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General Meeting

Apr 23 at MRYC – doors open 6:30pm

Pot Luck – Bring food to share!

Spring – Light – Time to come out of our winter hibernation caves and see each other. Many of us are doing it now in boat yards getting our boats ready for the season. Our club has more opportunities to get together in the next month.

General membership meetings are continuing. Our April meeting will be a potluck at Middle River Yacht Club – 6:30 April 23. Bring your crew, your friends, and some food to share. At the beginning of next month is the Celebration of Life for Tod Herrick and Sock Burning event at Bowley's Marina. Racing starts soon - big boats at the end of this month and small boats at the end of May after the water is warmer. This also means getting together after the races at a local bar. Socializing is one of the best ways to hold the club together. Come and join in the fun.

We have about 45 paid up members so far. Get your renewals in. Soon we will start bugging the laggards.





Photo by Michael Johns – Middle River Morning

Hello Everyone,

Well, it's finally here, almost. The 2024 sailing season is almost upon us. Hopefully, you are planning to remove the tarp from your boat and have a good look at it. Likely there are some remaining repairs, or items that you had planned to fix, from last year, that are still not done. Be sure to have a look at all of your standing rigging, and all of your running rigging, also. And, don't forget about inspecting your sails. It's a real pain to discover that the bolt rope or luff tape is loose, or the headboard is coming undone. Or, your outhaul looks like it is ready to tear out of the sail. It's best to take some time and really have a good look at everything. I do have 2 weeks of practice racing planned for the end of May. But, more about the schedule later in this article.

BCSC will once again be supporting us with the Thursday Night Racing ("TNR") program. There was some discussion that there may be some changes required. But, so far, no changes have been requested. BCSC has advised that they expect to get the registration website open within 2 weeks. I will forward the necessary link to their website, as soon as they forward it to me.

So, the schedule is starting to look something like this;

Apr 17 - TNR website registration opens

May 4,5 - The Faerie Festival at BCSC. Following the Faerie Festival, it takes about 2 weeks for the park to resettle to accommodate out boats.

May 18th - expected earliest date to park boats at BCSC. You can sail your boat from BCSC anytime, now, but you have to remove the boat from the park at the end of the day. There is no overnight boat parking permitted prior to May 18th.

May 23 and May 30th - Dates reserved for Practice racing/

This is a tentative schedule and anything and everything may change. But, I believe this schedule should hold as planned.

Every year I am hoping to do some new and interesting things, and this year may prove to be the year for a lot of activities in the Portsmouth Fleet. I can tell you already, that I am hoping to make some changes to the standard Windward/Leeward racing that we have primarily been doing.

The annual Portsmouth **Waffle Brunch** is also being planned. Presently we are looking at Saturday (late morning), **April 27th**, at Sam Jackson's house. More details of the Waffle Brunch will be sent to you soon.

I'm hoping to see many familiar, returning boats and crews, as well as new boats and crews. If you know of anyone who may want to race with us, please forward my name and email, (below).

Regards,

Bill Lammeree - Cap't. - Portsmouth Fleet
lammereew@msn.com

Tod Herrick: A Celebration of Life

Saturday May 4, 2024

1 pm – 4 pm

Bowleys Marina – in the Chandlery

1700 Bowleys Quarters Road

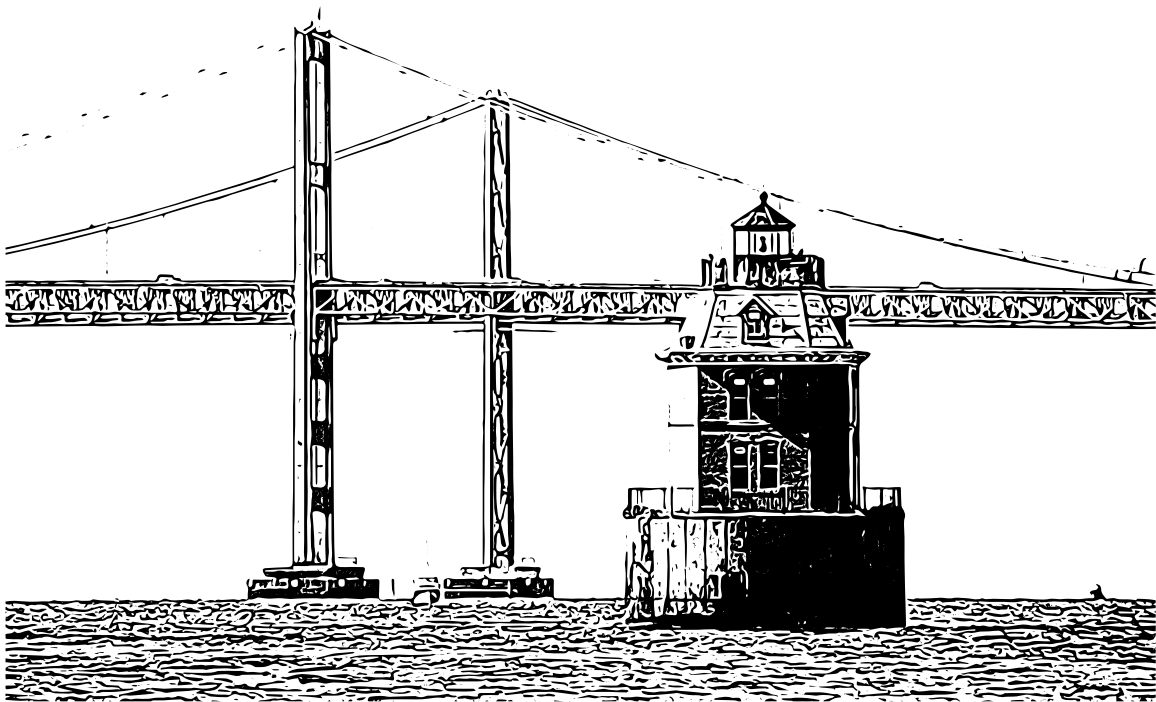
Middle River, MD 21220

Light fare “munchies” with soft drinks/water. The bar will be open for purchasing alcohol.

While there is no formal program, there will be an opportunity for guests to share favorite memories of Tod, beginning around 2pm.

If you can only drop in, that is fine. Tod never wanted to miss a party so please just stop by and say hello to Anne, Gabi, and Liv.

The gate may be closed. If so, “buzz” the staff and ask them to let you in. When you are ready to leave, ask someone for an exit code. The code box is about 70’ before the gate, coming from the offices.



Musings Apr 2024

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Everything Turns, Rotates, Spins, Circles, Loops, Pulsates, Resonates, And Repeats. -- Suzy Kassem

Detective stories, disguised as mysteries, are saved in an app named Calibre Companion to remember which ones have been read. Otherwise, there is hardly a need for more than half a dozen books as two weeks from laying one down I've not the slightest clue as to who murdered whom. Television episodes are similarly forgotten and I wonder why we even own a TV. I suppose I could use it as a changing picture frame if I dedicate a relic smartphone to the task? For those of you who read, you probably might use the Mac/Windows program Calibre to organize your books. If you previously used Calibre Companion to keep up with them on a tablet reader, the app had an "update" in the Play store that killed it. My lovely wife found me an old version as an APK and I have successfully installed it, but one of these days, the OS will update such that old versions no longer work. There have been a few other instances where "updates/upgrades" actually made the apps worse. One such example is Pydroid3. Not a game, and not something you likely use, but still an example of buying something and then having it changed by the manufacturer after I brought it home! Tesla owners can relate.

Today is the third day of steady if not heavy rain. My new grass seed is drowning. A neighbor's pine tree just fell over the road and we watched another neighbor drive up to it and sit for a few minutes, I suppose, pondering what to do, since driving across the tree wasn't happening. In the end they turned around - shouldn't have taken that long to figure it out. Most probably my neighbor was old. Seems like everyone is these days. There is one day of the week that we try to avoid the grocery store. It's called geezer discount day. To get the discount, you have to process through a checker. The "sale" must not cost them much because the geezers take 15 minutes each to get checked out.

A few free newspapers are received, just to sell advertising, North County News, North County Chronicle, and the Villager. There are only three kinds of articles, kid sports (not much), zoning variances that need to be defeated, and nature articles reminding us that we live in someone's paradise. I'm not sure, but maybe all three run letters to the editor, which are uniformly an opportunity to rant.

At Springfield farm on Yeoho road they put up a sign “No Free Papers”. Nobody ever rants about that. Personally, I rather miss the cigarette ads. Of course we don’t smoke any more. Nobody in our social network would dare. There was a time though, when we would probably die of something other than dementia. We still have ashtrays. In fact, Susan inherited some really Kool clear glass ducks with the mother and four babies, all designed just right to hold cigarettes. I’m pretty sure there are a few others hidden here and there. It’s been nearly 30 years and I still miss my pipe.

This week I have been drawing circles. Usually, I would be more interested in how many circles will fit into . . . etc. But this time, I was content just to do a little geometry and draw these circles. Every circle is tangent to all of the nearby circles and they go on and on as a fractal. You can look this one up at

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Descartes%27_theorem

as Descartes circle theorem. It is named after him because he wasn’t the first to discover it, nor did he prove the finer points of the theorem. That is just

[Stigler's law of eponymy](#). You may want to look that up too.

Descartes’ theorem (not stated here) is interesting to me because the radius of each circle and the center of the same circle are derived from equations that resemble one another a great deal. The center point is actually given from the equation using complex numbers. Writing a circle drawing program in javascript was challenging because javascript does not have complex math routines and those had to be written first. If you recall your complex math operations from school, then you may, or not, recall that taking the square root of a complex number is a PITA. Although I will show the circles and the two equations, if you have any further interest, read Wikipedia.

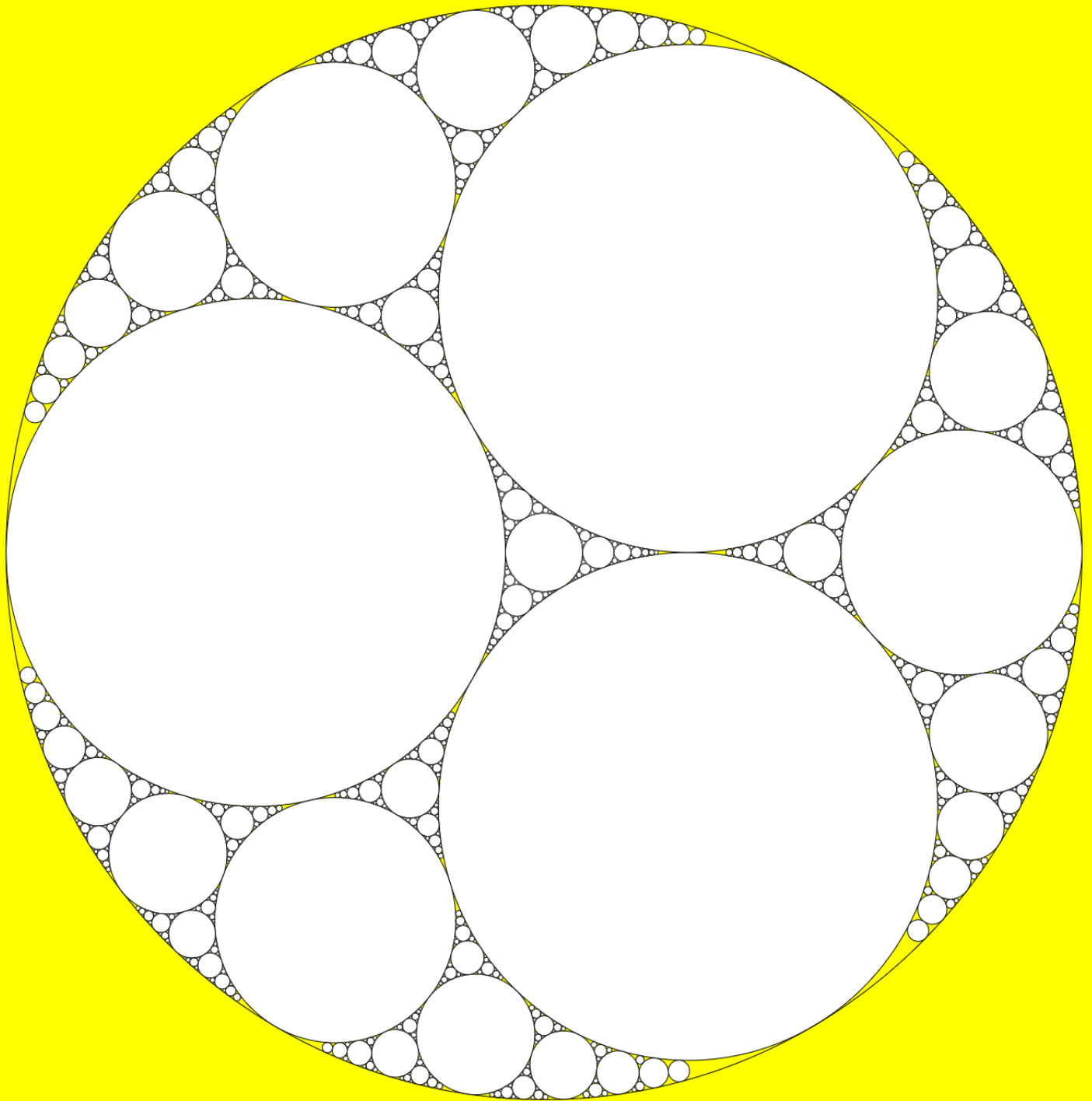
Let the curvature of the input 3 circles be c_1, c_2, c_3 Let d be the curvature of the two new circles, which are tangent to all three.

Then $c_{4,5} = c_1 + c_2 + c_3 \pm 2\sqrt{c_1c_2 + c_2c_3 + c_3c_1}$

Now if the centers of the input circles are described as complex numbers (and yes it matters), z_1, z_2, z_3 then

$$z_{4,5} = \frac{z_1c_1 + z_2c_2 + z_3c_3 \pm 2\sqrt{c_1c_2z_1z_2 + c_2c_3z_2z_3 + c_1c_3z_1z_3}}{c_{4,5}}$$

A bit of patience could have gotten a few more circles, but you get the idea.
(Picture on the next page.)



AHOY GLENMAR !!!!!

IT'S TIME FOR YOUR DUES RENEWAL

Renewal forms with return envelopes have been mailed to all members of record from 2023. If you haven't received one or have misplaced it, you can still sign up. Just use the form shown here and the hold harmless agreement on the next page and send in your check.

If you get the Course-board and you are not a 2023 member or record, but would like to join, you only have to pay the membership fee & the initiation fee (\$25). Email one of the officers to get signed up.

GLENMAR SAILING ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

(Print Information CLEARLY)

Name _____ Date _____
Address _____ Phone: Home _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Work _____
E-Mail Address _____ Cell _____
Spouse's Name _____ Children's Names & Ages _____

Boat Name _____ Make _____ Sail # _____ LOA _____
Where is your boat docked? _____
Will boat be raced? _____ PHRF Rating? _____ Member of CBYRA? _____ USSA? _____

Also: We of course want to get your check and we want you to sign our hold harmless agreement. We assume that you own a boat, but we also know that some of you are currently landlubbers. The signed form is good either way. It basically assures us that if you get a boat that it is a plus for Glenmar rather than a potential liability.

HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT

The undersigned owner affirms and agrees that he and his crew will be responsible for the safe operation of his vessel and has the necessary proficiency to safely participate in Glenmar-sponsored races, cruises and other events. The owner also agrees that he will be responsible for determining if the weather conditions in the area of his vessel constitute a safe situation for the operation of his vessel. Furthermore, the owner further agrees that he will maintain liability and personal injury insurance on said participating yacht to insure the cost of damage and/or personal injury in the event of an accident. The undersigned further agrees that he will individually save and hold harmless the Glenmar Sailing Association, its Officers, Committee Members, and any members and volunteers involved in the organization, planning and execution of any event from any and all losses, claims, liability, costs, and expenses, including attorney's fees, arising out of any claim made by me for injuries or damages sustained as a result of any accident which may occur while participating in any Glenmar-sponsored event.

I the undersigned agree to maintain and operate my vessel to the high standard that GSA has established throughout the bay area. I will ensure my conduct and that of my crew shall be of proper manner and be a good example while representing GSA. I shall respect the decisions and requests of the designated cruise captain when participating on GSA cruises.

Signature of Owner _____
Printed Name of Owner _____
Name of Yacht _____
Date: (mm/dd/yyyy) ____/____/____

Dues Schedule (Please select ONE and only 1 membership category):

Regular Member (One Vote)	\$95.	()
Family Member (One Vote)	\$105.	()
Associate Member (Lives far away.)	\$20.	()
Junior Member (No Vote)	\$15.	()
Senior 40yrs (must be advance approved)	\$75.	()
Life Member (GSA honorary)	\$00.	()

Additional Donation included (Please specify amount and purpose if not for general use.) ()

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