

"HARBOUR LIGHT"

The Newsletter of

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CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

May 3-4	9:00 a.m.	Wye River Cruise cc: Gene & Lois Norris
May 7, 14, 21, 28, June 4, 11	7:00 p.m.	Wednesday Night Races
May 10, 31, June 7	10:30 a.m.	Spring Race Series
May 17	10:00 a.m.	Sharp's Island Cruise
May 24-26	9:00 a.m.	Severn River Cruise cc: Frank & Nancy McCabe
June 8	10:30 a.m.	Novice Race
June 13	7:00 p.m.	New Members Party
June 14-15	9:00 a.m.	New Members Cruise (New date) cc: Joe & Lana Batts

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TRIVIA QUESTION OF THE MONTH

What is the meaning of PHRF?

Answer on page 7.

MEMBERSHIP

by Joe Batts, Vice Commodore

When I'm anchored in a quiet, lovely creek, or crew on a winning boat, or read an interesting article in our newsletter, or attend one of our fun social events, I understand why membership in HHSA is worth sharing with others. Every year we experienced event after event that confirms our unique role as a sailing association: While other organizations can offer just cruising, racing, socials, or communications, we offer all those programs. Not surprisingly, our growth in membership reflects our ability to respond to a multitude of interests.

Year to year we retain about seventy-five percent of our membership from the year before. Last year (1985) we had a net increase of fifteen members and by year end, we had a total of 174 members. This year we renewed 130 members, and already we have attracted 30 new members. This gives us an excellent foundation from which to reach a long-term goal of 200 members. The level of 200 memberships is significant to the Association because we can then qualify for postal discounts as a non-profit organization.

Most of the growth in new memberships occurs in the Springtime when people change marinas or move to this area. We have several membership programs to respond to this annual influx. First, we conduct a direct mail campaign to all non-member slip holders who own sailboats. This campaign was a stunning success this year and more than paid for itself in membership dues and burgee sales. Second, the marina management advises new slip holders of our presence and gives interested sailors a membership packet. Third, and for the first time this year, we staff a table at the Herrington Harbour North open house. Larry and Helen Glick represented HHSA at the open house and brought in four new members and one renewal, and sold each a burgee. This was an outstanding effort. Finally, we have members for each dock who are point of contacts for new members.

However, in spite of all these efforts, every year we hear from some new members that they had never heard of HHSA. Usually, this occurs because we don't look around our individual docks and see who needs to be told about HHSA. People do want to know about a good organization and we certainly have plenty to offer. If any of you wish to serve as a point of contact in our membership efforts, please feel free to call me at (703) 841-1700 -- office, or (703) 892-1864 -- home, or see me most weekends at A-6 on Belfry.

NOTES ON THE BRITISH CONNECTION

by Ron Benrey

I spent most of my day at the 1986 Annapolis Sailboat Show coveting accessories. Shortly after lunch, I yielded to temptation and bought a British-made EBBCO plastic sextant at the Thomas Foulkes, Ltd., booth.

My purchase triggered immediate interest among other nearby British exhibitors, who foolishly mistook me for an anglophile with ready cash to invest. In truth, I'd spent my full allotment (\$50) of boat-show-walking-around money on the sextant.

Anyway ... I was soon chatting with various British chandlers and purveyors of naval stores. One of the more interesting was a young fellow named Chris Jeckells, scion of Jeckells & Sons, Ltd. Sailmakers. To pass the time of day, I asked him for a quote on a 150% Genoa for De Minimis, our Tanzer 27. He consulted a little black book and came up with the irresistible price of \$365. That's cheaper than a used Gennie ... and only a third the cost of a new one from name-brand sailmakers on this side of the Atlantic. A few days later, I mailed Jeckells the precise measurements and a deposit check.

The postman delivered our sail in late February. The total bill was \$365, plus about \$50 for airmail stamps, plus about \$15 duty. The Gennie looks right, and seems well-made. I assume it will fit, and that it won't fall apart. Time -- and summer breezes -- will tell.

Now ... the Brits have a saying -- "In for a penny, in for a pound" -- which, roughly translated, means: "Hi sailor ... England makes lots of stuff for sailboats." While we were waiting for Jeckells to stitch together our Gennie, I received a copy of Foulkes' January catalog. To pass the time of day, I looked up the British Seagull model 55 standard-shaft outboard motor. The price was \$360. The Boat US catalog price is \$545; the full list price is \$640.

Actually, our new Seagull cost only \$320, because we opted not to buy the recoil starter that's standard on model 55s sold here. Air freight was \$70, and duty was about \$13.

The dollar has sagged quite a bit in recent months, so that prices of many other items are no longer as attractive. We found, for example, that it didn't pay to self-import an Avon inflatable dinghy. BUT ... British-made autopilots (i.e., Autohelm and Navico) and foul-weather gear (i.e., Henri-Lloyd and Douglas Gill) are still a lot cheaper in England. So are (I think) Lewmar winches, Avon life rafts, and Seafarer electronics. And, of course, sails.

NOTES ON THE BRITISH CONNECTION (Cont'd.)

It turns out that doing business with British firms is no more complicated than placing a mail order with Goldbergs' Marine or Boat US. Foulkes has a direct-dial telephone number, and they honor credit cards (American Express, Diners, VISA, etc.). Jeckells takes personal checks with no hassle. Here are the addresses:

Jeckells & Son, Ltd., Wroxham, Norwich NR12 8UQ, England

Thomas Foulkes, Ltd., 6A Sansom Road, Leytonstone, London E11 3HB

(To phone from USA, dial: 011-441-539-5084)

MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND CRUISE TO THE SEVERN

Cruise Captains: Frank, Nancy, Tom & Kelly McCabe, Kelly Ann

How often have you crossed the Severn River via Route 50, mentally reminding yourself to sail there soon? Well, here's your chance to discover the Severn, a river some call the most beautiful in the region. On Saturday evening, May 24, we will raft up for cocktails in Maynadier Creek, off Round Bay -- about three and one half miles north of the Route 50 bridge. (If you have the November 1985 issue of Chesapeake Bay Magazine, check the "Cruise of the Month" for more information on Maynadier Creek).

On Sunday, May 25, we're planning a champagne brunch (plan to bring a dish to share: a breakfast casserole, bread, fruit dish, or whatever your specialty). There will be time following to explore Round Bay before departing for an evening anchorage nearby. At brunch we can decide on the best choice for the Sunday night anchorage, considering forecast weather, wind direction/velocity, etc.

We're encouraging lots of teenage participation on this cruise, and plan a separate teen "get together" during and after the Saturday evening raft up.

We hope you will join us for the Memorial Day Weekend Cruise. The Saturday morning captains' meeting will be at 9:30 a.m. in front of the restrooms by the office, with departure between 10:30 and 11:00 a.m. Please call us evenings in Alexandria at 703-370-3874 or at work in Washington -- Nancy at 202-639-5921 or Frank 202-426-3210).

POTPOURRI

Terry Baxter and family of Hailstone are going to do what the rest of us only dream about: going sailing for a year. Terry's publisher has given him a big enough advance on his next two books that he can quit work and buy a new Nauticat 43. They plan to leave about July 4 and head North to Nantucket and Block Island for the Summer and then down the ditch (Intercoastal Waterway) and the Virgin Islands in the Fall. Good luck! Be sure to send an article for the newsletter about your adventures.

Also heading South for a year of cruising, is Arnie Sherman of Woxof. We expect to hear from Arnie also (EDITOR'S NOTE: I wonder if anyone in Bimini will know what Woxof means.)

Jack Marquez of Free Bird continues to recover from his accident in Puerto Rico. On Friday, April 25, he even bragged that he had worked "eight billable hours." By now, St. Peter must think Jack is an 89 year old based upon all the hours he has billed. Jack wants to thank everyone who sent a card or letter to him at P.O. Box 96, San Juan, Puerto Rico, 00907.

Jane Bourke of Finally is also recovering from an operation. Cards should be sent to 3611 R Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20007, 202-333-2594.

NEW MEMBERS PARTY

While Friday the 13th may be bad luck to everyone else, HHSA has decided it is a great day to throw a party for our new members. On Friday, June 13, at 7:00 p.m., HHSA will throw a beach party for all our new members. Old members will provide hors d'oeuvres, the club will provide the keg of beer, and the new members will provide the enthusiasm.

Mark your calendar for a weekend of fun.

FIRST

**circular
raft
cruise**

Fri
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HERRINGTON HARBOUR TO SAN DOMINGO
CREEK OFF BROAD CREEK OF CHOPTANK
RIVER

Sat
5

SAN DOMINGO CREEK TO CHERRY
ISLAND IN PHILLIPS CREEK OFF
THE LITTLE CHOPTANK RIVER

Sun
6

RETURN TO HERRINGTON
HARBOUR

JULY

1986


Herrington Harbour
Sailing Association

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Dear Letters to the Editor:

Yes! We have been members of the Herrington Harbour Sailing Association for four years. No! We have not been very active in the Association. "The wind is always blowing the wrong way."

This year we are making a strong effort to join other members on cruises. Main interests while sailing -- fishing and watching our Chesapeake Retriever swim and swim and swim.....!

Another thought.....Great tennis courts.....great sailors.....where are the tennis players?....Would anyone be interested in playing tennis.....Friday nights.....Early Saturday mornings while a member of the crew is at the Captains' Meeting.....After sailing.....leave the spouse to clean up!.....There must be some tennis players amongst the members.....How about an informal round-robin game at a set time each weekend?.....If this request sounds unreasonable, let me know.....

Your newsletter is great, we really enjoy the information and articles.....

Sincerely,
Sheila L. Summers
Banzai, P-01

SPRING PIZZA PARTY

On Saturday evening, April 12, over 80 HHSAs gathered at the Holland Point Community Center to celebrate Spring. At first, it appeared that only about 30 would attend. But by Friday, the postman had found Marie Ordeman's house. A special thanks to everyone pitched in to make the party special:

1. Quintet's kids acted as babysitters;
2. John Bourke of Finally played the guitar;
3. Everyone who signed a card for Jane Bourke wishing her a speedy recovery; and
4. Larry Glick of White Gull who received a big bouquet of balloons on his retirement.

HNSA 1986 SUMMER DIRECTORY OF GULLS & BUOYS

<u>NAME</u>	<u>AGE</u>	<u>PHONE</u>	<u>BOAT NAME</u>	<u>SLIP NO.</u>
Askins, Aysha	15	703-532-3517	<u>Sharol</u>	K-43
Askins, Shawn	10	703-532-3517	<u>Sharol</u>	K-43
Carpenter, Jay	11	304-292-7787	<u>Wind Lass</u>	C-14
Carpenter, Scott	10	304-292-7787	<u>Wind Lass</u>	C-14
Davenport, Adrienne	11	703-451-8692	<u>Breezy</u>	K-5
Davenport, Nicole	13	703-451-8692	<u>Breezy</u>	K-5
Doyon, Chris	18	703-759-9268	<u>Circus</u>	N-45
Doyon, Jonathan	14	703-759-9268	<u>Circus</u>	N-45
Durbin, Debbie	12	703-644-1024	<u>Sandringham</u>	A-4
Durbin, Kim	7	703-644-1024	<u>Sandringham</u>	A-4
George, Bruce	19	301-294-8839	<u>Cappi</u>	P-11
Hall, Scott	16	703-860-4392	<u>Sweet Harmony</u>	M-46
Hare, Katie	4	301-460-6638	<u>Bifrost</u>	J-22
Hoveskeland, Anna	10	703-354-6284	<u>Trinity</u>	K-32
Jakoby, Garry	18	301-762-7102	<u>SeaGate</u>	C-20
Jakoby, Gregg	16	301-762-7102	<u>SeaGate</u>	C-20
Marquez, Jay	18	703-569-1616	<u>Free Bird</u>	A-2
Marquez, Julian	11	703-569-1616	<u>Free Bird</u>	A-2
McCabe, Kelly	16	703-370-3874	<u>Kelly Ann</u>	A-8
McCabe, Tom	17	703-370-3874	<u>Kelly Ann</u>	A-8
Nemerson, Margie	18	301-424-7013	<u>HideAway</u>	O-30
Norris, Jill	13	703-425-4457	<u>Quintet</u>	F-36
Norris, Marion	11	703-425-4457	<u>Qunitet</u>	F-36
Norris, Morgan	11	703-425-4457	<u>Quintet</u>	F-36
Rubin, Eric	15	301-279-2782	<u>Bet-U-Ken</u>	J-9
Rubin, Rachel	17	301-279-2782	<u>Bet-U-Ken</u>	J-9
Schafer, Jon	19	703-860-8038	<u>RifRaft</u>	H-8
Schuyler, Mike	21	301-963-9528	<u>Infinity</u>	M-58
Summers, Brett	13	202-363-5443	<u>Banzai</u>	P-1

-- Compiled by Beth Rubin

TRIVIA ANSWER

PHRF means Performance Handicap Racing Formula and refers to a measurement system for comparing boats of different hull designs and sail plans.

MORE BREEZE FROM THE STARTING LINE

by Tom Bartley, Rear Commodore, Racing

Well, it's here!! SPRING! -- the Easter Bunny, warmer weather, noise and the smell of toxins in the boatyards, the HHSA Racing Season! Hooray! (First race is April 12 -- pick up HHSA Racing Handbooks at the 10:30 a.m. Skippers' Meeting.)

The Racing Seminar on March 22 was pretty good (if I do say so myself). The speakers (two sailmakers, one IOR racer, one marina operator) were great. Watch out for my new half-speed, leeward-flop, Vanderbilt start. You guys are in REAL trouble now! The CBYRA 1986 Highlights movie was also entertaining -- it was refreshing to see ten J-24s run into the same mark and then each other all at the same time (and this was at the East Coast championship). A special THANKS to George Stevens of Belle Haven Marina for all of his help in setting up this program.

I was glancing through the HHSA racing applications and noticed several boats with valid 1986 PHRF registrations. I plan to race in a half dozen or so of these events in PHRF "C". Following is a list of the events in which I plan to participate:

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)

If any of you PHRFers are planning to enter these races, maybe we could carasail (practice race) to Annapolis or raft-up together after the CBYRA race. Let me know if you're interested.

Race Committee member Mike Hare is in contact with the West River Sailing Association and the Tartan 30 Club. There seems to be some interest generated on the possibility of some joint (with HHSA) races and cruises. More on this later.

Following are a couple of important LISTS -- the first is the Valid List of those signed up for the Racing Program as of April 12, the second is the schedule for Committee Boat Assignments. Please note the pending rating changes (by PHRF of the Chesapeake). I'll update our rating list to coincide with their decision(s). Also, please look at the Committee Boat assignments. If you have any problems with conflicting schedules let me know. With sufficient notice I'm pretty certain that we can get dates changed or one of the alternates to fill in.

Gotta get back to the boatyard....

Herrington Harbour Sailing Association - Valid List as of 4-19-86

Abbreviations: IB = Inboard CB = Centerboard TM = Tall Mast
SD = Shoal Draft OP = Oversized Spinn. Pole

PHRF Proposed Rating Changes:	Class/Length	Proposed Change
	Bristol 29.9	-12 sec/mi
	Ranger 30	-6 sec/mi
	Pearson 28	-6 sec/mi

Rating	Yacht Name	Class/Length	HS%	Owner
156	Aqua Vitae	Allmand 35		Ulander, H & P
174	Arcadia	Ericson 30+	150	McGuire, P
186	Belfry	Dufour 31	150	Batts, J & L
286	Bifrost	Starwind 19	155	Hare, M
150	Breezy	O'Day 34 CB	150	Davenport, B & C
168	Bull Runner	Ranger 30	170	Mayer, R
174	Circus	Irwin 30 CB	150	Doyon, A & M
204	Desparado	Catalina 27	155	Garber, S
174	Elsewhere	Tartan 30	130	Knapp, J
126	Firefly IV	Catalina 38 SD	150	Stammerjohn/Whyman
150	Freebird	Tartan 33	150	Marquez, J
204	Infinity	Catalina 27	150	Schuyler, T
204	Kelly Ann	Bristol 29.9	170	McCabe, F
123	Laser's Edge	Laser 28 UCOSOPOL	155	Robert, G
207	Liberte'	Catalina 27 IB	150	McClurg, G
195	Lucky Seven	Columbia 8.7	150	Bickford, B
276	Makai	Chrysler 22 CB		Cribbi, J
210	Mary Lou	Pearson 26	165	McGill, M
186	Mustang II	S-2 9.20 SD	150	Minchew, J & W
138	My Mercedes II	Hunter 34 SD	150	Walker, A
204	Nereid	Watkins 33	150	Bragg, J
174	No Name	Santana 30	160	Brooks, M
225	Partnership	S-2 8.0B	150	Ancona, D
204	Poppa's Toy	Catalina 27	150	Blank, G
165	Prime Rate	Hinterhoeller 30 DL	170	Summers, P
159	Progressive	Seidelman 30 CBOP	150	Greer, F
198	RYT	Mirage 27	150	Van Derryt, H
171	Ramshackle	S-2 7.96S CBIB	155	Kremers, J
225	Rif Raft	S-2 8.0	140	Schafer, K
234	Samadhi	Irwin 26	150	Smith, J
216	Shotgun	Catalina 25 TM	155	Bartley, T
156	Spook	Beneteau 29	155	Ordeman, R & M
192	Talisman	Pearson 28	150	Goldman, B

COMMITTEE BOAT SCHEDULE

<u>Date</u>	<u>Weekday</u>	<u>Committee Boat</u>	<u>Skipper</u>
May 7	Wed	Belfry	Batts, J
May 10	Sat	Bifrost	Hare, M
May 14	Wed	Liberte'	McGlurg, G
May 17	Sat	TBA (Sharp's Island Race)	
May 21	Wed	Circus	Doyon, A & M
May 28	Wed	My Mercedes II	Walker, A
May 31	Sat	Ramshackle	Kremers, J
Jun 4	Wed	Elsewhere	Knapp, J
Jun 7	Sat	Samadhi	Smith, J
Jun 8	Sun	Shotgun	Bartley, T
Jun 11	Wed	Mustang II	Minchew, J & W
Jun 18	Wed	Progressive	Greer, F
Jun 25	Wed	Desparado	Garber, S
Jul 2	Wed	Bull Runner	Mayer, R
Jul 9	Wed	Poppa's Toy	Blank, G
Jul 16	Wed	Spook	Ordeman, R
Jul 23	Wed	Talisman	Goldman
Jul 30	Wed	Lucky Seven	Bickford, B
Aug 6	Wed	Mary Lou	McGill
Aug 13	Wed	Laser's Edge	Robert, G
Aug 20	Wed	Infinity	Schuyler, T
Sep 6	Sat	TBA (Poplar Island Race)	
Sep 13	Sat	Prime Rate	Summers, P
Sep 27	Sat	Partnership	Ancona, D
Oct 4	Sat	No Name	Brooks, M
Oct 18	Sat	Arcadia	McGuire, P
Oct 25	Sat	Breezy	Dabenport, B & C

List of Alternates

<u>Yacht Name</u>	<u>Skipper</u>
RYT	VanDerryt, H
Nereid	Bragg, J
Aqua Vitae	Ulander, H & P
Firefly IV	Stammerjohn/Whyman
Kelly Ann	McCabe, F
Rif Raft	Schafer, K
Makai	Cribbi, J

NOTE: The equipment for the committee boat (horn, megaphone, flags, etc) should be picked up at and returned to the Club Room at the Herrington Harbour Restaurant.

NOTE #2: If you have any problems with the schedule or whatever, please call me (Tom Bartley) at the office at (301)-948-4200. I would rather talk sailing than work any day!