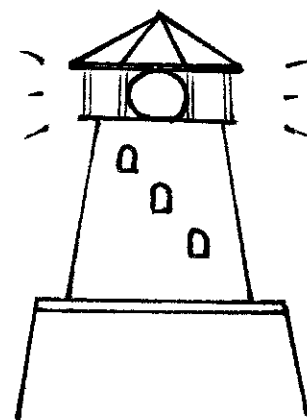


"THE HARBOUR LIGHT"

The Newsletter of
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Rose Haven on the Bay
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July 10, 1981

Thanks and congratulations are extended to Charles Wehland ("Demerara" slip H-10) on the winning entry in HHSA's contest to provide a name for its newsletter; and Wehland, what a fine name you have chosen. Not only, as you suggest, is the lighthouse at Herrington Harbour a significant landmark upon which we all can associate, but also it is the lighthouse that historically has been the means of communication upon which many a searfarer's judgment was made in returning safely home. In this spirit, we wish you good sailing and safe returns. Thanks again, Wehland, for your entry, together with the thoughtful letter and sketch that accompanied it. In return, your dinner for two at Herrington Harbour Restaurant is ready any time you are.

Speaking about food ----- HHSA IS HAVING A CRAB FEAST -----
Make plans now to attend HHSA's Crab Feast to be held Sunday afternoon, July 26, 1981, starting at four o'clock (1600 hours). Have a good day's sail and return for steamed crabs, beer, soft drinks, and hot dogs. Food and drink will be served on the lawn behind the restaurant (just look for the tent). The price: \$12.50 per person for all the crabs you can eat and all the beer you can drink. There will also be hot dogs--all you can eat--for \$3.75 per person. Soft drinks will be available at .50 cents each. We're also happy to have Dan Wilson, skipper of Sakonett, providing musical entertainment. Accompanied guests are cordially invited.

In order that food arrangements can be made, there will be advance paid reservations. To make reservations for your party, please complete the attached form (see last page) and mail to either Betty Hallett or Tom Willess no later than Friday, July 17, 1981, together with a check payable to HERRINGTON HARBOUR SAILING ASSOCIATION.

The mailing addresses are:

Betty Hallett
Route 1, Box 213
Sterling, VA 22170

or

Tom Willess
5300 Holmes Run Pkwy #604
Alexandria, VA 22304

Alternatively, checks can be personally given to Betty at slip B-10, Tom at slip B-6, or George Sabo at slip K-15--no later than Sunday, July 19, 1981.

Please join in this fun event. For further information, please call Betty Hallett at (703) 471-1478 (work) or (703) 430-2657 (home).

In addition to the crab feast, July's calendar includes a cruise to La Trappe Creek and the beginning of the Association's summer racing series.

The cruise to picturesque La Trappe Creek, located off the Choptank River, will be held the weekend of July 18-19, 1981. Messrs. Stone and Blanchard, authors of A Cruising Guide to the Chesapeake, refer to La Trappe as "...one of the finest creeks on the Bay..." Taking the lead as our cruise captain will be the courageous and daring Jim Hargreaves leading us from aboard "Adelante" his beautiful Cheoy Lee Off-Shore 31'. Jim, together with his wife, Peg, will guide us either through Knapps Narrows or around Black Walnut point--his chartered course to be made known at the skippers' meeting to be held in front of the old service station (the new restrooms) at 0800 Saturday, July 18, 1981. Jim, who is our Association Treasurer, is a very dedicated and skillful sailor (a purest at heart) and has just recently returned from an exploration trip to La Trappe Creek. While at La Trappe, Jim dinged around the shoreland investigating the water depth to ensure a good anchorage for us all. Thanks, Jim, for getting to the bottom of the matter. It is obvious that you really fathom the situation. Should you have any questions regarding the July cruise, Jim can be reached at (202) 457-4327 (work) or (301) 384-5607 (home).

In connection with the up coming cruise, it is hoped that the flotilla can sail away Saturday morning flying the Association's burgee. It is now being made and should be ready for hoisting by mid-July. Every effort is being made to have them available for sale at the skipper's meeting Saturday morning, July 18, 1981. The cost will be \$17.00

With the delivery of the new burgee, we'll miss its unique predecessor, the "pink tape" for which the Association owes a great deal of thanks to Betty Hallett. No telling how many people, when seeking HNSA boats crossing the Bay, would look in amazement saying, "My gosh, there goes another one."

Regarding the cruise to Shaw Bay, the Association's second, it was outstanding. In this beautiful anchorage off the Wye River (behind Bruffs point) and surrounded by tall trees, twenty-two boats came together for friendship, fine food, and refreshments. To the north one could see historic Wye Island, with its pre-revolutionary homes and the location where the first wheat in America is said to have been raised. More on the cruise follows

with an exclusive report by Rusty Morrison. Rusty, the Association's Secretary, provides not only a visual account of the cruise, but also highlights chilling experiences encountered in the recent HHSA race. Now, heressssss Rusty:

Well folks, last month I told you about the race we had with a very close finish, and while it may have sounded exciting, many of you would probably prefer a relaxing, laid back cruise to a nail-biting race. This month I have decided to talk about both racing and cruising because they are both becoming quite a bit of fun.

The Shaw Bay cruise on June 20-21 may long be remembered by some as a beautiful, relaxing weekend spent in the Eastern Bay area while at the same time may not be remembered at all by a handful of its more exuberant participants. It has been theorized that the late afternoon thunderstorm which temporarily confined most people below decks may have prompted an earlier than usual nip or two from the preferred spirits stowed below. At any rate, when the sky cleared, there were two lively raft parties going on with people being ferried from one to the other. As dusk turned to evening and people sampled the delicious food that was offered back and forth, a real partying atmosphere developed. Music was coming from many boats and rumor has it that at one point in the evening George Sabo's Hunter 33 was magically transformed into a floating disco (unfortunately for George he was off partying someplace else). It was finally decided by a few of the more seriously deranged revellers that midnight was a great time for a sail up the Wye River. You can use your imagination to ascertain what took place when twelve crazed people set sail with a generous amount of liquid spirits, music, and wind. Seriously though, it was a very enjoyable cruise for everyone that was lucky enough to go and we are all looking forward to the next one.

Now, about the last race. Six boats started the Wednesday night race on June 24. The wind was a steady 25 knots out of the south and the swells were downright awesome. Instead of the normal short chop that one experiences on the bay in that kind of air, the combination of a very long fetch and the fact that it has been blowing from the south for a couple of days made the waves high and long in between (would you believe 7'). They were ideal for riding up one side and down the other on the first beat to windward.

Actually, we started on a reach from the #2 marker in front of Herrington Harbour to the Herring Bay #1 marker. From the #1 marker southeastward to the #69 can it was an exciting tacking dual. It was tough to stay dry as the waves crashed over the foredecks and swept aft to the cockpits of the boats. At the windward mark (the #69 can) Will Keyworth was leading in his 18 foot cat boat with Rusty Morrison close behind in his Ranger 22.

The downwind run north to 9B was a sleighride. It was possible to surf down the long swells and all six boats took advantage of this additional means of propulsion. However, at the 9B jibe mark, it was still Will Keyworth leading in his cat boat.

The long reach back to the #2 marker reminded everyone of just how rough it was (you can be lulled to sleep on those downwind legs). Will Keyworth maintained his lead with Rusty Morrison's Ranger following. However, these two smaller boats were blown away by Bob Parish's hard charging Sabre 28.

However, credit should definitely be given to everyone that was crazy enough to go out in that stuff with special recognition extended to our first woman entrant, Josie Remmy, who skippered "LOVE", her Morgan 22' in outstanding competition during these grueling conditions. Yes my friends, it was a very fine race indeed.

Well folks, the turn out for the cruise was great as I'm sure it will be for the up coming La Trappe Creek cruise. We still need a bigger racing fleet on Wednesday nights so lets take a chance and come on out. You won't regret it.

Thanks, Rusty, for that excellent article. Oh by the way, Rusty, there are some interesting pictures presently being developed (for circulation) of you, our HNSA disco king, dancing on the foredeck of Will Keyworth's cat boat (with a strobe light no less) during the infamous midnight sail of the cruise. What? Well, of course, Rusty, HNSA accepts donations!

As the racing beat goes on, the fifth and last race of the spring series was held Wednesday, July 8, 1981. Eight boats participated in this light air race; conditions certainly different from our normal 25 knot blasts as earlier reported by Rusty. After the race, the racing committee

released the final standings -- first place going to "Desparado" (Catalina 27) expertly skippered by Steve Garber. Congratulations, Steve, on your outstanding performance. Second place honors go to "Sanderling" (Marshall Cat boat 18) under the stewardship of Will Keyworth. Thanks, Will, for setting us straight on her performance. (We won't laugh anymore.) Third, fourth, and fifth places go respectively to "Tomkat'n" (C&C 24', Tom Willess), "Amygdala" (Ranger 22', Rusty Morrison/Bob Barbera) and "Christa II", (Sabre 28, Bob Parrish). Standings aside, however, all participants were winners as each race contained the most important ingredients, fun and friendship.

If you were unable to participate in the "Spring Series", the first race of the "Summer Series" begins Wednesday, July 22, 1981. (Skipper's meeting in the bar at 1730 hours) Come join in the fun. Should you have any questions, please contact Steve Garber at (301) 428-4361 (work) or 855-5647 (home) or Will Keyworth at (301) 741-5190 (home).

A draft roster of HNSA membership has been prepared thanks to the fine efforts of Ron Dailey (as well as our treasurer, Jim Hargreaves). We are now attempting to make the roster as complete and informative as possible before distribution. Therefore, there will be a table set up at the CRAB FEAST (don't forget to get your reservations in early) with the roster for you to review. The information requested includes, other than name and address, telephone numbers, name of boat, mfg and type of boat (i.e., Catalina 22', sloop, "Venus") slip #, VHF call sign, and interest (racing and/or cruising).

Recapping the events for July, the Association cruise to La Trappe Creek will be held the weekend of July 18-19, the first race of the "Summer Series" commences Wednesday evening, July 22, and the Crab Feast to be held Sunday afternoon, July 26. August events include the second and third races of the Association's "Summer Series" to be held respectively August 12 and 26, and a cruise to be held the weekend of August 15-16 under the fine leadership of George Sabo. Details regarding the August events will be contained in the next issue of "The Harbour Light".

Thank you,

HERRINGTON HARBOUR SAILING ASSOCIATION

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CRAB FEAST
SUNDAY, JULY 26, 1981

CRABS/BEER -- ALL YOU CAN EAT AND DRINK - \$12.50 per person

HOT DOGS -- ALL YOU CAN EAT - \$3.75 per person

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

TOTAL NUMBER OF PERSONS ATTENDING: _____

NUMBER OF TICKETS FOR "CRABS & BEER": _____

NUMBER OF TICKETS FOR "HOT DOGS": _____

TOTAL AMOUNT OF CHECK: _____

NOTE: Please make check payable to "HERRINGTON HARBOUR SAILING ASSOCIATION"
and mail by July 17, 1981.