

HARBOUR LIGHT

APRIL 1990 Herrington Harbour Sailing Association

CALENDAR

- April 7** 3:00 PM New racer's seminar: Racing Rules-- Bob Gouw
5:30 PM Chili Feast -Holland Point Community Ctr.
- April 21** 9:30 AM New racer's seminar (with coffee & doughnuts):
Starts and Mark Roundings -- Rich Ordeman
10:30 AM On-the-water practice
- April 28** 9:30 AM New racer's seminar (with coffee & doughnuts):
Spinnaker Handling -- Mary Beth Downs
10:30 AM On-the-water practice
- May 5** 9:30 AM New racer's seminar (with coffee & doughnuts):
Upwind tactics -- Tom Schuyler
12:00 PM Novice Regatta



TONY'S TIDBITS

by Tony Duncan *Pilgrim*

Weather on the Chesapeake Bay gets better by the day--the first of May cannot be too far away. HOORAY, HOORAY for all those outdoor activities!! Our annual Chili Feast is coming up Saturday the 7th and the rest of April has some real neat racing seminars/workshops scheduled.



Three of the later workshops have on the water sessions. This means the serious sailing season is almost here so you better get moving on all those projects that are still not finished, or maybe even started. First thing is to check the boat. Strange things can happen to boats over the winter. For instance, the Justices' 26ft. Seafarer, CATSPAW, grew six feet to become a 34ft. Jeanneau. Alright! We all should be so lucky. Congratulations, Debbie and Floyd. Don't forget to ask the dealer for a French dictionary. While on the subject of Congratulations,,,lets all extend one, plus our thanks, to Carolyn LeJeune for the newly formatted Annual Calendar of Events, which was distributed last month. Not only attractive, but convenient as well. Just goes to prove that even an excellent publication can still be improved. Way to go, Carolyn!!

The EXCOM met on the 5th of March at the Parker home in Burke, VA for a lively session covering a wide range of subjects that resulted in a few decisions. A goal of 210 members was set for the membership drive, which represents about 10% annual growth. An ad-hoc committee was appointed to investigate the cost of possible improvements to the summer membership Roster. The newsletter Committee was tasked to investigate the expense of possible improvements to the HARBOUR LIGHT.

Both committees are due to report back at the next meeting. It was decided this years' merchandising program will be predicated primarily as a service to the membership with zero or very modest profit expectations. The same goes for USYRA rule book sales. As a further service the price of burgees will be reduced to provide an incentive to those of you needing to replace one that might be a bit worn. I would like to point out that PILGRIM'S burgee is brand new again this year. It was agreed that the proposed dinghy racing program(s) will be planned on the basis of individuals owning the dinks since HHSA, as an organization, traditionally has not collected appreciable equipment or hardware, such as boats. It was also agreed that the Budget Reserve passed on from last year is very comfortable and that no special efforts should be made to either increase or decrease the current Reserve. The April EXCOM meeting was then scheduled for Monday the 2nd in the Arlington home of Mary Beth Downs at 7:00 PM and the meeting was adjourned.

FLASH. FLASH. The LASER racing fleet has just been launched and now has a flagship! Darlene and Meredith Forth are the skippers. Don't know yet if Jeff is allowed on board or not. TRIO already car-

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ries more small craft than most Navy Amphibious Assault ships--one hard dink, one inflatable and two sail boards. How do you add a LASER to all that aboard a 30ft YANKEE sloop and still have room for Molly? Good planning, that's how! Darlene has thrown the gauntlet down and is now ready to race as soon as either of the Doyons or any other stalwart (pigeon?) can accept the challenge and approach the starting line. Of course what the Association really needs at the starting line is a traditional signal CANNON. Starting races with an air horn not only damages the ozone layer, but also is a very pedestrian, no class operation. You would think the wealthy Racing Committee could spring for a few bucks, wouldn't you? Mary Beth, are you listening?

THE SOCIAL CIRCUIT

by Laurie Siegel *Erily*



Chili with all the fixings! Our Annual Chili Feast will take place on April 7th at 5:30 pm. at the Holland Point Community Center (Route 61, 1.0 miles south of the Herrington Harbour Restaurant.) John Whittman of Whittman's Deli is

cooking his best chili for us. Due to advance food orders and limited space, without reservations you could get turned away at the door. Please call Laurie Siegel (202-387-3115) if you have any questions. Dinner will be at 5:30 pm. and our guest speaker will begin her presentation at about 7 pm.

TRAINING

by Bob Parker *Gentle Spirit*

HHSA is in the process of ordering some special merchandise for the membership. It should come as no surprise that the most popular

items are tee shirts and tote bags, at least that's what the survey indicated.



The tee shirts will be 100% pre shrunk cotton with a chest pocket in red, navy, royal, black, and light blue. We expect the cost to be about \$8.00 each. What a great buy! The HHSA logo will appear above the pocket on the front with a larger rendition on the back of the shirt. You'll want three or four for each crew member.

The tote bags will be canvas with a large logo on the side. They're perfect for weekend cruise supplies.

Samples of the shirts will be displayed at the chili feast and orders will be accepted for early delivery...just in time for the upcoming sailing season festivities.

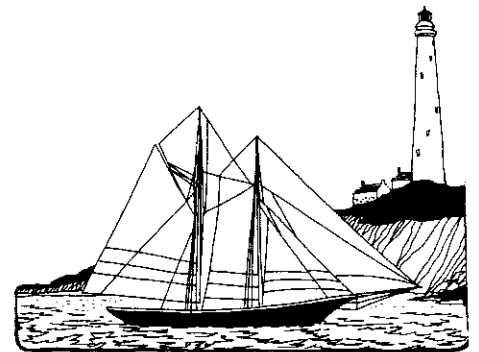
FOR SALE

34' CATALINA 1986 TALL RIG VHF, DEPTH, KNOT, FULL KEEL, ROLLER FURLING, CRUISING SPINNAKER. A CLEAN WELL CARED FOR ONE OWNER BOAT. \$47,500 703/360-4338 EVENINGS

CRUISING LOG

by Nick Brixius *Amitie*

The start of the cruising season is fast approaching. In fact, with the record breaking warm weather we have been having, some would say that it has already arrived. We certainly have had the opportunity to get a head start on those spring fitting out chores to be sure we are ready for the start of the HHSA cruises in May. I hope the calen-



received last month in the newsletter has a prominent spot on your bulletin board or refrigerator door.

While sorting through all the gear on our boat this spring, I thought it might be a good time to consider in this month's newsletter a few items that might contribute to your cruising pleasure when rafting with others on an HHSA cruises.

If you are ready for some new fenders, or will procure some additional ones, be sure to get one or two really large ones. When rafting with others, you will be glad you have those fenders that seemed much too large when you bought them, and those you raft with will appreciate it also. The incremental cost of going one or two sizes larger when buying a fender is not significant considering the time you will use it. While you are hanging around the fender area of the marine store, check out the fender covers that most stores have sold the last few years. I used to be a skeptic about fender covers, but now I am a convert. These covers have two big advantages: they can be easily washed and kept clean so fenders don't grind dirt and grime into your nicely waxed hull and they significantly alleviate that annoying squeaking of bare fenders between two hulls.

While you are thinking of rafting, check your extra dock lines to be sure you have at least four that are in good shape, one each for the bow and stern and two for spring lines. Again, thing big in terms of length--make the lines a little longer than you think necessary, especially the spring lines, which should probably be about 150% of your boat length. One caution, however, on thinking big--you should not use larger diameter lines than you really need. Having thicker lines than necessary for the strength you need will reduce the valuable stretching/shock absorbing quality that you want to have, as well as make it more difficult to secure to a cleat that may already have one or more lines on it.

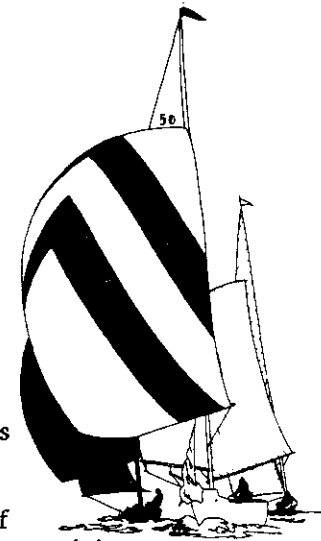
Don't forget to assess the condition of our HHSA burgee. Flying the burgee on cruises is a great way to easily identify yourself to other HHSA cruisers. Contact Dick Nemerson if you would like to buy a burgee, or see him at the Chili Feast.



MEMORIAL DAY CRUISE

by Bob Buchanan,
Cruise Captain,
Paddy Wack

The Memorial Day (week-end) Sea Urchin Cruise will again take us up the beautiful Wye River. We are planning this cruise for all ages of Sea Urchins. Dinghy races, miniature catamaran building & racing (directed by Louie De Camp), a belly flop contest and a circle raft (directed by Ben Beattie) will highlight this years events. PLEASE NOTE EPOXY GLUE WILL BE NEEDED TO ASSEMBLE THE CATAMARAN KITS.



Our destination is the western side of the bridge at Wye Narrows. Follow the Wye River (western leg), turning east into Wye narrows between green #5 and red #6) and proceed to area just west of bridge.

The Captains meeting will be at 8:32 a.m. in the HH south office building

Itinerary

SATURDAY 8:32A Captains Meeting-HH South
9:34A Departure
2:44P Arrival at Anchorage in Wye River
4:04P Completion of circle raft & assembly
of toys
5:17P Belly-flop contest
7:31P Parade of Desserts

SUNDAY 9:48A Dinghy Race
11:45A Catamaran kit distribution
3:53P Catamaran races
5:53P Hors d'oeuvres (to share)

MONDAY 9:32A Left-over events
10:49A disassembly of Sea Urchin toys

The crew of PADDY WACK (Bob, Sandy, Terri and Heidi Buchanan) are looking forward to serving as the MDSU cruise captains. Hope you can join us!

MAJOR CHANGES ON THE BAY

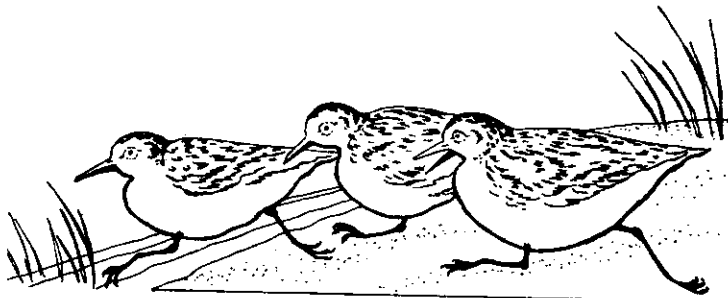
by Martin Katz
TerreMar

Since the last time we felt the wind in our sails, from Herring Bay north and south, there have been significant additions, deletions and re-numbering of buoys. There also have been changes in the loca-

tions of many buoys. These changes have been published in the Local Notice to Mariners or will in the future be announced. Thanks to our local U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, the following is a summary of what's happening in our immediate area.

OLD BUOY NUMBER	NEW BUOY NUMBER
64	78
66	80
	#80 is located at 38 36.5N/076 24, 8W
NONE	82 located at 38 42,0N/076 24, 8W, in 56' of water, with FL R 4 SEC
NONE	86 located at 38 51,2N/076 23.6W, in 41' of water
78	90
79	91
80	92
83	95
70	84
	#84 is lighted showing FL R 4 SEC
71	83
73	to West River #1
77	to Annapolis Harbor # "1 AH"
75	to South River Junction "SR" GREEN over RED
69	to # "1H"
1 West Rvr	to "1A" West Rvr.
1 Severn Rvr	to "3" Annapolis HRBR
3 Severn Rvr	to "5" Annapolis HRBR
7 Severn Rvr	to "7" Annapolis HRBR
76	removed*
81	removed*
82	removed*
NOTE * = may be for ice season only	

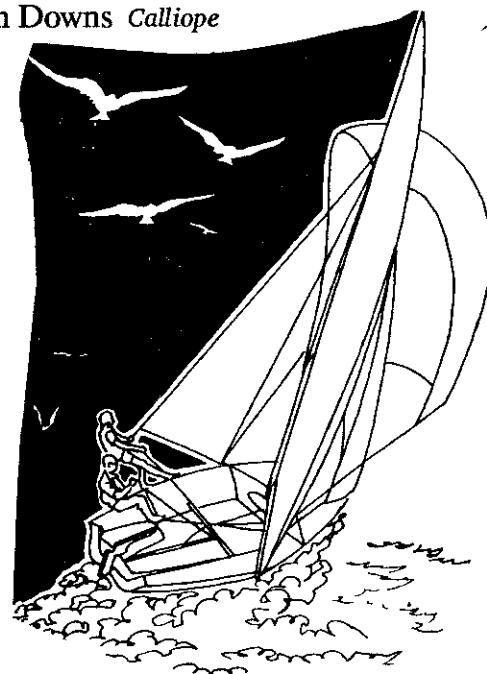
Keep in mind that the entire Bay is subject to some restructuring in the buoy system. It's your responsibility to keep up to date by reading the Local Notice to Mariners which can be subscribed to free of charge by requesting it from the U.S. Coast Guard, Fifth Coast Guard District, 431 Crawford Street, Portsmouth, Va 23704-5004. Happy sailing!!.....



THE LAYLINE

by Mary Beth Downs *Calliope*

The HHSA race season will begin this month with the New Racer's Seminar Series followed by the New Racer's Regatta on May 5. Although these seminars are designed to introduce new racers to regatta rules and techniques, everyone is invited to come. There is no charge for the seminars or on-the-water workshops, but a \$5 fee will be required if you want to enter the New Racer's Regatta and have not paid the season racing fee. If you pay the \$5 fee, then decide to race for the season, \$5 will be deducted from the season fee. The only other requirement for racing in the regatta is that the boat be skippered by someone new to racing. If you would like an experienced racer on your boat for either the workshops or the races, contact a member of the race committee.



Those of you who have signed up for racing will soon be receiving the 1990 Sailing Instructions. The only major change from previous years is the introduction of the HHSA handicap. The PHRF handicap system assumes that a boat is equipped with a folding or feathering prop and has a 150-155% Genoa. Because many HHSA boats are primarily used for cruising, the race committee has modified the PHRF handicap to (1) give time to boats with standard props to offset the added drag and (2) adjust the time up or down depending on the size of the largest headsail. Details of the adjustments will be in the Sailing Instructions. In addition, we are in the process of determining an HHSA handicap for all boats in the association.

I am currently starting a "crew bank" and a "skipper bank". If you would like to crew in HHSA races, or if you are a skipper who needs crew, contact me and I will add your name to the list.

The following is an excerpt from the CBYRA newsletter, *The Traveler*.

JUNIORS GET CHEAPP

CBYRA's Junior Activities Committee announces a new effort for Junior Programs, the Clearing House Exchange and Purchase Program. CHEAPP lists new and/or used boats and equipment that are available for sale, purchase, trade or donation. The program has two components: 1) group purchase discounts for new boats and 2) the used boat exchange directory.

The overall goal is to match clubs and their members with affordable and competitive boats for junior sailors and junior programs.

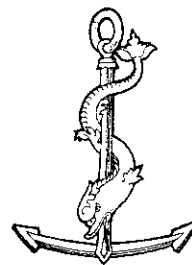
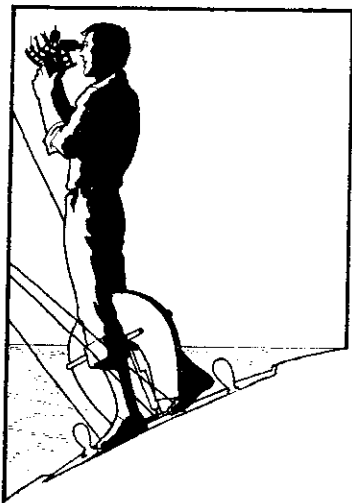
CHEAPP is open to both racing and student juniors and to CBYRA member clubs with established junior programs or an interest in establishing a junior program. Other CBYRA members may use CHEAPP either to purchase a new boat or list a used boat for sale if the purchase or sale directly benefits junior sailing.

CHEAPP can help you acquire Laser, Penguin, Sunfish, 420, Flying Junior, Laser II, Optimist, El Toro, suitable power boats, and equipment and materials needed in junior programs.

Other tidbits of info from *The Traveler*:

J-Class match races off Annapolis on May 23-27 (Memorial Day Weekend)

On Saturday 2 June, 1990, the Chesapeake Bay Foundation, The Chesapeake Bay maritime Museum, and the Lady Maryland Foundation will be sponsoring "The Great Workboat Race" in the waters off Annapolis. The race will begin at 2pm. The race will end between 5 and 5:30pm at the Annapolis City dock. For more info, call Jane Shorall at the CBF 301-268-8816



STILL MORE TIDBITS --From the Public Affairs Office of the United States Naval Academy-- for information updates, call their Action-Information Line, 267-2291

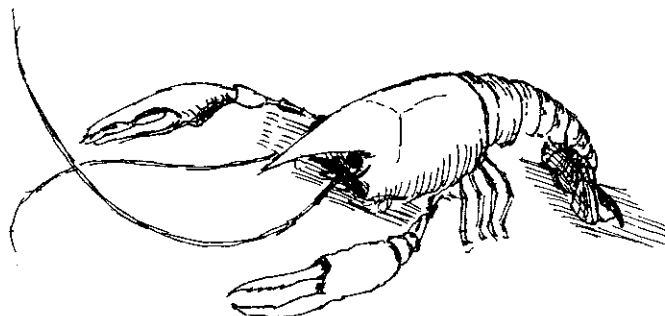
March 31 and April 1--**SAFETY-AT-SEA SEMINARS**, call 268-7676

April 7, 8-- Area C Dinghy Eliminations and Windsurf Race/clinic, Robert Crown Sailing Center

April 14, 15--Corny Shields, Robert Crown Sailing Center

April 20, 21, 22 --Kennedy Cup, Robert Crown Sailing Center

April 28--Naval Academy Sailing Squadron Spring Race, Robert Crown Sailing Center and the Middle Atlantic Intercollegiate Sailing Association Spring Windsurf, Robert Crown Sailing Center

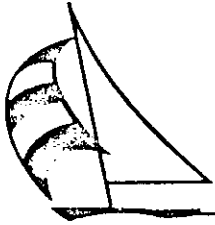


IT'S MY TURN

by Carolyn LeJeune *Jambalaya*

As you can see from this month's newsletter, there are several sailing events in our area...something for everyone, we hope. Please continue to send in your ads...I usually have room for all that I get.

On a sad note, I received a phone call from a member (I didn't catch his name) to let me know of the death of Anna Lee Berman of the Paper Tiger. We certainly do extend our condolences to her entire family.



South River Sailing Association

**SRSA PROUDLY ANNOUNCES
THE GREATEST BEACH PARTY IN TOWN!!**

**EVENT: SANDBUCKET
PLACE: MAYO BEACH
DATE: JUNE 2-3**

Mark your calendars for a great weekend of sailing and picnicing in June! The South River Sailing Association has planned its second annual gala two day event that will include a sailboat race on Saturday 2 June and a beach party on Sunday 3 June. Last year's event was a smashing success. Saturday's race brought 10-12 knot breezes and Sunday's Picnic was held under warm clear skys.

The Mayo Beach facility is first rate. There is a sandy beach where we plan to hold volleyball and horseshoe competition. We will offer participants the chance to sail Lasers and Windsurfers! If you have your own, bring it along!

We will have lifeguards on duty for your swimming safety. There are wonderful shade trees along the beach and a great playground area for kids. There are plenty of picnic tables, bring a lawn chair if you wish. In case of rain Mayo Beach offers an indoor pavilion.

Hot dogs, Hamburgers, and fixin's will be the fare of the day. Soft drinks are included in the price of admission. Beer will be available for \$1.00. No beverages may be brought onto the Mayo Beach grounds. We are offering discount admission of \$6.00 per person if you purchase your tickets in advance. At the gate, tickets will cost \$8.00 per person. All of your sailing friends are welcome. So, invite your family and friends for a great day on the Bay.

Saturday's race will be an around the bouys race starting at the Quick Flash near the mouth of the South River. The Race will be a PHRF handicap race starting at 11:30 am. Prizes will be awarded to the first three finishers of PHRF A, PHRF B, PHRF C, and PHRF Non-Spinner classes. This race is a fun race so bring your family and sail for one of the Sandbucket Awards. Race entry fee is \$20.00 which will include admission for 2 for the picnic on Sunday.

Directions to Mayo Beach. Follow Route 214 (Central Ave) East past the intersection with Route 2 to Mayo Md. Bear left just past the Mayo Post Office onto Triton Road. Follow Triton Beach Road at first "Y" intersection, bear left and follow the signs to Mayo Beach.

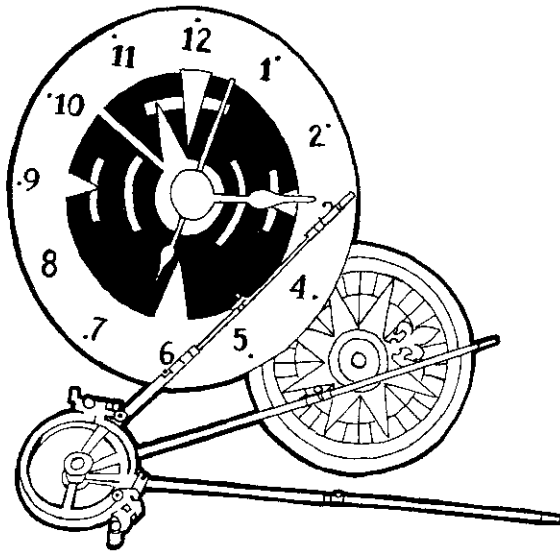
Mail in your reservation form early. Indicate that you want to enter the race and race instructions will be returned to you. Picnic tickets will be mailed to you. Deadline for reservations is May 22 1990.

Name _____
 Address _____
 Phone _____

**SANDBUCKET EVENT
Saturday & Sunday
June 2 & 3 1990**

Enclosed race entry (Includes Picnic admission for two):	_____	@ \$20.00 =	_____
Enclosed Beach Party/Picnic Admission/Person:	_____	@ \$6.00 =	_____
(make check payable to SRSA)		Total =	_____

Mail to: Dick Barton 1510 Londontown Ct Edgewater, Md 21037
Return by: May 22 1990

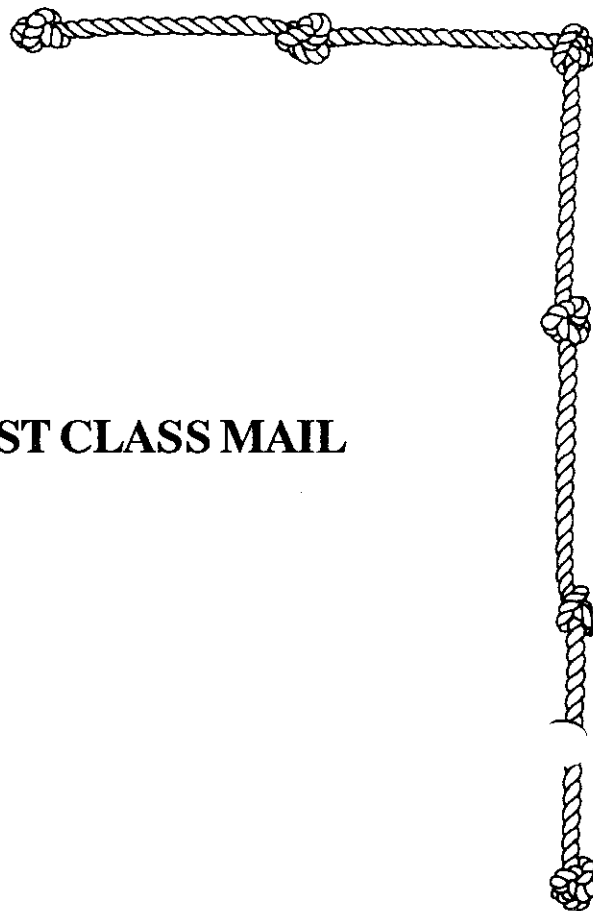


THE COUNTDOWN HAS BEGUN...SAILING SEASON STARTS SOON
SEE YOU AT THE CHILI FEAST ON APRIL 7TH
CALL LAURIE SIEGEL FOR RESERVATIONS

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