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* First female member of the Budweiser pool league in Deale

* Favorite charter captain of Fox 5's Pat McGrath

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Cindy Sheridan was the first female charter fishing boat captain in the state of Maryland. At the age of ten her family moved to Deale where part of her and her siblings' chores was to use their own small boat to go crabbing. As a young woman, Cindy taught people how to use their Penn Yan shallow water boats and worked as a cashier at the U.S. Naval Academy Midshipmen Store.

When her brother couldn't make it to his first-mate job aboard the "Summer Duck" one day, she showed up as a substitute and, despite some skepticism on the part of the local fishing fleet, never left. She eventually took over as captain of Summer Duck. It took some time, but her male counterparts finally accepted her as a colleague and when she retired her boat, they invited her to captain aboard theirs.

Cindy is retired herself now but still maintains her well-earned membership in the Deale Captains Association.

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