

"THE HARBOUR LIGHT"

The Newsletter of  
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"CALENDAR AT A GLANCE"

- 1) Sunday, July 3 (5:00pm) BYOB Party off "M" Dock
- 2) Monday, July 4 (11:00am) Surprise 'Round the Buoy Sprint with Photo Finish
- 3) Friday, July 8 (6:20pm) Friday Evening Race Series #5
- 4) Wednesday, July 13 (6:20pm) Wednesday Evening Race Series #6
- 5) Sat-Sun, July 16-17 (9:30am) Cruise to the Wye River. Pt to Pt race over; Sat Evening dinner theater.
- 6) Friday, July 22 (6:20pm) Friday Evening Race Series #6
- 7) Wednesday, July 27 (6:20pm) Wednesday Evening Race Series #7
- 8) Friday, August 5 (6:20pm) Friday Evening Race Series #7, Final Race of Series
- 9) Sat-Sun, August 6-7 (9:30am) Cruise to Cummings Creek. Pt to Pt race.
- 10) Wednesday, August 10 (6:20pm) Wednesday Evening Race Series #8, Final Race of Series

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Dear Friends,

It is hoped that the season is going well for all and that you're getting plenty of use from that beautiful boat of yours. As reflected in the calendar above, the various HHSA committees have been working very hard to provide the membership with a great racing, cruising, and social season at Herrington Harbour. Additionally, a number of members have been working either individually, or in concert with others, on various HHSA projects to the benefit of the association. As a result, your copy of the 1983 membership directory is enclosed; and soon you will receive a flyer to order HHSA shirts, totes, duffels, and wind-breakers.

Here's hoping you'll have a brisk breeze at your beam!

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

1983 Sailing Season seems to be off to a good start. Hopefully the rain of spring is behind us, and we can begin to enjoy our boats and the association. As a new member, you may feel a little apprehensive about meeting and joining in with other members; don't. We're all new members. The sailing association is only three years old. We turn over 20% of our membership each year due to job transfers to other locations. This means that many of the original members are no longer with us. Therefore, the next time you see a member, make them feel at home; they may be a newer member than you are.

One of the advantages of joining an association like ours is you can draw on the various interests and experience levels of our members. Everyone is good at something. As a result, we can all learn from each other. The member that you see flying a spinnaker or skillfully handling a boat against the current and the wind wasn't born with those skills. Those skills had to be learned. In many cases, they were learned just a short time ago.

Don't be too proud to ask for help and advice. I'll be the first to admit that I don't know everything about sailing, that there's much more to learn, and I've been sailing for thirty years. This spring, as I've sailed into and out of the harbour, I've noticed that over 60% of the sailboats have obvious errors in the way they are being handled. If I were being honest, it's closer to 80%.

My point is that we all have a lot to learn. Don't be too proud to ask for advice or help. You can learn more about your boat which will help you enjoy it more and make a lot of friends while doing it. Let's all make everyone feel "Welcome Aboard."

Jack Mason  
Membership Chairman

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SURPRISE SPRINT WITH PHOTO FINISH  
Monday, July 4th  
Skippers' Meeting 11:00am

Come one, come all to the Independence Day Race involving a 'round the buoy sprint with a finish - photo session - with the committee boat.

You've always wanted a picture of your boat in racing form crossing the finish line, first of course. Well, the July 4th Race will involve a 'round the buoy race - with some July 4th surprises - and the committee boat will be equipped with camera aboard to take pictures of your yacht and crew as you cross the finish line. The pictures will then be developed with copies forwarded to you as well as copies reserved for showing at HNSA's Awards Banquet.

So, swab those decks, scrub the hull and dress up the crew for some good racing and memories for the family album.

The Skippers' Meeting will be held at 11:00 on Monday morning, July 4th.

"SURPRISE SPRINT" continued

So, GET SET FOR AN INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE - HNSA STYLE - WITH THE ASSOCIATION'S RED, WHITE AND BLUE BURGEE FLYING ALONG SIDE OLD GLORY. NOW ALL WE NEED IS A FIFE AND DRUM CORPS PLAYING YANKEE DOODLE DANDY AND UNCLE SAM AT THE HELM.

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PRE FIREWORKS COCKTAIL PARTY - BYOB

Don't forget the BYOB cocktail party Sunday evening, July 3rd. It starts at 5:00pm and will be held under the big tree off "M" Dock adjacent to Al and Gail Walker's "My Mercedes."

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COMING UP - A CRUISE TO THE THEATER

Jim Wright, who is fresh back from a cruise up to Newport, reports "all systems are go" for the July 16-17 cruise to Wye Landing. So far, some 20-odd plan to make the jaunt to Wye Landing and take in the Wye Mills Dinner Theater's production of the musical "Barnum."

There's still time for late starters to get in on what promises to be a gala event. No white tie and tails needed...just give Jim a ring days at his Fairfax office, 385-0737 or evenings at home, 533-9464. But do it by July 5 to give him time to make the theater reservations.

You'll get the final nitty-gritty at the Skippers' Meeting at 9:30am Saturday, July 16 by the flagpole on the lawn behind HH Restaurant.

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ADVANCE NOTICE OF CRUISE FOR AUGUST 6-7

Cross the Bay and through Knapps Narrows to Cummings Creek is the weekend junket planned for August 6-7. Feature of this cruise will be a point to point race ... a "timed crossing" if you please.

Cruise Captains Hans and Pat Ulander are looking for a good turnout to lead to this delightful spot. It's a little tricky getting into Cummings Creek, but well worth it. They'll have some handouts ready for the Skippers' Meeting at the usual time and place before the start. More on the plans in the next "Harbour Light." Meanwhile, if you have questions, call Hans and Pat evenings at the home in Gaithersburg, 301-977-8440.

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HNSA BURGEES

HNSA Burgees can be purchased from the following members:

<u>Member</u>	<u>Dock/Slip Number</u>
Earl Hall	N-43
Jack Mason	J-38
Rusty Morrison	J-01
Bob Neff	A-08
Al Walker	M-57

They have a supply aboard their boats and will be happy to sell you one anytime they are at the marina. The cost is \$17.00 each. Write a check, before you leave home, to HHSA. It will make the transaction easier by avoiding making changes. Burgees will also be available at race and cruise Skippers' Meetings as well as at social events.

Once you have the Burgee, fly it whenever you are aboard your boat. Let's let everyone on the bay know who we are!

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UPDATE ON 'ROUND THE BAY CRUISE - NORTH

Participants and well wishers got together Friday evening, June 17 for a pot luck dinner, a keg of beer, and one heck of a nice bon voyage in honor of the HHSA's 'Round-The-Bay-North cruise. There were salads, casseroles, and desserts by the score and enough beer for everyone to come back for more. To accompany all the shared goodies, there were several grills for cooking steaks, hamburgers, and hot dogs.

Jack McWatters, RTBC-North cruise cocaptain, gave a super welcome, an interesting summary of the schedule, and then turned the mike over to the participants to introduce themselves. This was followed by a thoughtful and appropriate toast given by Bob Enstam, cocaptain of last year's 'Round-The-Bay-South cruise.

It is doubtful that many of the participants slept too soundly Friday night with the thought of starting the next morning on such an exciting adventure.

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GOOD LUCK MESSAGE RECEIVED FROM SAUDI ARABIA

You all might recall that Jack and Sue Barbee were recently transferred from Mobil's Fairfax facility to Saudi Arabia - and thus had to take temporary leave of absence from Herrington Harbour. Well, maybe they are away from the marina, but they sure haven't forgotten the great time they had last year on the 'Round-The-Bay cruise or their friends at HHSA. Evidence of this is the telegram that was recently received. It states as follows:

"Hope that Mobil [namely, the Enstam, Sarnowski, Doyan, Mason, and Raab families] is well represented in the forthcoming HHSA 'Round-The-Bay-North' cruise as well as our many other friends at HHSA.

Wish we could be there to participate with you all [the Barbees are originally from Texas].

We wish you good sailing and good luck on NOAA estimates.

Regards to all and best wishes for a successful undertaking."

Jack and Sue Barbee

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HHSA MID-BAY CRUISE PLANNED  
August 20-28

An HHSA cruise to explore the lower Potomac and points eastward is scheduled from August 20 through August 28. Leading the cruise will be George Sabo and Colleen Kirn on "Pegaso."

A tentative itinerary is given below. As can be seen, the cruise is being kept flexible with plans to tie up two nights at Crisfield. This layover period is intended to allow those interested in visiting Tangier and Smith Islands to do so via motor launch from Crisfield due to lack of anchorage or slip space on either island.

Any advice or information on other points of interest or schedule revision is welcome. A meeting will be scheduled at a later date to discuss the trip.

Due to the need to make reservations at Crisfield, those interested in making the cruise, or who want further information, should contact George Sabo at 703-573-7985 (home) or 202-634-9245 (office) by July 15.

MID-BAY CRUISE ITINERARY

DATE	LOCATION	MILEAGE (approx)
Sat Aug 20	LV Herrington Harbour. AR Solomons I., anchor in Mill Creek.	33
Sun Aug 21	LV Mill Creek. AR St. Mary's River. Anchor in St. Inigoes Creek.	30
Mon Aug 22	Lay day. Alternatives - explore St. Mary's City, day sail.	--
Tues Aug 23	LV St. Mary's. AR Breton Bay. Anchor.	20
Wed Aug 24	LV Breton Bay. AR Yeocomico River. Anchor.	17
Thur Aug 25	LV Yeocomico River. AR Crisfield. Tie up at marina or anchor in cove.	32
Fri Aug 26	Lay day. Alternatives - Excursion bouts to Smith/ Tangier Islands.	--
Sat Aug 27	LV Crisfield. AR Solomons Island.	40
Sun Aug 28	LV Solomons Island. AR Herrington Harbour.	33

TOTAL: 205

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FOND MEMORIES OF HNSA'S CHURCH CREEK CRUISE

On Saturday June 4, fourteen HNSA boats departed Herrington Harbour bound for Church Creek off South River under rather gloomy skies. The sail north was a lazy very broad reach bordering on a run.

By the time Songbird (the author's Pearson 26) reached Church Creek, a 4-boat raft was lying off Pegaso's hook and Songbird joined the starboard side of the raft alongside White Gull, the Glick's sparkling 36' Dickerson ketch. Within minutes Songbird was almost alongside Saint Ni Touche, anchored by herself several feet from the raft. The raft was moving ever so slowly upstream! So much for rafting. The raft broke up and nearly everyone anchored alone. Early on it became obvious that Church Creek did not have the best holding ground to be found around the bay.

Church Creek Cruise continued

However, Nature does have its compensations and those who made the cruise found one of the prettiest, best protected creeks anywhere. With no wind or current, the holding became almost irrelevant.

After a goose drowning rainstorm early Saturday evening, everyone settled down for cocktails, dinner and parties - with folks dinghying from boat to boat with well wishes. On board "Free Bird" (Jack and Jocelyn Marquez's Tartan 33) there was a festive atmosphere with balloons everywhere and plenty of singing to celebrate the ninth birthday of their son Julian. It was a beautiful peaceful evening.

Sunday morning found 1983's best day dawning brightly and warmly. For many it was over the side for a delightful swim. For Tom Willess it was over the side to caress his beloved 24' C&C Tomkat'n with a mild brush and sponge. Meanwhile, Tom's first mate Charlene was trying frantically to get back aboard Tomkat'n after a refreshing swim, but without success. It should be noted that Tomkat'n has a rope "swim ladder" which attaches to a winch and absolutely defies successful use by a human.

Meanwhile at the other end of the creek, Bob Enstam had violated one of the key rules of the sea while goofing around in a small inflatable raft. He had allowed his feet to get higher than his rear end and almost drowned before realizing that all he had to do was to roll out into the water.

The delightful kids from Lucky Seven had a ball with their out-board powered inflatable and discovered their own little "beach" from which their screams of delight could be heard as they played in the water.

Sunday brought a reluctant departure from Church Creek, but a delightful sail home capped off a great weekend. Ah Monday! Why dost thou follow Friday so closely?

Cruise Cocaptains  
Bob and Marty Enstam  
"Songbird"

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HNSA VISITS CARIBBEAN  
RON & CEIL DAILEY RETURN WITH SURPRISE

Sorry for the late report on this particular cruise - but then some things need a little time to become interesting (sort of like the ripening process). Such it has turned out to be with the winter cruise of HNSA.

For the association, it was the second year in a row for the HNSA burgee to fly proudly in the British Virgin Islands. The cruise was held in February 1983 and joining in the fun were the Coopers, Daileys, Gulottas, Sarnowskis, Scotts, and Ulanders, as well as several non-member couples in a fleet of six chartered yachts.

HNSA Visits Carribean continued

Everyone had fun, even a lot of fun. However, for Ron and Ceil Dailey, they had a tremendous amount of fun. They had fun topsides, in the water, on the beach, and below decks. As a matter of fact, they had so much fun that they have been awarded a prize for all their fun. To Ron, the award is that he will once again be a father. To Ceil, she will once again - you guessed it - be a mother; and the blessed event is due to take place in October.

What do their children think about the family addition? Well, sons Mike (22) and Pat (20) think it is great. Further, the old man is strutting around the marina like a barnyard rooster showing his feathers. And then you may ask, how is the mother to be?

Well, folks, she couldn't be better. Ceil looks terrific - as always - and you can tell she is going to be a tremendous mother to the little one as she has been to her grown sons.

Ceil, we love you and look forward to getting acquainted with the little Dailey.

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"TSUNAMI" HIT BY LIGHTNING

Joe and Lana Batts were sailing their beautiful Dufour 31, "TSUNAMI" Sunday June 19 when a bolt of lightning struck the mast.

They were sailing out of Eastern Bay returning to Herrington Harbour when they noticed storm clouds forming to the west. Then at 1:30pm, there was a tremendous cracking sound (similar to a shotgun blast six inches from your ear) aboard the boat and a puff of smoke at the masthead. The feel of ionized air engulfed them; and all instruments became inoperable.

Seconds earlier, Joe had been working the foredeck reducing head-sail and for a while he was positioned by the mast reefing the main. He had just returned to the wheel when lightning struck. Meanwhile, Lana was below fetching the foul weather gear.

Did this incident upset Joe and Lana? Of course not; first of all, these folks always keep a clear head and readily respond to difficult situations with courage and bravado. Secondly, these fine people are used to such happenings - after all, it was only last week when they found themselves stranded in the middle of Herrington Harbour channel when their motor died and they had to be towed back to their slip while trying very hard to cheer up the VIP's they had invited on board for a sail.

So, taking everything in stride, Joe and Lana will accept the lightning incident with but another interesting entry into "TSUNAMI's" log. In confidence, however, Lana did indicate that it was a very shocking experience; with Joe adding that something like this can really light up your life.

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NOTE TO "FIREFLY" -

So glad the damage was not more severe and that she will be back sailing with the fleet in the very near future. To Frank and Joan and Crew - we are grateful that there were no injuries and that all are safe and sound. It will be great seeing that beautiful US 30 sailing proudly out of Herrington Harbour with some of the finest folks one could have the pleasure of knowing on board.

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FAREWELL BUT DAMN SURE NOT FORGOTTEN

Joe, Carole, Mike and Karen Sarnowski regretfully have moved to Chicago, Illinois, and HHSA will surely miss their presence. Also, HHSA wishes to extend to them a thank you as big as the Chesapeake Bay for the many contributions they have made to this association.

The Sarnowski family and their beautiful mistress "Peddler" are so much a part of HHSA - its beginning, its growth and its future. Until recently, Joe was the association's treasurer; Joe and Carole were instigators, planners and cocaptains (along with the Enstam family) on last year's unforgettable 'Round The Bay Cruise to Yorktown (HHSA's first); and who could ever forget the outstanding performance of Joe (along with Bob) at last year's Awards Banquet, and the beautiful rendition of "Wind in the Willows" prepared by Carole for each person present. In appreciation for their numerous contributions, the Sarnowski family was a worthy recipient of last year's Commodore Trophy.

Success has its price, however, and for this great family it means leaving us for a while upon Joe's promotion to Vice President-Finance of Montgomery Ward (a Mobil subsidiary), a promotion from the position of Mobil Treasurer.

We will miss you great folks - but we also wish you the very best in Chicago and look forward to your visiting us on your trips to Williamsburg to visit daughter Karen who starts her freshman year of college at William and Mary.

We will also miss the beautiful "Peddler" which always seemed to sail with such grace (despite the efforts of her skipper to the contrary). However, Joe reports that she made the trip from the Chesapeake Bay to Lake Michigan (via truck) without any problems and actually seems to enjoy the fresh water mooring directly across from the prestigious Chicago Yacht Club - of which the Sarnowski family will soon become members.

As for Joe's HHSA responsibilities as Treasurer, the books of the association have been turned over to the very capable and dedicated Earl Hall. To Earl, a genuine thank you is extended for accepting the responsibility associated with this position.

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## THE GREAT 'ROUND POPLAR ISLAND RACE

Well folks, we finally got a 'Round Poplar Island Race off with a little wind. Not a hurricane, mind you, but a nice light (6-10 knot) breeze coming up the bay from the south-southeast. Sixteen yachts started the race on Sunday, June 12 at the Herring Bay #1 marker.

It was obvious at the start, to those of us caught above the line, that the tide was running out of the bay - strongly! Going dead downwind to the starting line was a real chore against the tidal current. After everyone finally crossed the line, the sixteen boats made a magnificent sight as they drove hard on the breeze in an eastward direction across the bay. Tom Bartley in "Shotgun" had a fine start and led the fleet with Rusty Morrison in "Amygdala," Pat Summers in "Prime Rate," Al Walker in "My Mercedes, II" and the rest of the fleet following close behind.

It was a nice long sail across the bay to the first mark at the southern tip of Poplar Island. The fleet spread out according to the tactics employed by each skipper - keep high on the wind for a slight speed advantage (but sail a longer distance) or bear off toward the mark and count on the tide for the necessary lift, if it became necessary. Both strategies proved equal because the first six yachts all rounded the first mark within a minute or two of each other.

The next leg of the race, running downwind between Poplar Island(s) and the Eastern Shore was quite warm, with the wind directly at our backs. The yachts flying spinnakers generally moved out ahead of the fleet on this leg. At this time, a third strategy was revealed: Tom Willess aboard "Tomkat'n" and Jim Hargreaves aboard "Adelante" were observed tacking southward among the northbound fleet, through the channel behind Poplar Island. These two intrepid yachtsmen had decided to take the course in the reverse direction of the majority of the fleet. This was an interesting twist to the race and actually encouraged by the rules. If the strategy had worked, it would have been a stroke of genius. However, . . . some days you win and some days you don't remember.

The last leg back to the Herring Bay #1 (finish line) was a reach. It was a welcome sight to all involved after having sailed almost 19 miles. It turned out to be an excellent race, and everyone I spoke with enjoyed the day. The results of the race are as follows:

RESULTS: GREAT 'ROUND POPLAR ISLAND RACE

Spinnaker

Non-Spinnaker

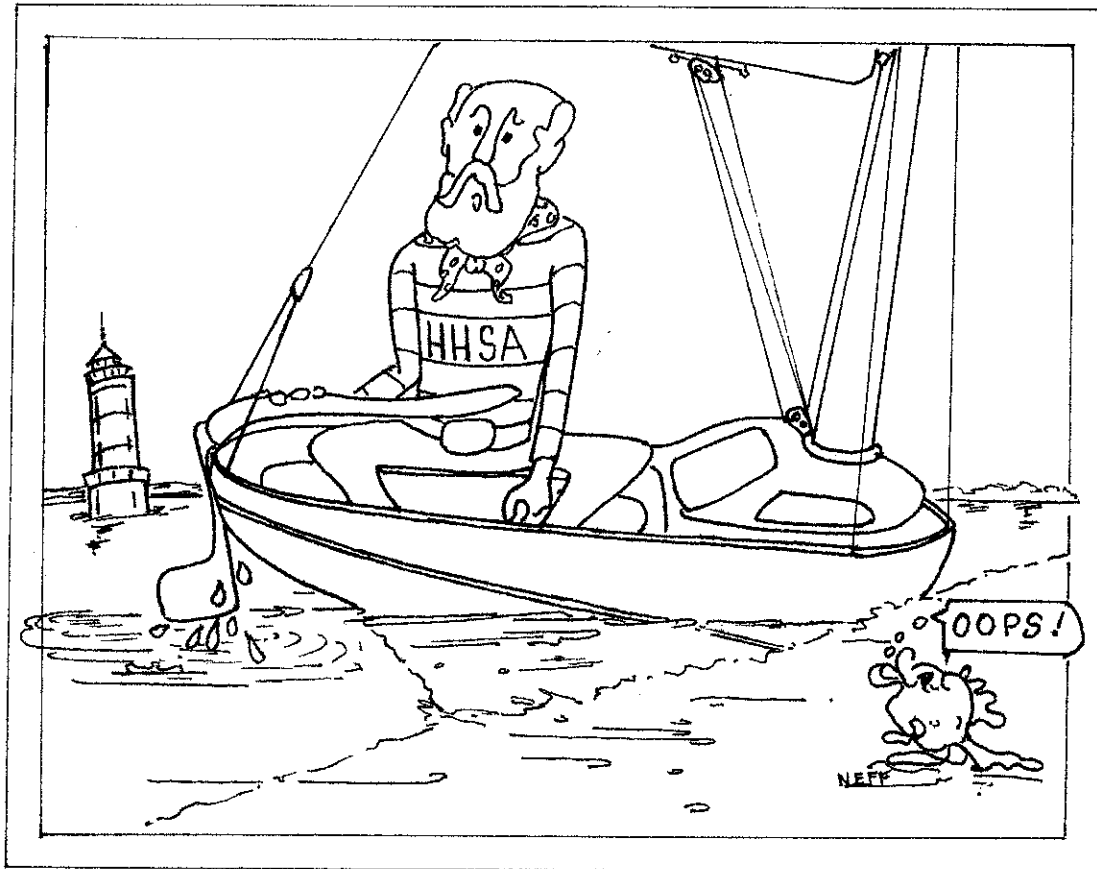
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| *(Tied) | 1. Bob Neff       | - Columbine  | 1. Jack Marquez | - Free Bird   |
|         | 1. Tom Bartley    | - Shotgun    | 2. Al Doyan     | - Circus      |
|         | 2. Rusty Morrison | - Amygdala   | 3. Charlie West | - Windsinger  |
|         | 3. Pat Summers    | - Prime Rate | 4. Al Walker    | - My Mercedes |
|         | 4. Rick Bjorklund | - Escapade   | 5. Jim Smith    | - Samadhi     |

\* This was an extraordinary finish in the Spinnaker class. Bob Neff and Tom Bartley exactly tied (to the second!) for first place. Excellent competition - congratulations to both for a race well sailed, as well as to Jack Marquez in the Non-Spinnaker class.

*Rusty*

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CARTOON OF THE MONTH



You're looking at a fellow who tried to "short cut" his way 'Round Poplar Island!

CONTRIBUTE TO "THE HARBOUR LIGHT"

If you have an interesting story or article to submit for publication in the HHSA monthly newsletter, "The Harbour Light," please contact one of the following editors:

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Happy Independence Day and  
Have a Good July!

HERRINGTON HARBOUR SAILING ASSOCIATION