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CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

Tentative 1988 Seminar Schedule

Jan. 16, 1988 Saturday	1:00 p.m.	<u>Engine Maintenance</u> Randy Renn Annapolis Marine Propulsion
Jan. 30, 1988	1:00 p.m.	<u>Womanship--Part 2:</u> <u>"Sailing Without Yelling"</u> Karen Russow (A continuation of last year's program)
Feb. 13, 1988 Saturday	1:00 p.m.	<u>Rigging--Roller Furling, Racing</u> <u>Spars, Wire Rigging, Halyards</u> <u>and Lifelines</u> Alex Stout, Chesapeake Rigging
Feb. 27, 1988 Saturday	1:00 p.m.	Annual Organizational Meeting
March 20, 1988 Sunday		<u>Safety at Sea</u> Naval Academy, Annapolis, Maryland Registration Required Contact: Commander Leslie W. Hewett 301/267-2885
March 26, 1988 Saturday	1:00 p.m.	<u>Racing</u> George Gwaltney, "Racing Can Be Fun"

All meetings at Herrington Harbour  
Meeting Room unless noted otherwise)

## BATTS' BITS AND BIGHTS

This is my last column as Commodore, but fear not, past commodores don't die they just sail away (groan, sputter, yuk). Brian Davenport will fill my top siders very ably and you can look forward to his column next year. By the way, it is traditional for the Commodore to name his own column. Brian--how about "Davenport's Doodads and Doodles"?

Speaking of the Commodore, Brian Davenport was elected Commodore for 1988 at the Annual Meeting on November 7th. Other officers elected were as follows: Ginny Fant--Vice Commodore, Maureen Reynolds--Secretary/Treasurer, Tony Duncan--Rear Commodore/Cruising, George Gwaltney--Rear Commodore/Racing, Kent Kunze--Rear Commodore/Social, and Bobbie Nemerson--Rear Commodore/Training. The Newsletter Editor is a position appointed by the Commodore and Jeff Knapp has volunteered for another year at that helm. Brian Davenport has indicated that the official appointment of Jeff will be the first priority for 1988. These officers will do a fine job next year and serve you well. The administrative changes to the Constitution and the creation of a new position of Rear Commodore/Training were approved.

The Awards Banquet on November 21st was fun. The roast list of attendees is attached and we all enjoyed finding ourselves dutifully and properly "roasted" for the ridiculous and ludicrous events throughout the year. The presentation of the cruising and racing awards went very smoothly and Steve Ward of VERACITY took high point for the 1987 racing year. Priscilla Belanger received special recognition, the Florence Nightingale Award, for service rendered to an HSA member in need. The Batts, Himes, McBrooms, and the Glicks received Tow-er Awards and the Enstams received a Disengage-er Award (ask Ginny Fant for a definition of he latter). We celebrated Louis DeCamp's birthday with song and cake and finally came the Commodore's Award.

The Commodore's Award is an award determined and presented solely by the Commodore. The recipient usually is a non-officer who has made substantial contributions to the sailing association either over a period of years or during the last year. The award is confidential until presentation. As I reviewed the membership, I discovered that I could not name a singular person who would be a worthy recipient, but I could name a couple. That couple has participated extensively in both cruising and racing, attended all our social and membership events, and in the past, even served on the Executive Committee. That couple is Rich and Marie Ordeman, who sail a 29 foot Beneteau called SPOOK. My judgment of their worthiness was confirmed afterwards by several members who complemented me on the selection. It's always nice to know that you have made a good decision. Congratulations Marie and Rich!

This last year has been very rewarding for me in the sense that I worked with an exceptionally dedicated Executive Committee. They made my job easy because of their devotion of time and energy. At the Awards Banquet each member of the Executive Committee received a plaque commending their year in office. This hardly seems enough in view of their efforts, but then the job itself is its own reward and I can speak on their behalf that 1987 was a year of innovation, improvement and idealism for HHSA. If I leave a charge for the forthcoming Executive Committee, it would be to sustain that momentum and build and even better association.

Thanks for a good year,

JOE BATTIS, Commodore

HHSA 1987 Annual Banquet Toast  
by Jack Marquez

On the Eight Anniversary Banquet of HHSA, I would like to propose a toast in recognition of some very special people--the fine ladies of our Association!

It is very fitting that we do this, for HHSA has a deep debt of gratitude to our female members. They helped found our organization and, except for the Vice Commodore-Racing, ladies have occupied all position from Newsletter Editor to Commodore, thereby contributing significantly to the increasing success of HHSA.

I would like to recognize not only those female leaders of our Association whom we all know, but those unsung heroines who have made sailing the rewarding lifestyle it truly is. We are especially grateful:

To those who toil during the week so that their family can spend the weekend afloat;

To those who may skimp on themselves so their mates may purchase a new toy for their dreamboat;

To the Sheldons that untiringly do the unglamorous chores on your boat;

To the Moniques that enhance the aesthetics of sailing;

To the white-knuckled hausfraus that stoically bear the terror of a lee rail under water just to be with their hubbies;

To the new breed of racing mermaid that is increasingly becoming a threat in racing;

To the floating Julia Childs that regale us with ever more tantalizing appetizers;

To our dear wives and companions that share our sailing joys and frustrations and provide the warm reassuring feeling that only love and understanding can provide;

To all the wonderful women in the Herrington Harbour Association and to their mates and crew--I salute you tonight and pray:

May the wind be always fair at your backs; May your anchors always hold; May your boat payments be ever smaller; May your bottoms be free from blisters; May your groundings be few and far between; May the Coast Guard never tow you; May your mast be never struck by lightning; May your children and grandchildren enjoy sailing as much as you do; and, May these warm friendships be rekindled every season.

To you, my friends who always gave me cheer when cheer was sorely needed, I say--may you sail until you are 100 years old and may I be there to take your lines when your boat comes in. Cheers!

#### THE GREAT PUZZLE CRUISE Floyd Justice and Nick Brixius

The Great Puzzle Cruise finally happened. The "williwaws" were a dime a dozen and several crews decided to spend the day "On the Beach" instead of risking their "jackstays." At least no one needed to use the "satellite dish" or Mary Poppins' "umbrella." Puzzled? Well, what can we say? You should have been there!!

Thirteen boats turned out for the cruise on what turned into a fantastic sailing Saturday. All arrived in Leeds Creek safely and anchored on AMITIE. The winds were beginning to pick up, but the puzzleteers wanted the answers. After all the results were in and the less skillful had made their comments ("Sick questions, real sick", said one of the less fortunate), the winners were announced. First place and a bottle of champagne went to the Hermans and Tony Belanger on DESIDERATA. Second place and a bottle of wine went to Henry Power and Lori on SNAPPY. Third place and a 4-pack of Bartles and James went to Jennifer Parker on GENTLE SPIRIT. (Accepting for young Jennifer were Bob and Meredith.) All other finishers were allowed to "oooh" and "ahhh" and sniff the empties.

The big event of the Great Puzzle Cruise turned out not to be the manmade puzzles, but Mother Nature--she wrote her own puzzles: WHO WOULD MAKE IT HOME AND WHO WOULD NOT??? The winds howled through the night and into the morning. Troughs of 6 feet were reported on the Miles River along with gusts of 30 to 40

knots on the bow. Several boats were on the radio saying they had tried to make it through the narrow area north of St. Michaels and had turned back. Safe in our hurricane hole, some of us worriedly listened to the radio, inventoried our emergency rations, and pondered the answer to Mother Nature's puzzle. As the morning wore on, lessening winds and an increasing desire to get home pushed most out of Leeds Creek by noon. Thankfully, no major catastrophes were reported that day; all either sat it out or made it home.

Our thanks to the participating boats for a great cruise. The good sports were: GENTLE SPIRIT, SEA SPARROW, PILGRIM, BARNACLE BILL, SNAPPY (on her first HHSA cruise), QUINTET (single handed in that wind), AMITIE, DESIDERATA, BREEZY, KALLITA, SPIGGIE (sick, real sick) and, on her maiden cruise as Floyd and Debby Justice's new boat, ERREN. All of you other fair weather sailors missed a good one.

### HALLOWEEN CRUISE by Ginny Fant

A brisk wind of 17 knots swept us toward our destination off of Broad Creek, just before Caulk Cove, the mysterious "No Name" creek, on October 31, 1987.

The host boat, FINAL FANTASEA, was boarded by all kinds of creatures in costumes. WIND SHADOW's crew relived the Little Red Riding Hood fairy tale. The captain was "The Woodcutter", first mate was "Grandmother", Eric was "Little Red" herself, and Emily (age 5) was "Strawberry Shortcake" to add a little modernization to the story.

SPOOK's crew appeared with the captain wearing a "trowel", while the first mate sported a "Brick Board". BREEZY's first mate displayed a clever, handmade "Toy Soldier" costume while the captain arrived as "The Captain."

SEA SAWS's crew boarded as "Pirates" (huge plastic bat & ball), KELLY ANN's crew appeared as "Tweedle-Dee & Tweedle-Dum". Not to be out done, SEA SPARROW's first mate be-"Deviled" us in full regalia. SONG BIRD certainly received first prize for both crew members on originality, the captain as "Willie Nelson" beard (his own), wig, headband, and pigtail! He decided not to serenade us. The first mate came as "The Head" in a huge papier-mache head covering, handmade by the captain. The host and hostess of the cruise greeted the "Trick or Treeters" as "Witch" and "Spiderman".

When everyone had settled down to the usual fantastic HHSA appetizers and the Witch was stirring her "brew", the faint strains of the "Salvation Army" band wafted across our ears. Lo and behold, there was Alan Wright (TZATSKY TOO) in his D'Artagnon" (of Three Musketeers fame) outfit as a guest aboard

PHARMASEA. The captain played "We Will Meet You At The River" on his trumpet while the first mate banged her tambourine and held out a bucket in which we could make donations for our repentance. Prizes were awarded to all for their creative endeavors. Not in costume but certainly in the "spirit" of the night was FREE SPIRIT, TERRE MAR and WHITE GULL to help us celebrate. CHILL-OUT, GRAND MARNIER, and WALK-ABOUT arrived too late to join in the festivities but greeted our raft-up in the morning as the crews of the three boats dinked into the next cove to view the geese. If you missed the pictures at our Annual Awards Banquet, arrangements will be made to show them at our Annual Spring Bash--be sure to join us!

WHEREVER THE WIND BLOWS CRUISE  
Marie and Larry Novotney

First for the good news--it only took about twenty minutes to clear the snow from the cockpit, deck, and cabin top!

Actually, the Skippers' meeting on Saturday morning outside the Marina Office was conducted in bright sunshine. The weather forecast, predicting westerly winds averaging 10-15 knots then swinging around overnight to become 10-15 knots from the east on Sunday, stimulated great expectations of a brisk yet comfortable sail around Blackwalnut Point to La Trappe Creek.

BELFRY led the HNSA boats out of Herring Bay, and by the time the rest of the fleet was approaching the #1 marker, she was well out into the Chesapeake. From about a mile astern, BELFRY gave every appearance of both a new set of invisible sails and a breakthrough in keel design allowing her to sail without heeling. You guessed it--not much wind and what little there was out of the SSE!

Well, we had a pleasant motor to La Trappe Creek, where Ardell and Lucinda Hoveskeland, ably supported by Anna, had run the gauntlet of fowl hunters and dropped ARIEL's hook in a quiet nook adjacent to several corn fields. As the geese settled and the sun began to drop, the raft continued to build: Joe and Lana Batts aboard BELFRY; Larry and Marie Novotney on ALLEGRO; Mac and Linda McBroom on OWL HOOT; Rich and Marie Ordeman on SPOOK; Dave, Pam and Susannah Wallace on O SUSANNAH; Bob and Marty Enstam on SONGBIRD; and Lee and Janice Himes aboard SEA SPARROW.

ALLEGRO served as the party boat, with hors d'oeuvres and drinks contributed and consumed by all. This was followed by the La Trappe Creek Boat Show, with personalized tours conducted on O SUSANNAH, a Morris 38, ARIEL, a Valient 37 (both of which were in the 1987 Annapolis Boat Show), and ALLEGRO, a Cabo Rico 38 (a boat show participant several years ago).

A glorious sunset preceded a calm evening, characterized by a crystal-clear starry sky and an ongoing display of shooting stars. The piece de resistance, however, (particularly for the McBroom's) was a real-live hooting owl to serenade the raft to sleep.

The wind did swing around over night, and with ensigns snapping in the breeze, the raft broke up with every expectation of a brisk yet comfortable sail around Blackwalnut Point to Herrington Harbour. Some things are not meant to be, however, as several of us realized as we sat with collapsed flashers and drifters in the middle of the Choptank going absolutely nowhere. We motored for a while, and of course when the wind finally did pick up, it was right on the nose.

Nevertheless, it was a fine fall weekend with good friends, warm sunshine, and an abundance of wildlife. Undoubtedly, it will seem even better when recalled on those cold Saturdays and Sundays between now and Spring.

#### 1987 HHSА ANNUAL BANQUET ROAST LIST

1. What HHSА racers split their foul weather gear on a cruise? John & Dolly Kremers, RAMSHACKLE
2. What hotshot dinghy racers got blown away by a jury-rigged home-built on Shaw Bay? Jeff & Darlene Forte, TRIO
3. Who's trying to bring high fashion to HHSА?  
Steve & Terry Ward, VERACITY
4. What cruise captains shut down the Knapps Narrows Bridge on the first cruise they led?  
Rich & Laurie Siegel, WINDSHADOW
5. What cruise captains finally got the pieces together for a cruise?  
Nick Brixius, AMITIE and Floyd Justice, CILLIE II
6. What skipper raced once, started last, corrected to second, and was the first to tell you all about it?  
Paul & Jayne Spence, TRUBADOR
7. What skipper's glasses are still playing hide-away on the bottom of Sawmill Cove? Dick & Bobbi Nemerson, HIDE-AWAY
8. What HHSА cruisers see double masts after serving their rum cake? Tony & Patty Duncan, PILGRIM

9. Who staked out Dunn Cove beach front property while waiting for the tide to rise?  
Larry & Helen Glick, WHITE GULL
10. What HHSAs' vessel was boarded by the Coast Guard and breezed through the exam?  
Bryan & Cheryl Davenport, BREEZY
11. What members' "loved one" finally placed in an HHSAs race?  
David & Lynn Schumacher, LIEBCHEN
12. What HHSAs couple played peeping tom on the Fourth of July cruise to Hunting Creek? Kent & Hallie Kunze, VINDEN
13. Who is saying goodbye to Hello Dolly?  
Billy & Dolly Gingras, HELLO DOLLY
14. What crutchety skipper and his mate are still winning races? Jack & Jocelyn Marquez, FREEBIRD
15. What HHSAs racers did a 1080 on one day?  
Rich & Marie Ordeman, SPOOK
16. What famous racer is renaming his boat "No Bikini Atoll"?  
Tom Schuyler, INFINITY
17. What skipper finally avoided being towed this year?  
Jim & Eileen Cahill, WRAITH
18. What new member has no lack of integrity?  
David Watkins, INTEGRITY
19. Who was "fueled" when they thought they were passing gas?  
George & Katie Gwaltney, MENAGERIE
20. What bearded HHSAs passed out cigars upon the arrival of his brand new, fuel efficient, iron genny?  
Bob & Marty Enstam, SONGBIRD
21. What editor and his wife have a new line for a screw?  
Jeff & Connie Knapp, ELSEWHERE
22. What commodore always starts a race 30 seconds late and blames it all on his wonder watch?  
Joe & Lana Batts, BELFRY
23. What family goes cruising when the spirit moves them?  
Bob & Meredith Parker, GENTLE SPIRIT
24. What circus is flying an old tent?  
Al & Marie Doyon, CIRCUS



25. What Southern Bay cruiser crossed his heart and promised not to shout at this wife?  
Al & Priscilla Belanger, CRUSADER
26. Who wins the HHSa Mr. Clean Award for cleaning off his hose before he hoses off his boat?  
Marty & Terry Katz, TERREMAR
27. Who dropped in on the Batts via the forward hatch on the New Members Cruise? Val & Louie DeCamp, HANAIEI
28. Who bristled when he came in near last on the Boyer Memorial Race? Frank & Nancy McCabe, KELLY ANN
29. Who spent so much time photographing Fawn Hall that he missed all the cruises? Jim & Peg Hargreaves, ADELANTE
30. What cruising couple has a handsome teenage son that "bets he can"? Ken & Beth Rubin, BET-U-KEN
31. What captain doesn't need to tell his mate their destination because she says "All these creeks just look the same to me"? Lee & Janice Himes, SEA SPARROW
32. What former power boaters are now rag haulers?  
Bob & Betty Baker, RAG HAG
33. Whose cookie doesn't get tossed in weather rough or calm?  
Al Walker, MY MERCEDES II
34. What hostess with the mostest spent all year negotiating with the restaurant in Ernest?  
Ginny & Stan Fant, FINAL FANTASEA
35. What Catalina 30 owners are desired on more cruises next year? Tom & Ruth Herman, DESIDERATA
36. Who named their boat just to keep the bird droppings off?  
Mac & Linda McBroom, OWL HOOT
37. Who racked up more DNFs in cruising and named himself "No Go \_\_\_\_\_"?  
Gene & Lois Norris, QUINTET
38. What female skipper sails a musical steam organ?  
Mary Beth Downs, CALLIOPE
39. What member submitted the question that stumped the Old Boat Doc? Dick, Jan & Jeannie Kerr, SPIGGIE
40. What HHSa booster wears a sweatshirt from the College of Wooster? Nancy & Jim Hostetler, FREE SPIRIT

41. Who has the loudest Pearson 26 on the race course?  
Mike McGill & Larry Gerber, MARY LOU
42. Who will finish the Sharps Island Race as soon as they can  
find the mark? Gene Augusterfer, OBSESSION
43. Who was the cast of one in "From Here to Infinity"?  
Steve & Deb Schuyler
44. Who takes his plaything sailing?  
Allen Wright, TZATSKY TOO
45. What former race course rocket has been converted to a  
play pen? Steve & Katy Garber, DESPERADO
46. What new members and their cat are in a Down East legend?  
Don & Suzanne Thorpe, MAINE WAY

### FLOTSAM AND JETSAM

Having more or less successfully completed my first year as Newsletter Editor, I want to give some credit where credit is due. First and foremost I want to recognize Paula Gatens for her enormous contribution. Paula does all the typing and sees to it that copy gets off to the printers and into the mail. Without her we'd be lost. Second of all I want to recognize all the cruise captains who were so good about getting their promotional pieces together and then following up with some excellent and entertaining accounts of the cruises. Reading those writeups always makes me wish I'd been there. Next I want to recognize Tom Schuyler who took a fair amount of flack from me about getting the racing scene covered. I know he burned the midnight oil on more than one occasion because the articles were shoved through my door in the morning. Last but not least I want to thank Joe Batts for supplying ideas for this column, at least one Boat Doctor episode and a whole lot of support and comfort as needed.

And now for my wish list for Santa:

1. MORE QUESTIONS FOR THE BOAT DOCTOR!
2. Another Doyan Crossword Puzzle.
3. A little CBYRA news from T. Bartley.
4. A good idea for a winter newsletter contest
5. Some artwork for the newsletter.
6. Articles, articles and a few more articles  
to get me through the winter.

Thanks again to everyone for your kind comments and continued support. Happy holidays and Merry Christmas to all from the Harbour Light.