



Dawg Tales Newsletter

50th Newsletter Edition!!!



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From the Helm

You will never be any younger or any healthier!

It is hard to believe that this is the 50th issue of Dawg Tales. Fifty issues of a newsletter that now goes to more than 6,000 people who dream of heading out to sea on a small boat. Membership in Salty Dawg, now into the second decade since Bill and Linda Knowles hatched our club over sundowners in the Caribbean aboard their beloved Sapphire, has reached 1,000, more than doubling in just a few years.

Our expanded mentoring program connects experienced blue water sailors with those who have big plans and are looking for advice from those who are “out there doing it” and gives experienced sailors the opportunity to “pay it forward.” If you want to share your knowledge with others, please put your hand up and send a note to our executive director Tatja at tatja@saltydawgsailing.org. Want to learn from the experts? Yes, send her a note too.

The 2023 run of the Caribbean Rally to Antigua and The Bahamas promises to draw a very large crowd. If you want to be a part of this event, do not delay as we will likely reach capacity. Space is quickly filling up in Hampton, and we are expecting even more boats to head out from Newport, RI. It is our second year with two departure points. [Register here.](#)

Following on the enormous success of our Dominica and Exumas rendezvous last season, we are expanding to nearly a dozen events for the coming season with gatherings being planned for Antigua, Dominica, Bequia, The BVI, Dominican Republic, Bahamas Exumas and others. And, to celebrate our second decade, SDSA is partnering with our sister organization the Ocean Cruising Club from the UK as they celebrate their 70th anniversary, with joint events.

If your goal is to “cast off the dock lines” there is never a better time than now. As they say, “you will never be any younger or any healthier.”

Bob Osborn, SDSA President



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Salty Dawg's Humble Beginnings

By George Day

What started out as a group of friends joining each other for the passage from the East Coast to the Caribbean, has grown into the largest rally organization in America.

In the summer of 2011, Bill and Linda Knowles and their Jack Russell terrier Brie were camped on their Jeanneau 54 Sapphire on their mooring in Bristol, Rhode Island and preparing for their annual migration south to the British Virgin Islands. They and some close friends had made this fall passage several times before with the Caribbean 1500 Rally.



George Day



But, that year they and about six other boats were going to forgo the rally and sail on their own. Bill and Linda and several of the other boats had become what the Caribbean 1500 called Salty Dogs, or veterans of the rally, so this small breakaway fleet was known as the Salty Dogs.

Hank Schmidt, who runs Offshore Passage Opportunities, mentioned to me what Bill and Linda were up to and made an introduction. Little did we imagine how that introduction would turn out. Bill and Linda and I had lunch in Bristol and we agreed that Blue Water Sailing magazine and our e-newsletter Cruising Compass should

become the media partners of their little, informal and free rally.

Linda named the first event The Salty Dawg Rally. And, because the guys at the Caribbean 1500 had registered the web domain "Salty Dog Rally" before we did, we went with the alternative spelling of "Dawg." And, it's been Dawg ever since.

We started publishing monthly stories in Blue Water Sailing and regular weekly updates in Cruising Compass. And, Bill and Linda, seeing that their little gang of cruising friends was growing, reached out to the wide network of cruising buddies they had met over the years. And the numbers kept growing.

By the middle of October, when boats that had entered the rally began to gather at the Blue Water Marina in Hampton, VA, the fleet had grown to 32 boats and Linda and Bill began to realize that they had created a whole new rally organization.



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Cruising Articles



Linda was a dynamo and sharp as a tack. She took on the roll of rally manager and vetted each crew and their boats to make sure everyone was ready for the 1400-mile passage from Hampton to the BVI in November. With 30 boats, it was a big task.

Bill handled logistics and became the face of the Salty Dawg Rally. A veteran cruiser, he mentored new skippers and organized parties at the Blue Water Marina, where the fleet was based. That first group was pretty salty and had a lot of fun day

and night. Everyone was excited to be part of something new, something that seemed to already have a life of its own.

The Fall Rally in 2011 got off in good weather and made it across the Gulf Stream without much of an incident. Chris Parker at Marine Weather, who had worked with Bill and Linda as a weather and routing consultant for several years, had agreed to provide weather briefings before the start and daily updates to the fleet along the way. Initially, Blue Water Sailing took on the sponsorship of Chris' services. Chris continues to be our weather guru and has found weather windows in November every year, although we have all learned to be patient.

The North Atlantic in November is not to be taken lightly. There are still tropical systems forming south of Hatteras and in the tropics, so you have to keep an eye out for these. And, the severe winter gales are beginning to form north of Hatteras and these can often be more severe and larger than tropical systems. Chris Parker became the rally's eyes and ears on the weather front.

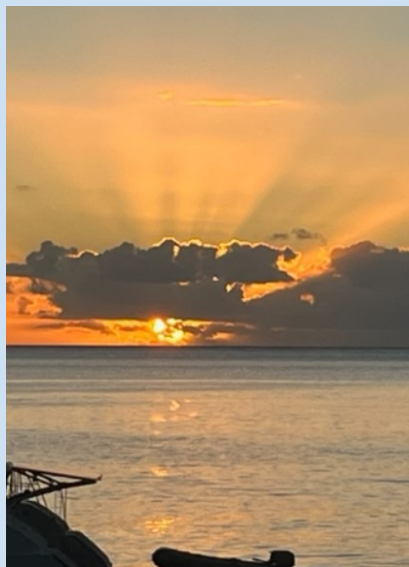
The passage south, first in westerlies and the Gulf Stream, then in the Horse Latitudes and finally in the trade winds, takes from eight to 12 days, depending on boat size and weather conditions. Boats began arriving in BVI and the arrival parties commenced. An arrival dinner was held and Linda and Bill were saluted by all. The Salty Dawg Rally had been born.

Bill and Linda and Brie had the winter in the BVI to mull over and discuss with new Dawgs what they had created. In the spring of 2012, they sailed home with a dozen other boats in what became the annual Homeward Bound Rally and arrived in Bristol full of ideas and with a to-do list as long as your arm. Over the summer, they arranged to have the Salty Dawg Rally registered as a 501©(3), Rhode Island not-for-profit organization. The mission was educational and dedicated to fostering seamanship and camaraderie in the cruising community. Amazingly, the IRS approved the application within months.



A board of directors was formed with volunteers from the first rally. Bill became president, Linda was vice president and I became secretary and treasurer. Bill decided to take booths at the Newport and Annapolis boat shows and to take on the role of business development director. The strategy he put forward was for the rally to be subsidized by sponsors so he knocked on doors all through the first Newport and Annapolis shows and came up with





a core group of companies that saw the value of partnering with the Dawgs' Rallies. Quantum Sails, Hylas Yachts, Dave Walters and many other signed up.

The organization's theme of sailors helping sailors was the core element of the early organization, as it is today. No one embodies that more than Tatja Hopman, now the organization's executive director. Tatja and Pablo Hopman, with their two daughters, sailed in the first fall rally in 2011 aboard their Hallberg Rassy *Borealis* and joined the first spring rally home.

As the fall of 2012 loomed, it became apparent to Linda and Bill that they needed another pair of hands to handle all of the organizational work involved in running rallies. Tatja stepped forward and volunteered to be that pair of hands and became Linda's associate. Eleven years later, now the executive director, she is still at it with her hands firmly on the SDSA's reins and is the heart and soul of what the Salty Dawgs are all about.



The Fall 2012 rally had more than 60 boats sign up, double the number of the first Fall Rally. The tradition of running in-person seminars in Newport, Annapolis and Hampton began and the education element of the franchise continued to develop, all run by volunteers and loyal sponsors. And the tradition of running two big dinners and parties in Hampton started, with one being a Salty Dawg Halloween shindig on October 31.

In 2013, the third Fall rally doubled again with close to 120 boats signing up for the passage south to the BVI. Bill, Linda and Tatja were stretched to their organizational limits but managed to shepherd the fleet safely to the Caribbean.

But the third rally was also an inflection point for the Salty Dawgs. The weather on the first two days turned sour, with gale force winds and large seas off Hatteras and in the Gulf Stream. A couple of boats got into trouble and one crew had to be rescued. Bill and Linda and volunteers, like Tatja, Joan Conover and others, manned the HF radios and coordinated closely with the Coast Guard.

It was during the third rally that the shoreside support team and emergency response team had their beginnings. And the lessons learned from that experience forged what today are highly responsive and responsible volunteer shoreside teams that monitor the fleet on passage from beginning to end.



From the humble beginnings of a group of cruising friends who had planned to sail in company from the East Coast to the BVI in 2011 to an association in 2023 with almost a thousand members, an executive director, an active board of directors and a team of experienced volunteers is the story of an amazing journey. Yet the simple values, mission and traditions that began in the early years still inform everything the Salty Dawg Sailing Association does today. It is still about fostering good seamanship, camaraderie among cruising sailors and a dedication to sailors helping sailors.





Chris Parker: Salty Dawg's Weather Router

An Interview by Diane MacDonald-Mackenzie

Chris Parker has been working with the Salty Dawgs since their first rally in 2011. He has been out on the water sailing and honing his weather skills since he was 13 years old. I had the opportunity to ask him a few questions about his sailing experience, how he got started with weather forecasting, and his partnership with the Salty Dawg's Rallies.



Chris Parker

Diane: Tell us a bit about your sailing experiences that lead to your interest in weather.

Chris: I started out with a small outboard, learned to sail at summer camp, bought my own Lightning in college and sailed competitively in the 1990's where, on the larger vessels, I began to fill the role of tactician. My husband, Michael and I bought our first live-aboard sailboat in 1993 (s/v Dragon Lady, a 1965 Herreshoff-designed Cheoy Lee 30), and lived aboard full time for 7 years in Florida. In 1999 we quit our full-time careers and went sailing full-time on the US E coast and in the Bahamas. In 2002 we bought s/v Beli Ami, a 1967 Morgan 34', and cruised her full time in in Bahamas, Caribbean, Bermuda and the US E Coast. During our 5 years as full-time Cruisers we sailed at least 5000 miles/yr, and except for a few stints on the ICW, sailed nearly all those miles by either adjusting our schedule or our destination to suit the wind.

Diane: What led you to the creation of MWXC (Marine Weather Center)?

Chris: I get seasick, hate bad weather, and being surprised by the weather. Within our first few months of cruising the Bahamas we were surprised by 3 Cold Fronts which were either early, completely unexpected, or much worse than predicted. I knew I could do better than our existing forecast sources (NOAA and the Bahamas Met Office). I began beta-testing and receiving GRIB files via SSB and modem, and installed a helix antenna to receive high resolution images directly from LEO (Low Earth Orbit) satellites as they passed overhead. When discussing plans for the coming days with our cruising friends, we often had a different itinerary planned than our friends, based on my forecast. Word got out in the cruising community that I was a pretty good forecaster, and soon our friends, and their friends, began calling me for forecasts. In 2002 I began forecasting for Caribbean Weather Center and was the sole forecaster until 2010 when I wanted to invest in and grow the business. I began forecasting under the umbrella of Marine Weather Center, which I had already started in 2002 for my weather book and seminar business. It took 3 years to construct an office and a proper radio tower and less than 2 years later I hired my first 2 meteorologists, including Stormy who is still with us.

Diane: How is MWXC doing today?

Chris: We have grown to 4 full time meteorologists plus me, and we plan to hire another meteorologist in the next year to support our continuing growth. For years I was concerned our business would suffer as weather forecast models and routing programs became widely used by Cruisers. In reality, the vast array of weather resources available to Cruisers results in paralysis-by-analysis and we are able to continue adding significant value with a single reliable forecast, and routing advice. We provide Custom forecasts and routing advice by email, voice telephone, and text message, and of course SSB radio. We anticipated the gradual demise of SSB radio, and over 10 years ago began simulcasting our SSB sessions on Internet Webcasts. Today, 90% of traffic on our morning and evening sessions is via the Webcasts - often from vessels offshore, connecting via Starlink. In addition, our Daily Regional Email forecasts provide a convenient text version of our forecasts for your Region.





Diane: You have been a great support to the Salty Dawgs Sailing Association - can you share your experience with them - particularly routing the Caribbean Rally?

Chris: The Salty Dawg Rally is unique in that vessels are guided for departures times, locations, and routes but boats make their own decisions when to depart, from where to depart, and where to go. And most Rallies provide only one-way communication from the meteorologist to the Fleet, with little-or-no advice on routing and sailing strategy. In contrast, the forecasts we provide to the Salty Dawgs are what I like to call "semi-Custom": it's a forecast and routing advice for the Fleet, but participants are encouraged to email us questions, and the questions/answers are often useful for the entire Fleet, or for a group of vessels in the Fleet. In these instances, we email the Q&A to the entire Fleet so everyone can benefit.

Diane: Tell us more about *Coastal and Offshore Weather: The Essential Handbook* and why it is ESSENTIAL?

Chris: Essential has 2 meanings: The concepts in the book are essential, and all the other books I've seen on marine weather incorporate so much nonessential information that they're almost a college level course in meteorology. My weather book conveys everything you need to know and in a straightforward fashion. People tell me that, after they read my book, they can go back and read the other weather books they couldn't understand, and finally understand them.

Diane: Do you have any final thoughts for our cruising community?

Chris: The more our clients know, the better questions they can ask, and the better they can use our forecasts and advice. Understanding the big picture (the synoptic weather situation) is important, as it can help you appreciate whether you are in an area of relatively settled weather (high pressure / subsidence), or generally unsettled weather (with lower forecast confidence, and some sort of support for lift in the atmosphere).

What more information from Chris Parker?

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Webinars!!!

New Webinar:



Safe Preparation for a Long Passage Offshore

This webinar will focus on high seas communications, essential safety communications, and essential safety gear that should be on every offshore boat. The seminar will be presented by Time Metcalf -the SDSA Communications Director and Shoreside Rally Coordinator, Alex Helfand—SDSA Board member and veteran rally participant, and George Day, Vice President of SDSA and circumnavigator.

August 11 at 5:30ET

Register for webinars [here.](#)



The Salty Dawg Sailing Association 2023/2024 Caribbean Rally & Rendezvous Menu!

(See next page for details.)

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The Salty Dawg Sailing Association 2023/2024 Caribbean Rally & Rendezvous Menu!



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October 27 - 31 Hampton VA,

It all starts in Hampton, VA or Newport, RI!!!

Join us for the sessions, the weather reports, the pre-departure events, and the fun!!!

November Antigua

Come one, Come All. Of course we will have all kinds of events and happenings in Antigua to celebrate our Rally arrival and to introduce new Caribbean Cruisers to this wonderful sailing destination.

February Dominica PAYS Rendezvous (Dates TBD)

Join the Dawgs for our annual Rendezvous in Dominica, known by many as the "Nature Island." There will be beach barbecues, hikes, and island tours.

February Martinique Carnival (Dates TBD)

Join us for the Carnival events in Martinique. Anchor in Fort de France or across the bay and join in the fun. The parades and costumes are beyond compare. Dawg events are impromptu and informal - just so much going on ashore each day.

March 5 - 12 BVI, Nanny Cay Marina

Nanny Cay wants to win you back and is pulling out all the stops to bring you to the BVI including half price dockage, specially priced hotel rooms, and even free meals.

April 5 - 10 Bequia Easter Regatta

Bequia is a charming destination and there is no better time to visit than during the annual Easter Regatta. There will be racing and wonderful local events to enjoy. There are fun eateries and lots to do. The Dawgs will have special events as well.

April Dominican Republic (Dates TBD)

This rendezvous is limited to boats participating in either the Caribbean or Homeward Bound Rallies.

April/May Carricou Rendezvous (Dates TBD)

Going to Grenada or Trinidad? Don't forget to stop in Carricou. This little island is loaded with things to do and see and of course, the Dawgs add even more fun.

May Exumas Rendezvous (Dates TBD)

This rendezvous is limited to boats participating in either the Caribbean or the Homeward Bound Rallies. Join the Dawgs for a tour of the beautiful Exumas with our fun-loving and fantastic Salty Dawg flotilla!!!



Meet the Dawgs!!!

For this special 50th edition of the newsletter, we would like to highlight some of our amazing Salty Dawgs!



Stephanie and Jim Seal

SV HERO

When did you join the Salty Dawgs? 2021

What events did you participate in as a Salty Dawg?

Downeast Rally 2021, Caribbean Rally 2021, Exuma Rendezvous 2023

Have been a Dawg volunteer?

We volunteered in Hampton before the Caribbean Rally 2021.

What is the most important thing you learned as a Salty Dawg?

We've learned how wonderful and generous the cruising community is.

What is your most memorable Salty Dawg moment?

There are so many! The Dinghy Race in the Exumas is high on the list! The Christmas Pageant at Nelson's Dockyard with Emerald, Liberty, Mercury, Borealis, and Hero. A dinner of crawfish in St. Pierre, Martinique with Emerald, Hylander, Pandora, and Hero. So many!

If you had NOT joined the Salty Dawgs, what would have missed in your sailing life?

So many sundowners, and many more dominoes games!

What is the greatest gift your Salty Dawg membership has given you?

Lifelong cruising friends.

What would say to someone who is considering becoming a member?

Do it! Even if you are anti-social, or socially awkward. You will have the support you didn't realize you needed. And, heck it's great to be around like-minded people!

Hank George

When did you join the Salty Dawgs? 2012

What events did you participate in as a Salty Dawg? All of the Fall Rallies from 2012 to 2019

Have been a Dawg volunteer?

From Communications Director to President, running the Boat Show in Annapolis for several years, led the Rallies to Cuba and to Maine several times, plus running activities in Virgin Gorda several years and hosted events in Hampton for several years.

What is the most important thing you learned as a Salty Dawg?

How much fun sailors are, across the Board, and how willing they are to help fellow sailors.

What is your most memorable Salty Dawg moment?

Getting that last boat safely home on the Homeward Bound Rally during Covid.

If you had NOT joined the Salty Dawgs, what would have missed in your sailing life?

A lot of special, lasting friendships.

What would say to someone who is considering becoming a member?

Don't wait – do it now – you'll make lifelong friends.



Karen and David Soule, SV Soulemate

When did you join the Salty Dawgs? 2022

What events did you participate in as a Salty Dawg? Dominica and Exumas Rendezvous and the Homeward Bound Rally

What is the most important thing you learned as a Salty Dawg?

We had to "officially" withdraw from the rally because we did not leave at the first available weather window. Still, the shoreside coordinators monitored our progress down to Antigua and six "daws-in-dinghies" met us in English Harbor to help us dock after our steering had failed. WOW!

What is your most memorable Salty Dawg moment?

Dominica visit was most impactful and interesting; Exumas was just great fun!

If you had NOT joined the Salty Dawgs, what would have missed in your sailing life?

We are grateful for meeting numerous sailors we hope will remain friends for life.

What would say to someone who is considering becoming a member?

Join early, join often, and go sailing!



Meet the Dawgs!!!



Arden and Jim Bradley
SV Kallie

When did you join the Salty Dawgs? 2020

What events did you participate in as a Salty Dawg?

Caribbean Rally 2020, 2021, and 2022

Have been a Dawg volunteer?

Jim volunteered in 2020 with covid testing of all entrants, Arden helped in 2022 with the SDSA store at the doghouse in Hampton

What is the most important thing you learned as a Salty Dawg?

SDSA made us more aware of the many safety concerns and how to properly prep the boat for the passage to Antigua.

What is your most memorable Salty Dawg moment?

Get together in Antigua upon arrival after a 10 day passage. Love the comradery with others who have completed the same passage and how each boat handled some of the same things differently as well as how each person tells a story of how different the same weather can be.

If you had NOT joined the Salty Dawgs, what would have missed in your sailing life?

We have made quite a few long lasting friends through the rallies that we might not have made. We may not have done the rally to Antigua on 2020 due to covid constraints and SDSA paved the way for all the boats to safely enter Antigua and get to the Caribbean.

What is the greatest gift your Salty Dawg membership has given you?

We feel lucky to have met people with similar passion as us doing the same thing (sailing) but in different ways (some to the Med, some to the Caribbean, New England and the South Pacific, etc)

What would say to someone who is considering becoming a member?

Membership is very inexpensive for the massive return you get from the organization. The comradery of the other dawgs, education, various discounts, rallies, etc are just a few of the benefits.

Lynn and Mark Hoenke, SV Roxy

When did you join the Salty Dawgs? 2016

What events did you participate in as a Salty Dawg?

The Caribbean Rally to the BVI and countless social activities in the Caribbean.

Have been a Dawg volunteer?

We enjoy welcoming the Rally participants to Antigua in November and helping to coordinate the activities there. We also organize the Dominica and Bequia Rendezvous. Additionally I'm on the Board.

What is the most important thing you learned as a Salty Dawg?

We learned about weather awareness.

What is your most memorable Salty Dawg moment?

Meeting Mindy and Reinhardt in Mt. Desert Maine, who told us about the organization. Sundowners on Kalunamoo, when we didn't know anyone.

If you had NOT joined the Salty Dawgs, what would have missed in your sailing life?

The Caribbean. We were ready to give up on our dream and sell the boat before we joined.

What is the greatest gift your Salty Dawg membership has given you?

We've made 100's of friends.

What would say to someone who is considering becoming a member?

Just do it. It is a minimal investment for a maximum benefit. Even if you're not "a social person", the education and support from the Dawgs is second to none and the camaraderie of the Salty Dawgs can't be over emphasized.



Meet the Dawgs!!!



Chris and Fiona Baker
SV Carioca

When did you join the Salty Dawgs? We were in a wee marina in Pointe de Bout Martinique in Feb 2022 and met several Salty Dawgs, and we were seduced by the generous spirit and warm welcome we received So, we signed up!

What events did you participate in as a Salty Dawg?

The Homeward Bound Rally in May 2022, the Caribbean Rally in October 2022, and the Maritime Rally 2023

What is the most important thing you learned as a Salty Dawg?

We've gained invaluable knowledge about weather, weather patterns, and navigation in the West Indies as well as inside knowledge of places to visit and viable anchorages and marinas for deep keeled boats.

What is your most memorable Salty Dawg moment?

I'd say the two week delay in Hampton this past year was the best 'event' for us despite being unscheduled - a fabulous full on introduction to so many of you - our year certainly wouldn't have been the same had we not joined up.

If you had NOT joined the Salty Dawgs, what would have missed in your sailing life?

The Salty Dawgs massively added to our whole sailing experience this past year: finding a familiar face on the dock (or the bar) as you arrive in a new place just makes your heart skip.

What is the greatest gift your Salty Dawg membership has given you?

Being a member of this amazing Association has made sailing a million times more fun and a whole lot safer for us, so much so that we've let our house in the UK and are now full-time transients - that word always make me laugh!

What would say to someone who is considering becoming a member?

Sharing experiences always makes them richer and not only are we introduced to the best experiences in terms of destinations, venues, and trips but also to a whole bunch of like-minded, interesting, sociable and super-helpful friends that we can exchange experience, advice, support and real friendship with what's not to love???

Tatja Hopman
SV Borealis

When did you join the Salty Dawgs? 2011

What events did you participate in as a Salty Dawg?

2011 Fall Rally (Hampton, VA to Antigua) and 2012 Spring Rally (Marsh Harbour, Bahamas to Norfolk, VA)

Have been a Dawg volunteer?

I've been lucky to be involved in many different areas of the organization over the years.

What is the most important thing you learned as a Salty Dawg?

Salty Dawgs love to be social.

What is your most memorable Salty Dawg moment?

I have fond memories of adventures with fellow Dawgs in the islands but the most memorable was a Halloween costume party in Hampton where the crew of Want To dressed up as bouys.

What is the greatest gift your Salty Dawg membership has given you?

Comraderie, working with a great group of energetic volunteers and sailors. I've had a front row seat to the building of the SDSA and watched Founders Bill and Linda Knowles vision come alive.

What would say to someone who is considering becoming a member?

Come have fun and learn a few new tricks with a bunch of adventurous sailors!



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Opportunities for you!



2023 Mid-West Rendezvous

October 1 - 3

Traverse City, Michigan

- Sunday Open House at The Junipers
 Sundowners
 Dinner
 Campfire (There might be S'mores!)
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 Winery Tour
 Dinner out
- Tuesday Northpoint Lighthouse tour and hike
 Maple City Curling Rink and Dinner

Check out the [Salty Dawg Rendezvous page](#) for more information.



October 12, 2023

Salty Dawg Annapolis Rendezvous

Gary Jobson, an America's Cup winning tactician, will be our featured speaker. Gary has spent his life promoting the sport of sailing. He has written 23 books, won two Emmy's, an ACE Award, five Tellys, and spent 31 years as a commentator with ESPN. Gary is a knowledgeable and entertaining speaker. Don't miss out on what promises to be a memorable event! Catch up with old friends and make new ones.

[Register here](#) .

More Reasons to Sail With the Dawgs!!!

Salty Dawg Sailing Association exists because of YOU. To say thank you to those who continue to support and sail with the Fall Rally, the following benefit is being initiated with the Caribbean Rally for 2023.

1. Rally fees will remain as established for any given year.
2. If you have participated in two or more Caribbean rallies, your membership fee will be waived for the following year. Each time you participate in a Fall/Caribbean Rally thereafter, your membership renewal fee will be waived.

Just one more reason to enjoy the multiple benefits of Salty Dawg Sailing. :)



Nautical Notes!



“Long shot”

Canons were not typically accurate from long distances on early ships. If a ship had such luck as to be accurate, it was considered to be a

“long shot.”



“Mom always makes me wear my life vest.”



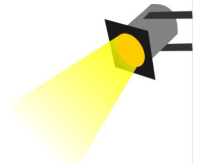
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Salty Dawg Volunteer Spotlight



Kevin Kinports



Kevin Kinports

Home Port: Annapolis, MD

Boat: Cecil, a Hylas 46

Volunteer Years: 3

Interests: travel, sailing, swimming, any outdoor activity

Why do you volunteer with the Dawgs?

I volunteer to give back and help people new to sailing. Salty Dawgs is a great way to learn and expand your sailing horizons

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November to June and 10% in the Chandlery.



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