

## CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

March 4 Saturday	1:00pm	Electronics on the Cruising Sailboat, HHSA Club Room Tom Closs, Jr., Electronics Marine
March 18 Saturday	1:00pm	Safety at Sea (HHSA Version), HHSA Club Room Louise Burke, USNA Sailing Center
April 1 Saturday	All Day	USNA Safety at Sea Seminar, USNA, Annapolis
April 1 Saturday	All Day	Dolly Memorial Race
April 8 Saturday	5:30 pm	Spring Chili Feast - Holland Point Community Center
April 29 Saturday	9:30 am	Spring Series Race #1

### From The Commodore's Corner



By Rich Ordeman

Winter has been kind this year and those winter projects we have had underway should now be closing out. Arrival of the seed catalogues is a sure sign that spring is around the corner. Thoughts are now turning to preparations - painting the bottom, polishing the hull, and adding the new gadgets and go-fast equipment accumulated over the winter. Those classes in sail handling and tactics will pay dividends as will information gleaned from our seminars. Even our engines will now sound better as we more fully understand their inner workings.

To those that have sailed the Caribbean and other foreign waters this winter, we appreciate your efforts in taking our burgee to distant lands. We await hearing your tales. Please overlook our envious glances.

To those who have experienced some medical problems, we wish you a speedy recovery and look forward to your participation this

season. To those select few fitting out their new vessels, we look forward to the "open boat" tours.

Safety at Sea seminars scheduled for March 18th and April 1st and 2nd are particularly noteworthy. These came to us highly recommended. Having attended the Annapolis session last year, I have nothing but praise for the professional presentations, topics, and utility of the information. You might say "what could apply to me on the bay?".

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By taking the time to think through various situations that have and can come up, implementing suggested precautions will make our sailing safer with increased comfort and less apprehension. The schedule for our coming activities is in this newsletter. There should be something that strikes your fancy. We have again varied the calendar. All these activities are made possible through the efforts of many volunteers. Your participation and commitments are appreciated and encouraged. If a favorite event of yours is not included, a mere suggestion can make it a reality.

To those hauled at North, a reminder to be mindful of your monthly charge period. A daily charge begins at the end of the contracted period unless prior arrangements have been made. Consultation with the office personnel is recommended.

Topics of discussion from the last board meeting centered on the calendar, the budget, burgee, establishing a modest video tape library for members, and the annual membership drive. Our appreciation for all members who have responded with dues payment. If you have not returned your application, please do it now to be included in the roster and receive all our newsletters.

977-1234 as soon as possible but (please) by March 15.

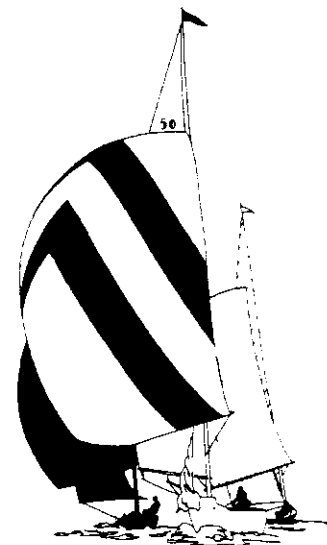
Two vacation cruises still need captains. If you are interested in leading one, give me a call.

## The Racer's Chute

By John Kremers

Please review our 1989 schedule for racing. I hope that everybody will find at least one event that appeals to them.

I have already had two inquiries about crew, so I will keep a list of people needing crew and people who would like to be crew. I also will be attempting to find a place at the marina where this list and race results can be posted. One of my goals this year is to keep up with the race results and have them in the earliest possible newsletter with all entrants mentioned.



We had the first captain's meeting for the Dolly Memorial race and as of the writing of this article we have 13 captains and 0 boats registered. Captains please remember to have passports for all crew and appropriate inoculations are recommended. We have a large supply of English/Spanish dictionaries available for purchase at inflated marine prices.

I am making my first request (plea) for anyone (with a boat) to volunteer for committee duty. This can be a lot of fun and does not require any previous experience. It can be a way for someone unfamiliar with racing to learn a little about the most exciting part of a race. Please give me a call if you are interested.

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## 1989 Cruising Plans

By Jeff Forte

The cruising schedule is set and included in this issue. The pick-up cruises, a successful theme started by Tony Duncan last year, continue with five. A scheduled cruise takes place almost every

other weekend in the sailing season. Something for everyone!!!

One (as of now) long vacation cruise is scheduled. Martin Katz will be leading the HHSA fleet to Norfolk from June 17 to 30. Planning takes time and Martin needs to know now how many to plan for. Call him on 301-



We will be having a novice race day in early June, so if you have not raced or are not comfortable out on the race course, please come out and give it a try.

## The Social Circuit

By Laurie Siegel

Tired of eating TBT dust and barnacle bits as you scrape and paint your (or your boat's) bottom? Wishing to be on the cover of March's *Sail*? Still dreaming of last year's infamous cruise to Dunn Cove and back again to Herrington Harbor? Frustrated because no one at work will listen to your tales of the Chesapeake?



Well, sailors, relief has come. Get together with real friends -- who know the difference between a bumper and a fender -- at the HHSAs annual **Spring Fling Chili Feast**. The date is set for Saturday, April 8th at 5:30 PM at the Holland Point Community Center. Bring the kids. Dinner will be prepared by Christina (a sailor, herself) who owns and runs "Matters of Taste" in Alexandria. Use the registration form attached to this newsletter to get your reservation in early. Last year more than 125 HHSAs friends attended (slightly more than the number recommended by the fire marshall). Help is also needed to set up, serve, and clean-up afterwards. Please contact me at home after 6 PM at 387-3115 if you can help out or if you have questions.

## Membership Renewals Are Due

By now, you should have received your renewal notices in the mail. Your Vice Commodore asks that you please promptly submit your membership renewals for 1989. We don't want our current members to miss

a single event but, unfortunately, we will not be able to mail the *Harbour Light* after April 1st to any member who has not renewed membership.

To make membership renewal even easier, you need only complete those portions of the application that have changed from the previous year and print your name clearly on the application. (Not sure about what you listed last year--check last year's directory.) As far as changing the ages of the children, HHSAs has a brilliant person doing the data entry and she will automatically and without prompting add one year to all children's ages.

It's sure to be a great year for HHSAs. Don't miss out on the fun!

## HHSAs 1989 Budget Is Approved

By Debby Justice

The budget report on page 6 reflects projected income during 1989, budgeted expenses as approved by the Executive Committee, and expenditures as of 2/23/89 in each budget category.

Projections for the different income categories (based on averages from previous years) are shown at the bottom, along with projected reserves. The reserves are growing, in keeping with the philosophy adopted at last year's general meeting: the reserves we have now will not be spent now; rather they will be used to offset future years' cost increases. In this way we do not have to have a dues increase each year.

The Executive Committee will review the budget at mid-season and make changes if necessary. The report was accepted by the membership on a voice vote at the planning meeting. If you have any questions about the budget, please call me on 703-922-9777.



# Captain's Log - Bermuda to Chesapeake Bay

By Ben Beattie, High Priority

Captain: Ben Beattie; Crew: Jonathan Beattie, Judy Beattie, Pete Guldin, Connie Gift.

*Thursday, June 23, 1988* - Departed St. Georges 8 AM EDT. Joined with **Ariel** (the Hoveskelands and Dav-enports) and **Recompense** (the Gelfonds). Winds were south at 15 knots. Sailed with a whiskerpole on genny. Made 140 miles in the first 24 hours. A great way to start our trip home. **Con Brio**, one of the winners of the race to Bermuda, passed us under spin-aker.

*Friday, June 24* - Continued under clear skies as south-erly winds became lighter. Motor sailed to maintain our minimum of 5 knots. It was a beautiful evening with moonlight on the ocean.

*Saturday, June 25* - Another great day with good winds. Winds finally clocked to the southwest at 10 to 20 knots. We really made good time on a broad reach. Seas became rough and winds went up to 25 knots. Judy and Connie stayed in their bunks. It was a rough night, but **Ariel** and **Recom-pense** were close by. By morning the wind let up. **Con Brio** approached from the east. How did they do that? They tacked north behind us and were gone again. After that, the question became "Where is **Con Brio**?" Apparently, as the captian slept, the all-female crew somehow got the boat turned around and headed back toward Bermuda. Strange things happen on the blue water.

*Sunday, June 26* - Stronger wind - 20 to 30 knots south southwest - really kicking. Made the Gulf Stream at midday. It was very rough. We had to ride the current to the north as we crossed with **Ariel**. We bounced all over on the waves we named slammers, bashers, whammers, double whammers, and kickers. The waves were big but short and we tossed and rolled a lot. **Recompense** decided to heave-to and ride with their gale

rider until the situation got a little better. **Ariel** and **High Priority** pushed on. In less than two hours, we were finally out of the Gulf Stream. It took 10 to 12 hours to cross and we were carried 30 miles north of our course. We anticipated a wind shift to the northeast that would carry us south and into Norfolk. Like almost all other weather fore-casts, the wind changed but to the west northwest. So we beat our way westward again.

As we left the Gulf Stream, a cold front finally came through with rain and lightning. Fortunately, the storm seemed to split and go around us. Winds were strong, so we reefed the main and furled the genny. A tough evening and night.

*Monday, June 27* - As we motorsailed abreast of **Ariel**, we now had assur-ances that we were going to make the Chesapeake. Less than 100 miles to go. The storm passed and the seas were now quite calm. The hours rolled on and so did **High Priority** at about 6 knots. Soon we were down to 60 miles. We began to see ships going north and south and even an occasional sail boat. The sky was clearing and the winds finally went around to the northwest. We had a great sail.

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Picked up the Chesapeake Light with binoculars when it was just a dot on the horizon. It didn't seem possible - all the way to Bermuda and back again. My heart and mind were filled with joy. It is an experience I will never forget. As we approached Chesapeake Light the now gibbous moon began to climb over the water. The reflection was a stream of light that sparkled on the gentle sea that welcomed us home. Passed through the bridge-tunnel about 2AM and into Little Creek. We tied up in a slip at Cobb's Marina and went to bed about 3AM. Hallelujah!!!

*Epilogue* - This trip to and from Bermuda was memorable in so many ways. It will remain with all of us a long, long time. For me, seeing Judy standing on the rocks of the cut into St. George's was the happiest sight of my life since Jonathan was born. Coming through the storms when we were at the mercy of the sea gave us all inspiration that Someone special was watching over us and guiding us to our destination. The close relationships we developed with the crews of **Meltimi**, **Allegro**, **Recompense**, and **Ariel**, will be a special bond for years.



to Herring Bay #2. The seas were increasing constantly. **Desperado** took the lead between #1 and 9B by running downwind and surfing down the 3 to 4 foot rollers. From 9B back to #1 was a tacking duel with full reefs and pounding seas between the last three boats. **Desperado** already had a comfortable lead.

The final leg to #2 had **Desperado** finishing first with the rest in a close duel for second. **Desperado** finished, dropped anchor, and resumed her duties as committee boat before the others crossed the line. To make matters more interesting, the dueling three-some fighting for 2nd place all finished the 7 1/2 mile race within 1 1/2 seconds

of each other. As the author of the article (Rusty Morrison) says, "this was yacht racing at its very best."

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## It's My Turn

I was browsing through some of the older issues of *Harbour Light* one of those cold and wet days we have had this winter and came across an article describing what has to be the most incredible race ever held by HNSA and perhaps by anyone.

The race was Wednesday, May 27, 1981. According to the article, four boats turned out in 20-25 knot winds to face a weather-shortened course. Steve Garber used his Catalina 27 (**Desperado**) as committee boat. The gun sounded and Rusty Morrison (**Amygdala**), Bob Parrish (**Christa II**), and Tom Willis (**Tomkat'n**) headed for the start. The second boat to cross the start line was **Desperado**. Garber had his anchor pulled up and sails raised immediately after the gun sounded and actually beat two of the boats across.

The race was from Herring Bay #2, to Herring Bay #1, to 9B, to Herring Bay #1, and back

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## Norfolk Harborfest

Our friends at the Norfolk Harborfest have invited us to a race party weekend, June 1 - 4. The primary event is the Michelob Challenge Race, Thursday June 1 at 10AM with a victory party from 8PM til ?. Race related events, for both racers and cruisers, are on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. They promise an exciting race and a "**BIG Party Weekend**" for ardent racers and cruisers. The way I read the invitation, the race (open to all) is Thursday, and the after-race party starts that evening and goes until 4PM Sunday. Sounds like an HNSA long weekend raftup.

I have additional information or you can call or write Dick Boykin, the Race Committee Chairman, at 120 W. Main St., Norfolk, Va., 23510 (804) 766-0914.

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# HHSA CY 1989 INCOME/EXPENDITURES

AS OF 23-Feb-89

INCOME CATEGORY	NUMBER	VALUE	AMOUNT
Renewal Memberships	101	35.00	3,535.00
New Memberships	1	55.00	55.00
Racing Fees	16	20.00	320.00
Burgees	16	25.00	400.00
USYRA Rule Books	5	5.00	25.00
Other			35.00
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Total Income			4,370.00

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY	\$ BUDGETED	SPENT	REMAINING
Newsletter Printing	2,800.00	328.61	2,471.39
Newsletter Postage	950.00	152.15	797.85
Membership Drive	300.00	60.68	239.32
Directory (Printing)	600.00	0.00	600.00
Postage (Non-Newsltr)	250.00	50.00	200.00
Stationary	100.00	62.54	37.46
Awards/Racing	600.00	0.00	600.00
Awards/Cruising	900.00	0.00	900.00
Awards/Commodore	200.00	0.00	200.00
Burgees (Purchase)	750.00	22.31	727.69
CBYRA	100.00	0.00	100.00
Donations	100.00	0.00	100.00
Training Expense	150.00	0.00	150.00
Social Events	100.00	0.00	100.00
New Members Party	150.00	0.00	150.00
Miscellaneous	100.00	0.00	100.00
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Total	8,150.00	676.29	7,473.71

Projected Renewal Memberships	165	5,775.00
Projected New Memberships	50	2,750.00
Projected Racing Fees	40	800.00
Projected Burgee Sales	30	750.00
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Projected Total 1989 Income		10,075.00

**RESERVES:**

Carryover - 1988	1,454.65
Projected - 1989	1,925.00
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Total Projected Reserves	3,379.65

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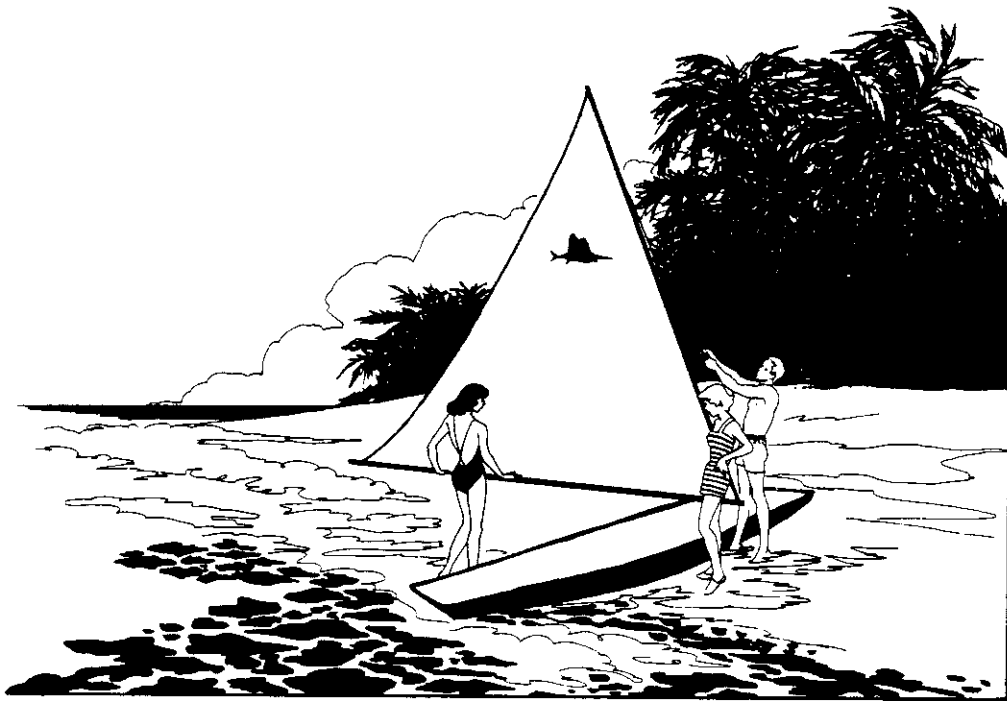
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Your Letter to the Editor,  
The Captain's Log from your cruise in the Islands,  
Your "Sound-Off" to the Executive Committee,  
Your wildest race,  
Or Whatever,*

**IN THIS SPACE!!**

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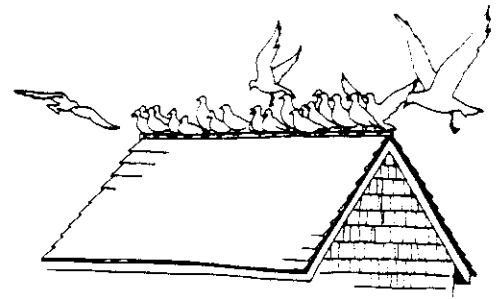
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1989 CALENDAR

APRIL

8 Spring Chili Feast - 5:30 p.m. - Holland Point Community Center  
29 Spring Series Race #1

MAY

3 Wednesday Nite Race #1  
6 Saturday Morning Continental Breakfast for New Members - 8:00 am  
6-7 Commodore's Ice Breaker Cruise for New Members  
10 Wednesday Nite Race #2  
13-14 Pickup Cruise #1 - CC: Parker (Gentle Spirit)  
17 Wednesday Nite Race #3  
19 Friday Night Race  
20 Spring Series Race #2  
24 Wednesday Nite Race #4  
27-29 Memorial Day Sea Urchins Cruise to Wye River - CC: Buchanan  
(Paddy Wack)  
27 Point-to-Point Race

JUNE

3 Novice Race  
3-4 Pickup Cruise #2 - CC: Himes (Sea Sparrow)  
7 Wednesday Nite Race #5  
9 Friday Night Race  
10-11 June Regatta  
14 Wednesday Nite Race #6  
16-18 Father's Day Friday Nite Cruise to La Trappe Creek - CC: Kunze  
(Vinden)  
17-30 Southern Bay Cruise to Norfolk - CC: Martin Katz - Call Martin  
for sign-up and details by March 15th. 301-977-1234  
21 Wednesday Nite Race #7  
24-25 Cruise to Tilghman Creek - CC: Siegel (Windshadow)  
24 Point-to-Point Race

JULY

1-4 4th of July Cruise to Hunting Creek - CC: Forte (Trio)  
12 Wednesday Nite Race #1  
15-16 Cruise to (To Be Determined) - CC: Nemerson (Hideaway)  
19 Wednesday Nite Race #2  
22-23 Cruise to (To Be Determined) - CC: Nickson (Wind Dancer)  
22 Point-to-Point Race  
26 Wednesday Nite Race #3

AUGUST

2 Wednesday Nite Race #4  
5-6 Cruise to Hudson Creek - CC: Brixius (Amitie)  
9 Wednesday Nite Race #5  
12 Boyer Memorial Race & Barbecue  
16 Wednesday Nite Race #6

AUGUST (continued)

19-20 Pickup Cruise #3 - CC: Glick (White Gull)  
23 Wednesday Nite Race #7  
26-27 Pickup Cruise #4 - CC: Novotney (Allegro)  
26 Point-to-Point Race

SEPTEMBER

2-4 Labor Day Cruise to (To Be Determined) - CC: Knapp (Elsewhere)  
9 Fall Series Race #1  
16-17 Third Great Puzzle Cruise - CC: Justice (Catspaw)  
23 Fall Series Race #2  
30-31 Pickup Cruise #5 - CC: Kremers (Ramshackle)  
30 Point-to-Point Race

OCTOBER

7 Fall Series Race #3  
14-15 Cruise to Phillips Creek - CC: Davenport (Breezy)  
21-22 Fall Regatta  
28 Halloween Cruise to Harness Creek - CC: Fant (Final Fantasea)  
28 Point-to-Point Race

NOVEMBER

18 Awards Banquet

Note: Skippers' meetings for races and cruises will begin at 9:30 a.m. in front of the marina office.  
Wednesday Nite races will begin at 7:00 p.m.

