"THE HARBOUR LIGHT"

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"CALENDAR AT A GLANCF"

(1)Wednesday, May 5 (6:00 p.m.) Spring Series Race #1

(2) Wednesday, May 12

- a. Spring Series Race #2 (6:00 p.m.)
- b. Executive Committee Meeting (9:00 p.m.)
- Sat-Sun, May 15-16 (8:00 a.m.) Cruise to Rhode River
- Wednesday, May 19 (6:00 p.m.) Spring Series Race #3

(5)Sunday, May 23

- Novice Race, event #1 (10:00 a.m.) Novice Race, event #2 (2:00 p.m.)
- "Round the Bay Cruise" Meeting (3:00 p.m.)
- Picnic-on-the-beach (4:30 p.m.)
- Wednesday, May 26 (6:00 p.m.) Spring Series Race #4
- Wednesday, June 2 (6:00 p.m.) Spring Series Race #5
- Sunday, June 6 (1:00 p.m.) "HHSA CELEBRATES CHILDREN'S DAY" (8)

Dear Friends,

The second HHSA cruise departs Herrington Harbour on Saturday morning, May 15, 1982, under the guide of Jane and Paul Spence aboard "Second Wind", their beloved Cape Dory 28. As cruise captains for this event, they have organized this mid-Spring cruise to the Rhode River - a beautiful anchorage off the West Should you have a dinghy, bring it along for an afternoon exploratory trip to "Big Island". This is a wonderful time of the year to make a Rhode River rendezvous as, once there, you can well understand its popularity for so many Chesapeake yachtsmen.

Rafting plans and other information will be provided by Paul and Jane at the skippers' meeting to be held in front of the restrooms at 8:00 Saturday, May 15, 1982. Should you wish to contact them earlier, please call their home at (301) 663-5443.

As with the return of spring, HHSA club racing commences Wednesday, May 5, 1982, and from all indications, it appears that there will be plenty of good participation. To accommodate the rush of robust racers, the Race Committee is preparing various courses utilizing the buoys in the area and designed to facilitate various wind directions and weather conditions. Racing highlights were presented in the February 28 and March 22 issues of the newsletter; however, here are the specifics regarding (1) the first race of the Spring Series, (2) starting procedures, (3) applicable rules, (4) scoring, (5) protests, and (6) application forms.

- (1) Spring Series Race #1: There will be a short skippers meeting around 5:30 p.m. May 5th at the HH Restaurant Bar to discuss the starting procedures and the course to be sailed for that evening. Additionally, a chart showing the selected race course and a skippers "sign-up sheet" will be placed in the restaurant foyer. The main purpose of the sign-up sheet is for skippers to record their own finish time at the completion of the race. This will greatly facilite organization and scoring for the first, as well as subsequent Wednesday evening events. So please remember to record your finish time in hours, minutes, and seconds before departing for home.
- (2) Starting Procedures: The starting line will be situated between the Red "2" (FL 4 Sec) "Parkers Shoal" government mark and a plastic milk jug painted with red and yellow stripes. The starting area is behind (west) of the starting line. The "committee boat", in most instances, will be one of the participating yachts and will distinguish herself to all other participants by flying the HHSA burgee from the backstay.

All classes, ie, PHRF non-spinnaker, PHRF spinnaker, and traditional (except novice) will start at the same time. The Wednesday night starting sequence is as follows:

TIME	HORN (and or)	FLAG
18:30 (6:30 p.m.)	three	White
18:35 (6:35 p.m.)	two	Blue
18:40 (6:40 p.m.)	one	Red

Participants are encouraged to be at the starting area on time.

- (3) Racing Rules: U.S.Y.R.A. rules as modified by C.B.Y.R.A. (except for scoring) will apply unless revised by the HHSA Race Committee. Whisker poles must be used in accordance with U.S.Y.R.A. Rule 54.3, and positioned opposite the mainsail boom (wing on wing) except momentarily during a tack.
- (4) <u>Scoring</u>: As applicable to HHSA's existing race program, in an eight race series (i.e., 8 races each in the Spring and Summer), the best 5 out of 8 races will be scored in accordance to the following <u>low-point</u> scoring system (based on corrected PHRF standings).

1st place receives .75 points 2nd place receives 2 points 3rd place receives 3 points 4th place receives 4 points

and so on with 1 point added for each subsequent place (i.e., 16th place receives 16 points).

If the participant starts the race but can't finish or the participant is disqualified, or otherwise can't start one of the races, points awarded to DSQ (disqualified) and DNF (did not finish) participants will equal the number of starters. For example, if 10 boats start the race, then a boat disqualified or a boat that does not finish will receive 10 points.

The number of points awarded to a participant of a particular series but not starting a particular race in that series (i.e., a DNS), will receive a score of 1 plus the number of starters. Thus, if a participant can't start the 2nd race of the summer series and 10 boats start the race, then his score will be 11. Of course he can throw it out if he participates in the remaining races of that series and scores at least 10 in each race. Remember, a yacht cannot hurt its position by racing in more than 5 races. It can only improve its position.

- (5) Protests: Protests must be made in accordance with U.S.Y.R.A. rules. Notice of interest to protest must be made to the Race Committee as soon as possible. In the HHSA Wednesday night series, place a "P" beside your posted finishing time if you intend to protest a yacht. HHSA skippers are encouraged to work out minor infractions between the affected parties. However, the Race Committee will convene a protest hearing if necessary. Graduated penalties or DSQ as provided in the Racing Rules will apply.
- (6) Racing Application: The Race Committee would like to keep on file a racing application for everyone who participates in HHSA sponsored racing. If you are of this category, please fill in the HHSA Racing Application that will be available at all races.

Sunday, May 23, 1982, marks the date for <u>Novice Class Racing</u>; the purpose of which is to provide skippers new to racing an opportunity to race with one another without the pressure of competing with experienced captains. As indicated in the March 22 newsletter, the race will consist of two separate events or starts; one for the early risers starting at 10:00 a.m. and a second event for the afternoon arrivers beginning at 2:00 p.m.

In order that Andy Tackett (Novice Class Chairperson) can provide interested members further particulars regarding Novice Class Racing, please call him at 757-5163 (home) or 843-2059 (office) and let him know

- (1) if you are interested in the Novice Class Racing Program;
- (2) if you plan to participate in the May 23rd Novice Race (Race #1 at 10:00 a.m. or Race #2 at 2:00 p.m.); and
- (3) if you would like to have an experienced racing skipper on board your boat for the race.

In connection with the last "if", Andy would appreciate the names of seasoned racing skippers that will devote his day for crewing. If you can, please give Andy a call as soon as possible.

Skippers' meetings for the first and second events will be held on the lawn behind the restaurant (by the flagpole) respectively at 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 23.

Also, on May 23, 1982, there will be a meeting for the "Round the Bay Cruise" participants (as well as those potential participants desiring more information) at 3:00 p.m. in the meeting room (directly astern of the fire-place lounge at the restaurant). Provisioning, scheduling, berthing facilities, and other facets of this two week south Bay adventure will be discussed. Should you be planning this cruise as part of your summer activities, please plan on joining Bob and Martha Enstam and Joe and Carol Sarnowski. (Should you desire to participate in the "Novice Race" as well as the "RTBC" discussion, please plan to join the first novice race at 10:00 a.m.).

May 23rd activities will culminate with an old fashioned Sunday social/picnic to be held on the beach (behind the tennis courts) beginning at 4:30 p.m. It will be BYOB and food and blankets. The social committee has arranged for several B-B-Q grills for cooking; however, any one willing to bring an extra grill to share please call Josie Remmy at (703) 425-7895 (home), or (703) 751-2200 (office).

Plans are proceeding in connection with "HHSA CELEBRATES CHILDREN'S DAY" to be held on Sunday, June 6, 1982. Kathy Hall will be chairing this event and could use volunteers to help organize and officiate the various events planned (swimming races, foot/sack races, dinghy races among others). If you would like to assist Kathy on this very special day being planned at Herrington Harbour, please call Kathy at (703) 860-4392. The particulars regarding Children's Day activities will be covered in the next issue of the "Harbour Light".

During the season, the Executive Committee will be meeting the second Wednesday evening of each month (ie, May 12, June 9, July 14, August 11, and September 8). The meetings will be held at the Herrington Harbour Restaurant at approximately 9:00 p.m. Should a member not be able to attend but would like to submit recommendations, input, etc., for consideration, please make the matter known by mail to the Association's address or contact any of the committee members. */

The 1982 membership roster is nearing completion and will be mailed out in the next newsletter.

Following a wonderful evening of champagne toasts and friendship, brisk breezes and spring skies greeted the thirty boats (with sixty-five sailors aboard) that participated in the first cruise of 1982. The bell towers of Annapolis made for a beautiful landfall after a swift broad reach up the Bay

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from Herrington Harbour. (It was even more fun shooting home - yeow!!) Moreover, little did the Big "A" realize there are so many enthusiastic rag haulers to its south inspired with a lively interest to cast off from their winter berths, hoist the mainsails, and savor that wonderful feeling of water rushing under the hull. Approximately twenty additional members drove to Annapolis to share the Saturday evening of the first cruise.

Earl and Kathy Hall wish to extend their appreciation for the great turnout, the patience shown at the crowded Marmadukes, and for making the position of cruise captain so rewarding.

To you, Earl and Kathy, many thanks from the Association for a job well done.

Do you have a question regarding sailing technique, rules of the road, rigging, or other issues concerning the particulars of sailing that you would like to see addressed in the newsletter. If so, please bring the matter to the attention of Will Keyworth by visiting him at his boat "Moonbeam" at slip B-14, calling him at his home at (301) 741-5190, or mailing the question to his attention at the Association's address. Will probably knows the answer off the top of his head; however, if he does not (an incredibly remote possibility for sure), it will be researched and published.

Word has it that Gilley has been spotted on the Intracoastal waterway (actually it was some bar in Savannah) heading north to Herrington Harbour. As you might recall, Gilley is quite famous in the galley (among other places) and would like to try your favorite on-board recipe with HHSA. If you have such a recipe you would like to share, please send it in to the Association for publication in the newsletter.

Have a good May,

HERRINGTON HARBOUR SAILING ASSOCIATION

P.S.: WANTED: Talented writers interested in assisting with the production of the "Harbour Light". "Salary" negotiable - but please don't get excited! Call Tom at (703) 370-0682 (Res) or (202) 783-8131 (office).