



# THE CLAIBORNE CLARION

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## Note the Date:

### August 2:

Work Day at the Hall  
8:30 a.m. is start time

### August 9:

Association Board Meeting  
7 p.m. at the Hall  
One and all are welcome

### August 27:

Annual Claiborne Picnic  
5:00 p.m. – Maple Hall  
(Steve Friedberg's home)  
Rain or shine



## RENNY'S PAINTING OF TILGHMAN CREEK

### The Boats of Tilghman Creek

Tilghman Creek is a very special place for the people of Claiborne. It was the “front door” of old Claiborne and the home of commercial lumber and watermen activity for many years. Watermen still use Cockey’s Landing to bring their catch to market. Today, however, the Creek is the home of the Claiborne fleet of pleasure and work boats. We asked Renny Johnson if he could capture the beauty of the Creek and of the Claiborne boats that sail in it. The result is the spectacular painting shown above. Using artistic license, Renny “unwinds” the creek and makes its entire transit visible to an on observer on Priscilla and Tenny’s lawn looking down the creek past the Kabler’s and through the marks and opening onto the Miles River. Renny’s work captures the entire fleet when painted in 2013. Every boat is special to its owner(s) and every boat has a story.

## August Birthdays

- 1 - John Scott
- 2 – Mo McHugh
- 4 – Jim Richardson
- 8 – Sally Cockey
- 10 – Tyler Murphy
- 13 – Kari Walker
- 14 - Bill Sewell
- 18 - Jack Harrald
- 27 - Kirke Harper
- 30 – Colby Walker

## Claiborne Village Association – General Meeting

The Claiborne Village Association will hold its general meeting on August 27<sup>th</sup> at the Claiborne Picnic.

If you are not already a member of the Village Association, please consider joining. Annual dues: \$5 per adult; no cost for children.

Be sure to join us for updates on the Village Hall and election of board members.



Brian & Cece Boos on Cat Kin



(continued)

In the foreground, we see *Fiasco*, a 1992 27' Hunter jointly owned by the Harralds and Harpers, purchased in 2012 by Judy and Kirke for a bag of cash. The name is derived from a memorable evening in Florence that involved a large jug (or Fiasco) of wine.

Underway from Cockey's Landing is Bill Sewell's 42' Chesapeake Bay workboat, appropriately named *Alice*. Originally named *Scott R* when it was built on Hoopers Island in 1973, the wooden workboat was renamed by Bill when he bought her in 1993. Here Renny takes some artistic leeway since Bill is typically underway well before the sailors are out and about!

Moored at the Maple Hall dock (now moored at Shirley Cockey's dock) is Jake Flory's *Island Lady*, a 40' Bay Built Charter Boat, built in 1970 by Francis O'Neal in Wingate, MD. *Island Lady* was operated on Kent Island by the Sadler family until it was purchased by Jake in 2010.

Phil and Sarah Sayre are sailing in *Dulcibella*, a 1985 Catalina 22 formerly owned by the Harralds/Harpers (a.k.a. *Pentimento*), and Tom Beaver (named *Ripple*). *Spartina*, the Sayre's elegant 1984 Southern Cross 39 is absent from the painting since it spends the summer in Florida.

Jim Richardson and Martha Hamlyn are sailing outbound preparing for their next cruising adventure on *Togwotee*, a classic 1964 35' Allied Seabreeze that has been in Jim's family since 1967. Its name means "from here you can go anywhere" and is taken from the name of a pass in the Grand Teton mountains.

In the distance, Brian Boos and Cece can be seen returning to Tilghman Creek after sailing on the Miles in *CAT KIN* their 18' Marshall Sanderling Cat Boat built in 1979.

The Kabler's Claiborne Yacht Club is, as usual, the site of much activity. The grand lady of the fleet and veteran of many local races, Hugh Kabler's *Inka*, a vintage 1967 Triton 28' is leaving its mooring. Accompanying *Inka* is *Terroir*, a Bristol 35 owned by Brad and Catherine Campbell and a frequent competitor in the Saturday morning Herring Island races. At the Kabler's dock are Renny Johnson's *Solo*, a Freedom 21 and John Scott's *Wooshketon*, A Catalina 32'. The unique name honors John's Tlingit heritage. The painting captures the Creek in 2013. Since Renny completed the painting, *Inka* has been pulled and is on the hard at Mike Kabler's. *Wooshketon* is gone, replaced by an Alberg 30 also named *Wooshketon*, and more recently by *Trickster*, a *Herreschoff CatKetch 31*. The most significant addition, of course, was the introduction of *Claiborne Ferry*, a fast J30 that can be seen racing on the Miles. If you have not seen the painting, drop by the Harrald's and do so. It is great art...and also a part of our Claiborne history.

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**Who is that suave and sophisticated couple on the left?**

## GUEST EDITORS NEEDED

The Clarion is in need of editors for January through June. If you are interested please contact Rob Todd (240-285-2309) or [robert10431@outlook.com](mailto:robert10431@outlook.com).

Guest editors for upcoming months are: September- Harpers, October-Florys, November-Martha Hamlyn, December- Gregorios.

## HISTORICAL WRITINGS

(Flo Burdett)

Included with this month's online Clarion are three historical writings shared by **Flo Burdett** and which Pete Gregorio has placed on our website.

One piece was written in 1898 about Flo's great-grandfather, Captain Joseph S. Harrison. The second piece describes a submarine incident in Charleston and the third is about Poplar Island and was compiled by a friend, Bonnie Messick.

The links to the website: [Claibornemd.org](http://Claibornemd.org)  
Click on the button at the top of the page – "Historical Writings"

There will also be hard copies of the three to be kept in the Village Hall.

**CLIMATE CHANGE DISCUSSION:** Thanks to John Scott and Mike Kuperberg for bringing these two experts to Claiborne! (with snacks and good company as well)



Dr. Don Wuebbles speaking to the Claiborne neighbors about climate change and its effect on our area.

(right) Chuck Fox speaking to the Claiborne community about the impact of human actions on our planet and what we can do to adapt to coming changes and what we can do to minimize the change.

