

IMPORTANT NOTICE: THE ANNUAL MEETING HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED. THE REVISED DATE IS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 1983. THE MEETING WILL START AT 1:00 pm (1300 hours) AT HERRINGTON HARBOUR RESTAURANT.

"THE HARBOUR LIGHT"

The Newsletter of
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Rose Haven on the Bay
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September 28, 1983

"CALENDAR AT A GLANCE"*

- 1) Sat-Sun, October 1-2 (9:30am) Cruise to the Wye River.
- 2) Sat-Mon, October 8-10 (9:30am) Cruise to La Trappe Creek and Dun Cove. Includes Fall Race Series #4.
- 3) Saturday, October 15 (1:00pm) Fall Race Series #5.
- 4) Saturday, October 22 (1:00pm) Fall Race Series #6.
- 5) Saturday, October 29 (1:00pm) Fall Race Series, Makeup Race #3.
- 6) Sat-Sun, November 5-6 (9:30am) Cruise to the West River. Last cruise of the season.
- 7) Sunday, November 13 (1:00pm) Annual Meeting and Elections,
- 8) Saturday, December 3 (7:00pm) HHSA Awards Banquet.

* Revisions to the Calendar include the following items:

- 1) The addition of a Fall Series Race to makeup for the third race that was cancelled due to lack of wind.
- 2) The deletion of HHSA's Halloween/Costume Party at the Ft. Myer Officers' Club due to scheduling difficulties.
- 3) The change of HHSA's Annual Meeting from October 16 to Sunday, November 13, at 1:00pm at Herrington Harbour Restaurant.

Dear Friends:

The date of the Annual Meeting has been changed to Sunday, November 13, 1983, beginning at 1:00pm. It will not be held on the date reported in last month's Newsletter. Therefore, please revise your calendar accordingly and also please plan to attend.

The meeting will be held at the Herrington Harbour Restaurant. In revising the date to November 13, it is sincerely hoped that this will not inconvenience any member.

Annual meetings are an important function of any organization, and HHSA's Annual Meeting is no exception. The purpose of the upcoming meeting is to: (1) elect the officers for the 1984 season, (2) amend, if deemed necessary, the Association's Constitution and Bylaws, (3) receive Committee reports, and (4) conduct other Association business.

Under HHSA's Constitution, the elective officers to be considered at the meeting include: (1) Commodore, (2) Vice Commodore, (3) Rear Commodore, (4) Secretary, and (5) Treasurer. In this regard (and in accordance with the instructions of the Executive Committee), the Nominating Committee has prepared a recommended slate of officers for consideration at HHSA's Annual Meeting. The Committee's slate is as follows (with the names for each position listed alphabetically):

Commodore:	Bob Enstam, George Sabo
Vice Commodore:	Bob Neff, Al Walker
Rear Commodore:	Ron Dailey, Earl Hall
Secretary	Jack Mason, Jayne Spence
Treasurer:	Kathy Hall, Hans Ulander

Please come to the November 13 meeting prepared to vote either for an individual whose name appears on the recommended slate or for an individual of your choice. Nominations will be accepted from the floor at the meeting for each position.

Those who are not able to attend the Annual Meeting will be able to vote by written proxy executed by the person authorizing the proxy and filed with the Secretary of the Association. Absentee voting will not be authorized.

Next month, each member will be sent: (1) a proxy statement, (2) instructions for using the proxy, and (3) general procedures for the nominating and electing of officers.

In addition to the election of officers, members will be asked to vote on amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws. In this regard, the Executive Committee has proposed an amendment to the Constitution to be considered at the Annual Meeting. The proposed amendment would provide that the Executive Committee be expanded to include: (1) the Chairperson of the Membership Committee, and (2) the Editor of HHSA's newsletter, The Harbour Light.

Presently the Constitution provides that the Executive Committee (the managing body of the Association) includes the (1) Commodore, (2) Vice Commodore, (3) Rear Commodore, (4) Secretary, (5) Treasurer, (6) Cruise Committee Chairperson, (7) Race Committee Chairperson, (8) Social Committee Chairperson, and (9) the immediate past Commodore.

Again, the specifics for HHSA's November 13 Annual Meeting will be included in next month's newsletter.

UPCOMING CRUISES

1. On the weekend of October 1 and 2, don't miss the autumn cruise to the beautiful Wye River with Cruise Captains, Earl and Kathy Hall, leading the way aboard their always immaculate Cape Dory 28, "Sweet Harmony".

According to these great folks, Dividing Creek on the Wye River will be the destination of the first October cruise. The traditional fall winds and cooler weather, combined with the traditional spirit and friendship of the cruisers, will guarantee an enjoyable trip for all, regardless of experience.

The Skipper's meeting will be held at 9:30am Saturday morning in front of the restrooms (near the restaurant).

2. Then the following weekend (Columbus Day weekend), October 8-10, there will be a three-day cruise on the Choptank River. This cruise will involve: (1) a point to point race on Saturday to La Trappe Creek or (2) if you so desire, a leisurely cruise to the same destination. As now planned, the following day (Sunday) will involve a sail to Dun Cove. Specific details are being arranged at this time and will be announced at the Skipper's Meeting to be held at 9:30am on Saturday morning, October 8, in front of the restrooms.

This cruise/race will be co-captained by Bob Neff and George Sabo.

3. The final cruise of the season is scheduled for November 5 and 6 to the West River. Details regarding this event will be published in next month's newsletter; however, preliminary plans sound great.

HHSA's FALL SERIES

The sizable fleet participating in the fall series has been greeted with beautiful warm weather and clear skies. However, the third race had to be called due to lack of wind. The race started under a brilliant blue sky, bright sun and light winds. However, about half way to the first mark the wind went completely flat.

Since none of the thirteen participants were able to finish the first leg within one hour, the race was called in accordance with HHSA's racing rules. (It is interesting to note that Australia II and Liberty suffered the same fate in Rhode Island at the same time and thus their final dual was rescheduled also).

Because the third race was called, a makeup race has been rescheduled for Saturday, October 29. As with the other fall series races, the first gun is scheduled at 1:00pm and the Skipper's Meeting is planned for 12:00 noon by the flag pole (behind the restaurant). As advised, the fall series will be conducted on the following dates:

Saturday, October 8, Race #4, To La Trappe Creek
Saturday, October 15, Race #5, Round the Buoy Race
Saturday, October 22, Race #6, Round the Buoy Race
Saturday, October 29, MakeUp Race #3, Round the Buoy Race

GREEK CRUISE PLANNED

Are you interested in flying the HHSA burgee in the clear blue waters of the Aegean Sea?

Pete Scott would like to organize a group charter in the Greek Islands for May or June, 1984. Cost will probably be comparable to a Virgin Islands' charter -- approximately \$1,500 per person. This estimate is based on four persons on a thirty-two foot boat. It will include airfare, boat charter, most food and hotels in Athens.

All multi-boat discounts or any other discounts will be divided equally among the participants. Prices will vary with the number of boats chartered and dollar exchange rate. The strength of the dollar currently makes Greece a tourist bargain.

The trip will probably consist of ten days on the boat and three nights in Athens. A total of fifteen days will be required including travel.

If you are interested, please call Pete at home (703) 435-3793 after 5 pm or see him at Slip E-8 on weekends so we can arrange an organizational meeting in October or November.

HNSA SEA STORIES

I. The Voyage of the Durbin Family to Cambridge aboard "Catharsis", their Catalina 22 (Slip B-1)

"Flying our HNSA burgee for the first time brought us unexpected delight in a small fishing and farming village on the Choptank River just 28 nautical miles from Herrington Harbour.

Being new to the cruising scene we ventured rather timidly into Cambridge, Maryland, where we were greeted by a young, smiling, very helpful "Dockmaster". Noticing our burgee flying he informed us we were entitled to all the amenities of the Cambridge Yacht Club, which were many. Their clubhouse offered clean showers and toilet facilities, an air conditioned lounge and a wonderfully appetizing, yet inexpensive restaurant. He provided us with visitor cards, Yacht club rules, and a map of Cambridge which is within easy walking distance, even for this hot, tired crew. This particular weekend there was the log canoe regatta, an art exhibit, an evening musical concert in their nearby park and a band in the Yacht Club lounge. Dockside facilities included deep water dockage, electricity, water, trash bins, and very, very friendly people.

Our two young girls enjoyed crabbing off the pier, a visit to town and listening to the local folklore from the Dockmaster; all for only 40 cents a foot, no minimum.

Our first venture cruising with our HNSA burgee flying high was as the song says, "Almost Heaven".

Excerpts from the Durbins' logbook
aboard "Catharsis"
(Steve and Marie)

II. Gilley's Visit to Newport and the "America's Cup"

From the Editor: Dear Folks, "Gilley's Galley" regretfully will not appear in this issue of The Harbour Light. It seems that the wild man, with all those great recipes, temporarily left Herrington Harbour to witness the 25th challenge of the America's Cup. However, we just received a letter from Gilley postmarked Newport, Rhode Island. Here's the report.

"Hello, you wonderful HNSA shipmates; it would be so great for you to be here for this fantastic event. Newport is absolutely outstanding with its beautiful harbor packed with sleek boats, the streets lined with interesting shops and super restaurants. Further, the town is explosive with all the excitement of the sporting match of the century. (Never seen so many Aussies since that barroom brawl in Sidney!) Everywhere you turn you see one of those cute little bears on a tee shirt. That's okay though, my HNSA shirt is drawing many inquiries. "Where is Herrington Harbour?" they ask. And that provides me an opportunity to tell these jet setters all about HNSA and our beautiful Bay. (After I'm finished, they would trade their yachts on the French Riviera for a visit to our little place in the sun!)

Back to the Race: Folks, these 12 meter yachts are really something to see; they are absolutely beautiful and they are fast. It is not surprising, however, that Liberty and Australia II sail by the same rules as do the HNSA racers (well, nearly the same rules). All the races have been outstanding.

Not all the action, however, has been on the water. There is plenty of excitement at the dock bars located on the numerous wharfs stretching out from Thames Street, the waterfront of Newport. Why, it was just last Saturday evening at the Moorings Tavern that I ran into George Sabo, Colleen Kirn, Tom Willess and Charlene Jones. They were really whooping it up and kindly invited me to sit down to share in the libations. While they all had good stories to tell that fun evening, however, they would have many more before their visit to the America's Cup would come to an end.

For George and Colleen, they were guests aboard one of the swift Coast Guard cutters designated to police the America's Cup race course. Being onboard the official cutter provided them as close a view of the actual race as is possible. As for Tom and Charlene, they viewed the race from aboard a beautiful 73 foot Hinckley racing yawl named "Windigo". The skipper of this incredibly sleek and beautiful racing yacht has recently published a book about his daring adventures sailing the boat from Newfoundland to Alaska. (He must be daring since he gave Tom the helm for the eight mile trip from Newport Harbor to the race course!)

Viewing these races was tremendously exciting. It was exciting from the standpoint of seeing two great yachts compete with such excellence. It was also unbelievable being out there with the spectator fleet of some 1,200 impressive yachts (some were so big they even had their own cars and helicopters onboard). It was truly a moving boat show of spectacular dimensions.

Speaking for George, Colleen, Charlene and Tom, we all had an unforgettable experience. We will never forget the interesting people that we met, the excellent food (you can't believe all that lobster), the sightseeing of the grand mansions (i. e., the Vanderbilt's "Breakers" and "Marblehouse"), the beautiful harbor and seashore, and, of course, the absolutely outstanding experience of a lifetime, being out there for the America's Cup. Tom even fulfilled a long time wish of visiting the C&C yacht factory in nearby Middletown, Rhode Island, where "Tomkat'n" was built.

I know for all of us we hated to see this visit to Newport come to an end; it was absolutely outstanding and truly unforgettable.

But you know, I was also very glad to get back to Herrington Harbour. It was great to see George and Colleen back on "Pegaso" heading out across the Bay on an HHSA cruise and also to see Tom and Charlene preparing for the next race of HHSA's fall series. You know, folks, we have a lot to be thankful for. The America's Cup is now over; however, the friends and activities of HHSA endure".

Sincerely yours,

Gilley
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Have a great October

Herrington Harbour Sailing Association

