



Sassafras Update

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July 2005

SRA First Anniversary Meeting

More than 40 people came to our First Anniversary Picnic and Meeting at Turners Creek Pavilion on July 12 to talk about our accomplishments during our first year and plans for the next.



We got great ideas for next year's programs — a septic forum for the general populations of Kent and Cecil Counties, meeting with the DNR police to talk about enforcing speed and environmental laws, and reaching out to local schools.

Ted Carski, a Dupont scientist and SRA member,

briefed us on the outline of the *Sassafras Samplers* water testing program. The program will likely be modeled on the Chester River Association's "Snapshot" program, with twice annual sampling at about 20 sites. The first round of testing will probably be in October. Watch for more information.

Treasurer Jackie Reese unveiled the banner that graced the front of our float. It's visible at the top of the photo at left and will help to anchor our traveling information booth.

News on the Tax Exempt Organization front — After 8 months the IRS has finally begun to review our application! At their request, we sent information on our recent activities earlier in the month and expect approval soon.

Sassafras River Boat Parade

The SRA's entry in the Annual Georgetown 4th of July Boat Parade took honors for "most creative" and "most educational" entry.

Our floating septic tank carried the messages "Pump Your Septic Every 3 years" and "Stop the Green — Pump it Clean!" Thanks to John Burke for the great idea and wonderful execution. Thanks, too, to Dave Segermark, who organized boaters to hand out more than 160 clean boating packages.



Volunteer Now!

We've got a lot of activities and programs that will succeed only if **you** participate. Email mail@sassafrasriver.org (or write us at the PO Box) to tell us how you'll help.

TBD (October) — Sassafras River Sailing Regatta. It looks as though the event will be scheduled for the fall, probably around the Columbus Day holiday.

We also need **your** help to set up SRA programs:

- Sassafras Samplers
- Grasses for the Masses — SAV restoration
- SRA traveling information booth
- Adopt a Shoreline program for homeowners' associations

August 18 — Cruise the River with Us!

On Thursday, August 18 we'll continue our outside adventures on the Sassafras with a narrated evening tour aboard the oyster buy boat *Nellie Crockett*.

The trip will leave the Granary at 5:30 p.m. There will be drinks and light re-

freshments aboard the *Nellie Crockett*, and a buffet dinner at the Granary when we return around 8:00.

We're still working out details and will let you know the cost as soon as we have it. Mark your calendar!



The *Nellie Crockett* in the 2003 July 4 boat parade.

Have you joined yet?

More than 60 of your neighbors have shown their commitment to the Sassafras River by joining the SRA.

Visit www.sassafrasriver.org and download a membership form today!