

"HARBOUR LIGHT"

The Newsletter of

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April 1, 1986

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CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

April 1			Membership applications due
April 4			Spring Pizza Party reservations due
April 12	Saturday	10:30 a.m.	Captains' Meeting #1 Spring Race Series
		5:45 p.m.	Cruise Committee meeting Holland Point Community Center
		6:30 p.m.	Spring Pizza Party Holland Point Community Center (note change of place)
April 15			HHSA merchandise order due
April 19	Saturday	9:00 a.m.	Unscheduled, unannounced, uncaptained frostbite sail
April 26	Saturday	10:00 a.m.	Captains' Meeting #2 Spring Race Series
April 30			Reservations for Baltimore Inner Harbour due (see p. 7)
May 3-4	Saturday	9:00 a.m.	Wye River Cruise cc: Gene & Lois Norris
May 7	Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	#1 Wednesday Night Race First Series

WALKING THE HALLS

Dear HNSA Friends:

Jack and I want to thank all of you for the expressions of support and good health.

Jack is mending well and planning on getting out of the hospital this weekend. He will be recuperating in sunny Puerto Rico for a while, and back on the Bay this Summer.

We look forward to sharing the many pleasures of HNSA activities with you again.

Best regards!

Jack & Jocelyn Marquez

Free Bird

Cards can be sent to Jack at P.O. Box 96, San Juan, PR 00902; he can be phoned at 809-781-2922.

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SO YOU WANT TO SAIL AROUND THE WORLD?

On Saturday, March 8, 1986, a large group of HNSAers were treated to an outstanding slide show of the 1981-82 Whitbread Round the World Race. Geoff Stagg, with his wonderful New Zealand accent, entertained, amazed, and scared the group with his tales of one of the world's most expensive and arduous races. Everyone could empathize with the New Zealand crew when they demasted their boat on the first leg shortly after passing through the infamous doldrums. But they jerry-rigged the longest section and sailed into Cape Hope. Had they not demasted, they probably would have won the race, because they won the second and fourth legs. After seeing Geoff's account of the second leg through the Southern area, with snow, icebergs, and below zero temperatures, only Jay Marquez remained interested in sailing around the world. After listening to Geoff's presentation, we understand why he was first watch captain and not navigator: he got lost driving from Annapolis to Herrington Harbour.

TIPS ON ENGINE COMMISSIONING

by Bob Enstam

Spring is officially here and every red-blooded sailor's thoughts have turned to commissioning and sailing. How pleasant and trouble-free that sailing will be often depends on the care you take during commissioning. Because most of us like our boats to look good, we usually take some pains with bottom painting, cleaning and waxing. Below decks usually gets a thorough cleaning and maybe woodwork gets varnished or at least cleaned and oiled. Sometimes in the rush to put things we see into "Bristol fashion," we overlook the things we don't see, such as engines, batteries, bilge pumps, packing glands, etc.

What you did in the Fall to put your engine to bed for the Winter will determine, to a large extent, what you should do now to commission it. We'll start off by assuming that you did some of the things you should have done such as topping off fuel tanks, changing engine oil and oil filters, and winterizing engine cooling system with fresh anti-freeze in the fresh water side and putting anti-freeze into the raw water side.

I would suggest starting engine commissioning with the fuel system. As a first step, stick your fuel tank(s) with water indicating paste. To do this, take a stick (you might have one to determine how much fuel is in the tank) and smear the indicating paste along the bottom of stick for about an inch. Then put the stick into your fuel tank, making sure that it gets to the bottom of the tank at the lowest possible point. If the paste hasn't changed color when you pull the stick out, you don't have water in your fuel tank and you don't have to do any more with the fuel. NOTE: Water must be present in fuel for bugs (bacteria) to grow. Consequently, if you don't have water, you can't have bugs. If you do find water in the bottom of your fuel tank, your very first step should be to pump it out. There is no need to pump out the whole tank of fuel. Just start pumping from the bottom of the tank until the fuel you're pumping out is clear and bright. Then re-stick the tank with paste to be sure you got out all the water. Next, check your fuel filter(s). Drain any water from water separating filters such as Racor and Dahl and replace filter elements if you didn't do so in the Fall.

The next thing to check is the battery(s). If you took them home over the Winter, make sure they are properly filled with water, then charge them fully before putting them on the boat. If you left the battery(s) on the boat over the winter, make sure they are properly filled with water and then check their condition with a hydrometer. If your battery(s) is/are four years old, you might consider replacing them just as a precaution. Remove and clean battery cables as well as the battery terminals. Then replace the cables, making sure they are tight.

If you changed oil and oil filter at time of lay up, don't waste your money by doing it again. If you didn't change oil and filter at lay up, by all means do it now.

TIPS ON ENGINE COMMISSIONING (Cont'd.)

For diesel owners, you're now about ready to go, engine-wise. For owners of gasoline engines, you should check spark plug condition and gap. If plugs look at all worn, change them. Ditto points. A drop of grease on point cam will also help.

The last check you should make is to remove any plugs you might have put into air intake system or cooling water system as well as to loosen shaft packing if you tightened it at lay up.

I suggest that your first trip of the season not be a sailing trip, but rather a motoring trip. The first time you start your engine, take the boat out and motor it for at least two hours. Not only will this shakedown give you a chance to correct any minor problems, it will also warm the engine oil sufficiently to drive out any moisture that has accumulated in the engine over the Winter. Perhaps the best part of the procedure noted above is that it can be done safely before it's really warm enough to start painting and waxing and polishing.

Why not start your season by motoring over to the Tilghman Inn at Knapps Narrows for lunch and then motoring back? Your engine will love you for it!



'Bit of a hiccup, Joe! When you took that engine out, did you realize the fool of an owner hadn't turned the water intake off?'

SOURCE: Mike Peyton, Out of Our Depth, (London: Nautical Books, 1985, p. 72.

BEYOND SHAW BAY

Cruise on the Wye River

On May 3-4, Gene and Lois Norris, aboard Quintet, will lead the first organized cruise of the 1986 cruising year to the Wye River -- off the Miles River. With all the wonderful options for anchoring, Gene and Lois have selected Drum Point on the Back Wye which runs in a northerly direction. Unlike Shaw Bay, which is always crowded, Drum Point remains relatively unused, probably because it's unnamed on most charts.

If the wind is out of the North, Qunitet will lead the cruise to Dividing on the Wye East River.

ANNUAL SPRING PARTY

Join your fellow racers after the first HNSA race

Join your fellow cruisers after a hard day of dewinterizing

Join your fellow sailors in a celebration of Spring

WHERE: Holland Point Community Center
on Rte. 261 beyond Herrington
toward North Beach

WHEN: April 12, 1986 -- 6:30 p.m.

COST: \$8.00 per person (\$4.00 for children)

MENU: Pizza, beer, soft drinks

NAME _____

NUMBER ATTENDING _____ AT \$8.00 = \$ _____

_____ AT \$4.00 = \$ _____

Make checks payable to HNSA and return by April 4th to:

Marie Ordeman
2126 Docket Lane
Vienna, VA 22180
(703) 938-1581

POTPOURRI

Is this scene familiar?

SETTING: Somewhere in Suburbia on a Friday night during sailing season.

MOM: "Don't forget to set your alarm for 7:00 a.m. tomorrow. We're going on a cruise."

OFFSPRING: (In best annoyed tone) "Again? I went with you last week (or month or year). Do I have to? It's so bor-ing. There's nothing to do; my Walkman doesn't work well on the Bay; and it's no fun rafting up with a bunch of old geezers who are half-tanked before sunset. There's never anyone my age to talk to."

If the above sounds all too familiar, write the following on a slip of paper or 3 X 5 card:

Your child's name, age, phone number, boat name and slip number.

Then mail the information to: Beth Rubin, 1113 Fallsmead Way, Potomac, MD 20854, no later than April 15, so a complete list of Herrington Harbour Sailing Association gulls and buoys can be included in the May newsletter. The aim is to give our kids the opportunity of planning ahead to meet other kids their age on weekend cruises. If the response is sizable, we'll be able to arrange get-togethers for different age groups.

Respond right away, before the newsletter ends up in the dirty laundry.

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BIG BOAT Fever Strikes Again!

Ron & Cecil Daly have purchased a new Hunter 31 named Bobbie McGee, which will be slipped on A dock.

Ned Smith has also purchased a new Voyager 26 named Windborne.

CRUISING 1986

by Larry Glick, Rear Commodore, Cruising

Sitting on White Gull under Winter covers, on a day when grim February held center stage and brass monkeys sought shelter indoors, it was difficult to imagine that Spring time waited in the wings for its cue. Now the cues are being shouted; daffies are up, forsythia yellows, willow greens and boat covers are coming off.

Soon begins HHSA's sixth cruising season. The success of the past five year's program suggests that again this year HHSA will be one of the most active and far-ranging squadrons on the Bay. Why not? We have the skippers, crews, and boats to do it all. It is especially heartening that all predictions point to a warm May and June; fine winds in July, August, and September; and glorious fair weather through Thanksgiving.

This season's cruising schedule includes 14 weekend, two one-week and one 16-day cruises. There will be the now traditional night sail cruise, the hotly contested back to port race series and various themes and activities for anchor time in addition to the customary fabulous parties. Few, if any, of the weekenders will be over 25 km, so boats should not be inhibited by distances.

An interesting event may be a joint cruise and raftup with the Rhode River Boat Club. This is an active sailing group with 25 years of racing and cruising experience. A letter has been sent to the RRBC recently, but as yet, no response has been received.

I am confident that this will be a year of safe sailing, high participation by old and new members, and a continuation of our good time spirit.

Two matters to be noted:

1. On Saturday, April 12th, the HHSA Spring party will be held at the Holland Point Community Center at 6:30 p.m. (this same day, Herrington Harbour Marina will hold its open house). It would be useful for the Cruising Committee, which includes all of the cruise captains for this year and all other interested members, to meet at the Community Center at 5:45 p.m. to discuss the coming season and to firm up cruise destinations which have been left open-ended. The meeting is, therefore, called at the Holland Point Community Center at 5:45 p.m. on April 12th.
2. The long cruise (6/21-7/6) as planned by co-captains Ken Carpenter and Larry Glick, includes a layover at the Baltimore Inner Harbour Marina on 6/26-27. In order to make certain that slips will be available, it is necessary to reserve well in advance. Please advise either Ken (301-292-7787) or Larry (703-356-0988) if you intend to make the cruise and want a slip available, no later than April 30.

FIFTH ANNUAL
HERRINGTON HARBOUR SAILING ASSOCIATION

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Solid Colors, 50% Cotton/50% Polyester
in Royal Blue, Red, Kelly Green, or Yellow
Logo Colors in White or Navy Blue

Item #001 Adult \$7.00 each
Sizes: S (34-36) M (38-40) L (42-44) XL (46)
#002 Youth \$6.00 each
Sizes: S (6-8) M (10-12) L (14-16)

COACHES SHIRTS

Pique Knit, Button Placket, Stand-up Collar, Hemmed Sleeves
50% Cotton/50% Polyester
in Royal Blue, Kelly Green, Gold or Maroon
Logo Colors in White or Navy Blue

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Sizes: S (34-36) M (38-40) L (42-44) XL (46)
#004 Youth \$15.00, without pocket
Sizes: S (6-8) M (10-12) L (14-16)

WINDBREAKERS

in Royal Blue, Navy Blue, Kelly Green, Yellow, Maroon, or Red
Logo Colors in White or Navy Blue

Item #005 Adult Unlined \$23.00 (XXL \$24.00)
#006 Adult Kasha Lined \$28.00 (XXL \$29.00)
Sizes: XS (32-34) S (36-38) M (40-42) L (44-48)
XL (48-50) XXL (52-54)
#007 Youth Unlined \$21.00
#008 Youth Lined \$25.00
Sizes: XS (4) S (6-8) M (10-12) L (14-16)
XL (18-20)

TOTE BAGS

Canvass with Strap Handles, Extra Large
(longer and wider than last year)
20" X 18"
in Neutral with Navy Logo

Item #009 \$6.00

GUIDE TO CRUISING THE CHESAPEAKE BAY

This guide is available to HHSa members at a 25% discount over retail. The 1986 edition is a definite improvement over earlier editions with its spiral binder which allows it to lie flat on a nav table. This guide will show you all the neat anchorages and their tricky approaches. The guide also contains excellent articles on boatkeeping, comfort, safety, galley organization, weather, anchoring, and rafting.

Item #010 \$15.25 each (Retail for \$19.95)
Suggestion: order two, one for the boat,
one for the office!

PORCELAIN MUGS

Dark Blue with White HHSa Logo (Very handsome!!)
Suitable for home or boat

Item #011 \$25.00 for six

HHSa BURGEE

White letters on a Blue background with a red border
12" X 18"

Item #012 \$17.00 each, Nylon, silk screened
#013 \$22.00 each, Dacron, sewn (very durable)



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HERRINGTON HARBOUR SAILING ASSOCIATION

Ordered by: _____
 Name _____
 Address _____
 City/State/Zip _____
 Telephone # (H) _____
 (W) _____

Boat Name _____ Slip Number _____

Item Number	Color	Size	Logo White or Blue *	Description	Logo Location (T-Shirt Only)	Quantity	Each	TOTAL

Special Instructions or Requests: _____

Send To: Pete Scott
 1637 Parkcrest Cir., #100
 Reston, VA 22090
 (H) 703-435-3793
 (W) 703-648-5809

* Subtotal
 Add \$1.00 for each
 Item w/Navy Blue Logo
 Except Tote Bags
 TOTAL

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 Return Order by March 31, 1986
 Allow 4 - 6 weeks for delivery