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CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30	7:00 p.m.	Wednesday Night Races Second Series
July 19-27	9:00 a.m.	Southern Bay Cruise cc: Ron & Cecil Dailey Pete & Bonnie Scott
July 26-27	9:00 a.m.	Plaindealing Cruise cc: Jim & Doris Wright
August 2-3	9:00 a.m.	Red House Cove, Magothy River Cruise cc: Ned Smith
August 2-10	9:00 a.m.	Northern Bay Cruise cc: Gene & Lois Norris

TRIVIA QUESTION OF THE MONTH

What is the average length of boat in HNSA?

Answer on page 7.

WALKING THE DOCKS

by Jocelyn Marquez, Commodore

Who says that sailing has no therapeutic value? After four months recovering from my husband's serious automobile accident, both he and I are eagerly planning our first cruise of the season. Making that cruise as soon as possible has become the driving force behind his recovery. Reading about the exciting HHSA cruises, races, and social activities in our unique newsletter, has stimulated him as much as the many cards and expressions of support received from our many wonderful friends.

The unexplained bond that unites sailors everywhere, is clearly evident here. Jack's internist, himself the owner of a Tartan 33, has been a great source of nautical stimulus as well as of medical advice. His clients who are sailors, have kept him well-supplied with sailing magazines and sea stories. Even strangers who have learned of our love for sailing have offered their assistance as well as their sailboats. Thus, I am happy to say that the sailing fraternity is well and active in Puerto Rico.

Although I have not been able to walk the docks of Herrington Harbour in my customary fashion, I have been informed of and shared in our Association's affairs through frequent telephone conversations with Vice Commodore Joe Batts, who by the way, has done an excellent job covering for me.

It won't be too long now before we return to Washington and resume our sailing life-style with our HHSA friends. We look forward to being part of it again and until then, we wish you fair winds and beautiful sunsets. We miss you all!

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AUGUST 16 CRUISE

by John Bourke, Finally

Several names have been considered for this cruise. Names like "Mystery Cruise", "Cruise to Where?", "Cruise With Best Sailing Conditions", "Cruise to Maximize the Probability of Optimum Wind Direction", "Destination Unknown". You name it! The important thing is that you make the cruise.

Here is the story. So many times we have established a specific destination for a cruise only to find the wind blowing in our face all the way. We hope to avoid this on August 16.

The weather reports will have been thoroughly researched and only then will the destination be determined.

A destination will be selected that we can reach on a reach. We will get the most out of whatever wind we have.

Come along and enjoy a fun cruise with a different twist.

SEVERN RIVER CRUISE

by Frank, Nancy, Tom & Kelly McCabe

Thanks to savvy reckoning by HHSA's cruising committee, the May 24-26 Memorial Day weekend cruise to Maynadier Creek off the Severn was a genuine delight. The 21-boat mix of veteran, occasional and relatively new cruisers left Herrington Harbour Saturday morning in variable winds. With most Severn River traffic headed towards the Bay, we entered the well-concealed entrance to Maynadier Creek off Little Round Bay to find only a few scattered boats at anchor. A nice turnout of teenagers gathered aboard Ken & Beth Rubin's Bet-U-Ken, and in the Creek's cool but swimmable waters. Meanwhile, adults were party hopping between My Mercedes II (with Al Walker & Cookie as hosts) and Lee & Janice Himes' Sea Sparrow. While Beth Rubin and Nancy McCabe were discovering that they were high school classmates, Ron Wallace and Naomi Bloom were gingerly rafting Kurt & Sharol Askins' 41' Islander Freeport, Sharol, to port of their Catalina 26, La Princesa. (We hope Naomi brings her guitar next time.) George, Kathy & Jarred Gwaltny (Menagerie) arrived, after a bout with their fuel pump, in time to enjoy the evening's festivities.

After a calm night, Sunday morning found HHSA'ers gathered aboard Sharol, Kelly Ann, and Larry & Helen Glick's White Gull, for a delicious champagne brunch. Entertainment was provided by the zany team of Giny Fant, Final Fantasea, (modeling the latest in sailing socks), and Tony Kowalski, Seventh Heaven, (demonstrating how many ways you can wear a "wrap-around" Hawaiian-style swim suit). As others scanned the pretty, lakelike setting, Rich & Marie Ordeman (Spook) spotted a newspaper ad for a 2-acre lot w/dock on Maynadier Creek -- ("one of the last available") -- for \$375,000!!

With noon approaching, a well-fed group of cruisers set off for Galesville on the West River. Several boats with teens aboard stopped mid-way at Annapolis Harbour (a madhouse) for an hour ashore. A congenial group of adults and teenagers and continued great weather made Sunday evening's raftups equally delightful. Those who later ate at the Topside in Galesville also enjoyed New Orleans style jazz.

Other weekend cruisers not already mentioned were Allen Wright and crew (Tzatsky Too), Gene & Lois Norris (Quintet), Ron & Janet Benrey (De Minimis), Ned Smith and Ray Rudolph (Windborne), Brian & Sheila Summers (Banzai), Dick & Bobbie Nemerson (Hide-Away), Al & Priscilla Belanger (Crusader), Gill McClurg and Michele Merryman (Liberte), and Tony & Patty Duncan (Pilgrim). Ken & Janet Carpenter (Wind Lass) had engine problems enroute Saturday afternoon, and sailed back to Herrington Harbour. Everyone missed their company and hopes Wind Lass's Perkins is soon purring smoothly!



ONE WEEK CRUISE OF THE NORTHERN BAY

by Gene & Lois Norris

August 2 - 10

ITINERARY

Skippers' meeting 9:00 a.m. near D Dock on Saturday, August 2.

Saturday	August 2	Red House Cove, Magothy River
Sunday	August 3	Fairlee Creek
Monday	August 4	Sassafras River
Tuesday	August 5	Havre de Grace
Wednesday	August 6	Havre de Grace (lay day)
Thursday	August 7	Warton Creek
Friday	August 8	Magothy Creek
Saturday	August 9	Harness Creek, South River
Sunday	August 10	Herrington Harbour

This itinerary is quite different from the two-week Northern Bay cruise in June, and includes many beautiful and interesting spots. Ice and supplies are available at least at every second port. After a longish first day, all runs are quite moderate, allowing ample time for exploring, swimming (in nettle-free waters) and daysailing. A shared brunch is planned for August 4, so bring edibles and potables. Applicable charts for this part of the Bay include 12278, Sandy Point to Susquehannah River. As slip reservations are required in advance of our arrival in Havre de Grace, please call us not later than July 30 if you plan to rent a slip, or indeed if you have any questions or comments. We can be reached, when not at slip F32, at 703-323-2713 (w) or 703-425-4457 (h) -- both Fairfax, VA numbers.

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CRUISE TO PLAINDEALING CREEK

with MerriWay

On July 26-27, Jim & Doris Wright (MerriWay) will lead HHSA to Plaindealing Creek, recently Chesapeake Bay Magazine's Mystery Gunkhole of the Month. Directly North of Oxford, off the Tred Avon, Plaindealing captures those southerly breezes common in mid-Summer. Because of its location, it will allow you to eat dinner or breakfast in Oxford without tolerating the traffic on Town Creek or the wave action off the Strand. The cruise will anchor just off the "battleship.". Confused? Join the cruise and find out.

ONE WEEK MID-BAY CRUISE

by Pete & Bonnie Scott and Ron & Cecil Daley

From July 19-27, Pete & Bonnie Scott and Ron & Ceil Daley will lead a flotilla on a one-week cruise South. If you haven't gone fruther South than Solomons Island, you missed one of the most beautiful parts of Chesapeake Bay: anchorages are less crowded, channel 68 is almost chatter-free, and water skiers are an endangered species.

The following is a tentative itinerary:

<u>DAY</u>	<u>DESTINATION</u>	<u>MILEAGE</u>	<u>FACILITY</u>
Saturday, 19	Hudson Creek (off Little Choptank)	23	Anchor
Sunday, 20	Solomons Island (Calvert Marina)	27	Marina
Monday, 21	St. Georges Creek (off St. Mary's River on the Potomac)	26	Anchor
Tuesday, 22*	St. Inigoes Creek (off St. Mary's River)	9	Anchor
Wednesday, 23	Yeocomico River	12.5	Marina
Thursday, 24	Smith Creek (off Potomac River)	9	Marina or anchor
Friday, 25	Mill Creek (off Patuxent River)	33	Anchor
Saturday, 26	Dun Cove	32	Anchor
Sunday, 27	Herrington Harbour	<u>15</u>	HOME
	TOTAL	166.5	

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If you are interested in joining this cruise, please call Pete (703-435-3793) or Ron (703-620-4808). You don't have to own a Hunter 31 to join.

* EDITOR'S NOTE: Rumor has it July 22 is Ron and Cecil Daley's Silver Anniversary. I bet they never dreamed they would spend their 25th anniversary on a sailboat on a creek named St. Inigoes.

NEWCOMERS CRUISE AND PARTY

Once again the members of Herrington Harbour Sailing Association demonstrated why they are the friendliest sailing group on the Bay. About 100 members -- old and new -- gathered on the beach on Friday, June 13, 1986, to share great hors d'oeuvres and cold beer. It was hard to determine which group ate or drank the most or told the biggest stories (none of which had been embellished over time).

On Saturday, 24 boats headed North to the Rhodes River. Amazingly, those who left later had the best sail. Seven rafts were formed, ranging in size from one (TerreMar) who did not want to scuff up his new BIG BOAT to 11 boats on two anchors which, reportedly, did not foul during the night. Activities included sailing dinghies and sailboards, swimming with the dogs, and simply messin' around in boats.

The sail home was great except for Fat City, which suffered the indignity of being towed in. Don't worry, Jake, it's happened to the best of us.

Participating boats were:

Amitie', Banzai, Belfry, Char-Nan, Circus, Crusader, Fat City, Finally, Gaydeloo, Irish Heir, Millenium Falcon, Pilgrim, Quintet, Seventh Heaven, Sharol, Silja, Spiggie, Spook, Sweet Harmony, TerreMar, Trinity, Trio, White Gull, and Wind Lass.

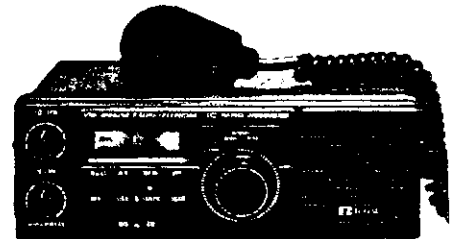
DIAL-A-HURRICANE

This summer, you can dial-a-hurricane. A call to 900-410-NOAA will bring instant information to East or Gulf Coast residents who may be threatened by storms. The cost is 50 cents for the first minute, 35 cents for each additional minute. Non-AT&T subscribers may call 1-0-288-900.

Informational recordings will be available after the National Weather Service has identified a hurricane or tropical storm during the hurricane season--June 1 through November 30. A typical tape will provide a storm's position, anticipated path, landfall predictions, windspeed, and tide effects.

Hotline information is provided by the weather service and underwritten by AT&T, NBC News, and USA Today. The American Red Cross received \$58,300 from funds generated by last year's calls.

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As a result of recent action by the Federal Communications Commission, boaters now have one less VHF frequency for radio transmissions. A new FCC transmitting technology, which is the equivalent of "direct" telephone dialing, reserves VHF channel 70 for automated calls only. The change is effective immediately. Recreational boaters may still use VHF channels 9, 68, 69, 71, 72, and 78 as working channels, although channel 9 also is used by commercial vessels and channel 72 is only for ship-to-ship transmissions. With one less channel to use, the others will be more crowded, so it becomes more important to keep transmissions brief.

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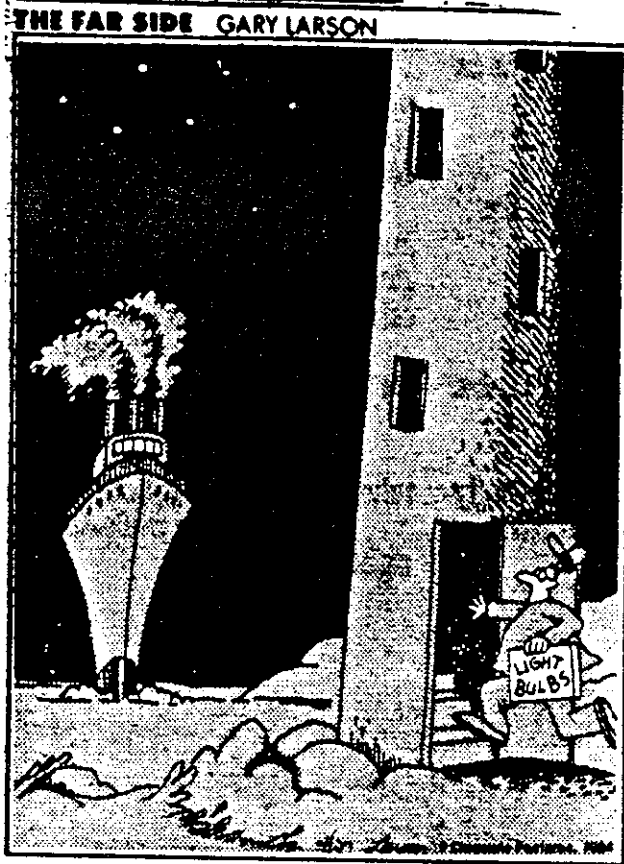
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ANSWER TO TRIVIA QUESTION

30.2 feet. This is up from 28.5 feet for 1984-85.



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