

"THE HARBOUR LIGHT"

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

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February 1, 1985

FLASH

The Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation course originally planned for March 2, 1985, has been moved up to February 9 & 23, 1985, at 10:00 a.m. The classes will be taught by Captain Orville Thrasher of the North Beach Fire Department. The course will be divided into two classes: the first six hours on February 9th will be from manuals and video and the second six hours on February 23rd will be a written and practical test on manikins of various sizes. Successful completion of the course will result in certification. The cost is \$5.00 per person. We must have 10 people in the class. For information and to confirm a place in the class, call Priscilla Belanger at (703) 323-8410. Remember, a 12-hour investment in February could save a life in July.

CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

- Feb. 9 -- 10:00 a.m., first session of CPR. Sign up now!!!
- Feb. 16 -- 10:00 a.m., Executive Committee meeting. All members welcomed.
-- 1:00 p.m., HHSA Organizational meeting. Please come.
- Feb. 23 -- 10:00 a.m., second session of CPR.
- March 1 -- Membership applications due. (See page 9)
- March 2 -- 4-6:00 p.m., Check Your Boat Party at Bill and Dolly Gingras' home overlooking Herrington Harbour.
- March 16 -- 10:00 a.m., Executive Committee meeting.
-- 1:00 a.m., Racing seminar with Olympic Medalist Steve Benjamin.
- April 19 -- 8:00 a.m., Executive Committing meeting.

Unless indicated, all meetings will be held in Herrington Harbour meeting room adjoining downstairs lounge.

FROM THE BRIDGE

By Al Walker, Commodore

As we start our 1985 season, I hope that all of our members and loved ones had a great holiday season and, on behalf of your Executive Committee, I wish all of you the best for a prosperous and exciting 1985. As the new watch takes over, we hope to provide our membership with another outstanding year of cruising, racing, and social events for crews of all ages.

By the time you read this newsletter, your Executive Committee will have already held its first meeting to lay the initial groundwork for 1985. That is why it is so important for as many HHSA'ers as possible to attend the organizational meeting on February 16 at the club.

Aside from the outstanding program to be presented by Chesapeake Bay Magazine, we hope to use all of your talents and inputs to expand, improve, and help us make 1985 HHSA's best season ever! By the way, your Vice Commodore and each of your Rear Commodores will need volunteers to help with their programs. So decide early which area you want to work on. If past experience continues, unless you sign up early, you will miss out on a great opportunity to get in on the action!

MEMBERSHIP

by Jocelyn Marquez, Vice Commodore
and Membership Committee

We have something for everybody! The programs of Herrington Harbour Sailing Association have developed over the years to a level of inclusiveness that is amazing and wonderful. When you talk to potential or current members, you can tell them about our racing, cruising, social, and educational programs and how we include members through all these mediums. For example, Steve Carson, Rear Commodore of Racing, is preparing a very ambitious racing calendar that can respond to all levels of experience. Ardell Hoveskeland, Rear Commodore of Cruising, is proposing a cruising schedule that will include cruises for new and current members. And, Dolly Gingras, Rear Commodore of Social will organize social events that will bring us all together with one event devoted just to meeting new members.

Our association has always recognized that new members contribute much of the vitality and vigor to our programs. In that regard, Steve Carson, who will furnish the 1985 racing committee boat, joined the club just last year and Ardell and Lucinda Hoveskeland, who will orchestrate the cruising program, joined two years ago. Likewise, Larry and Pam Rudner, who recently served on the cruising committee, joined only one year ago, and Priscilla and Al Belanger, who are developing the CPR program for this February, joined the association just two years ago.

But, let us not forget the veteran members who recently were elected or volunteered for club officer positions. Lana Batts, Newsletter Editor, Dolly Gingras, Rear Commodore of Social, and Pat Ulander, Secretary-Treasurer, all joined the association in 1981.

Obviously, the real vitality of our association comes from our ability to mix the veterans with the rookies, the old with the young, and the skilled with the unskilled. So, when you talk to potential new members or to inactive current members, remember to tell them: "WE HAVE SOMETHING FOR EVERYBODY!"

HHSA ORGANIZATIONAL DAY

February 16, 1985, 1:00 p.m.
HHSA Club Room

Everyone is encouraged to come out for this very important meeting when the activities for the coming year are planned. Activities include racing, cruising, and social.

To get everyone in a proper frame of mind, Dick and Dixie Goertemiller will be joining us with a beautiful slide presentation entitled "Delights of the Chesapeake." The Goertemillers are best known for their columns "Cruise of the Month" and "Log of Moon Song" in Chesapeake Bay Magazine, which they founded in 1971.

Following the Goertemiller's presentation, committee chairmen will give reports on their preliminary plans for the season. They will then meet separately with interested members. Among the topics to be discussed are:

- Racing -- Steve Carson will be looking for ideas on how to increase participation and develop better racers. Steve would like to start a program whereby experienced racers would adopt a cruiser who wants to know more about racing. He would like to have one race for beginners only and maybe even a powder puff derby for women only.
- Cruising -- Ardell Hoveskeland will be looking for ideas on the future cruises. Particularly, he would like to interest new cruisers. On a twist of Steve's idea, how about an adopt-a-racer cruise? Ardell would like to see a one-week cruise south and a two-week cruise north. Joe Batts would like to lead a group to Atlantic City. Ardell has preliminary plans for three three-day cruises, one four-day cruise, and 12 weekend cruises. Where would you like to go?
- Social -- Dolly Gingras will be seeking ideas for a social schedule complimentary to that of cruising and racing. Ideas include combining the crab feast with the Boyer's Memorial Race (Round Popular Island) and moving the new members function to June.

o Membership -- Jocelyn Marquez has established some ambitious goals, including expanding our membership to 200. Please see her at the meeting.

NOT FOR RACERS ONLY

by Steve Carson, Rear Commodore-Racing

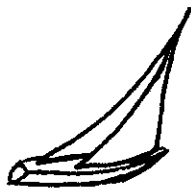
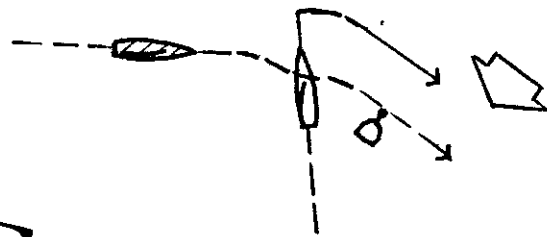
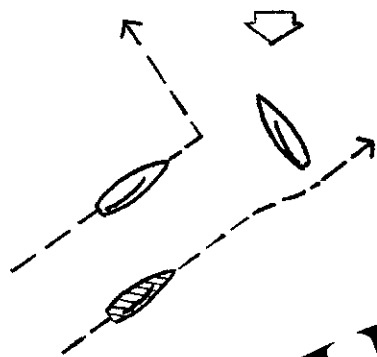
Whether a cruiser or a racer (I really don't like making that distinction), now is the ideal time to reappraise the object of our fair weather pursuits: our boats. The concern here is relative to improving performance, safety, and convenience. To make it go fast, things have to be quick and easy to accomplish. Gear improvements will be either additions to your boat, heavying-up what you already have, or adding convenience to the operation of your boat. In most cases, these improvements will enhance the safety and performance of yourself, your crew, and your boat.

What is the best area to heavy-up on your boat? Did you experience gear failure in 1984? That would be a good place to start your appraisal. Food for thought: Heavy sheets in heavy air make life a lot easier for crew, and while more expensive, larger winches are also appreciated by your crew. Did you wish you had more of a boom vang or cunningham last year? Are your halyards showing wear? Maybe this spring you will add that additional halyard. That could be some valuable insurance for 1985 and beyond. A functional traveler and heavy, easy to use, backstay adjuster are necessities if you want any real degree of sailing efficiency. In a storm, a simple, fast, and strong harness system can save lives and give peace of mind. You may want a professional to clean, survey, and modify your sails. It's amazing what the sailmakers can do for your performance if you get them into the picture.

What is the best way to improve convenience of operation on your boat? Was some particular task too arm wrenching or back bending last year? I already mentioned heavier lines and winches as a help. You (or your crew, anyway) may need another strategically placed winch to perform one or more tasks so that you don't all walk around smelling like Ben Gay the week after every race. What about your reefing system? Some operate easily in calm air, but are another matter in heavy air. The use of line stoppers, cam cleats, etc., has greatly simplified the art of cleating-off running rigging. In fact, now is the time for a general look-see at your entire deck layout. Lastly, perhaps having a few more "comfortable" PFD's on board might encourage some to don them more readily if the wearer knows he is not going to have a neck burn for a week.

If the gear is heavy duty and easy to use, the task will be completed quicker, with less effort and be generally safer. With this accomplished, all aboard can dwell on other matters of importance, such as how to stay ahead on the race course or what action to take at the coming mark. There are a lot of steps we can plan now to make life on the bay a lot more fun, a lot easier, and a lot faster (or more efficient, if you will).

HHSA



RACING

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**MARCH 16
1:00**

Guest Speaker

'84 Olympic Silver Medalist • 470

STEVE BENJAMIN

IT'S TIME TO GET BACK INTO RACING!!

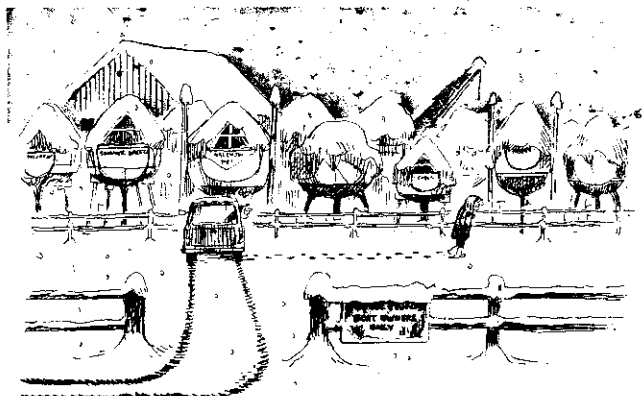
Become part of an exciting presentation by Steve Benjamin on the 1984 Olympics. Steve is President of and owns International Sailing Products and manages Ullman Sails East. At 28, he is a veteran winner and a true heavyweight in our sport. In addition to the '84 Olympics, Steve finished 1st in the '81 and '82 Pre-Olympics, as well as the '80 Trials (during the U.S. Boycott). He has won the Fireball Worlds and the 505 Worlds, was Collegiate Sailor of the Year, and an All American.

More?? In 1981, Steve won his class (E) in the SORC and that same year was the top Admirals Cup Skipper. He also was a winning skipper in the Team Racing Nationals.

INCREDIBLE!! Do NOT miss this one!

Steve's presentation will include a 45 minute slide show. See you all in the clubroom at the marina.

CHECK YOUR BOAT PARTY



"You wouldn't drive forty odd miles in this weather just to pat my bottom."

Begin the month of March by checking your boat and then joining fellow HHSA members at the beautiful home of Bill and Dolly Gingras from 4:00-6:00 p.m., on March 2, 1985.

This is the time for all "sous chefs" to bring out their best appetizers. Bill will provide the mixers for your spirits (remember, BYOB). The Gingras home is the beautiful brown house, next to the round house, on the hill overlooking Herring Bay and the marina. Turn of Rt. 261 on Kim Lane, then turn right on Konrad Court. Please RSVP, their number is 855-5568 (Washington Line).

SOURCE: They Call it Sailing, by Mike Peyton (London: Nautical Books, 1981), p. 67.

POTPOURRI

Bill and Jeanne Turner of Barnacle Bill have relocated to 1308 Jackson Park Place, Seymour, IN 47274.

Rich and Marie Ordeman have purchased a new Beneteau 29 which they have named Spook. Will the Dinghy be named Mole?

A check for \$100 from HHSA has been delivered by Al Walker, Commodore, to the North Beach Fire Department for 1984. (Editors Note: Having used their services once, I really appreciate the resource they provide to HHSA members.)

If you are renewing your membership at Boat U.S., remember by indicating you are an HHSA member, you will receive a discount membership at \$8.50, instead of the normal \$17.00

Burgees will be available for purchase at the organizational meeting on February 16, 1985.

THE FIRST SEMINAR

by Joe Batts

Thirty-two hearty Herrington Harbour sailers braved sub-freezing weather (windchill factor brought the temperature down to -10 degrees) to attend the first 1985 HNSA seminar, Saturday, January 26. Since the marina was being used for a large wedding reception, Ernie Keyworth, manager of the restaurant, rented the Holland Point Civic Association building for us and furnished free beer and coffee. A facetious suggestion was made that in the future we intentionally schedule meetings for large wedding receptions just so that we could always get the free beer! "Nice try," says Ernie. Two non-members attended and Jocelyn Marquez, Vice Commodore, promptly gave them a membership application. Keep on hustling Jocelyn, we'll reach 200 members yet. Incidentally, at break time, the group celebrated Jocelyn's fortieth birthday with the cutting and consumption of a beautiful cake decorated with a sailboat in the center.

Craig Bumgarner, service manager for Zahnizers Marina in Solomons was our guest speaker and he sustained the rapt attention of the group for a solid three hours. Surprisingly, nearly forty-five minutes was spent discussing sea cocks: the various types, brands, designs, strengths, weaknesses, installation tips, and maintenance. Craig also covered the maintenance of keels and center boards, how to identify problems and proper corrective actions. His most helpful presentation, though, was on gelcoat and the range of repairs that can be made. He further discussed the variety of paints available, their durability, gloss retention, and degree of difficulty in application. In short, this was the most technically comprehensive presentation on hull maintenance that the club has ever heard. Our many thanks go to Craig Bumgarner of Zahnizers.

On page 8 is a checklist prepared by Craig for those of you who will be hauling your boat soon. Craig welcomes phone calls and offers free consultation on any boat problem you may have. His phone number is (301) 326-2166.

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NEW MEMBERS

John and Dolly Kremers, 7942 Janna Lee, #302, Alexandria, VA 22306; (h) (703) 644-8038; sailing a S-2 7.9 named Ramshackle, slipped at Tracy's Creek Marina. Watch out Steve Carson and Jack Marquez, John's a cracker jack racer.

Dick and Nancy Cramer, 4610 Briar Patch Court, Fairfax, VA 22032; (h) (703) 425-5221; sailing a Pearson 28 named Sanity, slipped at G-19. Dick and Nancy moved to Herrington Harbour after five years at Bert Jabins' in Annapolis and are interested in cruising.

Howard and Pat Brooks, 20421 Meadow Pond Place, Gaithersburg, MD 20879; (h) (301) 330-4115; sailing a Catalina 27 named Sunshine, slipped at O-Bulkhead. Howard and Pat just moved down from Ann Arbor, MI, where they sailed Sunshine. Welcome to Chesapeake Bay and an eight-month sailing season.

HAULING MAINTENANCE CHECKLIST

by Craig Bumgarner
of Zahnizer's Marina

PRIOR TO HAULING:

- Check the boottop. Is it at the desirable level? Should it be raised or lowered?
- Check all underwater fittings for leaks.

AFTER HAULING:

- Check rudder for delaminations, entrapped water, splits in the centerline, loose shaft, worn gudgeons and pintles
- Check all thru hull fittings for security
- Check and clean depthsounder transducer
- Check and clean knotlog
- Check bottom paint condition, looseness, flaking, barnacles
- Check bottom for laminate blisters
- Check keel for grounding damage and hull-keel joint
- Check iron keel for rust, pitting, and paint blisters
- Check lead keel for loose, blistered coatings
- Check bottom for collision damage
- Look for hard spots and "oilcanning" in bottom laminate
- Look for gelkote stress cracks which may indicate problems
- Make sure grounding plates are clean and unpainted
- Check centerboard for grounding damage and operational wear
- Check centerboard pin, pin hole, cable, cable attachments
- Check centerboard trunk for barnacles and obstructions
- Check the operation of the centerboard
- Check the zinc condition and replace if more than 1/3 gone
- Be suspicious of water which continues to seep after 2 hours
- Check bobstay fitting and stay swag for cracks, corrosion, and looseness. Check for cotter pin in clevis.

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*** "DUE MARCH 1" ***

Please check:

- () APPLICATION FOR NEW MEMBERSHIP (Enclose \$35 with this form)
- () RENEWAL OF OLD MEMBERSHIP (Enclose \$25 with this form)
- () CHANGE OF MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION (No charge)
- () DACRON BURGEE (Enclose \$22.00)
- () NYLON BURGEE (Enclose \$17.00)

PLEASE PRINT:

NAME (Last, First & Spouse's First): _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____

HOME PHONE: () ____ - ____ WORK PHONE: () ____ - ____

BOAT NAME: " _____ " VHF CALL SIGN: ____ - ____

MFR & MODEL: _____ SAIL NUMBER: # _____

LENGTH (ft): _____ RIG: _____

SLIP (If North, use "N" prefix): ____ - ____

INTEREST: CRUISING (Y/N): ____ RACING (Y/N): ____ CREWING (Y/N): ____

REMARKS: _____

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: ____/____/____

We would like to have the following optional information so we can announce birthdays in the newsletter and have an accurate list of the "Urchins" (children) for various activities.

List family members and their birthdays (year is very optional):

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