

"THE HARBOUR LIGHT"

The Newsletter of
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1982 Membership Dues Deadline: April 1, 1982 */

"CALENDAR AT A GLANCE"

- (1) Sunday, March 28 (2:00 p.m.), Presentation by Larry Leonard, Jr., of Leonard Sails, Inc. (HH Restaurant) - See page 3).
- (2) Sunday, April 4 (2:00 p.m.), Lecture on Sailing Techniques and Rules (great for cruises or races) - possible on board demonstration
- (3) Sunday, April 4 (approx 3:30 p.m.) Executive Committee Meeting
- (4) Friday, April 16 (8:00 p.m.) Champagne and Christening Party (HH Restaurant)
- (5) Sat-Sun, April 17-18 (8:00 a.m.) Cruise to Annapolis (evening at Marmadukes w/sailing flicks).
- (6) Wed, May 5 (6:00 p.m.) Race #1 (Spring Series)

Dear Friends,

The first HHSA cruise for 1982 leaves Herrington Harbour Saturday, April 17 for historic Annapolis, Maryland, and Cruise Captain Earl Hall has done one fantastic job in preparing for our enjoyment an outstanding weekend. It is going to be great. To start it out on the right foot (excuse me, starboard foot) Earl will conduct a "skippers' meeting" at 8:00 a.m. Saturday morning in front of the new marina restroom facilities (adjacent to the restaurant). (Let's hope they are open.) There he will discuss with us his chartered course, recommended navigational aids, as well as distribute copies of pertinent chart pages. Estimated time of departure is 10:00 a.m.

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For those members that have not submitted 1982 membership dues, please remember that they must be paid by April 1, 1982. The 1982 membership roster and next mailing list will be prepared from those dues received by April 1, 1982.

Saturday evening festivities are to be held at MARMADUKES located at 301 Severn Avenue, Eastport. The management is providing an extra bartender for the evening, as well as show sailing movies (of which they reportedly have an impressive library). It is even planned that the Marmaduke boat will be on hand at Annapolis Harbour to video tape our arrival - and then display our antics on the silver screen that evening. Please plan to meet at Marmadukes between 6:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

POTENTIAL SLIPS: Annapolis Yacht Basin (Gulf station between the Hilton and the Annapolis Yacht Club) Call Andy Anderson (301) 263-3544 for reservations. Cost .60 per foot plus metered electricity.

Annapolis City Marina (to port - across river from Annapolis Yacht Club). Call Mack or Jerry (301) 268-0660) for reservations. Cost .50 per foot plus electricity can handle up to 32 foot load.

Annapolis Harbor (across basin from Hilton) has 18 slips with electricity plus limited dockside without electricity. no reservation, first come, first serve. Usually full by 4:00 p.m.

City Anchorage - Chart #12283 - Dinghy required.

It is highly recommended that slip reservations be made as early as possible!!

For those that are unable to sail to Annapolis, please consider a drive to Marmadukes and joining in on the good times and friendship.

In order that Earl can provide Marmadukes some indication of the number of revelers to attend Saturday evening's festivities, please inform him by either (1) calling his home at (703) 860-4392, (2) his office at (703) 435-8717, (3) visit him aboard his and Kathy's beautiful Cape Dory 28, "Sweet Harmony" at slip N-43, or (4) share his plans at the skippers' meeting Saturday morning (8:00 a.m.).

To commemorate, as well as properly initiate, the first cruise of 1982, HHSA will hold a "Champagne and Christening Party" Friday evening April 16, 1982, beginning at 8:00 p.m. and going until?. Come early or late; it will be held in the upstairs dining room at Herrington Harbour Restaurant. Champagne will be furnished by the Association and wonderful hors d'oeuvre will be prepared by the restaurant. The cost is \$3.00 per person. A cash bar will also be available. To assist our social chairperson, Josie Remy, in preparing for this "effervescent event" you can call in your intentions

at (703) 425-7895 (home) or (703) 751-2200 (work); however, please, this is not to imply that advanced notice is necessary - the more the merrier.

The lecture series, a real learning experience, has been going extremely well and continues for two more weeks. At 2:00 p.m. Sunday March 28, Larry Leonard Jr. of Leonard Sails will again address questions of the membership and provide valuable advice for improving our sailing abilities. Larry spoke to us last autumn and was excellent. HHSA is indeed fortunate to have him again come to Herrington Harbour and share with us his sailing expertise. In this regard, while Larry is a highly regarded J-24 racer (he took high point last year) as well as a participant in numerous ocean racing events, his lectures are presented for sailors like us who sail primarily for fun - whether it be racing or cruising. Please don't miss out on his informative presentation Sunday, March 28 at 2:00 (HH Restaurant).

The last lecture of the series will be held April 4 at 2:00 with a review of the rules, sailing techniques, and possibly an onboard presentation.

Following the last lecture on April 4, there will be an executive committee meeting the purpose of further discussing and formulating upcoming activities. The meeting will be held at approximately 3:30 p.m. Please come.

The First Annual "Round the Bay Cruise" has generated a great deal of interest and arrangements are going forward under the 1st rate leadership provided by the team of "Joe, Carol, Bob, and Martha". They are already looking at over twenty boats definitely participating in this great adventure with many more expressing serious interest. One fact that has clearly developed is that the "Round the Bay Cruise" participants will include yachts both large and those that are not so large. There will be many boats in the 25 foot range that will proudly participate with this fleet of seafaring explorers. So if the size of your yacht is less than your dream, be not dismayed - you will be in good company. Some are even going to solo part of the cruise (so watch out you Chesapeake mermaids).

To assist the RTB cruise captains in preparing for the trip, here are a couple of requests. (1) please make your berthing reservations at Tides Inn and York River Yacht Haven by calling individually; the number for Tides Inn is (804) 438-6000 (July 3, 4, and 5) and York River Yacht Haven at (804) 642-2156 (June 29, 30, and July 1). Please call ASAP as summer berthing is at a premium and slips are going fast, (2) Also please

send in your interest form (page 14 of the February "Harbour Light") by April 5 to either Bob Enstam or Joe Sarnowski whose respective addresses appear at the top of the form. Completing these matters will greatly assist in cruise planning. Also, Bob and Joe will be holding a couple of strategy meetings prior to the cruise; the dates of which will be subsequently published in the newsletter.

Hallelujah, club racing for 1982 is about to begin - May 5 to be exact - and what a fun event is to be had by all. As indicated last month, this year the racing activities will include the participation of the novice class, as well as traditional class, PHRF non-spinnaker class, and PHRF spinnaker class (the HNSA peacock fleet). The novice class has been organized by Andy Tackett who has done one heck of a fine job. The program is as follows:

- Participants: All skippers new to racing, including those with up to three (3) previous racing starts, but without any first, second or third place finishes.
- Rationale: To give those sailing enthusiast who desire to race a chance to do so without the pressure of competing with experienced captains.
- Procedures: The Novice Racing Class will be comprised of those boats as qualified above participating in all HNSA sanctioned races^{*/} for the 1982 season (except the Spring Series ✓). As a class, they will have a separate start in each race to insure competing in all racing facets with only those boats in their class.
PHRF handicaps will be used for each race. Boats without a rating will be assigned one by the Race Committee (Novice Class only). As the season progresses those Novice Class skippers who accumulate any combination of two first or second place class finishes will be moved into the PHRF spinnaker, non-spinnaker or traditional boat class.
- Rules: HNSA approved racing rules will govern the Novice Class, with the only exception being those stated above.

^{*/} The Summer Series will include two specifically designated Novice races on Sunday May 23rd, the 1st of which will commence at 10:00 a.m. and the second which will commence at 2:00 p.m., for the purpose of moving out of the novice class. It is noted, however, that all races are open to anyone desiring to participate.

No doubt in your sailing adventures, you've heard many a good yarn, and probably a few good tales. Well, discussed below is sound advice you can bet on involving both yarn and tale.

SAIL TRIM: JIB LEAD PLACEMENT

Jib lead placement, as mentioned in previous articles, is essential for maintaining the proper "slot" between the jib and the main. Proper lead placement controls the twist in the leach of the jib and the air flow over the back of the mainsail. The combined effect adds to the forward thrust of the forces acting upon the sails.

Proper jib lead placement can be simplified by placing "yarns" or "woollies" or "tell-tales" on the jib. (See diagram A)

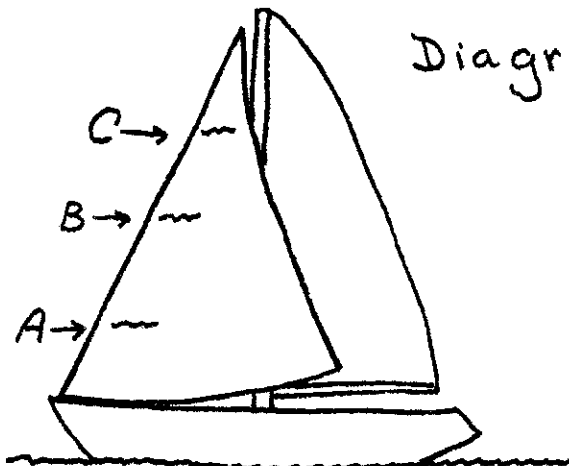


Diagram A

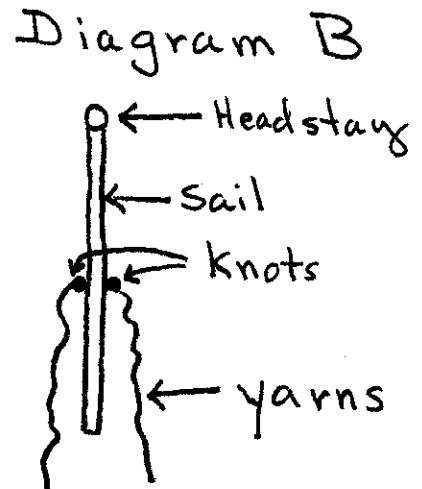


Diagram B

These yarns are usually red in color and about 6 inches long. They should be placed about 8-12 inches back from the luff of the sail. Three sets are the most practical at the low (a), middle (b), and high(c) positions on the sail.

These yarns should be attached in pairs as shown in diagram B, so there will be a yarn on each side. Most modern sail fabrics are sufficiently translucent that the leeward yarns are visible from the windward side of the sail. If this is not possible, then it is necessary to install a small plastic window, which makes each yarn clearly visible.

The most important yarns for the helmsman while sailing are yarns A and B (see diagram A) because these are located in the center of the forces working on the sail. The helmsman can watch these yarns and either trim the sails or steer the boat accordingly.

Ideally the Jib should be trimmed so that all three sets of yarns are streaming smoothly aft.

The basic rules are simple to follow. If the leeward yarn begins to swirl around then you pull in the sail or head off. These yarns are excellent for teaching crew how to trim sails properly on reaches.

By now you are probably wondering -- what all this yarn business has to do with helping you place your jib leads in the proper spots, well after you master the basics of sailing by the yarns, you can use them to help get the jib lead properly set.

Here's how it works! you sail your boat hard on the wind, with the jib turned in tight. Begin to very gradually head your boat into the wind, while closely watching the yarns. If the first yarn to begin swirling around is the top yarn, move the lead forward slightly and repeat the process until you can get all three yarns swirling at the same instant. If the bottom yarn swirls first then the reverse is necessary; move the lead aft slightly and repeat until all yarns swirl together.

When this has been accomplished, your jib leads are placed correctly for that particular breeze while sailing upwind. As the breeze increases or decreases adjustments will be necessary.

While close reaching and beam reaching the same principles apply. You will notice, however, that the leads will need to be continually moved forward as you go from a beat to a beam reach until it is impractical to move them forward any more. At this point, a sacrifice has to be made and the top part of the jib will twist off and buff a little.

In conclusion, by using the yarns on the luff of the jib a sailor can not only sail a better course to windward, but also use the jib yarns to help him establish where his jib leads should be set. After a while, you will be able to set your leads without using the trial and error approach described above as you become more familiar with how your jib responds to different wind and course changes.

HHSAs inventory of burgees numbers 25. If you are interested in purchasing one of the burgees, please see George Sabo aboard "PEGASO" (slip K-15) or Tom Willess aboard TOMKAT'N (slip B-6). The price is \$17.00.

HHSAs is a "participating group" of Boat/US and thus entitled to its membership and renewal membership discounts. If you are considering Boat/US membership or renewing your membership, please make it known on your application/submission form that you are a member of HHSAs,

HNSA is proud to announce the marriage of Chris (Tyger) Newman and George Cooper--owners of the EPRIS. The double ring ceremony took place at noon, February 16, 1982, on the foredeck of SUN BABY, a Morgan 41' sloop, which was anchored in Trellis Bay, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.

The wedding party included five other HNSA members: George Sabo, HNSA Cruise Committee Chairman, served as best man and Captain of SUN BABY; Josie Remmy, HNSA Social Chairman, served as maid of honor/ring bearer/flower girl; the official photographers and criers included Colleen Kirn and Brenda Kay; the role of music/tape recording and sound man was filled by Ed Kay. Her Majesty's Servant, the Marriage Registrar of the B.V.I., Mr. Hugh Allington Hodge served as the presiding official as the vows were exchanged in 25 knot winds.

Because of the strong winds the Marriage Registrar had to be lashed to the mast during the short ceremony while all other members of the wedding party clung to the hand rails. However the HNSA burgee flew grandly and proudly over the entire affair.

The bride wore a bright blue watercolor string bikini. The groom wore a dark brown bathing suit and bare chest. Other HNSA members wore their best bathing suits. All wore boat shoes, of course!

After a short champagne reception, the Marriage Registrar was returned safely to shore; SUN BABY sailed off and the bride and groom, who had started their honeymoon five days previously, continued it on their chartered Allmand 31, NISHIKAZE.

Complete details and pictures of the HNSA burgee, on its first known (or admitted) foreign adventure, can be obtained from any member of the wedding party. Only those over the age of 21 should please inquire!

Appreciation to Good Folks
for Good Deeds

Thank you Bill and Dolly Gingras (as well as your German Shepard, Corry) for opening your beautiful home to the Association on February 28. Your gracious hospitality in hosting the "Mid-Winter Boat check party" was a great success enjoyed by all and provided not only an opportunity to warm ourselves that cold wet day, but more importantly the chance to chat with familiar faces as well as become acquainted with many new members. Your kindness, as well as the fine spirits and food you provided is certainly appreciated. Thank you, Bill and Dolly, for making this day one we will all happily remember.

The association also extends its sincere thanks to Peter Geis for sharing his expertise on boat painting and maintenance at the Alexandria lecture on March 16. Mr. Geis (yacht builder, Marina Sales President,

BOATING ALMANAC President, CBYRA past president, and presently head of CBYRA scoring) provided valuable information to the many members in attendance regarding the various types of paints available, their characteristics, and their best application methods. He also addressed many questions regarding other areas of boat preparation for the upcoming season. Additionally, appreciation is gratefully extended to Ray Gilligan for making Mr. Geis' fine presentation possible as well as the many other members who provided a fantastic assortment of excellent cheeses, dips, and munchies for the enjoyment of all. It really made for a convivial and informative evening; again, thanks to all.

Mr. Peter R. Peterson, who performs warranty electronic service for Tri-State Marine, president of Peterson Marine Electronics, and an FCC licensed engineer, is offering the same service and discounts to HHSAs members that he makes available to the Hunter Sailing Association. He is equipped to make "on board" tests of VHF marine radio equipment, as well as calibrate and repair knotmeters and depth finders. He has also done considerable research in the area of lightning protection and its affect on marine equipment. His usual fee for on board radio performance tests is \$20 per boat; but is willing to offer this service to HHSAs members at the rate of \$15 per boat if a minimum of two boats can be scheduled at the same time. Anyone interested in this service can contact Mr. Peterson at (301) 587-7122.

In closing, HHSAs wants to extend a warm welcome to the many new members that have joined HHSAs this spring. It is hoped that the many activities planned will enhance your sailing this season.

Thank you,

HERRINGTON HARBOUR SAILING ASSOCIATION