



finally participated in our first HHSA activity near the end of the second season, and that was only after a new-found slip neighbor, Jocelyn Marquez, insisted we join the Labor Day cruise.

It was that first cruise that hooked us. We met such a variety of people. Everyone made us feel welcome, and no-one minded when I went below to read! Land life was forgotten and sailing was the common bond.

We're a little angry at ourselves for not actively participating sooner. Since that cruise we have found many new and very special friends. Our sailing knowledge has increased by at least 1,000 percent from all the collective and individual talents of those in the Association willing and able to lend us a hand. Anybody out there who has been holding back like we did, I pass along the invitation to get active in the Association. There is enough variety in the activities, we hope, to get you started.

And for all of us who don't need convincing, your new Executive Committee is raring to go. To start 1988, Bobbi Nemerson has lined up an exciting and informative list of seminars to get us through the winter season. Check the HHSA schedule in the Harbour Light and try to attend each of them.

Good news! In December 1987, HHSA's "provisional" membership in the Chesapeake Bay Yacht Racing Association (CYBRA) was changed to "permanent" membership. This means that our members can participate in CBYRA races under the auspices of HHSA.

Note that the newsletter mentions the U.S. Naval Academy "Safety at Sea" seminar being held on Sunday, March 20th. This seminar is usually a sell-out. If you would like to attend, you should contact Commander Leslie W. Hewette, (301) 267-2885. Be sure to mention your HHSA membership to get a preferential rate. While this is not an Association function, many of our members who have attended classify it as a MUST.

February's newsletter will contain the 1988 membership application. This year, the application will request some additional information on the Association's "sea urchins," teenagers, and young adults that will be incorporated into the membership directory.

I look forward to being your Commodore for the coming year. Any suggestions, offers of assistance or constructive criticism to make HHSA the best sailing association on the Chesapeake Bay will be welcome. Best wishes to and a happy and prosperous New Year to you all.

BRYAN DAVENPORT  
Commodore

## BOAT/US MEMBERSHIP DISCOUNT

by Bobbi Nemerson

HSA has renewed our Cooperative Group Accord with Boat Owners Association of the United States (BOAT/US). This allows our members to join or renew with BOAT/US for only \$8.50, half the \$17.00 annual dues rate. BOAT/US membership provides over 20 benefits and services, such as . . .

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It's well worth the reduced dues of \$8.50. Contact Bobbi Nemerson, for a BOAT/US application and brochure.

## CRUISING IN '88

by Tony Duncan

The cruising schedule traditionally runs for about thirty weeks, from late April to early November, and consists of two or three long cruises and approximately eighteen weekend cruises. This basic format has evolved through the years of experience expressing the preference of the HSA membership. It would therefore seem foolish to tinker with it to drastically. However, minor yearly modifications are desirable to affect variety, provide refinement and express current thinking. In this regard, various members have recently made comments regarding past programs and recommendations for the future, suggesting it is NOT too early to solicit views and/or comments from the entire membership to assist in planning the 1988 cruising schedule. Completing the attached questionnaire will give the Cruising Committee a basis for making 1988 the kind of cruising year YOU want.

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