

"THE HARBOUR LIGHT"

The Newsletter of
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FLASH

The word is out! The first ever HHSA cookbook, Gilley's Galley, is ready. Jocelyn Marquez will have them at every event, such as skippers meetings, exec meetings, socials. . . or on Freebird in slip "J" 33. Jocelyn wants everyone to know that in helping HHSA by buying this cookbook, you are also helping the students of the S. John Davis Center in Falls Church. They printed and assembled our cookbook as part of the school's sheltered workshop program. Many thanks for a job well done.

CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

Sunday, June 3-	Race, Spring #5
Wednesday, June 6-	Race, Evening #4
Friday, June 8-	Executive Meeting, 8:00pm- everyone welcome
Sat./Sun., June 9-10-	Cruise to Whitehall Bay, Mill Creek- cc: Hans & Pat Ulander- meets 10:00am. Return to Port Race #2
Sunday, June 10-	Southern and mid Bay cruisers, last chance meeting- 5:00pm- HH meeting room by the bar
Wednesday, June 13-	Race, Evening #5
Sunday, June 17-	Fathers Day Race, Spring #6
Wednesday, June 20-	Race, Evening #6
Friday, June 22-	Pot Luck/Bon Voyage party, 7:00pm, by "M" Dock
Sat., June 23- July 8 (16 days)-	9:30am, begin SOUTHERN CHESAPEAKE BAY CRUISE, cc: Marty Enstam & George Sabo
Wednesday, June 27-	Race, Evening #7
Sat., June 30- July 8 (9 days)-	9:00am, begin MID CHESAPEAKE BAY CRUISE, cc: David & Carolyn Brackett
Wednesday, July 11-	Race, Evening #8

WELCOME ABOARD

members to add to the list. . . we'll be looking for John Michew, who drives over from McLean to sail, and for Gary and Lynne Jacoby, coming from Fairfax to sail their Catalina 30 named Sandollar. Welcome also to Buzz and Arla Yeatman, from Chesapeake Beach, who sail Sea Addle, a Cal 25. Hi to Ken Schafer aboard Rif Raft; and to Ed and Anne Pernaveau, sailing on Valkyrie

OVERHEARD IN THE COCKPIT

by Bob Enstam

As part of the Cooperating Group Accord that we recently renewed with BOAT/US, we are obligated to publicize the fact that we are a cooperating group in our membership. Consequently, we are hereby notifying our membership that we are a cooperating group, and as such our members are entitled to a discount of 50% on their BOAT/US memberships, both new and renewals. The regular annual membership is \$17.00. Herrington Harbour Sailing Association members are entitled to the discounted price of \$8.50.

We are delighted to announce that Tom Willess and Charlene Jones were united in marriage at historic Christ Church in Alexandria, on Saturday May 12, 1984. We offer our sincere best wishes for a long and healthy life together! They will make their home together in Oakton, Virginia in their beautiful, newly-built home.

A tip of the hat to Earnie Keyworth, who hosted the HHSA Harness Creek cruise at his lovely home on Harness Creek. Everyone had a real blast! Word has it that Ernie was a little overwhelmed by the 17 boats that showed up. Ernie, everyone is overwhelmed by HHSA!

It sure was good to see Joe and Carol Sarnowski again on the weekend of May 12th. And speaking of renewing old acquaintances, Jack and Sue Barbee are home from Saudi Arabia for a visit and are planning to join us for the June 10th cruise.

Lee and Janice Heims had a lump in their throats recently, as they said goodbye to their beautiful Catalina 27, Tintagel. Not to fret, though, they're expecting to take delivery on their new Catalina 30 in mid june, hopefully in time to make the 2 week cruise to the York River. Also sweating delivery of a new boat are our Rear Commodore, Earl Hall, and our treasurer, Kathy Hall, who are hoping to have their new C&C 35 also in time for the southern cruise. And last but not least, Hans and Pat Ulander have already taken delivery of their beautiful new Allmand 35, Aqua Vite.

Looking Ahead- plans are being finalized for our two week cruise to the York River. It promises a super time. Plans are also being finalized for our Poseidon's Locker raffle which will take place in August. You can buy tickets at the bar in Herrington Harbour; or if you would like to help by selling some tickets at work, talk to our Vice Commodore Al Walker.

Sincere thanks to Jocelyn Marquez who hand-printed the terrific HHSA Cookbook. Our thanks also to the many contributing members, with particular thanks to Mary Ellen Neff for the fantastic cover.

SEE YOU ON THE BAY.....FLY YOUR BURGEE!

CRUISE TO MILL CREEK IN JUNE
by Hans Ulander

This exciting weekend cruise will begin on the 9th with a skippers meeting- 10:00am outside the restrooms. We'll sail north past Thomas Point light house, through Whitehall Bay to our destination in Mill Creek. Saturday evening will be marked by a christing party. Our new boat is an Allmand 35 called Aqua Vitae. We'll (Pat and Hans) bring along the champagne. Be sure to prepare appetizers to share with fellow cruisers.

We're also anticipating a return to port race, the second in the series. Details will be announced at the skippers meeting. Come on out to join in the friendship of HNSA.

SOUTHERN BAY AND MID BAY CRUISE
by Marty Enstam

We're calling a meeting to discuss and finalize cruise plans, including provisioning, charts, tools, fishing equipment, etc. We've planned it for 5:00pm on Sunday, June 10th- after our return from the Whitehall Bay cruise. The meeting will be in the meeting room off the bar. Last chance for input, see you then.

BON VOYAGE

For those who wish to help speed our cruisers on their way, come on out Friday evening, the 22nd, and bring a favorite dish to share. For those new to this, we bring our own main course, portable tables, grills, picnic stuff, etc. and whop it up into the night. We'll be setting up over by Walker's boat on "M" dock.

NORTHERN CHESAPEAKE BAY CRUISE
August 18-26

If you are planning on joining the one-week cruise north to Baltimore, please fill out this form and send it to:

Jack Marquez
8411 Willow Forge Road
Springfield, Virginia 22152

We need to make the reservations at Baltimore Harbor by June 15. The slip fee is going to be \$10 per night.

Name of boat _____
Name of captain _____
Length of boat _____
\$20 slip fee enclosed _____
I am interested in the Oreole game _____yes_____ no_____

BIRDING ON THE CHESAPEAKE
by Joe and Lana Batts

It's 5:30pm and you are at your favorite anchorage on the Wye River with a V&T in hand, when you notice a large bird soaring overhead. What is it? Chances are that it could be a bald eagle, an osprey, or a turkey vulture. If you are familiar with the birds of the Chesapeake Bay, you may be able to identify it as a bald eagle.

An ever-increasing number of bald eagles can be seen soaring above favorite anchorages on the eastern shore. Did you know there are two kinds of swans at St. Michaels? They are the mute swan with a knobbed orange bill, and the whistling swan with the black bill. Herring Bay attracts four kinds of gulls; herring gull, greater black backed gull, laughing gull and the ring billed gull. The little bird which manages to make the big mess on your decks every week is the barn swallow. Near "J" dock and the dinghy rack you can see two kinds of warblers; the yellow warbler with a red striped breast, and the common yellow throat with a black eye mask. Finally did you realize that the great blue heron is the tall graceful grey bird you watched walking the shores of Tilghman Creek? He can wake you in the morning with deep harsh croaks that sound like "frahnk!"

For the Batts on the Belfry, "birding" has enhanced our sailing, whether it's motoring out the channel at Herrington Harbour and spotting a royal tern; or knowing that sailing season is about to end when you spot the first common loon, or old squaw of the fall. We recommend you get Roger Tory Peterson's A Field Guide to the Birds or Golden's Birds of North America, and join us on the next cruise while we search for the elusive Virginia rail. In the past three years we've identified 48 birds.

RHODE RIVER EASTER CRUISE

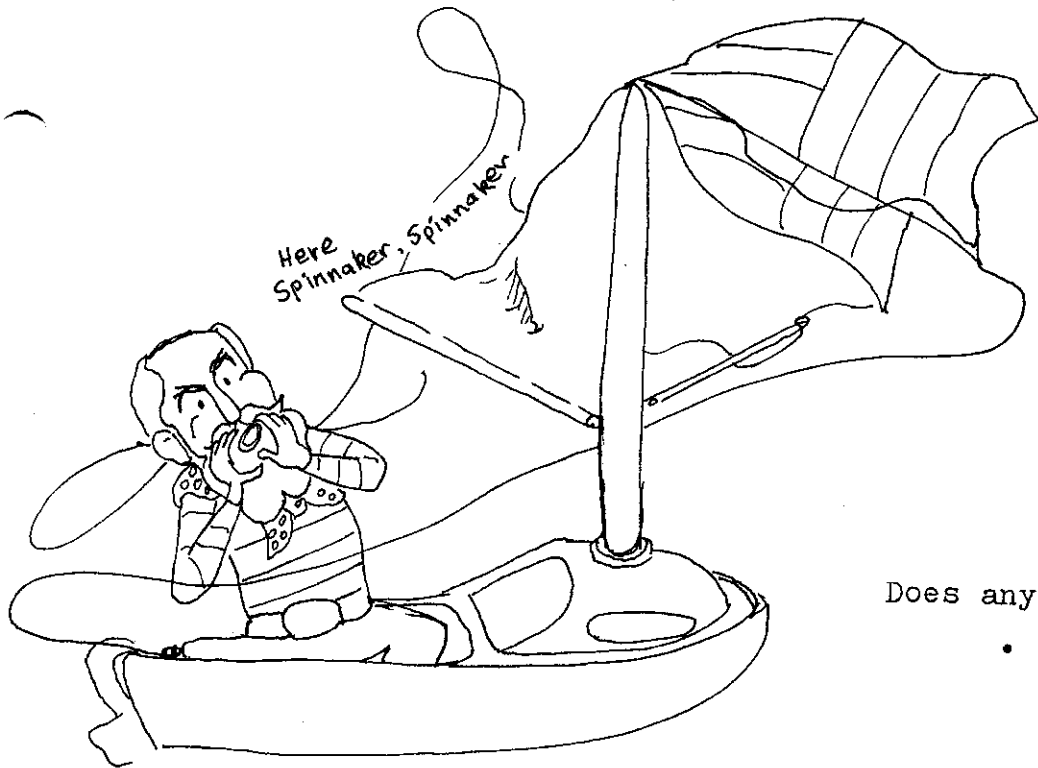
by Bill Bickford

I was very pleased with the turnout of ten (10) boats and a total of twelve (12) children. The first cruise of the season brought out all those gremlins lurking since November, when we put our ships to sleep. Several boats experienced minor problems, but all got through with no more than small delays or inconveniences.

We left on Saturday, April 21st at 11:00am, with winds of 10 to 25 knots out of the northeast. What a sail! As we arrived at the Rhode River the sun warmed our hearts and our ships to 65°. The Rhode received one outboard, one dinghy and outboard, and one child. We are happy to say that the second and third were recovered unharmed. Eighty-seven Easter Eggs were decorated on the Lucky Seven. If you should pass by Lucky Seven on "J" 21 and see a rainbow, it is because of the creative painters gone bizerk.

Sunday was cold and wet, with no wind, so we decided to motor to Herrington Harbour and have our egg hunt near the restaurant. All the kids and the adults had fun, braving the hail, sleet and rain. . .to the finale.

All in all we had an exciting and memorable cruise to open the season. Boats in attendance were Lucky Seven, Quintet, Firefly III, Freebie, Belfry, Moriah, Windsong, My Mercedes II, Trinity and Circus.



Does anyone have any
 . . . spinnaker bisquits?

HHAS SPRING SERIES RACING RESULTS

<u>Spinnaker Class</u>	<u>SKIPPER</u>	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd Races</u>
Amygdala	Morrison	DNF	2	DNF
Shotgun	Bartley	DNF	3/4	3/4
Amun Ra	Ferguson	DNF	4	DNF
Tontine	Ferrari	DNF	3	DNF

Non-spinnaker Class

Circus	Doyon	2	3/4	2
Freebird	Marquez	3/4	3	3/4
Crisis	Miller	3	2	DNF
Samadhi	Smith	DNF	4	3
Belfry	Batts	DNF	6	4
Windsong	Ordman	DNF	7	5
Ryt	Van Derryt	DNF	5	5

POSEIDON'S LOCKER

Al Walker is very pleased to announce the return of a very popular HHSA tradition, that beautiful basket of adult libations to please the palette and give the winner a most well stocked liquor locker on the Bay. As of June 15th you'll be able to see this fair prize on display in the bar. You can buy tickets there, or from any officer that's handy. If you can help your association by selling some at the office, call Al at home (301-261-5660) or at his office (202-267-100.)

REFLECTIONS

by

Jayne Spence

Spring maintenance of "Second Wind" was, shall we say, unusual this year. We thought we had her sold this past February, but the purchase survey revealed some serious structural problems that would, of course, have to be resolved. Perhaps "Second Wind", distraught over our abandonment of her, literally came apart at the seams. The well-known Annapolis surveyor said it was a manufacturing problem which should be repaired by the factory. And so "Second Wind" was transported to her birthplace, Cape Dory Yachts, in Taunton, MA. Cape Dory, entirely at its expense, repaired our boat. It is commendable that a builder would defend its reputation by accepting such a responsibility, and making every effort to please (and console) some very upset owners.

Speaking of consolation, so many of you who heard of our problem provided much needed support during those two months, for which Paul and I are very grateful. The support provided within this organization is a valuable treasure, not to be overlooked or taken lightly. We support each other in a variety of ways; our concern for each other takes many forms. Being a sympathetic listener is only one form of concern. Our concern extends to taking action when appropriate. For example, let's look at the Harness Creek cruise. Al Walker generously invited us along as crew ("Second Wind" was in Massachusetts). Bill Gingras, stinkpotter, abandoned his playful buzzing of the anchorage to rescue White Gull, who was aground. Al Doyan upped anchor on "Circus" to provide transportation to some weary, late-night revelers who needed transportation to their boats. Everyone who passed "Crusader II" in the South River paused to offer assistance (a tow was finally accepted) and on, and on ... Cruising with such a group of people is truly a pleasurable experience!

The next weekend, a group of teary-eyed sailors were there to witness the marriage of our first commodore and dear friend, Tom Willess, to Charlene Jones. HHSA even planned a honeymoon cruise.

On the practical side, we learn so much from each other: how to maintain an engine, which gelcoat polish works best, what to look for in another boat, does your boat really live up to its reputation, etc. The wealth of information available to such a group is beyond description.

Here is a group who understands the responsibilities as well as the pleasures associated with membership in a sailing association. The bonding that occurs when one actively participates with other sailors provides fun, security and power not available to those who sail alone. If you haven't yet come to experience this with HHSA, isn't it time you did? The rewards are tremendous. To those of you who share with me an understanding of what HHSA is all about, I congratulate you. You are its success.