

# SHIPMATE

Newsletter of the Christian Boaters Association

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

## CHRISTIAN BOATER'S ASSOCIATION 2019 CONFERENCE

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Thursday Dinner - Sunday Breakfast

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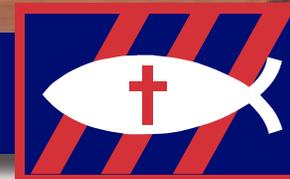
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# The Value and Power of Prayer



## Greetings In The Name of Jesus/Yahshua!

Many years ago, the Lord began to speak to me concerning the power and value of having a constant, continuous prayer life. It was so strong upon my heart that I found myself praying all the time.

On Saturday evenings I would drive across town to the church I attended and pray alone in the empty sanctuary. On Sunday mornings I again arrived early to pray, declaring God's Word throughout the sanctuary. I drove to the same church on Tuesday evenings to pray with the intercessory prayer groups I organized and led. Again, I prayed early before the weekly Wednesday Bible studies. I also joined to pray with others across our city. I was radical about prayer!

I was so radical that I even prayed when I drove most anywhere. I had designated, set apart prayer times in my home. I prayed at our Seafood dock where I worked, in the grocery store (under my breath) and just generally anywhere I went. I prayed in the Spirit and with the understanding. Most always I spent time giving thanks and praise to the Lord before I made my requests known. But because I was "a praying man" I knew the Lord heard the "spur of the moment" requests as well.

Don't get me wrong I am still "a praying man". But I've come to realize that circumstances and situations of "life" can easily distract us from remembering (and believing) the value and power of having a "radical" prayer life. Prayer can become a sideline (when needed) instead of a constant, continuous heart of "communication" with God's Holy Spirit.

Last Sunday our oldest granddaughter (Anna) was running about a mile from where she lives in the country with her husband and three teen-age daughters. She ran the same path she normally runs – down the dirt road, and then through the edge of a cotton field that borders a wooded area. She didn't have earplugs in but was listening to music on her phone, which she carried in her hand. She heard a sound and glanced over her shoulder. A few hundred yards away she saw a huge wild dog moving toward her growling. She tried to act nonchalant but picked up her pace. She tried to phone her husband but couldn't reach him. When she heard the

dog began to bark, she glanced back, and five more dogs had joined it. She knew instantly it was a pack of wild dogs. She barely remembers darting into the woods and somehow getting partially up a tree. There is only one neighbor on the road where they live.

Although they are not closely acquainted, they have exchanged phone numbers in case of emergencies. With shaking hands Anna dialed the neighbor's number and the lady answered on the first ring. Anna whispered her situation and location. Within three minutes the neighbor and her husband found Anna and got her safely in the backseat of their truck.

When Annette and I heard what had happened we felt a momentary cold feeling sweep over us-thinking about what could have happened. But instantly we were reminded of a specific prayer we pray most every day: "Father, in the Name of Yahshua, we pray that you would cause us and our children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren – our descendants – to love good (You, Yahweh) and hate all evil all the days of our lives. We pray that you would keep each one of us safe from the hand of the evil and ungodly. We pray that today none of us will harm anyone or anything, and that no one or anything will harm any of us."

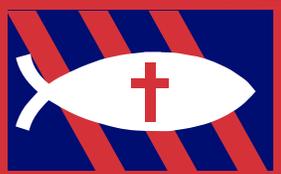
The incident with Anna has increased the urgency we have felt in these days to press into a radical prayer life as never before. I believe that we all need an even greater revelation of how to pray valuable (fervent) and powerful (Faith filled) prayers - constantly, continuously – in the Spirit and with the understanding. (I Cor. 14:15)

We obediently pray... and then we trust the Lord... no matter what happens. Prayer is our connection – our lifeline to God's promises. Please keep us in prayer – Annette lost her only sister (very close) a few weeks ago.

### Board Nominees - Bill Nicole and Tim Jesek

Anchored in the One Who died for me,  
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*May the God of Peace fill you with all joy and peace, as you trust in Him  
So that you may overflow with Hope by the Power of the Holy Spirit." (Rom. 15:13)*



## The “Zebulun’s” Progress September 2019

This summer the Mursea Missions Boat shed kept us busy, which included opening the big building’s doors at 5 a.m. to capture the cool night air. It was really hot in the Lewis and Clark Valley Port of Clarkston on the Snake River in Washington.

When visitors would stop by to ask questions and take some pictures, they would hear also hear the reason boats like this one are needed to do relief work with the gospel and especially for the remote islands.

We recently had a board meeting in the boat shed. We saw paper work of how Pop Yachts markets boats for sale. We saw that besides the U.S.A., some viewers were from far away like China, Canada, Sweden, Australia, Uruguay, Kazakhstan and more. You can Google the site: Pop Yachts sailboat 96’ and it will come up.

The Port of Clarkston has increased business by docking and support for the big cruise ships that come up river through the 8 dams. We can walk to the docks from our boat shed, visit people and leave some gospel tracts as well.

The Lewis and Clark sailing club has grown with members who are avid trailer cruising folks. They trailer their boats in groups to the lakes around the North West as well as over to the San Juan and Gulf Island in the ocean. New folks can be encouraged to sail by this group. Some have joined CBA and we hope more will want to. In God’s Navy, Loren & Georgia Murphy.

### ISLANDER EVANGELISTIC MINISTRIES, INC.

The “Scintilla” (the newest addition to the IEM fleet) Is A Custom-Made Vessel. The Forward Section Is Sailboat Design. The Rest Is A Trawler. She Is 65’ X 15’, 75’ Overall. She Was Donated to the Ministry by Captain John & Annette Sasser, Captain Ray Bideaux



Pictured (from l to r) Michael dye, Captain Terry Hatt, Captain John & Annette Sasser - I E M Vessel “Scintilla”, which is now moored on the Steinhatchee river.

Several have been involved with this vessel. We appreciate everyone. We plan on using it in several areas of ministry. Please pray for us as we seek direction from the Lord in all that we do. We currently have three sailboats, and now this trawler that are being used in Islander Evangelistic Ministries, Inc.

We still have work that needs to be done in repairs and upgrades before our next voyage. These boats are used to carry much-needed humanitarian aid and

hurricane and storm relief into the Islands – mainly Haiti. Then they serve as a platform to evangelize for our teams. People are always asking us what we need to carry into Haiti. One thing we really need in our churches is a musical instrument. Accordions make great instruments since they have good volume and do not require electricity. We need most any string instrument. If you have anything you think we could use, please contact us.

Here is a summary of the past weeks and months accomplishments by the help of your faithful prayer and support. We passed nearly five months at sea and Ile a Vache, delivering much needed aid. We were able to build another church/community center at Ile a Vache, which makes three churches now on the island, twelve associate churches through our national Pasteur/ Directeur St. Luc Noel on the mainland. We were able to purchase some motorcycles for much needed inland transportation and some reservoirs to catch rainwater for times of storms and droughts. We were also able to help one of our ordained Pastors and family by purchasing a house and property. There is much more we could mention. This was all done because of prayers and giving toward all these needs.

In closing, may the peace of God and Fair Winds be with you, Captain/Pastor Ray Bideaux (raymondbideaux@icloud.com)



## Swimming Machines

By: Bill Nicol

Captain Dave's boat cruises for "special" kids is a 501 C3 Non-profit charitable organization that gives free boat cruises and

When out to sea did you ever wonder about the biology of the creatures swimming and flying around you? When consuming these delicious creatures did you ever take a close look at the structures that make up these animals? Did you ever wonder what the function of these structures might be?

Tunas, mackerels, and billfishes swim continuously feeding, courting, reproducing, and even resting while in constant motion. As a result, practically every aspect of their body form and function is adapted to enhance their ability to swim.

The swimming feats of Tunas and billfishes are amazing. They routinely cover a vast distance in their annual migrations. One northern Blue-fin tuna (*Thunnus/thynnus*, our pictured fish) was tagged southeast of Japan and re-captured off the Pacific coast of Baja California, Mexico. It swam a distance of 6700 miles. Most other tunas and billfishes also make long distance migrations easily covering 40 miles per day despite their constant change in direction in search of food. Tunas and billfishes are primarily endurance swimmers, adapted for sustained high-speed cruising, but are also accomplished sprinters, able to make blistering high-speed bursts.

The fastest fish of all is the Indo Pacific sailfish, which can exceed 70 mph for short periods. Several large species can reach 50 mph. Some smaller species are just as fast for their size. Most are so fast that they can easily outdistance most of their prey. Their phenomenal speed was created not so much to catch prey, which they could do at slower speeds, but to compete with schoolmates. The first one to the prey, after all, gets the meal.

Many of the adaptations of these fishes serve to reduce water resistance. Interestingly enough, several of these hydrodynamic adaptations resemble features designed to improve the aerodynamics of high-speed aircraft. Though human engineers are new to the game,

tunas and their relatives were given their high-tech designs long ago.

Tunas, mackerels, and billfishes have sleek and compact bodies and have made streamlining into an art form. The body shapes of tunas are nearly ideal from an engineering point of view. Most species lack scales over most of the body, making it smooth and slippery. The eyes lie flush with the body and do not protrude at all. They are also covered with a slick, transparent lid that reduces drag. The fins are stiff, smooth and narrow, which also helps cut drag. When not in use, the fins are tucked into special grooves or depressions so that they lie flush with the body and don't break up its smooth contours. Airplanes retract landing gear while in flight for the same reason.

These fishes have even more complex adaptations to improve their hydrodynamics. The long bill of marlins, sailfishes, and swordfish probably helps them slip through the water. Many supersonic aircraft have a similar needle at the nose that is used for this and other reasons.

Most tunas and billfishes have a series of keels and finlets near the tail. Although they are largely scale less, tunas and mackerels have a patch of coarse scales near the head called a corselet (see figure). The keels, finlets, and corselet help direct the flow of water over the body surface in such a way as to reduce resistance. Tunas have to swim to breathe. Since they are always swimming they simply have to open their mouths and water is forced in an over their gills. They also must keep swimming in order to prevent sinking, since most have small swim bladders or none at all. The swim bladder is used for buoyancy control in the same manner that scuba divers use their buoyancy compensators.

One potential problem is that opening the mouth to breath detracts from the streamlining of these fishes and tends to slow them down. Some species of tuna have specialized grooves in their tongue. It is thought that these grooves help to channel water through the mouth and out the gill slits to reduce water resistance.

There are adaptations that increase the amount of forward thrust as well as those to reduce drag. Again,

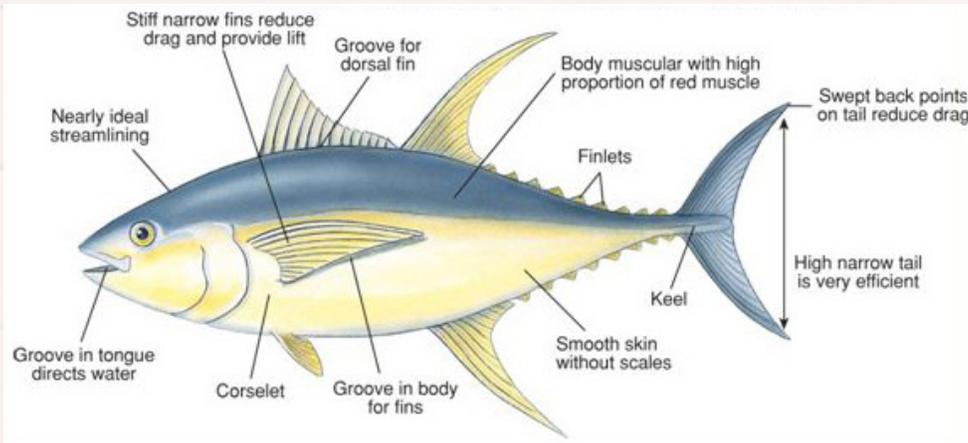
# God's Spectacular Creations Cont.

these fishes are the envy of engineers. Their high and narrow tails with sweptback tips are almost perfectly adapted to provide propulsion with the least possible effort. Perhaps most important to these and other fast swimmers is their ability to sense and make use of swirls and eddies in the water. They can slide past eddies that would slow them down and then gain extra thrust by pushing off the eddies. The racecar driver who slipstreams and then slingshots pass a leading car uses much the same physics principles, but not nearly as well. Scientists and engineers are beginning to study this ability of fishes in the hope of designing more efficient propulsion systems for ships. A bulbous structure found at the bow of many modern ships is one such adaptation

to reduce drag. This adaptation came from the study of whales.

The muscles of these fishes and the mechanism that maintains a warm body temperature are also highly efficient. A blue-fin tuna in water of 45°F can maintain a core temperature of over 77°F. This warm body temperature helps not only the muscles, but also the brain and eyes work better. The billfishes and others have gone one step further. They have special "heaters" of modified muscle tissue called the rete mirabile that warm the eyes and brain, maintaining peak performance of these critical organs. This structure is the elongated dark meat that you see along the spinal column in fish such as salmon.

So the next time that you are enjoying your tuna fish sandwich or a delicious Yellow-fin tuna dinner, I hope you will have a deeper appreciation for how spectacular our Creator is. If you were to take an even deeper look inside a tuna fish and look at the cellular structure and its enormous complexity you would have to take a deep breath and say that our God is truly phenomenal.



## REQUEST FOR CAPTAIN

Zeus Ebio has requested I ask the CBA Family if anyone with a 200 Ton Capt's license, might be able to volunteer to captain the Amazing Grace during her sea trials and eventually for her Medical outreaches to the isolated coastal people of the Sea of Cortez. His email is [zeus.ebio@gmail.com](mailto:zeus.ebio@gmail.com). The ship is based in Mazatlán and has just been refitted to the degree that she is now legally a new hull. You can read more about the ministry on Facebook [Amazinggracemaritimemusdions.com](https://www.facebook.com/Amazinggracemaritimemusdions.com)  
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# Capt. David Chin Update

## *Report: Captain David Chin Mid-Atlantic Director*

It's been a difficult year for Commodore, and founder David Chin, as he and first mate, Terry Chin continues to serve the Lord faithfully.

In August of this year, my Mother, Jade, lost her year and a half battle with Lung Cancer, (never smoked). She was just shy of her 83rd birthday. We were blessed that my younger sister, Lauren, took on the primary role of caregiver, which allowed me to concentrate on the financial and estate matters for the family. With my Mom's death came a glimmer of hope. My Father is now seeking answers regarding eternity and his destiny. Consequently, the distractions and consuming work of estate settlement has made my professional work more stressful. Prayers are welcome as I navigate this passage of life and all the demands that accompany this journey.

A joy has been the acquisition of a Havanese Poodle from an Amish farmer, and "BearBear" is now a year old. He's been breathing new life into "HunterDog", our old English Yellow Lab, of 12 yrs who has lovingly adopted this bundle of energy and tolerated and shared all he has with this little guy. They are great together and certainly both benefit from the company.

I've replaced our old and very tired "Zodiac" (Her tubes held up, but her wooden transom rotted out) with a new RIB with fiberglass hull. Naturally we just had to upgrade the little 6HP with a new two cylinder 8hp four-stroker that the dealer gave me for his cost. While I understand it's merely a matter of changing fuel jets to increase the HP to 9.8, I'll consider that carb mod after the warranty runs out. As we could earlier barely fight a tidal current, she should be capable of planing with more than the pilot on board now! "REV-elation II" is looking for a new mother ship, as also, our VAM2 Flagship, "Genesis", which is growing considerably long in her years, with more and more issues surfacing, and increased capabilities even more and more in demand.

We are praying for another shoal draft, or even better, a true thin-water cruiser to be acquired by VAM2. - Perhaps a Southerly, Shannon Shoal Sailor,

or even a Seaward. Any of these draw only a few feet of water allowing us to hosts retreats in secluded gunk holes no other sail craft can venture. Working with Yacht Brokers has been enlightening, but few seem to be enlightened by the Lord enough to introduce me to the owners of the boats, to ascertain if a discount or even a donation could be considered to support our sailing ministry.

Meanwhile, I continue to share CBA and the resources of VAM2 and our outreach ministry through our church, James River Baptist Church, and with local non-profits. Earlier in October, we supported "Heart for Orphans" at their annual Fund Raiser by donating a "Sunset Sail on the York River" which was auctioned off to raise several hundred dollars towards the rescue of aged out orphans and their introduction to Christ in Europe. There are fewer and fewer active yachtsmen and women, as many are aging out of the lifestyle. Yet I am continually introduced to potential young "Joshua's" to come alongside and help run and manage our little ministry boat (a Hunter 240). Our work has stretched from the Lower York and James Rivers bordering the Lower Peninsula, and beyond onto the Eastern Shore of VA - meeting, boating, and fishing with friendships being developed along Rt. 13. They are all HEARING "THE STORY . . .

VAM2's "S4" (Second Sunday Spirited Sails) continue to be a high-demand Sailing Season monthly activity. Nearly every second Sunday, we find the boat hosting her complement out for a recreational sail to often secular mixed with spirit-filled friends.

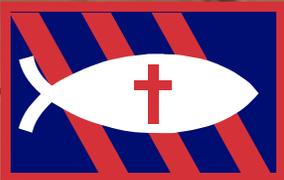
Friends of CBA, you have no idea how special the work we do on boats, and what a gift He has given us to share. May He keep you, your going out, and coming in, now and forevermore. Psalm 121.

In His boat! <><

**David R. Chin**

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# CBA Member Reports Cont.

*From Glen and Linda Smith*

## *Jesus has just opened yet another ministry door to Pastor Eberzon and Roxana's Team.*

- They are pastoring a bilingual Christian Church.
- Then there is The Spiritual Adventures of Roxana & Friends, Ministry.
- The Public School Board has invited them to Teach Bible to all grades. PTL!
- Every student will receive a Spanish bible.



## *Bible Promotion Report in the Andes Mountains of Ayacucho*

This work of promoting the use of the Bible is very important to reach all those who have never heard the gospel message before, like in this village of Molinuyoq. There are a number of public schools in the area that are open for us to teach the Bible as part of the Religious Education curriculum.

The children in this school don't even know that the Bible exists let alone have even seen one. They have no knowledge of the God of creation or how it came about. Some text books mention evolution but most is speculation.

That's why we always start the classes by reading the first few chapters of Genesis then showing them the video. This is really an eye opener as they see and hear how God made everything in the beginning.

After the presentation of Genesis, there are always questions since all this is new to these students. They are excited and captivated by the thought that God made them in His image and loves them. This is the power of the Word of God! Then we teach them what all is in the Bible and all the books of the Old Testament and the New. The teachers are excited to see their pupils read the Scriptures out loud in front of others.

It is very important to teach them all about Jesus and why He came and fulfilled the promises in the Old Testament and died for our sins on the cross. Many have seen a crucifix but have never understood it or why Christ died and what it means to them. Now they need to respond.

They do this by holding up the Bibles we gave them. In many classes we have the opportunity to pray with the students. They not only pray for themselves but also for their parents and other family members.

We also get the students to write about what they have learned from the Bible. One girl said that she was going to read the Bible to her parents. "Maybe God can change their lives also." Pray for these children and their families. That many more will come to Christ and lives will be changed by the power of the Holy Spirit. Also that they will grow in their newfound faith and share Christ with others.

We have many opportunities like these to share in the public schools but need more Bibles. Thank you for your prayers. We, as well as the students, really appreciate it.

*May God Bless You Richly: Eberzon and Roxana Espinoza*

### PRAY ESPECIALLY FOR:

**Ollie & Bonnie Teeter** – As they continue as caretakers for Ollie's Aunt Joan. Surgery on Ollie's wrist November 8th. Bonnie recent eye surgery. Ollie's book that should be published in 2020.

**George and Karen Woods** – As George continues to fully recover from having Open Heart Surgery in August, 2019.

**Keith McFarlane** and all those who will accompany him on different legs of an Aliyah Trip planned for the spring of 2020.

CBA Conference, the board and advisors, and direction as we soon enter into the new year of 2020.

**LET US PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER!**

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