



CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

- January 13 1:00 p.m. Charlie Heller - Introduction to Basic and Intermediate Yacht Racing
- January 20 1:00 p.m. Chesapeake Bay Foundation - The Bay and Responsible Boating
- January 27 1:00 p.m. E and B Marine - Using your LORAN - a hands-on seminar
- February 24 1:00 p.m. Annual Organizational meeting

TONY'S TIDBITS

by Tony Duncan - *Pilgrim*

As we launch the 1990 season with this issue of Harbour Light, I would like to express my appreciation to Rich Ordeman and the entire outgoing Executive Committee (EXCOM) for a smooth transition and for all their help in getting the new "kids on the block" started on the right tack. The comments and observations of the older hands like Floyd Justice and the experienced officers like Kent Kunze were invaluable. Most of all, I would like to thank all of them for the great year HHSa had in 1989.



The new EXCOM met for the first time on 4 December to get organized. We brainstormed a wide range of subjects without any final decisions. However, primary attention was given to possible steps to be taken to enhance the racing year. We intend to orient the training, social and cruising efforts in a direction that will promote racing to the maximum degree possible without seriously distorting the traditional character of the other programs. We want to achieve and maintain a program balance that will be attractive to the entire membership. So we need to know what all of the members really want. To this end, a comprehensive questionnaire will be mailed to all of you in early January.

The questionnaire has been compiled by Joe Batts with contributions from the entire EXCOM and other interested parties. It covers all aspects of the Association and will be the basis for input to the February organizational meeting which shapes the 1990 schedule. The completed questionnaire should be returned to Nick Brixius, who will sort, compile and analyze the results. Nick needs the answers back as soon as possible so please give the questionnaire your early attention!

Bob Parker, our experienced Training Rear Commodore has lined up some very interesting seminars for the month of January. In the spirit of enhancing the Racing program, the subject for the very first seminar will be Sailboat Racing, Tactics and Rules, moderated by Charlie Heller, an expert from the CBYRA. If there are

any special subjects you would like to see covered, give Bob a call.

An annual February highlight is the HHSa organizational meeting, tentatively scheduled for Saturday February 24th. This is the day we schedule the year's races, cruises and parties---truly BIG STUFF!!!! Additionally, one of the features of this meeting is a presentation on the state of Herrington Harbour Marina by E. Steward Chaney, which is always very entertaining and educational. It promises to be an important day. Pencil it in on your calendar.

Sandy Buchanan deserves a special thanks from the entire Association. She has donated Bob's Winchester #37 single shot 12 gauge shotgun to HHSa to be a starting gun for the races. Now we can expect Louie De Camp to be very creative in converting it into a nautical cannon.

What Mary Beth wants next is a Race Committee Flag---any donors out there??? The flag could be home-made by a capable seamstress as a good winter project.

You will soon be receiving your membership renewal application. It will look a tad different than in previous years. Please fill it out completely and return it promptly. You also might consider paying the racing fee and participating in the racing program this year. We are going to try and make it into a fun thing for everybody.

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A TOAST

PRESENTED AT THE HHSA AWARDS DINNER
1989

by Dick Nemerson - *Hide-Away*

It seems each year with hast'ning speed
The sailing season ends
And leaves us with fond memories--
Good Winds, good times, good friends.

Though winter dragged and spring was late
And summer blurred with fall.
You must admit, in '89
We really had a ball!

To rid ourselves of winter blahs
We flocked to seminars
Bout boating safety...engines...sails...
And how to tune the spars.

The chili feast put all of us
Into a cruisin' mood;
We thrilled to one crew's odyssey
And pigged out on great food.

On summer cruises short and long,
By weekend, week, or day,
We covered nearly every inch
Of our beloved bay.

We breakfasted upon the beach,
We lunched in quiet coves,
We rafted up where'r we could
And downed hors d'oeuvres in droves.

During Racing Events no holds were barred
One boat even flew a lapper
On Halloween we were pirates, vikings and playing
cards,
My we sure looked dapper.

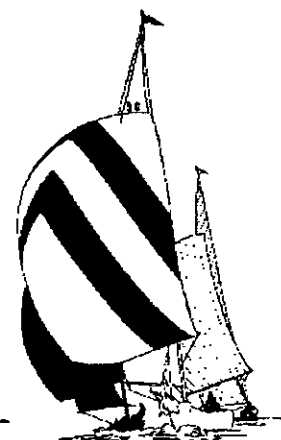
Though winter chills us with brisk winds
And slushy snow that freezes,
We're warmed throughout by memories ...
And thoughts of next spring's freezes.

For what's HHSA about?
It's not the calm or squall...
It's sharing work and sharing play;
'Tis friendship binds us all.

The LayLine

by Mary Beth Downs - *Calliope*

In early December, Rich Ordeman convened a group of HHSAers to discuss ideas for improving the 1990 race program. Proposed changes included modifying the existing racing schedule, incorporating a training and racing program for new racers, and establishing a junior race program and an adult one-design race program.



Last year little interest was generated by the spring and fall series. These were seven-race events held on Saturdays and Sundays. We have proposed to replace both series with (1) point-to-point races which end near cruise destinations and (2) special race events similar to the Poplar Island Race followed by a pot luck picnic.

Several people have suggested that a racing seminar series is needed. One possibility is to have a Saturday morning lecture stressing a racing technique (eg. starts) followed by on-the-water practice. This could take place at Herrington Harbour or at a cruise destination. Newly developed skills could be demonstrated in a 2 or 3 race series for new racers only. A reduced racing fee would qualify one to race in this series and would pay for trophies. Another new trophy we hope to award this year is for the most improved racer.

The most exciting new proposal is the establishment of a junior racing program. CBYRA sanctions junior racing in member clubs. They have instructor training programs and a youth program in which the participants graduate from basic sailing through advanced racing. Strong emphasis is placed on seamanship and safety. As the children move through the program, they earn badges signifying their rank. The program is open to those from age 8 through 15 and allows competition with racers in other CBYRA member clubs.

Before planning this year's racing season, we want to get **your comments**. The HHSA SURVEY, which you will soon receive in the mail, contains questions involving these proposed changes. Please take the time to answer and return your survey. If you have suggestions or questions don't hesitate to call me.

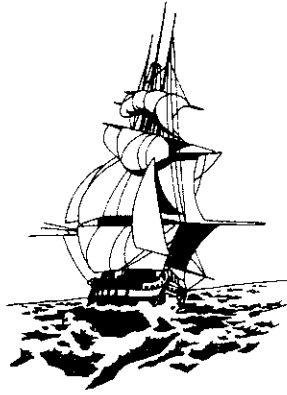
Mary Beth Downs



CRUISING LOG

By Nick Brixius - *Amitie*

January may seem a strange time to think about sailing and cruising, although the weather this time of year evokes fond memories of summer sailing activities. However, this is the time of year to start to think about cruising since H.H.S.A. is already beginning to put together the 1990 cruising program. We need your help and comments to make the program a success. Be sure to fill out the H.H.S.A. questionnaire (being mailed in early January) and return it as soon as you can.



H.H.S.A. cruising combines many aspects of sailing: visiting favorite anchorages, exploring new areas, sailing in all conditions found on the Bay and socializing with a great bunch of people. I won't try extensively to recruit new cruisers here, but I will tell you that if you haven't tried some of the H.H.S.A. cruises, you've missed a lot of fun. Everyone is always welcome and experience (in anything) is not a prerequisite. If you are new to H.H.S.A. or new to cruising, plan to participate early in the year—you will not be disappointed. The "old hands" are always willing to help and we've never lost a cruiser (not for very long, anyway). Call me if you have questions or want the full sales pitch.

This month I am going to discuss the process of organizing the cruising schedule for the year. In later months, I will cover various aspects of cruising. Call me or drop me a note if you think a particular topic would be of general interest for inclusion in Cruising Log during the year.

There are several objectives in preparing an annual cruising schedule. It should include both new and old, with respect to destinations, type of cruises and cruise captains. It should also take advantage of national holidays, if possible, and a schedule which "fits in" with other H.H.S.A. activities without sacrificing options for our diverse membership. Finally, it needs to conform with the desires of our volunteer cruise captains, when possible. To accomplish these objectives, it is important to hear from all concerned as early as possible in the year.

I encourage anyone interested to volunteer as a cruise captain this year. I would especially encourage those who have not been a cruise captain to give it a try. The amount of effort involved would not be extraordinary, and if you have been on a cruise before, you are qualified. Combine that with the fool-proof instructions issued to all cruise captains and you have no excuse not to volunteer. If you have some prior cruise captain experience and have time available, we especially need captains for several "vacation" cruises of lengths longer than a weekend. We recognize all cruise captains every year at the annual awards

banquet. Call me if you would like to discuss your ideas on any of the different types of cruises.

To encourage new ideas and participants, I will be collecting information on volunteer captains, dates, cruise themes, etc. until February 15 without making any firm commitments on the schedule. **THE BEST WAY TO VOLUNTEER IS TO FILL OUT THE APPROPRIATE BLANKS OF THE QUESTIONNAIRE.** Be sure to indicate second and third choices, if possible. If we have conflicting dates and/or destinations, I will attempt to negotiate with those involved. Any remaining conflicts will be resolved by random drawing in an Executive Committee meeting. This procedure will be followed to give everyone an even chance at leading a cruise on the date they want to their desired location. Please be as flexible as you can with respect to dates and locations.

TRAINING

By Bob Parker - *Gentle Spirit*

The seminar season is about to cast off and we promise you a full and varied program. Your responses to the survey will help formulate the subjects to be included. So, please indicate your interest.

We will attempt to advise the membership from time to time of other events relative to sailing. The Safety at Sea seminar will be held on two dates this year—March 31 and April 1. The programs are being administered for the USNA by the Annapolis Chamber of Commerce (301 268-7676). Information packets will be available in early January. We heartily recommend this seminar from first hand experience.

The Chesapeake Bay Yacht Racing Association (CBYRA) has established a winter lecture series at introductory and intermediate levels. The subjects cover many interesting aspects of sailboat racing. Details are available from CBYRA's office, 612 Third Street, Annapolis, MD 21403 ((301) 269-1194 or 261-1194).



**From the
Past Commodore's Corner**
By Rich Ordeman - *Spook*

To Brian and Cheryl Davenport, my apologies for failing to include them in the last newsletter. My congratulations and appreciation for their contributions during the 1989 year. Brian, having conducted the 1990 elections has now completed his executive committee responsibilities. His experience provided valued guidance to our deliberations.



Laurie Siegel, as our outgoing as well as incoming Rear Commodore-Social, once again put together a great social- the Annual Banquet. This year the festivities were centrally located at the Pier 7 Restaurant in the District. We gathered for refreshments and attitude adjustment around a video player. Jeff Forte, Trio, had compiled a 45 minute video showing H.H.S.A. in action. Comments such as: "Wow! Did you see that bottom?" "Watch this action!" "How bad was the storm?" "Did we have fun?" "Remember that?" and "A fun cruise!" were heard. Thank you, Jeff and Darlene, for your time and effort in assembling the production.

After some coaxing, everyone moved to dinner. At each place there was a beautifully framed sailing quotation packaged in an H.H.S.A. gift bag. The attractive calligraphy was done by Laurie. Dick Nemerson offered a poetic toast to H.H.S.A., touching on highlights of the season. The toast has been reprinted elsewhere in this newsletter. During and following dessert, Floyd Justice provided a short Trivia Review.

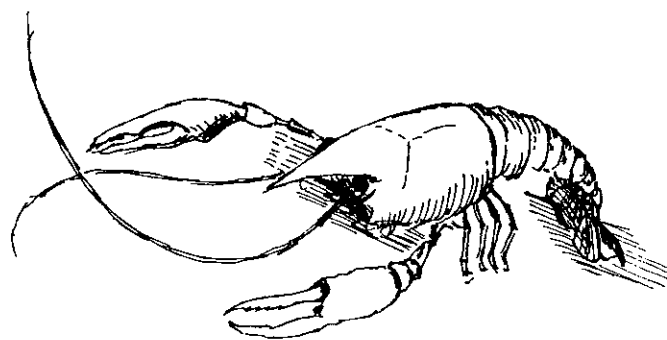
Then, recognition time. Jeff Forte recognized all the Cruise Captains for their efforts in organizing trips to those distant ports of call. This year each was awarded a set of glasses etched with the H.H.S.A. logo. Next, John Kremers recognized the racers with those special tankards signifying success in the height of competition. John also recognized those who provided committee boat support to the racing program. In appreciation, each received a pair of H.H.S.A. glasses. Thanks to Bobbi Nemerson for procuring the trophies and glassware.

This year we almost avoided the tow-er/tow-ee award. It was not until the last cruise, Halloween, that Marie and I were towed to North by Phil and Lynn Mason on Relax. that same weekend White Gull was assisted by Gil and Michele McClurg on Esprit. Again, efforts and assistance provided by tow-ers has been most appreciated and signifies that common bond among sailors. The Commodore's Award, a special recognition to those making an outstanding contribution to H.H.S.A., was awarded to Kent and Halli Kunze. They were recognized for their continual efforts and dedication to our program. Congratulations and thank you from the membership.

The 1989 Executive Committee and their spouses were then recognized. Each was acknowledged for accepting the responsibility and carrying out the associated tasks. I received outstanding support from all officers- making this whole endeavor one of great enjoyment.

Your 1990 Commodore, Tony Duncan, was piped on board for introduction of the incoming executive committee. Although this segment was impromptu (my apology, Tony), I am certain the year will not be such. With the dedication and interest of those at the helm, we can look forward to a banner year in 1990.

My appreciation to one and all for giving me this opportunity to serve as your Commodore. I thank all who contributed time, effort and participation. Marie and I certainly enjoyed the 1989 season and hope you did too.



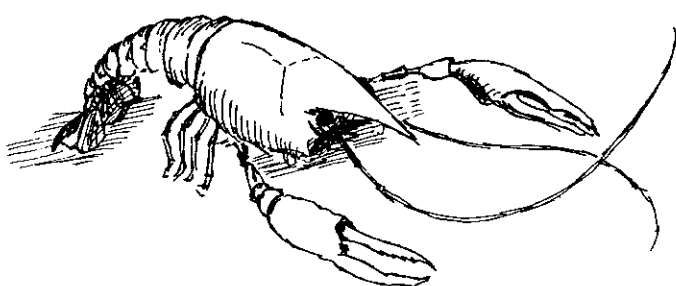
MY TURN.....

by Carolyn LeJeune - **Jambalaya**

Joy for joy---it's over; the first newsletter put to rest.

Thanks to everyone for sending their info on time in readable format. Thanks to Tony for making sure I didn't procrastinate too much!! Thanks to Dave for being "sick" long enough to remember how to use Ventura to put it all together. All in all, it was rather painless. How am I doing, Floyd?? Wasn't this an innovative way to use up a half page?

See y'all next month. Happy New Year!



HHS 1989 Financial Report AS OF: 27-Dec-89

<u>INCOME CATEGORY</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>VALUE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Renewal Memberships	169	35.00	5,915.00
New Memberships	20	55.00	1,100.00
Racing Fees	27	20.00	540.00
Burgees	30	25.00	750.00
USYRA Rule Books	10	5.00	50.00
Other			<u>149.15</u>
Total Income			8,504.15

<u>EXPENDITURE CATEGORY</u>	<u>\$ BUDGETED</u>	<u>\$ SPENT</u>	<u>\$ REMAINING</u>
Newsletter Printing	2,800.00	1,677.32	1,122.68
Newsletter Postage	950.00	781.76	168.24
Membership Drive	300.00	167.82	132.18
Directory (Printing)	600.00	580.62	19.38
Postage (Non-Newsltr)	250.00	150.00	100.00
Stationary	100.00	173.84	(73.84)
Awards/Racing	600.00	359.74	240.26
Awards/Cruising	900.00	364.09	535.91
Awards/Comdr & Officers	200.00	395.57	(195.57)
Burgees (Purchase)	750.00	402.01	347.99
CBYRA	100.00	100.00	0.00
Donations	100.00	100.00	0.00
Training Expense	50.00	0.00	50.00
Social Events	170.45	45.07	125.38
New Members Party	150.00	85.29	64.71
Miscellaneous	<u>100.00</u>	<u>61.27</u>	<u>38.73 -</u>
Total	8,120.45	5,444.40	2,676.05

COMMITTEES

By Tony Duncan - *Pilgrim*

Originally, H.H.S.A. was managed by a number of standing committees. In recent years some committees were either not established or not used as a matter of convenience. This year the Executive Committee is committed to affecting wider membership participation on Association management by returning to greater utilization of the committees.

The Constitution directs establishment of the Membership, Training and Newsletter Committees by 1 January; the Cruising, Racing, Social and Awards committees by 1 March and the Nominating Committee by 1 August. It is required that the membership be informed of the Chairperson of the eight standing committees in the first newsletter of the year. Additionally, the membership will be informed of the composition of all committees as they are formed. Accordingly, the chairpersons and initial committee composition is hereby reported:

MEMBERSHIP

Rich Nemerson (c)
Debbie Justice
Lee Himes
Kent Kunze
Phil Mason

NEWSLETTER

Carolyn LeJeune (c)
Bob Griffin
Dave LeJeune

TRAINING

Bob Parker (c)
Nick Brixius
Mary Beth Downs

AWARDS

Tony Duncan (c)
Nick Brixius
Mary Beth Downs
Bob Parker
Chuck Messner

The chairpersons of the remaining four standing committees are as follows:

COMMITTEE

Racing
Cruising
Social
Nominating

CHAIRPERSON

Mary Beth Downs
Nick Brixius
Laurie Siegel
Rich Ordeman

Any member desiring to serve on one of the above committees should contact the appropriate chairperson. The composition of these committees will be reported to the membership when the committees are established.

MEMBERSHIP

By Dick Nemerson - *Hide-Away*

Ahoy, all members of H.H.S.A. - our organization is achieving yet another milestone. We are entering our 10th year. Many of you have contributed to this growth and helped establish the activities and traditions in which we can all take a great deal of pride.

Well, the time for renewing your membership for 1990 is at hand. Our tradition continues....cruising, racing, education, social...with some exciting new member services and activities to be initiated during 1990. Your participation and continued support is essential.

Shortly in the mail, you will receive your application for renewing your membership. To provide the new services envisioned, it is **IMPORTANT YOU COMPLETE THE ENTIRE APPLICATION** and submit the form and your dues prior to January 31st.

To coordinate the many facets of member service...roster maintenance, recruitment, new services (wait and see),merchandise distribution...a membership committee is already in place:

Debby Justice - *Catspaw*
Lee Himes - *Sea Sparrow*
Kent Kunze - *Vinden*
Phil Mason - *Relax*

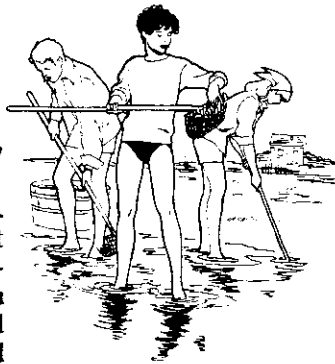
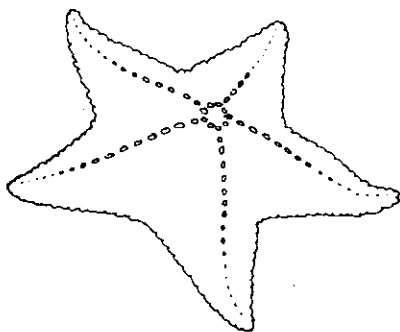
Additional volunteers are welcome.

It is our mutual goal to enhance our already proud tradition by assuring continual membership and welcoming and recruiting new members.

Please complete and return your application when it arrives.

If you know of someone who might be interested in joining H.H.S.A. please contact me (Dick Nemerson -301-424-7013) or any committee member and we will be sure to provide information and extend an invitation.

P.S. Is your burgee tattered and frayed? Order a new one with your renewal.



NEWS FROM BOAT/U.S.

Alexander, VA
December 20, 1989

Boaters Scrooged By White House Budget Office

Senior advisors to President Bush are actively considering a variety of recreational taxes-including a one percent excise tax on the purchase of new boats - in violation of the President's "No New Taxes" campaign pledge. The proposal, which was drafted by the President's Office of Management and Budget (OMB), would raise \$100 million and was reported on the front page of the December 19 edition of The Washington Post.

Additional excise taxes of up to 2.5 percent may be proposed in the Fiscal Year 1991 federal budget for the purchase of recreational vehicles, off-road and all-terrain vehicles and camping equipment.

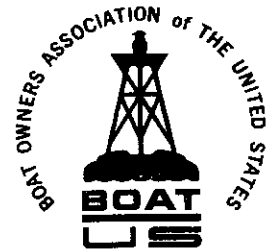
According to a draft OMB document, the new tax on recreational boats is being termed a "user fee" and the monies collected will apparently be used to establish a National Endowment for the Environment which will fund park land acquisition and a "Presidential tree-planting initiative."

"This is one of the most convoluted schemes I have ever come across," said BOAT/U.S. President Richard Schwartz. "Requiring recreational boaters to pay "user fees" to plant trees is about as fair as asking mountain climbers to pay for maintaining waterway navigational buoys. By no stretch of the imagination can these taxes be considered user fees," said Schwartz, who has represented the interests of his 335,000 members association for the past 24 years.

In a letter dispatched today to President Bush, Schwartz reminded the President that recreational boat owners and sport fishermen already pay over \$200 million per year in federal excise taxes to support federal recreation programs. "These existing taxes, which are collected from boaters and fishermen and deposited in the Aquatic Resources (Wallop/Breaux) Trust Fund, are sufficient and have broad support among boaters and fishermen. Any further taxes, he said, are unwarranted, unnecessary and unfair."

Nonetheless, Schwartz offered to work with the President on the establishment of a National Endowment for the Environment, just as the boating community worked together with then-Vice President Bush on the creation of the Wallop/Breaux Trust Fund during the mid-1980's.

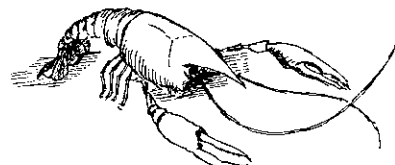
This is not the first time that recreational boat owners have been targeted for "user fees". In each of the eight years of the Reagan Administration, OMB officials tried



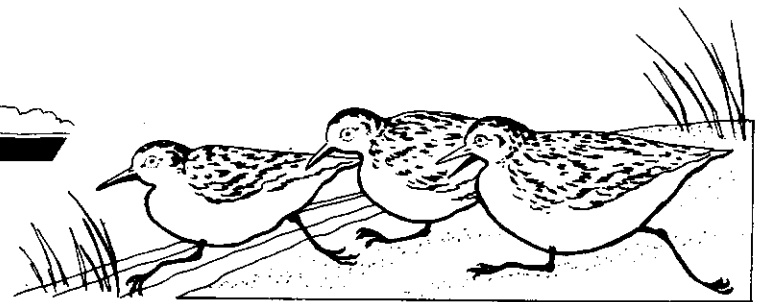
to convince Congress to approve boat "user fees" which ranged anywhere from \$50 to \$600 per year.

Each year, however, such proposals were rejected by Congress, the last time right before Thanksgiving. "Apparently there are still some gobblers floating around looking for a home," noted Schwartz, who pledged an all-out campaign to convince the President that this latest OMB proposal should be plucked from the federal budget.

Boat Owners Association of the United States (BOAT/U.S.) is the nation's largest organization of recreational boat owners.



WINTER IS FOR THE BIRDS



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