

HERRINGTON HARBOUR SAILING ASSOCIATION

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NEWSLETTER

FROM THE HELM

Commodore Maris Eshleman

It looks like it; it feels like it, can it be real? Is Spring finally here? Not only is the weather looking better but check out the Event Calendar on the website (hhsa.org). Wednesday night racing has started. The April Fools Cruise fooled everyone and the Full Moon Cruise is just around the corner followed by the New Member's Cruise and Breakfast. What could be better than the coming of a new sailing season in the Land of Pleasant Living?

Just like the daffodils in the yard new things are popping into bloom in HHSA. Emily, Andrea and crew are cultivating new sailing skills in their garden of women. Our training committee is planting seeds that will grow into strong sturdy sailors. The Tahiti cruise is emerging but there is a limited window when perhaps a few more could join. Look for the continuing rise of events and opportunities among our gallant crew. Come join in and experience new adventures.



As we've often said HHSA is about having fun on the water. Gain value from your major investment and share your experiences while you gain new

New Members Breakfast and Cruise

When: Saturday May 21, 2011

Time: 9 - 11 AM

Where: Poolside gazebo at Herrington Harbour North

Cost: Free.

Old members meet new members. New members cruise follows, led by Maris and Linda Eshleman on *Sweet Liberty*.

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2011 Schedule

Date	Time	HHSA Event	Where	Description
April 30 - May 1		April Fool's Cruise	Oxford, MD	Maris & Linda Eshleman on <i>Sweet Liberty</i>
May 4 - June 8	1850	Wednesday Series 1	Herring Bay	Wednesday racing. Every Wednesday until August 31. Post-race at Calypso Bay.
NEW EVENT - DON'T MISS IT !!!				
May 7	0900-1200	Training	HHS Catering	0900 Racing rules, 1030 First aid afloat
May 13 - 15		Full Moon Cruise	TBD	Tom McGarry on <i>Ventreil Magh</i>
May 21	0900 - 1100	New Member Breakfast	Herrington Harbour Near North Pool	Old members meet new members.
May 21 - 22		New Member Cruise	TBD	Maris & Linda Eshleman on <i>Sweet Liberty</i> will lead a cruise to one of the area's great anchorages.
May 22	1100	Spring Regatta	Herring Bay	Three windward-leeward races.
May 28 - 30		Memorial Day Cruise	TBD	Stefan Leader on <i>Diva II</i>
June 4 - 5		60's Cruise	TBD	Rich & Lynn Clough on <i>Sea Luff</i>
June 11 - 12		Baby Owl Cove Cruise	Baby Owl Cove	Bill & Jill Boggs on <i>Palmetto Moon</i>
June 11	1100	Double-Handed Race	Herring Bay	
June 15 - July 20	1850	Wednesday Series 2	Herring Bay	Wednesday racing. Every Wednesday until August 31. Post-race at Calypso Bay.
June 18 - 19		Women's Cruise	TBD	Andrea Heintzelman on <i>Diva II</i>
June 25	1700	Sharp's Island Race	Chesapeake Bay	Evening race to Sharp's Island light and back.
June 25 - 26		Crazy Hat Cruise	TBD	Allen Wright on <i>Tzatsky Too</i>
July 9 - 10		Karaoke Cruise	TBD	KC & Susie Bacher on <i>Freedom</i>
July 16-17		Trivia Cruise	TBD	Rich & Marie Ordeman on <i>Spook</i>

Full racing and cruising schedule can be found on the HHSA Web Site.

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ones.

Sweet Liberty while getting beyond the breakwaters on occasion is still not enjoying the best this season has to offer while her first mate continues to recuperate. However, things are looking good for a June adventure.

We have an ambitious schedule of events this year in racing and cruising that provides many opportunities to get out on your boat and join in the fun. Commit yourself to do at least one event per month. If you have never made a cruise, what are you waiting for? If you have questions or doubts call someone. Call anyone on the Board. We have experienced members waiting to make a new friend. If you have a sailing friend looking for fun, bring them along and help them join.

The time for fun is here! Let's get on the water.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Vice Commodore

Thomas McGarry

The time for generating this year's directory is upon us. The target cut-off date for information for the directory is May 15, 2011. The target publishing date is June 1, 2011.

Please visit your information on the web site and make any changes and corrections you may want to make. I do ask that you make sure

your names appear with initial capitalization only. The directory is a marketing tool, as well as a resource for members, and accordingly, we want the directory to be as professional appearing as possible. Last year I had to go through the list and individually change the appearance of all caps or no caps names in the database I created for the directory. It was a very time consuming process.

Please also keep in mind that all organizations prosper from new members. It does not hurt to proselytize to other sailors you meet.

We have decided not to carry shirt inventory, as it is too difficult to match sizes, colors and sex with the limited inventory we must necessarily carry. I am, however, prepared to order polo shirts from Lands End in a group buy, with a special logo reflecting this our 30th year. Let me know by email at membership@hhsa.org as to your sex and size and color preference. We will have a limited number of colors available, probably medium blue, light blue and khaki. If you desire other colors, let me know and I will see if the colors are available.

I will be placing an order for hats when I receive the work up of the new logo from Lands End and the Board has approved it.

NEW MEMBERS CRUISE AND BREAKFAST

By *Sweet Liberty*

The warm days and pleasant evenings mean that Sailing Season is once again upon us. HHSa is ready with the opening of the cruising season.

The traditional beginning of each sailing season is the New Member's Breakfast and Cruise. This year it has settled on 21 May with the Breakfast at the HHN Pool Gazebo. The Breakfast and Cruise are open to all and provides an opportunity for new members to mingle and get to know other members of the Club as we all get ready for a new season on the water. After the breakfast we will adjourn to our boats to sail to a destination to be determined based on the weather. Hosted by the Commodore, the New Members Cruise has traditionally been the first cruise of the year, however, in recent years the April Fools Cruise has been established as a prequel and this year the Full Moon Cruise is before the New Members Cruise because that's when the full moon occurs. In past years the weather for the New Members Cruise has often been unsettled. The first year we joined the Club we got hit on anchor with 50 Kt wind squalls. Another time we came out of the Rhode River into a gale with six foot waves and then surfed all the way home. No matter what the weather. All new members should come and enjoy the camaraderie. Existing members will provide the breakfast foods to

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be enjoyed by all. Come to the cruise and bring an appetizer to share and whatever drinks you want to have or share. Come begin your season on 21-22 May. See you at the Breakfast.

RACING REPORT

Rear Commodore (Racing)

Arne Fliflet

During April we scrambled to prepare our boats for the coming season and some of us experienced delays caused by unfavorable weather. By the time this Newsletter appears racing will have started in earnest with the Wednesday evening races underway. As I write this only the HHSA A mark is on station. The attempt to plant Mark C was foiled by gusty conditions and waves that caused the mark and anchor to jump out of the dinghy being used to transport them. The mark is presently biding its time in the vicinity of R2 while we gather our forces to move it to its proper position and put out Mark B.

I was encouraged by the attendance at the race management seminar on April 16. There was plenty of discussion with questions from the newer racers often answered by the more experienced hands. For those who did not attend or want a refresher the Race Management PowerPoint presentation has been posted on the HHSA website Racing page. I am reprinting some points Keith

Mayes made after last year's seminar:

1) The RC serves to provide a fair and appropriate (for the conditions) race setup, with a line square to the wind and of proper length. For Wednesday races always have an inflatable mark for the pin end of the starting line and be prepared to ask another boat to set it in position for you.

2) Be predictable, communicate often over Channel 68, and don't make the racers guess what you are doing.

3) Seek advice from experienced racers if you are in doubt about the line and/or the course.

4) If you make a mistake, it's OK. But know how to fix it ... with the AP (Postpone) flag to stop the starting sequence or the 1st Substitute (General Recall) flag to restart after the race has started.

5) Be very familiar with the Race Committee Manual and the HHSA Racing Rules - they will demystify the experience for you.

A seminar on the Racing Rules of Sailing will be presented by Keith Mayes on Saturday, May 7, at the Herrington on the Bay Clubhouse. The seminar is based on the Handy Guide to the Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012 published by US Sailing. The guide presents the rules in a graphical form and will be available for purchase at the seminar at the discounted price of \$5.00. Contact me if you miss the

seminar and want to purchase a copy for yourself or crew.

By now all racers should have a valid PHRF rating or have had one assigned by the Competition Committee (first year racers only). Please contact me (racing@hhsa.org) if there will be a delay in obtaining a rating. All racers should have signed up for Race Committee duty; however, there are still a number of slots that need to be filled including for the Spring Regatta on May 22. Choose now to avoid being assigned a race.

Comments about your experiences on the race course are always welcome. I hope to re-establish the practice of getting bullet reports from the respective class winners.

See you on the water.

CRUISING REPORT

Rear Commodore (Cruising)

Rich Clough

We are quickly coming to the beginning of our cruising calendar with the April Fool's Cruise happening this coming weekend (4/30 - 5/1). This cruise is hosted by Maris & Linda Eshleman (ltcme@comcast.net) and I believe the cruise is to Oxford. Hopefully, you all have your boats afloat and will be able to join *S/V Sweet Liberty* on this first of 23 cruises scheduled for this 2011 cruising season.

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Following the April Fool's Cruise, we have one week open (nothing scheduled) before we have three cruises in a row to finish out the month of May. The Full Moon Cruise is scheduled for 5/13 - 5/15 and is hosted by Tom McGarry (tmcgarry@cox.net) on *S/V Ventreil Magh*. The New Members Cruise is scheduled for 5/21-5/22 and is hosted by Maris & Linda Eshleman (ltcme@comcast.net) on *S/V Sweet Liberty*. The third cruise mentioned above is over Memorial Day Weekend (5/28-5/30) and is hosted by Stefan Leader & Andrea Heintzelman (captstef@comcast.net) on *S/V Diva II*.

Check the HNSA web site for further information. Let the cruise leaders know via email that you would like to meet them on the water. Typically, they will have a Captains meeting at the Herrington Harbour South HNSA bulletin board at 9:00 AM on the day of departure. Some cruise destinations will be decided based upon the wind and conditions for the weekend. Some cruise destinations will be determined more by tradition. Either way check the HNSA website and contact the cruise leaders, get informed and enjoy the coming season.

One sad note is that for now the "Gunkholing The Lower Eastern Shore" Cruise originally scheduled to start on June 2nd and extend for two weeks has been put on hold. *S/V Valhalla* has been delayed in

her return from the Bahama's and further discussion of the possibilities for an extended cruise will be taken up upon her return to the Chesapeake date TBD.

The cruising season has begun. We hope to see record numbers taking advantage of this summers schedule. Sail safe, sail frequently, and sail with friends.

FUN STUFF

Rear Commodore (Social)

Rich Griner

New Members Breakfast

When: [Saturday May 21st, 09:00 - 11:00](#)

Where: Herrington Harbour North under the pavilion at the pool

Existing membership provides breakfast for the new members to the club. New members can meet existing members and find out more details on club activities. Existing members can meet new members and catch up with other members.

Our Commodore, Maris, will announce the destination of the New Members Cruise which follows the breakfast. All members welcome even if you can not attend the cruise. We always have plenty of great food left over.

Please contact Richard Griner at grinercoyote@Mac.com with questions regarding the breakfast.

HNSA Summer BBQ

Put it on your calendar. [July 23rd](#) the club will have it's annual BBQ. The BBQ includes both the Adopt a Cruiser race, where only cruising vessels are allowed to race, and women's racing.

We'll have a tent and a grill set up by the beach where we can watch the blind folded dingy races.

As the events draw closer more details will be provided.



FULL MOON CRUISE

Tom McGarry - *Ventreil Magh*

Mark your calendars, get your juices flowing and come out for a scintillating, romantic, moonlight cruise on Friday evening May 13. I plan a rendezvous near red 2 at about 7:00 or 7:30 to sail as a group to a 4-hour destination, with

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a raft up at midnight with champagne and chocolate or some other special treat, followed by a raucous baying. A fabulous prize will be awarded to the best moon-bayer. The plan is for a relaxing sail (or an informal race for those so inclined) to a near destination on Saturday the 14th. The usual cocktail party is in the offing for Saturday night. If you cannot make it Friday evening, come out to the second destination on Saturday.

Destinations will be determined based on predicted wind.

Registration is not necessary, but advised. An email to me at tmcgarry@beankinney.com will do. It would be helpful to know you are out there and that we should be looking for you. Channel 68 will be monitored.

TRAINING PROGRAM

John Locke

The Training Committee has scheduled a seminar for Saturday, May 7th at HHS Catering Facility. Two topics will be presented. Racing Rules and First Aid Underway. The first will begin at 9 AM, the second at about 10:30. Come for one or both. Additional seminars or classes are being scheduled for June, July, and August. They will be announced on the Web site and will be shown on the HHSA calendar. If you would like to participate in the Training Program either as a committee member or an instructor, or have ideas as to what topics you

would be interested in, let me know. My email is locke806@atlanticbb.net.

WOMEN UNDERWAY IN HERRING BAY

Andrea Heintzelman

On Wednesday, April 13th, fourteen female sailors gathered at the Herrington Harbour North lounge to attend another lively meeting of the recently formed Women Underway in Herring Bay. The group enjoyed tasty potluck creations and made introductions before focusing the discussion on the art of sail trim for cruising and racing peak performance. A large, fully rigged model sailing sloop with main and jib was used for demonstration purposes. The discussion, facilitated by Emily Manders and Sarah Harvey, began with sail terminology, including sheets, halyards, cunningham, outhaul, downhaul, boom vang, and cars. Once everyone was comfortable with these terms, a more detailed discussion and demonstration on how each sail could be managed and shaped to make optimal use of wind direction and force followed. Spinnaker trim was not discussed, but will likely be the topic of a future meeting.

The group also discussed the first all women's day cruise, scheduled for Saturday, June 18, sponsored by Andrea Heintzelman on *Diva II*. Depending on the number of interested participants, WU may be

looking for other women to volunteer their boats for this special get together. Please set this day aside for an exciting day out on the water doing what we love so much – sailing!

The women discussed meeting on Tuesdays during the racing season; the next discussion topic and date is to be determined. All women who are interested in participating should go to www.hhsa.org and log-in so you can see what is happening with Women's Sailing (left menu option). If you have not yet logged into the site with a password, email Joe Laun at jlaun@yahoo.com and he will facilitate this for you.

THANKS

Sue Weis

The family of John Weis would like to thank the members of HHSA for their thoughtful support during this difficult time. Your many acts of kindness brings comfort and are much appreciated. John was all about sailing and golden retrievers! He truly enjoyed being part of this association and eagerly looked forward to the start of the Wednesday night series--racing and being with friends! Again, my appreciation for all your thoughtfulness.

Sincerely, Sue

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