Morrow aboard “Serendipity” with friend Keith Ziegler who had a drone to take amazing photos you can see below.

*Bob shared, “We were all rafted up and securely anchored, and knew that severe thunderstorms were in the forecast. At first all was calm, so we got out our Bastille Day spread and were half finished when it started to rain. All was well at first because Jack zipped in the connector between his bimini and dodger and we kept on eating, drinking French wine and listening to French music on my Bluetooth speaker. After a while, though, the bimini started leaking and rain blew over its edge getting us and the food wet, so we gathered up the food and went to our own boats, getting soaked in the process. I had just changed into dry clothes when there was a loud knocking on the side of my boat. It was Ed saying that because of the increased wind the raft was dragging and we had to break up the raft. Scott and I moved our boats and re-anchored separately. I should have known better, but I didn’t let out enough rode because I was wet and tired and more rode would have put us on top of the R-10 buoy. I was trying to sleep, but realized that WE were dragging towards the trawler in the drone picture. I jumped up and started the motor to get way away from the trawler and re-re-anchored. This time I let out 90’ of rode and we were good through the night. (I set my anchor drag alarm and it never went off after I anchored the second time). The next morning, we rafted up again to share breakfast and Joan made very good bacon and eggs and cheese potatoes, I shared the strawberry, blueberry, raspberry topped raspberry mousse that was in excess of what we needed the night before. We broke up the raft and went our separate ways about 10:30 AM.”*





## Standing Rig Replacement

By Ron Harbin

The “standing rigging” are the wires that keep your mast upright. Recommended replacement schedules range anywhere from every 10 years to 20 years. My rigging was 35 years old and, although I had friends that thought I was nuts to be replacing it, I made the decision to do so two years ago. I did lots of research starting in 2019 and began the work in the fall of 2020. I began by climbing the mast to replace the lower shrouds in 2019 and the intermediate shrouds in the spring of 2021. In June, I had the mast taken down and I replaced the upper shrouds and the backstay. At the same time, I had a rigger replace the forestay. I’m very happy with the results and how all the work went. I also learned a lot. Below are some of the major topics to consider for a job like this. If anyone is contemplating doing this, feel free to give me a call and I can give you details on any of the topics.

DIY vs. hiring a Rigger

Hardware - what to replace and what not to replace

Age, use, etc.

Mast Mfr.

Wire

Turnbuckles

Wire end fittings

Swage vs. Mechanical fittings

Sourcing parts

Unstepping and stepping mast

Non rigging work when replacing rigging

Rig Tuning

Costs



## Member Happenings

**Martina and Jordan Snyder** shared, “We recently spent three days on our boat, Base Camp. We headed out of our marina on the Rhode River, crossed the Bay (it’s always so fun to go through Knapps Narrows!), and spent a lovely time exploring Dun Cove and its surrounding areas. We were treated to a fabulous Buck Moon on Saturday night. Bumpy windy ride back but that only added to our adventure!”



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Linda and Steve Mitchell shared, "We donated our P-33-2 to CRAB, which sold it to raise money for its various programs. The buyer is keeping the boat on the Eastern Shore as far as I know."

Hilary Howes is featured in the SpinSheet Summer Cover Contest (see below and online at <https://www.spinsheet.com/read-spinsheet-online>; August 2021 issue; pages 41-42).



Do you have an update to share in an upcoming newsletter or with our club members via email?  
Reach out to Martina at [martinaprague@verizon.net](mailto:martinaprague@verizon.net).

## Health of the Bay and the Animal Forms It Supports

By Steve Mitchell

Check out this article from the Virginia Institute of Marine Science (VIMS) located on the shores of the York River, Gloucester Point, VA. VIMS has been part of my Alma Mater, William & Mary for a number of years. It does extensive research on the Chesapeake, and all over the world. The article is about the health of the oyster population, which is crucial to filtering the water in the bay.

URL: [https://www.vims.edu/newsandevents/topstories/2021/dermo\\_intensification.php](https://www.vims.edu/newsandevents/topstories/2021/dermo_intensification.php)

VIMS also has an oyster cam on an osprey nest near one of its piers on the York. They post daily updates on the happenings on the nest on their Facebook page.

URL: <https://www.vims.edu/bayinfo/ospreycam/index.php>

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