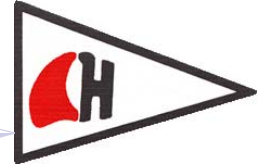
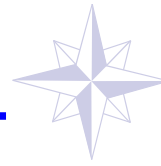




# The Log



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## *From the Editor*

Do you subscribe to Chesapeake Bay Magazine? Check out page 34 of the June issue. Our own Minnie Gallman won an Honorable Mention for her photograph, "On Golden Pond", snapped as a mallard duck swam into the gold-tinged reflection of the buildings of Baltimore's Inner Harbor. Congratulation, Minnie!

Our season is now in full swing. After postponing the Rigging Raft because of the weather, things picked up. We had a great turnout on Memorial Day. Our schedule offers four more events by the middle of July. We have one ticket left for the June 13<sup>th</sup> baseball game. Call Linda (see page **Error! Bookmark not defined.**) if you can use the single ticket. If you want more, she will see what's available.

We have started planning the 2010 Hunter Chesapeake Bay Rendezvous. Planning is almost as much fun as attending. Let [Commodore Will](#) know which of the committees on page 8 you want to join.

See you on the water,

*Sue*

Check out our website:  
[hsa1.org](http://hsa1.org)  
for the latest Club news

## HSA Mission

- *To encourage friendship, fellowship and seamanship*
- *To sponsor sailing activities throughout the year*
- *To create social and sailing opportunities to share experiences and knowledge with fellow club members*

## Welcome New Members

We have one new member to welcome into HSA1. Aria, we look forward to sailing with you.

**Mike & Janet** of *Aria*, a 2004 Hunter 33 they keep at Bay Bridge Marina in Stevensville

## 2009 Officers

**NOTE:** To contact a n officer by email, go to our website, [hsa1.org](http://hsa1.org) and click on AFTERGUARD. Then click on the OFFICE NAME to send an email to that officer.



<b>Commodore</b>	<i>Will (Natural Magic)</i>	<b>Membership Roster Chair</b>	Greg <i>(Stargazer)</i>
<b>Vice Commodore</b>	<i>Perrrian (Up To No Good)</i>	<b>New Member Recruiting Chair</b>	
<b>Fleet Captain</b>	<i>Dennis (Dejah Thoris)</i>	<b>Newsletter Editor</b>	Sue <i>(Windrose)</i>
<b>Secretary</b>	<i>Lois (Mission Impossible)</i>	<b>Shipwreck Party Chair</b>	Mari <i>(Natural Magic)</i>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<i>Kim (Monarch)</i>	<b>Baseball Game Chair</b>	Linda <i>(Canvas Caper)</i>
<b>Immediate Past Commodore</b>	Greg <i>(Stargazer)</i>	<b>Chili Raft-Up Chair</b>	
<b>Webmaster</b>	Greg <i>(Stargazer)</i>	<b>Parade of Lights Party Chair</b>	

# Waypoints

Date	Event	Watch Captain
January 25	<b>Annual Meeting &amp; Awards Ceremony</b> Annapolis	Commodore Will, <i>Natural Magic</i>
February 22	<b>Winter Brunch</b>	VC Perrian, <i>Up To No Good</i>
March 21	<b>Shipwreck Party</b> McLean, VA	Will & Mari, <i>Natural Magic</i>
April 18-19	<b>Shakedown Raft-Up</b> Harness Creek, South River	Don, <i>Mission Impossible</i>
<i>postponed</i>	<b>Rigging Raft</b> West River	John, <i>Odyssey</i>
May 23-25	<b>Memorial Day Safe Boating Raft</b> Safety Inspections, Shaw Bay	Greg, <i>Stargazer</i>
June 13-14	<b>Baseball Raft</b> Baltimore Inner Harbor & Camden Yards	Linda, <i>Canvas Caper</i>
June 20-21	<b>Summer Solstice Sail</b> Cambridge, Choptank River	Carl, <i>Windrose</i>
July 3-5	<b>Fireworks Cruise</b> Location still open	FC Dennis, <i>Dejah Thoris</i>
July 18-26	<b>Fleet Captain's Cruise</b> Norfolk, Mobjack Bay & Tangier Sound with a Solomons-Cape Charles overnight	FC Dennis, <i>Dejah Thoris</i>
August 7-9	<b>Annual Night Sail</b> Oxford, Tred Avon River	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>
September 5-7	<b>Labor Day Bahama Mama Raft</b> Rhode River with Fireworks & race	Commodore Will, <i>Natural Magic</i>
September 26-27	<b>Equinox Rafts at Saint Michaels</b> both Miles River & San Domingo Creek	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>
October 8-12	<b>US Sailboat Show</b> Annapolis	
October 24-25	<b>Great Chili Raft</b> Wye River	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>
November 7-8	<b>Frostbite Raft &amp; Crab Feast</b> Cantler's, Mill Creek, Whitehall Bay	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>
December 12	<b>Parade of Lights Party</b> Annapolis Waterfront Marriott	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>



HSA-1, 2009  
BASEBALL RAFT



Join in one of HSA-1's most popular  
land/sea events, when the Baltimore  
Orioles host the Atlanta Braves!

Saturday, June 13

Game Time: 7:05 p.m.

Tickets: \$22.24 each

(Limited number - first come first served)

Reserve your seats now by contacting

Linda Frix ([frixes@verizon.net](mailto:frixes@verizon.net))

and mailing your check

payable to HSA-1 to:

1166 Bandy Run Road

Herndon, VA 20170

**DON'T BE LEFT OUT!!!!**

# Summer Sailstice Raft

.June 20 & 21, 2009

Cambridge, MD

38° 34.3' N - 76° 04.45' W



Cambridge, the county seat of Dorchester County, Maryland, was settled in 1684 and is one of Maryland's oldest towns. Attractions include several museums (Brannock Maritime Museum, Richardson Maritime Museum, & Merideth House), the Skipjack *Nathan*, Sailwinds Park and good restaurants.

At 17 miles from the Knapps Narrows Bridge and 26 miles from Herring Bay, Cambridge is an easy day's sail for most of our club.

The plan is to tie up at the free public dock next to Snapper's Restaurant. Last year we went to Snapper's and everyone enjoyed it so we expect most of the gang will dine ashore after Saturday's onboard happy hour. You can drive your car and join us if for some reason you can't sail during the summer "sailstice".

To sail to the public dock, come up the Choptank River toward the 50-foot clearance US50 highway bridge. Turn to starboard in the channel marked by the "1" Fl G 4 second just west of the bridge and follow the channel. To starboard right after Snapper's Waterfront Cafe and before the Market Street drawbridge, nestle alongside the concrete dock. The first three boats will tie up to the dock. The rest of the boats raft to those already tied up. Just follow the procedures in our [RaftGuidance](#).

To drive, take US50 East and turn right on Maryland Avenue in Cambridge. Go straight, cross the Market Street Bridge, turn left on Gay Street, right on Race, right on High then take the fourth right onto Commerce Street. Snappers is 112 Commerce, 410.228.0112.

On Saturday, June 20, hail "Windrose" on VHF Ch 09 or 78. It is important to call in case we need to change our raft's location in the Cambridge area! If you must, you can resort to Carl & Sue's cell phone, 301.904.2913.

*Hope your can join us. It helps if we know who is planning to come, so please email raft captains Carl and [Sue.Reitz](#) if you think you might be joining in the fun.*

Become eligible for one of 300 prizes and see what some of the rest of the world is doing for "Sailstice" at [summersailstice.com](#). Our event code is 9028.

*Can't get to Cambridge, MD for sailstice? Consider Cambridge, ME and the Maine Hunter Sailing Association's lobster bake on Casco Bay.*

# Fireworks Cruise

Fleet Captain Dennis Frankle of *Dejah Thoris* is the Raft Captain for the Fourth of July Celebration.



**The Club at Solomons in 2004**

Dennis's cell phone is 703-307-3901. E-mail [dennis04@earthlink.net](mailto:dennis04@earthlink.net)  
Please call or e-mail your intention.

Judith and I invite all to come and join the HSA Independence Day Celebrations with your Association. This year we will have a flexible program for the three-day holiday. On July 3<sup>rd</sup> the Tred Avon Yacht Club at Oxford is having their fireworks display. Oxford is on the Tred Avon River, a tributary of the Choptank River. The fireworks barge will be in the area of the Tred Avon Yacht Club, which is located by the ferry dock. Look for R '2' near 38<sup>o</sup> 41.8' N - 76<sup>o</sup> 10.5' W. Call *Dejah Thoris* on VHF Channel 78 Friday afternoon to get the precise raft location because we will select our anchorage based on weather and where other boats are positioned.

We are sailing from Oxford to Solomons to watch the fantastic fireworks display at Solomons on Saturday the 4<sup>th</sup>. The fireworks barge will be viewable from the river walk. That makes an anchorage on Back Creek (38<sup>o</sup> 19.8' N - 76<sup>o</sup> 27.6' W) behind the Calvert Marine Museum attractive.

The concept for this event is, '*being flexible with our scheduling*'. If you cannot join on both the third and the fourth come out for one or the other. If you cannot sail in, then drive and we will arrange a pick up by tender. A bonus for those who join in at both fireworks locations is the sail from Oxford to Solomons. If we all depart at the same time from Oxford, the first to arrive will have yearlong bragging rights about who has the fastest boat. Then comes the tough part, deciding if we had more fun at the Happy Hours or, dare I say, racing to Solomons.

As usual, monitor VHF channel 78 while en route. Check in with the raft captain when you are about 15 minutes away and again when in sight of the raft. Ask for directions if you can't find the group.

## What a way to enjoy our Holiday!

For some, it will be like having two holidays for the price of one. Two happy hours, two fireworks displays, and a group sail in between. For those who may not have been to Solomons or Oxford, they are easy locations to navigate with good anchorages. See you on the water.

## *Fleet Captain's Cruise*

Our Fleet Captain's Cruise kicks off on Sunday July 19 with an overnight sail from Solomons to Cape Charles. In 2002, we sailed overnight to Salt Ponds, essentially across the Bay from Cape Charles. We gave a recap of that trip in the last issue of *The Log*. Suffice it to say everyone really enjoyed the trip and felt more confident about their sailing skills after completing the passage. Our other overnight sail was the 2006 cruise to Block Island when *Liberty*, *Summer Wind*, *Dejah Thoris* and *Natural Magic* sailed from Cape May New Jersey to Great Salt Pond on Block Island in Rhode Island.

After this year's overnight passage to Cape Charles, we will spend the next week working our way back up the Bay with stops in Mobjack Bay, Fishing Bay off the Pianktank River, Tangier Island, and Crisfield. These are all stops beyond the cruising range of most of our club members. The sailing in Virginia's part of the Bay is different from sailing in the busy places around Annapolis. Plan your vacation now so you can sail along with us and experience the Lower Bay. It's a lot of fun. Let [Fleet Captain Dennis](#) know you are planning to join us.

## *Rigging Raft*

The weather did not cooperate so we postponed the Rigging Raft. We will re-schedule it later in the season. Again, watch your email and our website for details.

## *Rendezvous 2010*

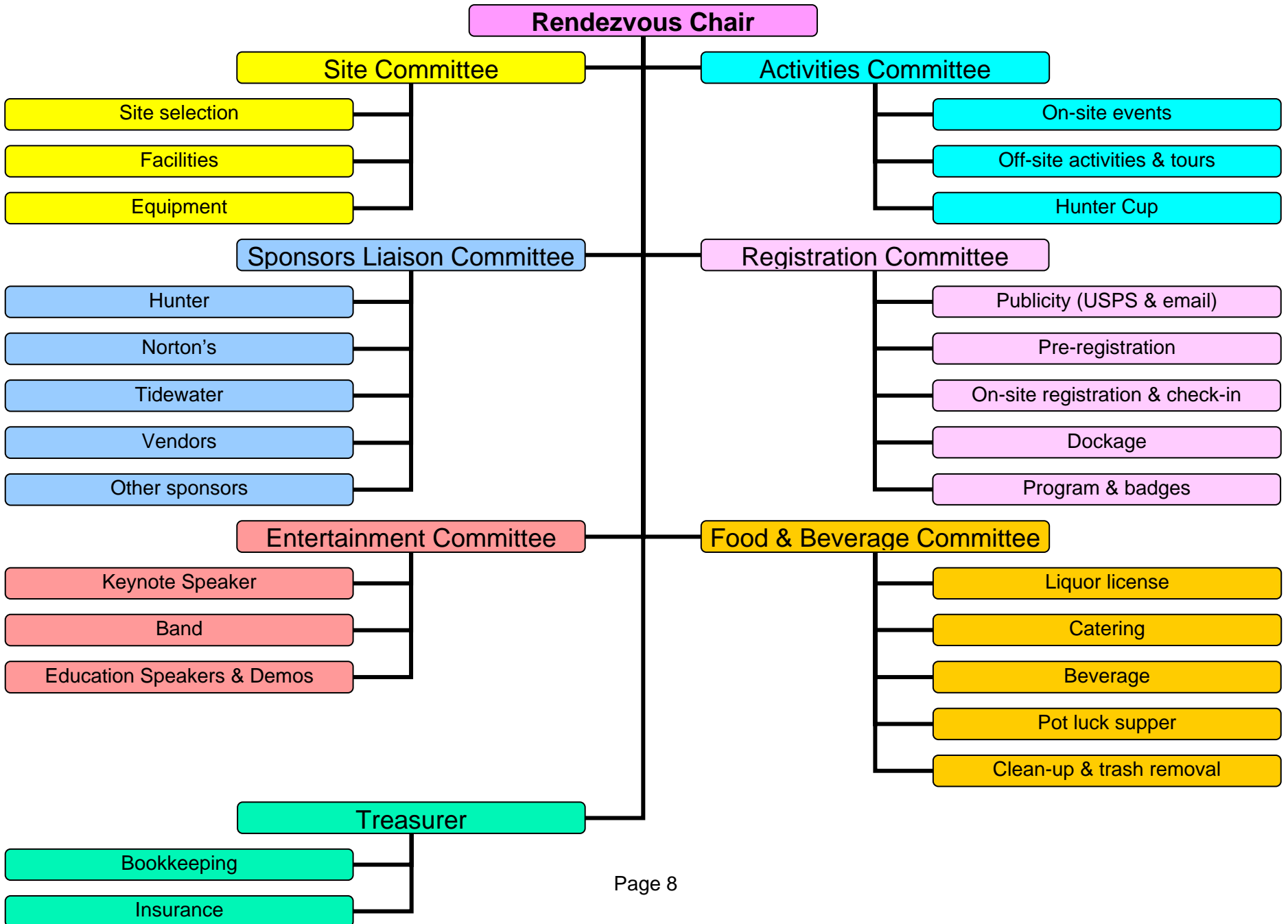
In June 2007, we held the sixth Chesapeake Bay Hunter Rendezvous. Dating back to 1990s, this event drew hundreds of Hunter owners to share their experiences, learn from seminars, and eat, drink and be merry. Many described the 2007 Rendezvous as the most fun ever. It's time to begin planning the next rendezvous.

At the end of the last Hunter Rendezvous in 2007, we decided the next rendezvous would be in 2010. Experience indicates we need to get active in our planning. Commodore Will talked with Hunter Marine and they are eager to again support to the rendezvous. They have already lined up a couple of world class speakers for us.

We need 20 people to volunteer an average of 3 hours a month over the next 12 months to plan this great event. Those 20 people will be from our two sister clubs on the Bay, Northern Star HSA and HSA-Southern Bay as well as our club. The chart on the next page shows the principal activities of our seven committees. The immediate needs are for a treasurer and two members from our club to work on selecting the site for the 2010 rendezvous. Once we select the site, and that will be soon, the other committees will kick into high gear.

Make it easy for Will – choose the activity you want to help with so we don't need to twist your arm. Email [Will](#) and let him know which the committee you will help.

# Activities of 2010 Rendezvous Committees



## Memorial Day Safety Raft Wrap-Up

The winds were perfect for Saturday's sail to Shaw Bay on the Wye River – 15 knots out of the SSE. *Stargazer* had the only mishap of the day when stitches that hold the webbing atop the jib parted as Greg rolled out the sail.



We all got to intermingle with the boats in the Miles River Yacht Club's Annapolis to Saint Michaels Race. The sail through Eastern Bay was a run with everyone going the same way, so coexisting with the race fleet was easy there. When we rounded Tilghman Point and entered the Miles River, everyone was hard on the wind and ducking boats in the race. Especially when our boats were on a port tack, zigzagging through the race kept us busy and honed our maneuvering skills.

Twelve Hunters with 29 people came out on this perfect Saturday afternoon. *RoMPer* and *Natural Magic* rafted to *Odyssey*. *Windrose* and *Monarch* rafted to *Second Option*. *Enavigare* and *Dejah Thoris* rafted to *Stargazer*. *Sea Luff* and *FELA* anchored separately.



Our own Dick Parry and fellow inspector Chuck Conway made the rounds performing Coast Guard Auxiliary safety checks. Six boats passed and are now displaying 2009 stickers on their masts.

John of *Odyssey*, Bill of *Second Option*, Mike of *Monarch*, and Matias of *FELA* provided dinghy taxi service to happy hour aboard *Stargazer* and *Enavigare*. Bill of *Second Option* and Carl of *Windrose* invited a guy named Bill on a mid-80s Hunter 34 anchored nearby and he joined us as well. We had ample snacks and what appeared to be ample wine, although before the party broke up

both *Stargazer* and *Enavigare* had to dig into their larders to produce even more wine. Greg presented a bottle of Riesling, judged the best white of the offerings. It featured a beautiful bottle that had a picture of the vineyard on the back label that you saw through a frame in the front label. Pretty tricky – and pretty. Sharon of *Monarch* brought the overall favorite wine, a Delas 2007 Saint Esprit Côtes du Rhône.

Not only did Saturday offer perfect wind, it also was a beautiful, clear, sunny day.



Sunday again brought south winds at around 15, but with forecasts of showers. Several boats left for the western shore so they could get home quickly if the weather collapsed.

Sunday saw two of our members up their masts. After taking time during Saturday's happy hour to stitch his jib back together, Greg went aloft to retrieve his halyard and swivel.



Terri had an easier job. She only had to go to the first spreader to un-foul the pirate burgee that had wrapped up on its halyard during a blow Saturday night.

Five of our boats, *Second Option*, *Windrose*, *Monarch*, *Dejah Thoris* and *Sea Luff* stayed in Shaw Bay until Monday morning, of course holding a happy hour to celebrate sunset on Memorial Day eve.

Contrary to the dismal NOAA weather forecast, Memorial Day was a fine HSA day to round out Memorial Day weekend. Winds were five to ten from the south and offered a nice peaceful tack, although the whole fleet – even the big cutter-rigged *FELA* – resorted to lighting off Yanmars to go downwind. The forecasted showers and thundershowers were very scattered and everyone got home dry, happy and waiting for the next HSA raft-up.

## Shakedown Raft Wrap-Up

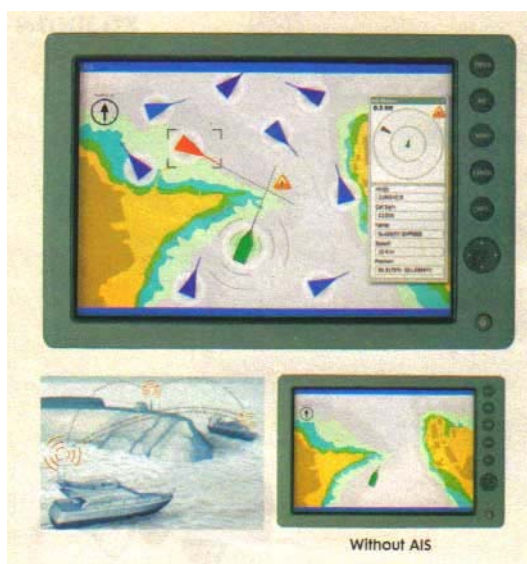


To those who missed the Shake down Cruise Adventure from Don of *Mission Impossible*:

We got our game faces on and left Back Creek Saturday morning, heading toward Thomas Point Lighthouse. The Naval Academy decided to race all of the 44's plus the *TOMCAT* perpendicular to our heading. We had good winds, so we dodged thru the race several times, only to find ourselves navigating thru an armada of Rockfish fishermen – it was the first day of Rockfish season. I am sure their hand signals were pointing us to the South River. The 10-12 knot winds we had coming thus far were not favorable going up river; we motored up to the gazebos and into Harness Creek.

We got into position to drop anchor, on the fifth attempt! We were finally ready to relax @1430. The winds were swinging us pretty good but the anchor seemed to be holding. Set the radio to channel 78, turned on some music, cracked open some drinks, waited until 1745 – no other HSA members showed. We pulled anchor, left the creek around 1815, went for my first ever sunset/twilight cruise up the Bay. Saw just a spectacular sunset. We were back in the slip around 1830, listening to the Red Sox taking it to the O's.

## Automatic Identification System



Picture a shipboard display system with overlaid electronic chart data that includes a mark for every significant ship within radio range. Each ship "mark" could reflect the actual size of the ship, with position to GPS accuracy. By "clicking" on a ship mark, you could learn the ship name, course and speed, classification, call sign, registration number, MMSI and other information - more accurate and more timely than available from radar.

That is how the Coast Guard website, [www.navcen.uscg.gov/enav/ais](http://www.navcen.uscg.gov/enav/ais), introduces Automatic Identification System (AIS). AIS is required for ships over 300 gross tons. Even Matias doesn't have a sailboat that big. Ships use Class A transceivers that give all kinds of information about the ship and reads the same info about other AIS equipped vessels.

Class A transceivers cost thousands of dollars. What's a poor Hunter owner to do? Consider a Class B AIS.

Class B transceivers are simplified, low power versions of AIS. They output your location, course, speed, boat name and MMSI (if you have one, and you should have one). Boat name

and MMSI let vessels contact each other directly rather than hailing something like “the southbound sailboat near buoy 84A”. Class B transceivers squawk position less frequently (every 30 seconds compared to Class A’s 10 seconds), and don’t transmit destination, ETA, and a few other bits of information.

Class B transceivers are available for under \$700. Less expensive yet is a Class B receiver. It receives both Class A and Class B signals but does not send out any information. The consensus among Club members we have heard from is if you are getting AIS, go for a Class B transceiver – forget about a receiver only.

While the low hardware price grabs our attention the cost of a working AIS could turn out to be much larger. Of course, there is an installation cost. That’s a few buck for wire if you do it yourself and several hours of labor at nearly \$100 an hour if you hire “the pros from Dover.” However, the biggest expense might be upgrading or replacing your existing navigational displays. Like every other boat project, the first things to do are learning about the options then planning in detail just what to do.

The Code of Federal Regulations requires continuous operation of AIS during all times that the vessel is navigating (underway or at anchor). Keeping your AIS on 24/7 is not a big deal. Many of the units draw less than 3 amp-hours per day.

The Coast Guard cautions Class B users not to assume that they are being ‘seen’ by all other AIS users or that all their information is available to all Class A users. Like GPS, chart plotters or radar, AIS electronically puts additional information at your fingertips to let you navigate more safely. For under a thousand bucks, it is something more and more of us will add to our inventory of boat toys.

## From the Past

With this recipe for Spinach Balls, I have used most of the best recipes from the *HSA First Edition Cookbook*. I think it is a good time to make a new edition. My idea is that we make an *HSA Happy Hour Cookbook*. Inspired by the *Dolly G's Dark and Stormies* recipe, I would include a few of those special drinks like Will's Bushwackeras well as snack/appetizer ideas. If we could get Tina to share some of her recipes (I know most of them are created on the fly, but you could write out some ideas for us), and other people share a little insight as to what they stock or how they prepare for happy hour, we will have a lip-smacking collection of ideas for seafaring goodies for our happy hours.

If you like the idea, send me your recipes by July 15. I'll compile and share the results and we will have a spectacular happy hour for the Bahama Mama Raft on September 5<sup>th</sup> if everyone makes something from the new recipe book

## Spinach Balls

1992 AWARD WINNING APPETIZER by Rick of *Second Wind*

2 pkgs frozen chopped spinach	½ tsp thyme	¾ cup melted butter
3 cups seasoned stuffing mix	½ tsp pepper	1 large finely chopped onion
½ cup grated parmesan cheese	1½ tsp garlic salt	6 eggs, well beaten

Cook spinach, drain well and squeeze out all water. Combine all ingredients. Shape into ¾” balls and place on lightly greased cookie sheet. Bake at 325° for 15-20 minutes.

The spinach balls can be frozen. Bake at 325° for 20-25 minutes.