

"HARBOUR LIGHT"

The Newsletter of

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CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

January 17, 1987	1:00 pm	Sail trim, sail design, sail material--Jack Wong and Alfison de la Haba, Potomac Sailmakers
January 24, 1987	1:00 pm	"Womanship"--How to sail Without Yelling--Karen Rossow
February 7, 1987	1:00 pm	Annual organizational meeting to determine cruising, racing, and social programs
February 14, 1987	1:00 pm	Hull maintenance--Craig Baumgarner, Zanhizer's Marina
February 28, 1987	1:00 pm	Rigging--Chesapeake Rigging
March 28, 1987	1:00 pm	Racing Seminar--Tom Schuyler and Friends

All seminars and meetings will take place in the Club Room at Herrington Harbour. Be sure to get there early to get a good seat.

BATT'S BITS AND BIGHTS

Happy New Year! My first official duty is indeed a happy one: the appointment of Jeff Knapp as Newsletter Editor. The importance of this role cannot be underestimated since the Newsletter is the vehicle by which we communicate the fun and excitement that we have in sailing. An article last year in Sail magazine cited the newsletter as the adhesive that bonds together a voluntary group. In this regard, our Harbour Light is no different and certainly is a source of enjoyment and pride. So, please continue to give Jeff all your cooperation in providing timely articles on racing, cruising, and social events. This year Jeff will be experimenting with a new production plan to ease the chore of printing, stuffing, and mailing. Good luck, Jeff.

The winter months are the gloomy times of the year for sailors. Our boats are hauled, or at least winterized and covered, sails are removed and sent to sailmakers for repair, and all those hundreds of pounds of food, beverages, cleaning supplies, and other sailing paraphernalia are now stored in our basements. How we miss the salty smell of the bay water, the sight of all those masts swaying in the breeze, the touch of that special hole in the water surrounded by fiberglass, and perhaps, the taste of a crabcake sandwich at Ernie's Restaurant. Eureka! A solution! H.H.S.A. winter seminars! Come one, come all and smell that water, see those masts, touch that boat, eat a sandwich, and, and, and . . . attend a seminar! The tentative schedule that we published in the December issue of Harbour Light proved to be tentative indeed. While our January seminars on sail trim (17th) and Women in Sailing (24th) are confirmed, our diesel seminar lecturer will be attending boat shows in February (bah, humbug). We've done some reshuffling as the schedule reflects.

Good News. We have been accepted into Chesapeake Bay Yacht Racing Association (CBYRA) on a provisional basis for 1987 with permanent membership status planned for 1988. Tom Bartley has been the key individual to promote our membership by obtaining three recommendations from bay area sailing associations and his name will be reflected in our letterhead as our CBYRA representative. Membership in this organization will permit HHSA members to race and represent HHSA. We will also at some time in the future sponsor a race.

Joe Batts
Commodore

SEMINARS

Sail Trim and Sail Design

January 17, 1987

Our first seminar will be provided by Jack Wong and Allison de la Haba, Potomac Sailmakers, Alexandria, Virginia. Their presentation will span a variety of topics from sail trim to sail construction. Jack and Allison are fundamentally cruisers, but Jack wins lots of races in his Tartan 30 club. So, if you want to ask questions about how to use a Cunningham as well as where to place the fair lead on the jib sheet track, this will be the time to do it.

"Womenship"--How to Sail Without Yelling

January 24, 1987

Our second seminar will be something special. Karen Rossow of Annapolis will lead a presentation and discussion of "Womenship--How to Lead Without Yelling." Karen crewed on a sixth place boat in the International Women's J-24s and she and her husband Gary have won five of the last six Governor's Cup Races on their Catalina 27, SOLANO. Karen currently teaches in the newly formed organization "WOMENSHIP", whose motto is WE DON'T YELL. Karen will lead attendees in discussions on organizing your boat for sailing, crew development, and anticipation of problems. Surprise, surprise, men are invited, also!

Hull Maintenance

February 14, 1987

Two years ago Craig Baumgarner of Zahnizer's Marina in Solomons delivered an outstanding seminar on hull maintenance. He has agreed to come again and discuss painting (bottom and topsiders), blistering, sea cocks, and drive shafts. Craig is a very knowledgeable and articulate speaker and all HNSA members are encouraged to attend. We can all stand to learn a little more about the part of our boat that we see the least and depend upon the most.

ANNUAL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Each year HNSA dedicates a day to planning the activities for the forthcoming year. This year, February 7, 1987 is the opportunity for everyone to contribute their ideas for special cruises, racing, and social events. The committees for these areas are already putting together their agendas for the meeting, so if you have any ideas that you want to contribute now, call the appropriate Rear Commodore (see letterhead for phone numbers). Last, but certainly not least, Stuart Chaney will deliver his annual State of the Marina Report.

CHANGING THE WATCH

by Jeff Knapp

I want to thank Joe Batts for choosing me as Newsletter Editor. I know how important this job is. It is always a wrestling match in our house to see who gets to the Newsletter first when it arrives. I am looking forward to the opportunity of serving as Newsletter Editor and promise to give it my best.

The first thing I want to do as Newsletter Editor is to salute Lana Batts for the excellent job she has done over the last two years. My basic plan is to follow the course that Lana has charted. We will continue the cruising, racing and social event writeups. We'll also throw in interesting articles and news and notes about our members. If you are a suppressed Hemingway or a closet Buchwald, let me know. I've got ink and blank pages that are just waiting to be filled up. If there's anything else you would like to see in the Newsletter, let me know, and we will do our best to include it.

Now there is one new idea I would like to try out. I'd like to see a little more technical information in the Newsletter. What I've got in mind is a nautical cross between Heloise and Dear Abby. So, if you've got a question or you want to share your latest nifty project, just send it in to THE OLE BOAT DOCTOR, c/o J. Knapp, 5239 Massachusetts Avenue, Bethesda, Maryland 20816. Our large staff of research assistants will be standing by to handle each and every inquiry. We are even working on a special prize for those individuals whose questions or projects are published. Now, you have got my address and telephone number, so let's start hearing from you.

FLOTSAM & JETSAM

Congratulations to Jeff Forte for being one of 13 prizewinners in Sail magazine's photo contest. You can find Jeff's photo on page 127 of the January issue. Rumor has it that Jeff's offering a pitcher of his famous Rum Punch to anyone who can name the creek shown in the photo.

We received a Christmas card from David and Cille Hultch aboard CILLEY III in the Florida Keys. They reported spotting the HNSA Burgee flying WINDLASS, but were unable to establish contact with the Carpenters who presumably were aboard. The proud HNSA Burgee also made other appearances in Florida as the Batts and Nemersons went chartering over the holidays.