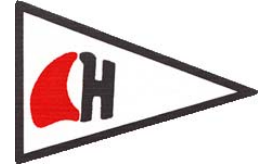




The Log



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From the Helm

Our 2011 sailing season is in full swing. We've seen some spectacular days already and I'd be willing to bet there will be more to come. I am so pleased there has been a great turnout for the three rafts we've had so far this season so we need to keep that momentum going!

The Summer Solstice has just passed (June 21st) and this marked the "beginning" of the summer season here on the Chesapeake Bay. This is the longest day and shortest night of the year. Right about now (sometimes earlier!) is when the Bay weather goes from the cooler temperatures and fresh breezes of the spring, to the hot and humid, lazy, hazy days of summer. And let's not forget, sometimes the only way we know how to cool off during these days is when the thunderstorms come rumbling through!



As we pass into the summer months, we get to what is commonly referred to as the Dog Days of summer. Dog Days is the name for the most sultry period of summer, from about July 3 to August 11. I guess it is no surprise that our US Congress goes into recess during the Dog Days! Named in early times by observers in countries bordering the Mediterranean, this period was reckoned as extending from 20 days before to 20 days after the conjunction of Sirius (the Dog Star) and the sun.

We have some exciting and fun events coming up over the next couple of months, which I hope you will consider attending. For July 16th, we've got some impromptu rafts scheduled so please let me know what location you have in mind as I will be the point of contact to get the word out. I challenge all of you to make something happen for this; otherwise nothing will occur. In lieu of the Pirates weekend in Rockhall that we had to cancel due to slips being sold out, we are going to have a picnic and pool party at my house on August 14th. On Labor Day weekend, we will have a raft on the Rhode River that includes a fireworks display. September 24th we will wrap up our scheduled sailing season with a crab feast on Saltworks Creek.

Perrian Upton, Commodore

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Editor's Notes

What a year! Our first two Land-Sea events brought out an average of 30 people each. *Carried Away*, *Second Life* and *Four Seasons* get special recognition as the new members who have attended both of these events. Our annual night sail attracted nine boats. Let's keep the momentum going.

The *From the Past* article this month highlights safe, responsible boating. It is oh so important to always operate our boats safely, and that means responsibly. Safe responsible operation includes your dinghy as well as your sailboat.

That same article thanks Dick and Betty Parry of *RoMPer* for more than a decade of service to the club.

We have designated July 16 for members to get together in small groups relatively close to their homeports. Look at the weather, decide where to sail and then share your plans with other members. I hope you will fit the August 14th Summer Picnic & Pool Party into your schedule.

See you on the water,

Carl Reitz, Editor

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

2011 Officers

NOTE: To contact an officer 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.

Commodore	Perrian Upton	Immediate Past Commodore	Ed Upton
Vice Commodore	Helen Kelley	Membership Chair	Sue Reitz
Fleet Captain	Greg Guthman	Webmaster	Tim Cossairt
Secretary	Lois White	Newsletter Editor	Carl Reitz
Treasurer	Mike Meegan	Photographer	Toni Knisley

Welcome, New Members

We bid our newest members a hearty welcome aboard and hope to meet them soon.

Jim & Helen	Erica Anne	1985 Hunter 34
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2011 Activities		
Sunday, February 27	ENGINES & eats Winter Brunch Deep Creek Restaurant, Arnold, MD	
Sunday, March 20	Shipwreck Party & Sock Burning Bay Room, Annapolis Naval Station	
Saturday, April 30	Spring Forward Raft Pirate's Cove, West River	Land-Sea Event
Saturday, Sunday, Monday May 28-30	Memorial Day Raft Saint Michaels, either approach: Miles River or San Domingo Creek	Land-Sea Event
Friday, Saturday, Sunday June 17-19	Summer Sailstice Weekend Night sail Friday, Choptank River	Land-Sea Event
July 3-9	Bareboat Charter Cruise Kremik, Croatia	
Saturday, July 16	Impromptu Rafts Impromptu places	
Sunday August 14	Summer Picnic & Pool Party Hughesville	
Saturday, Sunday, Monday September 3-5	Labor Day Weekend Rhode River with Fireworks	
Saturday, September 24	Crab Feast Salt Works Creek, Severn River	Land-Sea Event
Thursday through Monday October 6-10	US Sailboat Show Annapolis	
Sunday, November 20	Annual Meeting Location pending	
Saturday, December 10	Parade of Lights Party Annapolis Waterfront Marriott	



HSA-1 Summer Picnic & Pool Party

Date: Sunday, 14 August 2010

Time: 2:00 - ??
(We'll fire up the grill around 4:00)

Location: Perrian & Ed Upton's Residence



7565 Serenity Drive
Hughesville, MD 20637
(Southern Maryland)
(301) 274-4625 (H)
(240) 210-0049 ©

HSA-1 will provide brats, burgers, condiments, and beverages. Please bring a dish to share as follows:

Last Names A – E Appetizer

Last Names F – M Casserole or Salad

Last Names N - Z Dessert

Please bring some lawn chairs/games and RSVP with the number of people coming by **12 August** via e-mail to perrian.upton@yahoo.com or by calling either of the numbers listed above.

We look forward to having you attend!

See You in September

Some club members will recall the lyrics from the 1966 remake of *See You in September* by The Happenings. We want to see you in September. For many, it is the favorite month of the year to sail the Chesapeake.

In August we will publish the details of these two September events. Between now and then just imagine what fun they will be and keep the dates on your calendars.

Labor Day Fireworks

Saturday, September 3, 2011

Each year a group of local fireworks professionals sets off an awesome display on Saturday night of Labor Day weekend near the former High Island (38°53.1' N 076°31.8' W) on the Rhode River. For the past several years, we have held the HSA Bahama Mama Raft in conjunction with the fireworks. It's always a gala affair. On Sunday we sail to other places or just hang out on the Rhode depending on our moods and the winds. You already have Labor Day marked on your calendar. Plan to join in the fun with HSA on the Rhode.



Crab Feast

Saturday, September 24, 2011



Mark this date on your September calendar too. We will sail up the Severn to Saltworks Creek (39°00.7' N 076°31.7' W), anchor out and then go ashore for a crab feast. Our hosts will steam the crabs and the club will provide the complementing condiments. Crabs are expensive enough that we will ask all those attending to chip in to cover the cost of the crabs.

If you don't have a crab mallet on your boat, can you call yourself a Chesapeake Bay sailor? By far the best way to get a crab mallet is to go to any of the scads of places in Maryland or Virginia that serve steamed crabs, order yourself a batch and then keep the complementary mallet. Of course, you can buy a mallet inexpensively, but dat's no fun.

Dinghies and Maryland Law

When Mike Quick performed Vessel Safety Checks for our Hunters while we were in Saint Michaels, he also checked our dinghies. Dinghies are vessels (Class A vessels when they are under 16 feet) and are subject to the same laws as larger boats. We are basing this article on Mike's information combined with the info on the Maryland DNR website. You might want to download the 36 page "Maryland State Law for Recreational Vessels" from dnr.state.md.us/boating/pdfs/recreationvessels.pdf. We are including page 21 of that document, "Maryland Required Equipment Checklist" as the next page of this issue of *The Log*.

Mike Grant, Chief of Maryland's State Boat Act Advisory Committee at DNR, reminds us the DNR Police enforce the boating laws and he recommends "error on the side of caution." That is to say, if there is any doubt carry the equipment. When aboard your dinghy have these things:

Required by the Maryland DNR Checklist

- Boating Safety Education Certificate (if 39 or under as of June 2011)
- Registration card (original, not a copy) matching decal & numbers on dinghy
- Type I, II, III, or V PFD for each person aboard
kids under 13 years of age must wear them, under 4 must wear special PFDs
- Type B-1 Fire Extinguisher (if you have an outboard)
- Whistle, or horn or bell
- Night Time Visual Distress Signal between sunset & sunrise
For Inland Water (less than two miles wide): a flashlight
For Coastal Waters: 3 flares or strobe
- Nav lights (red/green front; white all around) illuminated between sunset & sunrise and other periods of reduced visibility (fog, rain, haze, etc.)
If your dinghy is sail or rowed with no outboard a flashlight will suffice

Not mentioned in the checklist but considered necessary by Mike Quick

- Bailer (*Windrose's* is made from a laundry detergent jug)
- First Aid Kit (Home Depot sells one for \$3.88)
- Flashlight
- Handheld VHF Radio
- Oars or Paddle
- Painter (line to tie up with)
- Anchor and rode (Mike suggests a cinder block as a low cost anchor)
- Tools & extra spark plug
- Extra gas (premixed if your outboard is two-cycle)
- Secure gas can or fuel tank so it can not slide in dinghy



This dinghy certainly needed a bailer!

Page 21 of the January 2011 edition of "Maryland State Law for Recreational Vessels" downloaded from dnr.state.md.us/boating/pdfs/recreationvessels.pdf on June 1, 2011:

Maryland Required Equipment Checklist

	PWC	Boats less than 16 Feet	Boats 16 Feet to less than 26 Feet
Boating Safety Education Certificate	✓ 1	✓ 1	✓ 1
Certificate of Number On Board	✓	✓	✓
Validation Decal Displayed	✓	✓	✓
PFDs: Type I, II, III, or V	✓ 3	✓ 4	✓ 4
PFD: Type IV			✓
Type B-I Fire Extinguisher	✓	✓	✓
Ignition Safety Switch	✓		
Backfire Flame Arrestor	✓	✓ 5	✓ 5
Ventilation System	✓	✓	✓
Muffler	✓	✓	✓
Horn, Whistle, or Bell	✓	✓	✓
Daytime Visual Distress Signal			✓ 6
Night Time Visual Distress Signal	7	✓ 5	✓ 6
Navigation Lights	7	✓	✓

1. Applicable if operator is born on or after July 1, 1972.
2. Except all non-motorized vessels
3. Everyone onboard a PWC must wear a personal floatation device (PFD).
4. Children under 13 years of age must wear a PFD while underway on a vessel under 21 feet in length. In addition children under 4 years of age must have a PFD equipped with a grab strap, inflatable headrest and crotch strap.
5. Required on inboard engines.
6. Required when boating on federally controlled waters. Sailboats less than 26' in length that are not equipped with propulsion machinery are not required to carry day signals.
7. Certain items are not applicable to PWC because they are not allowed to operate between sunset and sunrise.

Award Winning Photographer

Our own *Hoosier Lady*, Toni, won third place in the people category of *Chesapeake Bay Magazine's* Best of the Bay 2011 Photo Contest. Toni, our HSA Club Photographer, took the photos of the storm in the next article. Look for more of her work in future issues of *The Log*.

Night Sail Wrap-Up

Fifty knots! We have to begin the wrap-up of the night sail with the story of the big blow on Friday evening. The forecast was 5 to 10 knot southerly breezes with possible showers and thundershowers. NOAA was right. The light air from the south was so light that *Hoosier Lady*, *Windrose* and *A Parrot Wind* all motored north from the Patuxent, arrived at our prescribed meeting place quite early and opted to continue to Baby Owl Cove rather than hang out for hours at the Choptank 7. Early on, *Enavigare* and *Jibberish* coming down from the Severn had a nice point of sail and went fast when the wind kicked up to around twenty knots on the edge of a shower.



Edge of the storm in Baby Owl Cove

Around 7 pm NOAA's forecast for T-storms came true. A big one came through with winds in excess of fifty knots. It really slammed *Enavigare* and *Jibberish* on the open Bay. *Hoosier Lady* and *Windrose's* guest *Bella Sera* were already anchored in Baby Owl Cove. *Windrose*, *A Parrot Wind* and *Natural Magic* were underway in Broad Creek only a mile or two from the anchorage. Even in a protected creek, the impact of fifty-knot winds is astounding. With winds like that around it was prudent for each boat to anchor separately rather than raft up. The storm ended with a rainbow.



After the rainbow winds became civil for the rest of the night

After the rainbow winds became civil for the rest of the night. At 8:30 *Hunter* arrived at the meeting point for the night sail, the only boat to be there on schedule. *Hunter*, *Enavigare* and *Jibberish* got their night sail experience and anchored in the cove well after dark. In time, everyone will remember the ordeal as an "adventure".

Hoosier Lady was the first club boat to arrive at Baby Owl Cove and the first one to leave. *Jibberish* arrived a few minutes after midnight and for a while held the distinction of being the last to arrive and the last to leave. When *Mood Swings* arrived for the Friday night anchorage on Saturday afternoon, he took that dubious honor away from *Jibberish*.



A few members dinghied from one boat to another on Friday night. The real club rendezvous was Saturday morning when all 15 of us piled aboard Commodore Perrian's new boat *A Parrot Wind*.

Saturday afternoon found our nine boats going a number of different ways. *A Parrot Wind* and *Windrose* joined HSA-1 and Cambridge Yacht Club members Will and Mari of *Natural Magic* at a Pig Roast celebrating CYC's 100th anniversary. CYC was very hospitable.



Some of the HSA boats in Baby Owl Cove

Memorial Day Weekend Wrap-Up



A perfect holiday weekend! Fifteen HSA boats visited Saint Michaels for Memorial Day weekend and had a blast. The weather was beautiful and the camaraderie was outstanding. We came from as far north as Rock Hall and as far south as the southern shore of the Patuxent River. Seven of us anchored in San Domingo Creek on one side of town and eight anchored in the Miles River on the other side of town.

Sailing to Saint Mikes was good for everyone. A number of our sailors said they never had their boat going faster. Commodore Perrian, husband Past Commodore Ed and their Parrots Raffy and Starbuck in *A Parrot Wind* and Carl and Sue in *Windrose* sailed from the Patuxent to San Domingo Creek on Friday – a hoot of a downwind sail. What was even more of a hoot was seeing Andrew and Vanessa aboard *Tally Ho* anchored in the Creek. *Tally Ho* was returning from the club's September 2010

night sail! Yes, Andrew found a way to take eight months and 3,000 miles to get from one creek in the Choptank to another in the same river. They did that trip via a winter in the Bahamas. Andrew notes it was one of the warmest Bahamian winters on record.

Saturday the club picnicked at a town park in Saint Mikes. Of course some of the members had to reconnoiter at the Carpenter Street Saloon before the arduous walk to the park, a half-mile on level, tree-lined sidewalks. The picnic was like the biblical event where the multitude was fed. There was a great variety, everyone ate their fill, and people



carried a surprisingly large amount of leftovers back to their boats. Being a **GREEN** club, Commodore Perrian carried a large bag of recyclable beverage containers back to her boat.

Fleet Captain Greg promised lawn games and we had them. The Consumer Protection Agency only banned one of our games, lawn darts. Vanessa of *Tally Ho* and Cathy of *Zum Wohl* became the reigning champs of Bocce Ball. Vanessa could even pronounce *pallina*, the official Italian name for the little target ball most of us call the jack ball.

Of course there was shopping in town: stops at the shoe store, the hot sauce bar in Flamingo Flats and - a must for many - a stop at the new micro-brewery on Talbot Street.

On Sunday Mike Quick of the Coast Guard Auxiliary (no relation to Mike Quick, sportscaster and former wide receiver of the Philadelphia Eagles) inspected four of the club's sailboats and three dinghies awarding 2011 Vessel Safety Check stickers to all seven vessels. Sunday also found some of the boats sailing from the Miles to the Rhode River to stage themselves closer to home and *Tally Ho* finally returning to her slip in Baltimore after eight fun filled months on the water. *Windrose* hosted happy hour on Sunday for the boats in San Domingo Creek.



Who was there?

Miles River Boats & Crews		San Domingo Creek Boats & Crews	
<i>Carried Away</i>	Eric & Lynn	<i>A Parrot Wind</i>	Ed & Perrian
<i>Enavigare</i>	Mike & Tina	<i>Island Bee (guest h33)</i>	Bob & Ruth
<i>Eternity</i>	Mike & Sherry	<i>Mood Swings</i>	Rick & Susan
<i>Fela</i>	Matias & crew	<i>Second Life</i>	Frank & Stephanie
<i>Four Seasons</i>	Doug & Sue	<i>Second Option</i>	Bill & Terri
<i>Mission Impossible</i>	Don & Lois	<i>Wind Rose</i>	Carl & Sue
<i>Monarch</i>	Mike & Sharon	<i>Zum Wohl</i>	Dan & Cathy
<i>Stargazer</i>	Greg, Sue, Mike & Joann		

Some thunder bumpers passed to the north on Friday night. Forecasted thundershowers on Saturday nicely vanished, although the forecast did limit rafting to two rafts of two with all others prudently anchoring by themselves. Memorial Day marked the fourth sunny day and dry night of the weekend. While there was a pleasant breeze each night to make for good sleeping, we know 34 sailors who slept soundly after their perfect Memorial Day weekend.



Second Option and *Zum Wohl* underway to Solomons and Deale on Memorial Day



Spring Forward Event Wrap-Up

By Sharon Crothers

HSA's Spring Forward raft-up on the West River April 30th had a very nice turnout. It was a land/sea event with seven HSA boats sailing up the West River and 28 of us gathering for dinner! *Enavigare*, *Second Life*, and *Four Seasons* enjoyed the facilities of the Pirates' Cove slips. *Monarch*, *Mission Impossible*, *Carried Away* and *Mood Swings* anchored or rafted up in the River and shared post-happy hour dinghy rides into Galesville for a fun dinner at Pirates' Cove with those who came by car. The group going to Croatia met after dinner to progress their trip plans.



Happy hour in Galesville

The first trip of the season holds its share of adventure. Not everything went completely as planned. *Miss Marie* made it to the West River but had some navigational issues and decided to sail home and come by car. Since none of the three dinghy engines seemed to be able to make the round trip running, *Monarch* did some paddling as they ferried people to and from the restaurant. We had a good time getting to know several new members and of course seeing what other people's boat choices were. It seems a good time was had by all!

Those who attended: Marc, Paige and their two daughters (*Trilogy*), Eric and Lynn (*Carried Away*), Carl and Sue (*Windrose*), Joelle (*Hunter*), Jim and Sue (*Miss Marie*), Frank and Stephanie (*Second Life*), Doug and Sue (*See Bee*), Rick (*Mood Swings*), Don and Lois (*Mission Impossible*), Mike and Tina (*Enavigare*), Rich and Helen (*Crows Nest*), Greg and Sue (*Stargazer*), Frank and Susan (Croatia trip members), and Mike and Sharon (*Monarch*).

From the Past

Each year for National Safe Boating Week, the United States Coast Guard partners with boating organizations to raise awareness on the importance of taking proper precautions while boating. By embracing responsible boating practices, Americans can avoid preventable injuries and enjoy the majesty of our Nation's waterways.

In recognition of the importance of safe boating practices, the Congress, by joint resolution approved June 4, 1958 (36 U.S.C. 131), as amended, has authorized and requested the President to proclaim annually the 7-day period prior to Memorial Day weekend as "National Safe Boating Week."

These paragraphs from President Obama's Proclamation signed on May 20, 2011 remind us that National Safe Boating Week has been around for over half a century. Since 2005, our club has been devoting a portion of our Memorial Day Weekend to improving boating safety.

From 2005 through 2010, Dick Parry conducted Coast Guard Auxiliary Vessel Safety Checks at Shaw Bay as part of our Memorial Day weekend activities. Dick has had two Hunters, both named *RoMPer*, a 1998 Hunter 376 and a 2004 Hunter 44. He and his wife Betty have been active members of HSA since they bought their first *RoMPer* in the 1990s. In addition to providing Vessel Safety Checks for six years, Dick served in 2002 and 2003 as club Secretary and as our delegate to the Chesapeake Bay Yacht Clubs Association.

Dick and Betty served the club faithfully for over a decade. They now have their second beloved *RoMPer* for sale through Tidewater Marina. We thank them for all they did with the club and for the club, especially Dick's six years of performing Vessel Safety Checks.

While Dick did not perform the checks this year, we did keep our commitment to wrapping up Safe Boating Week with an emphasis on boating safety. Mike Quick of the eastern shore Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla inspected seven of the clubs vessels, found them all compliant and issued decals for each on Sunday morning of Memorial Day Weekend.

The [National Safe Boating Council](#) educates boaters about safe boating, especially during National Safe Boating Week. Originally organized in September 1958 under the name National Safe Boating Committee, they now include over 330 U.S. and Canadian organizations, all with an interest in boating safety and education. As sailors, each of us shares that interest. In his Proclamation, President Obama said, "Safe boating is responsible boating." Let us all boat responsibly so that we boat safely!



Chicken Marinade



Here's *Labyrinth's* recipe from the *1994 HSA First Edition Cookbook* for a marinade for grilling.

1 cup apricot jam	4 Tbsp minced garlic
4 Tbsp soy sauce	4 Tbsp minced ginger
4 Tbsp dry white wine	4 Tbsp fresh lemon juice
4 Tbsp minced scallions	Salt & Pepper to Taste

This is a great marinade for shish-ke-bob [sic]. Marinate your chunks of chicken overnight; thread your marinated chicken, chunks of onion, and cut pieces of red & green peppers alternatively on skewers. Baste on the grill and cook until done.