

"HARBOUR LIGHT"

The Newsletter of

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October 1, 1986

CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

October 4	9:00 a.m.	Fall Regatta
October 5	10:00 a.m.	Fall Regatta
October 11	10:00 a.m.	Captains' Meeting San Domingo Creek <i>Wye River</i> cc: Ken & Janet Carpenter
November 1-2	9:00 a.m.	Cruise to Hunting Creek on Miles River cc: Larry & Helen Glick
November 8	1:00 p.m.	Annual Meeting Election of 1987 Officers
November 15-16	9:00 a.m.	Wherever the Wind Blows Cruise
November 22	6:30 p.m.	Annual Awards Dinner HH Restaurant

WALKING THE DOCKS

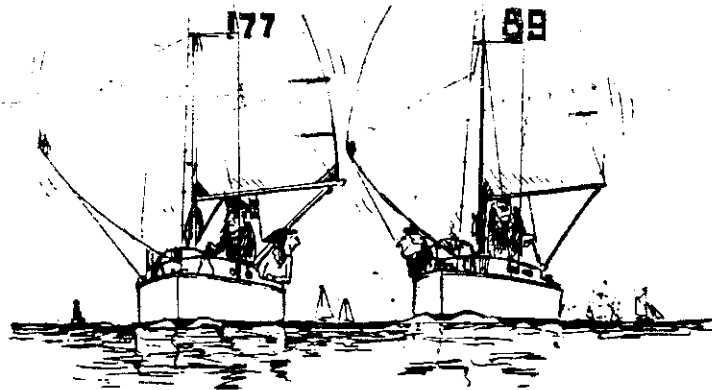
Jocelyn C. Marquez, Commodore

While driving around our neighborhood last week, I noticed that maple leaves were beginning to acquire bright golden and ruby hues. In my mind, I could picture a serene afternoon anchorage in a snug cove surrounded by Fall's spectacular flaming foliage, peace gently disturbed by the honks of thousands of playful geese commuting to warmer climes, crisp autumn breezes free from all bugs, misty mornings accented by the reassuring fragrance of strong coffee, and fried eggs with bacon.

This is no idle dream. These pleasures await each and every HHSA member who takes advantage of the Fall cruising program especially designed to enhance your enjoyment of the season's foliage. Remember, Fall is nature's way of apologizing for the miseries of the coming Winter. Now is the time to generate the memories which will be kindled and rekindled when Winter's snows blanket your dreamboat.

This is also the time when HHSA begins to prepare for the Annual Meeting to be held this year on Sunday, November 17. New officers will be elected at that meeting as well as new ideas and proposals introduced. Although the Nominating Committee will propose candidates for officer positions, anyone who is willing to serve may offer his or her name for consideration by the membership. In fact, I encourage everyone to share his or her time and expertise by serving either as an officer or as a member of one of the several committees of the Association.

Meanwhile, back to enjoying this wonderful Indian Summer!



'It's not often that one gets the chance of a nice long chat.'

ANNUAL MEETING

Jocelyn C. Marquez, Commodore

The Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, November ~~14~~¹⁸, at the Herrington Harbour Restaurant. New officers will be elected by the membership. As provided by our Constitution, Al Walker, the current Immediate Past Commodore, has designated a Nominating Committee to identify candidates who are willing to serve as your officers during the coming year. The Nominating Committee has identified the following candidates who are willing to serve:

Commodore:	Joe Batts
Vice Commodore:	Ron Dailey Larry Glick
Rear Commodore - Cruising:	Martin Katz
Rear Commodore - Racing:	Rich Ordeman Tom Schuyler
Rear Commodore - Social:	--- Open ---
Secretary - Treasurer:	Bryan Davenport

While the Nominating Committee has identified an obviously outstanding group of candidates, anyone who desires to serve is similarly welcome to submit his or her candidacy for consideration by the membership. HHSA is assured of great leadership for next year!

Al Walker has also suggested what I consider is a very interesting proposal. HHSA is made up not only of "adult" kids but of real kids, affectionately referred to by some as "the urchins". Al would like for the Commodore to appoint a Youth Representative who would assist the Executive Committee in identifying the concerns, wishes and desires of the younger crew members of our Association. The Youth Representative would plan an especially designated weekend cruise with the young ones in mind. He or she would also represent the younger set, when necessary, before the Executive Committee. This is the kind of proposal which will be brought up for consideration by the membership at the Annual Meeting.

MILES RIVER/HUNTING CREEK CRUISE
November 1-2

by Larry Glick

Penultimate scheduled cruise of HNSA for the 1986 season is planned for Hunting Creek. This quiet body is on the port side of the Miles River, two miles past the entrance to St. Michael's. At this writing, there is some uncertainty with respect to who the Cruise Captain will be. At the 0930 Skippers' meeting on Saturday, November 1, however, they will be immediately recognizable by their gaze and air of unflappable authority. For now, call Larry Glick at 703-356-0988, if further information is required.

WHEREVER THE WIND BLOWS CRUISE
November 15-16

Just in time for Indian Summer, HNSA presents the 1986 cruise finale. Destination is a secret, but bring a sweater and your first mate as the weekend will involve a "fun" wahine back-to-port race. Skippers' meeting at 1000. Call Andy or Janet Tackett at 301-741-1149, for further details.

THE SEMI-MOONLIGHT CRUISE

by Rich & Marie Ordeman

The moonlight cruise embarked under partly cloudy skies on the evening of Friday, September 19th. Upon departure from the Harbour, winds were very light but increased while most were in the Bay or Choptank River. Many remarked on their pleasant sail to the anchorage. The route was optional -- through the Narrows (20.3 miles) or around the Point (21.4 miles). Most were at the anchorage, off the Strand, between 2200 and 0300 with some having touched the shoal on the East side of the Narrows. Breakfast was served at 1000 on Saturday with fizzes poured until around noon. At this point, some chose to stay in Oxford for the end of the Annapolis to Oxford race and the accompanying celebrations. Others ventured to Easton for a quiet anchorage. There is more than sufficient water depth to reach the town dock (free tie up) and only a short job (\$2.00 cab ride also available) into the historical downtown area. Those participating included: Breezy, Circus, Elsewhere, Gemini II, Hide-Away, Infinity, La Princesa, Merrieway, Otra Vez, Pilgram, Sassy, Silja, Spook, Trinity, Trio, and Windlass. Thanks to all for making this an enjoyable and safe event.

MORE BREEZE FROM THE STARTING LINE

by Tom Bartley

What a great day we had!!! I mean on the Poplar Island/Boyer Memorial Race, that is. Beautiful sunshine, temperature about 80 degrees, great Committee Boat (thanks to Tom and Charlene Willess), everything you could ask for ... except wind. As it turned out, we had to shorten the race so that Marie Ordeman's steaks would not thaw out! What a super meal and deal Marie put together. Again, thanks. And the sing-along -- somehow I slept through the end on Earl Hall's boat and the last episodes of "Chubby Bunnies". I think there are still marshmallows floating around my boat. Lots of fun for all!

Oh, the race is what I'm supposed to be writing about. Well, we started out in about 10 knots of Northeast wind and it was a tough first beat for the spinnaker boats against at least 10 knots of current (it seemed like 10 knots anyway). Somehow No Name with Mike Brooks as Skipper went farther out than anyone else and picked up his own special little breeze. Shotgun and Infinity fought all the way from the 1st mark until the abbreviated finish with the latter "edging" the former (try and figure that one out). It's NOT true that Shotgun used two freighters to secure 3rd place -- it only seemed that way. I told my crew that there would be NO problem crossing in front of them if the wind held up (all three knots of it)! (Just to dispell a vicious rumor, it is NOT true that I suggested that the race be shortened because I was out of ICE.)

I'm not sure what happened in the non-spinnaker division but I know that Al Doyon on Circus was trying really hard right up to the finish to catch John Kremers on Ramshackle. I also saw Gil McClurg on Liberte' (with guest crew Kathy "TRON" from last year's winner) take 3rd.

Here then are the results:

Non-Spinnaker (18 boats)

<u>Yacht Name</u>	<u>Skipper(s)</u>
1 - <u>Ramshackle</u>	John Kremers
2 - <u>Circus</u>	Al Doyon
3 - <u>Liberte'</u>	Gil McClurg
4 - <u>Puff</u>	Robert Mitchell
5 - <u>Trio</u>	Jeff Forte
6 - <u>Troubador</u>	Paul Spence
7 - <u>High Tide</u>	Andy Boyer
8 thru 18, I'm not sure!	

MORE BREEZE FROM THE STARTING LINE (Cont'd.)

Spinnaker (7 boats)

<u>Yacht Name</u>	<u>Skipper(s)</u>
1 - <u>No Name</u>	Mike Brooks
2 - <u>Infinity</u>	Tom Schuyler
3 - <u>Shotgun</u>	Corky, Gayle, Dennis (not Tom)
4 - <u>Full Circle</u>	Art Oldham
5 - <u>Spook</u>	Rick Ordeman
6 - <u>Mary Lou</u>	Mike McGill

I don't have full results of the 2nd Wednesday Night Series but I do know the winners -- spinnaker went to No Name (by a hair over Shotgun) and non-spinnaker went to Liberte'. Try and get you the full results next issue.

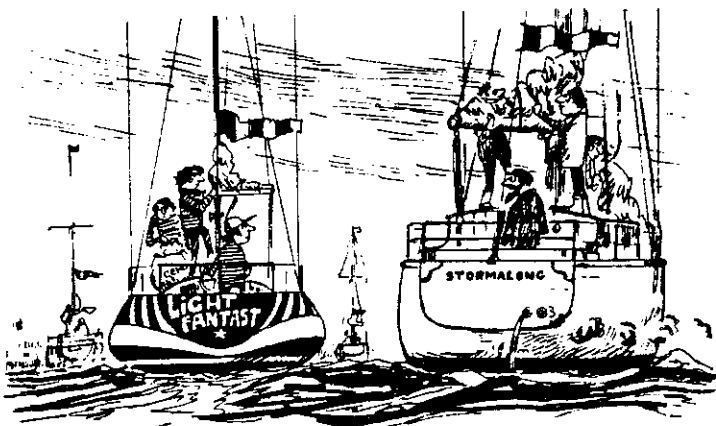
FALL REGATTA

October 4th & 5th

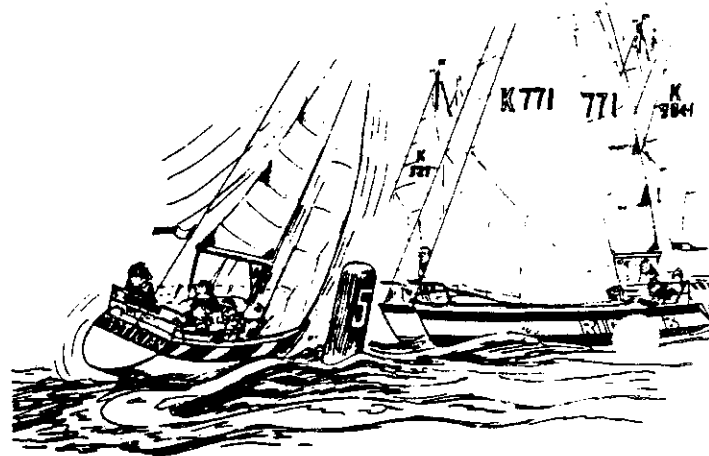
Skippers' Meetings (for real this time!):

4th -- 900 Hours
5th -- 1000 Hours

Looking forward, we have the FALL REGATTA coming up on October 4th & 5th. We will have two shorter races on Saturday and a longer, weighted (worth more) race on Sunday. I PROMISE wind for this one!!! This is our final event of the year -- let's end the season on a high note. LOTS OF BOATS!!!!!!!!!!!!



'I agree, a poor race and not our sort of weather either.'



'Sorry Skip, my mistake, five to port.'

DESTINATION UNKNOWN CRUISE

by John Bourke

On Saturday, August 16, 15 curious skippers met to learn where they would spend the weekend. The wind was right to take us to Leadenham Creek, off Broad Creek, off the Choptank. Nice sail to Knapps Narrows. Light wind in the Choptank. Some sailed all the way. The impatient powered.

The original floatilla of 15 boats consisted of Circus, My Mercedes II, Rag Hag, Wraith, Breezy, Jim and Nancy Hostetler's S 2 that is so new it is yet unnamed, Silja, Hello Dolly, Songbird, White Gull, Lucky Seven, Spiggle, Barnacle Bill, TerreMar, and Finally. These were joined at the anchorage by Final Fantasea, Trinity (Hoveskeland), Sea Sparrow, Belfry, and Seventh Heaven. Tony Kowalski had single-handed with the wind in his face all the way from the Magothy. The happy hour was well underway when Tony arrived wearing his Italian hat and Club Med garment. He was greeted with siren blasts and Bill Gingras' high decibel fanfare on his PA system.

The Cruise Captain was presented with a special burgee by Jan and Dick Kerr. It has no lettering, just a big question mark for the "Mystery Cruise". What cruise can boast its own burgee?

The Cruise Captain's mate is limited in her walking and climbing ability since she had a new stor-bought hip installed a few months ago. We asked that Finally be placed next to the anchor boat and be the party boat. This was ingeniously done this way, Songbird was the anchor boat. All afternoon Bob Enstam waved off boats wanting to raft up on his port side. Finally finally arrived and tied up. Meanwhile Al Doyon had started another raft nearby. Stan Fant carried a line in his dinghy from one raft to the other. The two were pulled together to make one big raft. Stan got out of the way in time to avoid having a compression test conducted on his inflatable dinghy. Now the procedure sounds simple but it was proceeded by scores of suggestions, recommendations, instructions, etc. Most of them conflicting. There were efforts to throw a line from one raft to the other, all of which failed. I once saw the QE II docked. It was done with much less confusion.

Final Fantasea was the flagship of the fleet since aboard was our charming Commorode, Jocelyn Marquez. It sure was good to have her with us after so long an absence. Her son, Julian, crewed for Joe Batts on Belfry in Lana's absence. We all missed Jack and Jay and hope the whole family will cruise with us before the end of the season.

The final statistics are: 20 boats, 42 adults, 10 urchins and near urchins. At one point, I think they were all on Breezy, Finally, and Songbird.

DESTINATION UNKNOWN CRUISE (Cont'd.)

There were several small rafts and independents. Larry Glick used White Gull as a ferry, picked up everybody who was not on the main raft and delivered them there, exhibiting excellent seamanship in so doing. He tied up to TerreMar and the crowd debarking looked like the landing of the Staten Island ferry on a busy day. Balancing their goodies, they crossed TerreMar's deck while Marty Katz wrung his hands. Marty loves that new Hunter 34 with a passion that should make Terry jealous.

As usual, there were enough gourmet hors d'oeuvres to spoil everyone's appetite for dinner.

The happy hour was a gala one. A new form of entertainment was introduced -- dancing. There were three acts. Cheryl Davenport and the Cruise Captain teamed up to provide the music with two guitars. When a lively number came up, Ginny Fant could not contain herself and went into her jazz routine in Finally's cockpit, which well could have created a tidal wave.

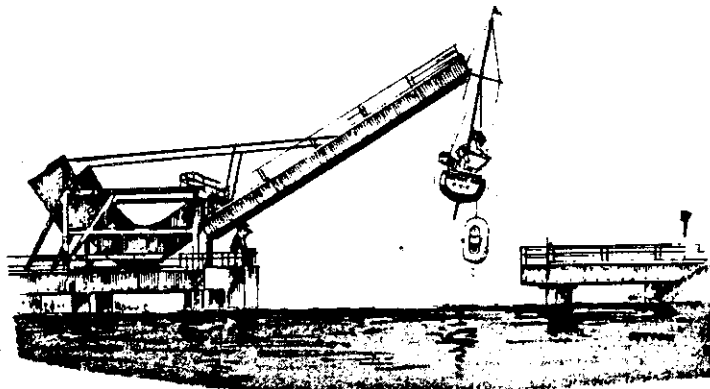
Next, as we played and sang "East Side, West Side," who should take center stage on Breezy's deck but Helen Glick. She did a waltz-clog that showed years of attendance at Mrs. So-and-So's Dancing School.

"Chorus Line," eat your heart out. Again, Breezy's deck was the stage. Our three gal line is ready for Broadway. The cast was Betty Baker, Al Walker's Cookie, and Dolly Gingras. Such precision has not been seen on land or sea.

It was truly a fun party. The fact that we were all concentrated in one place helped make it so. This should be borne in mind for subsequent cruises.

The return trip to Herrington Harbour was not the best. Early starters had a good sail. Tail-enders ran into a series of heavy showers and the possibility that Hurricane Charlie might have an effect on our weather.

It was a fine cruise, enjoyed by all.



'You shouldn't be so darned impatient.'

1986 HERRINGTON HARBOUR AWARDS BANQUET

It's that time again

WHAT? 1986 HNSA Awards Banquet

WHEN? Saturday, November 22, 1986

Cocktails -- 6:30 p.m.

Dinner -- 7:00 p.m.

Awards Program

WHERE? Herrington Harbour Restaurant

MENU

Choice of Entree

Filet Mignon (8 oz.); Crab Imperial; Stuff Breast of Chicken

and

Tossed Salad, Vegetable du jour, Baked Potato, Bread & Butter

Coffee or Tea, Chocolate Mousse Parfait and Wine

COST? \$18.50 per person

Please make reservations by Friday, November 14. Unlike our other social functions, we will not be able to accommodate those who do not reserve ahead. Reservations are a MUST!

PLEASE RETURN TO:

Marie Ordeman
2126 Docket Lane
Vienna, VA 22180

Name _____

Number Attending _____

Amount Enclosed _____

Choice of Entree _____

The reservation deadline is Friday, November 14