

"THE HARBOUR LIGHT"

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CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

- Saturday, April 14- Executive committee meeting- 10:00am- open and welcome to all.
Frost-Bite Day Sail- 12:00 noon.
Spring Fever Buffet- 6:00pm- HH upstairs.
- Sunday, April 15- Frost-Bite Race- spring series #1 starts at 1:00pm.
Skippers meeting at 12:00 noon in the bar.
- Sat/Sun., April 21-22- Opening Cruise to the Rhode River- skippers meeting, 10:00am. cc. Bill Bickford.
- Sunday, April 29- Race- spring series #2 at 1:00pm.
- Friday, May 4- New Members Welcome Party- 8:00pm- HH upstairs.
- Sat/Sun., May 5-6- New Members Cruise to Harness Creek/South River. skippers meeting, 9:30am. cc. George and Chris Cooper.

WELCOME ABOARD

There arw a few more new members to greet this month. Welcome to Tom Long who sails a Cape Dory 30 named "Gemini". Give a hearty hail to Col. O.A. Massey and his wife Ann. They are still waiting eagerly for their brand new Catalina 27 to reach their slip at Herrington North. Larry and Pam Rudner enjoy sailing a Bristol 32, called "Pilgrim". Finally a special welcome to Robert and Linda Slusser, getting ready to sail their first boat, (Remember your first year?) . . . Called "First Try", a Morgan 30. See you all soon.

OVERHEARD IN THE COCKPIT

by Bob Enstam

Thanks to the U.S. Postal Service, this article never saw the light of day in last month's newsletter. Be that as it may, spring and the start of sailing season is now a month closer.

We are happy to report that Jane Bourke, Mrs. Bob Enstam, Marty, and Ginny Fant are all well on their way to full recovery after off-season surgery. We've got Marty home vaccuming, cooking and scrubbing floors between soap operas. Don't tell her that John Bourke, that classy guy, has taken Jane south to Florida in preparation for their joint cruise with the Fants to the Greek Islands in June.

HHSAs 1984 season is off to a roaring start. All committees are on a broad reach at whole speed, and by the time you read this, we will already have had three successful seminars, a planning meeting and the great "Check Your Boat" party under our belts.

A brief word about our finances-- our initiation fee and annual fees have not changed since our founding. We are now finding our finances are getting a bit thin. A close examination of our spending reveals that publishing and mailing our newsletter, and the annual awards account for 99% of our budget. Unless we want to jeopardize those cornerstones of the association, we are faced with a need to slightly increase revenues. A modest dues increase (five or ten dollars per year) would probably be in order, but won't help us in 1984. If you have any ideas relative to revenue-producing undertakings, your suggestions will be most welcome. Our greatest assets, our members and their enthusiasm, alive and well. We're not in trouble and we don't intend to be.

With a little luck, my next article will be written in some cozy anchorage. Hope to see you there too.



SPLINTERS FROM THE BOARD

by Mary Ellen Neff

Bob Enstam's article introduced you to one of those "what if" situations that became the main subject of our last board meeting. Our treasurer worked long and hard to present her report-- a projection of 1984's fixed and estimated expenses. The bottom line revealed a need for some sort of low-key revenue producing project some time this year. This will prevent HHSAs balance from falling below a certain point necessary to allow the next executive committee to function next winter. By the time you read this, the board will have met again (on the 24th) to sound out ideas, and we'll keep you up to date. Our next regular board meeting is on Saturday, April 10. Everyone is always welcome to come to the open meetings.

The regular committee reports revealed all systems are go for a great season. With a little luck the weatherman will have taken all the "frost" out of HHSAs frostbite events, and everyone can get out to sail this month.

TO HHSA MEMBERS, NEW AND NOT SO NEW
by Colleen Kirn

HHSA wants to actively recruit new members this year through personal contact. The executive committee and other volunteer members will serve as "dock captains". These folks will act as the focal points for information on the Association, and will try to generate interest in joining HHSA from the slipholders located close to their slips.

We are seeking a couple of people from each dock, but are only half way to the goal. Please volunteer even if your dock is covered. We have no coverage on docks A, D, E, F, I, L, and P. Give Colleen Kirn a call at 426-2040 (day) or 573-7985 (evenings) to help out.

The following people have already signed up:

B__ Charlene Jones	M__ Pat Ulander
Arnie Sherman	Earl Hall
C__ Bill Gingras	Kathy Hall
G__ Bob Enstam	Paul Spence
Marty Enstam	Jayne Spence
H__ Al Doyon	N__ Pricilla Belanger
J__ Helen Glick	Al Walker
Jocelyn Marquez	O__ Valerie Bartley
K__ Frank Wyman	
Joe Batts	
Lana Batts	
George Sabo	
Colleen Kirn	

MANY THANKS IN ADVANCE.

CRUISING SEMINAR REPORT
by Lana Batts

On February 24th, 34 hearty sailors met at Herrington Harbour for the first seminar of the winter; but not until they watched in amazement as Paul Spence sailed Second Wind, with it's new owner, to Annapolis on the first frostbite sail of '84.

The first speaker was Tom Wohlgenuth from Chesapeake Rigging, who discussed the care necessary to maintain a boat's rigging. There was also an extensive discussion on backstay adjustors and reefing systems-- both adding to the comfort zone for many wives.

Much to everyone's surprise, especially Julian Marquez, Yours Truly lead a discussion on proper anchoring techniques, using a display of clean anchors supplied by Ron Johnson of Block and Tackle. We discussed the various types of anchors suitable for the gooey, slimey, smelly mud we all find on the Bay. This was followed by a short skit by Joe and myself on how not to anchor, and the suggestion of a hand signal system to eliminate the screaming and yelling that destroys domestic tranquility.

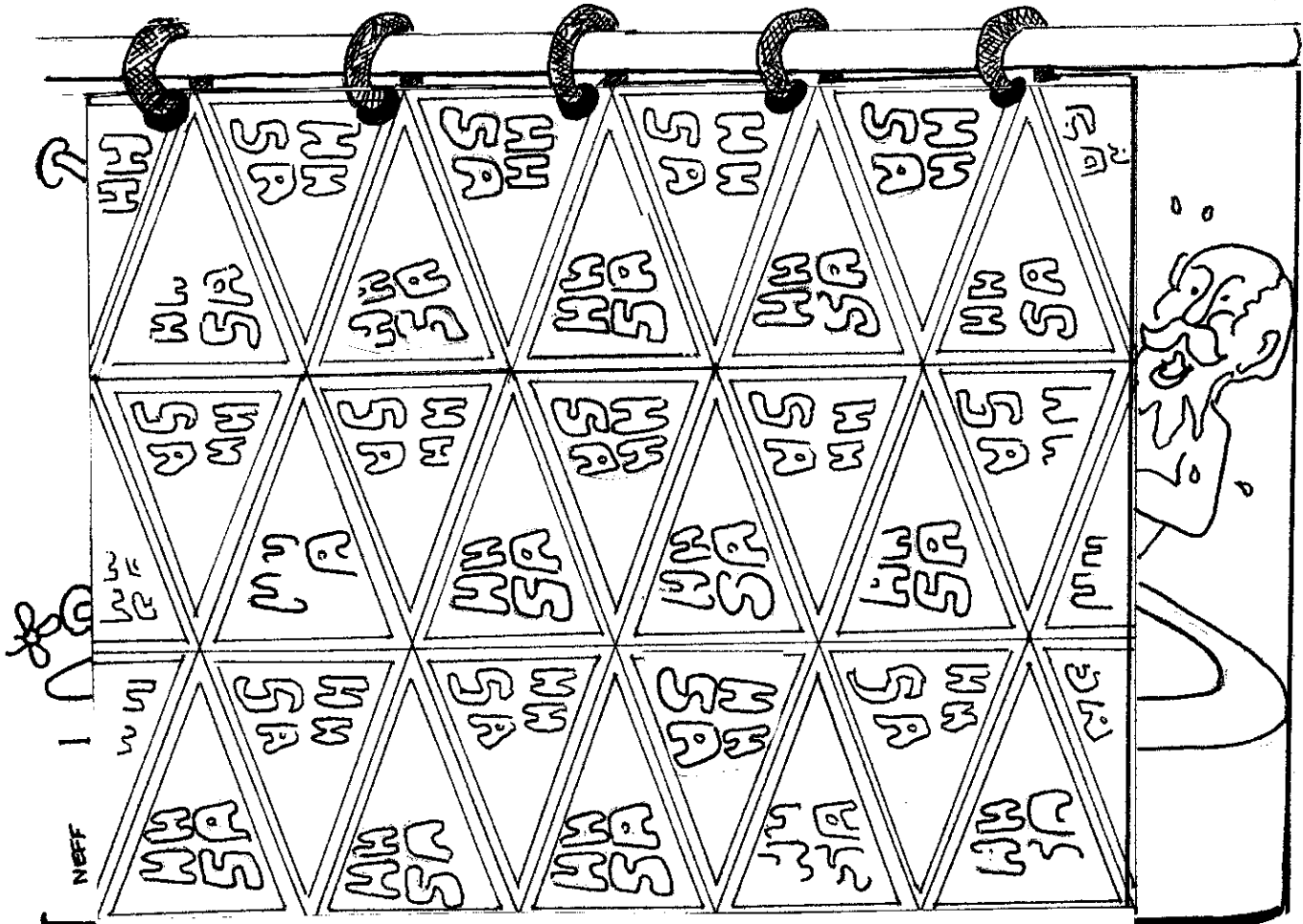
Finally, Joe Batts, Earl Hall and Al Doyon discussed how to handle unexpected situations near draw bridges, or groundings. It was a little like "Show and Tell" time, with all of the stories. This summer Al will have to demonstrate the Doyon method of "rocking the boat".

OUR BAY
by Jeff Knapp

As sailors, we have more than a casual interest in the environmental integrity of the Bay. A substantial part of cruising on the Bay is observing and enjoying its natural beauty and abundance. Watching the watermen ply their craft, revelling in the majesty of a flight of Canadian geese, or simply digging into a feast of steamed clams and crabs-- these are things we can no longer take for granted.

Living resources such as rooted aquatic grasses, striped bass, shad, oysters and clams are declining, and clean-up efforts have yet to halt the decline. A greater effort will be required and support for such an effort is growing. EPA has recently completed a seven-year comprehensive study of the problems and their solutions. President Reagan, in his State of the Union message recognized the necessity of beginning the clean-up effort, and has approved the expenditure of fifty million over the next five years, to be added to the existing program. Officials in Maryland, Virginia, Pennsylvania and the District are, for the first time, co-ordinating their efforts.

The purpose of this article was to provide information about the problems facing our Bay and to encourage your interest in clean-up efforts. Those of you who are interested in learning more about the EPA study can request a copy of the summary, "Chesapeake Bay Program: Findings and Recommendations", from the EPA field office, Best Gate Road, Annapolis, Maryland 21401. There is also a group known as the Chesapeake Bay Foundation, also in Annapolis, at 162 Prince George Street.



 WE CAN HARDLY WAIT FOR THE 14th TO AT LAST GET OUT AND DO THE THING WE
 LOVE TO DO BEST-- SAIL. THE FIRST EVENTS ARE JUST AROUND THE CORNER .

FROST-BITE DAYSAIL

Come out on Saturday, the 14th, and get your minds off the 1040s, and join HNSA members for a fun afternoon sail.

We don't have a destination . . . we will sail wherever the wind takes us and as long as the weather allows us. (Keep in mind the Spring Fever Buffet at 6:00pm.)

Lets see our burgees getting the feeling of the Bay after such a long winter.

The Skippers meeting will be at 12:00 noon in front of the showers.

The crew of "Free Bird would like to take pictures of all the participating boats. So . . . trim your sails, hide your fenders, fly our burgee and SMILE.

SPRING FEVER BUFFET

After warming up your boat on the daysail, come on in and warm up your toes in the company of HNSA friends and families at the Spring Fever buffet. The menu sounds great, with a seafood casserole, Cream of Crab soup (that's almost like going to heaven on vacation).

You should have received a flyer in the mail, but in case it didn't come, there is still time to make a reservation. Call Joe Batts at 703-841-1700 (work) or 703-892-1864 (home). Let him know you're putting a check made out to HNSA in the mail to him no later than April 5th. Cost is \$12.50 for adults and \$5.00 per child under 12.

FROST-BITE RACE

For those of you whose interest in sailing brings out those competitive juices, the first race in the spring series is on Sunday the 15th. The second one will follow in two weeks, the 29th. The skippers meeting on the 15th will be at 12:00 noon-- very important meeting to discuss rule changes and starting procedures for races in 1984. The race will then begin at 1:00pm. If you have any questions call Al Doyon at 703-759-9268 (home) or 703-849-3298 (work).

CREDIT WHERE CREDIT IS DUE. . . Cheers to all the fine folks who got their reports and articles in on time to make the printing deadline. Their names appear above their work. An additional kudu to the man behind the scenes, Dale Taft. He is our hard-working cruise editor, working closely with Jocelyn's committee to publicize the cruises for the year. If your cruise captaining, and haven't already had a call, expect to hear from Dale weeks ahead of time. He will even help write the article if you need some help. . . one last thought, some of those "sea stories" (tr. cruising antics) are of interest to everybody. If you have one to share, the deadline for articles is the 15th of each month.

CORRECTION: The chairman of the "buns" committee pictured in the March newsletter is smiling Tony Kowalski. Sorry Tony.

EASTER EGG CRUISE
by Bill Bickford

C'mon you rag-haulers! Shake out your gennies. Unlimber your sheets. Swab the decks and shuck all of your pent-up anxieties. Cruising time is at hand and we have a great one to lead off with on April 21-22. It will feature an Easter Egg Hunt on one of the three islands in the Rhode River.

Old Man Winter will be gone and it will be too early for bugs, jellyfish or water skiers; but to be on the safe side, bring along your woolies and sleeping bags to ward off the evening and morning chill. Some hot buttered rum might even keep the raft party going longer if anyone has the recipe. Do you hear us Gilley?

Skippers meeting will be Saturday morning at 10:00am in front of the rest rooms on the restaurant side of the marina. If you have any questions call me at 301-721-7748 evenings or 301-441-3322 days.

Each cruising couple is asked to bring one dozen hardboiled eggs. The kids will gather on the Bickford's "Lucky Seven" Saturday evening for an egg decorating party. The Egg Hunt will take place at 11:00am, Sunday, April 22. And for those of you still laboring to get your boat in tiptop shape, there will be plenty of time to do bright work in the pleasant company of other sailors. Hope to see you soon.

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME PARTY

Friday night, May 4th is the date and 8:00pm is the time to gather together in the upstairs room at restaurant for a get-together. No frills, no fuss, just good fun. The cost is minimal, \$3.50 to cover the cost of the appetizers. There is also the customary cash bar.

Relive exciting tales of old, or make plans for the coming season. Come on out and bring your first mate to meet the newest members of HHSA. See you there.

NEW MEMBERS CRUISE
by Chris Cooper

On Saturday, May 5th at 10:00am, all "new HHSA members are invited to join "old" HHSA members in the parking lot in front of the rest rooms to discuss the weekend cruise to Harness Creek. If you are a new member or one who has not participated in many past cruises this is your opportunity to attend a cruise dedicated to you. If you're one of the "oldies", dust off your sea stories and sponsor a newcomer.

Since this will be a short (4-5 hours) cruise, everyone should expect a L-O-N-G happy hour rafted together. HHSA has a custom that each cruising family brings a supply of hors-d'oeuvres to pass around, as well as their own drinks.

In addition to sea stories during cocktail hour, there will be a special kids dinghy race (ages 5-75)-- all kinds of varied competition for prizes. Make sure you bring your cameras too. If you have any questions call us between 6:00 and 9:00pm weeknights or on weekends at 301-261-9117 (DC line)... Fair winds to you all.