NIGHTHAWK:

THE BLACK-HULLED SAILING YACHT ONCE SERVED AS THE SENTINEL OF URBANNA CREEK

By Larry S. Chowning

This 1940s postcard shows the sailing yacht "Nighthawk" under sail in Urbanna Creek. From the early 1930s until 1947, Urbanna was home to the wooden sailing schooner.

photo courtesy of Roy Bowman

Although Deltaville with its many creeks is most certainly the center of recreational boating today in Middlesex County, there was a time when Urbanna and its deep-water harbor rivaled them all.

Just before and after World War II, locals began to see yachtsmen coming from Richmond and elsewhere. Such names as the "Nighthawk," "Quail," and "Hummingbird" had other meanings besides birds that fly. They were all names of legendary yachts on Urbanna Creek that left a lasting impression on those who remember them.

The Nighthawk was perhaps the most famous. The sailing yacht was owned by H.V. Balwin, owner of a major dry goods store on Hull Street in Richmond.

The boat was moored in the creek, just off from where Queen's Anne's Cove condominiums are today. For about 15 years, Nighthawk stood as the sentinel to the mouth of the creek.

Balwin hired a local man, Willie Buck, as her captain and he was at the helm whenever the Balwin family came to town for leisure, or to race the large sailing yacht Quail.

Captain Buck was from Guinea Neck in Gloucester County and obviously had sailing experience. "Willie Buck was a sailing man," said 95-year-old Dr. A.L. VanName, a longtime Urbanna physician who now lives in Roanoke. "I knew him more as our town policeman, but he captained several of the large yachts that started coming to Urbanna in the 1930s."

After the infamous August Storm of 1933, Carl Dize brought his family from Tangier Island to Urbanna to live. He said the first thing that met him and his family at the mouth of Urbanna Creek immediately after the storm was the black hull of the Nighthawk.

The August storm flooded Tangier Island and many moved from the island to higher ground. Urbanna's high banks and its closeness to the fertile Rappahannock River oyster grounds made it a very attractive spot for Tangiermen searching for a safer home where they could also make a living.

"She was right there when we came into the creek," said Dize, who later worked aboard the boat in the spring with Captain Buck. "Willie Buck and Landon Marston would sail her to New York every year, up through Cape Henry and up the beach (Atlantic Coast)."

Dize said that in the spring he would help Buck paint and varnish the boat. "I mean that boat was kept up nice before World War II," he said.

One year, someone stole the Nighthawk and she was found at Cape Henry, as she was sailing into the ocean. "I remember that," said Dize. "It was the talk of the town."

The Balwins were active in the Urbanna Sailing Association that was formed in 1939. It was the sailing club that eventually became Fishing Bay Yacht Club of Deltaville.

The Nighthawk was used on race committee duty for the cruising division during the association's Virginia Sailing Regatta in 1944 off Urbanna, stated an article on the schooner by Jere Dennison.

The vessel was also conscripted in World War II and participated in the war effort. The Nighthawk, under the command of the United States Coast Guard, earned a gallant record under sail in hunting down submarine wolf packs, which were destroying Allied shipping off the Virginia Capes, said Dennison.

Everyone from that era remembers the black-hulled yacht at the mouth of Urbanna Creek. Dorothy Lee of Urbanna recalls rowing by it in a skiff. "You couldn't take your eyes off it," she recalls. "It was just that beautiful."

In 1947, Nighthawk was sold to a man in New York City. Captain Buck and then 17-year-old Richard Marshall sailed the vessel to its new homeport. It would never return to Urbanna. It was an experience of a lifetime for Marshall, the current co-owner of Marshall's Drug Store in Urbanna.

"By then, the Nighthawk was not in real good shape," said Marshall. "She was used pretty hard in World War II and she didn't get the care she had gotten before the war." They started the trip but had

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to return to Urbanna for repairs and then started again.

"A man from New York bought it and he sent a friend down to be with the boat," said Marshall. "We went outside (in the ocean), and the first night outside we moored off Hog Island. The anchor didn't hold and we woke up in shallow water on our side. We waited for high tide and were able to get going again.

"One evening, we were south of the mouth of Delaware Bay and I awoke during the night," continued Marshall. "The other fellow was at the helm. When I went up top, he told me to take the helm because he was going below and get some sleep.

"I had never sailed anything like that before and it was amazing out there with the sun coming up and the sails catching the wind," Marshall recalls with fondness.

When they got to New York City, the two men delivered the boat, and Captain Buck caught a bus back home to Urbanna. Marshall stayed by himself and went to see the New York Giants play the Pittsburgh Pirates.

After the game, Marshall caught a bus back to Urbanna. "It was an amazing trip," said Marshall. "I didn't think twice about going to the game by myself and getting around New York. I guess it was a different world."

It is a different world, especially in Urbanna since the days when the Nighthawk guarded the mouth of Urbanna Creek.

For about 15 years, Urbanna Creek was home to the black-hulled "Nighthawk," one of the early sailing yachts in the area. It was owned by a Richmond businessman and captained by the late Willie Buck of Urbanna.

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The dance is being put on and organized by Teri Luckham Haskiell of Deltaville, who was diagnosed with MS shortly after her 21st birthday.

The dinner and dance will be from 7 p.m. to midnight. There will be a dinner buffet and cash bar provided by the Beacon. Music will be provided by James Chapman, known as "DJ Bobo." There will also be a drawing for door prizes at the end of the night.

Tickets can be purchased for a tax deductible $30 by mailing check payable to "NMSS" to: Spring Dinner and Dance of Hope, P.O. Box 698, Deltaville, VA 23043, or they can be picked up at Main Street Chevron in Kilmarnock. For more information on tickets, corporate sponsorship or door prize donations, call 776-6778.

Oyster Fair due May 13

The annual Oyster Fair will be from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, May 13, at Christchurch School on Route 33 in Saluda. The event is sponsored by the Tidewater Oyster Gardeners Association (TOGA).

David Jasinski from the Virginia Institute of Marine Science (VIMS) will speak on "The Chesapeake Bay's Dead Zones: How They are Analyzed, Modeled, and Forecasted."

A TOGA Master Oyster Gardener (MOG) will present the highlights of his "Shoreline Restoration Project on the Poquoson River."

A panel of four MOGs will discuss their philosophies, motivation, and approaches to oyster growout and harvest.

The public is invited to come to the fair and discuss particular interests with experts from VIMS, VMRC, the Department of Health, and other oyster gardeners. This event also features exhibits, seed oyster sales, and the sale of oyster gardening supplies and equipment.

Registration ($10) is required. Those who register before April 30 will receive a free box lunch. Call Chan Chandler at 725-5898 or Jackie Partin at 694-4407 for more information.

Flotilla 62 to offer basic navigation

A basic coastal navigation course will be offered by U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 62 May 3 through June 21. Classes will be held at the Flotilla Training Center, Ball Park Road, Deltaville, every Wednesday evening from 7 to 9 p.m.

Please contact Ron Simon at 758-4053 or <ronan3@verizon.net> for the cost of course materials, future classes,meetingtimesorinformation about joining the Flotilla.

Beef roast set for June 3

The fifth annual Beef Roast sponsored by the Upper Lancaster Ruritan Club will be held June 3, from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Upper Lancaster Ruritan Center near Lively.

Food will be served from 5 to 7 p.m.

Entertainment will feature The Wayne T. Holt Band of Deltaville. Tickets are $15 for adults and $6 for children.

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Family Boat Building Week has June 1 deadline

Deltaville Maritime Museum will be holding its fourth Family Boat Building Week July 17-22.

Again this year museum officials are expecting up to 15 family groups to come to Holly Point Park to spend a busy and exciting five days building their own rowing skiff, which will be a replica of the 12-foot-long "Wright Skiff" that has been so successfully completed by about 40 happy families and friends in the last three summers.

Groups that choose to join the building gang will receive a kit of all the needed materials, building instructions and plenty of personal guidance from museum volunteers who will assist them through the whole construction process.

This year for the first time the museum will also offer a 14-foot boat kit. The cost of a 12-foot kit is $700, and the 14-foot kit is $900.

A small list of hand tools that must be provided by the builder group will be sent upon receipt of an application for the kit. A deposit is required with the application to secure a reserved kit. June 1 is the deadline for receiving applications.

The construction site will be on the grounds of Holly Point Nature Park adjacent to the museum's own boat building shed on the banks of Mill Creek off Jackson Creek. Pleasant lunches will be provided for a small additional fee, so there will be only a short disruption of the working day. Participants will be able to work on hours that suit the family, from early morning to late afternoon.

Working from Monday to Friday it is expected that participants will have a completed boat, with a coat of paint on it, if all goes well. Kaptain Krunch will paint the happy name that participants choose for their vessel on the stern so it can be recognized by all as the twilight row begins on Friday.

On Saturday there will be a grand launching party with prizes for the most successful categories. (And with Kaptain Krunch choosing the categories you can be sure that there will be something silly that everyone will be pleased to win.) On Saturday evening there will be a party with music and an inexpensive fish fry dinner prepared by the museum chefs.

Many building groups return for the fun of joining in our party a second time. There have been fathers and sons, fathers and daughters, grandpas and their grandkids, groups of high school students, and last year there was even a newlywed couple that built a particularly lovely boat together and even went away feeling happy with each other after a week of difficult work amid sun and sawdust. "So come and have your own unusual family adventure together," said a museum official.

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Oyster gardeners to meet

Northern Neck Oyster Gardeners Association will hold its spring information meeting at 9 a.m. Saturday, April 29, at Kilmarnock Baptist Church at 65 Church Street in Kilmarnock.

Laura McKay of the Department of Environmental Quality will talk about their efforts to provide updated information for oyster gardeners. They have been gathering up-to-date information on oyster types and their care, and now have a very informative booklet to discuss and distribute.

Vendors of equipment for gardening are invited. There is now a range of cage and float designs that make handling easier, and optimize growth.

Ken Kurkowski of the Middle Peninsula Aquaculture Company plans to have several strains of baby oysters.

Spring Fling due April 29

The Middlesex County Woman's Club "Spring Fling" event will offer perennials, herbs, shrubs, and decorative house plants for sale on Saturday, April 29, beginning at 9 a.m. At the same time there will also be a bake sale. All are invited to attend these events at the clubhouse in Urbanna.

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The club is at 640 Blueberry Point Road. The clinic will begin at 8:30 a.m. and conclude at 3 p.m.

There will be no cost to attend this program. To register, contact clinic coordinator Peggy Cathey at 438-6069. All necessary equipment will be provided by the club, including firearms, ammunition, and eye/ear protection. The clinic will feature training in the safe handling of pistols, rifles and shotguns to help participants learn the fundamentals of shooting in a relaxing and fun-filled environment.

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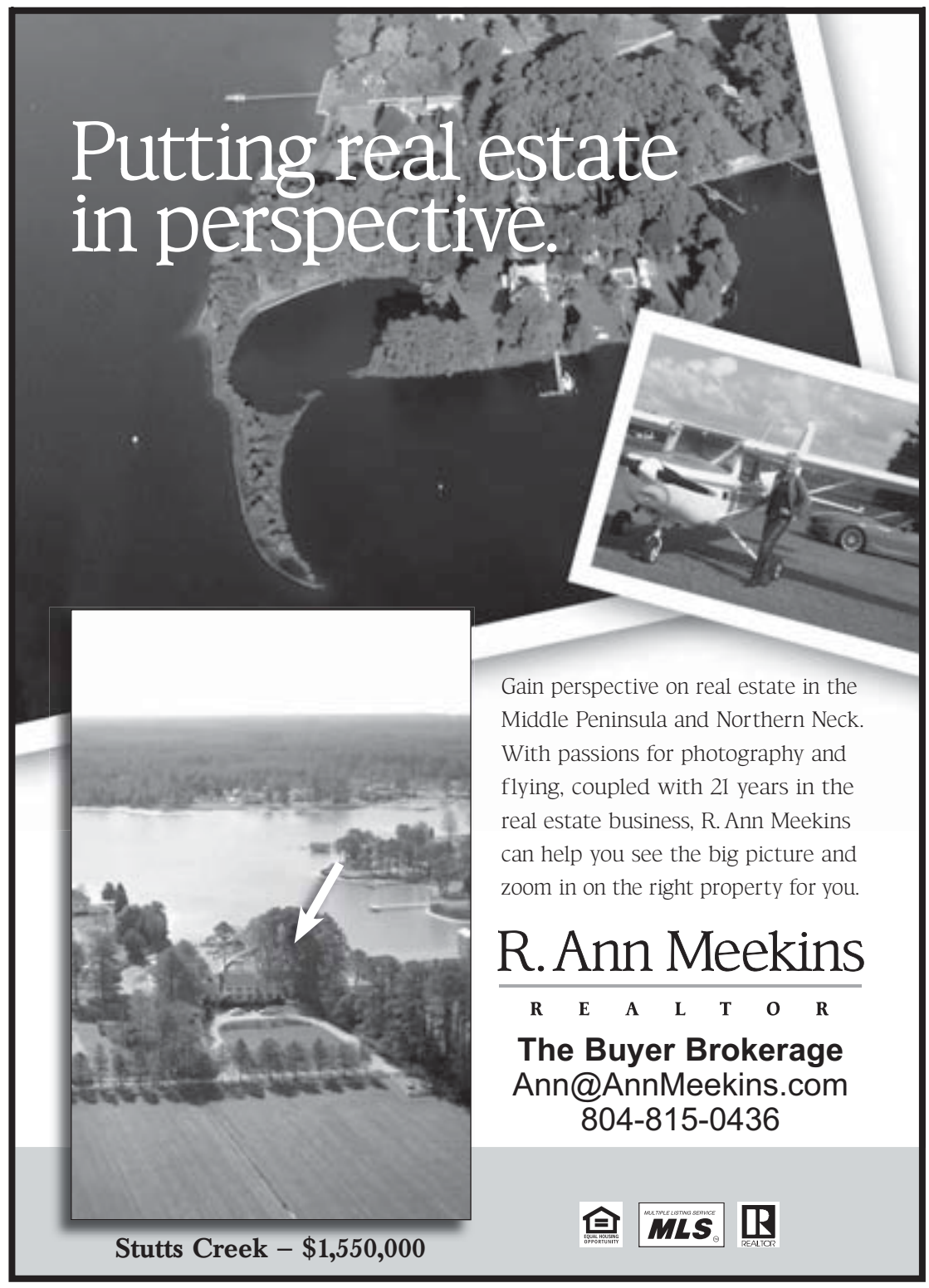

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Saturday will feature a full day of fun for the whole family with rowing and sailing races and general messabout. Saturday night will feature a pot-luck supper and barbecue.

Limited primitive camping is available.

Sunday activities are on-the-water until mid-afternoon. A new on-shore option is Art on the Half Shell held in Urbanna on Saturday, May 13.

Directions to Freeport are as follows: From the intersection of Route 33, Route 17 and Route 198 at Glenns, take Route 198 E (Glenns Road) 6.2 miles to Freeport in Gloucester County. Turn left on Freeport Road and go approximately a mile.

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Inn at Urbanna Creek Bed and Breakfast, 210 Watling Street, Urbanna. One spacious suite with sitting room and full bath with Jacuzzi; two connecting bedroom suites with full bath; smaller bedroom with full bath. Cottage out back. Rates: $85–$150. 758-4661.

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Bay Motel On Route 360 near Reedville. 20 air-conditioned rooms with cable television and free local phone calls; swimming pool. Rates: $65–$69. 453-5171.

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GrandView Bed and Breakfast, Reedville. Waterfront bed and breakfast on the Chesapeake Bay, close to Smith Island and Tangier cruises. Private pier, generous breakfast, wheelchair accessible. Rates: $80–$115. 453-3890. grandviewbb.freeyellow.com.

Lion's Den, Callao. One bedroom. $80-$95. Continental breakfast included on weekends only. 529-9674. lionsdenbandb.com.

Northumberland Motel On Route 360 in Callao. 11 air-conditioned rooms with cable television; daily/weekly/monthly rentals. Rates: $60–$65. 529-6370. northumberlandmotel.com.

The Pointe Bed and Breakfast in Burgess offers four bedrooms in a Victorian home on the Great Wicomico River. Spectacular views of the river are available from every angle. Breakfast served in the formal dining room or on the deck, dock or beach. 75-foot dock provides ample space for tie up. Dock master available on call. Rates: $105-$135. 453-4174. thepointebedandbreakfast.com.

Richmond

Chestnut Cove Bed and Breakfast, on Morattico Creek, 511 Oakley Lane, Farnham. Two guest rooms with private baths, full country break-fast and lunch. The home of Zekiah Glass, which offers two-day classes in creating stained glass for a separate fee. Rates: $60 and up. 394-3142.

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Westmoreland

Bell House Bed and Breakfast, 821 Irving Avenue. Alexander Graham Bell's Victorian summer place on the Potomac river. The Bell House offers four rooms, each with a private bath. Terry cloth robes, slippers, soothing oatmeal soaps, shampoo, conditioner, and hair dryers are provided. All reservations also include wine and cheese each evening from 5–6 p.m. and a full breakfast served from 8–9 a.m. Each room is $125.35 for single occupancy and $141.70 for double occupancy, including all taxes. 224-7000. thebellhouse.com

Days Inn 30 Colonial Avenue. 60 guest rooms, swimming pool, HBO and ESPN, Continental breakfast. Rates: $67–$90. 224-

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Doc's Motor Court 11 Irving Ave. Open May 28–September 15. 13 guest rooms. Virtually unchanged since Herbert "Doc" Caruthers opened the doors in 1948. Even the neon sign is original. Beach front. 224-7840. docsmotel.com

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Inn at Montross 21 Polk Street. The inn was completely renovated in 1997 with many of the original 1790's red heart pine floors being uncovered and restored. The five guest rooms on the second floor have private bathrooms, queen size beds, climate control and space for personal belongings. They are decorated in colonial era tones. Full breakfast included. Rates: $110–$120. 493-0573. innatmontross.com.

Mount Holly Steamboat Inn 3673 Cople Hwy. Five guest rooms all have a waterfront view of Nomini Bay and private baths, air-conditioning and comfortable furnishings. Full breakfast is served 8–9 a.m. in the Piano Room. Saturday guests have the option to sleep in and enjoy the Sunday brunch buffet beginning at 11 a.m. Pier and slips available. Rates: $110–$125 with full breakfast. Additional charge for Sunday brunch. 472-9070. mthollysteamboatinn.com.

Nightingale Motel and Marina 101 South Monroe Bay Avenue. 35-slip marina with electric and water, 5-room motel, restaurant next door. 224-7956.

Porterville Bed and Breakfast 14201 King's Highway. Two guest rooms, both are on ground level. A hearty country style breakfast is served with southern hospitality. Senior citizens' discount on Tuesday nights. Rates: $45–$85. 493-9394.

Riverview Inn 24 Hawthorne Street. 21 guest rooms waterfront. Rate: $95. 224-0006.

Skipjack Inn Rt. 608 at Port Kinsale Marina. Located in a restored 1912 waterfront home overlooking the Yeocomico River, the four guest rooms are decorated with antiques and Chesapeake Bay maritime artwork. Each has its own private bath, telephone and individual temperature control. A guest kitchenette is available on the main floor. Rates: $115–$145. 472-2044. portkinsale.com/lodging.

The Plaza 21 Weems Street. This 1900's Victorian home has three guest rooms furnished with elegant yet comfortable antiques. The Master Suite includes a private bath with a deep claw foot, two-person Jacuzzi tub and shower. Rates: $100–$135. A three-bedroom guest cottage adjoins the Plaza property and has a large kitchen, living room, enclosed porch and washer/dryer. The cottage can accommodate up to 6 comfortably. All linens provided. Rate: $150. 224-1101. colonialbeachplaza.com.

Wakefield Motel 1513 Irving Avenue South. 20 rooms with cable TV, most have a refrigerator and microwave. Rates: $40–$80. 224-7311. wakefieldmotel.com.

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