



## COMMODORES COMMENTS

Richard W Griner

Hope everyone enjoyed the holidays. I was hoping to find something dacron or kevlar under our christmas tree. I must not have been good this year. There is always next year.

Your 2010 board have been wrapping up work for the year. Check out the Social report by Keith Mayes for details on this years Banquet. Transition to the new board is well under way. You will find a schedule of events planned for the coming year on page 2.

Frostbite racing was fun, as usual, but the participation was a bit lower then in previous years. I don't know if the cold weather of 2009 had skippers concerned about a repeat for 2010.

Jubilee was top boat for the Frostbite serious. I congratulate Keith Mayes and crew of Jubilee for job well done.

A separate congratulations goes out to Emily Manders for being the skipper on Jubilee for most of the Frostbite races. The last day of racing was most entertaining as we matched raced two races and Emily pulled off a very good start



## HHSA Banquet

When: Saturday January 29 2011

Time: 6:30 PM until 11:00 PM

Where: Herrington Harbour South Historic Yacht Club

Music: Fabulous Blake Waters band

Costs: \$86

RSVP by Friday January 21, 2011

Hotel Reservations available at Herrington on the bay regular room \$89 or hot tub room \$129.

Complete details included in newsletter article 2010 BANQUET Rear-Commodore (Social) on Page 3 and home page of HHSA web site.



## 2011 Schedule

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>HHSA Event</b>	<b>Where</b>	<b>Description</b>
February 20	900	Sail Trim Seminar	Historic Yacht Club at Herrington Harbour South.	Will Keyworth of North Sails Annapolis, and past HHSA Commodore, will discuss sail trim and explain some of the different materials and techniques used in today's sails.
February 26	1600	Land Cruise (Hosted by Sweet Liberty)	Pirate's Cove Galesville	An educational presentation will begin at 1600 (the bar will be open) with more to follow. The real Happy Hour starts at 1800 and dinner will begin at 1900.
March 12	1000 - 1200	Spring Meeting	Historic Yacht Club at Herrington Harbour South.	Review plans for 2011
March 19	0900 - 1100	Racing Tactics seminar	Historic Yacht Club at Herrington Harbour South.	
April 16	0900 -	Race Management Seminar & Practice Starts	Historic Yacht Club at Herrington Harbour South.	All boats serving as Race Committee are encouraged to come and refresh their skill in race management. After the race boats are invited out to HHSA Mark "A" for some practice starts.
April 27		Practice Race	1855 Start	
May 14	0900 - 1030	New Member Breakfast	Herrington Harbour Near North Pool	
May 14 & 15		New Member Cruise	TBD	Your commodore Maris Eshleman on Sweet Liberty will lead a cruise to one of the area's great anchorages.
June 11		Double-Handed Race		
July 23		Summer BBQ Adopt a Cruiser Race/ Women's Race		
October 15		Cruise Race		Racers and Cruisers race over to a nice anchorage, enjoy a social, and cruise home the next day.
November 5	1030	Fall Meeting	TBD	Elect new board and discuss changes to next season

Full racing schedule can be found on the Racing Page of HHSA WEB Site.



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even when Coyote was in a controlling position. Well done. It seems so long ago and the first race of the spring is far away.

## 2010 BANQUET

Rear-Commodore (Social)

Keith Mayes

The last social event of the sailing year is the Annual Banquet on January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2011. I am excited about the plans we have made and hope that all members will celebrate what has been a really excellent year for HHSA. This is an opportunity to not only recognize the accomplishments of both the cruising and racing programs, but it is also the one event of the year when you can shed your sandals, shorts, and t-shirts/halter tops and dress up – share stories, talk about the kids, and hang out with like minded people who understand your passion for sailing and the strange language we all speak.

As previously announced, the venue is the Historic Yacht Club at Herrington Harbour South. Appetizers will be served at 6:30, dinner will be at 7:30 and there will be an open bar from 6:30 until 10:30. Domestic beer and wine, sodas and fruit juices are included in the price of your dinner ticket – what a deal! Liquor and cordials will be available on a cash basis.

We have arranged for discounted rates at the Herrington Inn for those who take advantage of the 4 hour

open bar – we certainly don't want those folks driving home! Hot tub rooms are \$129 a night and a standard room is \$89 a night. Let the Inn know that you are with HHSA when you book, and please let me know if the quoted rate is different from what I am publishing here (I am aware of some discrepancies and will address those to the manager).

The cost of a ticket is \$86. Fine food and all you can drink, good company and a great location – I hope you agree that this is a good deal. Look for invitations with additional details in the mail this month. Put January 29<sup>th</sup> on the calendar and plan to attend.

Let the good times roll ... and Party On!

## HHSA RACING REPORT

Rear-Commodore (Racing)

Arne Fliflet

### HHSA Fall Season Wrap-Up

As I write this the active HHSA Fall Racing season is drawing to a close with just two Frostbite races remaining for the hard-core racers who have not yet hauled their boats. Congratulations to the 2010 High Point winners: *Jubilee* (Keith Mayes) in Spin-A, *Avenger* (Dave Johnson) in Spin-B, and *Tern* (John Weis) in Non-Spin.

The fall season got off to a good start on September 18 with the Poplar Island Race. Fortunately, a

discrepancy in the Course Book description of the course was detected by Dave Johnson (*Avenger*) before the race. Fifteen boats came to the line, a good turnout for a weekend race. The winners were *Carolina Blue* (Joe Howell) in Non-Spin, *Coyote* (Rich Griner/Greg Coffey) in Spin A, and *Cadence II* (Carl Schaefer) in Spin B. *First Look* (Bruce Kissal) was the Race Committee. Next up was the Fall Regatta on October 2. Three windward/leeward races were conducted by the Race Committee boat *Mirabelle*, (Bryan Martin) assisted by *Zalek* (Ted Slotwinski) as the Mark Boat. Eleven boats participated and the winners were *Tern* in Non Spin, *First Look* in Spin A, and *Leap Frog* (Richards/Jichlinski/Gagneten) in Spin B. The High Point season closed with the Autumn Classic on October 17 that saw ten boats come to the line. The Race Committee, *Tzatsky Too* (Allen Wright), chose the M Long Course (a two-lapper) for the brisk 14-knot winds. The race featured a downwind start followed by a jibe around Herring Bay "1" (W) onto a broad reach to HHSA C. Although a bit rusty after a six-week lay-off, *Mazal Tov* executed this maneuver with aplomb only to be undone by a ferocious jib foil jam at the end of the second leg. It required removing the foil feeder and application of a winch to get the jib down. This took so long that as we finished the first lap the RC got confused and almost gave us the gun. On a more positive note, the winners were *Carolina Blue* in Non Spin, *Leap Frog* in Spin B, and *Lady Grey* (Joe Laun) in Spin A.



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Three boats, *Serefe* (Sam Baker), *Coyote*, and *Mazal Tov*, participated in the Marathon Race on Friday afternoon/evening, October 22. The evening sailors were treated to a full moon and generally favorable winds for the sail to "G77" near the Patuxent River. *Serefe* then sailed back to Herring Bay. This may serve as a prototype for a new HHSA distance race next season. *Coyote* and *Mazal Tov* competed in the SMSA Fall Invitational held in the Patuxent River on Saturday, October 23 and enjoyed the hospitality of the SMSA. Solomons Island seems particularly pleasant during the fall and I encourage more racers to compete in this event next year.

The HHSA Beneteau 36.7s (*First Look*, *Geobliki* (Pat Cappelaere), and *Jubilee*) and J/35 (*T-Bone*) had an active fall season of one-design racing highlighted by the Beneteau 36.7 North American Championship hosted by the Annapolis Yacht Club (AYC) and with Keith Mayes chairing the organizing committee. *Jubilee* finished 6<sup>th</sup> and *First Look* finished 14<sup>th</sup> out of 16 in this highly competitive event which had 11 races scored during the four day event. *Geobliki* (5<sup>th</sup>/8), *Jubilee* (6<sup>th</sup>/8), and *T-Bone* (10<sup>th</sup>/11) competed in the AYC Fall Series No. 3. *Jubilee* prudently did not compete in the first day of racing in order not to risk equipment damage in the 30-knot winds before the upcoming championship. Finally, *T-Bone* (Bruce Artman) finished 5<sup>th</sup> of 9 in the J/35 Mid Atlantic Championship on November 7.

Congratulations to all these boats on their racing accomplishments.

## HHSA CRUISING REPORT

### Rear-Commodore (Cruising)

Albert A Del Negro

As I sit here writing the cruising entry for the next edition of **Harbour Light**, the winds of fall are blowing at 20 - 25 knots and the air temperature is a bracing 50 degrees, not that cold but with the winds at their current level, it feels really cold! For us, October with its fall colors, cooler temperatures, and winds shifting around from summer southerly to the north and northwest is the finest month for sailing and Patrisha and I have taken advantage of these weather changes and sailed nearly every weekend this month.

The cruising season is drawing to a close as this year's last scheduled cruise on the Chesapeake Bay is the Halloween Cruise to the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum in St. Michaels, Maryland October 30 - 31. That cruise will be sponsored by Joe and Kathy Burke. Meanwhile, cruises completed in September and thus far in October include the Fourth Annual Pirate Cruise to Dividing Creek on the Wye West River on September 11 - 12 which was attended by 8 boats. New members Bill and Jill Boggs (*Palmetto Moon*) attended and Jill was the winner of the Pirate quiz and scored 100% correct answers!

Stefan Leader and Andrea Heintzelman (*Diva II*) won the prize for the best male and female costume. Following that on September 11 -12 was The Tom Cruise (Hooper and Ellen Harris) to Glebe Bay on the South River. Six boats sailed in light to moderated winds and partied aboard **Tabasco**. Keeping with the theme of the trip, we detoured to the Thomas Point Light House en route. Jules Rondepierre aboard *Skylark* and I aboard *Solace* each sailed single handed and joined *Diva II* in a raft-up.

The month's first cruise on October 2 was the reprise of a favorite theme of HHSA cruisers, the **Oktoberfest Cruise**. Before retiring to Florida several years ago, former member Bob Jakober and his wife were the annual hosts of this very popular cruise and this year's hosts were Kathy and Gary Pritchard aboard **Gone Away**. Kathy contacted Bob in Florida to get the recipe of the sauerkraut and sausage dish he traditionally prepared. Appetizers included soft pretzels and mustard, pigs in a blanket, pickled herring, and assorted cheeses. Kathy served up dishes of sauerkraut and sausage complemented by her own recipe of warm German potato salad and there was plenty of beer, including German brands, to wash down all the food. Eight boats attended and John and Barbara Locke, who have returned to Kent Island from the shores of Torch Lake near Traverse City, Michigan, joined Joe and Kathy Burke aboard **Mystic Traveler** for the cruise.



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The Lockes supplied the music with an audio disc of German Um Pah music. The Pritchards were dressed in traditional Oktoberfest outfits and Gary and Kathy promised that they would sponsor this cruise again next year. A vote of thanks goes to Kathy and Gary for all the work they did in preparation to make certain of an enjoyable and convivial cruising experience.

October 18 – 28 are the dates for the Greek Island led by Maris and Linda Eshleman. Stefan Leader and Andrea Heintzelman are two of the HHSA members also on the cruise and I'll report on their experiences in the next issue of **Harbour Light**. In the meantime, we'll see you on the water.

## INDEPENDENCE DAY CRUISE

July 3-5, 2010

Allen J. Wright of *Tzatsky Too*

It was a typical hot sunny July day with little or no wind as we departed for La Trappe Creek on Saturday. Brennan Tolstoi of my race crew and his lady friend, Lauren, accompanied me on *Tzatsky Too*. Because of the hot sun, we put up our sun awning attached to the dodger to endeavor to stay cooler. With some sailing and mostly motoring, we had a pleasant trip across the Bay around Black Walnut Point and through the Choptank River and arrived at La

Trappe Creek about 4:00PM. Gary and Cathy Pritchard on *Gone Away* were already at anchor when we arrived. Jules and Sandy Rondpierre on *Skylark* arrived soon after. We noticed a sloop decked out with many burgees arriving and they anchored near *Skylark*.

The crews from *Gone Away* and *Skylark* dinghied over for the cocktail hour and Jules Rondpierre advised that I was in for a surprise. He left and motored over to the sloop with all of the burgees and soon returned with Dick Steeg and Jayne Bourke who were sailing on *Windsong*. It was indeed a happy surprise for me because Jayne is the daughter of our honorary member John Bourke. John has been a member of HHSA since 1981 and, with his wife Jane, led many HHSA cruises. John always brought his guitar on the cruises and entertained by leading us in singing many favorite sea ditties. John was always concerned about our member's safety and I remember one cruise where he actually anchored near Broad Creek Green 1 to warn us all to stay clear of the shoal until all the member boats had safely passed. In his honor, we split a path in the middle of a 4-boat raft when he arrived so that he could majestically slip into the middle of the raft accompanied by the theme music from "Star Wars". I still stay in touch with John via email and was delighted to hear that as he approaches his 97<sup>th</sup> birthday he still entertains regularly at several

nursing homes and assisted living facilities in Florida. He also still sings in a choral group and still drives his own car. Jayne told us that he recently bought a new car, a MiniCooper!

On Sunday, we came part way back home by moving to Baby Owl Cove off of Leadenham Creek and were joined by Stefan Leader and Andrea Heintzelman on *Diva II* and Rich and Marie Ordeman on *Spook*. We rafted *Tzatsky Too* with *Skylark* in order to have more room for the potluck supper later that day. *Gone Away* deployed their nettle free boat pool and Brennan and Lauren were happy that Gary picked them up so that they could have a refreshing swim.

The evening's festivities began with a cocktail and hors d'oeuvre hour on *Skylark* that was followed by a potluck supper. Even though there had been no pre-coordination of the menu, we had a varied supper with meat loaf, potato salad, Taco salad and two other salads. I am personally indebted to Jules and Sandy for providing such a spacious venue and for hosting the evening's events.

While we were not able to see any fireworks, we certainly could hear them from Cambridge on Saturday and from Oxford on Sunday.

On Monday it was still hot and sunny and we all motored safely home. We chose the shortest route through Knapps Narrows. Photos from the cruise may be viewed on the HHSA Web Site.

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## 2010 HHSA CRUISE TO GREECE

Maris Eshleman of *Sweet Liberty*

With a backdrop of medieval villages, azure blue sea and white-washed houses the Greek Cruise sailed among 7 Greek Islands in the Dodecanese chain in the Southeastern Greek Aegean for 10 days. 13 sailors led by the crew of *Sweet Liberty* visited the sites of prehistoric and ancient civilizations along with their more modern residents. The close proximity also gave them great views of the Turkish coast and unique island panoramas.



Our boats were waiting for us on the 18<sup>th</sup> of October at the Kos Marina in the shadow of a Fourteenth century fortress erected by the Knights of St John as we arrived in gale force conditions that presaged our cruise. The Island of Kos has many attractions and is known as the site of the Hippocrates Tree that is alleged to be where the famous father of modern medicine conducted

lectures in the ancient square that is now surrounded by vestiges of Greek, Turkish and Italian influence. On the day that we moved on board and the next morning we were pelted with squalls packing 50kts of wind at times. But then about midway through that first full day the squalls moved on leaving lots of bright sunshine so like a pack of unleashed hounds we took to the open water and headed for a small fishing village known as Vathis located at the end of a long fjord on the island of Kalymnos that would protect us from strong southerly winds for the night.

Over the next 10 days we had beautiful weather and visited islands that each had its own unique society and focus. We spent two nights on the religiously significant island of Patmos where the Book of Revelations was allegedly written and home to a mountaintop Monastery that served as a fortress to protect its medieval people from attacks. On the island of Leros we saw examples of art deco buildings built by the Italian fascists during the period between the world wars as well as the naval base they built to protect their sprawling empire. One island, Nsyrios had an active volcano that is still spewing gases and steam but whose last eruption was hundreds of years ago.



The island of Symi looked like a picture postcard as we sailed into the harbor with the brightly colored homes rising up along three sides from the harbor and commercial district under the watchful eyes of the Orthodox churches built on the promontories. When we left, the Greek Army was beginning to decorate the town for the celebration on the 28<sup>th</sup> of "Ochi Day," literally "No" day to celebrate the refusal by the Greek Prime Minister of an ultimatum from Mussolini to surrender.

Our final port was that of Rodos or Rhodes where we sailed in between the columns situated on the alleged site of the ancient Colossus who in ancient times welcomed traders to Mandraki Harbor from ports in Egypt, Syria and throughout the known world. Rodos is now a large resort destination for Europe and the Middle East and even though we were at the end of the season it was full of foreign visitors including some tired sailors from the Chesapeake.

On one of the passages we were accompanied for several miles by dolphins circling the boat and playing in the bow wave while the

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neon blue flying fish leaped from the spraying ocean swells like flocks of birds frightened by some strange noise.

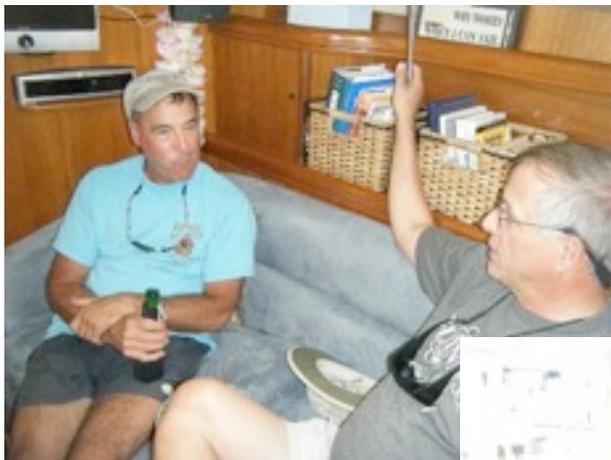
In spite of all we saw, there was still much we had no time to do and though we were only in a small group of one of the sets of Greek Islands we experienced many new friends and places that are probably not much different now than they were years or centuries ago except for the internet. This is a place we will need to visit again.



But our next long-distance trip we are planning is to Tahiti. Spring of 2012.

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## Pictures from Saturday Night Fever Cruise





### Pictures from Tom Cruise



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