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TRIVIA QUESTION OF THE MONTH

Which is farther from Herrington Harbour, Oxford or St. Michaels?

Answer on page 8.

CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

June 2, 16	Noon	Spring Race Series
June 7	8:00 p.m.	New Members' Cocktail Party
June 8-9	9:00 a.m.	New Members' Cruise to Dunn Cove via Knapp's Narrows
June 15	9:00 a.m.	Race Round Sharp's Island
June 16	9:00 a.m.	Executive Committee Meeting
June 5, 12, 19, 26	7:00 p.m.	Wednesday Night Race Series
June 22-30	9:00 a.m.	Mid-Bay Chesapeake Bay Cruise
July 4-7	9:00 a.m.	Mini Cruise to Chester River

FROM THE BRIDGE

by Al Walker, Commodore

We are now well into the beginning of our season and from all appearances, it looks like the best one yet. Participation has been great, especially among our newer members. In fact, on the cruise to Hudson Creek, so ably led by Tony and Martha Kowalski, we had Diane and Bob Brooks (Nerissa) join HNSA the day of the cruise, make their first cruise ever, on their first boat, and won the first point-to-point cruise. Now that takes courage, especially with Tony in the lead!

Speaking of new members, don't forget the new members cruise on June 8-9 to Dunn Cove -- we will be going through Knapp's Narrows to save time and also to prove that the recent dredging in the Narrows makes it safe for even the "BIG BOATS." We would like to see as many new members on the cruise as possible. If you can't make the cruise, at least try to make the New Members party on Friday, June 7, at the club.

Angus Phillips' article on "Sailing the Bay," in the Washington Post of May 9th, seemed somewhat biased as to the lack of the sailing traditions on the Bay. Several members complained to me and other members of the Executive Committee which generated a Letters to the Editor campaign by HNSA members. Of the four letters published, all were HNSA members. In addition to mine, letters by Ardeell Hoveskeland (Trinity), Marie Ordeman (Wind Song), and Joe and Lana Batts (Belfry) were published.

NEW MEMBERS

Elliott and Marilyn Bardsley, 55 Bralan Court, Gaithersburg, MD 20877, (301) 977-8127, Plum's Delight, an Irwin 34, slipped at J-37.

Bob and Diane Brooks, 10610 Muerfield Drive, Potomac, MD 20854, sailing a Bristol 29.9 named Nerissa, slipped at N-39.

Ron and Micki Pugh, 9623 Tinsmith Lane, Burke, VA 22015, (703) 569-9478, sailing Troubadour, an Albin Ballad 30, slipped at O-21.



HNSA CRUISE TO ATLANTIC CITY

August 10-25

The first ocean cruise for HNSA will be led by Lana and Joe Batts on Belfry to Atlantic City. So far eight boats, including a 24-footer, have responded to the great adventure and the sound of slot machines. If you are interested, see Joe or Lana at slip K-18, or call evenings at (703) 892-1864. Better yet, join them for a briefing session to be held on Saturday, July 13th at 10:00 a.m. in the Herrington Harbour meeting room. The briefing session will discuss needed charts, guides, insurance endorsements, provisioning, and tips for winning at blackjack. Suggested changes in itinerary are also welcome.

<u>Date/Day</u>	<u>From - To</u>	<u>Distance</u>
Aug. 10/Saturday	Herrington Harbour to Magothy River Anchor out	30 m
Aug. 11/Sunday	Magothy River to Ordinary Point on Sassafras River Anchor out	49 m
Aug. 12/Monday	Sassafras River to Chesapeake City Anchor out	19 m
Aug. 13/Tuesday	Chesapeake City to Cape May Dock at South Jersey Marina	48 m
Aug. 14/Wednesday	Cape May to Atlantic City Dock at Harrah's Marina	47 m
Aug. 15/Thursday	Atlantic City Lay Day	
Aug. 16/Friday	Atlantic City to Cape May Dock at South Jersey Marina	47 m
Aug. 17/Saturday	Cape May Lay Day	
Aug. 18/Sunday	Cape May to Greenwich on Cohansey River Anchor out	36 m

ATLANTIC CITY CRUISE (Cont'd.)

<u>Date/Day</u>	<u>From - To</u>	<u>Distance</u>
Aug. 19/Monday	Greenwich to Chesapeake City Anchor out	23 m
Aug. 20/Tuesday	Chesapeake City to Georgetown on Sassafras River Dock at Georgetown Yacht Basin	25 m
Aug. 21/Wednesday	Georgetown Lay Day	
Aug. 22/Thursday	Georgetown to Middle River Anchor out	28 m
Aug. 23/Friday	Middle River to Whitehall Bay	17 m
Aug. 24/Saturday	Whitehall Bay to Herrington Harbour	20 m
	TOTAL	389 m

CHANGE OF DATES ON ONE WEEK NORTHERN BAY CRUISE

Joscelyn Marquez and Priscilla Belanger have changed the dates for the one-week cruise to the Northern Bay. Instead of August 17-25, it will be August 10-18. These new dates will accommodate the teachers who have to be in school the week of August 19. The boats will spend the first couple of days with the more-adventuresome group going on to Atlantic City. A stop in Baltimore is definitely on the schedule. If you are interested, call Jocelyn at (703) 569-1616 or Priscilla at (703) 323-8410.

FOURTH OF JULY MINICRUISE TO QUEENSTOWN ON THE CHESTER RIVER

Join HNSA sailors on a four-day cruise to Queenstown, Maryland, on the south shore of the Chester River. Co-captains Bill Bickford, Lucky Seven, and Al Doyon, Circus, will hold the captains' meeting at 9:00 a.m., July 4th, near the bulletin board of "M" Dock. The itinerary will be announced at that meeting, but for those who join the cruise late, the co-captains can be hailed on Channel 68 for details. Basically, if the cruise has reaching or running winds, then the first destination will be Queenstown. If the winds require a beat or close reach, the first destination will be Whitehall Bay. The obscure Battle of Queenstown will be reenacted, so bring your arsenal of canons (water and camera), balloons, and nerf balls (available at "Toys-~~9~~-US"). A fleet of redcoats in dinghies will engage a fleet of bluecoats in dinghies. Choose sides, take your chances, and have laid-back, good-time fun.

MEMORIAL WEEKEND CRUISE -- BIGGEST YET

by Stan & Ginny Fant

The weekend began with a 10:00 a.m. departure from Herrington Harbour to Hunting Creek. The lack of wind cancelled the point-to-point race and put a lot of iron jibs into action.

Hunting Creek proved to be a delightfully protected anchorage. Many boats participated in dinghy and swimming activities while anchored there.

The Saturday night rafts-up found HNSA members sharing the fantastic hors d'oeuvres for which they are famous.

Three boats -- Crusader, Final Fantasea, and My Quest -- ventured into St. Michaels for Sunday brunch at Longfellow's Restaurant. This gustatory delight was well worth the effort.

The plans called for Sunday night anchorage in Shaw Bay. The sand beach and shallow waters close to shore provided a safe swimming area for younger members.

Monday morning departees from Hunting Creek and Shaw Bay found favorable winds awaiting them. Winds of 10-15 knots brought us swiftly into Herrington Harbour.

Nearly thirty boats participated in the cruise: Adriatic, Banzai, Bet-U-Ken, Bonnie Lee II, Cordon Blue, Crusader, Elsewhere, Epris, Final Fantasea, Freebird, Hailstone, Infinity, Irish Heir, My Quest, Nerissa, Poule de Luxe II, Regentag II, Saint-NI-Touche, Sea Sparrow, Seventh Heaven, Single Tree, Solo, Songbird, Sweet Harmony, Trinity, Trio, and Viento.

Several boats were on their first voyage with HNSA. We welcome them and hope they continue sailing with us.

MARINA ETIQUETTE SUGGESTION OF THE MONTH

Although the sign at the end of the Herrington Harbour jetty says "No Wake," it doesn't mean to see how slow you can go. Remember, some boats' idle speed may be higher than yours. If you don't maintain sufficient speed, they may be forced to power down to neutral -- a dangerous practice in a breeze from any direction. Be alert to traffic behind you, as well as in front.

The following little poems were discovered by Tom Willess (Tom Kat'n). The author is unknown.

NIGHT SAILING

RULES OF THE ROAD

SAILING CRAFT

When both lights you see ahead,
Port your helm and show your red.

If close-hauled on the starboard tack,
No other ship may cross your track.

Green to green or red to red,
Perfect safety - Go ahead.

If on the port tack you appear,
Ships running free must all keep clear;

If to your starboard red appear
It is your duty to keep clear.

While you must yield, when running free,
To ships close-hauled upon your lee.

But when upon your port is seen
A vessel's light of green,

And if you have the wind right aft,
Keep clear of every sailing craft.

There's nothing much for you to do,
For green to port keeps clear of you.

NEW RACE

Responding to demands for a longer race, Steve Carson has added a race around Sharp's Island on June 15th. The Captains' meeting will be at 9:00 a.m. and the race will start at 10:00 a.m. If you don't like the traditional three-legged race, try this one. Steve hopes it will become an annual event similar to the Annual Boyer Memorial Race Around Poplar Island.

THE OSPREY ARE BACK!

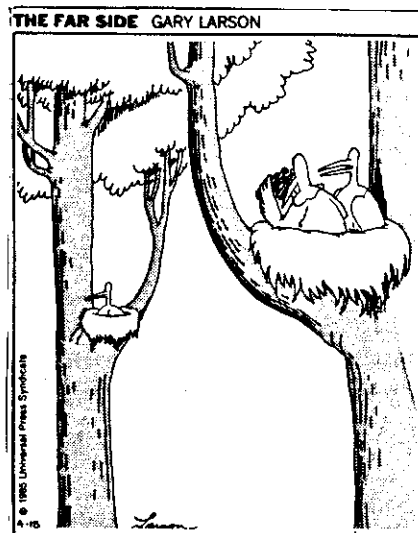
by Joe Batts

As you pass out the Herrington Harbour channel, you'll notice an osprey sitting in its nest atop the green #1 marker. If you are starting in an HHSA race and you venture too close to Herring Bay red #2, you'll disturb the osprey nesting there and probably hear its frenzied "cheereek." The osprey is truly a distinctive and unique bird and we who frequent the Chesapeake Bay are fortunate to witness its summer habitat. Among locals, the osprey is called the fish hawk, an apt name, since the osprey feeds principally on fish. During the summer, you can be entertained by watching an osprey circle at about 50 to 200 feet, hover momentarily, then plunge feet first into the water and nearly submerge. If its aim is good, it will emerge from the water with a fish in its talons, shake itself off, and return to its nest. The osprey has a foot structure much like that of an owl which allows it to position one foot in front of the other and carry the fish head foremost. Presumably, this carrying method reduces windage. The osprey uses another fishing technique of dragging its feet in the water as it flies along just inches above the surface. The fish are frightened by the splashing sounds and can more-easily be spotted by the osprey.

If you transit Knapp's Narrows this summer you can't help but notice an osprey nest on every marker on the east side of the channel. All nests are made of sticks and lined with grasses. These nests can be enormous in size and are frequented by the same birds year after year. Ornithologists have recorded the same family of osprey occupying the same nest for up to 50 years. Now that's a real "golden anniversary."

The Chesapeake Bay supports the largest breeding population in North America, probably because the fishing is good and the living is easy. Osprey have no natural enemies and many owners of waterfront properties construct platforms out on the water to attract the species. Watermen who are on the water everyday say that the osprey arrive here on Saint Patrick's day (mid-March) but recreational boaters usually don't see them until April. The osprey hatch a clutch of three eggs on the average, feed their young until they can fly, and then in September return to their wintering areas of Costa Rica, Venezuela, and Brazil. The osprey is only one of two hawks that will traverse large expanses of water during migration. In addition, only one species exists worldwide, so wherever you travel the osprey will look and sound the same. Its head is white except for a black eye stripe connecting to a black cheek patch. This marking gives it a bandit appearance. Osprey often fly with an angle in the wing and show from below white wings with a black "wrist" patch.

So, this summer enjoy your sailing but also enjoy the dimension of watching the osprey build their nests, hatch their young, and smash the water to catch a fish.



"And don't give me that 'I'm only bird-watching' routine."

SURPRISE CRUISE TO HUDSON CREEK

Congratulations, Martha and Tony Kowalski, on leading a successful cruise to Hudson Creek on May 4-5, 1985. The cruise is deemed successful because everyone who started the cruise, completed the cruise -- all fourteen of them. One of the more-memorable events of the cruise was the passage of the Queen Elizabeth II on her way to Baltimore: Ardell Hoveskeland on Trinity takes the prize for getting the closest to the Queen. How close was Ardell? Well, Lucinda was overheard saying, "Ardell, why do you always take things to the extreme?" At least he got great pictures.

With the aid of Jeff Forte on Trio, the kids made a BIG bonfire on the beach. Unfortunately, no one brought any marshmallows. Next time

The cruise also had the first port-to-port race of the season. Almost all the fleet began the race, but only two finished. The diehards were Edmund Smith and Ray Randolph on Adriatic and Bob and Diane Brooks on Nerissa with Nerissa finishing first.

While Bruce and Janet George on Cappi were not in the race, Bruce insisted on sailing the entire distance. Ten hours later they joined the raft just as it was about to break up. The next day, however, the wind cooperated with a favorable, stiff breeze out of the southeast. Almost everyone made it back in four hours.

Participating boats were: Adriatic, Belfry, Cappi, Cordon Blue, Freebird, Lucky Seven, Nerissa, Sea Sparrow, Seventh Heaven, Song Bird, Sweetie Too, Terre Mar, Trinity, Trio, and White Gull.

NEW MEMBERS' CRUISE AND PARTY

Don't forget the New Members' Cruise to Dunn Cove on June 8-9, 1985. On Friday, June 7, there will be a welcoming cocktail party at 8:00 p.m. in the Herrington Harbour Restaurant. The cost will be about \$4.00 for hors d'oeuvres, payable at the door with a cash bar.

ANSWER TO TRIVIA QUESTION

According to Guide to Cruising Chesapeake Bay, it's 22 miles to Oxford and 25 miles to St. Michaels. Annapolis is 19 miles away and Solomons is 33 miles.

NOT FOR RACERS ONLY

by Steve Carson, Rear Commodore, Racing

Series Races

We are well into the spring series and the Wednesday Night Series I and participation as well as competition is very high. It is especially gratifying to see the new faces on the racecourse. I am still receiving racing applications from the membership. If you have joined the racing program but have not raced, don't waste that well-spent \$10.00. Even if you are not able to do enough racing to qualify for a trophy in a particular series, come and do a race for practice or to break-in crew. It is certainly fun and can become engrossing. There's a very friendly level of competition in the racing.

In Pursuit of More Speed

Give some thought to weight and weight distribution. If you ran a footrace you wouldn't do it with a backpack on. When you sail a race, don't burn yourself out with unnecessary weight. Extra anchors, sleeping gear, etc. In fact, if you don't use it in the race and it weighs something, it's holding you back.

Further, as a general rule, keep the placement of any weight as centered as possible. This means remove those anchors from the bow pulpits and keep the tool boxes out of the stern.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERIES I

First Three Race Results

Spinnaker

	<u>First</u>	<u>Second</u>	<u>Third</u>
<u>Alize'/Carson</u>	3/4	3/4	3/4
<u>Bifrost/Hare</u>	3	2	DNF (6)
<u>Shotgun/Bartley</u>	2	--	2
<u>Prime Rate/</u>	--	--	DNF (6)
<u>No Name/Brooks</u>	--	--	DNF (6)

Non-Spinnaker

<u>Bunch/Brown</u>	5	--	--
<u>Circus/Doyon</u>	2	3	2
<u>Firefly IV/Stamerjohn</u>	6	5	DNF (8)
<u>Infinity/Schuyler</u>	3/4	3/4	3/4
<u>Liberte'/McClurg</u>	8	2	4
<u>Lucky Seven/Bickford</u>	--	4	--
<u>My Mercedes II/Walker</u>	DNF (11)	6	DNF (8)
<u>Rallier/Harmon</u>	3	--	--
<u>R2D5/Rancont</u>	9	--	--
<u>Songbird/Enstam</u>	7	--	DNF (8)
<u>Samadhi/Smith</u>	4	--	3

SPRING SERIES RACE
First Four Race Results

Spinnaker

	<u>First</u>	<u>Second</u>	<u>Third</u>	<u>Fourth</u>
<u>Alize'/Carson</u>	1	3/4	3/4	3/4
<u>Bifrost/Hare</u>	3	4	--	3
<u>Columbine/Neff</u>	3/4	--	--	--
<u>Mary Lou/McGill</u>	2	3	DNS (6)	--
<u>Shotgun/Bartley</u>	--	2	--	2

Non-Spinnaker

<u>Belfry/Batts</u>	6	5	3	5
<u>Bunch/Brown</u>	--	4	2	--
<u>Bull Runner/Mayer</u>	3/4	3/4	--	3/4
<u>Freebird/Marquez</u>	2	2	3/4	2
<u>Infinity/Schuyler</u>	--	--	--	3
<u>Rallier/Harmon</u>	3	--	--	--
<u>Ranshackle/Kremers</u>	--	--	--	7
<u>Ryt/VanDerryt</u>	7	7	6	8
<u>SoTo/Rudolph</u>	--	--	5	9
<u>Sweet Harmony/Hall</u>	4	3	4	6
<u>Trinity/Hoveskeland</u>	5	6	--	4

POTPOURRI

Jim Wright on Quest is recovering from his heart attack and plans to join the Atlantic City cruise in August.

Charlene Willess on Tom Kat'n is recovering from a bad fall on docks. Tom says she was bruised "all over."

We have heard of stealing stop signs, but Mary Lou attempted to steal the sign on Herring Bay #1 at the start of the race on May 12. The crew forgot where the marker was, caught it on the genoa, and demasted the boat. No one was hurt -- except for their pride. As soon as the spreader can be remanufactured, they intend to be racing.

Tom Schuyler, Infinity, has now won three out of three Wednesday night races. Rumor has it that his girl friend wears a tee-shirt with "Catalina 27 Nationals" printed on it.

The HNSA 1985 membership directory will be mailed later this month.