

HARBOUR LIGHT



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FROM THE COMMODORE

RICH GRINER, COYOTE

I am fascinated by racing. If there is a race I will watch it. There is more to NASCAR than just turning left with speed. I stayed up past midnight to watch the Winter Biathlon. So it should be to surprising that I have checked the progress of HHSA boats T-Bone and Tenho, as well as progress of some friends on American Flyer. What may be surprising is how often I check and how much sleep I have lost watching them. The crews on these boats may be getting more sleep than I am. The standing position changes every hour normally $\frac{1}{4}$ past the hour. By the time I have studied the map, checked the distances to the finish, distances between boats, and calculated who I think is ahead on corrected time; it is near the top of the hour and if I wait another 15 minutes before heading to bed I can get an update on the fleets progress. As I write this article only 2 boats have finished. The big 80 footer Beau Geste finished early on Monday (new record in hand), re-provisioned, and is sailing to Newport to participate in the Newport to Bermuda race. The majority of the fleet is stretched out 100 - 450 miles from the finish. All of the boats I have interest in are at the front of the main fleet. Watching each both track across the ocean on different paths at very differ-

ent speeds I can only imagine their conditions and strategy. Are they taking this path for projected winds, main flow of the Gulf Stream, or one of the many Eddy's. Time will tell witch path was the correct path. I can't wait to hear some of the stories when everyone gets back.

If you ever get a chance to stand back and watch a sail boat race, especially one design, you find out what is so fascinating. You may also learn a thing or two as well. It is very hard to spot wind shifts and see the effects when you are concentrating on racing, but when you are an observer it is very easy to spot. You can watch the effect of the wind going to the right and how much further ahead the boats nearest the shift are after the shift has occurred. HHSA and Integrity Yachts will be hosting a two day regatta July 31st and August 1st. If you cannot participate come out and observe a race. I guarantee you will find it interesting.

July may be hot, but we sometimes still do get some good winds. Be on a look out for good winds and join one of the many cruises HHSA has planned for July or participate in one the CBYRA racing events. Coyote will be competing double handed in the Non-Spin class during the East Port Yacht Club's race to

Solomon's. This is a fun overnight race that finishes not too far from home. Last week with only three boats signed up we cancelled the June Cruise/Race. Most of the boats still went out for a day sail, and what fun we did have. Much of the day saw sustained winds of 25 knots. As we pulled out of our slip we watched Jubilee flying their spinnaker towards the North. Keith reported they were regularly sailing 10 knots over the ground. They had so much fun that after going up wind to get back to Herring Bay they decided to fly the spinnaker some more and head back North. We saw some other spinnakers out on Saturday. I am pretty sure one was Avalon getting some spinnaker time with their new boat. I was not close enough to the third spinnaker to make it out. Coyote put in a double reef and hoisted the blade then sailed up Eastern Bay and back, using R2A as our turn around mark. This combination proved very comfortable, especially with the gusts. We have never sailed with a double reef before. In these conditions we seemed to keep our speed up. Over 24 miles traveled in less than 3 hours. When we got back to Herring Bay it was hard to keep me from heading back out for another lap.

CRUISING

R/C CRUISING ALBERT DEL NEGRO, , *SOLACE*

As I write this month's Cruising entry for the newsletter, Trish and I are preparing for the first HHSA DelMarVa circumnavigation the last week in June. For us, this is very exciting as we have never done an extended 30 hour cruise on the ocean. We will be standing 4 hour watches during nighttime sailing, attached to our safety harnesses, on the stretch from the exit from the C and D Canal to Chincoteague. The preparation for the cruise (we are sailing on *Diva II* with Stefan Leader and Andrea Heintzelman) has been an experience in itself. We have gathered some equipment from our Sabre 32, *Solace*, including foul weather gear,

flashlights, life jackets, etc. We have also planned menus, and we've even prepared some dinners in advance to eat aboard. Trish lived in Norfolk several years before we were married and I've travelled there often. The entire area is heavy with sailing and the maritime industry, including the US Navy's Norfolk Navy Yard. I've never sailed there however, and this adventure will be a first for both of us. In advance of this trip, I want to acknowledge Ardell Hoveskeland who conceived this cruise. Ardell has done an enormous amount of work in preparation for this cruise and I want to express my heartfelt appreciation and

thanks to him and Lucinda for all their hard work in planning and organizing this event. We did in fact have a Memorial Day Cruise and it was very well attended by about 11 boats. Maris and Linda Eshleman led HHSA to Weems Creek for two nights. We joined them at Pussers in Annapolis on Sunday for pain killers and a bite to eat. On Saturday evening, they hosted the social hour aboard *Sweet Liberty*. We even had some racers join in the fun! On Sunday evening, Steve and Debra Annand hosted the social hour aboard *Carpe Ventus* and provided pain killers for us thirsty sailors. Many thanks to all who participated,



RACING

R/C RACING ARNE FLIFLET, *MAZAL TOV*

From the R/C Racing:
HHSA July Racing
Wednesday Evening races:
 1850 Spinnaker Warning signal. Post-race gathering and scoring at the Fabulous Brew.
Integrity Invitational Regatta, July 31, August 1

As I write the *Bermuda Ocean Race* is in its fifth day and HHSA racers *Tenho* (John Day) and *T-Bone* (Bruce Artman) are among the leaders with less than 145 and 222 nm to go, respectively, with *Tenho* benefiting so far from stronger winds south of the rhumb line.

After brisk early season conditions for the first three Wednesday Evening Series 1 races, conditions in Herring Bay reverted more usual summer conditions of light, shifty winds for Races 4 and 5 before returning to a good racing breeze of 12-14 knots in Race 6. Congratula-

tions to the Wednesday Evening Series 1 winners: *Smoke* (Andrew Awalt) in Non-spin, *Jubilee* (Keith Mayes) in Spin-A, and *Leap-frog* (Richards/Jichlinski/Gagneten) in Spin-B. *Smoke* dominated the thirteen-boat Non-spin class with three firsts and two seconds, while *Uncloudy Day* (Will Battle) and *Atlantis* (Hank Ulrich) competed for second place with *Uncloudy Day* winning on the tie breaker. *Jubilee* won the Spin-A class, which has grown to seven boats, with consistent sailing: notching two firsts, two seconds, and a third. *Lady Grey* (Joe Laun) edged *Coyote* (Griner/Coffey) for second place, while *First Look* (Bruce Kissal) after missing the first two starts finished strongly to take fourth place. *Leap Frog's* three firsts and a second won the nine-boat Spin-B class, while *Avenger* (Dave Johnson) took two first, two thirds, and a fourth for

second place and *Glissade* (Kent Kunze) sailed consistently after missing the first race to take third.

Four HHSA boats (*Coyote*, *Diva II* [Stefan Leader], *Lady Grey*, and *Mazal Tov*) competed in the *Down the Bay Cruise Race* over the Memorial Day weekend. This year headwinds up to 20 knots and several foot waves made for a rough ride and several boats, especially those with small crews aboard, elected to retire. *Lady Grey* and *Mazal Tov* finished 9th and 12th, with elapsed times of 29hr:17min:38sec and 28hr:42min:55sec, respectively, in the PHRF A class.

Eight boats came to the line in the *Double-handed Race* held on June 5 in light-air conditions. Congratulations to *Tern* (John Weis) and *Leap-frog* for taking first place in the Non-spin and Spinnaker classes.

The racing season moves into high gear in July

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Some unusual cruisers showed up at the Memorial Day Pickup Cruise. Here is the Schooner Woodwind cruising through the HHSA anchorage and an unidentified cruising couple who reportedly showed up with a grill!



MEMORIAL DAY CRUISE

BY MARIS AND LINDA ESCHLEMAN, *SWEET LIBERTY*

In past years the long Memorial Day weekend featured cruises to far locations and exotic agendas. However, with the myriad of competing events this year the long holiday weekend that traditionally begins the summer was cruise-less. In response to overwhelming demand a pickup cruise was organized with a destination of Weems Creek, the back door to Annapolis. Memorial Day is the Nation's holiday to remember our fallen heroes. In all, more than a dozen boats defied the beautiful weather and joined the Cruise on either Saturday or Sunday.

Saturday's Happy Hour was held on *Cantata* with 16 HHSA sailors attending and sharing great food, spirits and good times. Sunday night's celebration was on *Carpē Ventus* who offered Painkillers Dark and Stormies along with other adult beverages to two-dozen happy campers. Wind on Saturday was mostly absent, but Sunday had pleasant breezes and Monday's return was supported by a stiff southwest wind that provided an excellent ride home. Mid-weekend activities found many crews visiting Annapolis by dinghy and several crews

rendezvoused at Pusser's to enjoy the pleasant afternoon and the excitement along Ego Alley. During the late afternoon with the crews back aboard and many new boats coming, the anchorage was entertained as the Schooner *Woodwind* snaked its way through the Club members moored around the Creek. In spite of having no plans, another great HHSA cruising opportunity provided a chance to relax, sail, celebrate and share among friends the beginning of the summer sailing season.

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RACING

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with the Eastport to Solomons Race on Friday the 16th (followed by the Screwpile Regatta) and our own Integrity Invitational on the 31st and August 1st.

Comments about your experiences on the race course are always welcome. Class winners, please submit your bullet reports. See you on the water!

SOCIAL TIDBITS

R/C SOCIAL KEITH MAYES, *JUBILEE*

Just in case you have not received the news ... the Summer BBQ and Adopt a Cruiser Race will be held on August 21st. Please make note of this date and commit to supporting these two traditional summer events. At the end of this month – July 31st and August 1st – HHSA will host the 4th Annual Integrity Yacht Sales Summer

Invitational. I will be putting out requests for assistance but this year much of the work at the après race social event will be done by Herrington on the Bay. Note that for the first time Race Headquarters and the social will be at Herrington Harbour North. Let the good times roll ... and Party On!