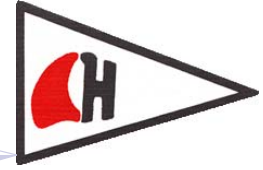
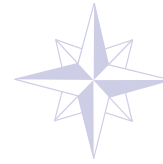




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From the Editor

I enjoyed chatting with club members at the Annapolis Boat Show over Columbus Day weekend. Once again, Hunter Marine provided a booth for our club. Several of the days were warm and club members appreciated getting a cold bottle of water at the booth as well as having a place to rendezvous with other members. We are happy to welcome the nine boats who joined our club during the show. On behalf of the whole club, thanks to everyone who helped staff our booth.

Winter will soon be here. I'm envious of *Tally Ho*: I love taking our boat south for the winter and this winter must settle for vicariously traveling south with them. At last report they were at Dragon Point and had only 35 miles to travel to be at Vero Beach, their goal for Thanksgiving. I thank Vanessa for her lovely greeting from *Tally Ho*.

Our club activities continue through the winter, so read on and plan to come to the Parade of Lights Party, Annual Meeting & Awards Ceremony (**new date is Sunday January 20, 2008**) and Winter Brunch. The deadline for Parade of Lights reservations is Saturday December 1st.

See you at our winter activities.

Sue

Check out our website:
www.hsa1.org
 for the latest Club news

Welcome New Members

We heartily welcome our newest members and hope to see you at the Parade of Lights:

<u>Member Name</u>	<u>Boat Name</u>	<u>Member Name</u>	<u>Boat Name</u>
Dave & Marcia	<i>DONE REACH</i>	Tim & Tammy	<i>HUNTER</i>
Heidi & Ted	<i>BLTN APOGEE</i>	Grace & Alberto	<i>NEW LIFE</i>
Stephen		Dennis & Margaret	<i>KOKOPELLI III</i>
Bob & Sharon	<i>UNFURLED</i>	John & Dottie	<i>GREEN EYES</i>
Boris & Mihaela	<i>SEA TREK VOYAGER</i>		

Commodore's Corner

Having just finished taking the canvas and sails off of Stargazer for the winter, I sat in the cockpit reflecting on the year and, in preparation for this Log, my time with the Hunter Sailing Association, Station #1. In the tradition of self-imposed term limits, I will be stepping down as Commodore of HSA-1 this year although I hope to help wherever the new Afterguard has a need. If you are interested in becoming part of the "team" that makes all this happen, please let me know and I will get your name in the hat! There are a variety of positions open and enthusiasm is the key ingredient that is needed.

With this annual winterization ritual and reflection taking place for sailors in marinas all up and down the Bay, I feel part of a community that truly extends outside my locale and even beyond our waters. The odd part for me on these winter and spring events is the people I see only during these two times of the year. While hanging out in the local marina eatery, I started to talk to these folks to compare notes of the year with our boats and one thing became quite apparent. Most of these folks were jealous of me and my HSA stories and that felt pretty good. The quote that came to mind was ...*Will you look back on life and say, "I wish I had," or "I'm glad I did"?* Which one are you and how can we help change that if you are in the former category?

For those of us in the "*I'm glad I did*" category, we had a great year. With the efforts of many of you, we had a great Rendezvous that was well received and created a place to renew old friendships and make new ones. We had great on-the-water events including a week-long sail up the Bay directed by our Fleet Captain, Will. It was something I have wanted to do for a while and it was fun letting the wind direct the itinerary. Of course, there were a lot of other activities such as the huge party we had for our new members in the beginning of the year that was preceded by a brunch where we got to hear about the adventures of another local sailor. The annual night sail was a treat with some heavy air and most recently, some of you joined us at the annual boat show as new members and we look forward to meeting you in the year to come.

I hope to see you all at our next event, the annual Parade of Lights in Annapolis - a really fun time for anyone who hasn't made it before. Additionally, the annual meeting is coming up along with another fine brunch coordinated by our Vice Commodore, Dennis.

I thank all of you for your support and look forward to another year with HSA, Station #1.

Greg



Afterguard for 2007



Commodore	Greg	Membership Chair	Randy
Vice Commodore	Dennis	Activities Co-chairs	Bonnie, Pam & Tina
Fleet Captain	Will	Webmaster	Phil
Secretary & Racing Chair	Eric	Photographer	Minnie
Treasurer	Kim	Newsletter Editor	Sue
Immediate Past Commodore	Carl		

NOTE: To contact a member of the Afterguard by email, go to our website, HSA1.org and click on AFTERGUARD. Then click on the OFFICE NAME to send an email to that officer.

Waypoints

Date	Event	Watch Captain
December 8, 2007	Parade of Lights Party Annapolis Waterfront Marriott	Pam, <i>Magic</i>
January 20, 2008 (new date)	Annual Meeting & Awards Ceremony Federal House Grille, Annapolis	Vice Commodore Dennis
February 24, 2008	Winter Brunch Federal House Grille, Annapolis	Vice Commodore Dennis

Sailing activities continue throughout the winter. We will all work on our winter boat projects and dream of the day when we are sailing again. Come out to our club's winter activities and keep your interest in sailing fired up.

Our Annual Meeting is the only business meeting we have during the year. It is much more than a business meeting. We have a delicious luncheon, hear a short recap of 2007, elect officers, and recognize some special members. Commodore Greg will announce our prestigious Sailor of the Year and Member of the Year award honorees.

We will elect Commodore, Vice Commodore, Fleet Captain, Treasurer and Secretary. If you are interested in serving as an officer, helping one of our committees (membership, activities, racing, newsletter, photography, website) or in being a raft captain next year contact any member of our Afterguard (see NOTE above).

The Annual Meeting and Winter Brunch are at the Federal House (formerly Griffin's Restaurant) on Market Space just a short walk from the waterfront. The Parade of Lights is also on the waterfront. We may dream about a trip to the Bahamian waterfront, but for many of us a trip to the Annapolis waterfront will be the closest we get to the water for a few months.

Parade of Lights



*Join HSA-1 for
an Evening of
Holiday Celebration
at our*



Annual Parade of Lights Party

December 8, 2007

Saturday 1700 till ???

at the

Annapolis Marriott Waterfront

Rooms 310 & 311

\$15 per Member & \$25 per Guest



A - N Bring an appetizer to share

O - Z Bring a dessert to share

*Sandwich platters, beer, wine, sodas and coffee
provided by HSA-1*

*Register on-line below the Annual Parade of Lights
on the HSA-1 website "Activities" page.*

Pay by credit card or by check.

(See on-line registration.)

*Please register by Dec 1st
in order to ensure
refreshments for everyone*



The Virtual Clubhouse

While we do not have a brick and mortar clubhouse, we sure have a virtual clubhouse, www.hsa1.org. One of the pages at our virtual clubhouse is the Forums Page. Use it to contact club members. In November, *Windrose* posted a thread asking if other boats wanted to join in



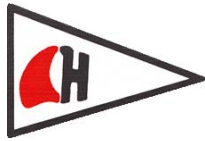
ad hoc raft-ups around the Patuxent River. *Victoria* answered the call. The two HSA boats rafted in Rollin's Cove off Saint Leonard Creek on Veterans Day weekend. *Victoria* shot this photo showing Carl anchoring *Windrose* while three deer jumped the gun by drinking before the HSA happy hour began.

Use our Forums Page to communicate with fellow club members, arrange impromptu get-togethers and match skippers needing crew with available crewmembers.

Chili Raft

Each year we have a few come-by-land or come-by-sea outings. Our annual chili raft drew nine boats and 21 club members. Four crews (*Second Option*, *Windrose*, *Yukiyu*, and *Canvas Caper*) came by boat and five (*Enavigare*, *Zum Wohl*, *Just Chillin'*, *Magic*, and *Monarch*) drove. New member Cathy of *Zum Wohl* captured first place for her chili. Strong perennial competitors Linda of *Canvas Caper* and Terri of *Second Option* won second and third place respectively. It was a beautiful, classic October day, starting out warm enough to sail in short sleeves and ending cool enough to enjoy a roaring fire in the great room of the lodge.





Fleet Captain's Cruise



The key to this cruise was flexibility: take advantage of the wind and sail to places the club does not normally go in the northern part of the Chesapeake Bay. The weather was exquisite all week – not a drop of rain, cool nights, beautiful stargazing, and a minimum barometer reading of 30.15.

The Fleet Captain's Cruise began with fresh breezes and gusts to 25 knots. We gathered in Eagle's Cove on the Magothy River. *Natural Magic* and *Windrose* enjoyed happy hour aboard *Stargazer* while awaiting *Odyssey's* arrival. After a long day made longer by aiding a pair of capsized Hobie Cats, *Odyssey* was glad to be able to raft to *Natural Magic* and call it a night.

Sunday morning set the tone for the cruise. With winds blowing right down the Bay, we decided to sail to the Chester River rather than beat to the planned destination of Still Pond. It was a delightful sail, including all points of sail in winds varying from 20 to 2 knots. During happy hour aboard *Odyssey*, we talked about motoring with a raft in tact in case one needed to reposition the raft. Within a few minutes we got to demonstrate exactly how to do that maneuver when *Stargazer's* mighty Fortress anchor slipped for what Commodore Greg claims is "the first time ever." After resetting the hook, we had a lovely evening in a beautiful cove on Langford Creek.

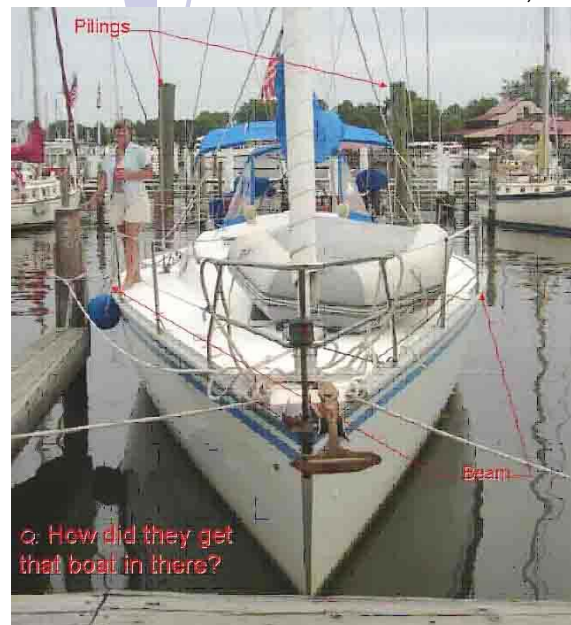
Again on the second day of the cruise, we altered our itinerary to take advantage of the wind. Rather than snake up the Chester River to Chestertown, we set sail to the Patapsco River. Picking up the breeze that was blowing down the Bay, we had a great sail right into Bodkin Creek at the mouth of the Patapsco.



Stargazer, Natural Magic and Odyssey above Love Point

Our sail up the Patapsco to Baltimore included the expected encounters with large ships and big barges, giving us the opportunity to practice calling the commercial captains on VHF channel 13. We stayed at the Baltimore Marine Center, the only marina stop of the cruise. Commodore Greg lives in "the old shipyard" building on the grounds of BMC. Since he knows the staff, he was able to negotiate free electric, cable TV and wireless for our stay at BMC. Mari, an avid gardener, was delighted with the name of one of the restaurants in Canton – Helen's Garden. We walked to Helen's Garden, took advantage of their tapis and wine special, then all had delicious dinners. With West Marine, Safeway, and other stores nearby we restocked our larders.

Again we chose our destination to get maximum sailing with the forecasted NE wind. After motoring down the Patapsco we sailed back to Love Point and the Chester River. About the time we reached Love Point the wind fizzled resulting in the only day of the cruise that we motored most of the day. John and Kathy aboard *Odyssey* had not yet been through Kent Narrows or any draw bridge. To them the passage and opening of the drawbridge was a highlight of the trip.



We went through Kent Narrows at dead low tide. It was dredged recently, so the passage was no problem. We did have a bit of a problem proceeding to an anchorage at Hog Island. Carl, thinking he could rely on the chart plotter and his memory, ignored Sue's good counsel and picked his own route through the shoals. As *Windrose* went aground, *Natural Magic* reported a lot less water than charted under her keel. Discretion being the better part of valor, we gave up on Hog Island and motored another hour to a cove in Tilghman Creek that Will knew well. The cove was beautiful and the anchorage afforded our raft another peaceful night.

We left Tilghman Creek at the crack of noon for lunch at the Crab Claw Restaurant in Saint Michaels. The restaurant was busy. *Windrose* "parallel parked" in the last "slip" for complementary docking at the Crab Claw. With stops at Acme for cake mix, ice and other necessities; the half-mile away propane store; and Flamingo Flats for "Ring of Fire" pepper sauce, we were ready to depart Saint Mikes. We rafted in Hunting Creek. Weather throughout the cruise was beautiful and this evening the sunset was particularly spectacular. Photos accompanied the traditional sounding of the conch horn at sunset.



The cruise paused for a beautiful, relaxing day of exploring by dinghy, boat maintenance, reading, needlework, and just kickin' back in Hunting Creek. Will and Mari took *Natural Magic* to Saint Mike's to refill their water tank and when they returned, Will grilled some marvelous shrimp for Friday's happy hour.

Saturday, September 22 was Will's birthday, but no one wished him a happy birthday as we left Hunting Creek. Since the SW wind was less than ten knots all day we all motored some, although we sailed most of the day. When he got to High Island on the Rhode River, Will was surprised by how many club boats joined us for his birthday celebration. *Second Option*, *Magic*, *Tally Ho* (with guests Vicki and Jake), *Enavigare*, *Mood Swings*, and *Summer Wind* as well as the four boats from the week-long cruise all joined the party. *Tally Ho* announced Andrew just retired and they were going south for the winter. Ah, the joys and experience of their first multi-month cruise!



Ten Hunters celebrated HSA Fleet Captain Will's Birthday at the Rhode River Raft-up.

All good things must come to an end, and what an end it was. *Odyssey* and *Windrose* began their trip south to Solomons with a tack out of the Rhode River that had seas breaking to the dodger then had a sleigh ride with a following wind of 20 knots. About midway to Solomons they passed HSA-1 member and HSA-SB Commodore Wayne who was taking *Irish Fever* up the Bay to assure a good anchorage for the Annapolis Boat Show. We passed close enough to see "the whites of his eyes" – and the blue bottom of his hull - as he pounded north. Although the wind subsided as the day progressed, *Odyssey* and *Windrose* sailed downwind to Cove Point where at 1600 the week of sailing ended as they turned on the Yanmars for the last seven miles of the 230 nautical mile cruise.

Greetings from Tally Ho

Dateline: September 19th, 2007 – Andrew returns home from work and announces, “I’ve got an opportunity to retire in two weeks, let’s start our adventure now”. Vanessa responds, “Oh OK”.



October 5th, Andrew retires at noon. At 5pm that same day, our son has dropped us at our dock in Selby Bay, waved farewell, and driven away in our car never to be seen or heard from again! Saturday morning we break free of the slip to begin the “ADVENTURE”. In that two week period we purchased charts, spare parts, made an awning, redirected our bills, cancelled services and generally ran around in panic. Have we forgotten things? Yes. Does it matter? No. Super Wal-Mart

and West Marine have cornered the market at many layovers along the ICW. Obtaining provisions and parts are not a problem yet. We certainly have given them plenty of business.

So here we are five weeks later in St. Augustine, Florida. I think the realization of what we’ve done is now finally sinking in. People ask us where we’re going and our only reply is south. We really have had no time to think about destinations other than where we are anchoring each night. It’s all been such a rush in more than one sense! Our first week out was fraught with problems on a daily basis (Anchor chain, head, autopilot etc. etc.). It’s no fun working on these after a full day of sailing (or should I say motoring!) when all you really want to do is set the anchor and have a well-deserved cocktail or two. It took Andrew a few days to discover that if he had a beer around 10am we managed to be problem free ... need I say any more!

Our trip so far has been interesting and exciting. We’ve had to contend with all weathers. It’s jolly cold now and was really warm in Oriental, NC (hmm – something wrong with that scenario). We’ve met many friendly people and are in a flotilla of sorts at present, traveling with 3 other vessels. This works well as the trip down the ICW is by no means a breeze. Careful planning is required around tide and current, bridge openings and finding good anchorages. The more heads (brains would be better) you have the better the result. Each state presents different challenges and offers a pleasant change of scenery too. Wildlife is abundant so binoculars are a must.



A Manatee at Titusville

If you want a sailing trip down the ICW, forget it. We sailed for 3 hours in our first 3 weeks and one of those hours was in the Dismal Swamp! Now that’s a **story** in itself. The jib gets a workout quite often just to give us an extra knot or two on top of the motor. Some of the currents can be quite fierce. A few of the anchorages have been pleasant but I’d say we are blessed with the Chesapeake Bay and didn’t really appreciate how beautiful it is until now.



Happy Thanksgiving!
We plan to be at Vero Beach for “the big party” and then onwards to Marathon for Christmas.

Andrew & Vanessa

www.svtallyho.com



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From the Past

Your newsletter editor has been sailing since way back in the past. Our Ski Club chartered boats one weekend each spring and on Columbus Day weekends. After a few years of day sailing racing dinghies, I moved up to sailing with the Ski Club on a weekend trip on a big boat, a 27-footer! On my first overnight trip one beautiful spring weekend, we sailed all the way from Swan Creek to the Chester River, probably covering 15 miles.

Sailing with the Ski Club was different than sailing with HSA. Ski Club Saturdays included a morning race. The 27-foot boat had an outboard for an auxiliary. We usually did at least one man overboard drill, of course using sail power exclusively. Water balloon attacks were apt to happen any time. The experienced crews armed themselves with funnelators to launch their balloons. Like with HSA, Saturday happy hour and dinner were highlights of the weekend.

That first weekend our friend Donnie Two-Beers (shown sailing a Pearson 424 in the Virgin Islands) introduced us to his favorite appetizer, artichoke dip. We haven't launched a water balloon in decades, but I still make Don's Dip. The last time I served it at an HSA happy hour, I promised to share the recipe.



Don's Artichoke Dip

14 oz can	Artichokes, drained, chopped
1 cup	Mayonnaise
4 oz	Grated Parmesan cheese
1 clove	Garlic, chopped finely
	Tabasco Sauce

Mix together. Bake 20 minutes at 350° (until lightly browned).
Serve with crackers.