

HARBOUR LIGHT

The Newsletter of

HERRINGTON HARBOUR SAILING ASSOCIATION

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CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

October 3 Saturday	10:30 AM	Fall Series Race #2
October 10-12 Sat.-Mon.	6:00 AM 9:00 AM	Sunrise Cruise to Cambridge Yacht Club/Dunn Cove Tom & Charlene Willess
October 17-18 Sat.-Sun.	10:30 AM	Annual Fall Regata Fall Series Races #4 and #5
October 24-25 Sat.-Sun.	9:00 AM	Puzzle Cruise Revisited Floyd Justice & Nick Brixus
October 24 Saturday	10:30 AM	Fall Series Race #5 (Join up with cruise)
October 31 thru November 1 Sat.-Sun.	9:00 AM	Wherever the Wind Blows Halloween Party (Complete with costumes) John & Jane Bourke
November 7 Saturday	1:00 PM	Annual Meeting/Election of Officers--Club Room
November 14-15 Sat.-Sun.	9:00 AM	Wherever the Wind Blows Larry & Marie Novotney
November 21 Saturday	6:00 PM	AWARDS BANQUET Herrington Harbour Restaurant

BATTS' BITS AND BIGHTS

Your Commodore is published! A couple of years ago, several of us in HHSA were sitting in a cockpit trading sea stories and we began to write down our worst experiences. We compiled a list entitled "So You Think You Have a Problem?" and sent it off to Chesapeake Bay Magazine. Nearly eighteen months later the list was published and appears in the October 1987 issue on page 27. I will be paid \$75.00 and I will donate this to HHSA since the sailing association provided the experiences on which the article was based. If you want to know how it feels to run aground, have your boat reviewed by Practical Sailor, be rejected for membership by Boat US, or be insured only for Herring Bay--read the article.

Recently, we had a cruise whose destination was changed by the cruise captain due to weather conditions. As a result, several members who had come from long distances or who left early were left waiting at the original destination only to find that the majority of members went to another location. The Executive Committee considered this problem at my request and after considering all perspectives, concluded that the decision for guiding the cruise must rest with the cruise captain. We choose our cruise captains very carefully, and I commend Martin Katz for an excellent job in this regard. We must respect their authority to decide the best destination or itinerary based on a number of factors such as weather and number, experience, desire and capability of the participants. While the Executive Committee expresses regret for those members who were unable to join the cruise because of early departures for the announced and pre-planned destination, nevertheless, the Executive Committee unanimously feels that the decision must rest with the cruise captain at the announced meeting time for determining the best destination. The Executive Committee also heartily endorses the planning process that begins in February of each year to set a consensus-based cruise schedule, but requests understanding by the membership when changes must be made. Our Rear Commodore-Cruising, Martin Katz, is advising all cruise captains that in the event of a change of planned destination a notice to that effect should be posted in front of the Marina office, the Marina personnel should be notified and the change announced on VHF Channel 68 at 10:00 A.M. and 11:00 A.M.

The Nomination Committee, headed by our Past Commodore, Jocelyn Marquez, presents in this issue an excellent slate of candidates for office in HHSA. The fact that so many members came forward to present themselves as candidates indicates that HHSA has a fountain of enthusiasm for volunteerism. I am gratified by the response and eagerly endorse each candidate for the willingness to serve. The opportunity next year is not only to carry on the fine traditions of friendliness and good programs in HHSA but also to guide the association through changes determined by size and interest.

On the subject of size, our association now has a membership of over two hundred and Larry Glick, our Vice Commodore, has done a fine job of shepherding this growth this year. The participation in our summer social event on M Dock of over two hundred people and the showing of over thirty boats on several cruises this summer indicates that we must plan for large groups. The planning must foster good organization as well as closeness and intimacy so that friendships can develop. The challenge will be to respond creatively to the multitudes of interests as expressed by our members. Involvement is the key. So, let's see your vote on the HNSA Election Day, November 7th, to elect the best members who will respond to these challenges. (Please note the proxy if you can't attend.)

Weather again cancelled a great idea. Actually, only expectation of foul weather cancelled the Puzzle Cruise sponsored by the team of Brixius and Justice, since the rain was infrequent. Nevertheless, the captains want to reschedule the cruise for October 24th which is agreeable to the race committee (this is a make up day). My hat is off to the cruise captains for their determination in sponsoring this cruise and to the race committee for making accommodations.

On November 21st, we will have the annual HNSA awards ceremony. Awards will be in three categories: racing, cruising and special. Members of your Executive Committee are already planning the activities for this gala event, so plan to come. Do to space limitations, a first come, first served policy (that means reservations with money) will be observed. A reservation form is included in this issue.

Finally, several members have commented to me about how much they enjoyed the last newsletter. As Commodore, the constitution empowers me to appoint the Newsletter Editor and I wish to recognize the wonderful job that Jeff Knapp and his administrative assistant, Paula, have done this year. The management of the newsletter is both a technical endeavor and a diplomatic challenge and both of them have done a superb job. We are fortunate to have sustained a fine newsletter over the years and the review of other successful voluntary organizations indicates that an outstanding communications vehicle, such as a newsletter, is essential to the maintenance and growth of the organization. So, I wish to express gratitude to those who have submitted articles, as well as to Jeff and Paula for their work in producing the newsletter.

JOE BATTS, Commodore

ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTION OF NEW OFFICERS FOR 1988
Jocelyn Marquez, Chairperson, Nominating Committee

On Saturday, November 7, 1987, HNSA will hold its Seventh Annual Meeting at 1:30 p.m., at the Herrington Harbour Restaurant Clubroom.

We are very fortunate to have as additional members of our Nominating Committee: Cheryl Davenport, Al Doyon, and Bob Enstam. The Committee is extremely pleased to present the following slate of candidates for the 1988 Executive Committee:

Commodore

Bryan Davenport
Larry Glick
Martin Katz

Vice Commodore

Ginny Fant
Lee Himes
Dick Nemerson
Tom Schuyler

RCMDR-Cruising

Tony Duncan
Gene Norris

RCMDR-Racing

George Gwaltney
John Kremers
Steve Ward

RCMDR-Social

Louie DeCamp

* RCMDR-Training

Kent Kunze
Bobby Nemerson
Ned Smith

Secretary-Treasurer

Sandy Buchanan
Maureen Reynolds

* The election of the Rear Commodore-Training will depend on the prior approval of that position by the Membership as an amendment to our constitution.

The person who serves as Newsletter Editor, a member of the Executive Committee, is appointed by and serves at the pleasure of the incoming Commodore.

Members who are unable to attend the Annual Meeting still have the opportunity to vote by means of a proxy. A proxy form is attached to this newsletter for the convenience of members who wish to vote by proxy. Please fill out the attached proxy form and deliver or mail to me or any other member of the Association who plans to attend the Annual Meeting, by Friday, November 6, 1987. Keep in mind that a proxy may be revoked at any time by filling out a new proxy at a later date or by personally casting your vote at the Annual Meeting.

Our constitution allows candidates other than those selected by the Nominating Committee to be nominated from the floor during the Annual Meeting. Persons desiring to serve or to nominate others may make their desire known during the meeting. If you are willing to serve your Association in any capacity please feel free to let your fellow Members know. That is how HHSA keeps electing an excellent slate of officers each year!

The Nominating Committee wishes to thank all the fine candidates who have acceded to be nominated for their respective positions. Let me take this opportunity to thank all the members of the Nominating Committee for their valuable contribution in recruiting one of the best slates of candidates we have ever had. Let me ask each and every member to come to the Annual Meeting and to share with us in electing our new officers and in voicing our views and concerns regarding the Association. Together we can continue to make HNSA the most exciting sailing association on the Chesapeake Bay!

CAMBRIDGE CRUISE

Tom and Charlene Willis, Cruise Captains

This is a reminder that the HNSA Columbus Day Cruise to beautiful Cambridge will be held the weekend of October 10-12, 1987. For Saturday night, the Cambridge Yacht Club has kindly invited HNSA members to share their facility for dinner and a fun filled evening. The five dinner selections will be available from the menu, noted in last month's newsletter. For slip and dinner reservations (or for more information) please call Tom and Charlene Willis in the evening at 620-0324 (Oakton, Virginia). The deadline for reservations is Thursday night, October 8, 1987. Call before if possible. The skippers' meeting will be held at 9:00 a.m. Saturday, October 10. Call Martin Katz at 977-1234 (Gaithersburg, Maryland) should you desire to attend an optional 6:00 a.m. skippers' meeting with a sunrise departure.

PUZZLE CRUISE TO LEEDS CREEK

Co-captained by Floyd & Debby Justice
and Nick Brixius & Maureen Reynolds

Because of various circumstances (the wind on our nose and a 90% chance of rain both day and night, among others) the few hardy souls who showed up for the puzzle cruise agreed to postpone the cruise to a later time. Consultations with the Commodores of racing and cruising resulted in October 24 as the new date. If you want to participate in the puzzle solving, you must be at the captains' meeting to get the clues and the puzzles. If you stayed home (a whole bunch of you did just that) because of the weather, this is your chance to redeem yourself and overcome the accusations of "fair weather sailors" that were bandied about at the captains' meeting by those who showed up.

Captains' meeting is at 9:30 a.m. in front of the marina office, as usual. If you have any questions before then, call Floyd Justice, 922-9777 or Nick Brixius, 543-1358.

HALLOWEEN CRUISE

John Bourke and Ginny Fant, Cruise Co-captains

The goblins will be abroad and aboard on the night of Saturday, October 31st. It will be Halloween and we will be on our Halloween Cruise. Come join us for a fun cruise, loaded with high-jinks. Bring along a costume, the best you can put together. There will be prizes.

We will not only be guessing who the costumed skippers and crews are but there will be another mystery: What will be our destination. This will be announced at the skippers' meeting at 9:00 a.m. Saturday morning in front of the marina office. We will check the wind and go to the anchorage that will give us the best sail. Hope to see you there.

"SO HOT" CONTEST WINNERS

Based on the limited response, it looks like the "So Hot" contest was not so hot an idea. Either that or it was "so hot" that everybody's brain cells are still recovering. The sole set of responses came from the Marquez family. In fitting fashion Jack Marquez' entry was judged the best and he will take home a Super Sun Shower for his literary efforts. Well, now for the question that is on everybody's lips. HOW HOT WAS IT? IT WAS SO HOT THAT

...Even the ducks were sipping iced wine coolers.

...Flies were melting on our decks.

...Steamed crabs were floating in the Bay.

...Our cockpit became an open hearth.

...I could really have used that Super Sun Shower.

Thanks to the Marquezes for their great responses. Stay tuned to this Newsletter for our next Contest.

WHAT A FEAST!!

Ginny Fant, RCMDR-Social

Do HNSA members know a good deal when they see one? You'd better believe they do! The Surf & Turf supper on August 29th was a huge success. More than 200 people participated in the sumptuous catered feast of open pit beef, barbecued chicken, steamed crabs, cole slaw, macaroni, baked beans, watermelon, soft drinks and beer on tap.

Thanks to the efforts of Cheryl, Adrian and Nicole Davenport and Julian Marquez, the tables and chairs were ready and waiting for HHSAers promptly at 5:30 p.m. A big thanks also to Janice Himes who assisted me with ticket dispensing and to the crab caretaker, Lana Batts.

A rousing volleyball game was organized by Dick Doyle and a song-fest emerged under the direction of John Bourke. We were all treated to the creative racing cups awarded to the winners of the Poplar Island/Boyer Memorial Race by Tom Schuyler, RCMR-Racing. Saturday, August 29th, was a beautiful day with brisk winds for the racers and bright sunshine for the eaters, and a chance for everyone to a a great time.

DUNN COVE VIA KNAPPS NARROWS AND BLACKWALNUT POINT

Rich Siegel

"Ahoy," called the captain of the Boston Whaler, KNAPP TIME, "The bridge is down." So, what's new, I thought. It's a draw bridge. What goes down, must go up. Right? Wrong.

This was the start of what was to be one of those humdrum HHSA weekend cruises. After all, just hours before we had attended both of the early morning captains' meetings. That's right, two meetings. The first, to decide that there just weren't enough boats to do the Puzzle Cruise, and the second to decide that all along everyone (now about 12 boats) really wanted to go to Dunn Cove.

After a crisp but delightful sail across the Bay, we had just dropped sails on our way through the "Narrows." In ESL (Eastern Shore Language) we were learning that "down" really didn't mean just "down" but also "out"--like in broken. The Knapps Narrows bridge was out in the down position and not expected to open until Sunday sometime. Who ever heard of this kind of chicanery? When did you ever call ahead to ask if the bridge was working? Spirits shattered and bodies cold and damp (our cruising vice commodore was sipping hot chocolate), WIND SHADOW, TZATSKY TOO, TERREMAR, FREE SPIRIT, and DYBUK proceeded to Dunn Cove via Blackwalnut Point to meet up with GENTLE SPIRIT, CRUSADER, SPOOK, CHILL OUT, and INFINITY.

A great party was held on WIND SHADOW. About 40 congenial sailors swapped tales of the day (or how to get to Dunn Cove via Knapps Narrows and Blackwalnut Point) amid abundant food and under an awning borrowed from CRUSADER as the predicted rains began to fall. TZATSKY TOO hosted a private kids party and as the evening waned. Five boats remained rafted to WIND SHADOW for a rainy but uneventful night. The next morning it was back to Herrington Harbour via the "Narrows."

A survey of the Knapps Narrows bridge operator revealed later in the week that on Sunday more sailboats called inquiring about the operational status of the bridge on that day than during the whole summer season.

LABOR DAY WEEKEND CRUISING

Larry and Helen Glick, Cruise Captains

The Labor Day weekend cruise was scheduled for Shaw Bay and for the West River. On Saturday morning, the wind was blustering out of the northeast at about 60° which suggested a hard trip across and up Eastern Bay. At the skippers' meeting, prudence prevailed and after some lively discussion, a new destination--Grace Creek off Broad Creek--was chosen. A beat down the Bay and for most boats a series of tacks, led around Blackwalnut Point and into the Choptank.

A good sail across the river and straight up Broad Creek found a quiet anchorage in Grace Creek. Because of the great number of boats participating, and the uncertainty of the weather, it was necessary to form several rafts. Cocktail hour get togethers took place on several of the rafts. Erich Siegel, second mate of WIND SHADOW, did a great job of skippering the bumboat dinghy to transport people from separately anchored boats to the party on WHITE GULL. On WHITE GULL, we received a record setting twenty-five guests, including the irrepressible John Bourke, sweet singing minstrel of HNSA.

Saturday night was dark and stormy and Sunday morning rain caused the change of many plans. The fleet scattered to many destinations; some to the West River, some back to home base and some to San Domingo Creek. WHITE GULL was among the group that motored the few miles to San Domingo. We rafted there with GENTLE SPIRIT, CRUSADER, SEA SPARROW, PILGRIM AND SPOOK. FINALLY and BELFRY anchored apart but both joined the days activities. In the afternoon, the group, following the tradition of HNSA's superior seamanship, formed a chain of rubber dinghies, powered by BELFRY's outboard and shipped into the back door (the town dock) of St. Mikes. We enjoyed our walkabout in the town, some minor shopping and the peculiar habits of the landlubbers who stood in the middle of the sidewalks eating two dollar ice cream cones.

Two interesting aspects of the stay in San Domingo were watching a sailboard cruising around with one man and two Labrador Retrievers on board (we think the one named Rex was in command) and the practically tame swans which came to our raft and were well fed by Jenny Parker on GENTLE SPIRIT. The swans loved the crackers and other goodies which Jenny fed them, including a little nip of finger.

We broke the raft early on Monday morning and motored and sailed out of the Choptank and into the Bay. The sail across the Bay was one of the best crossings of the year: southerly winds at about 15 knots and light wave action. In our view from WHITE GULL, the Labor Day weekend cruise was an outstanding experience.

Boats participating in the Grace Creek Cruise were: WHIGMALEERY, CHILL OUT, RAMSHACKLE, DAPHNE, SEASAW, TERREMAR, FINALLY, GENTLE SPIRIT, SPOOK, CRUSADER, WINDBORNE, PILGRIM, LIBERTE, WIND SHADOW, RAG TAG, DESIDERATA, VERACITY, WHITE GULL, SEA SPARROW, TZATSKY TOO and BELFRY. It should be noted that the Grace Creek cruise was not the only HNSA cruise of the Labor Day weekend. Many boats followed the original plan and went to Shaw Bay. These included TRIO, ELSEWHERE, SEVENTH HEAVEN, SONGBIRD and VINDEN. We have not yet had an opportunity to gam with any of the participants, but we are certain that they had a good raftup and a good sailing weekend. (Editor's Note: A writeup from the Shaw Bay contingent follows this article.)

LABOR DAY CRUISE TO SHAW BAY
(or "The Wish You Were Here Cruise

Holly Kunze

For those of you who went to Grace Creek and missed the Labor Day Cruise, a fine time was had by all.

Herrington Harbour was well represented (as was G Dock) by TRIO, ELSEWHERE, SONG BIRD and VINDEN. Rounding out the fabulous five was SEVENTH HEAVEN. Although there was talk being circulated that the Enstams and the Kowalskis were asked to raft up to serve as babysitters, it turned out to be only a vicious lie.

Even though the weather was not totally cooperative, we managed to pack enough sail boarding, crabbing, dinghy racing, kazooing, drinking and eating for an entire sailing association. And while each of the aforementioned activities was enjoyable, none went off without a hitch. The sailboarders risked life and limb (not to mention possible divorce proceedings and retaliation) trying to view a certain heavenly body on a nameless boat. There were "pick-up" dinghy races that not only left the Knapps' dinghy dismasted but brought the Forte/Kunze duo dangerously close to being beaten by a ten year old "outside hustler."

Even crabbing turned into an experiment in terror. We had the chicken on one of our crab lines eaten by a Robin Fish who would then neither completely swallow the chicken or get off the line. (For those of you who have never had the pleasure of viewing a Robin Fish, it can best be described as a set of teeth with a tail.)

One of the saddest sights of the entire weekend was that of poor Darlene Forte trying to drink all the libations that the entire association would normally consume. Needless to say she failed and in the wake of her defeat felt bad about it all the next day too. And finally, trying to devour quantities of hors d'oeuvres that were originally prepared to serve an entire club left everyone bloated, uncomfortable and with one question on all our lips: IF WE PROMISE TO TAKE A BATH NEXT TIME, WILL YOU TELL US WHERE YOU ARE GOING???

RACERS' CORNER

Tom Schuyler, RCMDR-Racing

Well, another month has rolled around and ye olde editor has been nudging me again for another article, so here goes.

The second evening series did finally end and, unfortunately, the results are on the boat as I write this so I can't report who won the hotly contested Spinnaker Class. MARY LOU, OBSESSION, PRIME RATE, and yours truly made attempts around the bouys, and it will be a close series. The Non-spinnaker results are easy. VERACITY (the Wards) pulled that one out. I will have the Spinnaker Class ready for the next Harbour Light.

The Annual Boyer Memorial Race turned out to be an excellent tour around the Bay and the party afterwards was superb--thanks to Ginny Fant and her crew. Most people know the results of that race, but for those who did not attend the party the results were:

Spinnaker

FREEBIRD (Marquez)
TRUBADOR (Spence)
RAMSHACKLE (Kremmers)

Non-Spinnaker

BULL RUNNER (Mayer)
MARY LOU (McGill & Gerber)
INFINITY (Schuyler)

Since we have had only one Fall Series Race, we will not be able to report these results until the November issue. We will also then be able to report the results of the Sharps Island Race #2 which then joins the cruise to Edgar Cove.

Please come out and join George Gwaltney and the rest of the happy throng who are racing the Fall Series. Since only one race is past us, and race #2 is October 3rd, we sure would like to see you out there. The big event will be the Annual Fall Regatta on October 17th and 18th which will be at a minimum Fall Series #3 and #4 and will also be a stand alone series with its own trophies. And, if possible, we will have a third race that weekend as part of the Regatta, pending wind and weather.

One more item. We will be using October 24 as a race makeup day for the Fall Series. This one will be early and will be set up so that those boats that want to continue on the rescheduled Puzzle Cruise that weekend can continue onward with little delay. So be at Herrington Harbour office early for both race and cruise instructions and plan on a weekend with us.

And now I must get ready to go racing and cruising to Edgar Cove. See you all there. Happy Sailing!!

AWARDS BANQUET

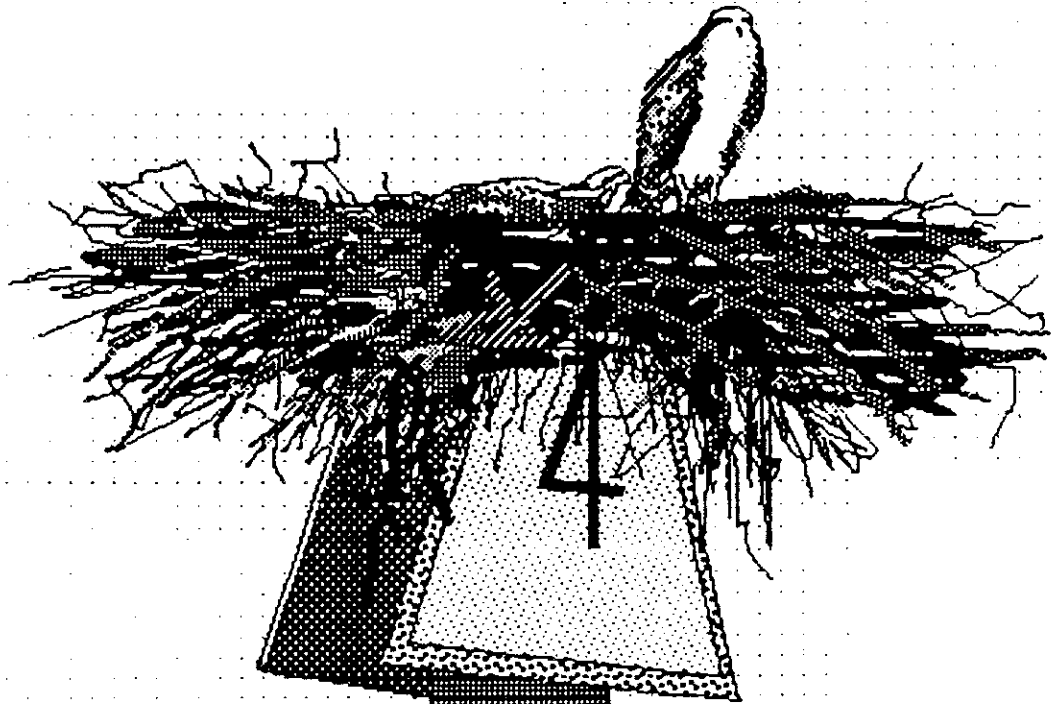
When: Saturday, November 21, 1987

Where: Herrington Harbour Restaurant

6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. COCKTAILS

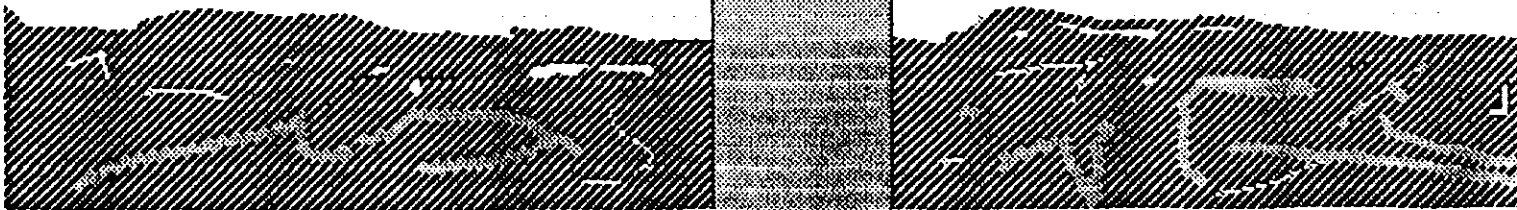
7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. DINNER

(Dinner will be served promptly at 7 p.m.)



What: CRAB IMPERIAL
FILET MIGNON (8 oz.)
STUFFED CHICKEN BREAST

(All dinners served with vegetables,
tossed salad, bread & butter, beverage
and wine.)



Cost: \$18.75 per person, including gratuity and tax.

Make Checks Payable to: HHSA

Send to Ginny Fant
8747 Arley Drive
Springfield, Virginia 22153

IMPORTANT!!!

Send in your money promptly!!!

The first 110 people to send in payment will be accommodated.
NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR!!!

Crab Imperial	_____
Filet Mignon	_____
Stuffed Chicken Breast	_____

PROXY

I, _____, (print name) hereby
appoint _____, (print name) as my
lawful proxy at the Seventh Annual Meeting of the Herrington Harbour
Sailing Association (HHSA) to be held at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday,
November 7, 1987, at the Clubroom of the Herrington Harbour
Restaurant or such other place as may be announced in the issue of
the HHSA Newsletter distributed immediately prior to said Annual
Meeting. My proxy shall be entitled to cast my vote as if I were
present for the candidates with an 'X' next to their names, or for
the candidates whose names I have written in the spaces provided:

Commodore	()	Bryan Davenport
	()	Larry Glick
	()	Martin Katz
	()	_____
Vice Commodore	()	Ginny Fant
	()	Lee Himes
	()	Dick Nemerson
	()	Tom Schuyler
	()	_____
Rear Commodore-Cruising	()	Tony Duncan
	()	Gene Norris
Rear Commodore-Racing	()	George Gwaltney
	()	John Kremers
	()	Steve Ward
	()	_____
Rear Commodore-Social	()	Louie DeCamp
	()	_____

* Rear Commodore-Training () Kent Kunze
() Bobby Nemerson
() Ned Smith
() _____

Secretary-Treasurer () Sandy Buchanan
() Maureen Reynolds
() _____

I favor the amendment to the HHSa Constitution to establish the position of Rear Commodore-Training, effective immediately.

() Yes () No

* The election of Rear Commodore-Training will depend on the prior approval of that position by the Membership as an amendment to our Constitution.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have set my hand and seal at _____ (A.M.)
(P.M.), this _____ day of _____, 1987 at _____.

_____[Seal]
Member's Signature

Please deliver this Proxy to a Member who intends to be present and voting at the Seventh Annual Meeting of HHSa or mail to Jocelyn Marquez, 8411 Willow Forge Road, Springfield, Virginia 22152, in sufficient time for it to be received by Friday, November 6, 1987.