

HARBOUR LIGHT



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Membership Recruiting
will be the focus of the
Annual Spring Meeting,
March 21, 2009,
to be held at
Calypso Bay, HHN
beginning at 10:30 a.m.

FROM THE COMMODORE... Ted Slotwinski ZALEK

Spring will soon be upon us. Despite the groundhog's forecast, let's hope for an early Spring, so we can get on with the dirty jobs of sanding, painting, washing, and waxing. Perhaps some upgrades or other improvements and the always present hundreds of nuisance jobs for which we never seem to find the time

There is a seminar scheduled for Sunday March 8 at Calypso Bay on sail trim which all sailors and crew, not just racers, are invited to attend. See the web site for registration and details.

Please also plan to attend the Spring General meeting on Saturday March 21 starting at 10:30 AM at Calypso Bay. An opportunity to voice your opinions about the coming season, to sign up for racing committee boat duties, and to share camaraderie with fellow sailors. Coffee and pastries will be provided.

Due to an early Memorial Day this year (May 25th) and to avoid a conflict with the Spring regatta, the new members' breakfast and cruise will be the weekend following Memorial Day. That is Saturday May 30. A bonus should be warmer weather allowing sunning and swimming.

The sixth version of the world's most arduous

sailing race, the solo, non-stop Vendee Globe race around the world is finishing up. French sailor Michel Desjoyeaux became the first skipper to twice win the race, having previously won the 2000-2001 Vendee. He finished on 1 February having sailed 28,303 nautical miles in 84 days, 3 hours, 9 minutes, 8 seconds averaging 14.0 knots. Soon after starting on 9 November, he had to return to port for repairs, and thus spotted the fleet 40 hours and about 360 nmi.

As of 16 February, six have finished, five remain to finish (including the lone American and oldest competitor at 58, Rich Wilson), one has been given redress equal to third place (he was dismasted due to rigging damage incurred while

rescuing a capsized competitor), and 18 have retired. Three boats lost their keels after collisions most likely with whales. One capsized and was rescued, one attempted to finish without a keel but was forced to retire in the Azores due to forecast high winds, and the third sailed the last 1,000 nmi to a third place finish.

You should have received some HHSA brochures and 2009 membership applications with your 2009 renewal notice. Please distribute those to your dock mates. Please also fly your HHSA burgees when onboard so others can identify our member's boats throughout the marinas. Our members are our best marketing and recruiting tool. So please keep recruiting throughout the year.

FROM THE VICE COMMODORE...

Thomas McGarry, *Ventrel Magb*

As many of you know, the membership in HHSA has been declining over the past several years. We will be presenting a recruitment plan and having a discussion of recruiting issue at the Spring Meeting. Please be thinking about your own ideas for obtaining new members. We are considering modest rewards

or incentives for members recruiting new members and a plan for modest pro-active efforts by members in the course of their boat-related experiences. While we will present a plan, your suggestions at the meeting or by email to membership@hhsa.org would be greatly appreciated.

LAST Y'ARS HAUL AND THIS Y'ARS PILLAGE

| | Actual FY 2009 | Proposed FY 2010 | Increase (Decrease) |
|---|---------------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| INCOME: | | | |
| Membership | \$6,955.00 | \$7,150.00 | \$195.00 |
| Racing fees | \$1,320.00 | \$1,320.00 | \$0.00 |
| Burgees | \$280.00 | \$300.00 | \$20.00 |
| Merchandise Income | \$132.00 | \$150.00 | \$18.00 |
| 50 / 50 Income | \$254.00 | \$175.00 | (\$79.00) |
| Advertising | \$0.00 | \$800.00 | \$800.00 |
| Spring Meeting | \$983.00 | \$0.00 | (\$983.00) |
| Summer BBQ | \$884.00 | \$1,000.00 | \$116.00 |
| Banquet | \$6,238.00 | \$6,000.00 | (\$238.00) |
| Miscellaneous | \$430.00 | \$0.00 | (\$430.00) |
| Regatta Fees | \$6,900.00 | \$5,500.00 | (\$1,400.00) |
| Donations | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Total Income | \$23,376.00 | \$22,395.00 | -\$981.00 |
| EXPENSES: | | | |
| General | | | |
| Awards | \$323.82 | \$350.00 | \$26.18 |
| Donations | \$200.00 | \$0.00 | (\$200.00) |
| 50-50 Proceeds | \$0.00 | \$175.00 | \$175.00 |
| Insurance | \$1,354.00 | \$1,500.00 | \$146.00 |
| Burgees | \$173.13 | \$150.00 | (\$23.13) |
| Merchandise Expense | \$1,474.19 | \$0.00 | (\$1,474.19) |
| Miscellaneous | \$147.21 | \$0.00 | (\$147.21) |
| Credit Card Fees | \$214.31 | \$225.00 | \$10.69 |
| Total General | \$3,886.66 | \$2,400.00 | (\$1,486.66) |
| Communications | | | |
| Newsletter - Print cost | \$1,022.05 | \$1,200.00 | \$177.95 |
| Newsletter - Postage | \$408.40 | \$500.00 | \$91.60 |
| Web Page | \$564.19 | \$600.00 | \$35.81 |
| Bulletin Board | \$609.51 | \$150.00 | (\$459.51) |
| Directory | \$820.28 | \$850.00 | \$29.72 |
| Postage - Directory | \$126.74 | \$140.00 | \$13.26 |
| Brochure | \$0.00 | \$400.00 | \$400.00 |
| Total Communications | \$3,551.17 | \$3,840.00 | \$288.83 |
| Cruising | | | |
| Awards | \$682.13 | \$700.00 | \$17.87 |
| Miscellaneous | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Seminars | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Total Cruising | \$682.13 | \$700.00 | \$17.87 |
| Racing | | | |
| CBYRA Dues | \$110.00 | \$150.00 | \$40.00 |
| Awards | \$839.59 | \$850.00 | \$10.41 |
| Equipment, Supplies, Misc. | \$1,136.03 | \$1,000.00 | (\$136.03) |
| USSA Dues | \$100.00 | \$100.00 | \$0.00 |
| Regatta | \$3,978.95 | \$5,500.00 | \$1,521.05 |
| Seminars | \$121.85 | \$125.00 | \$3.15 |
| Total Racing | \$6,286.42 | \$7,725.00 | \$1,438.58 |
| Social | | | |
| Spring Meeting | \$978.79 | \$175.00 | (\$803.79) |
| Fall, Annual Meeting | \$410.56 | \$175.00 | (\$235.56) |
| New Members Breakfast | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Summer BBQ | \$1,263.03 | \$1,000.00 | (\$263.03) |
| Banquet | \$9,862.03 | \$6,000.00 | (\$3,862.03) |
| Miscellaneous | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Total Social | \$12,514.41 | \$7,350.00 | (\$5,164.41) |
| TOTAL EXPENSES: | \$26,920.79 | \$22,015.00 | (\$4,905.79) |
| TOTAL INCOME: | \$23,376.00 | \$22,395.00 | (\$981.00) |
| TOTAL EXPENSES: | \$26,920.79 | \$22,015.00 | (\$4,905.79) |
| NET RECEIPTS OR DISTRIBUTIONS: | (\$3,544.79) | \$380.00 | \$3,924.79 |

Y'ar Pusser's Page

*By Maris
Eshleman,
y'ar Pusser*

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FINANCIALS FER LAST Y'AR
AND THE PROPOSED BUDGET
FER THE NEW FISCAL Y'AR.

THESE WILL BE REVIEWED AND
DISCUSSED IN GREAT DETAIL
AT Y'AR SPRING MEETING ON
21 MARCH BUT ARE PRESENTED
HERE FOR YE ALL TO SEE NOW.

THE PAST Y'AR HAS SEEN
TREASURE LEAVE THE
PYRATE'S CHEST. FEWER
CREW AND HEFTY RAIDS HAVE
LEFT THE PUSSERS PURSE
LIGHTER. WE NEED THE HELP
OF ALL OUR CREW TO ENLIST
NEW SHIPMATES AND
BENEFACTORS TO AID US IN
RETURNING TO RIGHT GOOD
HEALTH.

SO MARK Y'AR CALENDAR FOR
THE DAY AFTER THE VERNAL
EQUINOX TO STAND TALL ON
THE DECK AT CALYPSO BAY
AND BRING ALONG SOME NEW
RECRUITS. SHOW UP TO HEAR
THE COMMODORE AND HIS
TRUSTY RC'S TELL YE THE
EXPLOITS FOR THE FLEET AND
Y'AR PUSSER WILL ALSO
REFRESH YER RECOLLECTION
OF THE FALL MEETING LAST
AND TELL YE HOW MANY
DOUBLOONS BE LAYING IN THE
PYRATE CHEST. AARRRGHHH!



A MID-WINTER NIGHTS' DREAM

By Maris and Linda Eshleman,
Sweet Liberty

Snow, sleet, wind and rain could not keep down the marauding band of HNSA Sailors. Three dozen hearty shipmates defied the groundhog's forecast and rocked the house to celebrate the sailing season yet to come. Braving cold north winds and blasted winter weather the cruisers gathered at the Pirate's Cove, Galesville for a mid-winter night's dream of warmer days, fair winds and evenings on the hook. Hosted by yours truly crew of *Sweet Liberty*.

Happy hour began on the deck at 1800 but the exuberance prompted several crews to begin before the bosun's whistle. Revelers were welcomed by the Cruise Captains, the Commodore, Vice-Commodore and Cruising Commodore. Dinner followed with good service and many libations for the spirited crews. In all, 36 mates filled the confines of the Cove and even two far-away crews telephoned from the balmy climes of Florida to wish the fleet well.

This first adventure of the new sailing season left port with all flags flying as the Club's crew make ready for new adventures, opportunities and challenges. The next adventure will be the "April Fools Cruise" hosted by *Sweet Liberty* on April 25-26. Watch the website and your email for destination and details.



Jennifer Laun and Trisha Creevy greeted each arrival to the Land Cruise Site.



Commodore Ted Slotwinski and John Harris, Jr. get caught up on the winter's activities.



HERE'S HOW WE SAIL WITHOUT ANY BOATS...



Your newsletter editor in search for a scoop... or a bottle...



Lynn and Richard Clough, crew of Sealuff.



Your Pusser begins by slaying his catch.



Left: Joe Laun and David Kahrnoff.
Right: Sue Weiss. Below: Commodore Ted Slotwinski welcomes us all...



THE JOYS OF CRUISING

By Al Del Negro

Rear Commodore Cruising s/v Solace HHS N-14

Last week, we were surprised by a taste of warm weather with temperatures in the 70's for a few days with sun and warm breezes. My thoughts increasingly turn to sailing as dark mornings and cold weather give way to earlier sunrises and warmer temperatures. Alas, we probably still have three or four weeks of winter to abide but the promise of the earlier sunrise is that the sailing season cannot be far away.

I was at Herrington Harbour North last weekend checking on our boat on the hard. I noted with satisfaction that the brightwork had pretty much survived the winter but the most notable thing I saw on this unusually warm February day was that there was an nascent flurry of activity around other boats – hulls were being polished and boat owners were inspecting their vessels in anticipation of spring commissioning. Another season of sailing was in the offing!

The first cruising function of the season was the annual land cruise to Pirate's Cove Restaurant in Galesville. Cruise Captains for this annual inaugural cruising event were Maris and Linda Eshleman (s/v Sweet Liberty). Maris and Linda have been cruise captains for this event for the last two to three years and, as usual, at least seven boats were represented.

This year's cruising schedule is nearing completion. Popular cruises

in the past, such as the Red Neck Cruise and the Pirate Cruise, are already penciled in for this season. The "April Fool's Cruise" to Oxford, MD (Cruise Captains Maris and Linda Eshleman) is on the schedule for April 25-26, and the New Member's Cruise is coming up soon. This year, in the hope of warmer weather, this popular cruise will be on May 30-31 led by Commodore Ted Slotwinski. Other cruises not yet decided include the Memorial Day Cruise, the Father's Day Cruise, the Wine Cruise, the Trivia Cruise, and many others. Pick-up cruises are also in the offing and often draw substantial numbers of boats and participants for spur of the minute sailing enjoyment and camaraderie.

We invite experienced sailors to volunteer to lend the benefit of their expertise to our newer members who may have questions about sailing technique, anchoring, rafting and other aspects of cruising. We, the membership, love sailing and I personally wish no new member to miss out on this joy because of

sailing trepidation and inexperience.

At the HHSA Spring Organizational meeting on March 21 at Calypso Bay, Herrington Harbour North, Commodore Ted Slotwinski and the Board members will each outline their plans for the sailing season. At that meeting I will circulate a list of available dates for cruises and call for volunteer Cruise Captains to pencil in dates for cruises they may wish to lead. Pick a novel theme for a cruise and a tentative date and we'll make this cruising season a successful one.

For more information on Cruising with HHSA, please sign onto the club's website <http://www.hhsa.org/> and select "Cruising" from the menu of choices. There, you can find information on the protocol for cruising and rafting, and learn about the 5:30 P.M cocktail party. Only by actually going on a cruise, however, can you learn about and enjoy the mystery of "lemoncello"!

See you on the Bay!

| March 2009 | | | | | | |
|------------------------|--------|---------|-----------------|----------|--------|---|
| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 8 Sail Trim Seminar | 9 | 10 | 11 Full Moon | 12 | 13 | 14 |
| 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 HHSA Spring General mtg - Calypso Bay |
| 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 |
| 29 | 30 | 31 | | | | |

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We're on the Web!
<http://www.hhsa.org>

COMMUNICATION

KEITH MORGENSTERN, R/C COMMUNICATION

We have added yet another feature to our website: a **comprehensive weather page**.

On this page you will find links to weather observations and forecasts for the Chesapeake. Tides, Currents, Wind, Cloud cover, Temperature, all of it! What a boon for Racers and Cruisers Alike! Now you can check how the sailing is going to be for your next Wednesday night race, or your next cruise. Give it a look, it's right under the RACING button.

Also, don't forget to show up for the Spring Meeting in March, because we will have DVDs of the great photos you saw during the banquet available. (if you need CDs instead, please send me an email). See you on the water (soon!)

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ATTENTION PARENTS AND GRANDPARENTS

KEITH MORGENSTERN, R/C COMMUNICATION

Lets plan something fun for the little ones this year! I know that two-day cruises tend to be a bit much for my energetic 5-year-old....but how about a one-day event?

We could pair up two sets of parents and kids to cruise and lolly-gag around Herring Bay together for a few hours, then everybody meets up at one of the pools for an informal BBQ.

Grandparents...you too! No better way to introduce your grand-child to boats than to spend a few hours aboard with another little person. Either on your boat or theirs!

Plus the adults get to have a little bit of "happy hour" time together.

Please shoot ideas my way and we will plan something for this summer.

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