



CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

Wednesdays...Wednesday night races	HHS	7:00 PM
July 4.....Geezer Cruise.....	HHS.....	see website
July 18	Full Moon Cruise.....	HHS.....see website
July 25.....	Adopt A Cruiser Race and Summer Bar B Q.....	HHS.....11:00 AM



Beneteau 36.7 start at the regatta.
Count the boats, one second to go.



you'll have a choice of colors other than red! You will soon see new HHS bulletin boards at both marinas, matching those of the Herring Bay Yacht Club.

Congratulations to Joe Howell and his crew for their exceptional persistence. Over 350 races before getting the gun! That's incredible! That brought memories of Georg Shultz persevering in a very slow Governor's Cup race in 2000 to win the Catalina 27 Class. I'm sure each of us has similar memories we treasure that make sailors of us and sailing the great activity it is.

A reminder to cruise leaders to write an article after their cruise for the newsletter. Photos are always welcome. Keith Morgenstern and Joe Howell are working to include extra photos in the electronic newsletter. Joe's deadline for the newsletter is the 22nd of each month.

From the Helm

Ted Slotwinski, *Zalek*

Already the days are getting shorter. Wednesday night racing is over half done. The HHS/Integrity Yacht Sales Invitational regatta will have just finished. So did the two-week cruise to the Southern Bay. Where has the time gone? Many members have enjoyed the racing and cruising to date. There remain many exciting opportunities to participate, such as the Summer BBQ following the Cruiser's Race on July 26, the short-handed race/cruise, and a Friday evening race to the West River in August.

HHS shirts are back and will be available for sale at the Summer BBQ. Plus

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As always, keep recruiting, see you on the water.

Cruise News

Tom McGarry, *Ventrel Magh*

Those of you who have participated in the cruises know how rewarding they can be. The Father's Day Cruise on June 14 – 15 is an example. It is reported on more fully elsewhere in this newsletter, but I can report that it was a thoroughly enjoyable gathering at the St. Michael's Marina at the slip secured by Allen Wright and his daughter Bev. Some had also secured a slip, and others of us dinghied in from our anchorages. If you have not participated yet, make an all-out effort to do so. The company at the raft up is hard to beat, as is the food. There are currently seven sponsored cruises left (counting the Adopt a Cruiser Race), a list of which is set forth below. More details of them are set forth on the clubs web site. The list is:

Date	Leader	Comments
7/4 – 7/6	Stephan Leader and Andrea Heintzelman on <i>Diva II</i>	July 4 three day cruise
7/18	Tom and Nina McGarry on <i>Ventrel Magh</i>	Full moon cruise starting Friday evening
7/26	Bruce Artman	Adopt a Cruiser Race; followed by the Summer Barbeque
8/23	Rich Griner on <i>Coyote</i>	Short handed race cruise; see notice of race on web site
9/13	Al Del Negro and Trisha Creevy on <i>Solace</i>	Red Neck Cruise
10/4	Al Del Negro and Trisha Creevy on <i>Solace</i>	Pirate Cruise
10/25	John and Barbara Locke on <i>Island Time</i>	Halloween Cruise to St. Michael's

For those of you contemplating leading a cruise, please note that the Labor Day weekend is open.

There is usually a pick-up cruise every weekend. Check to see if there is anyone at the bulletin board at HHS at 9:00 on Saturday on which there is not a sponsored cruise, as well as your email box. Feel free to send a notice or invitation for you own cruise, pick-up or otherwise, using the web site messaging facility. You can do so by going to the web site (<https://hhsa.clubexpress.com>), selecting the "Forums" section from the list on the left and then selecting the "Cruise Announcements" sub section on the lower part of the screen (scroll down to see it) and starting a new thread. The message you enter will then be sent to all members on the cruising interest list.

A few other pictures from the water are provided at the end of the newsletter for inspiration ☺.



Full Throat Up the Eastern Bay



Fort McHenry From the Water



Early Morning in Tilghman Creek

Again, email me your thoughts, at tmcgarry@cox.net or call me at 703-425-8727. See you on the water!

Racing

Bruce Artman, *T Bone*

! The weather has been slightly less cooperative than we would have ordered by mail, but we've still had a great series of Wednesdays so far. In fact the only concern I

personally have is that the Wednesdays are half over! We continue to track the most competitive fleet for the North Sail Wednesday Night Boat of the Year (BOTY); it is amazing how close the fleets have been!

We have still had no one take advantage of the protest arbitration process to resolve any on the water "disputes". Remember that our sport is completely self-policed and fairness depends upon everyone calling their own fouls. The hail of "protest" isn't an accusation or an insult. Nor should it be! Making a protest on the water has several important benefits. It alerts competitors that a rule has possibly been broken—many times they aren't even aware. Protesting helps to teach everyone how the rules apply in real world scenarios. Protesting another boat prevents grudges from festering and becoming worse over time. And most important, protesting a foul keeps the competition fair when mistakes or accidents happen; how many skippers will do their penalty turns if no red flag is flown?

The other side of the coin is when you are protested; it should not be taken as an affront or as disrespect; simply that a discussion of the rules needs to take place. If you are sure that you actually committed a foul, do your two penalty turns and sail the rest of your race. If you disagree with the protest, your next choice is probably to submit to arbitration. This is a simple mini-hearing where the facts are discussed with a third party and a decision is reached regarding the applicable rules at the time of the incident and if those rules were broken. Worst case would result in a 20% scoring penalty. If consensus cannot be reached at an arbitration hearing, the final option is a more formal protest hearing. If fault is found at a protest hearing, the boat breaking the rule will be disqualified from the race. These different ways to receive absolution on

the race course are progressively more impactful; the best thing is to avoid the situation all together by sailing a clean race. Mistakes can happen though, and a hail of "Protest" is the best way to make sure people stay safe and that they don't happen again.

Social Corner

Nina McGarry, *Ventreil Magh*

What do summer and July share? The HHSB BBQ!

Now that summer is upon us, and fun on the water is in high season, and we last enjoyed each other's company in March. Let's plan on visiting July 26, at Herrington Harbour South S-dock for a cookout!

For a small fee (\$20.00 adults, \$6.00 children under 12) we can meet at S-dock for pulled pork, coleslaw, chips, brownies, cold drinks and fun. A grill is available where we will cook chicken and hot dogs as well. We will attempt to assemble a couple of games, but we would really much rather hear about the fun at the Adopt A Cruiser Race.

That's right. Make a full HHSB day of it. Participate in the Adopt A Cruiser Race, then come to S-dock to cool off, eat, and exchange stories.

In addition to food, drink and conversation, we will also have really nice polo-shirts with the HHSB logo. There are limited sizes, quantities and colors. Come early so you get the color and size of your choice. Polo shirts, regardless of size and color, are \$25.00

each, payable with cash or check. Also available are the lovable HHSB hats, \$15.00 each. Again we will sponsor the 50/50 draw sponsoring CRAB.

So much to do, so little time. HHSB make it easy for you. Race, cruise, eat and socialize all in one day. What a great use of your time.

We look forward to seeing you July 26 at Herrington Harbour South, S-Dock. Be sure to register, and pay, using the online HHSB registration system.

Communications

Keith Morgenstern, *Beyond the Sea*

I have chosen to devote my entire column to something we have on our website that I would love to see being used more: the FORUMS.

Now, you ask, "Why do you care Keith?". Here is why: The forums are better. No, really, they are a better way better than the Yahoo mailing lists. For example:

1. You can attach files, and the files are actually saved somewhere. So that way you can go back and retrieve a file that was previously sent (unlike our Yahoo mailing lists).

2. They are target-specific. Did you know we have nine separate public forums. Each is devoted to a different topic, unlike the Yahoo lists, which are basically "Racing" and "Cruising". You didn't know we had nine? Well here they all are, along with the forum's email:

Four Public Racing Forums:

Racing Results:

["results@hhsa.org"](mailto:results@hhsa.org)

General Racing Discussions:

["racing-discussions@hhsa.org"](mailto:racing-discussions@hhsa.org)

Victoria Model Racing: ["victorias@hhsa.org"](mailto:victorias@hhsa.org)

Racing Crew Finder:

["crewfinder@hhsa.org"](mailto:crewfinder@hhsa.org)

Two Public Cruising Forums:

General Cruising Discussions:

["cruising_discussions@hhsa.org"](mailto:cruising_discussions@hhsa.org)

Cruise Announcements:

["cruise_announcements@hhsa.org"](mailto:cruise_announcements@hhsa.org)

Three Other Public Forums

Gear Swap/Items for Sale:

["classified_ads@hhsa.org"](mailto:classified_ads@hhsa.org)

Expense & Minutes

General Discussions

3. Using a Forum is EASY! No, really, EASY! If you want to post something to the Cruising Announcements Forum, just send an email to ["cruise_announcements@hhsa.org"](mailto:cruise_announcements@hhsa.org). Then all the members to that forum get the announcement. Or log on to our website (WWW.HHSA.ORG) and click on Forums, then find the right forum and make a posting.

4. You get *me* with the Forums. If you run into a problem with forums, I can fix it. And I am a real-live person. I even have a phone number, so you can call me! You cannot say any of this for the Yahoo lists. Got a problem over on the Yahoo lists...well...good luck!

5. The Forums only include HHSa Members. There is really no way to police the Yahoo lists. Members who leave HHSa are still on the Yahoo list, but there is no easy or effective way

to know who they are. There are just too many names and emails on the Yahoo list for anyone to fix that.

6. If you have a government job like I do, you realize that many of the "communication-type" websites out there, like Yahoo-groups, Google-groups, Hotmail, and other personal email services are blocked by the government networks. WWW.HHSA.ORG and hhsa.org emails are usually not blocked.

Now don't get me wrong. The Yahoo mailing lists were the right thing to do a few years ago, when we didn't have any kind of email list service. But now that we already have this forum service as part of our website, there is no reason not to use it.

Racers, you already get the results via the forums, and I think our official scorer, Hank Chalkley likes how easy it is. (Great job, Hank!)

Thanks all for now, see you on the water!

Father's Day Cruise

Allen Wright, *TzatskyToo*

Saturday June 14, 2008 produced light winds and beautiful sunny skies for our annual Father's Day Cruise. This year we chose St. Michael's as the destination to take advantage of the Antique and Classic Boat Show at the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum. Five boats joined the cruise and had a leisurely sail (or motor sail) in the balmy weather. I sailed with

my daughter, Bev Caruso ,and son-in-law, Tim Caruso, sailed their Bavaria 32, *Irresistible*, from Selby Bay Yacht Club on the South River. Stefan Leader and Andrea Heintzleman sailed *Diva II* from Herrington Harbour North, Trish Creevy and Al Del Negro sailed *Solace* from Herrington South, Social Rear Commodore Nina and Cruising Rear Commodore Tom McGarry sailed *Ventreil Magh* from Shipwright Harbor and Past Rear Commodores Barbara and John Locke with Doug and Timberly aboard *Island Time* sailed from their new home on Kent Island.

Jim Funkey and crew sailed *Ichi Ban* from Herrington North, but a late start kept them from arriving until about 7:30 PM. Sorry they missed the party.

It was pretty hot by the time we arrived, and we were happy to splash in the pool at St. Michael's Marina to cool off before the cocktail reception on *Irresistible*. The St. Michael's Crab & Steakhouse has both indoor and outdoor dining, but we chose to relax in the air-conditioned indoor dining room. Nina and Tom McGarry reported that they were able to dinghy back to their boat in time to be safely aboard before the evening squall passed through.

Sunday morning was a good time to enjoy the morning cool breezes as we toured the boat show. The smaller boats on trailers included numerous magnificently restored runabouts with gleaming wood finishes. The oldest I saw was *Amindra*, a 16 foot 1930 Dodge Runabout. In the water there were other painstakingly restored old motor yachts that we went aboard for closer examination. The owners explained that they were continuing projects requiring constant restoration to keep them in such beautiful condition. All of the motor yachts are kept in cruising condition, and some are used as live-aboard cruisers. Imagine having even a working piano on board.

The usual lack of wind necessitated motoring *Irresistible* all the way back to Selby Bay on Sunday. The entire weekend was a delight to be able to share it with our sailing friends.

Geezer Cruise

Stefan Leader, *Diva II*

What is this all about? Well, we will be celebrating the country's birthday (the 232nd, if my calculator worked properly), and we will also be celebrating my official entry into "Geezerdom," my 65th. So join Andrea and me for this **July 4th** doubleheader. On Friday the 4th we will be heading to Lake Ogleton (38 degrees 57.1 minutes N Lat., 76 degrees, 27.42 minutes west Long.) on the south shore of the Severn, just about a mile from the green 1AH at Tolly Point, to enjoy the Annapolis holiday fireworks. I think we should be able to see them from the anchorage; but if not, we can dinghy around to one of the beaches on the Severn and watch from there. From Lake Ogleton, we will be sailing around Bloody Point and up Eastern Bay to Dividing Creek on the Wye where we will tell "geezer" jokes and celebrate by birthday in grand style. The best "geezer" joke (as judged by a panel of senior experts) will receive a prize. So bring your best jokes, your social security and AARP membership cards, your Preparation H and we will have a grand time laughing at age and infirmity.

From the Editor

Joe Howell, *Carolina Blue*

Kudos to those who made our regatta on June 28 the best ever. This is Keith Mayes' brain child and is fast becoming one of the "can't miss" regattas on the Bay. Great

organization, race committee work and a great party afterwards.

On a related matter, we all know that a clean boat bottom is one key to a strong racing performance. At last we have someone who is the answer to our needs. *Jubilee's* own Emily Manders is one of the best diver/ boat bottom cleaners on the Bay and is partly, if not solely responsible for *Leap Frog's* first place last week and her third place finish in the regatta racing against the J30 big boys from Annapolis. I would say that she *guarantees* performance except that she cleaned *Carolina Blue* the same week she worked on *Leap Frog*. But we were not all that far behind.

HHS A / Integrity Regatta

Keith Mayes, *Jubilee*

We were treated to decent weather for our 3rd annual regatta. Thirty boats came to the line for starts in 6 classes – Non Spinnaker, Pearson 30, J/30, J/35, Beneteau 36.7, and PHRF handicap.

Rich and Kristin Griner (*Coyote*), several of their crew, and a couple of other members did Race Committee on Dave and Carole Longendyke's *Libre Vie*, while Mark Boat duties were performed by Grant Schneider (co-owner of *T-Bone*), Hank Ulrich (*Atlantis*), and Joe Rendzio on *Mystique*. Thanks to these folks for spending a long hot day getting three races successfully run. A special thank you to Juliet Thompson, a member of AYC, who came along to assist on the Race Committee! I heard nothing but praise for the job that she and the RC did ... they were the stars of the day, in my opinion.

The Non Spin boats and Pearson 30's were sent off on a 14 mile distance race at

10:50, while the other classes did three windward leeward races. Winds were at first gentle out of the south/ south east for the first windward leeward race – four legs of 0.75 miles, but built for the second race and clocked to the south – four one mile legs. There was a pretty big shift to the right as boats were finishing the second race, and dark clouds started appearing in the west. The RC did a great job of moving the course to the west and got us started on a six leg race, each 0.8 miles long.

Just after the J/35's headed up wind for 5th leg, and as the Beneteau's were approaching the leeward mark at the end of the 4th leg, the wind in front of the thunderstorm suddenly picked up to 25 – 30 knots, catching many crews with spinnakers up ... death rolls and broaches were witnessed and the weather gods admonished! With very little rain it was all over in 10 minutes; and as is usually the case, there was not much wind when the storm passed. The J/30's and the two boat PHRF handicap fleet, *Cantata* (Hank Chalkley) and *Firewater* (Jim Murtland), were left struggling to complete the race. The RC wisely chose to finish the race for them after 5 legs.

By 5:00 PM most boats were back in , and about 120 crew dropped in for the party on the west side of HHS. A buffet catered by Herrington on the Bay, keg beer, and sodas were laid on. Kristin Griner, Carol Kissal, and Gail Schneider (Grant's 6 year old daughter) supplied brownies, while Marsha Reich turned out those most excellent chocolate sail boats.

Bruce Kissal (*First Look*) provided amplified music and a PA system – thanks Bruce! – and at the end of the evening Rich Griner set up his large screen Mac and showed some of the 500 photos that Kristin took from the committee boat – Wow!

June 18 Wednesday Night

An event like this does not happen without lots of help. When next you see Trish Creevy and Al Del Negro, please thank them for selling beer and wine tickets all night long, and also let Susie Diamond know how much we appreciated the donation of wine for the event. Thanks also to Joe and Jenn Lau, and especially Katie Manders (Emily's 11 year old daughter) for selling t-shirts, and John Weiss for picking up the beer!

A feature of the social event was the Silent Auction we started last year. Seven local businesses contributed goods and services, the most prestigious of which was Geoff Hodgdon's (*Spirit*) magnificent framed photograph. We appreciate the generosity shown by Geoff, Skipper's Pier, Pirate's Cove Restaurant, Osprey Marine, Global Marine Services, Chesapeake Marine Engineering, and Captain Kidds Liquors. \$420 was raised through the auction. Jodi Weinbecker secured commitments from these fine folks, and I am indebted to her for taking care of all the details.

Sincere thanks to the racers for coming out and making the competition a huge success. We had eleven visiting boats, and HHSA members were evident and successful in each class.

Last and by no means least, I want to thank Vicki Rasmussen at Integrity Yacht Sales for her continued support of HHSA and our annual regatta – without her financial contribution we would not be able to run this event! I hope that you will consider her generosity the next time you are in need of a yacht broker.

Results for the Regatta are on the website.



