

# SHIPMATE

Newsletter of the Christian Boaters Association

*"...and the Spirit of God was moving over the surface of the water." — Genesis 1:2b NASB*

## CBA Comes to Epworth By The Sea

**From Epworth, England To Epworth By The Sea...** Epworth By The Sea is named in honor of the boyhood home of John and Charles Wesley, founders of Methodism. In 1784, John Wesley tenderly recalled his home by writing in his famous journal, "I rode to Epworth, which I still love beyond most places in the world." Though he is said to have ridden 250,000 miles and preached 45,000 sermons, Epworth still held his heart.

Epworth By The Sea proudly serves a diversity of groups, individuals, denominations, private and government

agencies, Armed Services, civic organizations and others whose goals are consistent with Epworth's mission, which is to provide a Christian place for worship, study and fellowship. Epworth is a place where you find warm relationships and beautiful surroundings

"As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." Joshua 24:1

Please join us at this historic location. There will be mission reports, praise and worship, and plenty of fellowship. Be there October 12-15, 2017.



## *God is Love*

With all the hatred in the world we need to remember one thing.

God loves us without regard to  
gender race social standing nationality or sexual orientation...

Shouldn't we follow His example?

# A Word From the President



## *Greetings Fellow CBA Members,*

It is my prayer that you are experiencing the blessings of the Lord today!

I am sure that we would all agree that there is wide spread turmoil in the world today. Almost daily we hear reports of evil happenings, murders and the like. The news media constantly reports accidents, disasters, sickness, disease, and tragedies of all kinds. There is much fear among people In This Day And This Hour”.

Recently a reporter from the weather channel asked a flood victim in Houston—who had lost everything—“Do you plan to stay here, or will you move? The man answered that there was the potential of danger everywhere—earthquakes in various places, wildfires in California, tornados in the west, hurricanes in the East—and that there was no place to go to be completely safe.

But as believers in the Lord Jesus Christ, we have a place of safety in the shelter of the Most High!

(Ps. 91:1) The Word of God tells us that we don't have to live in fear. God promises us in II Timothy 1:7 that He “has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power, of love, and a well balanced, sound mind.” (Amplified Bible)

According to Webster's dictionary fear is “a distressing emotion aroused by impending danger, evil, pain, and the like”. Whether the threat is real or imagined, the feeling or condition of being afraid usually creates emotions of apprehension, consternation, dismay, dread, terror, panic, horror, trepidation, and qualm. I John 4:18 tells us that fear has torment, battering the minds of men, women, and children with agony, anguish, annoyance, harassment, irritation, and misery.

But there is another meaning—a glorious meaning—of the word “fear” recorded in the dictionary, but first described in God's Word. This kind of fear enables mankind to escape the natural, tormenting fear that causes men and women to feel hopeless. This kind of fear produces “reverential awe, respect, admiration, adoration, devotion, and worship.” Solomon writes about it in Proverbs 9:10 -11 (Amplified) “The (reverent) fear of the Lord (that is, worshiping Him and regarding Him as truly Awesome) is the beginning and the preeminent part of wisdom (its starting point and its essence). And the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding and spiritual insight.”

The 2017 CBA conference is a little over five weeks away. The Lord has been speaking to Annette and me about His awesome holiness and the need to gain spiritual insight in (our conference theme) “This Day and This Hour”. Fear is running rampant throughout the world and we believe that this is a crucial time for each of us—for our nation, for individual lives, and for members of the Christian Boater's Association.

We all know what it feels like to have fear. We've gone through trials, tribulations, and/or situations that have caused us to fear momentarily or even for a season. But fear can have no permanent hold on the one who puts his/her trust in the Lord. Knowing the Father, worshipping Him as God and King, will keep the heart and mind stayed on Him—and in perfect peace—even in seemingly fearful times. (Isaiah 26:3)

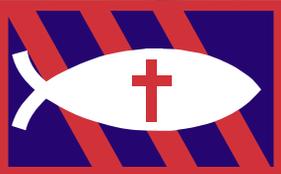
We are expectant about this year's conference at Epworth by the Sea. It's been an unusually hard year for many of us. I feel sure that we've all had opportunities to fear. We have been praying that this conference will not only be a time of refreshing, sharing, and fellowshiping, but that it will be both “PROPHETIC AND LIFE CHANGING”.

Thus far, we have a relatively small group registered for the conference. Some members, who have always made the CBA conferences a priority—faithfully attending year after year—will not be able to be with us this year because of personal health reasons or family related situations. We truly need to pray for one another.

I encourage those of you who perhaps could attend, but have not registered, to pray about making the 2017 conference a priority this year. It's not too late. But we must give the exact number of attendees to Epworth within the next two weeks. If you have not registered, but plan to attend, please send me a text or call me ASAP. (912-659-1230). Then mail your registration to me.

It is my prayer that each of us will continue to walk in the fear of the Lord as we come together for the conference, fighting the good fight of faith, gaining knowledge and spiritual insight, especially in This Day and This Hour.

Anchored in Him,  
John



## CHRISTIAN BOATER'S CONFERENCE 2017 "IN THIS DAY AND THIS HOUR"

There is an urgency to make our election and calling sure....In This Day and This Hour. This is the theme for our 2017 CBA Conference. We would love for all of you to be able to attend the conference. Yet we know that everyone will not be able to do so. Please pray, concerning your attending this year's conference.

CBA conferences are times of worship, sharing, and fellowship. We believe that the Lord always gives us a theme that speaks to our hearts in various ways. We usually leave the conference with a special, encouraging message that stays with us through the weeks and months that follow. We hope that you will be able to join us this year. We would truly love to meet new members and also once again be able to gather with members we've known for many years.

Having said that, we want to make sure that you do not come under a "people" yoke, if you cannot attend. We know that if you can come it will be a great blessing for you. But we were reminded last week of how easily we (Christians) do things that put others in bondage because of our insistence. Please pray and seek the Lord concerning this year's conference. Take His yoke upon you and learn of Him.

### THINK ON THIS: IN THIS DAY AND THIS HOUR...

#### WHAT IS HAPPENING? WHAT ISN'T HAPPENING? WHAT CAN I DO ABOUT IT?

PLEASE LET US KNOW ASAP IF YOU ARE COMING TO THE CONFERENCE. This is especially true for the Board and Advisors. We would like for you to register by August 31<sup>th</sup>. But we need to know NOW who is planning to attend. Please send us a yes, no, or maybe. Thank you so much.

We love you all,

John & Annette Sasser  
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### 2017 CBA Conference Registration Form

October 12<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017  
Epworth By The Sea  
St. Simons Island, Georgia

#### CONFERENCE FEES:

Couple: \$450.08  
Single: \$340.08  
Includes all meals (Thursday dinner through  
breakfast Sunday)

#### DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS:

AUGUST 31, 2017

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Drive  Fly

I would like to share at the Conference.

Send Registration form and Check (Payable to CBA) to:

John O. Sasser  
112 Marshview Rd.  
Savannah, GA 31410

For further information call John or Annette Sasser (912-659-1230/912-659-1235).

Everyone is encouraged—especially the board and advisor—to start making plans to attend this yearly event.

Please try to register by August 1, 2017.



# Member News



## VIRGINIA MARITIME MINISTRIES (VAM2)

Saturday, June 10<sup>th</sup>: "Genesis" hosted FOUR generations of males onboard, for a "Father's Day" SAILabration. (A Grand-father-in-law, the Dad, his Three Sons, (all young adults), and we couldn't leave the latest addition to the family on the dock, a 7 mth old puppy (male), so we HAD to have "Apollo" join us. Winds were light, appetites heavy, and when food was gone, to remain engaged, we had a swim call on the York in the 75 degree waters (with lifejackets on and swim safety buoy towed behind. A precious, if not priceless time of solidifying generations together, and a pleasure to serve this community borne through a VAM2 Gift to support a local non-profit, (Literacy for Life . . . we do want people to be in the WORD, yes, and knowing how to read really helps!!!). The winners of this FUNdRaising auction prize, the Family is strong Greek Orthodox, (and boys a bit leery of marriage), and I endorsed when more serious to consider the resources of Family Life . . . seems new to them, have we any FL team members working with St. Dimitri's in Williamsburg?

Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup> 's "S4" (Second Sundays Spirited Sail): we had a crew of four, fairly local folks aboard "Genesis", one down the road on Centerville Rd, and other two near Little Creek/Toano, (widowed and divorced), and a floundering Catholic living on the Pagan River, (yeah, no kidding, near Smithfield), who is sadly separated from his wife and his faith and with family\*. . . praying for more to talk with on a one-on-one opportunity as He opens up. They all found out of the "S4" through a secular internet channel and yet were, admittedly renewed by the recreation, and possibly seeds planted for re-creation of their heart and pursuit of Him in their lives . . . I pray for continued and follow-up opportunities to meet again and build relationships and invitations to attend church once more. (\* do you know a good pastor with a strong marriage ministry in Smithfield or Surrey? What might I send to Michael Hellman who is going through this painful time alone without a church? He works in Newport News, VA.)

Meanwhile, I welcome ways I can support marriage ministry, our Christian Boaters Association / VAM2 ministry team, and offer opportunities to strengthen our team, our outreach and work for the Lord who loves marriage. The latest blessing to our VAM2 fleet, "Godspeed" will soon be commissioned with the first year committed to be one of learning, practice and getting to know how to best serve with this "powerboat" in uncharted waters of the James River. Introductions to those who know the James and its contributing rivers (Chickahominy, Pagan, et.al.) are welcomed to help me learn and avoid the shoals and dangers the enemy has in store for us . . . as well as any fishermen, who can help me leverage the annual Boat Fishing License I invest in to become a better "Fisher of Men, (and women)" for the Lord, (and table too!).

Love you all! Be in touch!! In His boat! <><

*David R. Chin*

## IT IS TIME

We have decided it's time for someone else to use the sailboat that took us around the Pacific in support of Wycliffe Bible Translators and JAARS Maritime. S/V Bittersweet is a 44', cutter-rigged, ocean-going vessel made by Miller Marine in Bainbridge Is., WA. She sleeps 6 and serves 2 as a live-in, dependable, seaworthy, long-distance cruiser.

We will sell her for missions at the same family rate we bought her for twenty years ago, after her first circumnavigation. Such a deal!

Please contact Larry and Anne Hamilton at [bittersweet@interisland.net](mailto:bittersweet@interisland.net) for photos and more information, or call 360-298-5288.



# Hey Captain



— By Captain Keith Houseknecht

ESD is a very real hazard in ANY marina, pool or private dock with electric service. The hazard is increased in older marinas with older boats and most of all with fresh water. On Lake Erie this season ESD claimed the life of one family's son. The family was visiting a modern marina with a newer boat. The family dog jumped in the water. The dog began to struggle, unable to swim effectively. The father jumped in to help the dog but was unable to help the dog or himself move the few feet back to safety. One son jumped into the water to help the dad then the second son responded all experiencing the same inability to make their muscles do what the brain was commanding. A fellow boater recognized the tragedy unfolding and shouted to the wife to disconnect the shore power. With the shore power disconnected the family dog, the dad and one son got out of the water but one son succumbed to ESD.

My home marina now has signs at the entrance to every pier with this warning.

## **ELECTRIC SHOCK DROWNING (ESD) HAZARD**

### **Rescuing an ESD Victim**

- Know how to distinguish ESD from drowning
- Don't enter the water

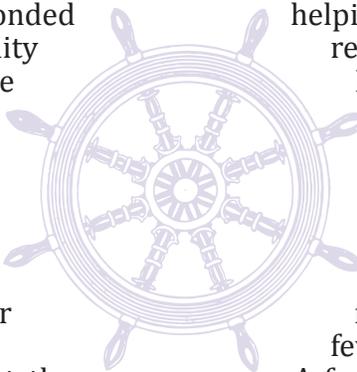
- Call for help – 911 or VHF Channel 16
- Turn off shore power connection
- Get victim out of the water. Reach, throw, row but don't go in!
- If person is not breathing, use CPR until emergency personnel arrive

If you would like more information on Electric Shock Drowning this website is a great resource: [www.electricshockdrowning.org](http://www.electricshockdrowning.org)

Think back on your boating experience for just a moment. How did people suddenly find themselves in the water? I remember a friend helping a lady coming into a dock, he reached too far and fell in the water.

I remember a man jumping into the water to save a little bird that fell out of a nest built in a boats anchor. I remember Brenda, walking back to our boat at night. Hearing a noise close to the pier she responded to help a child that fell off a boat. The parents were a few boats away visiting with friends.

A few weeks ago two ladies managed to turn their dinghy, with them in it, upside down in high winds at the end of my neighbors' boat. All these had happy endings but what is next? If ESD is involved will I respond correctly? How about you?



## **WEBSITE ADDITIONS**

A new page (**Affiliated Ministries**) has been created on the membership tab of the CBA website. This page will list the website of any affiliated ministries. If you would like your ministry listed, please send the information in the following format to the email address below:

Ministry Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Ministry Description: One paragraph, no more than 4 sentences. \_\_\_\_\_

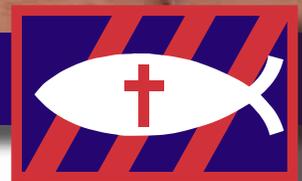
Ministry website address: \_\_\_\_\_

Another page has been created (**Useful and Misc. Websites**). This would include any website that you consistently visit for information. It could be about weather, safety concerns, boating conditions or any other useful information. Also send them in the above format to the email address below:

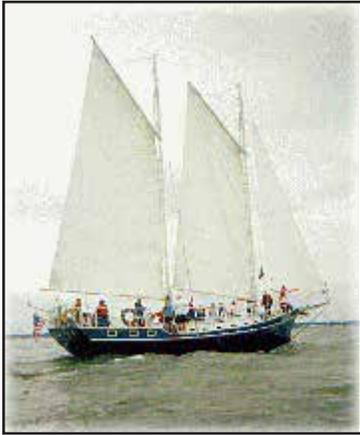
Send them to: **Steve Gilson** [gilsonsd@aol.com](mailto:gilsonsd@aol.com)



# Journey for Sale



**T**he 51 foot Colvin custom designed steel schooner, Journey, was built by Daniel L. Stoner in 1985. Home port is Sandusky, Ohio and is stored at Sandusky Harbor Marina where she can be inspected. It has been used as a Passenger vessel and certified by the USCG (# 939100) through June 2016. Most recently, the Journey was the centerpiece of the B-About Sail Ministry.



Hull is a steel displacement type with keel and skeg rudder, Hull No. INZ083088018,. The Load Length Waterline is 41 ft; beam 13.9 ft, and draft is 5 ft. Registered depth is 8.1 ft and displacement is 23 ton. Fuel is diesel with capacity of 81 gallons. Power is 120v AC and 12 v DC. Fresh water capacity of 300 gallons and holding tank of 100 gallons.

The steel hull stem is curved with moderate flair and the transom is slightly rounded with the tumble home design. Hull-to-deck joint is welded and the superstructure is steel with venting cabin windows. There are two rows of lifelines, stainless steel bow rail, welded steel toe rails and scuppers from the cockpit and decks that drain overboard. Deck lines are yacht braid. Interior is wood with one head port forward.

Propulsion is Detroit Diesel 3-71N, 3 cylinders inline, 113 hp. Cooling system is a closed fresh water reservoir with heat exchanger and raw water cooled exhausts. Fuel tank under the salon sole.

Steering system is hydraulic. VHF – West Marine Zephyr; Uniden UM 380; West Marine VHF 500. Garmin GPS Map 498 and 6-inch Ritchie Compass.

Safety Equipment (USCG Approved): Six Type 1 PDFs for Children and 20 Type 1 PDFs for Adults; 7 throwable cushions and 4 throwable life rings; fire extinguishers; flare kits; bell; FCC license. Twelve person life raft with strobe; bilge water alarm; manual whale pump fire extinguishing system; three first aid kits and a life sling. Aft bilge pumps are manual whale type.

Steel masts with wooden booms and sails for Jib, Fore and Main. Includes fairly new sail covers for all sails

A marine survey was last conducted May 10, 2014 by Waters Edge Marine Survey, LLC from Sandusky, Ohio. The overall vessel rating was “Above Average” and based on the BUC Used Boat Price Guide, the Fair Market Value was established at \$105,600 in May 2014.

The untimely death of the captain in early 2016 has kept the Journey in dry storage since the Fall 2015 to current. Camp Patmos ([www.camppatmos.com](http://www.camppatmos.com)) of Kelleys Island has clear title to the schooner and desires to sell quickly. No reasonable offer will be refused. Contact Gary L. Hoffman, 330.523.9007 (email: [hoffmeister54@gmail.com](mailto:hoffmeister54@gmail.com)) for additional information.

## ARTICLES NEEDED

Your articles are needed for each issue of the Shipmate. If you find something interesting, probably other members would find it of interest also. Send you electronic copies of your newsletter, photos or anything else to [gilsonsd@aol.com](mailto:gilsonsd@aol.com). Written copies can be sent to the address on the last page of the Shipmate.

— Steve



Hunters Family 2006 David, Bethan, Lynn & Carrys, Neil, Megan, Lewis



Neil Hunter's new vessel now docked in Pembroke, Wales, England.



Sharon & Ron Waizman, Kari Immonen, Timo Oikarinen, and Huitula Aaro. We held a meeting, Neil with his boat coming to Finland for Summer-Winter-Summer. If the Lord willing, 2018. Picture: Jouni & Marianne Rönkä.



This Anna Immonen liked very much with the Captain Timo Oikarinen.

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## Kia Orana & Bula!

There is a saying: "The carried water does not stay in the well". The same thing is with God's call to His service. Preachers, elders, and many other great well meaning friends can be very good in trying to recruit people to join in a variety of the services that are in need of help.

However, if God was not the first one to make the initiative within the heart of the individual's inner world for the calling, which is intended just to him, then any other pumped up enthusiasm can easily dry up just as a plant growing without the proper profound roots.

Human recruiting's basic problem is that it does not suitably sit tailor-made for the lasting harmony of the life's balanced walk, which only the living Lord God of the Harvest will primarily ensure to everyone He calls. Matt. 11: 30 "For My yoke is easy, and My burden is light."

In fact, a person chosen by God may have to face truly interesting trials in his calling, by the body of the bureaucrats from outside, who are always interested in organizing there, where the activities of the Holy Spirit have already begun to work.

In this carnion world, the over the top strongman fault is not uncommon, unfortunately, in the spiritual life but with a deadly touch.

Overweening pride is not spirituality, and God's thoughts and ways are not human. In the loving will of the Father God, the Holy Spirit sent calling of the Lord of the Harvest, has never been meant to be so close to the earth that, "Give your life to the Lord, and after that you do exactly so as we tell you to do".

God's call from heaven is an act of His own personal choice. It is based on the central conscious experiences of the two in the holy sacred deep love of the Lord, no other motive is pleasing to God. He works through the internal human path. It is not possible for outsiders to comprehend it, nor can they be able to do the same thing in the same way.

Neil Hunter from Wales contacted me years ago, he and his wife, and their five children came to our home in Finland, last April Neil made a visit alone. He built from the zero point his own steel hull motor sailing vessel. Over time, most of the children are already away from home, married, and now grandchildren.

Neil has a steady sound call in his heart to serve the Lord in the central key parts of the Pacific Ocean's archipelagos for the benefit of the gospel. Everyone going out there needs a great deal of patience in love, genuine humility before the Heavenly Father, where the life with Jesus is never to regret by His called one, nor ever boring. Thank God!

The financial costs of the missions are serious. Paul made the tents. Neil Hunter has his own taxi firm. In total, the mission boat work on the earth's most uttermost parts cannot be built solely on the offering bucket money. Because of the constantly recurring recessions in this unstable world, the funds have to be made down on the field. It will be very miserable, if one bargains in the lack of the funds the ship condition and the crew safety. Every year, ships and people there go under the waves.

We still pray for 1. Fiji for tuna fishing, marketing right to Japan. A long-line-fishing vessel is needed. 2. For the mission boats the Mission Marina, the home-base as the boat harbour on Penhryn, Cook Islands.

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## **ELECTIONS 2017**

Annette Sasser, John Sasser and Deb Gilson were the only members nominated to serve the three year term as Board Members. Therefore they are automatically elected.

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