

"HARBOUR LIGHT"

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CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

February 15	Saturday	8:30 a.m.	Diesel Engine Seminar Annapolis, MD
February 17	Monday	9:30 a.m.	Tour of Maritime Institute of Technology Lithicum Heights, MD
March 8	Saturday	1:00 p.m.	Slide show of 1981-82 Whitbread Round the World Race by Geoff Stagg

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Bobbie Nemerson has arranged for the Herrington Harbour Sailing Association to tour the Maritime Institute of Technology at 5700 Hammonds Ferry Road, Lithicum Heights, Maryland, at 0930 hours on Monday, February 17, 1986. The tour will take two hours and will be capped with a lunch at M.I.T. The cost is \$8.50 per person and includes lunch. M.I.T. is the training facility for masters, mates, and pilots for the United States and worldwide in such areas as gas carriers, all-weather navigation, liquid cargo, admiralty law, shipboard medical, electronic navigation, etc. The tour will see two of the world's most sophisticated ship simulators. For reservations and more information, call Bobbie Nemerson at (301) 424-7013.

1986 ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

the 1986 Organizational Meeting was held on Saturday, February 1, 1986. The group agreed to seek membership in the Chesapeake Bay Yacht Racing Association in 1987. Membership in CBYRA requires \$100 membership fees and three letters of recommendation from other participating clubs. If accepted, HHSA will sponsor a race, such as our Annual Boyer Memorial Round Poplar Island race or the Sharp's Island race.

The members rejected joining the Chesapeake Bay Yacht Cruising Association because it is 75 percent powerboats and is primarily concerned with legislation and fees affecting the Bay.

The members also decided to form a special committee to reconsider incorporating HHSA. Concern was raised about the risks faced by the officers and cruise captains in an increasingly litigious society. Volunteers are being sought, especially Maryland attorneys, who know nonprofit association law.

A majority of the time was spent in discussing the 1986 slip fees with Stuart Chaney, part owner and general manager of Herrington Harbour. The members expressed concern over the recent dramatic increases in slip fees. The members wanted to know why the increases were so large when inflation was below five percent, if HH slip fees paid for Tracy's Creek, and if such increases would continue next year.

Steuart indicated that the price increases reflected management efforts to price competitively, cover expenses, earn a reasonable rate of return on their investment, and continue improvements at the marina. Utilizing a chart, Steuart indicated that HH is competitively priced:

To Slip a 35-foot Yacht

<u>Marina</u>	<u>Price</u>
Herrington Harbour North *	\$1400
Spring Cove	1435
Mears Point \$	1450
Zanhizers	1518
Herrington Harbour *	1850
White Rocks * \$	1870
Pleasure Cove * + \$	2000
Pirates Cove *	2200
Hartges *	2591
Annapolis City Marina * \$	2750
Port Annapolis * \$	3145
Mears * + \$	3449

* includes 10% Anne Arundel slip tax

+ includes yacht club membership

\$ requires 100% slip fee, either in January or April

1986 ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING (Cont'd.)

Steuart also indicated prices were increased because expenses were up 29 percent, including repairs and maintenance, salaries, property tax (up 500 percent in three years), and insurance. He also indicated that after eight years in business, he and the other owners have still not recouped their original investment. He indicated Tracy's Creek was purchased by a separate corporation and not funds from HH slip fees.

Finally, Steuart outlined repair plans for next year:

- o Improving in channel entrance, including more dredging and lighting;
- o Extending walkway from "D" to "G" dock with a new fish cleaning station;
- o Refurbishing men's pool shower;
- o Adding gravel on parking lot;
- o Landscaping "A" dock;
- o Adding picnic tables and BBQs to the East side; and
- o Improving daily maintenance and security.

Steuart concluded by predicting that next year's slip fee increases would be reasonable, but still above inflation because of 1987 planned improvements. For those who still have questions, please see Steuart.

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SPECIAL SEMINAR

1981-82 WHITBREAD ROUND THE WORLD RACER

On Saturday, March 8, 1986, Geoff Stagg, Watch Captain, on Ceramco New Zealand, will show slides of his experience in the 1981-82 Whitbread Round the World Race. Whitbread is a seven month, 27,000 mile race which Geoff's slide show promises to be outstanding because his efforts resulted in being named a Kodak Award Winning Photographer. Even non-racers will enjoy this presentation which explains safety and efficiency -- which even cruisers appreciate. Because of the nature of this program, there will be a charge of \$3.00 for adults and \$1.50 for children.

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Jocelyn Marquez is still looking for appetizer recipes for the new HHSa cookbook. She needs recipes that are quick and easy to prepare at home or on the water. Of special interest are recipes without dairy products, e.g., mayonnaise or sour cream.

The editor of Harbour Light is looking for articles. If you have had an interesting experience such as a demasting, a great sailing experience, or the perfect weekend, why not write an article? They need not be long or even typewritten. Your experience might help an HHSaer avoid or repeat it.

Boat US will once again be offering a 50 percent discount for HHSa members. Just indicate you are a member and you will receive a membership at \$8.50, instead of the normal \$17.00.

Because of the limited parking available, HH will be towing cars without the appropriate sticker. If one of your vehicles is unidentified, please stop by the HH office.

NEW MEMBERS

Philip and Mary Sue Burgess, 3924 N. Wakefield Street, Arlington, VA 22207, (703) 534-2939.

Lawrence and Frances Silvious, 4309 Fruitwood Court, Bowie, MD (301) 262-8864, sailing a Hunter 31 named Car-o-Lee, and slipped at HHN-H33.

Wayne Dennis, 4228 32nd Street, South, Arlington, VA 22206, (703) 671-0533, who will be racing with Joe and Lana Batts on Belfry.

Dennis and Jackie Howard, 4116 New Haven Drive, Bowie, MD 20716, (301) 249-2973, sailing a C & C Landfall named Cheers, and slipped at A-11. Unfortunately, Dennis works for IBM and has already moved to New Jersey.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP

By now you should have received your 1986 application form for renewing your membership in HHSa. Renewal is \$25.00. An application for racing is included on the reverse side. Applications are due not later than March 1, 1986 and, should be sent to Dick Doyle, HHSa Treasurer, 8905 Burke Road, Burke, VA 22015. If you didn't receive an application, please call Dick at (703) 569-4176. The membership directory is scheduled to be mailed May 1, 1986. An updated listing of new members will be sent around August 15, 1986.

MORE BREEZE FROM THE STARTING LINE

by Tom Bartley

It seems that whenever I approach HHSAsailors on the prospect of trying racing, I always hear the same two reservations -- "I don't have a racing boat" and/or "I don't know the racing rules and I'm afraid I would just get in the way of the other boats." Allow me this opportunity to refute these excuses.

As for the first allegation, the HHSAsailing program does not involve "racing boats." We use a handicap system similar to PHRF which is based on a boat's performance relative to that of all the other boats -- not on some speedy, stripped-down, lightweight design. The boats that do well in HHSAsailor races are comfortable well-prepared sailboats. The listing of boats that have won HHSAsailor awards include Catalina 22, C & C 24, Catalina 25 & 27, S2 7.9, Hinterhoeller 30, Santana 30, Irwin 30, Tartan 33, C & C 35, and so on. Additionally, most of these boats are also equipped for cruising and have on-board such "racing" items as pots, pans, barbecue grills, rafts, etc. Any boat with a clean hull and good sails has a chance to win in these HHSAsailor races.

The Race Committee took a look at the second problem and decided that, yes, starting your first race can be a frightening experience -- not that the experience is really dangerous but that the thought of all those boats sailing in such close proximity can lead to disaster. Subsequently, we decided to stage a Novice Race Series in conjunction with the last race of the Spring Series on June 7 & 8. On Saturday, we will hold the last Spring Race and invite Novice Skippers to come aboard the racers as crew. Saturday night we will have the Newcomer's Party (open to all HHSAsailor members as well) where the events of the day can be discussed (limit exaggerations, please). The following day, Sunday, we will have two short races just for Novices (people who have not won an HHSAsailor racing award) with special awards for the top overall finishers. On this day Novices are encouraged to "adopt-a-racer" as crew (beer bribes will be acceptable) to come along for crew. It should be a fun weekend for all.

At the Race Committee meeting of January 18, we decided on the following strategies for 1986 -- same number of events, same start times as last year; committee boat manual; starting gun (hopefully); preset courses for Wednesdays; same method for committee boat assignments; joining CBYRA; the Novice Race; simplified rules for abandoning a race; and penalty for undeclared DNF. Details will be in the Racing Handbook to be given to all who sign up for the racing program. Thanks to the Racing Committee for their help.

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

Boy have we got a great seminar coming up! Geoff Stagg, from the Bruce Farr office in Annapolis, is going to come and give a presentation on his participation in the last Whitbread Round the World Race. His show will include slides from his award-winning (Kodak) collection. At the end he will take and answer questions from the audience. I understand that once you get him going, he will talk to us on any sailing topic that might come up. We are going to have to charge admission for this show (\$3.00 for adults; \$1.50 for children under 12), but I'm really excited about it. The date is March 8, 1986; the time is 1:00 p.m.; the place is the club room at Herrington Harbour Restaurant. Hope to see you there.

While on the subject of seminars, the Racing Seminar is slated for March 22 -- again at 1:00 p.m. and also in the club room. Racing rules and tactics (including starts) are scheduled and we have a couple of guest speakers lined up. This should get you primed for the nearby Racing Program -- the first race is set for April 19. See the full HNSA calendar in this issue for all the details.

FLASH! HNSAers do well in CBYRA! The results for the 1985 CBYRA High Point (Best overall on the Bay) awards are in -- and some former and current HNSA sailors had outstanding seasons. Bob Neff was the Flying Scot champ for the second year in a row, Will Keyworth won the J-29 championship and was fourth in MORC, Steve Carson was fifth in the Catalina 27 fleet and took the Low Point award for the best newcomer. Congrats to all!

I don't have the CBYRA "Greenbook" yet but there is a sneak preview of some of the premier Bay events this year:

May 24-25	Race to St. Michael's (and back)
June 28-29	West River Series
August 15	Governor's Cup
August 30	Wye River Race
September 13	Hospice Cup
September 21-22	Oxford Race(s)

Hope to see some more HNSAers in these events.

'Nuff said -- more wind next month.....

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March 1	Saturday		Membership Applications Due
March 8	Saturday	1:00 p.m.	Slide Show of 1981-82 Whitbread Round the World Race by Geoff Stagg
March 22	Saturday	1:00 p.m.	Racing Seminar
April 12	Saturday	6:30 p.m.	Spring Buffet, HH Restaurant
April 19	Saturday	10:30 a.m.	Captains' Meeting #1 Spring Race Series
April 26	Saturday	10:30 a.m.	Captains' Meeting #2 Spring Race Series
May 1	Thursday		Membership Roster mailed
May 3-4	Saturday/ Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Rhodes River Cruise All newcomers welcome cc: Jack & Jocelyn Marquez
May 7	Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	#1 Wednesday Night Races First Series
May 10	Saturday	10:30 a.m.	Captains' Meeting #3 Spring Race Series
May 14	Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	#2 Wednesday Night Races First Series
May 17	Saturday	10:00 a.m.	Sharp's Island Race
May 21	Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	#3 Wednesday Night Races First Series
May 24-26	Saturday- Monday	9:00 a.m.	Severn River Cruise & Round Bay cc: Frank & Nancy McCabe #1 Back to Port Race

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May 28	Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	#4 Wednesday Night Races First Series
May 31	Saturday	10:30 a.m.	Captains' Meeting #4 Spring Race Series
June 4	Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	#5 Wednesday Night Races First Series
June 7	Saturday	10:30 a.m.	Captains' Meeting #5 Spring Race Series
		6:30 p.m.	New Members Cocktail Party HH Restaurant
June 8	Sunday	10:30 a.m.	Captains' Meeting Novice Race
June 11	Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	#6 Wednesday Night Races First Series
June 14	Saturday/ Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Wye River Cruise cc: Gene & Lois Norris #2 Back to Port Race
June 18	Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	#7 Wednesday Night Races First Series
June 21- July 6	Saturday- Sunday (16 days)	9:00 a.m.	Northern Bay Cruise cc: Larry & Helen Glick
June 21-22	Saturday/ Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Bon Voyage Cruise to accompany Northern Bay Cruise First Night cc: Jeff & Connie Knapp
June 25	Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	#8 Wednesday Night Cruise First Series
July 2	Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	#1 Wednesday Night Cruise Second Series
July 4-6	Friday- Sunday (3 days)	8:00 a.m.	Three-day Cruise North to welcome back Northern Bay Cruise cc: NV

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July 9	Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	#2 Wednesday Night Races Second Series
July 16	Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	#3 Wednesday Night Races Second Series
July 19-27	Saturday- Sunday (9 days)	9:00 a.m.	Southern Bay Cruise cc: Jayne & Paul Spense
July 19-20	Saturday/ Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Bon Voyage Cruise to accompany Southern Bay Cruise First Night cc: NV
July 23	Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	#4 Wednesday Night Races Second Series
July 26-27	Saturday/ Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Queenstown Cruise (thru Kent Island Narrows) cc: NV #3 Back to Port Race
July 30	Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	#5 Wednesday Night Races Second Series
August 2-10	Saturday- Sunday (9 days)	9:00 a.m.	One-Week Cruise North cc: NV
August 2-3	Saturday/ Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Bon Voyage Cruise to accompany Northern Cruise First Night cc: Ned Smith
August 6	Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	#6 Wednesday Night Races Second Series
August 13	Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	#7 Wednesday Night Races Second Series
August 16-17	Saturday/ Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Destination Unknown Cruise cc: John & Jane Burke #4 Back to Port Race
August 20	Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	#8 Wednesday Night Races Second Series

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August 30- September 1	Saturday- Monday (3 days)	9:00 a.m.	Labor Day Weekend Cruise to Trappe Creek & Broad Creek cc: Larry & Helen Glick #5 Back to Port Race
September 6	Saturday	10:00 a.m.	Captains' Meeting Annual Boyer Memorial Round Poplar Island Race
		6:30 p.m.	Annual Crab Feast
September 13	Saturday	10:30 a.m.	Captains' Meeting #1 Fall Race Series
September 20-21	Friday/ Saturday	6:30 p.m.	Full Moon Cruise to Oxford cc: Rich & Marie Ordeman #6 Back to Port Race
September 27	Saturday	10:30 a.m.	Captains' Meeting #2 Fall Race Series
October 4	Saturday	10:30 a.m.	Captains' Meeting #3 Fall Race Series
October 11-12	Saturday/ Sunday	9:00 a.m.	San Domingo Cruise cc: Ken & Janet Carpenter #7 Back to Port Race
October 18	Saturday	10:30 a.m.	Captains' Meeting #4 Fall Race Series
October 25	Saturday	10:30 a.m.	Captains' Meeting #5 Fall Race Series
November 1-2	Saturday/ Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Cruise to Hunting Creek on Miles River cc: Dick & Patty Doyle #8 Back to Port Race
November 8	Saturday	1:00 p.m.	Annual Meeting
November 15-16	Saturday/ Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Wherever the Wind Blows Cruise cc: Joe & Lana Batts
November 22	Saturday	6:30 p.m.	Annual Awards Dinner HH Restaurant

Legend: cc -- Cruise Captains
 NV -- Need Volunteer
 HHR -- Herrington Harbour Restaurant