

# HARBOUR LIGHT

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## FROM THE HELM

By Mark Burrows, Commodore

At this time of year, HHSA is in the middle of a lot of summer activities: dock hops, cruises, races. Also, at this time of year, we start getting ready for the Fall, specifically, the Fall Meeting. The purpose of the Fall Meeting is to bring the membership together and take care of Association business. High on the agenda is the election of new officers. Officers are elected to one-year terms. For the past 10 years or so, Officers have stayed on for a second and third year. Most profess taking the first year to understand the job and figure out how HHSA gets things done.

Prior to being on the HHSA Board, I was on the Racing Competition Committee. A previous Racing RC asked me to join. A couple of years later, I was lucky enough to be asked by some Board members to help with Communications. I thought it was a good idea because I was interested in changing some of our membership policies. Last year at about this time, Laurie Albert, the previous HHSA Commodore asked me to consider replacing her. I thought about it for a while and agreed when I learned that there were no restrictions on the size of the Commodore's Hat.

Next year, we will have several Officers stepping down after several years of service. Andea Heintzelman and Stefan Leader are handing off the Cruising Rear Commodore reins. Vanessa Uelmen is leaving the Social Rear Commodore position. Ted Slotwinski is retiring from Racing Rear Commodore. Eunice Lin will hand off the Newsletter to a new Editor-in-Chief. All of our other Officers will run again for 2019.

I'm putting the "Help Wanted" sign out on the virtual club house door. We have a lot of talented, enthusiastic members who can step into these rolls. At the end of this Newsletter, you will see descriptions of most of the Board jobs. Some have incumbents, others do not. In other words, if you are interested in any of the positions, we will put you on the Fall ballot. Each position more or less has a committee to support their area and the past RC's are very helpful and supportive.

Like I said, I was asked to be on the Board. Unfortunately, I don't get to hang out with everyone in HHSA enough to see who might fit into an HHSA role. But you do. Please take some time to review the positions and consider joining the HHSA Board. If you can't take on a job, talk



to your regular boat buddies that you think might. I would appreciate it.

We have a lot of fun on the Board and do our best to steer the ship. Like most boats, we are always looking for new crew. Contact me or one of the other Vice/Rear Commodores to learn more or to get on the ballot.

Cheers,  
Mark

## MEMBERSHIP NOTES

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

**New Members.** Please join me in welcoming our newest members: give them a hearty welcome if their boat is moored near yours or when you meet them at future HHSA events.

- John & Mary Driver, *s/v Shazam*, HHN D-24
- Jayne Durden and Jason Gorman, *s/v Miss Fortune*, HHN P-16

**Burgee Orders.** Please contact the Vice Commodore if you have not received the burgee you purchased when you renewed your membership. 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](mailto:membership@hhsa.org)

### Laws of the Sea

- The depth of the bilge where anything falls is exactly the length of your arm plus one inch.
- The most expensive winch handle goes overboard first.
- The most likely location for a deck leak is directly over an occupied bunk.
- The only time you can have too much fuel is when you are on fire.
- The most dangerous phrase in boating is “watch this.”

### Three Mistakes Boater’s should avoid with DSC-VHF Radio

- Relying on an old VHF radio to signal that you are in distress.
- Thinking you don’t need to bother to register a DSC-VHF and get an MMSI number.
- Not reading the owner’s manual that came with your radio and familiarizing yourself with your radio’s features.

Read more at BOATUS Foundation “Online VHF/DSC Radio Tutorial” (<http://www.boatus.org/DSC/>).

**BOATUS offers free online “how-to videos.”** Most of the 100-plus videos on <https://www.youtube.com/boatus> were produced by the editors of BoatUS Magazine and cover a range of practical topics, all designed to make a boater’s life better. Some of the more popular topics are: “How to Repair Gelcoat,” “5 Outboard Maintenance Jobs People Forget,” “Beaching Your Boat So You Can Leave Again,” “How To Navigate Using a Smartphone,” and “How To Back Into a Slip.”

**T2PTV.** So you missed the final race of the AYC Wednesday Night Race - Series 2 Race 4? You can watch it [here: https://youtu.be/84rgpZhEH1s?utm\\_source=July+20th+Blast&utm\\_campaign=21403&utm\\_medium=email](https://youtu.be/84rgpZhEH1s?utm_source=July+20th+Blast&utm_campaign=21403&utm_medium=email).

**Scientists: Climate Change Could Help Bay Crabs Thrive.** “As the climate warms, crabs here in the Chesapeake Bay would grow continuously throughout the year,” said fisheries scientist Thomas Miller, director of the Chesapeake Biological Laboratory in Solomons, Maryland. They’d “become available to the fishery year-round.” Read more at: [https://www.chesapeakebaymagazine.com/baybulletin/2018/7/21/scientists-climate-change-could-help-bay-crabs-thrive?utm\\_source=ALL+Mail&utm\\_campaign=fb31b17f48-EMAIL\\_CAMPAIGN\\_2018\\_04\\_25\\_COPY\\_01&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_39a7fb996d-fb31b17f48-99489473](https://www.chesapeakebaymagazine.com/baybulletin/2018/7/21/scientists-climate-change-could-help-bay-crabs-thrive?utm_source=ALL+Mail&utm_campaign=fb31b17f48-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2018_04_25_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_39a7fb996d-fb31b17f48-99489473)



Family Rescues Dozens of Seahorses on Virginia Beach. Within seconds, and to the surprise of the group, the pregnant male seahorses gave birth to dozens of offspring in the bucket. The group called the Chesapeake Bay Foundation (CBF), who collected the ten adults and more than 50 offspring. Read more at: [https://www.chesapeakebaymagazine.com/baybulletin/2018/7/24/family-of-beachgoers-rescues-family-of-seahorses?utm\\_source=ALL+Mail&utm\\_campaign=fb31b17f48-EMAIL\\_CAMPAIGN\\_2018\\_04\\_25\\_COPY\\_01&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_39a7fb996d-fb31b17f48-99489473](https://www.chesapeakebaymagazine.com/baybulletin/2018/7/24/family-of-beachgoers-rescues-family-of-seahorses?utm_source=ALL+Mail&utm_campaign=fb31b17f48-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2018_04_25_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_39a7fb996d-fb31b17f48-99489473)



## RACING REPORT

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

The second Wednesday series had one race cancelled for too little wind and a second cancelled for too much wind, resulting in four races with no throw outs. Twenty one boats raced in at least one Wednesday race in the second series: Six Spinnaker; nine Non-Spinnaker Racing; and six Non-Spinnaker Cruising. Congratulations to the winners of Series 2: *Jubilee* - Keith Mayes in Spinnaker; *Avalon* - Jim Murtland in Non-Spinnaker Racing; and *Tuanis* - Dimitrii Kischukov in Non-Spinnaker Cruising.



For the second year in a row, the Great Bay Race was a weather challenge. Winds varied dramatically in velocity (calm to 30 knot gusts) and direction. Fortunately, the worst storms tracked south to north along the western shore avoiding the racers. Eight boats ventured forth and six finished. Congratulations to the winners: *Jubilee* - Keith Mayes in Spinnaker; *Avalon* - Jim Murtland in Non-Spinnaker Racing; and *Tuanis* - Dmitrii Kischukov in Non-Spinnaker Cruising.





## CRUISING REPORT

By Stefan Leader and Andrea Heintzelman, Rear Commodores, Cruising, s/v *Diva II*

### Southern Bay Cruise --- Ins and Outs

Sunday August 12 is our Double-handed Race, an opportunity for racers to sail short-handed, something our cruisers do every weekend.

Saturday August 25 is our third race from Herring Bay to West River. This year we expect entries from the Southern Maryland Sailing Association (SMSA), which are cruising to Herrington Harbour South that weekend, in addition to entries from the Pirates Cove Racing Club (PCRC). I encourage HHSA entries to sign up early by registering on the event calendar on our web site, so I can begin posting an entry list. Classes may include Spinnaker A, Spinnaker B, Non-Spinnaker Racing, and Non-Spinnaker Cruising depending on entries.

Thanks to all the skippers who volunteered to fill the remaining Wednesday Race Committee vacancies. The only dates left are the Double-handed Race and the six Frostbite Sundays.

Sail fast! Have fun!

The Southern Bay Cruise turned out to be an in and out affair, with some boats in for the full itinerary and out for others and one boat (*Whoosh*) doing their own thing entirely (see Bev Wright's article). It was also hot and windless making us all "stink pots" (motor boats) for the duration. But all participants enjoyed the camaraderie, shared meals and made the most of plug in AC and several marina swimming pools.

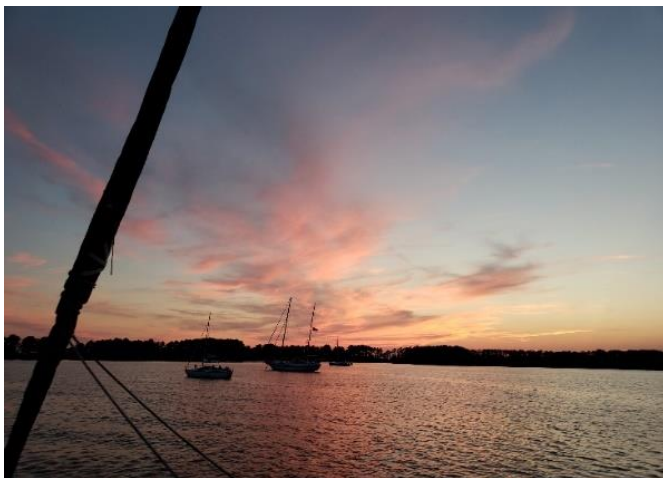
It was a challenge keeping track of the comings and goings but all together nine boats participated in one way or another – *Diva II*, *Eclipse*, *Passing Wind*, *Idyll Ours*, *Brujo*, *Mac 26* (first HHSA cruise), *Palmetto Moon*, *Clarity*, and Tom Wiltshire's motor yacht. In addition, Pat and Ron McCallum (*Vela Nova*) drove down to have a look at Vera's White Sands and join us for dinner there. *Clarity* skipped Hudson Creek, joined us at Vera's and headed home early for the birth of a grandchild; *Palmetto Moon* also joined us at Vera's, spent a night at Zahnisers and left early for a couple of days in Oxford. And Tom Wiltshire and Mary McClellan motored down to join us for dinner at the Dry Dock restaurant at Zahniser's in Solomons.

The final, slightly modified itinerary, included a very pleasant first night in Hudson Creek, a second night at Vera's on St Leonard's Creek off the Patuxent and then downriver to Zahnisers' where we spent two nights, skipping Slaughter Creek.

With light southerlies dominating the weather, we motored to Hudson Creek, arriving in about five hours. Fifteen people filled *Diva II*'s cockpit for a lavish pot luck dinner topped off by a delicious cold watermelon contributed by Max, crewmember on Dennis McCarthy's *Mac 26*. While it was a hot night, Hudson Creek was, as usual, serene and beautiful, topped off by a lovely sunset.



leisurely morning on July 2, as the run to Zahniser's was only about two hours and slips would not be available until after the 12:30 checkout.



Highlight of the evening, in addition to excellent food and service, was presentation of an HHSA burgee for addition to the many club burgees already decorating the premises. Vice Commodore Larry Brown retrieved a burgee from *Idyll Ours* and did a fine presentation to Dry Dock manager, Nicole Hamilton.



From Hudson Creek, we motored down to Solomon's, up the Patuxent to St. Leonard's Creek and Vera's White Sands Marina and Beach Club. *Diva II* hadn't been to Vera's in at least 10 years and the place was much improved. The entire fleet (six boats) was able to tie up at the same dock, although we received little or no assistance from the dock master. The hot weather sent many of us to the swimming pool, which was well maintained and pleasant, although somewhat warm. HHSA cruisers enjoyed dinner together and had the dining room almost entirely to ourselves. We had a

That brief but very public presentation earned us an invitation for drinks the following night at Solomon's



Island Yacht Club and an invitation to use their excellent facilities on future trips to Solomon's. If you are interested in docking at SIYC, you can call the main club phone at 240-925-5694 or Fleet Captain Tony Baratta at 814-722-5654.



On the last day of our cruise (July 4), Diva II was up with the sun and underway by 6:30AM. We caught the flood tide, rode it all the way home and were back at the fuel dock at HHS in 4 hours and 45 minutes. The rest of the fleet followed a bit later and made it home in 5 to 6 hours. Sometimes, motoring has benefits.

## SOCIAL REPORT

By Vanesss Uelman, Rear Commodore, Social,  
*s/v Kaya*

**Dock Hops.** Despite what has so far been a truly monsoon-plagued sailing season, the H H S A summer dock hops have benefited from pleasant weather. The events in June and July were wonderful and a huge thank you goes out to the hosts. Keep your fingers crossed that the weather gods will continue to smile for the fall hops in September and for the Third Wurst Dock Hop in October. Full details for these events will be posted soon.

**Annual Picnic.** In the meantime, this year's HHSA PICNIC is fast approaching. The date is August 19, 2018, from 4 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. approximately (Last year's weather was delightful and folks stayed to chat until well after sunset.) The event will take place, once again, on Gazebo Point at the **Shipwright Harbor Marina** (at the end of the parking lot just past the swimming pool). The entrance to Shipwright is over the bridge from Herrington Harbour North Marina in Deale, 6047 Herring Bay Road.

“Summer In Padua – Yes, It’s A Cocktail” is the theme expanding on last year’s record setting 50+ servings of aperol spritzes. For \$10 per person you will be provided with pizza, side dishes, desserts, drinks (alcoholic and non-alcoholic, and the beverage dinky will be open for business), and entertainment (think bocce ball, bean bag toss, knot tying and a message in a bottle writing contest). Contributions such as appetizers and desserts are always welcome AND there are several up-to-date grills if you would like to bring your own BBQ items. Hope to see you there.

**Rear Commodore (Social) Nominations.** The HHSA community is enthusiastic about socializing. Dock Hops, Land Cruises, Soup Night, Picnic/BBQs, Holiday Parties, End-of-the-Season Celebrations, Pancake Breakfasts. . .as far as the Membership is concerned it’s all good. The person who flies the Social Burgee has a fulfilling role as an Officer and Director of the Association. It is a great opportunity to be active in the Association and to meet the people who make HHSA such a vibrant organization. Are you the next Rear Commodore-Social? We are looking for nominations for this position to be announced at the November Annual Meeting. Just let Commodore Mark Burrows and/or Rear Commodore-Social Vanessa Uelmen (vuelmen@cox.net) know that you are interested by October 15, 2018 and you can be on the job by February 1, 2019. We are standing by to help in whatever way we can.



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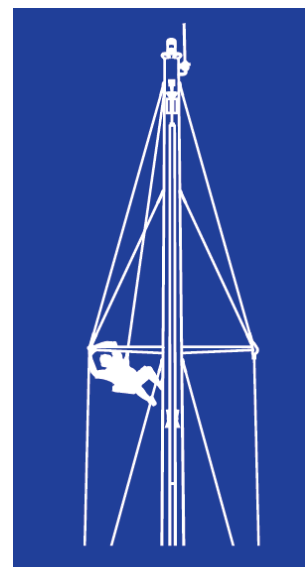
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### **HHSa OFFICERS NEEDED**

Are you ready to take command and to be captain of the party boat? Or the racing schedule? Or the monthly newsletter? The HHSa Board of Directors is standing by and is prepared to present your name on its slate of candidates to steer the Association into the 2019-2020 Sailing Season. You just have to let the Commodore (Mark Burrows) and/or one of the officers know you are interested, by October 15, 2018. To help you understand what we do, here are some “job descriptions.”

#### **Vice Commodore**

Are you looking to support HHSa; do you have ideas that could promote & improve the Association? Volunteer to become the Vice Commodore in 2019. The duty of the Vice Commodore is to fill in for the Commodore in his or her absence. That never happens - so there is not much for the VC to do. The VC does, however, maintain the “Master Roster of Membership,” the purchase and distribution of burgees & other HHSa merchandise, and informs the Corporation of new members through timely announcements in the Newsletter. Volunteer now - your ideas would be welcome.

#### **Rear Commodore (Racing)**

The HHSa Racing Rear Commodore is in charge of all aspects of the HHSa racing program. The rear commodore is assisted by a Competition Committee of his/her choosing. Duties include, but are not limited to, the following:

- \* Review/modify the racing documents (HHSa Rules, Sailing Instructions, Course Book, and Race Committee Manual) for each season.
- \* Organize and/or present several training seminars in the winter/spring months.

- \* Keep track of the racers (owner names, boat information, ratings, dues paid, etc) and publish such information periodically.
- \* Establish the racing schedule.
- \* Coordinate Race Committee assignments.
- \* Coordinate with the official scorer (if such a position is filled) to compute and publish the race results including the various high point award categories.
- \* Adjudicate protests.
- \* Procure and distribute the racing awards.
- \* Attend monthly HHSa Board meetings.
- \* Maintain the inventory of HHSa race equipment.
- \* Represent HHSa at Bay-wide organizations such as CBYRA, PHRF, CRCA.
- \* Develop the annual budget for the racing program.

#### **Rear Commodore (Cruising)**

Your job will be to organize the cruising schedule for the 2019 season, including recruiting cruise leaders, consulting with cruise leaders on destinations, weather, itineraries, cruise themes and all issues related to cruising. You might even lead a cruise or two. You would be expected to attend monthly board meetings, report on the status of the cruising program and post cruise related information on the web site. You get to fly a neat rear commodore’s burgee and receive an end of season gift for your efforts.

#### **Rear Commodore (Social)**

An exciting and rewarding OPPORTUNITY awaits anyone who would like to serve as Herrington Harbour Sailing Association’s Rear Commodore-Social. The





position comes with its own burgee, a budget, and a delightful and experienced crew of past Rear Commodores-Social and creative volunteers ready and willing to assist you in providing social events for the membership.

The Rear Commodore-Social is an Officer and Director of the Herrington Harbour Sailing Association elected for terms of one year until a successor is elected. The responsibilities of the incumbent include, but are not necessarily limited to: (1) establishing the Social Committee not later than March 1 of the year served and serving as the committee chairperson, (2) organizing all HHSA social activities, and (3) serving as a member of the Awards Committee.

#### **Newsletter Editor**

The newsletter editor prepares the monthly issue of “Harbour Light” at the end of each month. It’s your chance to put your own personal stamp on the newsletter. In general, the rear commodores are responsible for submitting articles. The editor compiles them, adds photos and any other articles he/she wants included, and publishes the issue on the website and through email to members. One only has to be familiar with Word.