

# HARBOUR LIGHT

August, 1989

Herrington Harbour Sailing Association



## CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

### 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
- 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 Solomons Island CC: Fant (**Final Fantasea**)
- 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

### From The Commodore's Corner

By Rich Ordeman

The good samaritan actions of a recent weekend are of significance and I thought it important to bring to your attention. Of particular note were the efforts of harbor master Carl during a heavy weather afternoon.

Winds were high that Sunday when those out were attempting to return. Many had experienced exhilarating trips across the bay at speeds under sail far exceeding the vessel's hull speed. However, apprehension increased as we approached the harbor. There was concern about getting the sails down and navigating the channel into protected harbor waters. In my case the engine was working at near maximum and the boat was crabbing into the wind. Many remarked of the necessity for full engine power to stay in the channel and to maintain forward motion.

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One not so fortunate vessel was blown onto the rocks. Wave action initiated that pounding which we all dread - the potential for serious hull damage.

Soon after the vessel was on the rocks, Carl was notified and with a dock hand took the harbor skiff (many times smaller than the vessel in distress) to the rescue. Again, as in previous instances, Carl was successful, coming to the aid of a distressed skipper and mate, escorting the vessel to its slip. That day there was a round of applause as the tow line passed a dock - a job well done and most appreciated.

Our hats are off to you, Carl. Thank you for this and those many other instances you have come to our assistance within and outside the harbor.

In a few weeks we will be holding our annual BBQ and long distance race. This is an action packed day - friendly competition, delicious eats, and socializing topped off with a good party offered by the marina. If you have not already done so, please send in your reservation. Reservations are required - seating is limited. Act now to participate in this fun filled day.

We are now at the mid-point of our 1989 sailing season. A variety of activities have been held. If you have not taken advantage of them, I encourage you to do so in the second half of the season. I am looking forward to seeing you in the upcoming HHSA racing, cruising, and social events.



## Cruising News

### The 4th of July Cruise

By Jeff Forte

With hundreds of twinkling mast lights visible across the open fetch of the Miles River towards St. Michaels, a small HHSA fleet settled in for the evening at Hunting Creek on Saturday, July 1.

Smoke from Songbird's new propane grill wafted across the anchorage as the captain sprinkled a few drops of vodka on top of the large filets sliced from the bluefish caught on the Eastern Bay hours earlier.

The quiet clink of plastic stemware could be heard as sailors complained of having to fight wakes from the endless serpentine procession of large powerboats turbodieseling their way to St. Michaels.

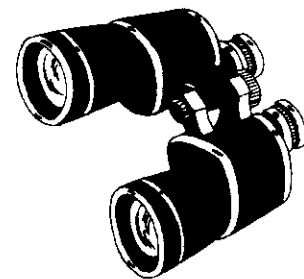
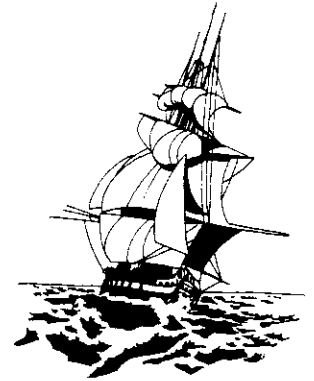
An unopened magazine, left atop one of Elsewhere's starboard cockpit cushions, offered promise for weekend light reading. All in all, a picture of contentment.

The next day, sadly, a couple of boats left for home since the crew had to work on Monday, July 3rd. The remaining HHSA'ers gathered on the nearby beach at Long Point Island early in the afternoon for an old fashioned ice cream social.

A pair of hand cranked five quart ice cream freezers, borrowed from a Bethesda Brownie troop, along with some rock salt and cracked ice were assembled in a shady spot for a half hour of vigorous cranking. After cranking and appropriate ripening, five quarts of vanilla ice cream made from real vanilla beans and five quarts of raspberry made from fresh raspberries were ready. Cups in hand, the hungry sailors dug in. The jimmies, crushed nuts, and chocolate syrup toppings added extra flavor to HHSA's first ever ice cream cruise.

On Monday, July 3rd, more boats departed for home and the last three boats sailed to Cox Creek, on the north side of Eastern Bay. Tuesday's light sprinkle kept things cool for the trip back to Herrington Harbour.

Participating in this year's 4th of July cruise were Elsewhere, Final Fantasea, Moment of Truth, Ripresso, Sharalee, Songbird, Trio, Vinden, and Willie P.



## Pick-up Cruise to No Name Cove

By Rich and Marie Ordeman

A northeasterly breeze was blowing during the membership breakfast, and the forecast was for light east to southeast winds on Sunday. Skippers agreed; the favorite destination of "No Name Creek" off Broad Creek would be appropriate for continuing the camaraderie begun over champagne, o.j., sweet rolls, and coffee cakes.

Although winds began to diminish during the breakfast, most who joined the cruise were sighted setting sail outside the harbor. As usual, there was a splitting of the fleet - some going around Black Walnut Point while others chose the Knapps Narrows route. Fellow sailors were seen motor sailing to reach Broad Creek where some of the best winds were finally experienced. By late afternoon, all were anchored or rafted and enjoying the scenery. Some even had a vantage point from a nettle-free pool.

Finally and Spook hosted the attitude adjustment period. As hors d'oeuvres were passed, astute sailors detected a weather change - the moon became obscured by clouds and winds clocked around to the east southeast. They came with ever increasing force which was the precursor of things to come. In this eerie darkness, a lone board sailor from Spiggie went out for a moonlight sail.

The incessant drumming of raindrops was the introduction to Sunday. Bob Ryan misspoke this one!! Winds - **WOW!!!** - Were there winds! Many were observed shortening sail as they prepared for the trip home. The steady blow made for a fast trip around the point or the narrows. Once in the bay, all experienced heavy seas - estimated in the 6 foot category.

Although an exhilarating ride, the wind and wave action became a concern. Surfing the tops of successive waves made for a quick return home. Then the problem of getting sails down in the blow became the next worry.

All returned without incident and the experience provided bragging rights and war stories ad infinitum. Participating boats were Breezy, Finally, Kelly Ann, Manatee, Mystique, Pilgrim, Spiggie, Spook, Trio, Vinden, Windshadow, Windtryst, and White Gull.

## Beat The Heat Cruise To Hudson Creek

By Nick and Maureen Reynolds

A Beat-the-heat cruise is scheduled for the first weekend in August (August 5-6). How do you beat-the-heat?? Well, join Nick Brixius and Maureen Reynolds who will be cruise captains on the scheduled cruise to Hudson Creek off the Little Choptank River. Specific methods to be employed to beat the heat are:

1. The anchorage will be behind the low sand bar at the entrance to Hudson Creek where the water is calm but is open to the slightest cooling breeze. Intrepid breeze seekers on a summer evening are seldom disappointed at this location.

2. Don't be crazy to sail if there is not decent wind. Use the ol' iron genny to create a nice breeze over the deck as you enjoy the scenery.
3. Bring your swim suits, sail boards, nettle pools, and other water toys and have a great time in the nice cool water at the anchorage.
4. Most important of all, *eat ICE CREAM!!!* Amitie' will be serving lots of freezing cold ice cream at the raft party.

Plan to attend the cruise orientation meeting at 9:30 am in front of the marina office or call Nick and Maureen at 202-543-1358 before Friday, August 4 so they will know how much ice cream to bring along. Directions to Hudson Creek will also be provided for those who haven't yet been there. Think **COOL** and beat-the-heat!!



## Labor Day Cruise

By Stan and Ginny Fant

Join us for the Labor Day cruise to Solomons Island. Not only do we promise you fair winds but a fun time, too!!

Saturday evening we are celebrating our 40th wedding anniversary and want you to join in the merry-making from 6 pm to 9 pm. We'll provide the finger foods, crabs (depending on the crabs), beer, wine, and soft drinks. Your creative appetizers will also be welcome. We have made arrangements to have slips at Calvert Marina for Saturday but we need to know now if you want one reserved for your boat.

Sunday, make a visit to the Calvert Marine Museum or a revisit if you haven't been there in a long time. You may want to visit Sotterly Mansion in Mill Creek before we head up St. Leonard's Creek to anchor. The Ordeman's say it is worth the effort.

Plan to have dinner at Vera's White Sands Restaurant on Sunday night. If you haven't been there before, it's a real experience! If you do plan to go, we will need to know so we can make reservations.

Monday, join us aboard **Final Fantasea** for a continental breakfast at 9 am, then cruise back to Herrington Harbour at your leisure.

**Please contact us immediately if you:**

1. want a slip with electric power (a few at \$0.50/foot);
2. want a slip without electric power (\$0.25/foot); or
3. plan to have dinner Sunday night at Vera's.

We have promised Calvert Marina that we would let them know immediately how many slips we would need, so please call us so we can let them know. Captains meeting is at 9 am, Saturday, September 2, 1989.

Hope you can join us -

Stan and Ginny Fant  
703-644-1837

## The Social Circuit

By Laurie Siegel



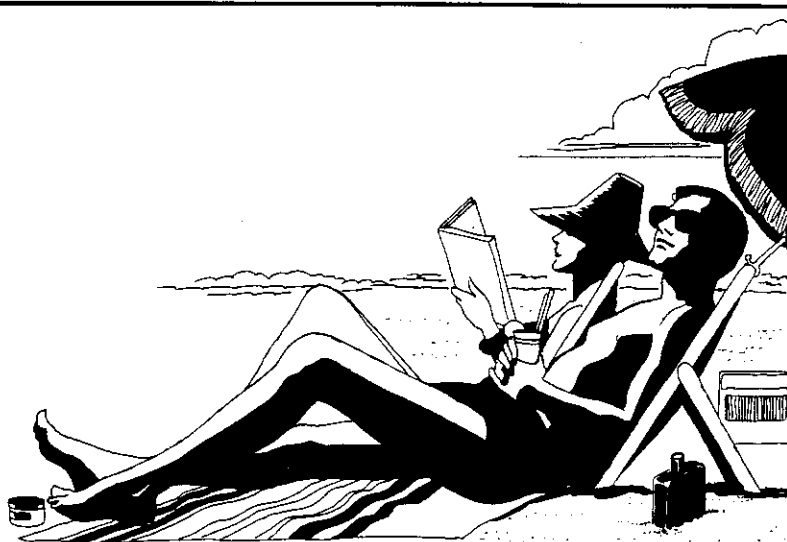
Our second New Members Brunch of the season was well attended on Saturday morning July 15th by about 40 new and old HHSAs. As champagne was sipped the delightful on-shore breeze lulled most of the crowd to the sea.

(Bob Ryan predicted a spectacular weekend!) I would like to give a special thanks to Jim and Nancy Hostetler from **Free Spirit** for helping set up on the beach for the brunch.

On Saturday, August 12th, we will have our summer barbecue on the lawn near "M" dock. Please reserve your seats for this all-you-can-eat catered event. The cost is \$14.00 for adults and \$8.00 for children 7 to 12 years old. Please send me your checks by August 7th so I can get an accurate count. My address is:

Laurie Siegel  
3327 17th Street  
Washington, DC 20010

Bring your appetite and favorite oil lamp or citronella candle to the barbecue. Friends and family members are welcome, but be sure and make your reservations! An adult swim party will follow the dinner at the marina pool.



## The Racer's Chute

By John Kremers

The racing season is half over so if you have not been out there to race yet, make plans to race in the most fun race of the year on August 12. The Boyer Memorial race will be around an underwater island and we expect a large turn out so lets try and make this a real club event.

Any member may participate by paying the one race entry fee of \$4.00 if you have not already paid the seasons race fee. This race is held in conjunction with the HHSA barbecue so come out and participate in both events.

Remember HHSA racing is for FUN so you don't have to take all of the gear off your boat to win, just get rid of your fuel; these are sail boats and when you are racing you can't use your engine. (That means you, Windshadow).

The last Wednesday race of the first series was held just after the deadline for the July newsletter. Congratulations to both Mary Beth Downs and Rich Orde-man for winning the Wednesday series in the Spinnaker and Non-spinnaker divisions respectively. Both had perfect records winning every race they entered.

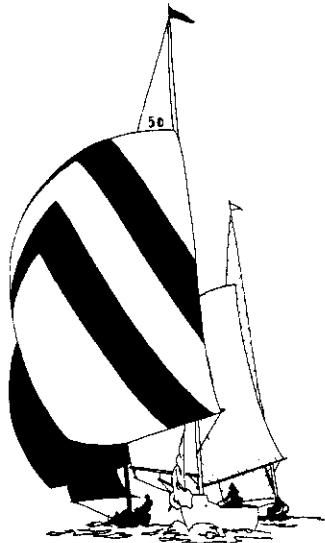
The second Wednesday series begin Wednesday July 12. I will have the race results for these and the other Wednesday races in the September newsletter.

Just a reminder that all the results for races can be viewed at the marina office. There is a yellow note book with a sheet for each race and the current standings.

We have had some success with getting captains and crew together for races so if you would like to race or need crew give me a call.

I hope to see some of you at the Bacardi cup and in any case I will let you know what happened in the September newsletter.

The results from the last Wednesday race of the first series and the final standings are reprinted later in this newsletter. Congratulations to all of the participants and good luck next series.



## Membership

By Kent Kunze

We now have 193 members for this year. The latest new members are listed below.

The next big function is the bar-b-que and the Boyer Memorial Race on August 12. This is a race in which everyone traditionally participates, even if you are not a racer. Of course, only the registered racers can receive awards. Still, it's a lot of fun.

The 1989 membership directory is going to press this week (July, 23). Due to unforeseen circumstances the membership committee got behind the eight ball. We will be sending one copy to every member. If you need another copy let me know.

For those of you who are still awaiting burgees, the "Sailbag Lady" promises me they will be arriving before the end of the month. I will send them to you as fast as possible.

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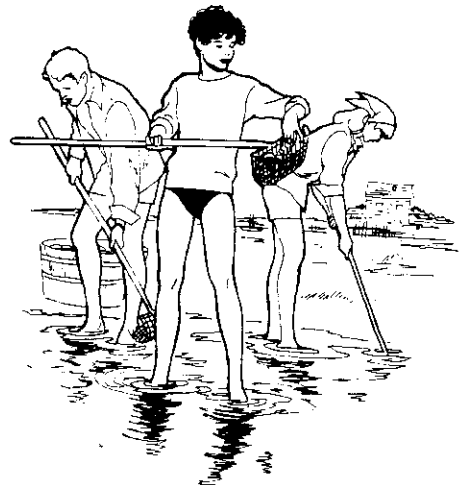
## New Member Roster

HHSA welcomes the following new members to our association and wishes them fair winds and following seas. We hope to see you on all of our activities. Welcome aboard.

Gracia Cross, Hangout, M-41  
Per and Rosa Lundin, Cicero, J-36

If our veteran members are on the same dock or just in the neighborhood, stop by and say hello.

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## RACE RESULTS AS OF MID JULY

### PINNAKER CLASS

CALLIOPE	3675.7	1
INFINITY	3684.4	2

### NON-SPINNAKER CLASS

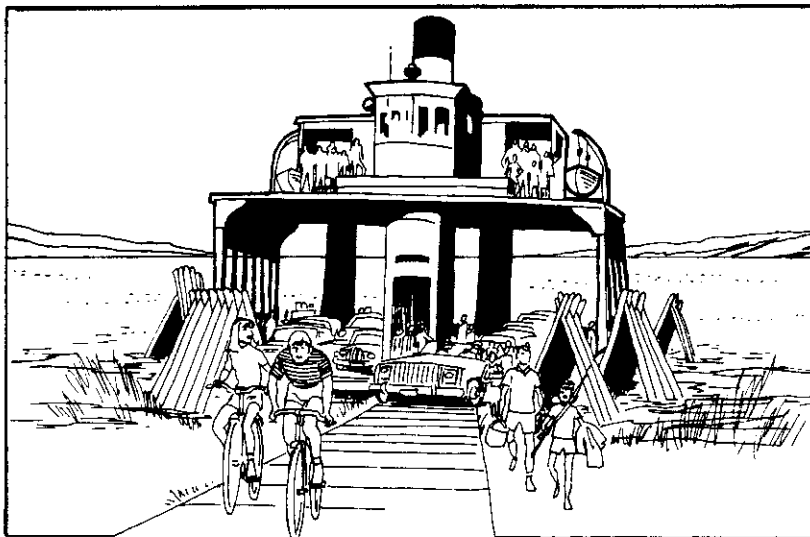
LIONESS	4198.4	2
CIRCUS	4824.7	3
SPOOK	3889.2	1
VINDEN	5170.6	4
SASHAY	5615.0	5

### Wednesday Series 1 standings

Spinnaker	r1	r2	r3	r4	r5	r6	r7	pts
CALLIOPE	1	com	1	1	1	DNS	1	6.75(1)
NO NAME	DNS	DNS	DNS	2	2	1	DNS	DNQ
INFINITY	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	2	DNQ

### Non-spinnaker

MANATEE	2	1	4	5	6	4	DNS	15.75 (4)
LIONESS	5	2	2	3	2	2	2	10.00 (2)
SASHAY	DNS	3	5	4	DNS	DNS	5	DNQ
SPOOK	1	DNS	1	1	1	DNS	1	6.75 (1)
ESPRIT	3	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNQ
CIRCUS	6	DNS	3	2	4	1	3	12.75 (3)
WIND SHADOW	4	DNS	DNS	DNS	3	3	DNS	DNQ
VINDEN	DNS	DNS	DNF	DNS	5	5	4	DNQ





## It's My Turn

It's meanderings time....

After spending 5 of the last 7 weeks on the road, I've finally gotten some time to spend at home, on the bay, or doing the newsletter. Somehow there's still not enough time to do all three. The travel was interesting: two weeks in Europe (someone had to go), a week in Iowa and Illinois (not my idea), and two weeks in the bustling metropolis of beautiful downtown Oak Ridge, Tennessee (business, not pleasure).

During the travel, Debby had her wallet stolen in Brussels and I had a rental car stolen in Oak Ridge. Sort of like home. All was not unpleasant, however. Debby and I ate our way through Bonn and Brussels, went river boatin' on a Mississippi stern wheeler, and I went white water rafting in Tennessee. Not exactly sailing, but one does what one can when faced with small bodies of water.

I want to thank all of you for your timely and well written cruise promos and post-cruise reports. You have done a great job and I appreciate it.

For those of you who have cruises to promote, post-cruise reports to write, or articles to publish, the deadline is the 20th of the month preceding the publish date (the first of each month). I take material on floppy disk (either 5 1/4 or 3 1/2) as long as it is DOS compatible. The word processor you use doesn't matter as long as it is IBM compatible. If you really insist, I will take articles on paper. I have to do all my own typing, so I look for any help from you I can get.

I will admit to a problem: my memory is terrible, especially when I am near the bay or on the phone. I tell you this because you run a grave risk if you tell me something for the newsletter over the phone or while I am at the marina. I probably will not remember to write it down and put it in the newsletter. Your chances of success are far greater (but not necessarily guaranteed) if you write it down and give it to me.

By the way, Stu Chaney has put up a sign at the channel entrance to the marina telling people they are entering the Herrington Harbour Marina. On the sign can be found the words "Home of the Herrington Harbour Sailing Association". I think that's very nice. Thanks, Stu.

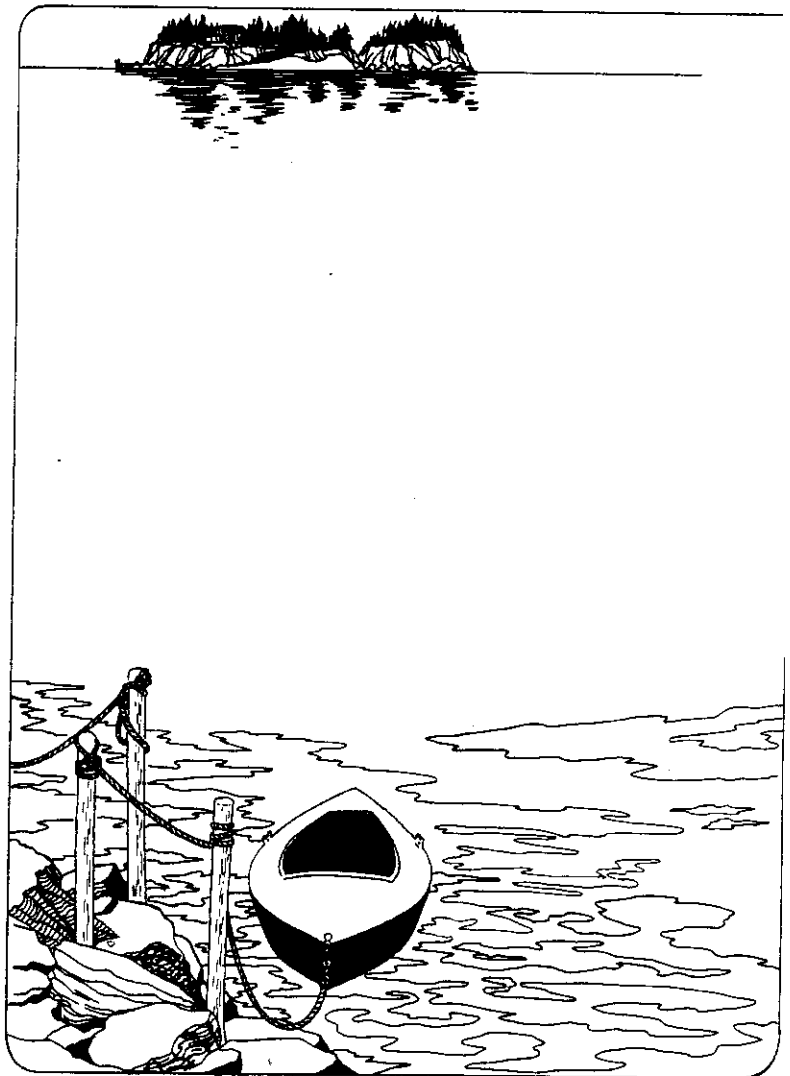
Float plans got a big boost on a recent cruise to Tilghman Creek. Seems one of our more generous captains had a neighbor's child on board for the weekend. Shortly after dawn on Sunday, the peacefulness of the anchorage was interrupted by a state police helicopter circling our boats. A few minutes later, someone intercepted a radio conversation between someone in St. Michaels and the Coast Guard. Seems the Coast Guard and the State Police had been looking for our captain since the night before. Somehow a breakdown in communications between the neighbor, her child, and our captain occurred. The mother thought the child was out

for a ride and would return home that day, became upset when he didn't, and called the coast guard.

Perhaps a float plan filed with the marina (and the neighbor) would have saved the mother what must have been an anguishing night and saved the taxpayers the money spent by the coast guard and state police searching for the boat. Think about it.

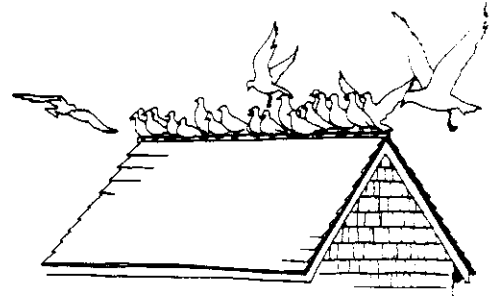
While you're thinking about it consider this: The **Third Great Puzzle Cruise** is coming up in September. Some of the questions will (oddly enough) relate to things published in the newsletter, such as this one: Slops were kept in the slop chest and issued (at a profit) by the purser, usually against the sailor's pay. What are slops? Answer: -----

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