



Celebrating 10 Years

Press Release

10th Annual Rendezvous

July 16-19, 2009

Kent Island Yacht Club

Chester, Maryland

Portsmouth, Virginia - Chris Craft Commander Club, Inc. - Owners and enthusiasts of the vintage Chris Craft Commander line of fiberglass cruisers are set to meet **July 16-19, 2009**, for its annual rally. This year's event celebrates the club's 10th anniversary, and will be held at the Kent Island Yacht Club in Chester, Maryland. The club has planned special events all weekend to mark this milestone. A record turnout is expected with more than 20 vintage Commanders scheduled to appear.

About the Chris Craft Commander

In 1964, amidst much secrecy, Chris Craft Corporation unveiled its first entry into the fiberglass cruiser market, the **38' Express**, at the New York Boat Show. The boat was heralded as a design marvel from the drawing tables of *Fred Hudson* and "*Mac*" *MacKerer*. Dick Avery led the design team at Chris Craft that produced other Commanders ranging in size, from the weekender 27' to the palatial 60'. These boats are still plentiful today, and are much sought after for their fine workmanship, seaworthiness and accommodations. They continue to increase in value as the awareness of their construction and durability becomes better known.

About the Club

The Chris Craft Commander Club got its start in 1999 as a written registry of less than 30 Commanders and their owners. The club quickly took its mission to the World Wide Web where it saw an explosive increase in membership that now totals well over 1000 members worldwide. The club is incorporated as a not-for-profit organization, having adopted bylaws and a revamped website that brings thousands of visitors every year. More information on the organization can be found at www.commanderclub.com.

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