



HARBOUR LIGHT

February 1990 Herrington Harbour Sailing Association

CALENDAR

February	10	1:00 pm	Your Sailboat Electrical System-Practical Design and Maintenance--Louis DeCamp
February	17	1:00pm	Go Fast Cruising--Jack Wong, Potomac Sails
February	24	1:00pm	(Organizational Meeting)
March	3	1:00pm	Hull Maintenance and Bottom Preparation-Craig Bumgarner
March	10	1:00pm	Coastal Piloting--a Video Workshop Session-Martin Katz
March	17	1:00pm	Potpourri of Cruising Information--a Salty Group

TONY 'S TIDBITS

by Tony Duncan - *Pilgrim*



The Nineteen Eighties are history and the new decade is off to a great start in this 10th year of the Association. Membership renewal applications were posted and replies are already being received by the Vice Commodore. Don't wait until the deadline to get yours in the mail. The FIRST ANNUAL QUESTIONNAIRE/ ALL ACTIVITIES has also been receiving good reviews and we expect the preliminary results to be very revealing. Current plans are for a quick and dirty evaluation by Nick Brixius at the Organizational Meeting on Saturday 24 February. A more precise and detailed review will be published in the April edition of the newsletter. We want to use the Questionnaire results both as a scheduling tool at the February Organizational meeting and for guidelines during the entire year. If you haven't already responded, do so as soon as possible if you want to influence the 1990 activities.

Bob Parker, the Rear Commodore of Training kicked off the training season by scheduling a great racing seminar on Saturday January 13th. The leader of the first seminar was Charlie Heller from CBYRA who gave a presentation on "Introduction to Yacht Racing" which was judged OUTSTANDING by those attending the session. Charlie has a very impressive resumé. Along with several other enthusiasts, he founded the Annapolis Catalina 27 Fleet, and served as its first Commodore for two years. The following year he was elected President

of the National Catalina 27 Association. Charlie, wife Sue and son David currently campaign "PISTOL PETE", their C & C 35 in which they won the largest race of the East Coast--the Governor's Cup--in 1988. Charlie is an offshore sailing coach at the U.S. Naval Academy, writes sailing columns for the Annapolis newspapers and is currently CBYRA's delegate to the U.S. Yacht Racing Union. Charlie's presentation was as impressive as his resumé and was entertaining even for the nonracers in the audience. It would appear that Bob Parker is planning a very full, entertaining and educational training program for 1990 which will feature a variety of subjects. [PLEASE CHECK THE TRAINING DATES WHICH ARE ALL LISTED IN THE ABOVE CALENDAR]

EXCOM After one weather postponement the Executive Committee (EXCOM) held its January meeting on the 15th in the vicinity of the Maryland wilderness at the Nemerson home. I am happy to report that we had 100% participation with nobody either getting seriously lost going to the meeting or falling off the edge of the world coming home. The meeting was largely organizational.. Chuck Messner's first draft of the 1990 budget as modified received EXCOM approval for presentation to the membership at the Organizational Meeting. Carolyn LeJeune was commended for the quality and timeliness of this EXCOM's first issue of Harbour Light.

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Rich Nemerson led discussions on the methodology of processing membership applications and monies. Nick Brixius reported Questionnaire progress and Bob Parker reviewed plans for the Training Program. The next EXCOM meeting is planned for 7:00 p.m. February 12th at the Siegel home.

The EXCOM will normally meet monthly. Such meetings are open to each member and a schedule of these meetings and reports of significant decisions are required to be published in the newsletter. The EXCOM is the management body of the Association and as such is available to all members. Should any member desire to initiate an agenda item without attending the meeting that member should bring the item to the attention of the appropriate office. [Officers of the EXCOM are listed on the mailing label page of all newsletters.]

RACE COMMITTEE FLAG We are still looking for a volunteer to sew up a Race Committee flag---white block "RC" letters imposed on a rectangular blue flag. Should be easy and a lot more fun than watching the boob tube.

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING ON SATURDAY FEBRUARY 24TH An Organizational Meeting will be held on Saturday February 24th at 1 p.m. in the club room at Herrington Harbour for the purpose of preparing the annual calendar of racing, cruising, social, training and membership events, and to conduct normal business and hear committee reports. In addition, Stuart Chaney is expected to make his annual presentation on the state of the marina. This is one of the truly important meeting of the year ---- DON'T MISS IT!!!

MEMBERSHIP

WHEN YOU'RE HOT, YOU'RE HOT!

by Dick Nemerson -
Hide-Away



The above title is an apt expression of HHSA. As I'm writing this article (1/19) to report to you regarding 1990 MEMBERSHIP progress, it has been only two and one half weeks since 1990 renewal applications were mailed. Already :

- 90 members have renewed their membership
- Inquiries have been received from 9 potential members

• Five (5) new members/boats have joined the Association

Obviously, HHSA is a highly regarded group on the Chesapeake Bay...

...its tradition - YES!

...its continuity - YES!

...its newness and fresh ideas - YES!

...or as summed up above, when you're HOT, you're HOT!

If you haven't yet returned your 1990 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION, please be sure to forward it with your dues to my attention no later than March 1. March formally starts the new membership year and newsletter mailing list.

Additionally, please let me know:

- if there is someone on your dock you would like to receive an invitation to join HHSA.
- of a current member whose address has changed

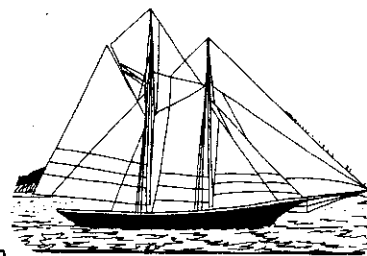
Finally be assured your membership committee (Debby Justice, Lee Hines, Kent Kunze, Phil Mason) is hard at work on behalf of the entire Association. I'll report to you on the product of our efforts in future issues of this newsletter. Call any of us if we can be of assistance. [Dick's phone number can be found on the mailing label page of this newsletter].

CRUISING LOG

by Nick Brixius - *Amitie*

I have already received a number of returned questionnaires, which were mailed to all members in early January. For those who have not yet filled them out and returned them to me, please do so in the next

few days. We can obtain some good information about the attitudes and desires of the HHSA membership through these questionnaires. The results will, in some cases, influence decisions made by the Executive Committee for the 1990 programs, so be sure to have your opinions among those counted. The results of tabulating the questionnaires will be reported at the annual planning meeting later this month. Special thanks to Dick and Bobbi Nemerson and Maureen Reynolds for helping fold, stuff and stamp the outgoing questionnaires.



A number of members have indicated they would like to lead a cruise in the coming year, but we still have a need for additional volunteers. Please contact me if you are interested.

While January seems to have returned us to more moderate weather, the early part of our winter has underscored the necessity for checking on our boats, especially if they are in the water. The very cold weather and high winds exacted their toll on several vessels in both North and South marinas. A trip to the marina to check your lines, scuppers and bilges will be well worth it, particularly in severely cold weather. Keep in mind that wide changes in water depth inside the marina have already been experienced and may recur.

Don't forget to combine your Saturday trips to check the boat with attendance at one of the HHSA training seminars--both you and the boat will have profited from the visit. Come into the HH Restaurant Lounge around noon for the usual informal group lunch of ice-locked HHSA'ers before the seminars (think of it as a short winter raft-up).

I hope you're not procrastinating on those winter boat projects, like I am. Spring will be here before we know it, so get busy! It's also a good time to prow the sparsely populated marine stores to buy those outfitting supplies you know you will need in the spring, as well as replacements for outdated flares and first aid items. While you're thinking of new equipment, consider a "nettle pool" this year--other cruisers have been raving about them recently.

See you at the February 24th planning meeting.

TRAINING

by Bob Parker
Gentle Spirit

The January training seminars have received good reviews so far.

Charlie Heller explained racing tactics in such simple terms, even your humble servant understood most of them. Tom Filip told the Chesapeake Bay Foundation's story and responded to some lively questions.

February's offerings include Louis DeCamp sharing some of his knowledge on the sailboats electrical system; its practical design and maintenance. I'm looking forward to that one in particular. The third week's session will be devoted to cruising faster as presented by Jack Wong of Potomac Sails.



In March, you can look for a coastal piloting session, fiberglass repair and bottom preparation and a session of sailing potpourri delivered by some of our members. After that, it's time to go sailing! Hurray!!

THE SOCIAL CIRCUIT

by Laurie Siegel
Wind Shadow

Our committee is bursting with ideas to make the social events even more special this year! The following people have volunteered to serve on the 1990 social committee: Valerie DeCamp, Patty Duncan, Helen Glick, Terry Katz, Sally Katt, Nancy McCabe, Evelyn Naehle, Bobbie Nemerson and Meredith Parker.

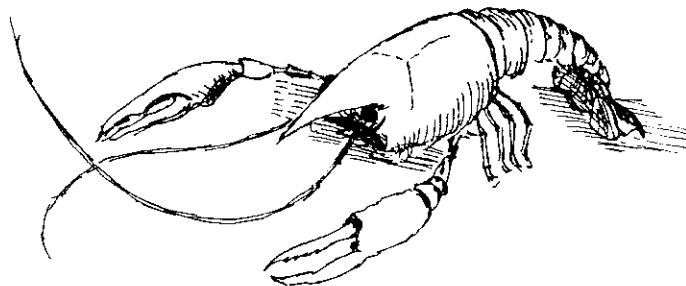


We are looking for a "larger place" to hold this year's Spring Chili Feast in early April. Last year, our group was a "tight fit" at the Holland Point Community Center. If you have any ideas about a more spacious, yet inexpensive location, please call me at home (387-3115) after 6 pm.

MY TURN

by Carolyn LeJeune - *Jambalaya*

Don't forget the Organizational Meeting on **February 24th at 1 pm**. If you have any articles for the newsletter or suggestions for articles, please call me. My phone and fax phone numbers are on the mailing page of this newsletter. See y'all next month...we may be a few days late since we plan to publish the "happenings" at the meeting on the 24th.



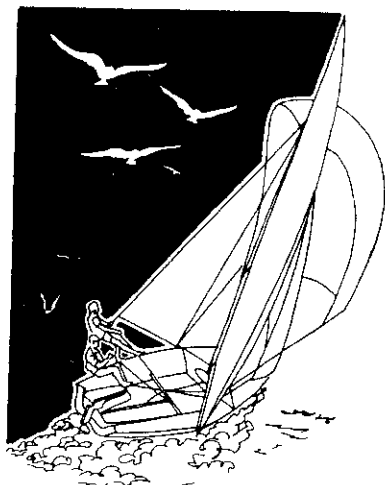
THE LAYLINE

by Mary Beth Downs
Calliope

What is this thing called C.B.Y.R.A.?

For the novice, becoming involved in sailboat racing can be like entering a strange world with its own language, rules and holy gurus. But once you learn the basics I think you'll discover that racing is a fun way to become a better sailor. And the best way to learn is in friendly competition with your friends! In the next few LayLine articles I will try to acquaint you with some of the organizations, rules and techniques of sailboat racing.

Yacht racing is organized as a hierarchy. The International Yacht Racing Union (IYRU) is the body which formulates the rules and governs international racing. The United States Yacht Racing Union (USYRU) is the national authority for all U.S. sailboat racing. It is formed by regional associations which are themselves formed by yacht clubs, class associations, and individuals. The regional association to which we belong is the Chesapeake Bay Yacht Racing Association (CBYRA). In addition to its primary racing services, CBYRA provides a system



of training for juniors and, through its membership in USYRU, lobbies government on issues affecting sailors.

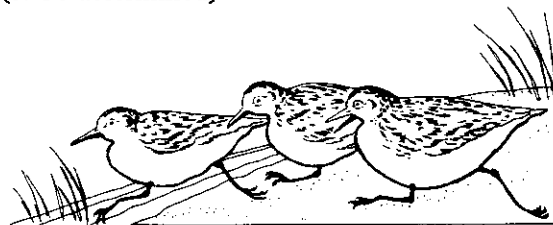
"Why", you ask, "should I become a member of the CBYRA if HHSA is already a member? I'm not going to enter the big Annapolis races or try to be a baywide champion, so what's in it for me?"

A lot! First, if you are new to racing, CBYRA sponsors winter racing seminars at the beginner and intermediate levels (schedule later). If you are already a budding Dennis Conner, there is a springtime advanced racing seminar. Although you don't have to be a member to attend these events, fees are reduced if you are. CBYRA also furnishes manuals and workbooks for sailors at all skill levels and sponsors a rules seminar to instruct members in the racing rules.

CBYRA sanctions races for eighteen handicap and cruising one design classes as well as numerous dinghy classes. Although some classes are extremely competitive (eg IMS, IOR, PHRF A, J 24), others are smaller and do not appeal to the hot-shots from Annapolis. Examples of these are the one design cruising classes such as Catalina 27, Pearson 30 and Alberg 30, and the PHRF non-spinnaker class. Races are either point to point followed by a raft-up (and usually a race back the next day) or an around the bouys Olympic course. CBYRA members receive the Greenbook which contains all information regarding these races including a brief description of the race and instructions for entering. Those of you who have boats which are raced one design in CBYRA might consider racing there. I have crewed on Alberg 30s where I found the competition to be friendly, with everyone sharing solutions to problems that are common to the boat design.

CBYRA SEMINAR SCHEDULE

Novice level 9:00-11:30 AM	Date	Intermediate level 1:00-3:30 PM
RULES (Phil Richmond)	FEB 3	RACING TACTICS (Will Keyworth)
CREWING (Bob McKay)	FEB 10	RIG TUNING AND BOAT PREPARATION (Charlie Scott)
LOCAL KNOWLEDGE/ NAVIGATION (Steve Bandy)	FEB 17	WINNING THE PROTEST (to be determined)



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Screen Mate 50% cotton 50% poly polo shirt with pocket. colors: red, white, royal blue, navy, blight blue, silver, kelly, maroon, gold and black. Screened over pocket.

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Delivery approx. 2 weeks

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