

# HARBOUR LIGHT



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## FROM THE COMMODORE...

TED SLOTWINSKI - ZALEK

Thanks to all who participated in the many fun June activities; Thomas McGarry's Full Moon cruise; Allen Wright's Flag Day cruise; Keith Mayes' cruise-race; and especially those whose assistance made the fourth Integrity/HHSA Invitational again a well run regatta and fun party

As we get into the hot part of Summer, there are fewer scheduled themed cruises; currently only JR Larsen's Saturday Night Fever cruise on July 18-19. Cruisers should not despair, as that leaves opportunities for the adventurous to lead or join a

pickup cruise to an impromptu destination.

Racers and cruisers can test their short-handed skills in the HHSA double-handed race on Saturday July 25. See the details for the race in the Sailing Instructions posted on the web site; click on racing, then open the Sailing Instructions in the table of documents at the bottom of the page. July also brings plenty of daylight for continuing Wednesday evening racing.

July includes two races outside of Herring Bay, which are perennial favorites of HHSA racers.

First is the West Rive Sailing Club's Twilight Race on July 11th, which for those short on crew will also include a double-handed sub-class in the PHRF N class. Then Friday July 31 is the start of the Governor's Cup overnight race from Annapolis to St. Mary's.

As always, please introduce yourselves to the new members you meet on your dock and throughout the marinas and welcome them into HHSA. Greater enjoyment and satisfaction rewards those who participate with zest.

## THE NEW MOON CRUISE JUNE 6 DRAWS A CROWD AFTER WEATHER-DELAYED BEGINNING



Left, Al Del Negro, Stefan Leader and Tom McGarry enjoy breakfast. Above, Maris Eshleman, Leader, and Andrea Heintzelmann take a break.

## FLAG DAY CRUISE

ALLEN J. WRIGHT, *TZATSKY TOO*

*Welcome to our  
new members!*

Annand, Stephen &  
Debra -  
Columbia, MD  
Beneteau 47.3 -  
CARPE VENTUS - HHS  
K-23

Bowen, Jeffrey &  
Mary -  
Friendship, MD  
Pearson 30 -  
PACHANGA - HHN

Brown, Larry & Pam -  
Chesapeake Beach,  
MD  
Gemini 105Mc  
catamaran - IDYLL  
OURS - HHN H-46

Brown, Travis  
Alexandria, VA  
Catalina 27 - SILENT  
RUNNING - HHN O-12

Cowie, Chris & Beth -  
Washington, DC  
Rhodes 22 - OPUS -  
HHN L-12

Deichmeister, Robert  
& Pam  
Alexandria, VA  
Tartan 30 -  
BEAUJOLAES - HHN

Gainesville, VA  
Shannon 32 - NATALIE  
ANN - HHN G-27



Magnificent weather provided a great backdrop for another successful HSA Cruise the weekend of June 13-14, 2009.

Past Commodore Allen Wright and his daughter Bev led the cruise on her boat, Irresistible, sailing out of Selby Bay Yacht Club on the South River. The weather was bright and sunny and the wind was just right for a leisurely (read slooow) sail up Eastern Bay to the anchorage in Tighlman Creek. It was one tack close hauled all the way up Eastern Bay to the Miles River. Everyone made it safely through the narrow channel into Tilghman Creek at a very low tide at 3:00PM. The shallow depths had us worried because they were the lowest we had ever seen on our many visits to this lovely anchorage. Sea Luff, with Rich



and Lynn Clough and guests Leslie and Larry Dunham, rafted with Irresistible while Solace, with Trish Creevy and Al De Negro and guests Meredith and Walter from Providence, RI, rafted with Diva II with Andrea Heintzelman and Stefan Leader. Walter thought the water was a lot warmer than he encounters in New England and he promptly took the plunge for a swim. No one reported seeing any nettles

and he was quickly joined by Al De Negro, Trish, Leslie, Larry, Lynn and Rich. Of course, Leslie, Larry, Lynn and Rich are all also New Englanders.

In honor of Flag Day, Bev and Allen had decorated their boat with a large American Flag and they hung red, white and blue buntings on the lifelines. Sea Luff also hung the red, white and blue bunting on their lifelines. Sparkling star garlands were wrapped around the bimini posts and



all of the plates, cups and napkins were emblazoned with patriotic designs. Hors d'oeuvres included a platter of red pepper slices intermingled with cucumber strips accompanied by a blue ranch dressing dip. I must admit that the blue dip looked a bit like tempura paint, but the color had no effect on the taste. At least, it was the closest anyone could come to patriotic colors for the hors d'oeuvres. Bev and Allen served "Black Eyed Susan" drink mix tinted red in honor of the occasion. (Apparently the drink is one served annually at the Preakness.) The cocktail party and the won-



derful conversations lasted from 5:30PM until 8:00PM.

The cooler evening breezes



made sleeping very comfortable. It wasn't until around midnight that we were hit by a fairly heavy thunderstorm with lots of lightning but, fortunately, not too severe winds. The storm did wind up causing our anchor rode to wrap around the keel and morning found us turned in a direction opposite to the wind. I don't know how, but when Sea Luff un-rafted, our boat turned and the anchor rode quickly fell clear of our keel.



When we departed for home at 10:00AM, we noted at least two feet more depth going out of the channel. The winds were better on Sunday and we were able to sail all the way home. It was a close reach down Eastern Bay and another close reach all the way from Bloody Point to Selby Bay.

## NEW MEMBER BREAKFAST AND CRUISE

TED SLOTWINSKI, ZALEK

It was gorgeous morning, a few clouds, warm, with a light westerly breeze as new and old members gathered at the Herrington Harbour South East side tent for a potluck breakfast and camaraderie. About 35 people showed up, including a half dozen new members. Two of the new members; Kelly and Tom Phillips, and Le and Marti Greene have young children, future sailors of the next generation. A special thanks to our Newsletter Editor Ellen Harris for cooking scrambled eggs to order at the breakfast.

Following the breakfast, members soon departed on the cruise to the Aberdeen Creek off the north shore of the South River. A total of eleven boats participated. However, the forecast gusty westerly breeze never materialized. At best there was a light easterly which let most boats sail a portion of the trip and motor sail the remainder. Three new members attended. Joan and Gerry Ka-

donoff on Emerald Dream, Steven and Marguerite McGill on Clarity, and Le and Marti Greene and their son Austin on Sojourn. Also attending were Gary and Kathy Pritchard on Gone Away, Ross and Estelle Bouchard on Phoebe II, Rich and Lynn Clough on Sealuff, Allen Wright and his daughter Bev on Tzatsky Too, Stefan Leader and Andrea Heintzelman on Diva II, Jules and Sandy Rondepierre on Skylark, and Tom McGarry on Ventreil Magh. The host raft consisted of Zalek, Skylark, Sealuff, and Sojourn. Zalek's cockpit optimized neither for racing or cruising was overwhelmed and Skylark served as co-host. Tom McGarry, unable to escape work, headed back to Herrington Harbour after the cocktail hour. Perhaps he was just practicing for his full moon cruise on June 5.

It was a very quiet, cool night until about 0540 when thunder was heard and a modest rain began to fall. Fortu-

nately the storms passed to the south of us. We got about two hours of modest to light rain, then a clearing morning, albeit windless :- ( The morning also greeted us with a pair of ospreys resting on the second spreader and masthead of a large sailboat at the dock nearest to the cruise. We could not afford the dock which accommodated a large sailboat plus two power boats on lifts, let alone the immense house under construction behind the dock. Le and Austin went for a dinghy ride up the creek and saw a fox and a couple snakes which made Austin's day.

Boats weighed anchor between 0800 and 1040. With even less wind than on Saturday it was a motor home. Though not the sailing conditions we would have preferred, the weather, the anchorage, and the company were delightful .

*Welcome to our new members!*

McGill, Steven & Herndon, VA  
Catalina 34 MK I -  
CLARITY -  
Shipwright D-14

Mihm, Julie  
Denver, PA  
Lippincott 30 -  
ERMA'S PREDICITON -  
HHN P-12

Murphy, Keith -  
Alexandria, VA  
Crew on ZALEK

Neese, Robert -  
Washington, DC  
Catalina 25 -  
THE DANCING CRAB -  
Rockhold Creek A-3

Phillips, Kelly & Tom -  
S2 36 - ULUMURI -  
HHS J dock

### MORE FROM THE NEW MOON CRUISE...



# WEIDENBECKER GOODBYE PARTY AT THE SAILING ACADEMY

*Welcome to our new  
members!*

Goodale, Mark  
Burke, VA  
Hunter 28.5 - - HHN

Greene, Le & Marti  
Annapolis, MD  
Irwin 31 - SOJOURN -  
HHS Tee of K

Kadonoff, Gerald &  
Joan -  
McLean, VA  
Beneteau 440 -  
EMERALD DREAM -  
HHS H-8

Kass, Walt -  
Lagoon 44 powercat -  
HHS

Krehbiel, Lyle &  
LaRocco, Terry  
Leawood, KS  
Pacific Seacraft 31 -  
BELLA LUNA - HHN

Leffers, Mark  
Bethesda, MD  
Endeavour 38  
HHS O-11

Martin, Gary  
Gainesville, VA  
Shannon 32  
NATALIE ANN  
HHN G-27



Racers Bill and Jodi Weidenbecker were feted at a gathering at The Sailing Academy, near HHN North. Coast Guard member Bill was transferred to their former home in New Orleans.





*Welcome to our  
new members!*

Proper, Kenneth  
& Cece  
North Beach, MD  
CSY 44 ketch  
FLYING CRANE  
HHS H-3

Rasmussen,  
Kenneth & Vicki  
Deale, MD  
Westsail 32  
LEGEND -  
HHN Tee of O

Reich, Marsha  
Silver Spring, MD  
Crew on CANTATA

Scott, Christopher  
Linthicum, MD  
Pearson 30  
SANDPIPER  
HHN C-57

Sizemore, Gene  
Springfield, VA  
Coronado 30  
SOUTHERN  
COMFORT  
HHN P-26



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## MORE NEW MEMBERS (CONTINUED)

John & Catherine  
Barrett and daughter  
Courtenay  
Laytonsville, MD  
Jeanneau 45.2  
HAKUNA MATATA  
HHN E-14

Lance Carroll &  
Christine Williams  
Springfield, VA  
Pearson 365  
SEADUCTION  
HHS J-41

Christopher Scott  
Linthicum MD

Deichmeister,  
Robert & Pam  
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S2 36 - ULUMURI  
HHS J Dock

Scott, Christopher  
Linthicum, MD  
Pearson 30  
SANDPIPER - HHN C-57

Upton, James & Jean  
Herndon, VA  
Catalina 36 - SEASAW  
HHS

Stamm, Gail  
& David -  
Springfield, VA  
Crew on XARIS

Upton, James  
& Jean -  
Herndon, VA  
Catalina 36 - SEASAW - HHS