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meet
Chris Perez

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Sunrises,
Celebrating
Family

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DELIVERING NEIGHBORHOOD CONNECTIONS

A man wearing a white baseball cap and a dark jacket is seen from behind, standing on the deck of a boat. He is holding a camera up to his eye, capturing a photograph of a vibrant sunset over a body of water. The sky is a mix of orange, yellow, and blue, with the sun low on the horizon. In the distance, another boat is visible on the water. The boat's railing and some equipment are visible in the foreground.

BOAT OF THE MONTH

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Chris and his family have been boaters since the mid-1980s, and **+1** marks the sixth boat they have owned, not counting a couple of personal watercraft. Kept at their private docks in Eastport, the well-maintained center console joined the family in late June 2025 after Chris became its third owner.

Although he already owned a larger mid-cabin bowrider, Chris was looking for something different.

"I wanted something that I could hop aboard, toss off a few lines, and get underway as quickly as possible."

That search led him to **+1**, a boat perfectly suited for the



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Most mornings begin about 45 minutes before sunrise. Chris quietly slips away from home, casts off the lines, and eases into the calm waters of Back Creek. As he reaches the red “2E” channel marker, he shuts down the engines and lets the boat drift while waiting for the first light to spread across the horizon.

From that spot, he enjoys panoramic views stretching from the United States Naval Academy chapel dome to Greenbury Point, the Bay Bridge, and the freighters waiting in the Chesapeake Bay before continuing to the Port of Baltimore.

“I can’t think of a better way to start my day, and it has become a ritual. Plenty of time to reflect and be grateful for my blessings, which include the chance to live in a community like Eastport.”

Those peaceful mornings have become so consistent that friends who follow his

sunrise photography on Instagram notice whenever he misses a day. His dedication even helped him earn **Century Club** status through SpinSheet magazine after logging 127 days on the water in 2025, and he is already well on his way to repeating that achievement this year.

While the mornings belong to photography, afternoons are often spent cruising with family and friends. Chris and his wife enjoy inviting guests aboard for lunch by boat at favorite destinations, including Annapolis City Dock, Kent Narrows, Tilghman Island, Rock Hall, Deale, and countless quiet creeks throughout the Chesapeake Bay. Their boating group also

gathers each year for an overnight trip to Kent Narrows, docking together before enjoying a walking pub crawl and dinner.

Chris appreciates that +1 required very little work when he purchased her and says the boat has aged remarkably well and still earns compliments wherever she goes.

The boat's name carries its own special meaning.

Named after the arrival of his first granddaughter, Olivia, on Good Friday 2026, +1 represents both the newest member of the family and the boat's role as the perfect companion to their larger family vessel.



Chris's favorite memory is still waiting to happen.

"My favorite memory hasn't happened yet, but it will be the first time I take my granddaughter Olivia out for a creek cruise. With any luck, maybe it will be as soon as this fall."

For Chris, boating has always been about more than destinations. It is about quiet mornings, lifelong friendships, family traditions, and appreciating the privilege of calling Eastport home. On that note, he is also involved as a trustee with the Eastport Volunteer Fire Company, and he and his wife, Jan, are involved with a variety of local clubs and charitable causes. Every sunrise brings another opportunity to be grateful for all that Eastport has to offer aboard +1.

AT A GLANCE

For Chris Perez, every morning on the water is a reminder of why Eastport feels like home.

Boat: +1
Make & Model: 2006 Sailfish 2660CC
Type: Center Console
Length: 26 feet
Home Port: Eastport (private docks)
Favorite Beverage: Coffee
Power or Sail? Power
Sunrise or Sunset? Sunrise
One Word to Describe +1: Poised

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