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FROM THE COMMODORE... Ted Slotwinski ZALEK

The season is winding down. The official racing season is complete. Congratulations to the high point champions: Keith Mayes of Jubilee in Spinnaker A; Tim Richards, Margaret Clarke, Michael Jichlinski, and Sara Gagneten of Leap Frog in spinnaker B; and Jeff Bowen of Pachanga in Non-spinnaker. All won their divisions by commanding margins. Well done skippers and crews!

Racing is not entirely done, as the informal Frostbite Series begins on Sunday November 8 and continues through Sunday December 13. If your boat is still in the water, come out and give it a try. It is all non-spinnaker racing, so fewer crew are needed.

All of the scheduled cruises have been completed; the last one being John and Barbara Locke's Halloween cruise to St. Michael's. However, there is certain to be several weekends with suitable cruising weather. Your opportunity to lead or join a pickup crew and enjoy some crisp Fall sailing and quieter anchorages.

We have traditionally considered the membership year as beginning and ending on November 1, since except for the annual banquet organized activities are past, and anyone joining after November 1 is credited with

membership for the following season. Thus our 2009 final membership count is 115 primary full memberships plus 7 associate memberships (new for 2009) and 2 free trial memberships (also new for 2009). That compares to a 2008 total of 104 primary full memberships and a 2007 total of 119. The 115 includes 31 new members for 2009. It unfortunately also includes only 8 renewals of new members who joined in 2008. Our retention of new members is not where we want it to be. What is lacking? What can we do better?

Every member is welcome and encouraged to contribute articles to the monthly newsletter. The usual contributors are the Board

Officers and the cruise captains. I invite the new members from 2008 and 2009 to submit brief articles describing their HHSA experience; both pros and cons. Help us to improve the number of 2009 new members who renew for next season. If you feel uncomfortable offering objective criticism for all to see, then please send it directly to me zalek4@cox.net and to our 2010 Commodore, Rich Griner at grinercoyote@mac.com. We want to hear from you!

Finally, please plan to attend the 2009 season banquet on Saturday January 30, 2010 at the Tower Club in Vienna, Virginia.



Hank Chalkley's award-winning Halloween costume, debuted at the Halloween cruise to St. Michael's. More on Page 5.

HHSA RACING SEASON WRAP-UP

KEITH MAYES, *JUBILEE*

With the addition of Frostbite races to the Racing Calendar 3 years ago, we get 8 full months of racing on Herring Bay. 2009 has proven to be above average in at least 3 areas: participation, quality of racing, and cooperation from the weather.

Not including the Frostbite Series, which runs on Sundays from early November through mid December, there were 6 weekend regattas scheduled and all were completed – some with light breezes and a couple with about as much wind as we could handle. Of the 20 Wednesday races on the calendar, bad weather caused only 1 race to be abandoned after everyone got out on the water and 1 was cancelled before we left the slip.

The weekend races saw an average of 9 boats per event, with a low of 3 in the Fall Regatta (bad weather forecast, but great sailing weather on the water!) and a high of 14 for the Poplar Island Race. In Non Spinnaker there was average of almost 5 boats per race, in Spinnaker A there was an average of 2.5 boats, and in Spinnaker B there was an average of 2 boats per race.

T-Bone (Bruce Artman) was Race Committee for the Spring Regatta on May 16th when the weather gods treated us to decent 12 – 15 knots of breeze. Cadence II (Carl Schaefer) was 1st and Avenger (Dave Johnson) was 2nd in Non Spin. Jubilee (Keith Mayes) beat Coyote (Rich Griner) in Spin A, and Cantata (Hank Chalkley) was the lone competitor in Spin B. Avenger (Dave Johnson) was RC for the Sharps Island Race on June 13th.

There was light air for the start of this traditional mid-summer twilight event and for about half the Short Course race, but the breeze filled in nicely for the run home.

Smoke (Andrew Awalt) was the only Non Spin starter, Jubilee beat Firewater (Jim Murland) in Spin A, and Cadence II edged out Leap Frog (Richards/Jichlinski/Gagnetten syndicate) in Spin B.

Firewater performed RC duties for the Bloody Point Race on August 9th getting the race started in 10 knots of breeze at 1400 hours. Pachanga (Jeff Bowen) beat Spirit (Geoff Hodgdon), and Spook (Rich Ordeman) was 3rd among 7 starters in Non Spin. Jubilee beat Coyote in Spin A and Leap Frog beat Cantata in Spin B.

Carolina Blue (Joe Howell) was RC for the Poplar Island Race on September 20th and watched 14 boats get away in very light breeze that filled in toward the end of the race. Tern (John Weiss) got his first win (Congratulations!), while Resilient (Bob Spann) was 2nd, and Uncloudy Day (Joe Howell) was 3rd in Non Spin. Lady Grey (Joe and Jen Laun) in their first year on the J/110, proved that an earlier win on a Wednesday night was no fluke and beat the Beneteau 36.7s First Look (Bruce Kissal) and Jubilee in Spin A, while Spook beat Leap Frog in Spin B.

Pachanga was RC for the big breeze and waves on October 10th for the Autumn Classic, which featured numerous withdrawals and a monster round up and broach for Jubilee, who was flying a spinnaker in the 30 plus knots northerly. The survivors included Tern over Spook and Resilient in Non Spin, Lady Grey over Firewater in Spin A, and Cantata the only finisher in Spin B.

A week later and despite a really unpleasant forecast, the Fall Regatta, with Coyote as RC, was held on October 18th in some of the best sailing conditions of the year – 15 to 20 knots from the north. Only 3 boats ventured out and after 2 races, Jubilee was 1st, Avenger was 2nd, and Lady Grey was 3rd.

At the time of writing, 3 weeks of the Frostbite Series have been run, with 7 races completed. In these Non Spinnaker events 14 boats have competed and uncharacteristically encountered light to non-existent breezes the first 2 weeks. Jubilee is leading the pack, followed by T-Bone, Cadence II, Coyote, and Leap Frog.

We witnessed some of the best participation in years on Wednesday evenings; 16 boats (5 Non Spin, 5 Spin A, and 6 Spin B) in Series 1, but 29 boats coming to the line during Series 2 (13 Non Spin, 7 Spin A, and 9 Spin B). Having split the spinnaker class into two groups at the PHRF 100 mark 2 years ago, it is interesting to note that we are seeing a nice balance between the two classes. Over the course of the summer there was an average of 6.3 Spin A boats and 8.3 Spin B boats. We also observed that in Series 3 there were 11 Non Spin boats and 10 Spin B boats (and 7 Spin A), so in fact we are seeing a pretty even spread across our 3 classes, which is good.

Pachanga was the dominant Non Spin boat on Wednesdays winning 8 races (out of 16) on the way to winning all 3 Series. It is worth noting that this is Jeff's first full year in command of a racing boat after spending many years cruising, teaching, and crewing for others, like Bill and Jodi Weinbecker. Well done Jeff! Smoke was very consistent

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with 2nd in Series 1 and 2, and 3rd in Series 3. Avenger was 3rd in Series 1, Sandpiper (Chris Scott) was 3rd in Series 2, and Serefe (Sam Baker) was 2nd in Series 3. Leap Frog had the best record in Spin B with wins in both Series 1 and 2 and 4th in Series 3, and a total of 7 wins over the 3 series. Glissade kept Leap Frog honest all season and finished with 1st in Series 3 and a 2nd in both Series 1 and 2. Cantata was 3rd in Series 1, Avenger was 3rd in Series 2, and Spook was 3rd in Series 3.

Jubilee was the top boat in Spin A winning all 3 Series and also winning 8 races. T-Bone was 2nd in all 3 Series and Coyote was 3rd in all 3 Series. It's fun watching these 3 boats duke it out every week, with Firewater, Lady Grey, and First Look ready to take advantage of rare mistakes.

The Final High Point tallies have been posted by the venerable Hank Chalkley, the official scorer. Pachanga, Leap Frog, and Jubilee each easily won their respective classes – Non Spin, Spin B, and Spin A. The winner of the Commodores Cup will be identified after the completion of the Frostbite races. HHSA boats competed outside Herring Bay in numerous CBYRA Handicap and Cruising One Design regattas throughout the year. Most notable among those was Coyote which competed in several big events in the Non Spinnaker class, often double handed with owners Rich Griner and Greg Coffey aboard. They were rewarded with a couple of wins, and in the PHRF A1 class finished 2nd in the Annapolis to Hampton Down the Bay Race – Double Handed against fully crewed boats! To put the icing on the cake, Coyote is the 2009 CBYRA

Chesapeake Bay Non Spinnaker High Point winner. Congratulations to Rich and Krsitin and Greg!

Jubilee finished 2nd in CBYRA Beneteau 36.7 High Point, and won Annapolis Race week in that class over the Labor Day weekend.

T-Bone and Dakota Girl (Stephanie Reuer) met with some success in J/35 competition, while Tim Richards took Leap Frog north to Annapolis a couple of times to tangle with the J/30 fleet. Others such as Serefe, Cantata, Glissade, First Look, Lady Grey, Flying Horses (Will Battle), and Mazal Tov (Arne Fliflet) tested themselves in CBYRA competition on the waters of Annapolis, Solomons, St. Michaels, and Oxford.

T-Bone (Bruce Artman and Grant Schneider) also tackled the Annapolis to Newport Race, an event that was beset by almost calm winds for a couple of days, and despite finishing at the back the crew was well satisfied with their efforts in completing what was their first blue water race. It sounds like they will be back for more distance

ocean races in the future.

The 4th Annual Integrity Yacht Sales Summer Invitational was held on June 27th. Thirty five boats came to the line, but the sailing was spoiled by very light winds and only one of the three planned races was completed. We received top marks for the party afterwards, catered by Herrington on the Bay at the South Marina. Many thanks to Vicki Rasmussen from Integrity Yachts for her generous support of this CBYRA sanctioned event!

The program can only be successful with the support of the volunteers who sit on the Competition Committee and plan each year's racing activities, and the many volunteers who man the committee boats each race. Kudos to all who help make the racing program at HHSA a huge success, and congratulations to all who competed with great sportsmanship and demonstrated that competitive Corinthian sailing is alive and well in Herring Bay.



HHSA AWARD WINNING CHILI RECIPE

4 lbs ground bison
 2 lbs lamb neckbones
 2 lbs beef stew meat in 1" cubes
 1 medium onion chopped
 3 cans Ro-Tel Tomatoes, heat of your choice
 3 oz Williams Chili Powder, season of your choice
 1 tbsp smoked paprika
 1 tbsp powdered chipotle
 1 tbsp dried garlic
 1 tbsp powdered cumin seed
 1 oz Mexican or bittersweet chocolate
 1 tbsp olive oil

In a large skillet, heat olive oil and add lamb, stew meat and onion, cooking until lamb and beef are browned and onion is soft. Remove lamb bones (and give your dog a treat!).

Empty stew meat and onion into a stockpot or stew kettle, at medium heat. Add in rotation 1 lb bison, 1 can tomatoes, 1 oz chili powder, until they are all added. Stir until all the bison is browned, then add paprika, chipotle, garlic, and cumin. Cover and simmer for 30 minutes to an hour.

Before serving, add chocolate and mix well until invisible.

Serve with onions, sour cream, sharp cheese and beans if you must.

CRUISING

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HHSA's cruising schedule wound down as October was a relatively cold and rainy month and winter is fast approaching. Rounding out the season, the planned revival of the Oktoberfest of yore was rained out but the Halloween cruise was well attended with several boats taking slips in St. Michaels, Maryland at the St. Michaels Marina or at the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum. This concluded the formal "on water" portion of the cruising season and, unless there is an unusually warm November and December, we'll all be winterizing our boats for the coming winter. As you no doubt know, enthusiasm is building among HHSA cruisers and racers for a circumnavigation of the Delmarva Peninsula for next season. Several of you have written to express interest in participation. The trip was first suggested by Ardell and Lucinda Hoveskeland for this past season and I'm glad that we're getting a jump on the planning phase for next year. By the time you read this, the last "race-cruise" of the season will have been at our Annapolis home for the Annual HHSA Fall Meeting and Chili Cook-off. The next cruise will be a land cruise in February, 2010. Also, don't forget the Annual HHSA Gala, this year at the Tower Club, on January 30, 2010.

The 2009 cruising HHSA season was an energetic and successful one. There were new cruises - The Tom Cruise, The pick-up cruise to a Wye River crab feast, and the Saturday Night Fever Cruise -

two race-cruises and several repeat cruises from the past. All cruises were well-attended and, aside from Sweet Liberty's need for a tow in calm conditions, there were no boat mishaps. Weather did not always cooperate as there were three rain-outs (including one of the race-cruises), but HHSA's vigorous participation in cruising this past season bodes well for next year. From a personal standpoint, as Rear Commodore/Cruising, I'd like to thank all the cruise captain's and all the cruisers and racers who participated so whole-heartedly in this season's program.

By now you know that the HHSA Annual Membership Fall Meeting and Chili Cook-off occurred on November 7 at our house in Annapolis when 32 members voted to give me another year as Cruising Rear Commodore. I thank you all for the honor of repeating as R/C Cruising and I promise to work for a successful cruising experience for HHSA in 2010.

Next year's board will be the same with three exceptions. Ted Slotwinski finally can become immediate past Commodore as next year's commodore will be Rich Griner, and Joe Luan will be R/C Communications. Arne Fliflet will fill the role of Racing R/C. Repeating will be Tom McGarry (Vice Commodore), Maris Eshleman (Sect/Treas), Ellen Harris (Newsletter) and yours truly for Cruising. At the meeting, Jed Dickman brought us up to date on the doings at HHN and HHS for

the coming year and introduced Leo Newberg to HHSA. Mr. Newberg's role at HHN will be to coordinate work on our boats in the yard at HHN so that requested jobs are finished on time and accurately. He will also be available for discussion and planning of major projects for our boats. Mr. Newberg can be reached through HHN's marina office and his cell phone (410-991-6868). He also gave 1-800-297-1930 as a contact number.

As for the chili cook-off, there were 10 entries and by a vote of those present, Ellen Harris won first prize. Bruce Artman won second prize but all the chilis were tasty. It is amazing varied this dish can be as there were no two alike. Many thanks to those who entered the contest and thanks again to Allen Wright for arranging the chili cook-off contest and for supplying the prizes for the winners. The next important date for all of HHSA will be January 30, 2010 at the Tower Club near Tyson's Corner in Northern Virginia. You can let us know you will be there by registering and paying on the HHSA website.

Last year's cruising experience was a successful one and I want to acknowledge each of you who participated by cruising with us. I especially appreciate the enthusiasm of the cruise captains who led the cruises, often doing so more than once. With this in mind, I look forward to next year's cruising experience with HHSA. Albert Del Negro

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