

HARBOUR LIGHT

January 1991 Herrington Harbour Sailing Association



CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

- Tuesday -- 1/8/91 -- Reservations due for Annual Banquet
- Thursday -- 1/10/91 -- 7p.m. EXCOM meeting at Nemersons
- Saturday -- 1/19/91 -- 7p.m. Annual Banquet at Bethesda Naval Officers Club
- Saturday -- 1/26/91 -- Noon 1st Winter Training Seminar on marine engines (in clubroom at H.H.)
- Friday -- 2/22/91 -- 1p.m. Lunch and tour of Maritime Institute
(reservations required--Contact Chuck Messner for details.)
- Saturday -- 2/23/91 -- (tentative)-Organizational meeting

FROM THE COMMODORE'S CORNER

By Rich Nemerson *Hide-Away*

Signs of winter.... boats on land, boats at their slips with PJ's on, the churning sounds of bubblers. To all captains and crews experiencing "boat withdrawal", it's time to review the past and begin laying plans for the future.

HHSA had one of its best years ever in 1990.



On December 13 the "batten" was passed at a Joint EXCOM meeting at the Duncans. Plans were finalized for the Annual Banquet, scheduled for January 19th at the Bethesda Naval Officers Club. Outgoing Rear Commodore Social, Laurie Siegel and her committee have literally outdone themselves. This promises to be one of our best banquets ever. A record turnout is anticipated. Be sure you've gotten your reservations to Laurie. Hope to see ya there!

The 1991 season, HHSA's eleventh year, is underway! Per the constitution, the Membership, Racing, Training and Newsletter committees have been established (more detail elsewhere in this newsletter). The chairpersons of the four standing committees (per the constitution are:

Thanks:

- Tony, for your Tidbits and outstanding leadership. We'll look to you for ongoing council.
- Mary Beth, for raising our racing program to new heights.
- Nick, for organizing a myriad of cruising options and for bequeathing the Cruise Captains kit.
- Chuck, for keeping us within budget and even allowing us to make a little money.
- Bob, for two (2) years of education and your retailing expertise.
- Carolyn, for evolving the quality of the Harbour Light. We look forward to your further innovations during 1991.
- Laurie, for two (2) years of fabulous social events and providing the "Mostess as a Hostess."

And finally my appreciation to the entire outgoing Executive Committee (EXCOM) for facilitating the transition to the new group.

- Racing Jan Smith
- Cruising Rich Siegel
- Social Debra Schuyler
- Nominating Tony Duncan

Planning and scheduling of 1991 activities has begun. In fact, in this issue of Harbour Light you will find our second annual survey. Your completion and return of this questionnaire will assist your new EXCOM in establishing objectives and priorities. Thanks Joe Batts, for putting it together.

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Chuck Messner, Training Rear Commodore, is way ahead with some really creative programs. On January 26, 1991, at noon in the Herrington Harbour club room, Chuck will kick off the year with a Diesel Engine Seminar. (see his column for details). Chuck and his committee have also already arranged for a Merchant Marine Training Center visit. And WOW...a combination on-land and on-the-water MAN OVERBOARD education program is in the works. Darlene Forte is again planning to conduct a Safety Seminar for youngsters; to enable them to meet state of Maryland boat operator certification requirements. This was last conducted two years ago and was an outstanding success.

Our annual February Organizational meeting is tentatively scheduled for February 23rd. Plan to attend! At this key meeting we will finalize the schedule for the years cruising, racing and social events. Stuart Chaney has again been invited to share with us his plans for the Herrington Harbour Marinas. And as usual, a SWAP meet will follow. Don't miss this one. Put it on your calendar.

The next EXCOM is scheduled at the Nemersons at 7:00 p.m. on January 10th. A strawman schedule will be put together for the February 23rd organizational meeting. Anyone wishing to submit an agenda item for any EXCOM meeting please contact any HHSA Officer.

As you can see there's no need for "boat withdrawal" or "winter blahs"... Check the masthead of the Harbour Light; it will always provide our calendar of events and keep you sailing.

Fair winds and Happy New Year to all!

SOCIAL CIRCUIT (Outgoing)
by Laurie Siegel *Erily*

Our Annual Banquet will take place on Saturday January 19, 1991 at the Bethesda Naval Officers Club. The deadline for reservations is January 8th. Please send in the enclosed form with menu selection and # of guests. Call Laurie *Erily* at (202-387-3115) if you have any questions.

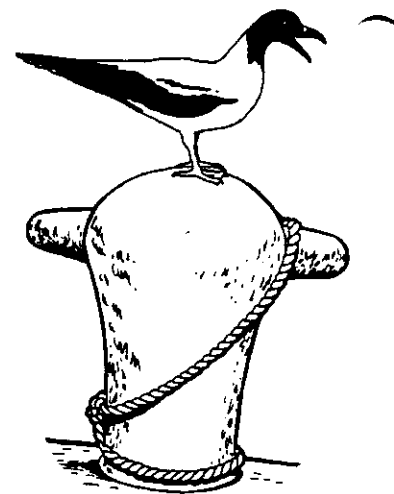


Our cocktail hour begins at seven p.m. and dinner will be at eight p.m. Dinner selection choices are Chicken Chesapeake (chicken breast stuffed with crabmeat) \$22.00 or Prime Rib - \$23.50. Dinner also includes soup, salad, two vegetables, dessert, coffee and tea. The evening will include sailing videos, a slide show, roast list, awards, door prizes and good friends! A map to the Bethesda naval Officers Club is enclosed in this newsletter.

#2 Banana
by Mary Beth Downs *Calliope*

Last year HHSA marked its 10th anniversary with one of the largest membership rosters ever. Even Chesapeake Bay Magazine took notice. Let's do it again!

We're off to a good start. As I write this, it is still 1990, the weather has not yet turned bitter, we have barely put our boats up for the winter...and we already have three new HHSA members - thanks to the efforts of last year's vice commodore. Boy, is that a hard act to follow.



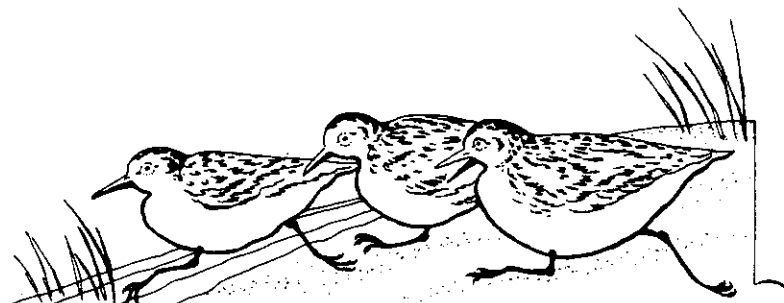
You will soon receive you 1991 membership application form in the mail. Please complete the entire application, including the boat data. Now is a good time to check that old burgee to see if a new one is in order. Burgees and USYRU race rule books can be ordered along with your membership renewal.

Inserted into this issue you will find a brief questionnaire regarding your likes and dislikes of the 1990 HHSA season. Please return these to me as soon as possible, so that I can forward the results to the proper chairpersons.

The 1991 Membership Committee has been formed:

- Carole Thranhardt *Star Chaser*
- Kent Kunze *Vinden*
- Cheryl Davenport *Breezy*
- Joe Batts *Belfry*

If you would like more information on HHSA membership, or know someone who would like information and an application, call any committee member.



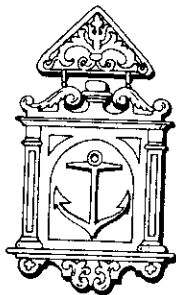
CRUISING NOTES

by Rich Siegel *Erly*

Now that you've elected me as your Rear Commodore for Cruising, I need to let you know that in the true spirit of politics, I must at this point renege on at least one of my campaign promises. Folks! The Coast Guard will not put padding around all the markers and buoys on the Chesapeake Bay. Neither will they pad the ones around Herring Bay. Can you imagine, this lack of cooperation from the government? They didn't even quote the nation's budget as the overriding problem. They just said "You got to be insane."

Seriously, it's going to take a lot of work and your help to make this coming season's cruising calendar as

good as past years. There are weekend cruises to plan, maybe one or more 4-day cruises, some long holiday weekends, things for the kids, cruises for the racers and more. We need your help in planning, volunteering, and suggesting cruise themes to make the up-coming season fun. Please volunteer your time and ideas by calling me at home (202) 387-3115 if you want to be on the cruise committee.



FOR SALE

APELCO DXL 6600 Loran C with display chart including chip, bracket, whip antenna and coupler. NEW -- \$500 -- Call Gordon at (301-299-5221).



TACKTICS

by Jan Smith *Manatee*

Now that the holidays are past, it's time to think about the upcoming sailing season. We're planning a full calendar of events, so there will be something for everyone!

If you have not raced with us in the past, consider this your invitation to join us on the race course! This will be my fourth year racing with Herrington Harbour Sailing Association, and it is not as stressful as you might be thinking - a good time is had by all!

The race committee is very enthusiastic and will have already met by the time you read this. The members are:

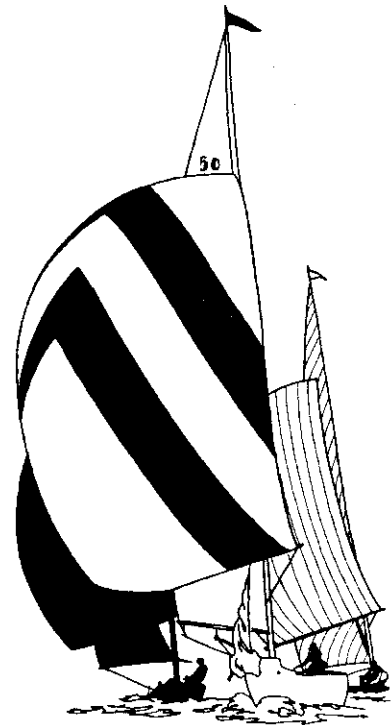
Mary Beth Downs, Art Silcox, Tom Schuyler and Dave LeJeune.

Our spring agenda will again include a racer's seminar series in April with both classroom and on-the-water practice. That will be followed by the second annual Novice Regatta (aka the Annual Dick Nemerson Regatta!), with awards for the novice racers. All racers, new and old, are encouraged to attend.

Plans are once again being made for a junior program and a one-design series for the adults. We'll let you know more about that as it develops.

Summertime events include the Wednesday night series', along with several long distance races and social events.

If you have any questions or comments on the upcoming racing program, please give me a call.



Training

by Chuck Messner *Quest*

1st Seminar Scheduled for January 26th!

What should you do that Sunday in August when there's no wind, it's a sticky 104 degrees and you've got to get back from the Wye River? Why you fire up the "Iron Genoa", that mysterious metal thing which lurks in the bilge. And if "Old Reliable" doesn't work?...

Don't let this happen to you. On Saturday, January 26 our Winter Seminar series begins with a talk about the care and feeding of marine diesel engines. Chris Oliver of Chesapeake Marine Engines is a leading authority on these mechanical marvels and was rated one of the best by Chesapeake Bay Magazine. Come learn how to maintain your engine and achieve greater peace of mind knowing that the previous scenario couldn't happen to you. The seminar will be held in the Marina Restaurant Club Room beginning at noon.

Also on the horizon, Bobbie Nemerson has arranged a tour of the Maritime Institute which features use of the big ship simulator. Come see what it is like to pilot a tanker through 10,000 sailboats! The tour will be on Friday, February 22, and will include lunch at 1300 hours and the tour. The cost is \$7.00 and attendance is limited to 30 people. Please call me now to register for this exciting voyage.

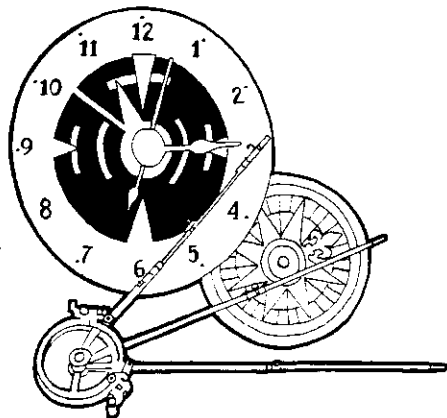
SOCIAL CIRCUIT (Incoming)

By Deb Schuyler *Matty's Song*

The changing of the watch occurred this month and I'm pleased to now have my turn at the helm. Social plans are in the early stages and any and all suggestions will be most welcome.

We're still looking for another 'anchorage' for the Spring Chili Feast. Everyone seemed to enjoy the 'entertainment' in the past years, so if you know of anyone or any particular event that would be of interest to this enthusiastic sailing group, please give me a call at (301-977-5819).

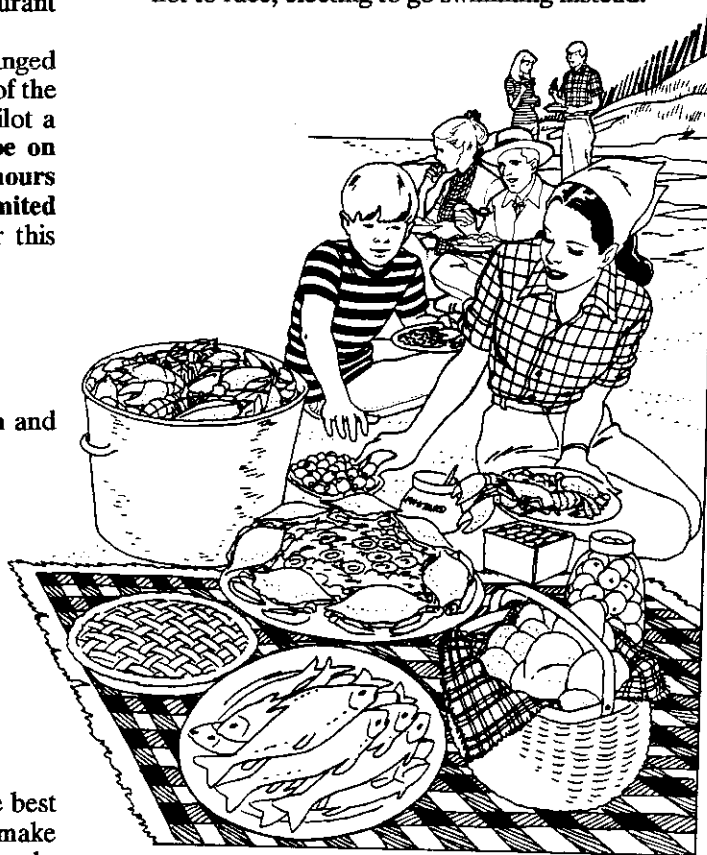
These fun times should be shared by all and the best way I know to do this is by hearing from you! Let's make 1991 a season of fair winds, full bellies and faster friends.

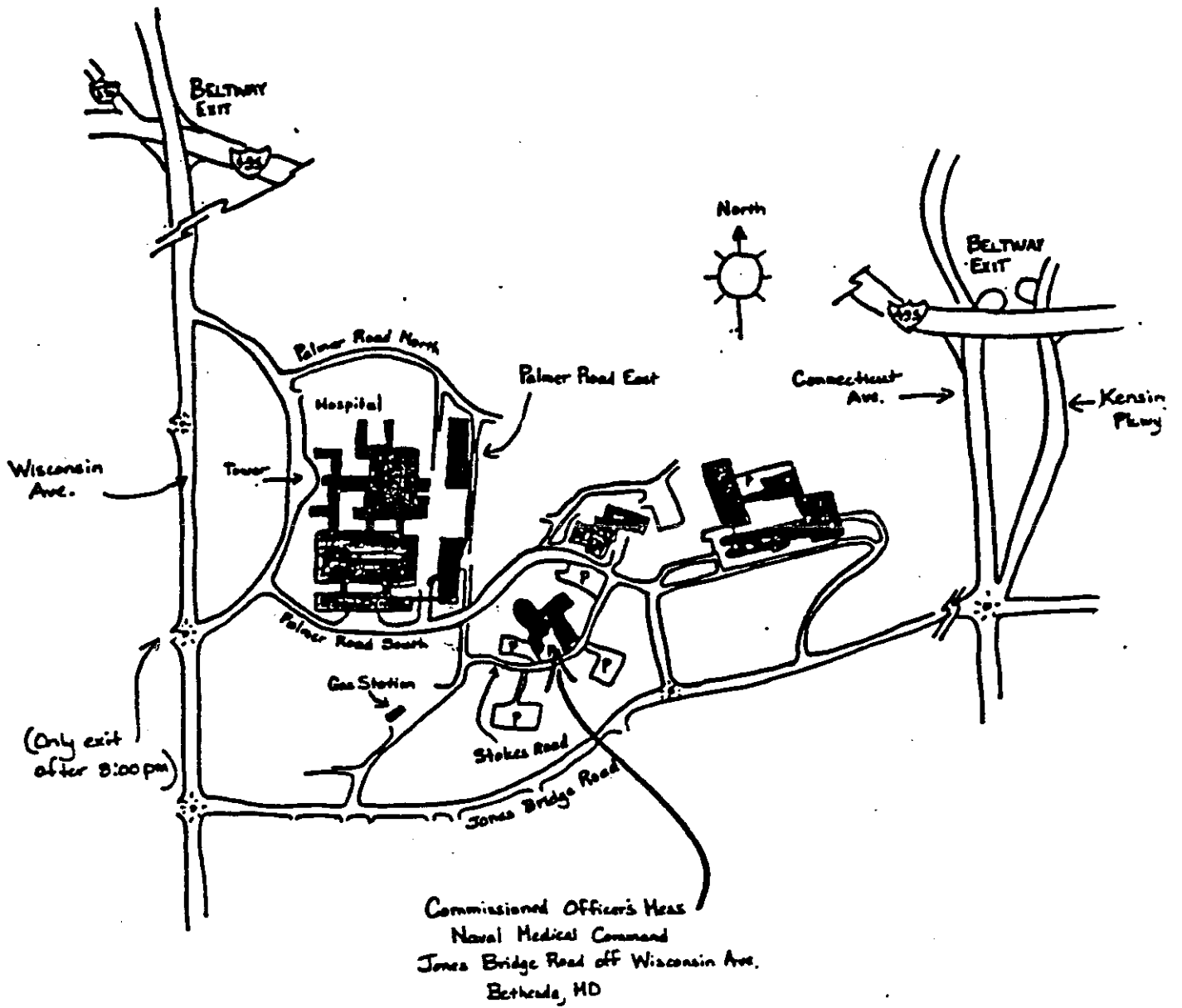


Soggy Sailors Brave Rainy Race

by Chuck Messner *Quest*

At least the weather couldn't get much worse, thought the stalwart racers in the November 10 Regatta, which means it could only get better! Thus reconciled, five boats jockeyed for position at the starting line formed between the committee boat, *Serenity*, and Daymark #2. The cold Northwest wind was gusting to about 30 knots with dark clouds and rain. The course was a broad reach to 9B, to 1H and a long beat to the finish. At the gun *Zalek* took the lead, followed closely by *Erily*, *Vinden*, *Quest*, and *Sashay*. *Zalek* admirably defended her lead right up to the first mark, where *Quest* got the inside line and emerged in the lead. For the next leg, *Erily* squeezed by to leeward of *Quest* to reach the mark first. With a sufficient lead, *Erily* took the time to very closely inspect 1H (it's green and dented). While *Erily* was absolving herself via two 360s, *Quest* again took the lead. The field quickly spread out as each of the racers tried to find the best course through the strong adverse current, waves and wind. Across the finish line first was *Erily* followed by *Zalek*, *Vinden*, *Quest* and *Sashay*. Aboard *Quest*, we timed *Sashay* as they finished ahead of us on corrected time, and raised a beer to another last place finish. It should be noted that the skipper of *Jambalaya* decided not to race, electing to go swimming instead.





FROM VIRGINIA:

- Take 495 EAST towards Baltimore.
- Take BETHESDA WASHINGTON Exit.
That will be WISCONSIN AVENUE.
- Go through 2 traffic lights.
- Take the NEXT LEFT onto the base.
- Take the NEXT LEFT onto PALMER ROAD NORTH.
- Turn RIGHT at the 1st STOP SIGN (PALMER ROAD EAST).
- Turn LEFT at the 2nd STOP SIGN (STOKES ROAD).

CLUB WILL BE ON YOUR LEFT-HAND SIDE.

FROM BALTIMORE:

- Take 95 to 495 (Silver Spring).
- Take CONNECTICUT AVENUE Exit.
(The sign will read KENSINGTON-CHEVY CHASE).
- At the light, make a LEFT onto CONNECTICUT AVENUE
---towards CHEVY CHASE.
- Take the FIRST RIGHT at the light onto JONES BRIDGE ROAD.
- Turn RIGHT at first light on JONES BRIDGE ROAD.
- Turn LEFT at STOP SIGN.
- At the next STOP SIGN, take a LEFT (STROKES ROAD).

CLUB WILL BE ON YOUR RIGHT-HAND SIDE

Annual Banquet

Saturday,
January 19, 1991



at the
Bethesda Naval Officer's Club

Cash Bar beginning at 7:00pm

Dinner at 8:00pm

Please return this portion No later than January 8, 1991!
Mail to: Laurie Siegel 3327 17th ST. N.W. Washington, D.C. 20010

CHOICE OF:

CHICKEN CHESAPEAKE
(Boneless Chicken Breast
Stuffed with Crabmeat)
\$22.00

OR

ROAST PRIME RIB
OF BEEF
\$23.50

Price includes: dinner, appetizer, salad, 2 vegetables, hot rolls
+ butter, dessert, coffee, tea, tax and tip.

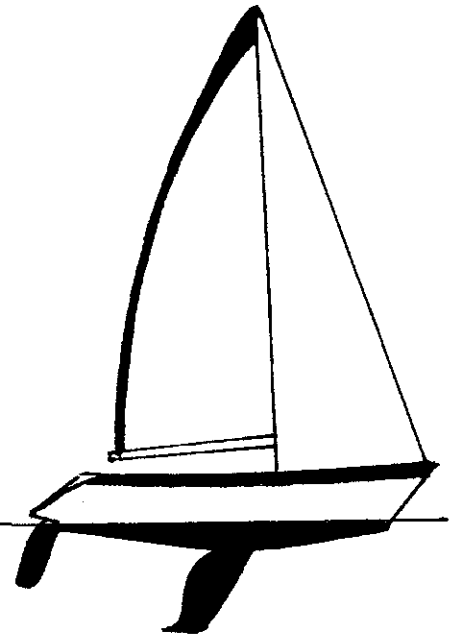
Name of Guests
(please print)

Dinner Selection
(chicken or beef)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Boat Name: _____

Check Total: _____



Herrington Harbour Sailing Association
Executive Committee

COMMODORE - Rich Nemerson - *Hide-Away* (301) 424-7013
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Herrington Harbour Sailing Association
Rose Haven on the Bay
Friendship, Maryland 20758

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5. For weekend cruises, I would prefer a Captain's meeting time of--

	8:00AM	8:30AM	9:00 AM	9:30 AM	10:00AM
A.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
B.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

6. On three day (2 night) cruises, my preference to move or stay put is as follows:

Strong pref. to say put	Mild pref. to stay put	Neutral	Mild pref. to move	Strong pref. to move
A. <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
B. <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

7. My preference for having Pickup Cruises (destination decided at Captain's Meeting) is as follows:

(all pickups)	(3 per mo.)	(2 per mo.)	(1 per mo.)	(none)
A. <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
B. <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

8. My interest in a four (4) day "long weekend" cruise on a non-holiday weekend, (e.g., Friday-Monday) is--

Strong Interest	Mild Interest	Neutral	Doubtful Interest	No Interest
A. <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
B. <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

9. Are you interested in being a cruising captain? If so, please list your name and preferred destination:

NAME _____ Destination _____

10. Comments on Cruising Program:

11. TRAINING: I would be interested in seminars on the following subjects-

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Rt 261, Rose Haven on the Bay,
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