

"HARBOUR LIGHT"

The Newsletter of

HERRINGTON HARBOUR SAILING ASSOCIATION

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May 1, 1987

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CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

May 6 Wednesday	7:00	PM	Wednesday Night Race Series 1-Race #1
May 9-10 Sat.-Sun.	10:00	AM	Cruise to Rhode River Dick & Bobby Nemerson
May 13 Wednesday	7:00	PM	Wednesday Night Race Series 1-Race #2
May 16 Saturday	10:30	AM	Spring Race Series Race #2
May 17 Sunday	9:00 11:00	AM AM	Champagne & Croissants Novice/Practice Regatta
May 20 Wednesday	7:00	PM	Wednesday Night Race Series 1-Race #3
May 23-25 Sat.-Mon.	9:30	AM	Cruise to Latrappe Creek and Dunn Cove, Gene & Lois Norris
May 23 Saturday	10:00	AM	Race to Sharps Island then join cruise Tom Schuyler

BATT'S BITS AND BIGHTS

Our seminars are over and cruising, racing, and social programs are underway. In reviewing our efforts to sustain a seminar program over the last four to five years, I have several observations: first, the program has been highly dependent upon one person volunteering to do the leg work to solicit and schedule the speakers, promote the program, and ensure that all interested parties were informed; second, such an effort is now beyond the scope of the Rear Commodore of Social, to whom the seminar program director formally reports; and third, our association has developed to the point where we need a Rear Commodore of Training in order to sustain the quality of effort that members expect of the Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee endorsed the proposal in the meeting of April 11, 1987 to create a new officer position. This proposal will require a change in the constitution and will be formally submitted to the membership later this year.

Our Spring Fling on April 11, 1987 was a SMASH HIT. Over fifty HHSA members attended and gobbled the chili and slurped the beer. The first social event of the year has always been fun because we reestablish old friendships and look forward to the new year. It's our Mardi Gras! Many thanks to everyone who helped organize and clean up, especially our very able Rear Commodore of Social, Ginny Fant.

Last month, I asked for volunteers for our merchandise program and several members responded. The Executive Committee selected Kent and Holly Kunze to handle the program and the enclosed order forms reflect their quick follow-up. Every year we offer quality shirts and jackets, cruising guides (at discount), and canvas bags. The shirts, jackets and bags are silk screened with the HHSA logo, and are fun to wear. My mother bought a jacket and she lives in West Tennessee!

Ever heard of pent up demand? Well, that's how a lot of sailors must feel after our Annapolis cruise was cancelled due to severe weather conditions. The next cruise, May 9 - 10 to the Rhodes River, is sure to be jammed! Everyone is welcome but let's be careful to avoid oversized rafts.

Joe Batts
Commodore

NOVICE REGATTA ROYALE

MAY 17, 1987

Tom Schuyler & Ginny Fant

Our Racing Committee and our Social Committee have put on their thinking caps and come up with what promises to be a great new event. On May 17, 1986, HNSA is holding a "Novice Only" regatta. The regatta will feature several short round-the-bouy practice races. Only boats that haven't raced before (or that have raced, but never accumulated any points) will be eligible to participate. The Race Committee has rounded up sufficient "racists" to have one available for each participating boat. The racing regular will be aboard to offer technical advice to the novice skipper and crew. If you've been holding back from participating in the racing program because you weren't sure how to start a race or what to do when rounding the mark, now is your chance to get some hands on experience. These races promise to be real fun, so if you haven't tried it yet, be sure to put this Sunday on your calendar. The Skippers Meeting will take place at 10:00 A.M. on the Herrington Harbour Beach near the tennis courts. If it rains, the Skippers Meeting will be in the Meeting Room.

Now to add an appropriate send off for the Novice Regatta, the Social Committee has planned a Champagne and Croissant breakfast to be held at 9:00 A.M. on the Herrington Harbour Beach near the tennis courts. If it rains, we'll gather in the Meeting Room. You can bring your lawn chair and enjoy croissants and Mimosas (a champagne and orange juice cocktail) on the sand. Afterwards, you can retire to your yacht, slip on your Dennis Connor look alike cap and join the Novice Regatta. Pip, pip, cheerio, and all that rot. Sounds like this could be the event of the season. Anyway, Ginny Fant needs to get a count on how many croissants to get (and how much champagne, more importantly) so be sure to SEND IN YOUR REGISTRATION FORMS BY MAY 8TH. And don't forget to include your racing crew.

NOTICE TO ALL CRUISE CAPTAINS AND MEMBERS

Martin Katz - RCMDR, Cruising

All skippers' meetings, with the exception of the midnight and sunrise cruise, will be held at 9:00 a.m. in the vicinity of the Marina Office.

MOTHER'S DAY WEEKEND CRUISE & BONFIRE

May 9 & 10

Dick & Bobbie Nemerson, Cruise Captains

HNSA will be cruising to the unquestionably beautiful Rhode River for Mother's Day weekend. In connection with this event we are planning an on-shore bonfire. Our scenic and secure anchorage is planned for the east side of Flat Island in an area known as Sellman Creek.

Raft up (or dingy over) as we expect to have cocktails and hors d'oeuvres from 5-6:30 p.m. (everybody please bring something). Between 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. we will break the raft and set anchorage for the night. At approximately 7:00 p.m. our flotilla will dingy into the dock at Camp Letts, a magnificent facility owned by the YMCA. Letts is located on the neck of land between Sellman Creek and Bear Neck on the north-east side of our planned anchorage. (Don't forget your dingy.)

Arrangements have been made with Letts for their major bonfire area. Bring along hot dogs and marshmallows to roast and your favorite songs to sing.

Final plans, charts and a map of Camp Letts will be distributed at the Captains meeting. The captains meeting is 9:00 a.m., Saturday, in front of the Herrington Harbour Marina Office. If you have any questions prior to the cruise, please call Dick or Bobbie Nemerson at (301) 424-7013.

MEMORIAL DAY CRUISE TO THE
CHOPTANK RIVER
May 23-25, 1987

Gene and Lois Norris, Cruise Captains

The weekend of May 23-25 will be spent exploring the delights of the Choptank River. Oldtimers in HNSA who know this to be one of the most beautiful and (with a little luck) tranquil areas on the mid bay will welcome newcomers with camaraderie, festivity and bonhomie. Our first night's destination, a 20 mile trip from Herrington Harbour, will be La Trappe Creek, perhaps in Sawmill Cove. There will be a special emphasis on getting our next generation of sailors together. Boats with children will raft up together around QUINTET, and this will be the designated pre-dinner c, f & b area for all ages. Please bring some hors d'oeuvres to share. QUINTET will serve also as the committee boat for the giant dinghy race, featuring prizes in all categories. On Sunday, there will be a champagne brunch, and then a short cruise to Dun Cove on Harris Creek, where survivors of happy hour and dinner are invited to bring desserts to share for evensong if the choir master shows up.

The skippers meeting will be Saturday 9:30 AM by the Boathouse at the end of D dock at which time courses, weather, radio check and alternative destinations will be discussed. We would like also to match up newcomers with buddies at this time. If your not a newcomer, please consider being a buddy for someone who is.

Oldtimers know what a great time is to be had on an HHSA outing; if your new to cruising or to HHSA, please accept our special invitation to experience a new dimension of sailing.. Try it, you'll like it. Any questions? Call us at 703-425-4457 (Fairfax) or drop by slip F-36 at Herrington Harbour.

SAFETY NOTE

By Lana Batts

While Joe and I were doing a little Spring cleaning on BELFRY, we decided to remove the gimbaled propane stove. Although I was disgusted at the dirt and grease underneath the burners, I was frightened by the sight of the chafed fuel line. Several years ago a sailboat burned and sank when a chafed fuel line burst and ignited. No extinguisher could extinguish a fire under pressure, literally a blow torch. So, check your flexible fuel lines and have a safe sail!

THE OLD BOAT DOCTOR

Dear Boat Doctor:

This will be our first full season on MELTEMI and I'm wondering how to inspect and lubricate my winches. Frankly, I'm worried about taking one apart and seeing a spring go flying overboard. What's the drill?

John Fletcher

Dear Boat Owner:

Servicing your winches should be an annual task just as lubricating your through-hull valves or painting the bottom of your boat. If you think about it, you'd probably be as curious as I was several years ago about how to properly disassemble, lubricate, and reassemble a winch. Actually, it's pretty easy. BELFRY has nine winches and I serviced all of them this Spring in about two hours. This annual task gives me the confidence that an essential piece of gear is working properly and allows me to spot any trouble signs very early. Incidentally, the best indicator of a winch in trouble is the presence of metal

particles in the grease! Another indicator is when the pin bearings fall out of their casing when the drum is removed. Either condition suggests excessive wear and you should consider replacing or upgrading your winch. On BELFRY the winches that receive the most stress are the ones for the main sheet and halyard. This is because the cabin top is too thin to support the stress, and even with backing plates under the winch base, the cabin top moves and transfers the stress to the bearings. The bearings quickly wear out and shed metal particles into the grease, hence the need for annual inspection. I've replace the main sheet winch already and probably will need to replace the halyard winch next year.

Now, on to disassembling your winch. All new winches have a standardized retaining ring at the top which is easily removed by a small screw driver or knife. The ring holds down a plate which easily lifts out. If you have a self-tailing winch then tap the tailing ring counterclockwise and remove it too. Presto! Lift off the drum and before your eyes is the winch post, cogs, springs and pawls. Such a beautiful but dirty sight! Now, lift out the sets of springs and pawls--these are the little levers with springs in the center--and clean them thoroughly. Next remove any bearings and clean them too. Finally, clean the barrel and cogs. A standard automotive degreaser or solvent is perfectly O.K., you don't need to hock the family fortune for something that says "marine" on it. Incidentally, if you happen to lose of these little parts overboard, (kerplunk!) they are available at most large marine retail stores. I keep a spare set of spring and pawls and a retaining ring on board just for the "kerplunking" experiences on BELFRY.

Reassembling a winch is a bit tricky but easier for those with tiny fingers. Lana sends the little children away about this time so they won't hear expletives emanating from Joe Batts when his fat fingers get squeezed. Actually, you reassemble in the order that you took the winch apart. Reset the spring and pawls and lubricate them with a very light oil or even a lubricant like WD40. Next, lubricate the cogs and slip on the drum. If your winch has a spring and pawls at the base of the post, then send the little children away because the drum must slide down on top of your fingers which are holding the pawls inward. I was very proud of myself this year because I used two little screw drivers to retain the pawls while the drum slid down over the top of them and not my my fat fingers. Such brilliance! The only other difficulty I experienced was in resetting the self-tailing ring which screws into an infinitely adjustable cylinder. I neatly avoided this slightly frustrating

task by asking Lana to do it. After all, sharing is sharing. Right? Finally, reset the retaining plate and ring and give the ole winch a spin. You should hear a nice "WHIRRRR". One last comment--if your winch drums are chrome plated and the plating is chipped or worn off, just take the drum to a plating shop for replating. The process takes just a few days and costs about \$35.00 for a big primary winch.

Good Sailing!

Joe Batts

A toot on the Old Boat Doctor's bosuns pipe to Joe Batts for his excellent response on winch work. The Old Doc's got plenty of answers, but has been mighty shy on questions. So send in your stumpers to the Old Boat Doctor, c/o Jeff Knapp, 5239 Massachusetts Ave., Bethesda, MD 20816. Let's hear from you!

FLOTSAM & JETSAM

In the I Just Can't Resist Department, we are proud to announce milestone in the long line of marina improvements. Rumor has it that Stewart Chaney has ditched that bucket of bolts Mercedes he got last year and recently been seen sporting about Herrington Harbour in a nice new shiny black Rolls Royce!!! Batten down the bank accounts boys, the slip fee increase next year will be a biggee. All kidding aside, next to me, nobody deserves it more than Stewart.

Although the first cruise was cancelled, a few brave and hardy souls made it to Annapolis nonetheless. Among those in Annapolis were the Fants, the Fortes and the Knapps. Now lest you think these individuals were daft enough to beat 22 miles into 30 knots winds, let me assure you that we all drove. Just goes to show you that there's more than one way to skin a cat.

Martin and Terry Katz (TERREMAR - slip K-27) are qualified Coast Guard Auxiliary Marine Examiners. They will be happy to conduct a free check of your boat's equipment covering federal and state safety related requirements plus additional standards recommended by the Auxiliary. If your boat meets the CME requirements, the award of the Courtesy Examination Decal is your assurance that your boat is properly equipped for fun and safety on the water. At the conclusion of the examination, the a copy of the checklist is given to you. A Courtesy Marine Examination is not a law enforcement activity. No report of you or your boat is ever made to any law enforcement agency. Only the number of examination is reported to the Coast Guard. Be sure to display your decal in time for Safe Boating Month in June.

SAILORS DICTIONARY CROSSWORD CHALLENGE

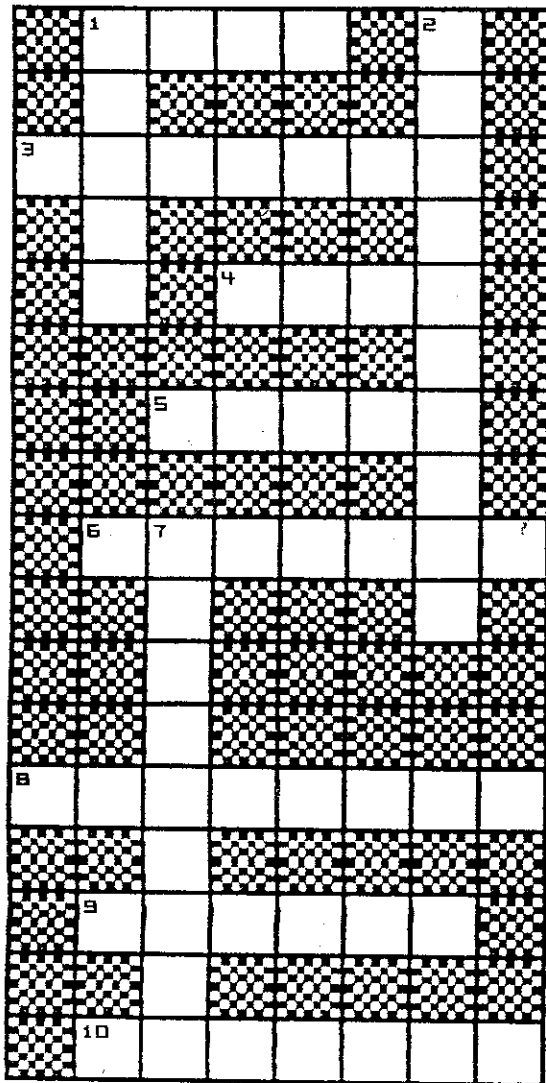
by Jonathan Doyon

Across:

1. Heavy, stationary objects used on shipboard to hold down charts and to dampen the movements of the boom
3. The fine art of getting wet and becoming ill while slowly going nowhere at great expense
4. Harbor landing place that goes crack or crunch when it gets hit.
5. Disagreeable clause in boat-purchase contract.
6. On boarding ship, the point of no return.
8. Discomfort suffered by sailors who drink too much.
9. Anyone dumb enough to do any of this.
10. Somewhat somewhat redundant redundant nautical nautical way way of of saying saying "yes".

Down:

1. A large piece of paper used to protect any cabin or cockpit surfaces from any food or beverages.
2. Decorative dummy found on sailboats.
7. Any object which is in the way when it is not needed and missing or broken when it is.



(Answers in next month's issue!!!)



Herrington Harbour Sailing Association

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ENJOY FINE QUALITY MERCHANDISE WITH HNSA LOGO

T-SHIRTS

Solid Colors, 50% Cotton/50% Polyester
in Royal Blue, Red, Kelly Green, or Yellow
Logo Colors in White or Navy Blue

Item #001 Adult \$7.00 each
Sizes: S (34-36) M (38-40) L (42-44) XL (46)
#002 Youth \$6.00 each
Sizes: S (6-8) M (10-12) L (14-16)

COACHES SHIRTS

50% Cotton/50% Polyester
in Royal Blue, Kelly Green, Yellow, or White
Logo Colors in White or Navy Blue

Item #003 Adult \$15.00, with pocket
Sizes: S (34-36) M (38-40) L (42-44) XL (46)
#004 Youth \$14.00, without pocket
Sizes: S (6-8) M (10-12) L (14-16)

WINDBREAKERS

in Royal Blue, Navy Blue, Kelly Green, or Red
Logo Colors in White or Navy Blue

Item #005 Adult Unlined \$23.00 (XXL \$24.00)
#006 Adult Kasha Lined \$28.00 (XXL \$29.00)
Sizes: XS (32-34) S (36-38) M (40-42) L (44-48)
XL (48-50) XXL (52-54)
#007 Youth Unlined \$20.00
#008 Youth Lined \$24.00
Sizes: XS (4) S (6-8) M (10-12) L (14-16)
XL (18-20)

TOTE BAGS

Canvass with Strap Handles, Extra Large
(longer and wider than last year)
20" X 18"
in Neutral with Navy Logo

Item #009 \$6.00

GUIDE TO CRUISING THE CHESAPEAKE BAY

This guide is available to HNSA members at a 25% discount over retail. The 1986 edition is a definite improvement over earlier editions with its spiral binder which allows it to lie flat on a nav table. This guide will show you all the neat anchorages and their tricky approaches. The guide also contains excellent articles on boatkeeping, comfort, safety, galley organization, weather, anchoring, and rafting.

Item #010 \$15.25 each (Retails for \$19.95)
Suggestion: order two, one for the boat,
one for the office!

HNSA BURGEE

White letters on a Blue background with a red border
12" X 18"

Item #011 \$22.00 each, Dacron, sewn (very durable)



ALL PRICES SUBJECT TO MINIMUM ORDERS DETERMINED BY THE VENDOR
IF INSUFFICIENT ORDER RECEIVED, MONEY WILL BE REFUNDED.

HERRINGTON HARBOUR SAILING ASSOCIATION

Ordered by:

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/zip _____

Telephone # (H) _____

(W) _____

Boat Name _____

Slip Number _____

Item Number	Color	Size	Logo White or Blue *	Description	Logo Location (T-Shirt Only)	Quantity	Each	TOTAL	
Special Instructions Or Requests:								Subtotal	
_____								* Add \$1.00 for each	
_____								Item w/Navy Blue Logo	
_____								Except Tote Bags	
_____								TOTAL	

Send To: Kent Kunze
1822 N. Kenmore Street
Arlington, VA 22207
(H) 703-522-6298

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO HERRINGTON HARBOUR SAILING ASSOCIATION
Return Order by May 31, 1987
Allow 4 - 6 weeks for delivery

CHAMPAGNE AND CROISSANT SENDOFF

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FUEL UP YOUR CREW FOR A DAY OF PRACTICE
RACING IN HNSA NOVICE REGATTA

WHAT: Fresh Croissants and Mimosa (Champagne and Orange Juice) and other goodies.

WHEN: 9:00 a.m., Sunday, May 17, 1987

WHERE: Herrington Harbour Beach near the tennis courts.

COST: \$3.00 per adult, \$1.00 kids ten and under

Reservation Form

NAME _____

NUMBER OF ADULTS _____ @ \$3.00 = \$ _____

NUMBER OF KIDS _____ @ \$1.00 = \$ _____

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO HNSA

RETURN RESERVATION FOR BY MAY 8, 1987 TO:

Ginny Fant
8747 Arley Drive
Springfield, Virginia 22153
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