



CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

August 2008

- Wednesday evenings.....racing as usual.....HH
- August 16.....Trivia Cruise to Peach Blossom Creek..... HHS
- August 23.....Short Handed Race Cruise..... web site and bulletin board

From the Helm

Ted Slotwinski, *Zalek*

Ah, the dog days of summer have arrived, but sailors seem to thrive on the heat and humidity which keep most folks inside. Just let there be some wind along with it !

July was a good month for HHSA racing. The second Wednesday series was completed. Congratulations to *PACHANGA*, *JUBILEE*, and *LEAP FROG*, winners of the non-spinnaker, spinnaker A, and spinnaker B classes, respectively. Six boats represented HHSA in the overnight race from Annapolis to Solomon's. Two boats represented HHSA in the Chesapeake Bay Women's' Challenge.

The 4th of July Geezer Cruise was well attended with great weather for watching Annapolis area fireworks. The Full Moon Cruise, coincident with the race to Solomon's, gave our cruisers a chance to interact with racers beating down the Bay.

As I write this, attendance at the HHSA Adopt Cruiser Race and the Summer BBQ is a bit thin, but I have faith that our membership will come through in the pinch and fully support these fun events.

Keith Morgenstern and Joe Howell are working to include extra photos in the electronic version of this newsletter and to post

more 2008 photos on the web site. Continue to send them your photos (electronically is preferred), but please be selective. Don't just download the contents of your digital camera. Pick the best photos. Also, be sure to identify them by date, event, boats, and/or persons as appropriate.

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

Cruise News

Tom McGarry, *Ventreil Magh*

The July 4 cruise was terrific and the Full Moon Cruise went off spectacularly (see the separate reports elsewhere in this newsletter), and show how much fun a cruise can be. I urge you to get involved and share

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the great fun. If you have not participated yet, make an all-out effort to do so. The sailing and raft-up camaraderie must be experienced.

There are currently six sponsored cruises left (again counting the Adopt a Cruiser Race), a list of which is set forth below. New from the July list is Rich and Marie's Ordeman's Trivia Cruise. Check the web site for details. The adopt – a – cruiser race is this weekend; the annual barbeque follows at 3:00. The list is:

Date	Leader	Comments
7/26	Bruce Artman	Adopt a Cruiser Race; followed by the Summer Barbeque
8/18	Rich and Marie Ordeman	Trivia Cruise; mystery destination, 21 NM from HHS
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. Michaels

The Labor Day weekend is still available for a sponsored cruise.

Remember to check your email box and the bulletin board at HHS at 9:00 on any Saturday on which there is not a sponsored cruise for pick up cruises. To send a notice or invitation for your own cruise, pick-up or otherwise, use the web site messaging facility. At the web site (<https://hhsa.clubexpress.com>), select the "Forums" section from the list on the left, and then select the "Cruise

Announcements" sub section on the lower part of the screen (scroll down to see it) and starting a new thread.

Again, email me your thoughts, at tmcgarry@cox.net or call me at 703-425-8727.

See you on the water!

Full Moon Cruise

Tom and Nina McGarry, *Ventreil Magh*

It would have been hard to imagine a more providential convergence of forces to make the Full Moon Cruise more enjoyable and rewarding. The full moon rose as an orange disk off the starboard bow of the cruise participants as broad reached rapidly northeast across the bay. The disk ripened into a bright illuminating light as it rose and the group continued toward and up Eastern Bay and then north and northwest into Crab Alley Creek. Nature contributed about all she could to the enjoyment of the event – 12 to 18 knots of steady south wind, a clear night and cool enough temperatures. The rest was up to us, and we rose to the occasion.

Man contributed his enlivenment, too. The over 150 entrants to the Solomons Invitational ran south from Annapolis to Solomons across our path, boisterously tearing past us hard on the wind, made safe by working running lights.

The anticipated midnight raft-up occurred the next morning instead as an impromptu champagne brunch on board *Ventreil Magh*. Participants on the first leg were HHSA members Stef Leader and Andrea Heintzelman on *Diva II*, Al del Negro and Trisha Creevey on *Solace*, John Harris and his son John on *Exhibit A*, and Nina and I on

Ventreil Magh, and our friends on *Amphitrite*, a Tayana 42, Ted McBride and Virginia Verdeja.

Feeling no pain after the brunch, the same group, less *Exhibit A*, ventured down the Miles River, past St. Michaels, around Long Point and into Hunting Creek for a gorgeously situated raft up – joined by Bryan and Cheryl Davenport on *Cecil*. Again the weather and wind cooperated, giving us clear skies and wind from the southeast, making for interesting tacks south up the river.

Dinghies hauled the group and supplies over to the sand beach on the western shore of the creek for a beach party. The beach, the creek, the conversations and, oh yes, cosmos and other libations and great light fare all played their part in contributing to a superb evening.

Sunday offered another spectacular sail back to Herring Bay, with clear skies, 12 knots southerly wind up the Miles, building during the beat down Eastern Bay (with only two tacks), and a straight close reach back to Herring Bay in up to 25 knots. We all roared back in good order and great time.

Inspired by the sheer enjoyment of the cruise, we hope to make this an annual ev

Social Corner

Nina McGarry, *Ventreil Magh*

All efforts these days are towards the summer BBQ. The summer BBQ is scheduled for July 26, following the Adopt a Cruiser Race. The Summer BBQ is the most recent event since the New Members Breakfast in March. We are looking forward to a hardy turnout with hungry folks ready to enjoy story swapping and great advice for catching the wind.

On a recent event, not scheduled by the Social Committee, but an event scheduled by the Cruising Committee, great stories were shared by stellar members such as John Harris featured below with story enhancement tools.



At all events, members support the Sailing Association as well as CRAB with purchases of products and raffle tickets. At the Summer BBQ, as with other events, we will offer CRAB raffle tickets, with half of the proceeds donated

to CRAB. Also available are the beloved HNSA sailing hats and newly added HNSA polo shirts.

Communications

Keith Morgenstern, *Beyond the Sea*

Well, the dog days of summer are here. Which really only means that we either have dead calm, or thunderstorms.

It also means that pretty much everything on the website and email is more-or-less on autopilot. Results get posted and emailed out the night of the race (usually).

So, my project for August is to try to get more of those great photos from the summer racing onto the website. Many of you are probably aware that it is an arduous and time-consuming thing, so I am hoping to stream line the process some.

Also, I will be attempting to contact the HNSA folks about the videos that they have taken so far this year, and attempt to post them on the website.

If there are any other suggestions out there,
be sure to send them my way:
communications@hhsa.org.

See you on the water

Surfin' Safari

Gary Pritchard *Gonr away*

Six "Sloop John B's" made their way to La Trappe Creek off the Choptank River on Saturday, the 28th of June. The winds were light but built during the day to 15 knots. The heat and humidity were high at anchor so we stayed by the raft and jettisoned the Frisbee Fling. We swam by the boats to keep cool as we didn't see any nettles. (Allen would say that there was at least ONE ferocious nettle that found him - but meat tenderizer and cream helped).

The "I Get Around" horn blew at 1730 hours and joining Gary and Kathy Pritchard on *Gone Away* for "Fun, Fun, Fun" were John and Barbara ("Surfer Girl") Locke from Kent Island, on *Island Time*, Allen Wright, Beverly and Tim Caruso from the South River, on *Irresistible*, new members Jeanne and Mike Luke on *Stella Maris*, Tom McGarry and Jim Fallon on *Ventrel Magh* and Stefan Leader and Andrea Heintzelman on *Diva II*.

With the Sierra Nevada Summerfest and Pale Ale flowing, platters of great food and "Good Vibrations" of the Beach Boys music, "Good Timin'" was had by all.

Sunday morning the wind was up with thunderstorms forecast for the afternoon and we made early departures for home. Winds were up to 18 knots from the SW and it was great sailing. Maybe, "God Only Knows", we'll "Do It Again" next year.

Trivia Cruise

Rich Ordeman *Spook*

Join us for the annual Trivia Cruise, which has been an HHSa tradition for over a dozen years. Here comes your chance to show off all your trivia knowledge. Please note: use of electronic devices or your life line is not allowed. On August 16th we will depart for the beautiful Peach Blossom Creek off of the Tred Avon River north of Oxford.

Pick up your quiz at the 0900 captains' meeting at HHS. If you cannot make the meeting, copies will also be available at the HHN and HHS bulletin boards as well as at the raft-up. The party begins at 1730 with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres. Scoring of the quiz and awarding of prizes will follow. Call us at 703-938-1581 or email us at rmordeman@aol.com if you have questions, other than trivial ones.

Please come and join in the fun.

Geezer Cruise

Stefan Leader *Diva II*

The July 4th "Geezer" Cruise, to paraphrase Dickens, was "the best of times and the worst of times." We avoided the thunderstorms, which were all around us, but had a bit of rain on the Fourth, just before the fireworks, and on the morning of the 5th. It seemed as though the rain was following the published schedule and the fireworks went on more or less as planned and were spectacular.

We also had several quite respectable private shows from around the anchorage. Unfortunately, wind was not to be found the entire weekend; on the other hand, the bad weather kept a lot of boaters home for the weekend and we had most of Dividing Creek all to ourselves. "The best of times, the worst of times."

Our anchorage in Lake Ogleton, just east of the entrance, gave us a perfect vantage point to see the fireworks but a bunch of crazed jet skiers and motor boaters towing tubes and water skiers seemed to think the whole anchorage was their personal playground and that we were intruding. They buzzed around and around us, like a swarm of black flies, throwing wake after wake, rejecting all requests to move elsewhere with some very rude gestures. They finally left us in peace about dinner time. The rain ended mid-morning on Saturday the 5th, but still there was still no wind. And when the clouds parted later in the day, it became very hot – "the best of times, the worst of times." In contrast to Lake Ogleton, however, Dividing Creek was deliciously quiet and serene. "The best of times, the worst of times."

Andrea, Arne and Deborah Fliflet from *Sandpiper* and I went ashore in Dividing Creek looking for a hiking trail we learned about but could not find it. On the other hand, we found a large number of wild blackberry and raspberry bushes, which were just beginning to ripen. We picked a hat full, which went into a very nice fruit salad contributed by *Sandpiper*. At last report Deborah was trying to get the stains out of my hat, without success. "The best of times, the worst of times."

Finally, it was an enjoyable birthday celebration for me but no one seemed to get into the spirit of telling "Geezer" jokes, except for Nina McGarry. Cruise participants included *Sandpiper*, *Island Time*, *Ventreil Magh*, *Sweet Liberty*, *Cigany*, and *White Bird*. All in all, a very mixed weekend, but we made the best of it and proved the old adage that a bad day on the water is better than a good day in the office.

Congratulations to Leap Frog for winning series 2, Spinnaker B. Note Carolina Blue is not too far behind.



**For the latest
in racing....**

**Check out
the website.**

Jubilee taking it easy after another win and first in Series 2 Spinnaker A



Cruisers enjoying a beach party.

Cruising Fleet In Hunting Creek



Pachanga is unbeatable in Genoa Class.

