

HARBOUR LIGHT

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Celebrating 38 Years of Sailing (1981 – 2018)

FROM THE HELM

By Mark Burrows, Commodore

If you were not able to attend the Spring Meeting, I invite you to go the *HHSA Facebook* page to see the recording. The meeting immediately went sideways but Eunice eventually got the framing figured out and we were right-side up. Getting a little sideways is not always a bad thing. It makes you think a little more about how things usually appear or how we usually do things.

My focus for the meeting was to engage our members in more events and activities. The people in the room demonstrated their desire to be part of HHSA just by showing up. I asked each of them to listen closely to the presentations by the HHSA Board and consider how they could help with a part of the Racing, Cruising, or Social programs as well as Membership and our governance. We talked about opportunities to do more than to just participate but also to organize and coordinate.

There is a lot that HHSA does and can do. To understand what our members prioritize, we are creating a short **survey**. We are finalizing the questions and the platform for distribution and data collections. When the survey comes out, **PLEASE PARTICIPATE!** We have a broad community and want to ensure everyone's expectations are known.

By the way, Spring is here. Your Winter To-Do list is probably still full but now is the time to start chopping wood and prepping for launch. I targeted Tax Day as my goal for launching. It definitely adds pressure to get things done and what better way to celebrate some of the year's most onerous projects. However, please add a couple more items to your list such as:

- Sign up for the Race Committee Seminar to learn how to run a race
- Sign up to be the Race Committee boat for 2018 for more than one race
- Sign up to lead a Cruise to your favorite Chesapeake destination
- Sign up to buddy with a new member on an HHSA Cruise
- Sign up to host a dock hop and have your own theme
- Sign up to help with a seminar





Rockhold Creek Entrance Dredging Update. At the HHSAs Spring Meeting, we ended with a discussion of the need for dredging at the Rockhold/Tracy's Creek entrance jetties. Members wanted to know who to contact to get the project done.

The space between the jetties grew more and more shallow last year. Due to 2018's extreme weather conditions, the channel between the jetties at the entrance to Rockhold Creek in Deale has silted over and become considerably shallower. This condition inevitably will lead to more grounded boats blocking the channel and creating a significant navigation hazard.

Our members have been contacting local and state officials about the priority and scheduling of the dredging project needed to address this problem. Herrington Harbour has been supportive of our efforts. Our members have received some replies to their contacts. Here is the latest update.

Delegate Howard and his staff have been working with DNR, the County Dept. of Public Works and federal elected officials to try to find a solution to this matter. The County Executive is also engaged in this process, advocating for a solution. The channel is federal territory but the money comes from the State and the permit requests come from the County. The County has submitted the request from the Army Corps of Engineers and from the Maryland Environment. The permits are now in review.

The Coast Guard, in the interim, is working with DNR to mitigate the situation by way of signage, buoys and public information. There is a video of the Coast Guards bouy work available on Facebook.

Finding the money for the project is an unresolved issue. More advocacy from HHSAs will only help. Thank you everyone that made the call or sent an email to get the channel cleared.

MEMBERSHIP NOTES

By Larry Brown, Vice Commodore, s/v *Idyll Ours*

New Members. Please join me in welcoming our newest members Mohsen & Sohren Masoudfar, Matt & Matt Smith and William & Stephanie Kruse.

2018 Membership Drive Report. This is the final month to renew your membership before it expires and access to the HHSAs website is terminated. Take this opportunity to renew if you haven't already.

Our membership is slightly ahead of previous years, but we hope that more will renew or join. If you are unsure whether you need to renew, check your member profile on the website. If the "Exp. Date" is 1/31/2018 - then you need to renew for the coming season. Regular membership is still \$65; membership for skippers of boats participating in the racing program is \$65 + \$60 = \$125. HHSAs Membership is the best value on the Chesapeake Bay.

If you do not plan to renew, drop us a line. You will be missed.

Burgee Orders. If you ordered a burgee when you renewed your membership, please let us know how you would like it delivered. Our preference is to deliver it to your boat at the marina - but if you prefer we can mail it to you. membership@hhsa.org.

Corporate Sponsors. If you would like to become an HHSAs Corporate Sponsor, please contact any HHSAs officer. Corporate sponsorship fee for 2018 is \$350 per year. Corporate Sponsors are recognized appropriately on the website, the newsletter, at HHSAs activities, etc. We hope members will consider using the services of our Corporate Sponsors.

HHSAs Fashion Statement. HHSAs ballcaps and visors are now available (photo below). See something you like?



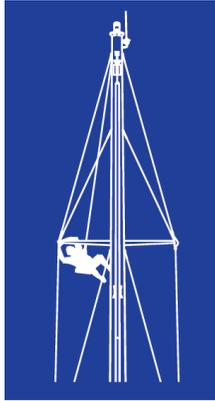
Visors or ballcaps are \$20 and can be purchased by contacting the Vice Commodore membership@hhsa.org.

HHSA ballcaps are Adams 6-panel low-profile pigment-dyed cotton twill with a tuck-away leather back strap and antiqued brass buckle. Ballcaps come in white, red, green, beige, navy, and charcoal, and have a "cool-crown" mesh liner inside, designed to promote cooling and minimize staining. Visors come in white, red, blue and beige. These are available now, and will be on display at future HHSA get togethers.

For those of you that want something different, Marty's Bagworks has a very wide selection of items which they can embroider and personalize for you. Contact them directly to check out their products and prices (410) 956-2869.



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RACING REPORT

By Ted Slotwinski, Rear Comm., Racing, m/v Zalek

I hope all of you are further along on your boat preparations than I. Old people don't like being cold, so rather than work on my boat, I hibernate on my couch with my orange tabby Chuck, anxiously waiting for 80 degree sunny days. By some mysterious process Zalek will be in the water and ready to be Race Committee for the practice races.

Two seminars remain which all skippers and crew are encouraged to attend. Both will be in the Loft above West Marine at HH North.

Saturday April 7, 10 am till noon - Racing strategy and tactics by Prag Katta. This builds on the first two seminars which covered the basics of racing and starting techniques. This third seminar will help you make smarter decisions pre-race and while racing to help you get to the front of the fleet.

Saturday April 21, 11 am till 1 pm - HHSA Race Management by Ted Slotwinski. This follows the HHSA pancake breakfast at the HH North Gedunk, so come feast then learn!

A reminder to all skippers and crews that the spinnaker and non-spinnaker classes will be different in 2018. There will be a single spinnaker class and a single spinnaker start. The class warning flag displayed by the Race Committee will be



the "6" flag. There will be a single Non-Spinnaker start, but two classes will be scored; a Non-Spinnaker Racing class for boats with Sail Area-to-Displacement (SA/D) ratios equal to or greater than 18.00; and a Non-spinnaker Cruising class for boats with a SA/Ds less than 18.00. The warning flag displayed by the Race Committee will be the "5" flag.

As I write this (March 25) 28 skippers have paid the race fee including 4 new racers for a total of 27 boats (one new racer has no boat). Nine skippers who had paid the race fee last season so far have not done so for 2018. I encourage any HHSA skippers who have not yet renewed and paid the racing fee to do so soon. It helps our planning to know who intends to race or not.

Two of our new racers will race in our Non-Spinnaker Racing class; Peter Gill aboard his Hanse 415 Adagio out of HHN, and Dave Paroulek aboard his S2 7.9 Aurora out of HHS. Matt Smith will race his Hunter 30-2 Winds of Change out of HHN in the Non-Spinnaker Cruising class. Please welcome them on the water and post-race at Skipper's Pier.

Also, as I write this only 6 skippers have signed up for Race Committee. We can and should do better. Racing is less than a month away.

**CALLING ALL
VOLUNTEERS
FOR RACE
COMMITTEE**

CRUISING REPORT

By Stefan Leader, Co-Rear Comm.,
Cruising, s/v *Diva II*



MARK YOUR CALENDARS! PIRATES AND WENCHES FANTASY WEEKEND CRUISE

Rock Hall, MD
August 10-12, 2018

Join the Herrington Harbour Sailing Association for Rock Hall's Pirates and Wenchies Fantasy Weekend on August 10-12. The annual town-wide Pirates and Wenchies Festival is packed with fun for the whole family and includes a town-wide treasure hunt, beach party, dinghy poker run and decorating contest, a 5k run, rum and wine tasting, a pirate ball and much more. Additional details can be found at: <https://www.rockhallpirates.com>.

HHSA has reserved a block of slips at the Haven Harbour South Marina (formerly The Sailing Emporium) in Rock Hall, MD.. To reserve your slip, call or email Denise Hepbrun at Haven Harbour South at 410-778-6697 or denise@havenharbour.com. Tell her you are part of the Herrington Harbour Sailing Association (initial reservation is under Laurie Underwood). You will need to provide her with: your name, boat name, length, beam, draft, electric requirement and a good contact number. The rate will be \$3.00 per foot, per night for both Friday and Saturday nights 8/10 - 8/11-18 with an electric charge of \$9.00 per night for 1x30amp or for a 2x30amp or 1x50amp would be \$17.00 per



night. You will need to pay for your stay at the time of making the reservation. The cancellation policy is 48 hours with a full refund. The marina will also provide a full refund due to inclement weather for that weekend. If you are interested, reserve your slip as soon as possible because any unreserved slips will be released six weeks prior to the Pirate and Wenches Festival.

SOCIAL REPORT

By Vanessa Uelman, Rear Comm., Social, s/v *Kaya*

Spring Meeting. It was wonderful to see so many Herrington Harbour Sailing Association Members at the Spring Meeting on March 17, 2018 ready to contribute ideas and resources to the upcoming season. The new time and place (1:30 p.m. at the Loft above West Marine at HHN) seemed to work for everyone and the exchange of information was lively and productive.

Sailing Season Kick-Off/New Member Pancake Breakfast. Are you ready to open those cans of bottom paint? Are you ready for warm days and steady winds? Are you ready for weather forecasts which don't include the word "snow"? If your answer to any of these questions is – YESSSS – then you are ready for the annual HHSa Sailing Season Kick-Off/New Member Pancake Breakfast. As always, this is a morning event so that there will be plenty of time for the seminar and other marina-worthy activities once you are well-fortified with a good breakfast.

Once again the event will take place at the Herrington Harbour North Gedunk patio. The tasty festivities will start at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 21, 2018 and will last until 11:00 a.m. (unless the griddle masters run out of batter). The menu provided by HHSa will include at least two kinds of flapjacks (buckwheat and regular), the syrupy and buttery fixings, OJ and Coffee. You are urged to contribute a brunch-appropriate item (pastries, quiche, fruit salad, whatever strikes your fancy) and to enjoy the feast in the company of other enthusiastic sailors.

As you probably know by now, this year's sock burnings were just slightly premature. In the event that we are in for a very late spring, and the weather on April 21 is recalcitrant,

there is a back-up plan – we will move indoors to the Member Lounge. Are you planning to join us for pancakes? Remember to register on the website. That way, there is no danger of running out of coffee, OJ or forks, cups, plates and napkins.

Dock Hop Season is On The Way. It is never too early in the season to start thinking about dock hops. In fact, planning has already started for a dock hop coming soon to HHN. This year, the HHSa would like to offer assistance to members who host such an event and the announcement was made at the Spring Meeting that reimbursement of incidental expenses up to the amount of \$50.00 is available. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you are inspired to set up a dock hop event and I will provide any assistance you require.

Here's to a great 2018 HHSa Sailing Season!

WOMEN UNDERWAY

By Bev Wright, s/v *Whoosh*

On March 11, 2018, 10 women attend the Sunday brunch at The Public House. Beth brought her college-age daughter, Christine, who introduced herself and told us about her future career plans in either anthropology or Special Education – either way, she'll be a success!

Mary brought a great tote bag that she had made at Sea Bags, 168 Main Street, Annapolis, Maryland 21401, (207) 239-5501, annapolis@seabags.com. The bag was FREE because Mary brought in an old sail from Spirit for the Sea Bags Sail Trade Program:

"Give new life to an old sail and recycle it with Sea Bags. Through our Sail Trade Program, we make the process of donating a sail easy. And for every usable sail, we offer our customers a Sea Bags product in trade."

Paula started the round-table conversation telling us how empowered she felt last year after sailing in very strong wind conditions in the Miles River with only one woman, Holly, as crew. Paula's boat, Eclipse, is a 35' Caliber and heavy enough to handle such conditions. They sailed with reefed main and partially furled jib and cruised right to the



destination without incident, to the amazement of other captains who had not fared so well.

Peg suggested that, if HHSa is looking for a charter cruise outside the Bay, we find out where Maris and Linda Eshleman will be during the summer and meet up with them. Beth talked about another excursion we might consider, to the Chicago Yacht Club Race to Mackinac.

Our summer ideas continue to include finding two boats docked near each other at either HHN or HHS for anchoring, docking and rafting practice. This led to a suggestion that Women Underway focus some meetings on HHSa cruising protocols and dinghy handling. (At the Spring Meeting on 3/17, the Board mentioned the possibility of a dinghy seminar.) Paula mentioned Robyn, a woman captain in Galesville, MD, whom we might engage for some training one day on docking and anchoring communications. We will also contact HH Marina about the end-of-summer PFD exercise in the pool

Margaret will be putting together a syllabus for a women-only one-day diesel course. Aric Euler, Chesapeake Marine Services, who gave the HH Marina seminar, offered to teach this course, which would include hands-on an engine on land and then going out on a boat or two and starting up the engines and describing what's happening. We would try to hold the cost to \$50/person. This would be held on a Saturday in May, June or July depending on Aric's availability.

Looking forward to the sailing season!

EDITOR'S NOTE: On March 30, 2018, the Board of Directors and Women Underway participants received the message below from Bev Wright. Needless to say, we all will miss her leadership, hard work and enthusiasm. We hope Women Underway meetings will continue to be held, albeit on a less regular schedule. **We plan to have our meeting on April 12 at the HHN Gedunk, so please come and let's discuss the future of the group and ideas or suggestions for meetings.**

Effective today, I'm stepping down as the volunteer Women Underway Coordinator. If you would like to volunteer or volunteer as the new Coordinator, please contact Mark Burrows, Commodore to let him know of your interest.

In light of the above, I've cancelled the remaining Women Underway meetings on the HHSa calendar. If someone steps up, the events can be activated.

It's been a pleasure being a part of this group for 7 years and coordinating for the last 6 years. Couldn't have done it without your support and great ideas!! I believe that we've accomplished a lot toward empowering women in sailing. Your enthusiasm and participation has been steady or increasing which has made it even more fun.

Thanks! -- Bev Wright

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April, 2018

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HHSA - Tactics Focused On PHRF Racing

West Marine "Loft" at Herrington Harbour North

10:00 AM **Monday**

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HHSA Board Meeting

Ted's House

7:00 PM **Thursday**

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Women Underway Meeting -- CANCELLED

HHN-Gedunk/Customer Lounge PATIO (near K & L Docks)

6:30 PM **Saturday**

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Sailing Season Kick-Off And New Member Pancake Breakfast

HHN-Gedunk/Customer Lounge PATIO (near K & L Docks)

9:00 AM **Saturday**

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HHSA - Race Management Seminar

West Marine "Loft" at Herrington Harbour North

11:00 AM **Wednesday**

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Wednesday Practice Race

Herring Bay

6:30 PM **Saturday**

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Saturday Practice Race

Herring Bay

12:55 PM

Remember to check hhas.org Event Calendar for details and updates.