

# "THE HARBOUR LIGHT"

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## "FLASH"

HNSA'S "ROUND THE BAY CRUISE" FLEET RETURNS FROM OUTSTANDING TRIP (SEE PAGE 4 ); WILL KEYWORTH TAKES TOP HONORS IN PRESTIGIOUS CHESAPEAKE BAY RACING EVENT, STEVE GARBER PLACES (SEE PAGE 3 ); HNSA PREPARES FOR THREE DAY RACE SERIES AND CRAB FEAST (SEE PAGE 1).

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## "CALENDAR AT A GLANCE"

- (1) Friday, July 30 (6:00 p.m.) Start of "THREE DAY RACE SERIES"
- (2) Saturday, July 31 (10:00 a.m.) Continuation of "THREE DAY RACE SERIES"
- (3) Sunday, August 1 (10:00 a.m.) Conclusion of "THREE DAY RACE SERIES"
- (4) Sunday, August 1 (3:00 p.m.) HNSA's "CRAB FEAST"
- (5) Wednesday, August 4 (5:30 p.m.) Summer Series Race #5
- (6) Wednesday, August 11 (5:30 p.m.) Summer Series Race #6
- (7) Friday, August 13 (8:00 p.m.) Executive Committee Meeting
- (8) Wednesday, August 18 (5:30 p.m.) Summer Series Race #7
- (9) Sat-Sun, August 21-22 (8:00 a.m.) Cruise to Shaw Bay (Wye River)
- (10) Wednesday, August 25 (5:30 p.m.) Summer Series Race #8
- (11) Sunday, September 5 (8:30 a.m.) HNSA 2nd Annual "GREAT ROUND POPLAR ISLAND RACE"

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Dear Friends:

THREE-DAY RACE SERIES: Friday, July 30, marks the beginning of HNSA's Three Day Race Series with the first race to be held Friday evening, the second race starting Saturday morning and the series concluding with the third race on Sunday morning. The "Three Day Race Series" will constitute a separate mini-series with awards presented at the banquet. It will also provide an opportunity to participate in (1) night sailing Friday evening, (2) a longer race on Saturday challenging both navigational and tactical skills, and (3) a Sunday morning race to work up an appetite for the CRAB FEAST Sunday afternoon.

ONE THROWOUT: In order that as many members can participate in this series, there will be one throwout. So if you cannot make it down for one of the races, you can still qualify so long as you race the other two. For those racing in all three events, the score will be based on the yachts best two times.

NOVICE START: As for the Novice Racers, the "Three Day Race Series" will provide an excellent opportunity to exercise those keels and have a good time. So come out and experience the thrill of pacing your yacht against others of comparable skills. The Novice Class will receive a separate start for each event and be scored separately. So throw off the bow and stern lines and join in on the fun Friday evening as well as Saturday and Sunday mornings. The Novice Class is open to all HNSA members with little or no racing experience.

SKIPPERS' MEETINGS: For all participants, a skippers' meeting will be held prior to each race at which time notices and course information will be provided. These meetings will be conducted by the flag pole (behind the restaurant) at the following times.

- Race #1: Friday evening - 6:00 p.m. (July 30)
- Race #2: Saturday morning - 10:00 a.m. (July 31)
- Race #3: Sunday morning - 10:00 a.m. (August 1)

Winners will be announced at the CRAB FEAST that follows the last race on Sunday afternoon, August 1.

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CRAB FEAST: By now all members should have been contacted by telephone in connection with the CRAB FEAST. If for some reason you need to contact the Association for additional information, please call Josie Remmy at home: 703-425-7895 or at work: 751-2200.

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An Executive Committee Meeting will be held Friday evening, August 13 at 8:00 p.m. in the lecture room off the lounge at the restaurant. These meetings are open to all members.

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#### AUGUST CRUISE: HNSA RETURNS TO SHAW BAY

The August cruise will be held the weekend of August 21 & 22, and the destination is beautiful Shaw Bay - "the first good anchorage on the way up the Wye River". That is a quote from Stone and Blanchard who also reflect on the delightful setting in "A Cruising Guide to the Chesapeake" (page 116, 1978 edition).

HNSA members made their way to this anchorage a year ago last June - and are still talking about the great time. Many of the boats rafted up during one of the Bay thunderstorms only to have the sun come out later for a really fun happy hour (that continued for some -a la disco- until the sun nearly came up after a midnight sail up the Wye aboard "CHESIRE").

George and Chris Cooper ("E'PRIS" - Slip M-32) will serve as Cruise Captains for this year's trip up Eastern Bay to Shaw Bay and they both look forward to a repeat of the fun and friendship together - without the thunderstorm!

The Skippers' Meeting will be held at 8:00 a.m., Saturday morning, August 21, in front of the restrooms. For precruise information, please call Chris at her office: 382-9457 or the Coopers at home: 536-7210.

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SUMMER RACE SERIES

The Summer Series continues with Wednesday night races August 4, 11, 18, and 25. In connection with these races, anyone wishing to crew on the participating yachts, please join the Skippers' Meetings held at 5:30 p.m. prior to each race. Should you have any questions, please call Steve Garber at home: 855-5647 or at work: 428-4361.

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COMING UP: THE "GREAT ROUND POPLAR ISLAND RACE"

On Sunday, September 5, HNSA will hold its 2nd Annual "Great Round Poplar Island Race". Details will be provided in the next newsletter - but please mark your calendar now.

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NEW COMMITTEES ESTABLISHED

In gearing up for the upcoming HNSA Annual Meeting and Awards Banquet, several new committees have been formed. Please contact the following chairpersons if you would like to provide input:

- Nominating Committee: Lou Cable (Res. 703-751-8766)
- Const. & By-Laws Committee: Bob Enstam (Res. 703-620-5467)
- Membership Committee: Al & Gail Walker (Res. 703-569-5974)
- Trophy Committee: Chris Cooper (Res. 703-536-7210)

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HNSA WELL REPRESENTED BY KEYWORTH AND GARBER  
AT "CBYRA RACE WEEK"

Each year, the Chesapeake Bay Yacht Racing Association (CBYRA) sponsors their annual "Race Week". CBYRA has long been considered one of the premier race organizations in the U.S. and the "Race Week" has traditionally attracted between 150-250 boats in many different classes.

This year two HNSA skippers and their crews raced the Association colors in this hotly contested event. Steve and Kathy Garber raced their Catalina 27 in the Catalina 27 fleet and Will Keyworth with his capable son Timmy raced their Kirby 25 in the PHRF fleet.

Realizing the need not to let HNSA down, these two racers got down to some serious racing and performed very admirably against some of the best competition on the Bay. The racing was divided into four days beginning Thursday and ending Sunday. The winds were light and the courses were long varying from 40 miles to 15 miles in length. The results of four hard days racing are as follows:

Steve and Kathy in their Catalina 27, "DESPERADO" scored a 3rd, 3rd, 4th and a 2nd placing them in 3rd for the series (in Cat. 27's). In the PHRF B fleet, Will and Timmy in their Kirby 25 "MOONBEAM" scored a 6th, 1st, 1st, 3rd and scored a 1st in the 46 boat PHRF B fleet. "MOONBEAM" also scored fleet honors in the 115 PHRF (A&B) fleet by accumulating the best score and corrected times of all PHRF yachts participating in "Race Week". Not too shaky for the HNSA Racing Crew!!

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HNSA ALSO WELL REPRESENTED IN HAMPTON RACE

THE HAMPTON RACE: July 8th marked the beginning of the Annapolis to Hampton, Virginia race. This race of 118-miles straight down the Bay was also well represented by HNSA sailors. Rusty Morrison and Bob Barbera raced their Ranger 22 "AMYDAGLA" to a very respectable 8th place in the large PHRF "B" fleet averaging the distance in 35 hours and finishing in a violent thunderstorm.

Will and Timmy Keyworth raced "MOONBEAM" to a 4th place in the Miget Ocean Racing Class (MORC) covering the 118-N-Miles in 29 hours. Both boats had a very pleasant and comfortable cruise back up the Bay the following week after several days of relaxation in Hampton, Virginia at the very nice and hospitable Hampton Yacht Club. However, neither crew could stand another morning of free Bloody Marys, so they both left on Sunday morning to head to the friendly confines of Herrington Harbour.

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HNSA'S "ROUND THE BAY CRUISE" HUGE SUCCESS

On June 26, 1982, fourteen boats left Herrington Harbour as participants of the 1st Annual "Round the Bay Cruise" planned by Bob Enstam and Joe Sarnowski. Their hard work and good planning certainly paid off for what was to take place over the next two weeks can only be described as a fantastic cruising experience coupled with warm friendship and sociality. It was a high adventure on the "lower Bay" that will long be remembered and cherished for the great sailing, the beautiful anchorages, the fun "happy hours", the enthusiastic sing-a-longs, the fine eating and BBQ's, the historic sites visited and, the many acquaintances made by the HNSA fleet throughout the trip - with the good-byes expressed from our new friends, "please come back and visit us again".

It all started the last Saturday of June under bright blue skies and brilliant sun. Out of Herrington Harbour sailed this day the following boats:

<u>Yacht</u>	<u>Skipper/family</u>
BONNIE LEE II (Seidleman 25)	Scott
CACHALOT (Cheoy Lee 30)	Sweeney
DEMERARA (Catalina 27)	Wehland
FINALLY (O'Day 32)	Bourke
HELLO DOLLY (Catalina 27)	Gingras
INTERLUDE (Endeavor 32)	Raab
LA VIDA (Catalina 27)	Barbee

MISS MUFFET II (Cornado 27)	Ulander
MY MERCEDES (Hunter 27)	Walker
PEDDLER (Allied 35)	Sarnowski
PUFFIN (Tartan 33)	Gerster
SONGBIRD (Pearson 26)	Enstam
TOMKATIN (C&C 24)	Willese
ZEPHYR (Allied 36)	Cable

For the next four days these boats were to sail in company south down the Bay, with Sarah Creek their most southern destination. Described below is an account of their trip.

The first day's sail involved beating against southerly breezes as the fleet sailed past Plum Point, Cove Point, and Drum Point finally reaching Mill Creek, a beautiful anchorage across from Solomons. That evening a raft up was organized for purposes of toasting the fleets first day on the water (an event that would continue each evening throughout the journey). Later that evening, plans were discussed for the next day's "long leg" as well as a determined search on Solomons Island for charts for "INTERLUDE". As luck would have it, a marina store owner was located - who kindly opened up his store to assist. After a good night's rest, the fleet was all set for day two as they entered the Patuxent River at sunrise.

For Sunday, the fleet had 43 miles to cover (course to be made good) to reach the second day's destination: Horn Harbour, located 3-1/2 miles up the Great Wicomico River. However, due to the continuing southerly breezes, the "over the ground" distance was, for many, closer to 65 miles. While this made for a very long day, the trip was well worth it. The day involved some beautiful sailing passing the mouth of the Potomac River (which is over ten miles across - from Point Lookout to Smith Point) and up the Great Wicomico River to Horn Harbour, an extremely beautiful and secluded anchorage with high wooded banks all around. However, the entrance proved to be very tricky due to the narrow dog leg channel which was just wide enough for a careful tandem approach. Mike Sarnowski (son of Joe and Carole) came to the rescue for many however, by expertly guiding the boats through the maze from his motorized dinghy. An expert and trusted pilot he proved to be.

Once in Horn Harbour there was a great cocktail and hors d'oeuvre gathering aboard "PUFFIN" hosted by the Gerster's which was followed with an evening rain shower and a fantastic sound show from aboard "HELLO DOLLY". If you can imagine in this beautiful secluded harbour, a rainbow overhead, the surrounding pine trees and vegetation lush and sparkling from the rain, and reverberating throughout - the stereophonic sounds of "Hooked on Classics" and "Chariots of Fire" - with Bill Gingras maestrolfully conducting the serenade from the stern rail position. After an enthusiastic applause for such enjoyable entertainment, the fleet settled down to prepare for dinner - and the barbeques filled the air with tantalizing aromas. Later the sky would provide its own show with a spectacular display of stars.

The next morning (Monday, day three) commenced with a skippers' meeting from aboard "SONGBIRD". With Bob Enstam standing in the cockpit peering down on ten dinghys (each manned with charts in hand), one had the impression that prayer meeting was now in session and that Bob's next instruction would be "now let us please turn to page 151

of our hymnals". What came forward however was good information regarding the day's trip as well as word from Arleen Raab ("INTERLUDE") that an election had been held aboard the yacht and that she had been elected "captain". Such information was humorously received with numerous "Amens".

After the meeting, the skippers rowed to their boats to set sail for "Fishing Bay" situated 22 miles south off the Piankatank River. The day involved more beating against the southerly breezes; however for several boats, the final few hours of the trip proved very exciting reaching up the Piankatank with winds of 30 knots - while others were securely anchored when the wind freshened. It was, however, a safe trip for all - thanks to "HELLO DOLLY" who courageously left her anchorage to assist "CACHALOT" who was experiencing engine problems. (It should be pointed out at this point that "HELLO DOLLY" was to engage in many acts of heroics before the trip was over; and for which gratitude is expressed by the fleet.)

Fishing Bay will long be remembered for several reasons. First, Bob and Marty Enstam celebrated their 24th year of marriage; second, Al Walker took a dip with the jellyfish (there were thousands) to retrieve his dinghy that had been pulled under when the painter became entangled in the prop; and third, the unusual manner in which Bill Gingras entertains aboard "HELLO DOLLY" - in his pajamas.

The forecast for the fourth day was somewhat on the bleak side with expected afternoon thunderstorms, and overcast and rain throughout the day. Therefore, Tuesday, June 29 started early as the fleet left the anchorage as the sun was rising over the Bay. This was to be the final leg to Sarah Creek and complete the fleets four day sail to the York River. For this final day southward, some of the boats in the fleet were properly escorted out of the Piankatank by several playful porpoises.

The thunderstorms did not materialize and the overcast burned off to expose a very bright and hot sun. Under these conditions the fleet made its way past Wolf Trap lighthouse, New Point Comfort and laid a course of  $220^{\circ}$  \*/ , circumventing Mobjack Bay, and heading for the York River. From the "York Spit" it is about sixteen miles up the York to the Sarah Creek markers. Sailing up the York proved very interesting with the many U.S. Coast Guard patrol boats on practice maneuvers (those sleek boats are fast - they also make big waves for sailboats - watch it, there goes the gear flying). As the fleet entered Sarah Creek, the marina came into view to port. As the boats approached, courteous assistance was provided by the marina in assigning slips - and overall just making everyone feel welcome. For most, once the boats were securely berthed, it was straight to the marina pool for a long awaited swim (aka, take immediate action to reduce your body temperature by 20 degrees - and soothe the sunburn).

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\*/ "LA VIDA" over the VHF radio indicated a course of  $210^{\circ}$  while "PUFFIN" suggested  $230^{\circ}$ . They then decided to "split the difference and made it  $220^{\circ}$ ". Now that folks is navigational skill.

That evening an enthusiastic crowd gathered as John Bourke brought out his guitar from aboard "FINALLY" for a songfest. The festive occasion was soon joined by many of the locals as they shared in the HHSA dockside sing-a-long. The good times were briefly stopped for "intermission" as all hands went to assist "CACHALOT" and "INTERLUDE" who were towed into the marina by "HELLO DOLLY" due to engine problems. Again it was skipper Bill Gingras volunteering to head out late at night into the York River on this much appreciated "search and assist" endeavor.

After the entire fleet was accounted for (BONNIE LEE II was to arrive the next day) the songfest resumed and continued way into the night.

The next day, Wednesday, June 30, two brand new sparkling 15-passenger vans were awaiting to take captains and crew to Busch Gardens for a day of partaking in all the fun rides and shows available at the park. It's been rumored that Al Walker rode the big roller coaster five times (it must be the "g" factor syndrome from his many years as an Air Force fighter pilot). After a full day of fun and excitement, the loaded vans returned to the marina and it was once again pool time. After the refreshing dip, it was off to dinner at the numerous restaurants located nearby.

The following day, separate sightseeing trips were arranged for (1) Carters Grove/Williamsburg, and (2) the famous Maritime Museum at Newport News. Reports from the respective trips indicated that each was thoroughly interesting and even worth the experience of riding in vans driven by Bob Enstam and Joe Sarnowski, both of whom continued to navigate by nautical charts. Under the circumstances, "watch the shoal, Bob" was appropriately shouted as he headed toward a highway divider.

That evening, three large Weber grills were filled with charcoal and lighted as the HHSA "Round the Bay Cruise" barbeque was held on the lawn adjacent to the pool. After dinner, the picnic continued with another super songfest "a la John Bourke" which was joined by a banjo picker who heard the music as he was bringing his boat into the marina and could not resist participating. It was a great way to bring to an end a fantastic stay at Sarah Creek and the York River Yacht Haven which was made so pleasant by Dan and Jan Bacot, the marina owners.

The next day (Thursday, July 1), the fleet, now rested and refreshed, would start its trip up the Bay.

WHAT EXPERIENCES WILL THEY ENCOUNTER? PLEASE TUNE IN NEXT MONTH AND SHARE WITH THE "ROUND THE BAY" FLEET AS THEY SAIL FOR HOME.

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While the cruise was progressing, back home at Herrington Harbour, a race was held Monday, July 5, in honor of Independence Day. Five boats participated including: (1) "AMYGDALA", R. Morrison/B. Barbera, (2) "CHRISTA H II", B. Parrish, (3) "COLUMBINE", B. Neff, (4) "ADELANTE", J. Hargraves, and (5) "WINDSINGER", C. West.

The participants all motored out of the channel and anchored behind the starting line which was set up in front of the beach at Herrington Harbour. At the start, two crew members rowed dinghys while three of the crew members swam to their respective boats that were waiting with sails furled on deck. It was a long swim. Those that rowed proved to have a definite advantage.

The winds for the race were light and "COLUMBINE" was first over the line followed by "AMYGDALA", "WINDSINGER" and "ADELANTE". The fishermans' start turned out to be a good race - but next time Rusty, let's anchor closer to shore.

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Have a Good August,

HERRINGTON HARBOUR SAILING ASSOCIATION

Post Script

(1) Bob Orme of Blue Water Marina is offering HNSA members special discounts during the month of August. In addition to the regular 15% discount on all materials, Blue Water Marina is discounting its hauling fees by 1/3 as well as offering for sale 55 channel Unimetrics VHF radios (with four weather bands) at \$220 (limited supply). For further details, call Bob at 301-798-6733 (Washington # 261-7813).

(2) In connection with the "HNSA Caribbean Bareboat Cruise" this winter, Chris Cooper is researching and comparing rates to be obtained for winter 1983 charter packages. If you are interested, Chris would appreciate you calling her at work: 382-9457 or home 536-7210.