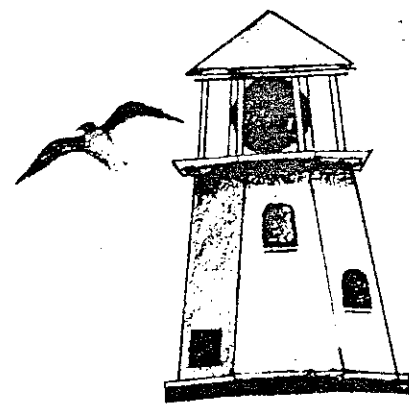


"THE HARBOUR LIGHT"

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"FLASH"

GREAT ROUND POPULAR ISLAND RACE SET FOR LABOR DAY WEEKEND (SEE PAGE 2); FIVE HHSA BOATS RACE GOVERNOR'S CUP (SEE PAGE 7); 'ROUND THE BAY SAGA CONTINUES (SEE PAGE 7); AND, YES VIRGINIA, THERE WILL BE A FALL SERIES (SEE PAGE 3).

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"CALENDAR AT A GLANCE"

- (1) Sunday, Sept. 5 (8:30 a.m.) "GREAT 'ROUND POPLAR ISLAND RACE"
- (2) Friday, Sept. 10 (8:00 p.m.) Executive Committee Meeting
- (3) Saturday, Sept. 11 (10:00 a.m.) Fall Series Race #1
- (4) Saturday, Sept. 11 (8:00 p.m.) "HHSA Carribean Cruise" Get Together
- (5) Sunday, Sept. 12 (8:00 a.m.) Brunch at Tilghman Inn (Knapps Narrows)
- (6) Sat-Sun, Sept. 18-19 (8:00 a.m.) Cruise to Caulk Cove
- (7) Saturday, Sept. 25 (10:00 a.m.) Fall Series Race #2
- (8) Saturday, Oct. 2 (10:00 a.m.) Fall Series Race #3
- (9) Friday, Oct. 8 (8:00 p.m.) Executive Committee Meeting
- (10) Sat-Sun-Mon, Sept. 9-11 (8:00 a.m.) HHSA "October Fest" Cruise to Oxford
- (11) Saturday, Oct. 16 (10:00 a.m.) Fall Series Race #4
- (12) Saturday, Oct. 23 (10:00 a.m.) Fall Series Race #5 (End-of-the-Season-Race)
- (13) Sunday, Oct. 24 (11:00 a.m.) HHSA ANNUAL MEETING AND BRUNCH
- (14) Sat-Sun, Nov. 6-7 (8:00 a.m.) HHSA's "End-of-the-Season" Cruise to Galesville
- (15) Saturday, Dec. 4 (7:30 p.m.) HHSA's AWARDS BANQUET

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Dear Friends:

The events listed above reflect the activities planned for the remaining 1982 HHSA season. While next month's newsletter will more completely cover the events scheduled for October, November, and December (as well as any additional activities), it is hoped that the extended calendar will be helpful for you in planning some great weekends as summer transcends to fall.

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"GREAT 'ROUND POPLAR ISLAND RACE"
Saturday, September 5

The GREAT 'ROUND POPLAR ISLAND RACE will be held Sunday, September 5, 1982, and involve navigating Poplar Island Narrows. The race will commence at the Herring Bay #1 marker (located approximately 1 mile N.E. of Holland Point) at approximately 10:00 a.m. The exact time will be made known at the Skippers' meeting to be held Sunday morning at 8:30 a.m. by the flag pole.

From the #1 green marker, the race course will involve: (1) crossing the Bay, (2) navigating through Poplar Island Narrows, and (3) returning to Herring Bay. The finish line will be at the Herring Bay #2 red marker.

In rounding Poplar Island, it will be "Skippers' Choice", whether you enter Poplar Island Narrows from the north or south; however, all participants are required to honor the #1 marker at the southern entrance to the narrows as well as the red #8 nun at the northern approach by passing each on the eastern side.

The race around Poplar Island is approximately 21 miles long, and will be scored under PHRF rules.

Any questions regarding "THE GREAT 'ROUND POPLAR ISLAND RACE" can be directed to Steve Garber or Will Keyworth. Steve can be reached at his office at 428-4361 or at home by calling 855-5647. Will's home phone is 301-741-5190.

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In addition to "Great 'Round Poplar Island Race", there will be a multitude of events taking place at Herrington Harbour Marina over Labor Day Weekend.

A brunch will be served at the restaurant on the upstairs veranda Saturday, Sunday, and Monday (September 4-6) from 9:00-12:00. On Saturday evening, September 4, there will be a buffet served by the pool with dancing to a live Reggae Band (the pool will be open as well as a cash bar). Prizes for best costumes will be awarded. Tickets for the buffet can be purchased at the restaurant.

Sunday evening weary sailors can unwind from the race at the beach party barbeque which starts at 6:00 p.m. Tickets are also available at the restaurant.

On Monday, September 6, at 1:00 p.m. there will be a volleyball tournament on the lawn next to the tennis courts. Also, throughout the weekend, "MUSTANG", a 60-foot skipjack will be berthed in holiday dress between C and D docks.

The schedule outlining the above discussed events can be found in the marina/restaurant circular which is being distributed.

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BRUNCH AT TILGHMAN INN
Sunday, September 12

A "day cruise" with an "eastern shore brunch" is planned for Sunday, September 12 following the 8:00 a.m. Skippers' meeting in front of the restrooms. The cruise across the Bay will be to the recently renovated Tilghman Inn located at Knapps Narrows. Once the boats are secured at the slips, brunch will be served at the Inn (which includes an assortment of fruits and homemade muffins, biscuits and pies).

Because of the limited boat slips available at the Inn, it will probably be advantageous to form "yachtpools". In any event, it is a great opportunity to gather friends and have one heck of a party in sailing across the Bay. After the brunch - whenever that is - maybe, just maybe, there will be a race back across the Bay to Herrington Harbour.

As previously indicated, there will be a Skippers' meeting at 8:00 a.m., Sunday, September 12, However, if you think there is a good possibility of making the trip, please contact Paul and Jane Spence as soon as possible (preferably by September 5) in order that advance arrangements can be made with the Inn. Jane can be reached during the day at 353-5521 or call the Spences at their home at 301-663-5443. Plan now to make the "Tilghman Inn Brunch" and share in the good times of this Sunday Cruise across the Bay.

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HNSA'S SEPTEMBER CRUISE: CAULK COVE

The September cruise will be held the weekend of September 18 and 19 with Caulk Cove the destination. This sheltered and unspoiled anchorage is located off the northern shore of Leadenham Creek, a tributary of Broad Creek and approached by way of the Choptank River.

Bill Gingrass ("HELLO DOLLY", Slip C-13) will serve as cruise captain for this adventure up the Leadenham and will share with us his skillful strategy at the Skippers' meeting to be held 9:00 a.m. Saturday morning, September 18.*/

With September comes cooler weather and one of the best cruising periods on the Chesapeake (although it's all fantastic). So please make plans now to join this cruise with " 'Round the Bay" Bill. Should you desire to speak with him prior to the Skippers' meeting, he can be reached at 855-5568.

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HNSA FALL RACE SERIES

During the months of September and October, HNSA will hold its "Fall Race Series". This series (an addition to the 1982 schedule)

*/ Please note that the Skippers' meeting will be held one hour later than those scheduled for the previous cruises.

will consist of five Saturday races to be held on the following dates:

- Race #1, Saturday, September 11
- Race #2, Saturday, September 25
- Race #3, Saturday, October 2
- Race #4, Saturday, October 16, and
- Race #5, Saturday, October 23

Skippers' meetings will be held at 10:00 a.m. on these days by the flag pole (behind the restaurant) with the starting sequence beginning at approximately 11:00 a.m. by the #2 red marker. As with the spring and summer series, races will be scored based on PHRF ratings and will include a spinnaker and non-spinnaker class.

It is hoped that those who were not able to make the Wednesday night series will participate in the fall series to be held over the weekends. Whether you have raced before or are a first-timer, the "Fall Series" will be alot of fun and a great opportunity to complete the 1982 sailing season with friends in spirited pursuit.

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HNSA CARIBBEAN BARE BOAT CRUISE "GET TOGETHER"

Saturday evening (September 11) at 8:00 p.m. there will be a get together for those planning to make the Caribbean Cruise, as well as those interested, but not yet decided. The meeting/social will be held in the vicinity of the marina. For exact location and details, please call Chris Cooper at work - 382-9457 - or at home - 536-7210.

The dates for the cruise are as follows: Depart Washington on Tuesday, February 1, 1983, and arrive that afternoon in Tortola (B.V.I.) and board your yacht. The fleet will depart the marina the following morning for such places as Virgin Gorda, Peter Island and Camanoe. Following 9-10 days of sailing, the yachts will return to Tortola Friday afternoon, February 11. On the way home, some folks plan to stop at St. Thomas to take advantage of duty-free shopping. Again, if interested please call Chris regarding the September 11 meeting.

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

The Executive Committee will meet Friday, September 10, 1982 at 8:00 p.m. in the lecture room off the lounge. These meetings are open to all members.

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ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting will be held Sunday, October 24, 1982, for the purpose of electing officers, presenting committee reports, and revising the Constitution/Bylaws. It will be followed by a brunch. Details will be provided in next month's newsletter.

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RESULTS OF SPRING SERIES AND THREE DAY RACE SERIES

SPRING SERIES - While the winds most Wednesday evenings were not as fresh as desired, the Spring Series provided some good competition and alot of fun for the many boats that participated in this event. Listed below are the yachts finishing 1st-4th in Spinnaker class and 1st-8th in Non-Spinnaker class.

Spinnaker Class

<u>Place</u>	<u>Yacht</u>	<u>Skipper</u>
1st	COLUMBINE (Catalina 27)	B. Neff
2nd	AMYDAGLA (Ranger 22)	B. Barbera/R. Morrison
3rd	SHOTGUN (Catalina 25)	T. Bartley
4th	TOMKAT'N (C&C 24)	T. Willess

Non-Spinnaker Class

<u>Place</u>	<u>Yacht</u>	<u>Skipper</u>
1st	ALLEGRO (Catalina 27)	G. Smith
2nd	BUNCH (Santana 30)	C. Brown
3rd	HOTSPUR (Grampien 26)	P. Wroblewski
4th	CHRISTA H II (Sabre 28)	B. Parrish
5th	MY MERCEDES (Hunter 27)	A. Walker
6th	LOVE (Morgan 22)	J. Renny
7th	SONGBIRD (Catalina 22)	J. Chapin
8th	BLUE STREAK (Bucceneer 27)	M. Schechter

THREE DAY RACE SERIES - The first and second races of this series were held respectively Friday evening, July 30, and Saturday morning, July 31, under threatening skies. However, in both instances, the weather broke for some very enjoyable racing. The final day, Sunday, August 1 was beautiful with brisk northerly breezes, a brilliant blue sky and bright sun. The "Crab Feast" provided an outstanding way to conclude HHSAs "Three Day Race Series" and a proper forum to announce the following winners:

Spinnaker Class

<u>Place</u>	<u>Yacht</u>	<u>Skipper</u>
1st	MOONBEAM (Kirby 25)	T. Keyworth
2nd	DESPERADO (Catalina 27)	S. Garber
3rd	AMYDAGLA (Ranger 22)	B. Barbera/R. Morrison

Non-Spinnaker Class

<u>Place</u>	<u>Yacht</u>	<u>Skipper</u>
1st	SCHUSS (Catalina 22)	J. Mason
2nd	CIRCUS (Irwin 30)	A. Doyan
3rd	BUNCH (Santana 30)	C. Brown

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Other winners announced at the "Crab Feast" include: (1) Bonnie Scott (BONNIE LEE II) who drew the winning "50/50" ticket, and (2) Jody Hilton, a receptionist at Herrington Harbour Restuarant, who held the winning ticket for "Posidons' Liquor Locker".

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SOME GREAT CRUISES REVIEWED

HHSa cruises continue to be a great success and a wonderful time for all. The June cruise was led by Lou and Jane Cable aboard "ZEPHYR" to Hudson Creek located off the Little Choptank River. On Hudson Creek, the fleet anchored in a picturesque cove after rounding Casson Point and a pleasant sail. The location is one of the less crowded anchorages on the Bay and proved to be a perfect spot to enjoy the always great cocktail hour. Once again, HHSa's sturdy sailors ventured forth despite the weather forecasters grim prediction and proved them wrong with a great weekend on the Bay.

George Sabo ("PEGASO") led the July cruise to San Domingo Creek. This anchorage allowed the fleet access to St. Michaels through the "back door" (knowing some of the most ardent revelers as we do, the back door was a most appropriate entrance).

San Domingo Creek proved to be a very pleasant anchorage with just enough room for the many boats making this trip. Among the participants, some remained with their boats, satisfied with good company, good food, and drinks aboard; while others donned their fancy clothes and boarded dinghies to venture into town and have dinner together at the famous Crab Claw. Many continued to enjoy the various watering holes (water is a necessity on those hot summer weekends you know) available at this lovely eastern shore town. As the hearty made their way back to the boats in the wee hours of the morning, others were sleeping peacefully under the stars, enjoying the cool steady breezes.

Sunday morning found the HHSa burgees flying on most of the boats tied at the Tilghman Inn in Knapps Narrows. Here the weekend HHSa cruisers met up with other HHSa boats at the Inn for a day cruise. Together, a great brunch was enjoyed before departing the eastern shore.

The most recent cruise was to Shaw Bay over the weekend of August 18-19 with George and Chris Cooper the cruise captains. Over twenty boats participated in the cruise up Eastern Bay to the Miles and Wye Rivers. At Shaw Bay three large rafts were formed only to be interrupted with a strong squall out of the northwest Saturday afternoon. However, once the anchors were reset, the party continued under clear skies and cool breezes.

Participants in one (or more) of the above cruises included the following yachts: "PEGASUS"/Dendy, "SO-O-BIG"/Harris, "SUNSHINE II"/Chester, "SHARALEE"/McWatters, "SONGBIRD"/Enstam, "LA VIDA"/Barbee, "SOUTHWIND"/Goldstayn, "MY MERCEDES"/Walker, "HELLO DOLLY"/Gingras,

"ZEPHYR"/Cable, "ANTARES"/Dailey, "REGENTAG"/Brackett, "BONNIE LEE II"/Scott, "MIZTEE BECK"/Thomas, "NO SWEET"/Raab, "SECOND WIND"/Spence, "CIRCUS"/Doyan, "SWEET HARMONY"/Hall, "E'PRIS"/Cooper, "PEGASO"/Sabo, "TOMKAT'N"/Willess, "POCO LOCO"/Glick, "WHISPER"/Knapp, Sea Spirit 23/Remmy, "PEDDLER"/Sarnowski, "MISS MUFFETT II"/Ulander, "DEMERARA"/Wehland, "ADELANTE"/Hargreaves, and "WINDSWEPT"/Pickering.

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HNSA WELL REPRESENTED IN GOVERNOR'S CUP RACE

Five HNSA boats participated in the "Governor's Cup" - an all night 75 mile race down the Bay to St. Mary's City, Maryland (located up the St. Mary's River, a tributary of the Potomac River) It started Friday evening August 20.

Among the 307 boats participating in this event were HNSA'ers Rusty Morrison and Bob Barbera sailing "AMYDAGLA" (Ranger 22), Tom and Valeria Bartley sailing "SHOTGUN" (Catalina 25), Will and Timmy Keyworth sailing "MOONBEAM" (Kirby 25), Steve and Kathy Garber sailing "DESPERADO" (Catalina 27), and Bob and Mary Ellen Neff sailing "COLUMBINE" (Catalina 27).

To say the least, it was a thrilling race from beginning to end. If you can imagine, a starting line with over three hundred boats jockeying for an advantageous starting position. Although there were sequential starts for various classes, one start (each of which are only five minutes apart) had over 60 participants.

While most crew members had planned to sleep on their off-watch, it was difficult to go below and miss the spectacular sight that continued on the Bay throughout the night.

The next morning as the yachts sailed up the Potomac River and then the St. Mary's River, the finish line area was crowded with spectators watching the massive fleet complete the race.

Saturday afternoon was spent lounging and later there was a huge cocktail party on the lawn of the old State House overlooking the St. Mary's River.

Then, under a huge tent with over a thousand in attendance, Gov. Harry Hughes presented trophies to the winners of the race. This turned out to be a very special occasion since the 2nd place MORC trophy was awarded to Will Keyworth in recognition of the superb performance of "MOONBEAM" by Will and crew, including son Timmy, brother Kenny, and Steve Harrison ("PSYCHE"-Slip B-9).

Later, the Skippers and crew of "MOONBEAM", "AMYDAGLA", "SHOTGUN", "DESPERADO", and "COLUMBINE", joined together for a great cookout. The next day they enjoyed a beautiful sail home to Herrington Harbour.

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HNSA "ROUND THE BAY CRUISE" RETURNS TO HERRINGTON HARBOUR

During the first half of this two-week adventure, the "Round the Bay Cruise" participants had shared the beautiful anchorage of Mill Creek (and the celebration of Bill and Dolly Gingras' 25th? wedding anniversary), the sound show extravaganza at Horn Harbour,

the refuge from turbulent seas at Fishing Bay, and the siteseeing, barbeques, songfests, and pool relaxation while at Sarah Creek. It had been, for sure, a beautiful sail as well as a wonderfully interesting cruise. Now however, after three great days at the York River Yacht Haven, the fleet was rested, refreshed, and ready to begin its trip up the Bay. Set out below is an account of their trip home.

Friday, July 2, started very early as the fleet provisioned the boats with last minute food items, as well as topping off with water and ice. Then, after bidding farewell to new acquaintances at Sarah Creek, out into the York River sailed "BONNIE LEE II", "CACHALOT", "FINALLY", "HELLO DOLLY", "INTERLUDE", "LA VIDA", "MISS MUFFET II", "MY MERCEDES", "PEDDLER", "PUFFIN", "SONGBIRD", "TOMKAT'N", and "ZEPHER". The morning sun was already hot and the forecast was for "light and variable" winds as the trip got underway. From the York River, the fleet motor-sailed into Mobjeck Bay towards the East River. Up the river, the boats cruised passing one of the last tide mills on the Chesapeake (once operated by water wheel), as well as wooded shores and farms. Way up the East River, the fleet found a beautiful anchorage at "Put-In Creek". That afternoon as the boats arrived, a large raft was organized and soon a spirited happy hour was in full force with everybody on board.

Later a family from one of the beautiful shore homes came along side (with their large german shepard) in a Boston Whaler. As they approached the raft, they expressed their amazement (as well as the astonishment of their neighbors) upon seeing so many sailboats coming up the river. For them, it was time to investigate!

Well, this nice family soon found out about Herrington Harbour and HHSA. The fleet invited them to join the lively party and soon they were aboard going from boat to boat exchanging introductions and sharing in the good times taking place.

Later, a lady on shore came out from her home to take pictures of the fleet. Carl Gerster ("PUFFIN") upon seeing her interest, rowed over to the shore, introduced himself, and shared with her the experience of the "Round the Bay Cruise". Meanwhile, back at the raft, the party continued in full force. There was another sound show from "HELLO DOLLY" and a great time was had by all, particularly Bob Enstam - he thinks.

The following day, July 3, the fleet carefully navigated the narrow opening from Put-In Creek to the East River and made way for Tides Lodge at Irvington, Virginia. The East River runs into Mobjack Bay and from there the fleet entered the Bay rounding New Point Comfort lighthouse. On a heading of 030°, they sailed up the Bay pushed along by nice southerly breezes. Upon reaching Wolf Trap lighthouse, the boats altered course to approximately 345° towards Stingray Point, the southern approach to the Rappahannock River. Once in the river, the fleet sailed twelve miles up river towards Carter Creek under continuing stronger winds. For most of the fleet, the last seven miles or so were sailed under beam reach with 35+ knot winds. This made for an exciting sail under the Rappahannock River Bridge and a speedy approach to Tides Lodge located on the shores of Carter Creek.

The arrival at Tides Lodge was particularly exciting for it was the rendezvous point for several HNSA boats which had left Herrington Harbour several days earlier.

"HAILSTONE" (Terry and Pat Baxter) had sailed from Herrington Harbour three days earlier with a stop along-the-way at Smith Island. "PEGASO" (George Sabo and Colleen Kirn) and "ANTARES" (Ron and Cecelia Dailey) had left Herrington Harbour on July 1 for Tides Lodge with stops at Solomons Island and Indian Creek.

Josie Remmy, after losing "LOVE" her adored Morgan 22, in a tragic accident at Backyard Boats, sailed with her son Billy on a Sea Spirit 23 to make the rendezvous at Tides Lodge. To make up time, Josie and Billy departed the West River at 7:30 p.m. Thursday evening, July 1, and sailed southward through the night, passing Herring Bay at 9:30 p.m., Solomons at 2:00 a.m. (Friday morning) and continued on Friday passing Point Lookout, the Potomac River, the Great Wicomico and finally meeting up with "PEGASO" and "ANTARES" in Indian Creek - non-stop 90 mile sail!! Josie, thanks for your determination, as it was fantastic seeing that red boat being expertly sailed up Carter Creek to the Tides.

That evening, after a refreshing swim in the pool, the Skippers and crews from the 17 HNSA yachts got all spiffed up for dinner at the "Binacle" a restaurant overlooking the marina and Carters Creek. Afterwards there was dancing at the adjoining disco appropriately called "The Engine Room". There was alot of sweat and some pretty nifty steps performed out on the dance floor that evening. Must be those sea legs. Out on the surrounding deck, one could see the numerous boats at anchor flying the holiday flags and penants in preparation for celebrating "Independence Day".

The next morning, firecrackers could be heard from the more enthusiastic July 4th celebrants. It was a beautiful day as many played golf at one of the Tides courses. Others took the ferry over to "The Inn" to shop in the specialty stores; and still others remained at the lodge cleaning their boats or lounging in the swimming pool. At the pool, Josie made fast news when she appeared in her custom-cut, very sheer, swim suit. As Josie emerged from the water in the wet suit (was there a suit?), there were three cardiac arrests, two wrecks at the dock, and five grey haired ladies fainted. Folks, the Tides Lodge would never be the same.

Late that afternoon the 'Round the Bay Fleet held a July 4th celebration in the Lodge's party room complete with HNSA burgees draped from the chandeliers. The room was filled with members of the cruise as well as numerous friends and family that had driven down to visit with the fleet. Numerous tables were set up for serving the extravagant display of hors d'oeuvres as well as an impressive bar. It was a tremendous party which later turned into a songfest as John Bourke (in rare form) brought forth his guitar. It was a super way to celebrate July 4th on the Bay and prepare for the fireworks display that evening.

On Monday, many recovered from the July 4th celebration sailing the beautiful Rappahannock and visiting historic Urbana (pillaged by the British in 1781) located across the river. Others continued the stay at Tides Lodge with golf, tennis, swimming, sightseeing and shopping. For all, it was a beautiful day to complete the fleets stay at Carter Creek.

Early the next day, the fleet prepared to leave Tides Lodge. A station wagon filled with ice was ordered from Irvington while a separate trip was made in the opposite direction to do last minute washing at the town laundrymat. Then it was off 22 miles to Prentice Creek located off Dividing Creek (situated between Great Wicomico and Rappahannock). The entrance to Prentice proved tricky for all and downright stubborn for some as keel met shoal. However, thanks to the assistance of "HELLO DOLLY" soon all boats were riding free and secured, this time, by anchor. After a beautiful sunset in this secluded cove with its brick ruins, the fleet settled down for a restful night.

On Wednesday, July 7, the fleet sailed thirty-five miles from Dividing Creek, around Smith Point, to the head waters of the Coan River located up the Potomac River. The sail was beautiful - running up the Bay and reaching up the Potomac to the Coan. Once at the anchorage, it seemed that everybody went topside to cool off with bucket baths and sun showers. That is, all except for Al and Gail Walker who provided entertainment for the fleet with their now famous "The Al and Gail Anchoring Show". For them, it was: (1) drop the hook, (2) watch "MY MERCEDES" drift, (3) descriptive communication, (4) raise the hook, and then continue the sequence again and again. For others, the fun and games came the next morning when several ran aground leaving the anchorage.

From the Coan River, the fleet sailed forty miles to White Sands Marina on St. Leonards Creek. This day, July 8, turned out to be extremely hot - no doubt the hottest day of the trip - and not a breath of air. In the circumstances, the fleet motored the entire day made exciting only by the bombing runs from the Patuxent Naval Air Station and the patrol boat detouring the boats away from the target area.

Also on this day, Mike Sarnowski tossed a bottle into the Bay (around Point Lookout) with a message for the finder. As it turned out - several weeks later Mike received a response letter from Judith W. Varina, of Mechanicsville, VA., who located the bottle around Reedville.

At White Sands, the fleet worked hard securing the boats in slips that must have been designed for battleships. Later an enjoyable Polynesian dinner was had at the restaurant. It was to be the last night together for the fleet.

On Friday, July 9 (the 14th day of the trip) "CATCHLOT", "FINALLY", "HELLO DOLLY", "PEDDLER", and "SONGBIRD" bid farewell to

the remaining boats as they ventured once again into the Bay on their way home to Herrington Harbour. As for the others, they sailed to Solomons Island passing the "Pride of Baltimore" docked there for the weekend, and spent the afternoon swimming at the Calvert Marina pool. The evening for those at Solomons included a dinghy ride across Back Creek to the new restaurant at Zanhausers where the food was superb. An outstanding evening was had by all. As a matter of fact, it was so outstanding that some even went for an unscheduled swim during the dinghy ride back to the boats.

On Saturday, July 9, "LA VIDA", "MY MERCEDES", "ZEPHYR", "MISS MUFFET II", and "BONNIE LEE II" left Solomons for home. As the group rounded Drum Point about 8:30 a.m., skies were grey-black and getting blacker. Running lights were on. "BONNIE LEE's" Skipper said quietly, "let's turn back". First mate replied "LA VIDA" is not turning back - "MISS MUFFET" is not turning back". So again a logical decision was made and on they went up the Bay - with no wind.

Then "The Storm" arrived with RAIN!RAIN!RAIN!LIGHTNING! LIGHTNING!LIGHTNING! - It went on for 2-1/2 hours. Pete Scott holds a record for keeping his eyes shut for the duration while Hans Wader had to eliminate his sea anchor by bailing his dinghy which had filled with water. Jack Barbee did nearly the impossible by overhauling the outboard during this period. All this time, they were reminded of John Bourkes great rendition of: "Have no fear my dear--have some more maderia my dear".

Well, it all turned out okay for these seasoned sailors and their spirits were considerably brightened by the emerging sunshine and blue skies that appeared after the storm.

Upon entering the Herrington Harbour channel, the storm was completely forgotten upon seeing the huge sign prepared by the Gingras family and attached to the tennis court fencing which read:

"WELCOME HOME HNSA 'ROUND THE BAY CRUISE"

By now most of the participating boats had returned home to Herrington Harbour - except that is for TOMKAT'N, PEGASO, ANTARES, and Josie aboard the Sea Spirit 23. While they considered starting the cruise all over, they instead remained at Solomons until the storm passed; then sailed across the Bay to Dun Cove to join "FINALLY" (John and Jane Bourke) and "E'PRIS" (George and Chris Cooper). The following day, these last holdouts returned to the marina via Knapps Narrows and an enjoyable Sunday brunch with Paul and Jane Spence ("SECOND WIND") and Kathy and Earl Hall ("SWEET HARMONY") who sailed their Cape Dorys over to the Tilghman Inn. The final event of the cruise was a swift race across the Bay under fresh southerly breezes to Herring Bay and home-sweet-home. By Sunday evening the 'Round the Bay Fleet was once again together. This time, however, it was the slips of Herrington Harbour where 16 days earlier, the fleet had started its fantastic adventure of the lower Chesapeake Bay.

Now, the cruise had come to an end and the stout and faithful boats were once again secure at familiar surroundings. However, for the participants of the 'Round the Bay Cruise, it would never be the same. Instead they will continue their adventure long after with fond memories of warm friendships, of laughter (which never seemed to end) and the unforgettable sights and experiences enjoyed along the way.

To Joe and Carole Sarnowski and Bob and Marty Enstam, thank you for the outstanding job in organizing the cruise and making it go so well. The hats of the fleet (now somewhat saltier) are off to you in appreciation and gratitude.

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'ROUND THE BAY "T" SHIRTS

There are a few 'Round the Bay T-Shirts still available for sale. The shirts are sized large, medium and small and are priced at \$5.00 each. If interested, please call Pete Scott at home - 435-3793, or at work - 860-6830.

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LOST AND FOUND

Two pair of sunglasses and one small portable (flexible) cooler were found after the crab feast. If you lost one or more of these items, please call Tom Willess at 703-370-0682.

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FOR SALE

Hunter 33 '79; four sails, live aboard equipped. Better than new. Asking \$41,000. See at Slip K-15 or call George Sabo at 202-254-8050.

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Have a Good September,

HERRINGTON HARBOUR SAILING ASSOCIATION