

HARBOUR LIGHT



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ANNUAL SPRING MEETING

HHS East Beach Pavilion

MARCH 13, 2010

10 AM UNTIL NOON

Optional Lunch

Available at Noon

\$12/Person

Registration and

More Information

[Http://www.hhsa.org](http://www.hhsa.org)

FROM THE COMMODORE

RICH GRINER, COYOTE

What a winter! I have heard some blaming it on El-Nino and I have even heard someone blame it on lack of Sun Bursts. I do not know the cause of all this cold and snow but I am ready for warm weather.

It was great to see how many folks came out in the bad weather to attend the 2009 banquet. Some of you didn't show up until after dinner was served due to traffic delays.

I am looking forward to the 2010 season. Everyone on the board has been busy this winter getting the club prepared for the year. I feel very confident that the club is in good hands. We are returning

all races from last year, the regular weekend cruises, plus two special cruises (Greek cruise & Cruise around Del-Marva peninsula). I look forward to hearing more regarding the planning of these events and the stories after these events have occurred.

I would like to make an appeal for volunteers to help out in the social program. I am grateful to Keith Mayes for volunteering to head up social, but it will take more than just Keith to pull off a successful year. I would like to see the social committee the size of the competition committee with tasks being delegated. It's fine if all you can do is assist in just one social

event. Please contact Keith or myself if you would like to help out with this year's social.

I urge everyone to send in their renewals in as early as possible. It helps those of us on the board to better prepare for the year.

Don't forget to take advantage of HHN seminars over the next three months. I understand that participation is high. The board will have a table set up to show off what our club has to offer. If anyone would like to help staff this table at one of these seminars let me know.



Former commodore and long-time board member Stefan Leader, center, was awarded the Commodore's Award by outgoing commodore Ted Slotwinski, right. Accompanying Stef on the left is Andrea Heintzelman.

FROM THE VICE-COMMODORE

TOM MCGARRY, *VENTREUL MAGH*

As of February 16, 75 members have renewed. Thank you for those who have done so. For you other slakers, come on folks, time to renew! Do so by going to the Web site www.hhsa.clubexpress.com and clicking on Renew. Its easy, its fun, its

rewarding! It will be in time for the Annual Spring Meeting on March 13! I anticipate that we will have a signup sheet for dock walker membership recruiters at the Spring Meeting, as we did last year. Think about it in

advance and plan to be involved in growing your association. It does not take much time and leads not only to more members, but also new friends and acquaintances to share your sailing experiences.

RACING

R/C RACING ARNE FLIFLET/ *MAZAL TOV*



Larry Ellison's trimaran BMW Oracle's sweep of the three-race America's Cup series with two lop-sided wins over Ernesto Bertarelli's catamaran Alinghi brings the AC back to America for the next round. While the 33rd AC was criticized as a squabble between billionaires, it was fascinating to watch the 90' multi-hulls sailing at three times the wind speed. There was plenty of technical innovation on display as well, most notably the 230' solid wing sail deployed by BMW Oracle. The racing action was not that exciting as BMW Oracle's superior speed made the outcome not long in doubt and the world's best professional sailors struggled to maneuver the giant multi-hulls prior to the start: In the first race pre-start Alinghi was penalized for failing to keep clear and then BMW Oracle got caught in irons allowing Alinghi to start the race with a lead of 660 m. In the second race Alinghi was penalized again for being late getting to the starting box. Once BMW Oracle got her 230' wing sail dialed in she took off (literally up on one ama) enjoying about a 3-kt advantage in boat speed and bet-

ter pointing ability upwind and an even greater advantage downwind. The bifurcated wing sail appeared to be a decisive advantage over Alinghi's conventional main sail, the additional drive more than compensating for the increased weight compared to a soft sail. Interestingly, the trailing section of the wing sail was usually pivoted to form a fairly large angle with the leading section, similar to the flap on an aircraft wing while landing. Evidently, this position generates the most lift and was the most obvious difference in sail trim between the two boats. I predict we'll soon see boats outfitted with hinged booms and battens.

Another innovation on one of the boats that is perhaps more likely to trickle down was a row of pressure sensors attached on either side of one of the foresails. This portends the era of computer optimized sail trim as the computer (or human trimmer) now has the data needed to find and optimize the total force on the sail.

The HHSa 2010 season will be getting under way as this newsletter comes out with

David Gross's seminar on sail trim on Sunday, March 7, at HHS's Herrington Harbour on the Bay facility. Also in early March members of the Competition Committee and available volunteers will be inspecting and cleaning the racing marks. I encourage everyone to attend the Race Management seminar on April 10. It will be conducted by Bruce Artman and will be followed by a cruise seminar by Ardell Hoveskeland. Racers should splash their boats by the week of April 12 in order to be ready for the On-the-Water-Clinic conducted by Jonathan Bartlett and Alan Drew of North Sails on Sunday, April 18. They will conduct an on-land briefing at 0900 (optional for previous participants) with the in-the-water race starting exercises beginning at 1030. This is an excellent opportunity to get your crew familiar with your boat. The Wednesday evening racing season gets started with a practice race on April 21, some HHSa members will be racing in the Annapolis NOODs April 30-May 2, and others will be competing in the Down the Bay race on May 28-29. See you on the water!

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Last Year and this Year Actual and Budget

	<u>Seasonal</u>	<u>Cash Results</u>	<u>1/31/2011</u>
	<u>Year-end</u>	<u>Year-end</u>	<u>Year-end</u>
	<u>1/31/2010</u>	<u>1/31/2010</u>	<u>Budget</u>
INCOME:			
Membership	\$7,595.00	\$10,430.00	\$7,475.00
Racing fees	\$1,230.00	\$1,710.00	\$1,200.00
Seminars & clinics			\$1,050.00
Burgees	\$640.00	\$640.00	\$640.00
Merchandise Income	\$320.00	\$320.00	\$350.00
50 / 50 Income	\$208.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Advertising	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$800.00
Spring Meeting	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$750.00
Summer BBQ	\$1,870.00	\$1,870.00	\$1,250.00
Banquet	\$8,792.00	\$6,167.00	\$8,500.00
Miscellaneous	\$1,010.00	\$1,010.00	\$300.00
Regatta Fees	\$5,728.00	\$5,728.00	\$5,500.00
Donations	\$875.00	\$875.00	\$500.00
Total Income	\$28,568.00	\$29,050.00	\$28,315.00
EXPENSES:			
General			
Awards	\$538.11	\$538.11	\$350.00
Donations	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,500.00
50-50 Proceeds	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Recruiting Expenses	\$86.02	\$86.02	\$150.00
Insurance	\$1,403.00	\$1,403.00	\$1,450.00
Burgees	\$807.50	\$807.50	\$0.00
Merchandise Expense	\$240.00	\$240.00	\$0.00
Miscellaneous	\$310.00	\$310.00	\$500.00
Credit Card Fees	\$529.40	\$529.40	\$540.00
Total General	\$3,914.03	\$4,914.03	\$4,490.00
Communications			
Newsletter - Print cost	\$1,543.16	\$1,543.16	\$1,600.00
Newsletter - Postage	\$60.68	\$60.68	\$75.00
Web Page	\$730.02	\$730.02	\$750.00
Bulletin Board	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Directory	\$498.75	\$498.75	\$500.00
Postage - Directory	\$214.70	\$214.70	\$225.00
Brochure	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Communications	\$3,047.31	\$3,047.31	\$3,150.00
Cruising			
Awards	\$627.00	\$0.00	\$700.00
Seminars	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
Total Cruising	\$627.00	\$0.00	\$900.00
Racing			
CBYRA Dues	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$200.00
Awards	\$986.00	\$986.00	\$1,000.00
Equipment, Supplies, Misc.	\$690.88	\$690.88	\$1,000.00
USSA Dues	\$125.00	\$125.00	\$125.00
Regatta	\$3,598.44	\$3,598.44	\$5,500.00
Seminars	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$400.00
Total Racing	\$5,500.32	\$5,500.32	\$8,225.00
Social			
Spring Meeting	\$178.83	\$178.83	\$750.00
Fall, Annual Meeting	\$153.63	\$153.63	\$300.00
New Members Breakfast	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$150.00
Summer BBQ	\$2,424.90	\$2,424.90	\$1,250.00
Banquet	\$8,911.05	\$10,243.71	\$8,500.00
Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Social	\$11,668.41	\$13,001.07	\$10,950.00
TOTAL EXPENSES:	\$24,757.07	\$26,462.73	\$27,715.00
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FINANCIALS FER Y'AR FISCAL
YEAR ENDING 1/31/2010 AND
Y'AR PROJECTED BUDGET FER
Y'AR FISCAL YEAR ENDING
1/31/2011.

THESE WILL BE REVIEWED AND
DISCUSSED IN GREAT DETAIL
AT Y'AR SPRING MEETING ON
13 MARCH, BUT ARE
PRESENTED HERE FOR YE ALL
TO SEE AS HAS BEEN DONE FER
YE BEFORE.

THE CLUB BE IN RIGHT GOOD
FISCAL HEALTH THANKS TO
THE GENEROSITY OF ITS
MEMBERS, THE FRUGAL WAYS
OF Y'AR BOARD AND MOST
ASSUREDLY THE HEARTY
WORK OF A FEW GOOD MATES.

SO MARK Y'AR CALENDAR FOR
2 WEEKS BEFORE THE VERNAL
EQUINOX AND SHOW UP TO
HEAR THE COMMODORE AND
HIS TRUSTY RC'S TELL YE HOW
THEY PLAN TO SPEND THE
BOUNTY. Y'AR PUSSEER WILL
ALSO REFRESH YER
RECOLLECTION OF THE FALL
MEETING AND TELL YE HOW
MANY DOUBLOONS BE LAYING
IN THE PIRATE CHEST.

FAIR WINDS AND GOOD
SAILING TO YE



WINTER GALA
THE TOWER CLUB
JANUARY 30, 2010



LET IT SNOW, LET IT SNOW,
LET IT SNOW!



CRUISING

R/C ALBERT DEL NEGRO, *SOLACE*

Here it is the middle of January as I write this and it's cold and it's going to rain/snow/sleet again. I find myself in a quandary – our little bit of Spa Creek has frozen stiff and I'm worried about our dock getting lifted and set adrift by the rise and fall of the tide. Our neighbor had an ice eater and he has it in operation. This saves us a bit as the circle of water surrounding his dock nears ours. Yet, I'd feel better if I had an ice eater too. Well, to the rescue comes a friend who lives on the South River near its mouth. Somebody gave him an ice eater (circa 1989) and he doesn't need it! Great – he wants to give it to me and he says it works and it's new and never been used! Too good to be true, you say?

Well, subsequently, I'm not sure if our friend wants to make me feel good or is just a pathologic liar, but none of it is true except for the existence of the machine itself. It doesn't work unless one gives the propeller a push after connecting it to power, and it isn't new (even the zincs on it are pitted and obvi-

ously used!). Furthermore, its electric cord has a gash in the insulation exposing the wires within! So much for good friends. At least he meant well!

Welcome to winter, those months when we can catch up on reading Spin-sheet, Chesapeake Bay Magazine, and Sail. Now, all I can think about is recommissioning in the spring. I'm aching to get out on the water but that actually will have to wait until March and April, an eternity away.

However, we at HHSA don't totally leave these months fallow. There's plenty afoot for us to contemplate. First, there's the Land Cruise sponsored by that son of a Pirate, Maris Eshleman and his wench, Linda. That'll be on February 27 at Pirates Cove, Galesville, MD. Look for an e-mail from Captain Maris himself about the start time but 6:00PM isn't too soon to have a pre-dinner nip or two at the restaurant.

I expect by early March, we slowly will get back into the water after servicing our boats. The activity around

the boat yards at that time slowly picks up and progressively, we uncover our boats and start the process of making them ready for yet another season of Chesapeake Bay Sailing.

Next, we are planning a Cruising Seminar led by Ardell Hoveskeland following the Race Seminar the first weekend in April. Ardell plans an ambitious discussion on cruising down the ICW, traversing the Gulf Stream Current en route to the Bahamas, and cruising the Exumas. There are few cruisers in HHSA who have more experience cruising these areas than Ardell and we are looking forward to a good turnout for this exciting and informative event.

There's more planned for the early part of the cruising season including an April on the water cruise and the upcoming New Members Cruise. Stay tuned to the website, HHSA.org and watch for e-mails in the future to alert you to upcoming events.

Albert Del Negro
HHSA RC/Cruising



SOCIAL TIDBITS

R/C KEITH MAYES, *JUBILEE*

Your RC Social has been taking advantage of the recent Ice Age to get a jump start on planning for the 2010 season. We have dates for all social events, we have some preliminary proposals for catering, and Rich Griner and I have a pact with the weather gods and Mother Nature (I won't go into the details but "first borns" did

come up) and we are pretty confident that we will have great weather for the important social events this year!

You have heard it before but it is worth repeating ... the best plans and wonderful events are pretty meaningless if no one shows up. Nuff said!

Please put these imminent dates on your calendars

and plan to attend:

- March 7th (Sunday) – Sail Trim Seminar at HHS, 9:00 AM for coffee, start at 9:30
- March 13th (Saturday) – Spring General Meeting at HHS, 10:00 start (under the big heated tent!)
- April 10th (Saturday) – Combined Race Manage-

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ment and Cruising Seminar, 9:00 AM for coffee, 9:30 start
Look for more information about the seminars from Arne and Al, and details of the Spring Meeting from

King Richard!
Flipping the calendar to May, please note that the New Members Breakfast and Cruise will be held on Saturday May 22nd. As in the past, we will gather for breakfast at the Herrington

Harbour North Pavilion, near the pool. More later, and the website Events Calendar should have updated details by the time you read this. Party On!

We're on the Web!
<http://www.hhsa.org>



**YOUR
2009
HHSA
BOARD**