

"HARBOUR LIGHT"

The Newsletter of

HERRINGTON HARBOUR SAILING ASSOCIATION

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CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

June 4, 11, 18, 25	7:00 p.m.	Wednesday Night Races First Series
June 7	10:30 a.m.	Spring Race Series
June 8	10:30 a.m.	Novice Race
June 13	7:00 p.m.	New Members Party
June 14-15	9:00 a.m.	Rhodes River Cruise New Members Cruise cc: Joe & Lana Batts
June 21- July 6	9:00 a.m.	Northern Bay Cruise cc: Larry & Helen Glick
June 21-22	9:00 a.m.	Bon Voyage Cruise to Tilghman Creek to accompany Northern Bay Cruise First Night cc: Jeff & Connie Knapp
July 2	10:30 a.m.	Wednesday Night Race Second Series
July 4-6		Circular Raft Cruise Choptank Rivers cc: Charlie & Linda Taylor (No Captains' Meeting)

Joe Batts, Vice Commodore

If showing the flag on memorial weekend is a criteria for success, then our association must be the most successful on the Bay. Our scheduled cruise to Round Bay on the Severn River attracted twenty boats, some of which rendezvoused on the West River for the second night. Other groups went to creeks near St. Michael's while several members explored the Oxford area. And let's not forget the racers: Tom Bartley entered the Annapolis-to-St. Michael's Memorial Day race and flew the HNSA burgee.

We are fortunate to have so many members willing to share their time and talents. Cruises are being led to new places and new approaches to "dining out" are being tried (see 4th of July cruise, p. 5). Our racing program is being guided by the experienced hand of Tom Bartley and as a result participation in Wednesday night races has doubled. Stay tuned: some new races may be announced in the near future. The Spring Pizza and Beer party attracted 80 members and we are looking forward to a similar turnout for the New Members party on June 13th.

For those of you who did your sailing at the HH marina, Stuart Chaney advises that dredging of the channel is nearly completed. The new flag pole has been erected between the tennis courts and the beach, regrettably, sans HNSA burgee. Barbeque grills are being installed on the beach and the new fish cleaning station is completed. The projects are endless. Hours of operation of the pool, gas dock, and marina office are as follows:

<u>POOL</u>	<u>GAS DOCK</u>	<u>OFFICE</u>
Mon-Fri 11-7	Sun-Thur 8-6	Daily 9-5
Sat 9-9	Fri 8-8	
Sun 9-7	Sat 7-9	

Enjoy your sailing summer.

TAG-A-LONG CRUISE

Connie & Jeff Knapp, Cruise Captains

All right, so we can't take two weeks off to go cruising all over the North Bay. So what! We can at least give those who can a good send off. So be a good sport and join us on the Tag-A-Long to Tilghman Creek on June 21-22.

TWO-WEEK NORTHERN BAY CRUISE

One of the highlights of the 1986 cruising season will be the two-week Northern Bay Cruise. A tentative itinerary has been developed by Larry Glick (White Gull) and Ken Carpenter (Wind Lass). The itinerary is as follows:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>DESTINATION</u>
June 21	1	Tilghman Creek (off Miles River)
June 22	2	Langford Creek (thru Kent Narrows)
June 23	3	Chestertown
June 24	4	Chestertown (lay day)
June 25	5	Swan Creek
June 26	6	Baltimore Inner Harbour
June 27	7	Baltimore (lay day)
June 28	8	Worton Creek
June 29	9	Sassafrass River (Georgetown)
June 30	10	North East River
July 1	11	Still Pond
July 2	12	Rock Hall
July 3	13	Magathy River
July 4	14	Annapolis for fireworks
July 5	15	Open
July 6	16	Herrington Harbour

All the layovers are in areas with marinas for those who wish to tie-up and ample anchorages for those who don't. While the layover in Baltimore is scheduled midweek to avoid some of the congestion, reservations are desirable.

Anyone planning to take part in any or all of the cruise should contact Larry at (703) 356-0988 or Ken at (304) 292-7787 as soon as possible to allow time for reservations and so that plans can be made for the younger sailors who may be going along. Remember, the schedule is tentative. If you have any suggestions, please call.

NEW MEMBERS PARTY & CRUISE

Herrington Harbour Sailing Association has over 40 new members. To welcome these new friends, the veteran members will be hosting a new members party on Friday, June 13, at 7:00 p.m., on the new beach. Veterans are encouraged to bring their

1. best (or favorite) hors d'oeuvres;
2. best sea stories, including those escapades they would just as soon forget but love telling about; and
3. fellowship.

New members are encouraged to bring their

1. enthusiasm;
2. questions; and
3. skepticism.

HNSA will provide

1. beer;
2. sodas; and
3. setting.

Burgees and the 1986 Cruising Guide will also be available. If you have any torches from your infrequently used patio, please bring them.

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The new members party is merely the opening event for the new members cruise to the Rhodes River led by Joe and Lana Batts (Belfry). This cruise formally introduces the new members to the HNSA cruising world. On Saturday at 9:00 a.m., there will be a Captains' Meeting where directions and special instructions will be discussed. Joe will point out some of the Belfry Memorial Shoals his 5'8" keel has discovered.

Although the Rhodes is only a few hours north of Herrington Harbour, we encourage you to arrive early for the best anchorage. We don't plan to have any formal events, but anytime two or more dinghies are captained by young sailors, a race will surely develop.

FIRST

circular raft cruise

Fri
4

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

1986 FOURTH OF JULY CRUISE AND CIRCULAR RAFT REGISTRATION FORM

We plan to participate in the circular raft and progressive dinner on the 4th of July weekend.

Skippers Name _____

Crew Names _____

Mailing Address _____

Home Phone () _____

Boat Name _____

VHF Radio Yes No

Type of Boat _____

Length of Boat _____

Desired course for progressive dinner: (check one) Hors d'oeuvres _____

Soup _____

Salad _____

Entre' _____

Dessert _____

NOTE: Beverages and drinks will be the responsibility of each boat.

Boats which you wish to be grouped with: (maximum of 4)

MAIL TO: OR DELIVER TO: OR CALL:

Charles D. Taylor Pericles (301) 568-5697
 4025 Suit Road Slip K-40
 Forestville, MD
 20747

RETURN BY JUNE 15, 1986

1986 FOURTH OF JULY CIRCULAR RAFT CRUISE

by Charlie and Linda Taylor, Cruise Captains

Following is the float plan and coordinating instructions for the HHSA 4th of July cruise and circular raft. The cruise will include three legs with a rendezvous and raft at the end of the first and second legs. If bad weather prohibits sailing on Friday, the plan will continue and rendezvous will be at Cherry Island on Phillips Creek off the Little Choptank River on Saturday. Once the cruise has begun, alterations will be by a council of skippers by meeting or radio, as appropriate. Designated radio call times will be every odd hour on the half hour. The raft on Saturday night will include a progressive dinner. The registration form enclosed should be returned prior to June 15, 1986.

Friday, July 4 -- Sail from Herrington Harbour to San Domingo Creek off Broad Creek of the Choptank River. A circular raft will be formed just North of R"14" in 9-12 feet of water. BE CAREFUL of the shoal which extends easterly from G "9"; you'll need to take this mark wide to the East. (Refer to pages 124/125 of the Guide to Cruising the Chesapeake Bay, 1985.) The first two boats to arrive establish the windward and leeward boats of the circle. It will be the responsibility of the first two skippers, whoever they are, to determine the best possible raft location. Instructions about how the circular raft is formed follow on the next page. Completion of the raft will be the signal to start a traveling cocktail party moving from boat to boat and giving everyone the opportunity to socialize and meet old and new friends.

Saturday, July 5 -- Break the raft and sail to Phillips Creek on the Little Choptank River. The rendezvous will set a second circular raft near Cherry Island in 8-10 feet of water. Care should be taken when rounding Fl G 2.5 sec "13", the shoal said to be four feet extends further East than pictured. Pages 148/149 of the Guide to Cruising the Chesapeake Bay, 1985 gives good details. Skippers should plan their schedules such that the raft for the progressive dinner will be completed by 1700 (5:00 p.m.). Should other boats be at the anchorage near Cherry Island, the first and second skippers to arrive can establish the raft at their discretion. Care should be exercised while setting up this raft to selectively position boats of the same progressive dinner group together. Thus, first and second boats should not be in the same group.

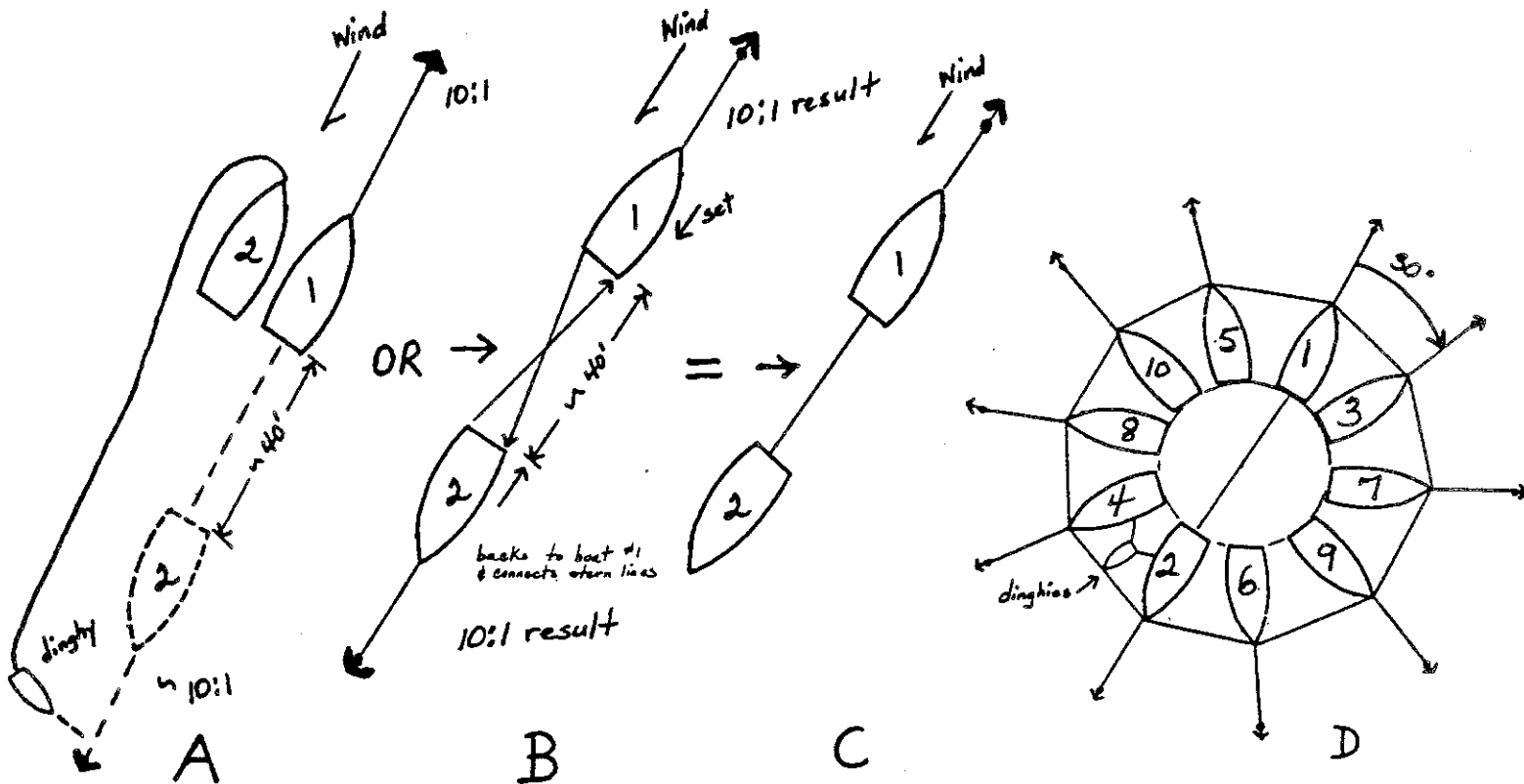
Sunday, July 6 -- Break raft and return to Herrington Harbour.

Success of a progressive dinner requires more coordination than most other types of rafts. To enable Linda and I to equitably determine that no one will be left out, please complete the enclosed registration form and mail it to us no later than June 15, 1986. At that time, we will make the pairings into groups of five boats.

Once all the registrations have been received, Linda and I will work out any conflicts and send out a list of participants and the progressive dinner groups and schedule. A list of the participants and their respective dinner course will be mailed to each skipper prior to the first of July. For more info, call me at (301) 568-5697.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SETTING-UP RAFT

The first boat to arrive at the rendezvous anchorage should set a bow anchor to windward setting a 10:1 scope. The second boat to arrive has two options depending on his circular raft experience, as shown in diagram A and B below. In technique A, a dinghy is used to ferry boat #2's anchor to the desired drop point and boat #2 reverses direction, sets his anchor, and establishes a resting place stern to boat #1 about 40 feet apart and connected. Technique B requires a little more experience but accomplishes the same objective and does not require a dinghy. The windward and leeward base of the raft is set. Succeeding boats set anchors and tie-up alternately to the base boats, resulting in their anchors being approximately 30 degrees off the neighboring boat. Dinghies should be tied between the bows of adjacent boats to starboard. Run added lines if needed, as shown in Figure D.



SAV HUNT '86

by Jeff Knapp

In May, the second annual Submerged Aquatic Vegetation (SAV) Hunt began. You can help to ensure its success.

SAV HUNT '86 will involve hundreds of volunteers Baywide who will be searching the shallows of the Chesapeake Bay from now through October for seagrass beds. The hunt is part of a cooperative effort to accurately assess the distribution and abundance of SAV in the Chesapeake Bay.

In a sense, SAV is a treasure. The Bay grasses are vitally important to the Bay because they serve as important habitat for many organisms including bluegill sunfish, large mouth bass, juvenile striped bass and molting blue crabs. Furthermore, SAV is of great value as food for waterfowl, in controlling shoreline erosion and in buffering negative effects of excessive nutrients.

More than a dozen species of SAV are native to the Bay. As recently as 1965, SAV covered hundreds of thousands of acres of Bay bottom. But today, only a fraction of that acreage remains. Recent research points to excess quantities of nutrients and sediments as primary causes for the decline. Nutrients, (fueling algae blooms) and sediment both block vitally needed light to SAV plants.

Each year the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in conjunction with EPA's Photographic Interpretation Center, organizes an aerial survey of the Chesapeake Bay. The aerial survey, which is funded by the Army Corp of Engineers, the Virginia Institute of Marine Sciences and the Maryland Department of Natural Resources, provides a general picture of SAV presence in the Bay during a given growing season.

But aerial photography is not without limitations. Algae, oil-laden sediments, tires and shellfish beds can be misinterpreted as SAV. Volunteer "ground truthers" will be the critical link in ensuring the accuracy of the photographic interpretation.

You can participate in SAV HUNT '86 by sending to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for "Identification Guide to Submerged Aquatic Vegetation of the Chesapeake Bay" and maps of the areas in which you'd like to concentrate your efforts. A map order form is on p. 14.

Each map will indicate all of the seagrass beds that were located during last year's effort through either aerial photography or volunteer "ground truthing". You will then verify if those beds are still there, if they are larger or smaller, what species of grasses are present, and whether you found any new ones. Most of the beds are located in shallow water where sunlight can penetrate (six feet and under unless the water is clear), so be prepared to use your dinghy. Your information will then be incorporated into next year's maps! You'll even get a nifty certificate acknowledging your efforts.

SAV HUNT '86 (Cont'd.)

SAV HUNT '86 is a terrific opportunity for the citizens of the Bay region to work hand-in-hand with the scientific community. Federal and state government, scientific and academic institutions, charter boat captains and watermen, citizens groups and folks like you are all involved. We sure hope that you will join the hunt.

POTPOURRI

Larry Novotney (Allegro) will be racing his beautiful Cabo Rico 38 in the Annapolis-to-Bermuda race. Ardell Hoveskeland (Trinity) will be crewing on a Valient 32 out of Baltimore in the same race. Lee Himes (Sea Sparrow) will fly to Bermuda to bring a Tartan 37 back to Annapolis following the race. It will be interesting to see who has the best experience: he who races his own boat; he who crews; or he who cruises back.

Art Oldham (Full Circle) is participating in the Great Ocean Race (aka Around the Great DelMarVa Peninsula). If you have a half hour to spare, ask Art about this race or his other great ocean races.

Jane Bourke (Finally) is up and about after her hip operation. Cards should be sent to 126 Frangorma Drive, Shavertown, PA 18708. John still plans on leading the August 16 cruise to Better Places.

Jack Marquez (Free Bird) is finally out of his cast. He needs about five weeks of physical therapy before his doctor will allow him to leave Puerto Rico. Unfortunately, it means he will miss Jay's graduation. But the Governor's Cup race is still on.

Don and Corky Thomas can't seem to make up their minds about what to call their Catalina 27. Last year it was Cordon Blue, this year it is Miz Tee II, and next year Don is talking about calling it Miz Tee C. Transom painters love Don.

Steuart Chaney has indicated he will pay you \$5 if you notify Herrington Harbour that your slip can be used while you are out for the weekend and it is used. How about donating the \$5.00 to HNSA?

Herrington Harbour has volunteered to coordinate crew in search of boats and boats in search of crew for the Wednesday Night Races.

Can anyone explain the huge fly invasion on Sunday, May 26 which stretched from the north end of Herring Bay to Solomons? Why were they on the Bay but not in the harbour? Why were they so suicidal -- I killed seven with one swat?

MORE BREEZE FROM THE STARTING LINE

by
Tom Bartley

Well we're off!! The racing season is underway with the Spring and 1st Wednesday series, and the Sharp's Island Race. The competition has been real keen so far -- most of the winners determined by less than a minute. Now if I could only get my handicap increased... Alas here are the results so far:

SPRING SERIES

Non-Spinnaker

<u>Yacht Name</u>	<u>Race #1</u>	<u>Race #2</u>	<u>Race #3</u>	<u>Points</u>
Spook	1	2	1	3.5
Liberte'	2	3	2	7
RYT	3	4	4	11
Ramshackle	-	1	-	-
Wild Fire	-	-	3	-
Breezy	DNS	-	-	-

Spinnaker

<u>Yacht Name</u>	<u>Race #2*</u>	<u>Race #3</u>	<u>Points</u>
Laser's Edge	1	2	2.75
Shotgun	-	1	-

* - Race #1 cancelled for this Class

WEDNESDAY SERIES #1

Non-Spinnaker

<u>Yacht Name</u>	<u>Race #1</u>	<u>Race #2</u>	<u>Race #3*</u>	<u>Points</u>
Spook	2	1		2.75
High Tide	6	2		8
Liberte'	1	-		-
Circus	3	-		-
Nereid	4	-		-
Kelly Ann	5	-		-
Breezy	DNF	-		-
Firefly IV	DNF	-		-
My Mercedes II	DNF	-		-

Spinnaker

<u>Yacht Name</u>	<u>Race #1</u>	<u>Race #2</u>	<u>Race #3*</u>	<u>Points</u>
Infinity	2	1		2.75
No Name	1	2		2.75
Shotgun	4	3		7
Arcadia	3	-		-
Mary Lou	-	4		-

* - Race #3 cancelled due to incimate weather (Thunderboomers!)

Notice that I'm not winning -- I thought that 1st place went with this job. How do you think they got me to do it anyway? My crew says that I shouldn't worry about what I'm doing wrong, the trouble is that all the other HHSAs sailors have gotten better and bought faster boats. I know what they want! Well they won't get it. Rather than blame losing on my crew I'll shoulder full responsibility for my unfair handicap rating.

We just completed the Sharp's Island Race and the results of the Spinnaker class are not yet official (this means that we don't know who won). It was a beautiful day with temps in the 80's. Light air was the rule of the day. (I'm still waiting for the wind to clock to the Southwest as predicted.) I'm really impressed at how well the race was sailed -- I only made one mistake all day and I wasn't even close. My hat's off to the HHSAs'ers. GOOD RACE!

It has come to my attention that a number of HHSAs'ers are either looking for crew or want to be crew. (CREW is defined in the sailing dictionary as movable ballast.) Please contact me at the office at 301-948-4200 and I will try to put any interested parties in touch with one another. (I'm looking for some hot-shot crew for my boat. Only those with Olympic experience need apply!). I'll also see that the crew sign-up sheets start on the East and West bulletin boards.

PRIZES!! AWARDS!! HEADLINES!! GLORY!! FAME!!

IT'S ALL YOURS FOR THE TAKING...DO OUR

NOVICE RACE SERIES

**Sunday! Sunday! Sunday!
June 8, 1986
Skippers' Meeting 1030 Hours**

This is **THE** event you been waiting for! Team up with an experienced racer on Saturday, June 7 for the final race in the Spring series (we're always looking for good crew and the Skippers' meeting is at 10:30 by the East showers). Get those racers to crew for YOU on Sunday for the **SPECIAL NOVICE RACES!** There will be awards for the winners. There will be FUN for all! This event is open to all HHSAs sailors that have not won a racing award from the racing program. There will be special \$2 entry fee for those that are not currently signed up for the HHSAs racing program (if signed up -- FREE!!!). This is your chance to learn how to (and how NOT to) start a race, select tactics, psych out other boats (HEE HEE), etc. The committee boat (SHOTGUN) promises a few surprises. Hope to see you ALL there!

OOPS! The wind is dying...

Herrington Harbour Sailing Association - Valid List as of 5-22-1986

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

Rating	Yacht Name	Class/Length	HS%	Owner
156	Aqua Vitae	Allmand 35		Ulander, H & P
174	Arcadia	Ericson 30+	150	McGuire and Pope
186	Belfry	Dufour 31	150	Batts, J & L
288	Bifrost	Starwind 19	155	Hare, M
150	Breezy	O'Day 34 CB	150	Davenport, B & C
162	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
138	Full Circle	Jeanneau 34	155	
204	High Tide	Hunter 27	150	Boyer
204	Infinity	Catalina 27	150	Schuyler, T
192	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 9.2C 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
168	Prime Rate	Hinterhoeller 30 DL	170	Summers, P
159	Progressive	Seidelman 30 CBOP	150	Greer, F
198	R2D5	Catalina 27	160	Rancont, R
198	RYT	Mirage 27	150	Van Derryt, H
171	Ramshackle	S-2 7.9GS 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

SAV HUNT MAP ORDER FORM

We don't have an abundance of maps so please order only what you will need.

Each numbered square on this map corresponds with a U.S. Geological Survey quadrangle map. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has used these as a map base for the SAV work.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR ORDERING

Please individually circle each map quadrangle that corresponds to the areas you would like to explore this summer and fall. Use a colored pen if you can.

SAV HUNT 1986
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Division of Ecological Services
1825 Virginia Street
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Mail the order form in and you should have your maps and reporting forms within 2 - 3 weeks.

Please mail the maps to:

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____

Zip _____

Phone () _____

