

GREAT ROUND POPLAR ISLAND RACE RESCHEDULED FOR 10:00 AM ON  
SUNDAY, JUNE 12, 1983\*

"THE HARBOUR LIGHT"

The Newsletter of  
Herrington Harbour Sailing Association  
Rose Haven on the Bay  
Friendship, MD 20758

COMDR, Will Keyworth  
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May 31, 1983

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"CALENDAR AT A GLANCE"

- 1) Wednesday, June 1 (6:20pm) Wednesday Evening Race Series #3
- 2) Sat-Sun, June 4-5 (9:30am) Cruise to South River
- 3) Friday, June 10 (6:20pm) Friday Evening Race Series #3
- 4) Sunday, June 12 (10:00am) Great Round Poplar Island Race
- 5) Wednesday, June 15 (6:20pm) Wednesday Evening Race Series #4
- 6) Friday, June 17 (7:30pm) Bon Voyage Party in honor of the  
"Round the Bay - North" (Pot Luck Meal)
- 7) Saturday, June 18 (9:30am) Start of the Round the Bay Cruise - North
- 8) Friday, June 24 (6:20pm) Friday Evening Race Series #4
- 9) Sunday, June 26 (?) Welcome Home to Participants of "Round the  
Bay Cruise - North"
- 10) Wednesday, June 29 (6:20pm) Wednesday Evening Race Series #5
- 11) Sunday, July 3 (5:00pm) BYOB Party off "M" Dock
- 12) Monday, July 4 (11:00am) Match Race 'Round the Buoys
- 13) Friday, July 8 (6:20pm) Friday Evening Race Series #5

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"ROUND THE BAY - NORTHWARD HO!"

Dear Friends,

Time is growing short if you want to join the flotilla heading North to Baltimore and points beyond on HHSA's second annual "Round the Bay Cruise." The nine-day odyssey leaves Herrington Harbour on Saturday, June 18th to explore the upper reaches of the Bay where the water is fresh and the stinging nettles are only a memory.

Cruise Captains Jack & Sharon McWatters and Larry & Helen Glick have some great ideas for making the northern trek a fantastic and memorable one. Plan to sleep aboard the boat on Friday, June 17th, and join your fellow cruisers at a pre-cruise party in the Herrington Harbour Restaurant.  
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\*Due to inclement weather on May 29, the Great Round Poplar Island Race has been rescheduled for Sunday, June 12 at 10:00am. Let's hope for better weather!

"Round the Bay" continued

Whether you make the party or not, be sure to be at the Skipper's meeting at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, June 18th to hear the latest details and get the latest handouts that the McWatters & Glicks are putting together.

This cruise is planned with comfort in mind. No day's journey will be longer than 20 miles. The cruise is tailor-made also for those who can't make it for the whole nine days, but want to go along part-way or join the flotilla somewhere en route.

Here's a quick review of the itinerary: 18 June - Herrington Harbour to the Magothy River with Sillery Bay the probable anchorage. 19 June - To Baltimore's Inner Harbor for two days of fine eating, drinking, sightseeing, etc. 21 June - Depart Baltimore by 1:00 p.m. for Still Pond, an idyllic fresh water anchorage just south of the Sassafras River. 22 June - To the C & D Canal and the Anchorage Basin across from Schaefer's Canal House Restaurant. 23 June - A short sail to Turner Creek off the Sassafras River. Another fresh-water anchorage off Turner Creek where there are facilities reserved for a barbecue and fun & games ashore. 24 June - The longest cruising day to Swan Creek off the Chester River (some good fishing here, folks). 25 June - Last night out will be Whitehall Creek off the Severn River above Annapolis. 26 June - Return to Herrington Harbour.

There's still time to sign up for this marvelous cruise, but don't delay much longer. If you still have it, send the application form printed in the March 30 "Harbour Light" to Jack McWatters or Larry Glick pronto. If you've lost it, call Jack at 301-551-5820 or Larry at 703-356-0988.

And, if your haven't done through Jack or Larry, please make your Baltimore berthing reservations for June 19 and 20 directly with the Inner Harbor Marina, 301-837-5339. There are still slips available, but they won't last long.

That's it folks! May you have fair skies and beam reaches all the way. Bon voyage!

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BON VOYAGE PARTY  
IN HONOR OF THE  
"ROUND THE BAY CRUISE - NORTH"

Come help send the RTB Cruisers off to parts north; to honor the start of the second annual Round the Bay Cruise, there will be a pot luck supper at 7:30 p.m. Friday June 17, 1983 in the grassy area around slips M-57 ("My Mercedes II"). Tables and grills (for those wishing to BBQ) will be available. Please bring your own meat and one covered dish sufficient for your family plus two in order that everyone can savor the culinary arts of HHDA's master sea going galley slaves. Beer and ice will be provided. Those planning to attend please call Al Walker no later than June 15 so we don't run out of beer or ice. Office : 276-1000 Home: 569-5974

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A CRUISE TO THE SOUTH RIVER

Prior to the "Round the Bay Cruise," plan to join the good turnout expected for the June 4-5 cruise to a beautiful destination, Church Creek off the South River. A skippers' meeting will be held at 9:30 a.m., Saturday, June 4 by the flagpole on the lawn behing the HH Restaurant.

Ed and Brenda Kay were scheduled to be the cruise captains, but have had to bow out for a very special reason. That is the weekend they will take delivery of "Distant Star," a beautiful Saber 34 to replace "Patience," their Columbia 26. Ed and Brenda will get a rain check to captain one of our future cruises.

You'll meet the new South River cruise captains at the skippers' meeting. Meanwhile, Bob Enstam can answer any questions. You can reach him at 849-3811 (office) or 620-5467 (home).

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ADVANCE NOTICE, PLEASE

For our July cruise, we're planning a trip to Wye Landing and attendance Saturday night, 16 July, at the Wye Mills Dinner Theater's performance of the musical "Barnum." In order to accommodate a large group (which, of course, we hope to have), the theater management needs maximum advance notice, particularly as this mid-summer Saturday night also happens to be the closing night for that production.

The cruise is about 25 nautical miles from the marina, via Shaw Bay, to Wye Landing. Lots of room for anchoring/rafting. Dink in to the landing or come in via the theater's launch. Theater also provides transportation to and from the theater -- about 5 miles.

Dinner starts at 7:00 p.m. Curtain at 8:30 p.m. Cash bar available. Rate for groups of 20 or more, including both dinner (extensive buffet) and theater : \$17.50 per adult (half-price for children 12 and under). Show only (no meal): \$8.50 per adult.

We know it's difficult to plan so far ahead, but we have to give a guess-timate within about 10% as soon as possible -- hopefully by mid-June. We can always add a few late-comers at the last, but the launch, bus and reservations for both dinner and show obviously need some prior planning.

Please let Jim Wright know your "druthers" as soon as you can. You can call him during the day at 385-0737 (office in Fairfax) or evenings at 533-9464 (home in Falls Church).

Thanks,  
Jim Wright

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## REMEMBERING THE RHODE RIVER CRUISE

The Rhode River Cruise began at 9:30 Saturday morning, May 7, with a Skippers' Meeting. New cruisers were paired up with experienced cruisers for the 15 mile trip north. The wind was 10-12 knots from the south-southwest. Boats started leaving the harbor at 10:00 a.m., and by noon everyone was underway. As the day went on, the wind built up to 15-18 knots but presented no real problems, at least, not yet.

In the meantime, the Coopers, who live in nearby Galesville and moor their boat in their backyard, had sailed into the Rhode River and were awaiting the fleet. The first concern was when we heard Chris Cooper on the radio saying that they could not anchor more than three or four boats in a raft because of the wind. We had planned to have a twenty-plus boat raft.

When we arrived, we found two rafts with seven boats each and several boats individually anchored. We dropped an anchor and attempted to tie up to the second raft, but as we did, their lone anchor let go and they drifted away. After another hour of everyone trying to get rafted, we had a number of small rafts, with Al Walker's "My Mercedes II" making up the largest one. Al had announced that he had a case of champagne and that everyone was welcome aboard for a christening party. Joe and Michael Sarnowski provided taxi service to and from Al's boat and most people were able to visit it during the afternoon. There was also a good turnout aboard the Doyan's boat "Circus" watching the Kentucky Derby on a T.V. supplied by the Bartleys.

Now, for those of you new to the association that think we all have our act together, you're wrong. The first incident was when one of our experienced cruisers (name withheld) lost his new cruise partner. After a lot of chatter on the radio and a 45 minute air, sea rescuer search, they were reunited. But it was not over ... in the middle of the boat christening part, two boats (names withheld) that were rafted together got loose and rammed another H.H.S.A. member's boat. Fortunately, there was no damage.

As the sun set into the West, the rafts broke up and everyone settled in to spend a windy night at anchor. The next morning, we awoke to light breezes and a partly cloudy morning. The forecast was for showers later in the day so most people got off to an early start back to Herrington Harbour.

The participants in the cruise were the Halls, Walkers, C. Knapps, Enstams, Fortes, McCabes, Hargreaves, Bartleys, Doyans, Martinezes, J. Knapps, Cronins, Ulanders, Sarnowskis, E. Smith, Tatsches, Abernatheys, Norrises, Heanereys, Boysens, Coopers, Wrights, Glicks, Kowalskis, R. Rudolph and Masons.

Submitted By:  
Cruise Captains  
Jack and Kathy Mason

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HNSA RACING

The season has started with more wind in the first three races than we had in all of the races combined last summer. I'm talkin' wind -- small jibs, reefed mains, big waves and wet crew. The only time I've been able to get a beer out of the cooler is on the downwind legs. That's a small price to pay for some exciting racing however, and as far as I'm concerned it could blow like this all summer. Beats the hell out of drifters!

The first race, Wednesday, May 5 was a typical northwesterly --- clear skies and a strong dense wind. The race turned out to be a reaching contest where hull speed was the predominate factor. Congratulations to Bob Neff (first) in his Catalina 27, Bill Daily (second) in his Rainbow 24 and Charles Taylor (third) in his S2-9.2. The competition was tight throughout. The fleet with Morrison, Enstam and Brown coming in fourth, fifth and sixth and separated by a total of 16 seconds (corrected).

The second race, Friday, May 13 was a dandy. It was blowing about 10-15 knots out of the south and we finally got to have a nice long windward leg. (This is where tactics come into play and credit must be given to Bob Neff who had his second bullet of the season. Following Bob was Al Doyou (second) in his Irwin 30 and Pat Sommers (third) in his Niagra 30. Congratulations to everyone who showed up for the inaugural Friday night race. I sure hope that the Friday night races take off.

The third race of the season, Wednesday, May 18 was lively. The wind was blowing 20-28 knots out of the south and the waves were about 5 feet. We had 7 yachts begin the race and five finish. The first leg was a broad reach from the Herring Bay #2 marker out to the 9B nun. That's right -- I said 9B not 8B. For those of you who weren't there, there was a bit of confusion as to which of the aforementioned nuns was the correct mark. Needless to say, the entire fleet sailed to the 8B and had to bear off and run to the 9B when the mistake had been realized.

The fun began when we had to go to windward on the next leg through the sloppy seas. That had been building all the way up the bay. It was a roller coaster ride for what seemed like an eternity all the way south to the C "69" can off Holland Point. Once around the can, it was a nice run home to the finish like at the #2 marker. Congratulations to Bob Neff (first), Rusty Morrison (second) and Bill Dailey (third) for some good heavy air sailing.

Folks, you really ought to consider coming out some Wednesday or Friday afternoon and check out this racing. Tell your boss (client wife, mistress, etc.) that you have an important meeting (dental appointment, press conference, etc.) and get a crew together and come on down. If it keeps blowing the way it has been lately, you won't have to worry about getting home too late.

Good Sailing!  
Rusty Morrison

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GILLEY'S GALLEY

Dear Gilley,

It was great to hear that you escaped the brawl at the Butterfly lounge in good ole Charleston with life and limb, and that you'll be around Herrington Harbour again this summer. Gilley, my reason for writing you is this: as you know, the HHSA "Round the Bay" cruise departs very soon for a great adventure of the northern Bay. For many of these salty participants, they will be spending Father's Day aboard their boats. What do you suggest for this special day being celebrated by this special group.

The McWatters and Glicks  
Captains: - Round the Bay - North

Dear McWatters and Clicks,

Obviously "sea-gull-stew-for-two" won't do for you or your crew; so let's go with something that will both please the old man and make for easy preparation down in the galleys of the great yachts making this trip.

Sauted Soft-Shell Crabs

- 8 soft-shell crabs, cleaned
- ~~1-cup~~ 1-cup all-purpose flour
- 8T. butter (one-stick)
- salt and black pepper

(each side)  
Pat crabs dry with a paper towel. "Dust" crabs with flour and sprinkle with salt and pepper. Heat butter in a large skillet until just sizzling. Fry crabs for 3-5 minutes until crisp and nicely browned. Remove crabs from skillet and dry on absorbent paper. Serve with lemon wedges, fresh salad, and loaf of French bread, and of course, a chilled bottle of chablis.

To you good folks making the trip, it is hoped that you and your families have a wonderful time. Those of us that are unable to make this journey with you will be thinking of you and wishing you a safe passage. We also look forward to seeing some pictures --- so don't forget the camera.

Bon Voyage,  
Gilley

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Have a good June!  
HERRINGTON HARBOUR SAILING ASSOCIATION