

Cherie Takemoto

Cherie and her husband, James Scampavia love to go boating and have found no place as interesting, varied, fun and delicious as the Chesapeake Bay. Their 30-foot Beneteau Barracuda is on O-dock at Herrington Harbour South. The amenities can't be beat. As a bonus, its dog-friendly beach is perfect for their goldendoodle, Cali to swim and fetch sticks.

Cherie learned about HBYC from the HHS bulletin board. She and James thought it looked like fun. And it is! They learned about boating from fellow HBYC members and have gone on every Long Cruise since 2020. The long cruises are much more than their interesting destinations. We help each other through rough weather and boat incidents, compare notes on boat care and gadgets, go boutique shopping, share on board appetizers and cocktails, and trade all kinds of funny and memorable stories of past escapades.

Cherie's career has centered in disability advocacy after their son, Pete, was born with a rare genetic syndrome. She has a master's in public administration and a PhD in Education and is currently the Director for Disability Justice at a center for independent living in Northern Virginia. Their boat name, *Golondrina*, is in honor of James's grandfather who used a Golondrina apple label to export their best California apples overseas. She and James love adventuring on the water, playing pickleball and being mesmerized by their grandson, Malcolm.

During the 2021-2023 term, Cherie has served as HBYC Board Member at Large, welcoming new members and representing their interests. She has also helped plan land events and recently served on the tedious by-laws committee. Cherie is running for HBYC Treasurer for the 2024-2026 term because she wants to continue to help HBYC.