

HARBOUR LIGHT



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FROM THE COMMODORE

TED SLOTWINSKI, ZALEK

July activities included an excellent 25 minute fireworks display off the HHS beach on July 3, a very brisk sail across the Bay and up Eastern Bay for Al Del Negro's pickup cruise to Dividing Creek on July 11-12, the overnight race to Solomon's on July 17 and the following Screwpile Regatta, JR Larsen's Saturday Night Fever cruise to St. Michael's on July 18-19, and the HHS double-handed race on July 25. I hope all of you who participated found them fun, enjoyable, and satisfying. My thanks to those members responsible for leading each activity.

HHS had an especially good turnout and great success in the overnight race from Annapolis to Solomon's, with Rich Griner and Greg Coffey winning the PHRF non-spinnaker class sailing double-handed against fully crewed boats. Several boats stayed in Solomon's for the Screwpile Regatta with additional success. See Bruce Artman's article for more details or checkout the "race results" forum on our web

site.

Despite it's reputation for unbearable heat and little wind, we are active in August. The Bloody Point distance race is Sunday August 9. See the Sailing Instructions for details. Saturday August 15 has the "Adopt-a-Cruiser" race designed to give the cruisers a fun introduction to racing and a chance to brag who has the quickest cruising boat. That evening is our Summer BBQ held at the East side tent at HHS. We are also hosting fellow sailors from the Southern Maryland Sailing Association (SMSA) who have a cruise and a race from Solomon's to Herrington Harbour that Saturday. Sunday morning all members are invited to enjoy a free breakfast compliments of the marina at the same location. Finally, Al Del Negro and Trish Creevy will host their infamous Red Neck Cruise the weekend of August 22-23.

As the immediate past Commodore, it is my task to solicit a list of candidates for the 2010 HHS Board, to be voted on at the November

general meeting. All of our officers are volunteers, with no financial compensation.

However, there is personal satisfaction in taking the lead to get the many things done, buoth large and small, essential for HHS to provide the entertaining and successful racing, cruising, and social programs the membership expects and deserves. No prior experience is required for any position, nor are there any stepping-stones from one position to the next. Anyone interested in serving in the 2010 capacity of Commodore, Vice Commodore, Rear Commodore or either Racing, Cruising, Social, Newsletter, or Communications, or Secretary/Treasurer please contact me directly before the end of August by phone H: 703-799-3630 or E: zalek4@cox.net.

As always, please introduce yourselves to the new members you meet on your dock and throughout the marinas and welcome them into HHS. Greater enjoyment and satisfaction rewards those who participate with zest.

A NOTE FROM JOHN BOURKE

SUBMITTED BY ALLEN J. WRIGHT

Thank you for thinking of me. I am still doing the things I have been doing for the past several years. I entertain at nursing homes, assisted living facilities and senior day care centers. I usually play from three to five times a week with four different musical groups That keeps me off the street.

Last September I celebrated my 95th birthday. It was a big bash. There were 150 people from 9 different states. The out of towners were mostly relatives. Several were from California and Texas. I have enjoyed good health but I guess my many years and vigorous life style are catching up on me. Last week

I had a pacemaker installed. Maybe It is imagination but I think I feel better already. I recall with much pleasure the many gatherings of the sailing association and the wonderful friends I made. I note there are several who are still active'. Please remember me to them.

John

Cruise up the Wye River

On the last weekend in July, Al Del Negro and Trish Creevy led a cruise to a surprise destination near the top of the Wye River. When the boats arrived, a spread was laid: steamed crabs, corn on the cob, and all the contributions brought onboard the nine boats tied off the backyard of our host, Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Keeney, from whom Al and Trish have bought their home in Annapolis.

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4TH ANNUAL INTEGRITY REGATTA

BY REGATTA CHAIR KEITH MAYES, *JUBILEE*

The weather report for June 27th was actually pretty promising so the 35 competitors, which is a record for this event, were optimistic and enthusiastic about the chances of a great day of racing on Herring Bay. Well, this may come as a shock, but the forecast was not real accurate. Great breeze in the hour or so leading up to the scheduled 10:45 AM start of the Non-Spinnaker distance race, and terrific breeze about an hour after we headed back to the dock later in the day ... but in between we were beset by light and variable winds and large



unpredictable shifts. Oh well.

At least the party was good. Excellent location, great band, bottomless glasses of beer and wine, and good food - which unfortunately ran out before everyone ate ... very sorry about that! Many thanks to those who helped make the regatta a success! On the water Ted Slotwinski made *Zalek* available as the RC signal boat for the windward leeward racing and was assisted by Tom and Nina McGarry, Ross Bouchard, Julie Mihm and most excellent Principal Race Officer Juliet Thompson from Annapolis Yacht Club.

Before the start Tom attempted to position the tetrahedron for the pin end of the line using a borrowed inflatable ... unfortunately the engine did not fire, and if one of the Beneteau 36.7's had not come to his rescue he might have ended up at Cove Point. At the other end of the course Bryan Martin and faithful Aussie crew Braxton stayed busy on *Mirabelle* positioning the weather mark. Also, Allen Wright on *Tzatsky Too*



with 4 crew aboard, took up a position at HHSA A to finish the Non-Spinnaker boats. Great job by all!

Back on land Al Del Negro and Trish Creevy did their usual superb job of selling tickets for dinner and drinks, ably assisted by Kathy Pritchard and Marsha Reich (who also made those wonderful chocolate sailboats), while Andrea Heintzelman, Joe and Jenn Laun, and 7 year old Allison Weinbecker sold a bunch of t-shirts. Lil Chalkley got the Silent Auction going by bidding on everything and then kept a close eye on proceedings. Bruce Artman produced results and helped out with awards, keeping me straight.

My sincere appreciation to everyone, including those I have inevitably forgotten, who made the regatta, party, and awards ceremony a huge success. Oh, and what about Blake Waters and the boys in the band? Excellent!

I also want to recognize those who contributed the Silent Auction items, including two HHSA members - Geoff Hodgdon again donated a very fine print, and Susie Diamond not only donated an excellent selection of wines for the auction, but also donated all the wine that was sold at the party. Thank you, thank you!

Local businesses Fabulous Brew Café, Skippers Pier, Herrington on the Bay Catering, and the Herrington Inn all donated certificates for their services ... please remember to thank them and visit when you get a chance. \$330 was raised at the auction and will be donated to CRAB. And last but not least, Thank You Vicki Rasmussen from Integrity Yacht Sales, for without her financial support and tremendous, positive, cheerleader attitude ("We are all just here to have fun!") HHSA would not be able to undertake an event like this. Please give her a hug and tell her how wonderful she is next time you see her running around the yard at North or assisting husband Butch (Shiver Me Timbers) on after hours service calls.

PICKUP CRUISE TO BABY OWL COVE

BY STEFAN LEADER, *DIVA II*

On the weekend of July 25-26 *Diva II* led a successful pick-up cruise to Baby Owl cove, off Broad Creek.

Four other boats participated, *Sweet Liberty*, *Irresistible*, *Ventreil Magh* and *Exhibit A*.

Good southeasterly winds made for a fast sail across the Bay, through Knapp's Narrows into the Chop-tank, and up Broad Creek. Although the temperatures were a bit on the warm side, the breeze was brisk and kept things comfort-

able. The group was small enough to allow cocktails in the shade and comparative cool of *Diva II*'s main cabin. Allen Wright's clam quiche was the hit of the evening.

Saturday evening brought the threat of thunderstorms, forcing us to break up a three-boat raft shortly after dark. Fortunately, most of the storms passed to our north and we experienced only a little rain and a wind. The light show, however, was spec-

acular, as lightening to the north and east lit up the anchorage with rapid-fire bursts, but were far enough away to not pose a threat. After the storms passed, wind dropped and the remainder of the night was quiet.

Sunday was sunny with light winds early but going south and building later in the day. *Diva II* motored most of the way home but those who left later had a fine sail.

New Members!

Hubbard, Richard & Mary
Burke, VA

Johnson, Debbie & Bob
Fairfax Station, VA
Catalina 28 Mk II
NEGATIVE EQUITY
Shipwright D-53
Sons Riley-2 & Alec-11,
daughter Samantha-16

Marquez, Julian &
Kimberly
Arnold, MD
Tartan 33
FREE BIRD
Mill Creek, Annapolis
Sons Justin-3 & Jacob-1

Newton, John
Falls Church, VA
Hunter 34
MANUEVERS
HHS M-32



SATURDAY NIGHT FEVER CRUISE

BY J. R. LARSEN, *ODYSSEY IV*

Let me tell you what I like about HHS. It's a great mix of people from many different walks with a common dream, desire, obsession, past time. We all love sail boating. We've found good friends in this group and have become part of the process of welcoming new members in. I'm grateful that you can partake as much as you like and at your own pace. We've found some of the fun to be hosting cruises. This year's First Annual Saturday Night Fever Cruise was conceived by Kari during the off season. I eagerly slipped it onto the cruise schedule at the January planning meeting. Who would have known it was to become one of those things like lightning in a bottle. Preparations for the trip began only a week or so prior to departure. We reserved our slip at St. Michaels Harbour Inn Spa and Marina just the Mon-

day before. While I advertised slips were still available, I wasn't sure how many for how long. I updated the HHS website calendar posting with the complete set of details and to my amazement, we started getting calls, emails and on-line RSVP's. We had a turnout of both members and guests:

Odyssey IV - JR and Kari Larsen
Talisman III - Craig and Linda Schilder
Hakuna Matata - John and Catherine Barrett
Solace - Al Del Negro and Trish Creavy
Mazal Tov - Arne and Debbie Fliflet
Erma's Prediction - Julie Mihm
Tom McGarry - *Ventreil Magh*
Rich and Lynn Clough - *SeaLuff*
Art and Christine Freidman - *Tralea* (guest)

A few skippers made it to the 9 am Captains Meeting, Saturday morning July 18, 2009. We got our signals straight, exchanged cruise sheet information and headed off to our boats. *Odyssey IV* departed at approximately 9:45 am.

The directions were simple. Head across the Bay, north of Poplar Island towards Bloody Point and head up the Eastern Bay. Then turn to port at the Miles River. St. Michaels is about an hour from there. Breezes were good almost right away past Green 1, so turned upwind and put out all our canvas. We were making great speed, average 7.5 knots as we headed into Eastern Bay. The winds died down somewhat. We continued to sail without the iron jenny. Our turn onto the Miles River produced the only eventful moment dur-

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CRUISING IN JUNE AND JULY

BY AL DEL NEGRO, *SOLACE*
REAR COMMODORE, CRUISING

As I sit on *Solace* having taken a slip at the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum, I am happy to report that June has been a great month for cruising. We started with the New Moon Cruise on June 6 and 7 and for this cruise, Trish couldn't join me so I signed on with Tom McGarry aboard *Ventreil Magh*. It had been a rainy week and we were wary about the weather report. Rain was again predicted and occurred throughout Friday night, the intended start of this two night cruise. Because of this, Tom, the cruise captain for this second annual New Moon Cruise, delayed the start until Saturday morning.

The sun was out finally as I joined Tom aboard his boat and we set sail for Edgar Cove after stowing provisions aboard. (No, I didn't bring the cigars or lemoncello!) HHSA boats rendezvoused at Edgar Cove off the upper Broad Creek, another back door access to St. Michaels. The sailing was marked by light winds and much motoring, unusual for June on the bay. *Ventreil Magh* anchored and soon *Diva II* with Stefan Leader and Andrea Heintzelman aboard and *Sweet Liberty* with Maris and Linda Eshelman aboard joined our raft. *Ichi Ban* soon arrived and completed the attendants for the evening with Jim Funkey and friends Dick and Mary

Hubbard aboard .

Cocktails aboard *Ventreil Magh* were as usual at 5:30 followed by dinner aboard our respective boats. Following was the most beautiful full moon rise at about 8:30 PM. We watched this lovely feat of nature as we toasted with champagne and chocolates aboard *Ventreil Magh*. It was a wonderful sight as the skies had finally cleared and afforded us all a spectacular view of the rising new moon.

Returning to port the following day was the opposite of our sailing experience on Saturday. Winds were from the south at 5 - 10 knots and we watched *Sweet Liberty* tack expertly down Broad Creek to the number 1 day mark before heading to Knapp's Narrows. Finally through the Narrows, the wind picked up to 10 - 15 knots and we had a brisk and pleasurable sail to Herrington Harbour North. Next year, we are hoping to repeat this cruise and this time we will pray for good weather for both days.

We have just finished the Flag Day Cruise led by Allen Wright and his daughter Beverley aboard Bev's boat *Irresistible*. Joining them were Stefan and Andrea aboard *Diva II*, Rich and Lynn Clough aboard *Sea Luff* with two friends and yours truly aboard *Solace*, this time with my first mate Trish

Creevy aboard. We had a wonderful sail to Tilghman Creek as the wind was NNW at 8 - 12 knots. We made Tilghman Point without so much as a tack! Never mind the wind died to 2 knots one third of the way up Eastern Bay. A wind shift to N occurred with wind speeds up to 10 knots as we rounded the point and we easily sailed at nearly high tide into Tilghman Creek. The cocktail hour featured red, white, and blue hors d'oeuvres, among other goodies. After a strong thunder and lightening storm on Saturday night after we had retired, Sunday, the weather was cool and breezy with 8-12 knot winds from the north. Sailing home was a pleasure.

The June schedule concluded with the Race Cruise led by Rich Griner on June 20 and 21 which was cancelled due to weather. Another race cruise will be on October 3 - 4 led by Keith Mayes. More on these in the future.

A new cruise this year is the Saturday Night Fever Cruise on July 18 - 19 which will be led by J.R. Larsen. (Let's see - what shall we wear to this themed cruise?) That about sums up the cruising plans for the HHSA for June and July but there are several weekends open to sponsor "pick-up" cruises. Pick an available weekend,

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MORE PHOTOS FROM THE WYE RIVER

THE BEST IMAGINABLE PICK-UP CRUISE



CRUISING IN JULY (CONTINUED)

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sign on to the HHSA website and send a message to the club members advertising your desire to cruise with HHSA to a location of your choice. If you have questions about contacting the membership, please contact Keith Morgenstern, RC Communications for assistance. The cruise does not need a theme

and these cruises in the past have been among the most enjoyable for us and I'm sure they will be for you too.

Trish and I have a surprise cruise planned for August 1-2. We are planning a cruise to the Wye River to the home of a close friend who lives on the water and promises to have sufficient water to anchor out or to tie up on his dock. The cocktail party will be there and the

surprise will be what happens next!

Please don't forget to check www.hhsa.org often to find out what's happening or to put in your own two cents. Trish and I have found that the best part of belonging to HHSA is active participation. We look forward to seeing you on the water.

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ing our crossing, when the wind shifted and jibed us. Fortunately winds were below 10 knots at that point. We arrived in St. Michaels at approximately 2:45pm. The slip (C-8) was the tightest quarters we've ever tied up in. Thank goodness for prop walk and bow thrusters. We made it in and ultimately out without any mishaps. After a walk into town for a few more provisions, we prepared the boat for the party. Up went the mirror ball and party lamp. All the food went out and we were ready. Then the music came on. iPods Rock! Our playlist went and went "All Night Long"!! Everyone brought great appetiz-

ers and refreshments. There was laughter and good times had by all. We finally turned the mirror ball off at about 11:00. The next morning, most boats were on their way by 10:00am. Kari and I headed back into town for a little late breakfast and our annual pilgrimage to Silver Linings. Ask her about Larimar sometime. Breezes weren't as good on the return leg as they were outbound. We motored most of the way. As we approached the opening of Eastern Bay we found Arne, Debbie Fliflet and guests on Mazal Tov dead in the water. No wind and their engine had giving out. We stopped to assist. When we found out how long it was going to

take BoatUS to get there, we hitched them up and took them in tow across the Bay. This was the first time Odyssey IV had pulled another boat, so we took it nice and easy, 3 knots max speed. We dropped them just outside of HHS at Red 2. An hour or so later they got their tow into HHN. Ask them to tell you the story of their BoatUS tow sometime. Overall, this was one of the most successful and fun cruises we've participated in. We look forward to more this season and next year. We want to thank everyone for joining in on the fun. We're already planning the 2nd Annual Saturday Night Fever Cruise.