

HARBOUR LIGHT

March 1990

Calendar



- March 10 1:00pm Coastal Piloting--a Video Workshop-Martin Katz
- March 17 1:00pm Potpourri of Cruising Information-A Salty Group
- March 24 1:00pm Sailboat Rigging - current thinking, design and maintenance

Tony's Tidbits

by **Tony Duncan** *PILGRIM*



The weather was forecast as threatening for Saturday 24 February, but this did not dampen the enthusiasm for the Annual Organizational Meeting. The crowd was Standing Room Only with more than 80 members present. The meeting was held in the Herrington Harbour Club Room, which was sporting an attractive new paint job on the walls ("bulkheads", for the sailors out there). This is in addition to the carpet having been freshly cleaned. GREAT!! These improvements to the Club Room are greatly appreciated. Also, HHSA would like to pass its compliments to HH Marina Management on their new digs in that recently remodeled passionate pink office building in the sky, "CHANEY TOWERS". Things are really looking up in Rose Haven these days. Rumor has it that the Head situation and Marina security are in the process of being improved. There may also be some new bulletin boards with glass fronts and locks installed SOON, as well as possible additions to the picnic tables and charcoal braziers on the beach. These rumors are attributed to a usually reliable Marina authority who demurs at being quoted as making "promises", but who has been reasonably accurate in the past.

One item receiving major attention at the meeting was the FIRST ANNUAL QUESTIONNAIRE compiled and reported by Nick Brixius, which will be reiterated in detail later in this issue of HARBOUR LIGHT. The QUESTIONNAIRE, while not producing any great surprises, provided the EXCOM with reinforcement on how to schedule 1990 events in a manner best designed to provide membership consensus. Another important subject was the 1990 Racing, Cruising and Social Schedule which looks very innovative and also is reported in detail elsewhere in this issue of HARBOUR LIGHT. According to the Budget report given by Chuck Messner the Association is in good financial condition. Rich Ordeman,

the Immediate Past Commodore, and last year's EXCOM are commended for leaving HHSA' budget so healthy and balanced without the benefit of Graham-Rudman style measures.

Membership dues were payable on the First of March and are in arrears on the First of April. Rich Nemerson, who is in charge of the "Press Gang" [Membership Committee], reports about 75% of the membership is already paid up in good shape. However, this means about 50 members are still in danger of either being shanghaied or at least having received their last issue of this FANTASTIC Newsletter. Bob Parker discussed his management concept of the soon to be operational Video Lending Library. He also sold a few HHSA tote bags while describing his merchandising plans. Evidently Bob is planning a very full year for the Training Committee. The details of operations of the Video Lending Library and Merchandising program should be published in the near future as they become available. In the meanwhile Bob has some very interesting Training sessions planned for March and April that you will not want to miss. Check the HARBOUR LIGHT masthead Monthly Calendar At A Glance for details. Come one come all. Mary Beth Downs presented some possibilities on commencing racing programs for Juniors and a ONE-Design for adults. Enough enthusiasm was evidenced to schedule a committee meeting later in the day to further investigate the idea. She also described some workshops coming

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up in April that are designed to help the beginner get started racing.

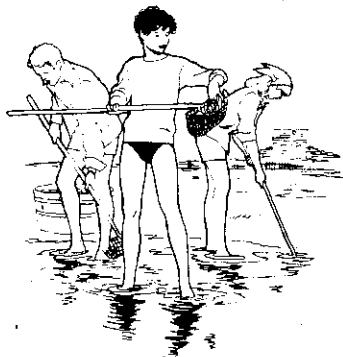
This year as in the past we enjoyed hearing Steuart Chaney discuss "The State of The Marina". One of the benefits of Herrington Harbour Sailing Association Membership is the rapport between HHSA and HH Marina management that allows this annual informative dialogue between slip holder and Marina owner. It was a productive and fun winter afternoon, which is one of the reasons we hold these meetings. Laurie Siegel and the Social committee did their usual SENSATIONAL job with the refreshments deserving and receiving the traditional "WELL DONE".

EXCOM: The Executive Committee met Monday February 12 in the District at the home of Richard and Laurie Siegel. The meeting was focused on reviewing the budget, membership drive, First Annual Questionnaire Survey Results, 1990 Events Schedule and plans for the forthcoming annual Organizational Meeting. The next EXCOM is scheduled for Monday 5 March at the Burke, Va. home of Robert and Meredith Parker.

MEMBERSHIP

by Dick Nemerson
Hide-Away

HHSA membership for 1990, as of February 27, 1990, already stands at 150. As part of our membership we are pleased to welcome the following members and boats who were not with us during 1989.



- Wayne & Pat Poyer on Alcyone
- Art & Judy Silcox on KA'IO
- Joe & Embry Howell on Amazing Grace
- Gene & Sally Katt on Osprey
- Danny & Vivian Dukes on Nightwind
- Bob & Joan Samworth on Serenity
- Kurt & Sherry Kay Kendall on Charis
- David Low on Recess
- Dick & Pat Steeg on Windsong
- Tina Benagh & John Arlington on Greensleeves
- Keith Hidkins on Callinectes
- Elliott & Marilyn Bardsley on Plums Delight

MAKE SURE your newsletter continues on an uninterrupted basis...be sure you have renewed your membership prior to 1 April 1990.

Memories of.... Fishing Creek Cruise

by Captains Richard & Bobbie Nemerson

After an early Captain's meeting with a hot breeze blowing from the northwest, at a steady 10 knots, the HHSA Fishing Creek (on the little Choptank) cruise left homeport on Saturday, July 22nd.

Several of our "Captain Early Birds" departed Herrington Harbour at 5:30am to catch up with Circus who was already at anchor by Friday evening. Captain Al and Firstmate Marie do like to get to the anchorage before the crowds arrive.

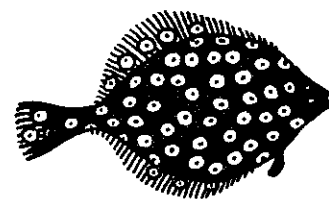
Song Bird, Elsewhere, Wally P, Circus, Trio, Blue Moon, White Gull, Spook, Sanity, Esprit, Tupperance, Aries II, Windtyst, Quest, Silver Lining, Finally, Breezy and Hide-Away were anchored by 4:00pm and prepared to go ashore for the evening.

Captain John Burke and Firstmate Jane acted as the ferry boat; bringing our members to a safe landing, by the "Old Farm House" at McNeill Point. The barbecues were hot and the tables set. They came bearing- wine, corn and chicken with the Forte clan providing a 10 lb. fresh Blue fish, which just hours before had been caught off the stern of "Trio". Thanks Jeff, Darlene, Meredith and Mollie. It was great!!! Glad I did not have to clean up after the big catch.

After the party and dinner a very colorful and humorous storyteller, Tom Flowers, shared his stories of the region with us...were these tall tales...or were they family stories...can anyone explain the house with its shades that go round-and-round, and with its rocking chair that goes a rocking-rocking...he concluded his program by reading a few of the poems from his family autograph album.

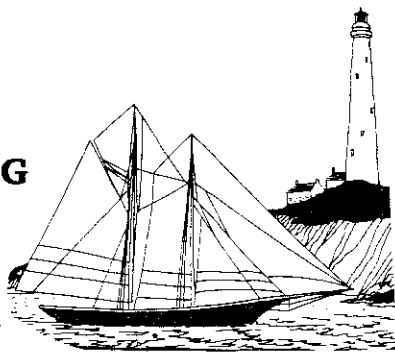
Then they arrived, uninvited, and attacked; the biggest, meanest mosquitoes Dorchester County had to offer. Our party was over. Our members boarded Finally to return to their boats, and spend a hot, muggy night in Fishing Creek.

With winter days such as these, it is nice to recall those memories shared with friends and members of HHSA. Till the next cruise....(I hope I can get my article in on time next year)



CRUISING LOG

by Nick Brixius
Amitie



I am going to use my space this month to summarize the results of tabulating the 1990 HHSA Questionnaire and to briefly review the calendar for the coming year.

The questionnaire, which was mailed to all 1989 members, contained questions on cruising, racing and social events. The individual questions were devised by the Executive Committee. Joe Batts did a great job designing the format and getting the forms printed. When I volunteered to tabulate the results, little did I know what I was getting to into --because 84 of you returned the questionnaires! That is an outstanding return and a testament to the active interest in these matters by our members. We had 43% of the forms returned, while we had expected about 20% at best. THANK YOU to everyone who took the time to complete and return the questionnaire.

The detailed tabulation of the questionnaire is available. If you would like a copy, please let me know.

Social

The social events had much interest in general, with the Chili Feast, New Members Party, Summer BBQ and Annual Banquet showing the highest interest. The breakfast before a cruise and post race gathering in the HH bar with race videos rated somewhat lower.

The favored location of the Annual Banquet was split between the Herrington Harbour Restaurant and the Virginia suburbs. The results indicate it may be advisable to change the location each year, since no clear preference was seen.

Membership

Only 19% did not approve of allowing paid advertising in the newsletter or the membership directory. The directory was the more favored place to allow advertising. 86% want to allow free ads from members in the newsletter.

Training

The highest interest in training seminar topics was heavy weather maintenance topics. Fairly high

interest was shown in buying HHSA logo merchandise in the form of tee shirts and sweat shirts. Some interest was also shown in tote bags and sun visors.

Cruising

Most members wanted a 9am cruise captain's meeting, with 9:30am the next choice. The preferences to move or not on the second day of a three day cruise was pretty evenly split. Almost all respondents disagreed with allowing a last minute change in a published cruise destination. One or two pickup cruises per month were highly favored, but not more frequently than that. Moderate interest was shown in a four day weekend cruise not falling on a holiday weekend. One week vacation cruises were the most popular. Very little interest was shown in vacation cruises longer than 2 weeks. The most popular location for vacation cruise was South of Herring Bay, but not as far as Norfolk. The next most popular was the Northern Bay, followed closely by the areas around Herring Bay. A clear preference was shown for June to take a vacation cruise, with July, August and September showing about equal interest, but less popular than June. May was not of interest.

Racing

The types of racing scheduled in the past continued to be of interest to those who race, with Regattas showing the most interest. The nonracers showed the same pattern of interest, but at a lower level of interest.

A charge of \$5 to participate in a race event if the annual racing fee had not been paid was clearly the most favored.

Two Wednesday night series were desired by about 2 to 1, and the desire to race on Saturday rather than Sunday was about 3 to 1 among the racers. Nonracers were evenly split on Saturday versus Sunday, and favored two series as well.

Sufficient interest was shown in supporting a Junior Racing Program and an Adult One Design Racing Program that the Racing Committee has undertaken a more detailed investigation by talking directly with members who may be interested.

Most thought HHSA was not offering too many races.

The predominant reasons for not racing were conflicts with cruising, boat not prepared to race and time constraints.

1990 Calendar

You will find a detailed calendar elsewhere in this newsletter. The schedule for 1990 includes:

- o Eight social events
- o Fifteen defined destination/theme cruises
- o Eight pickup cruises
- o Two vacation cruises (possibly more)
- o Two Wednesday night series of races (7 races each)
- o Four Saturday race events
- o A Fall Regatta
- o Seven point to point races in conjunction with cruises
- o A series of seminars and workshops for new racers

Those of us working on the calendar certainly don't expect all members to participate in everything, but we wanted to make sure you could have your favorite activity available for you on the weekends you can join in with your HHSA friends for sailing activities. Major race weekends will generally have pickup cruises available as well and the many members who enjoy both racing and cruising can combine their interests on the point to point races which coincide with cruises. We did not schedule a cruise on the weekend of the Summer BBQ on the assumption most people would want to attend the BBQ.

TRAINING

by Bob Parker
Gentle Spirit

We're on a beam reach and running with the tide. The seminars thus far have been exceptional as to preparation, content and presentation. The most recent sessions maintained that quality. Louie de Camp on electricity, Jack Wong of Potomac Sails on fast cruising and at press time Craig Bumgarner of Zanheiser on hull maintenance and bottom preparation. Even the commodore grudgingly grunted approval. Whew! This ancient mariner has not yet been forced to walk the plank. Incidentally, those of you who attended the fast cruising seminar on February 17th have Ernie, restaurateur extraordinary, to thank for the pot of coffee. Thanks, Ernie.



The remaining seminars promise to be informative and entertaining as well. On March 10, Martin Katz will give a video assisted workshop session on coastal piloting. He'll go, well beyond, "Red on the right returning." Your humble servant will be alongside with pen and notebook in hand.

The following week's program will include discussions of anchoring, (I never drag!) sailing comfortably in heavy weather, and how to make love to your engine. It will be fun and maybe even controversial. We'll have an all star cast of presenters.

On March 24th, Alex Stout of Chesapeake Rigging will update the membership on proper rigging, the latest equipment, maintenance and tuning. How timely.

So, come on down to the HHSA clubroom, join your friends and I promise you'll even learn something.

HHSA Video Tape Lending Library

Your association is in the process of establishing a video tape library for your use. We only have a few tapes at this time but will continue to add to the library. Do you have any training tapes you'd like to donate?

We now have some tapes from the Annapolis Book of Seamanship series, Safety at Sea and Board Sailing. Others that are more in the entertainment vein relate to the Bay and watermen. All the titles will be published soon.

No rental fee is anticipated but the user will have to pay the return postage. Watch this column for further details.

HHSA Merchandise

The recent survey indicated your interest in a few HHSA merchandise items., specifically tee shirts, polo/coaches shirts and sweat shirts. There was only a smattering of interest in other items. We'll cost them all out and fill you in on all the items.

THE SOCIAL CIRCUIT

by Laurie Siegel
Erily

SPRING CHILI FEAST

We brought you February's thaw to whet your thirst and appetite for warm friends, good fun and good food at HHSA's annual Sporting Chili Feast. Promising to be better than ever before, the dinner of chili, cornbread, hotdogs, chili dogs, coffee, beer, dessert and more will be brought to you by John Whittman of Whittman's Deli, Rosehaven, Maryland. For the second year in a row, HHSA will bring you live entertainment.



This year, B.J. Watkins will give a talk on her harrowing rescue at sea. A skilled multi-hull racer from Arnold, Maryland, B.J. was on her way to England to prepare for the start of the 1988 OSTAR race. Just 400 miles northeast of Bermuda, her boat collided with an unseen underwater object. Lessons learned by B.J. will serve us all well as we prepare for another sailing season on the Chesapeake and beyond.

Write down the date: April 7th at 5:30 pm at the Holland Point Community Center. Send your money now (reservations are limited to the first 125 people) Adults \$11.00 and Children (7-12) \$6.00. Kids six and under are free. You can use the form in this newsletter to get your reservations in early. Make checks payable to HHSA. Help is also needed to set-up, serve, and clean-up afterwards. Please contact me at home after 6pm at 387-3115 if you can help out or if you have questions.

THE LAYLINE

by Mary Beth Downs
Calliope

As I write this I can see forsythia and daffodils blooming in my yard, so, even though it's still February, sailing weather can't be too far away! The first events of the racing season will be for those of you who are new to racing, or who just want to see



what racing is all about. Beginning in April we will have a seminar series featuring racing rules, tactics and techniques. Bob Gouw will present the first seminar (Rules) on the afternoon of April 7. Plan to hear Bob, then head over to the Annual Chile Feast. On April 21 and 28, techniques seminars will be held in the morning, with on-the-water practice following. Rich Ordeman will teach us all how to have great starts and mark roundings and I will give a presentation on spinnaker handling. (OK, no laughter from those of you who saw me with the great red and yellow cobra shaped thing snaking up my mast last year!) On May 5, Tom Schuyler will present the last seminar, upwind tactics. Following his seminar will be an afternoon regatta for new racers. Now is the time for those of you who have never raced to try, or for you racers to turn the helm over to your spouse or teenager. If you would like an experienced racer on your boat for either the practices or the regatta, please let me know in advance.

The results of the HHSA Survey indicated enough interest in developing a dinghy fleet to warrant further study. The first Laser Fleet planning meeting was held after the Organizational Meeting on February 24. Two options for developing a fleet were discussed: (1) private ownership of the boats by either individuals or small groups and (2) club ownership. The majority of people attending the meeting favored beginning the fleet with privately owned boats. If the private fleet is successful, the club may wish to purchase more boats. Stuart Chaney is interested in helping us get a junior program started and has indicated that he might help purchase the boats if he sees enough HHSA support for the project. He does not wish to make a profit from the venture, but needs to be reimbursed in a reasonable amount of time. If you are interested in or have ideas for either the Laser Fleet or a junior program, please contact me. Although we have the results of the survey, we need a firmer idea of the amount of support and the number of people who will want to race.

Congratulations to Michael McGill and Larry Gerber (*Mary Lou*) who took the 7th place High Point Award for their performance in PHRF C-Region III.

The Race Committee has been formed:

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| Mary Beth Downs | <i>Calliope</i> |
| Joe Batts | <i>Belfry</i> |
| Bob Gouw | <i>Sanguine</i> |
| Gil McMillurg | <i>Esprit</i> |
| Art Silcox | <i>Ka'io</i> |

Please contact any members for information on HHSA racing.

Notes from elsewhere:

March 3 1400-1600 West River SC Seminar "Sail design and sail tuning" by David Flynn of Doyle-Allen Sailmakers. FREE

March 3 9AM-5PM CBYRA Advanced Racing Symposium, "A day with Dave Perry and friends". \$50 members/\$65 non-members. phone 261-1194

March 31 & April 1 Doyle-Allen Racing Seminar, Bill Gladstone and Dave Flynn. \$109 for both days, includes book. phone 301 268-1175

This month's newsletter includes your Annual Calendar (April - November). To save pages, I did not print a calendar of January 1991...Don't forget that on **Saturday, January 19, 1991** the **Annual HHSB Banquet** takes place. It will begin at **7pm**. We will continue to offer a written calendar of each month's events just under the masthead of the newsletter.

WANTED : Rigid dingy and/or small outboard engine. Call: Siegels at (202) 387-3115

A SPECIAL INVITATION

GOING SOUTH? MAKE DYMER CREEK A "MUST" STOP... Charter members, Carole and Joe Sarnowski (Peddler) welcome HHSB boats to drop in for a swim and shower and use of BBQ at their home on Dymer Creek. Give us a ring (804) 435-6368. NOTE: Dymer Creek carries deep water to house.

It's My Turn

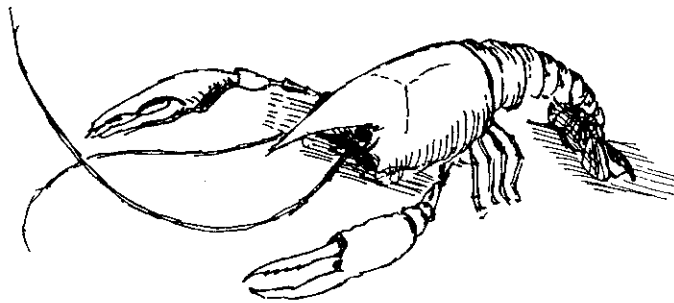
by Carolyn LeJeune
Jambalaya

Sorry the newsletter is a little late this month but we wanted to include the news from the organizational meeting as well as your annual calendar.

Your newsletter should arrive around the 2nd or 3rd of the month. Please call me if you haven't received your newsletter by the 10th of each month.

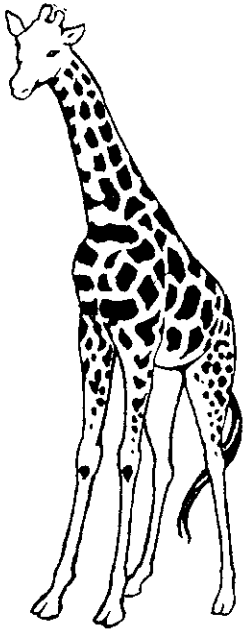
Dont forget to pay your dues if you haven't done so. This is the last newsletter for 1989 members. Next month's newsletter will only be sent to current 1990 members.

As a result of the member survey we will include member ads in future newsletters on a space available basis. Guidelines for acceptance will also be announced. Ads will be due to me by the 20th of the month and must relate to boating items and not be of a business nature. If you have any questions please call me.

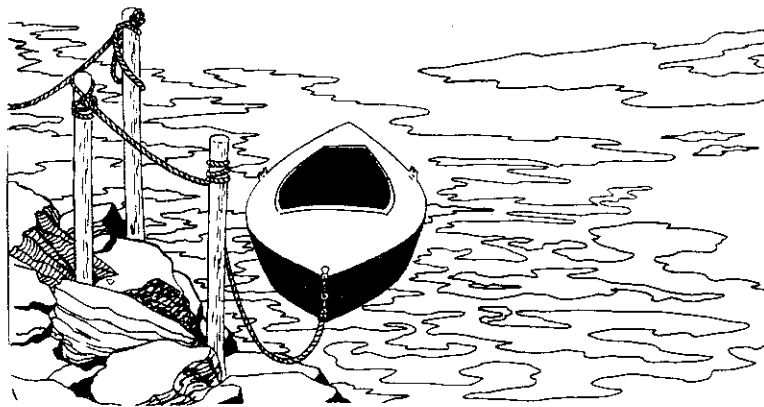


YOU DON'T HAVE TO STICK YOUR NECK OUT TO HAVE FUN.....

JUST JOIN HHSA



GONE SAILING

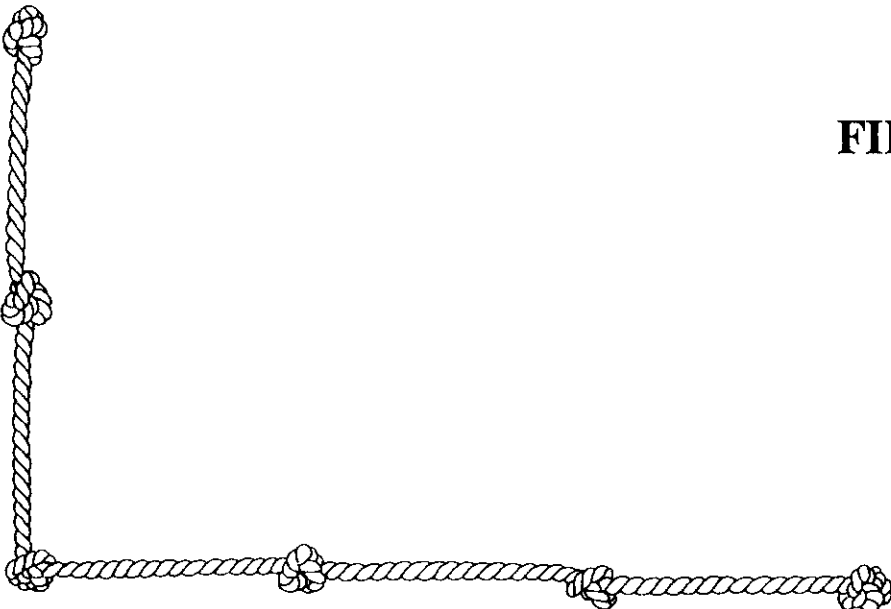


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Herrington Harbour Sailing Association
Rose Haven on the Bay
Friendship, Maryland 20758

FIRST CLASS MAIL





Lets End the Winter !

**Join us at our Annual
CHILI FEAST**

SATURDAY, APRIL 7, 1990 5:30 P.M.
At the Holland Point Community Center - Route 61
(1.0 miles south of Herrington Harbour Restaurant)

CHILI - with all the fixings!

Corn bread and butter!

Hot dogs, Chili dogs!

Soda, Coffee, Draft Beer!

Dessert

**Catered by John Whittman of
Whittman's Deli - Rosehaven, Maryland**

Adults - \$11.00 Children (7-12) \$6.00 Six and under - free

*Please return the attached form by March 31st, call Laurie Siegel (387-3115) if you have
any questions*

HHSA CHILI FEAST!

\$11.00 ADULTS (\$13.00 and \$8.00 at the door)*

\$6.00 CHILDREN (7-12)--Six and under free

Name: _____

Number of Adults: _____

Phone: _____

Number of children: _____

Six and under _____

Make checks payable to "HHSA"

Mail to: Laurie Siegel 3327 17th St. N.W. Washington, D.C. 20010

**Due to advance food orders and limited space, it is possible that without reservations you could get turned away at
the door.*



TO BALTIMORE

JULY 20 - 23, 1990

TO SHARE THE EXCITEMENT AT THE INNER HARBOR - TOUR THE TALL SHIP "EAGLE" AND THE US TANEY - TO CELEBRATE THE 200TH BIRTHDAY OF THE US COAST GUARD.

WE HAVE MADE SLIP RESERVATIONS IN THREE LOCATIONS AROUND THE BALTIMORE WATERFRONT - CANTON - FELLOWS POINT - INNER HARBOR MARINAS.

SLIP FEES WILL BE \$1.00 PER FOOT - PER DAY INCLUDING ELECTRIC AND WATER HOOKUPS. CAPTAIN'S MEETING SCHEDULED FOR JULY 19TH AT 9:00PM AT HH MARINA. TENTATIVE SCHEDULE - LEAVE HH AT 7:30AM FRIDAY JULY 20TH AND DOCK BALTIMORE EARLY EVENING. SATURDAY AT LEISURE, EVENING DINNER PLANNED OUTDOORS AT THE ANCHORAGE MARINA WATERFRONT PIER. SUNDAY PLANNED HNSA BREAKFAST WITH AFTERNOON AT LEISURE-EVENING ACTIVITIES BEING PLANNED - DEPART FOR HOME 7:30AM MONDAY JULY 23RD.

PLEASE CALL RICHARD AND BOBBIE NEMERSON AT 301-424-7013 TO MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS. TO ASSURE SPACE IT IS MANDATORY FOR HNSA TO FORWARD SLIP DEPOSITS TO THE MARINAS BY APRIL 15TH.

WE WILL NEED YOU TO FILL OUT THE FORM BELOW AND RETURN WITH YOUR DEPOSIT CHECK MADE OUT TO RICHARD NEMERSON AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

NAME _____

BOAT NAME _____

BOAT LENGTH _____ FT X \$1.00 PER FOOT = \$ _____ DEPOSIT FOR
ONE DAY SLIP
RENTAL

RETURN FORM WITH DEPOSIT CHECK TO:

RICHARD NEMERSON
21 PADDOCK COURT
POTOMAC, MD 20854

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