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From the Helm



My Sunday started out with plans to do nothing, not that I figured I would end up doing nothing, I was just not planning on it if you know what I mean. But I made the mistake of checking my email and there was a request from Carl Reitz to write a message from the Commodore for *The Log*, the HSA-1 newsletter. Well, I figured I had better review some earlier *Logs* to figure out what I was in for. And I have to tell you *The Log* is about a professional a newsletter as any club has. I want to give special thanks to Carl and Sue for putting it together for us. For those interested, the previous editions can be viewed from www.hsa1.org. Click on the link at the bottom of the listing on the left side of the home page.

As some of you may know, Sharon and I have been living on our boat, *Monarch*, for these past 3 years getting to enjoy the Bay in all four seasons. Well, enjoy may be too strong a word for the winter season but we have been lucky to have had such a mild one this year.

Several times I was disappointed I had taken my sails off at Thanksgiving when I saw several boats out enjoying a warm sunny day on a bay that has remained ice free.

Even though we didn't do any sailing and our funding of NC State kept us from flying somewhere warm, we did get to enjoy HSA-1's Parade of Lights party in Annapolis and the Winter Brunch at the Deep Creek Restaurant with Greg Guthman's great presentation on last summer's sail in Croatia. Getting together with fellow sailors on land or the water is what HSA-1 is all about. We are really looking forward to our next event, the Sock Burning on March 18 that Eric and Lynn Langer will be hosting. This will be Eric and Lynn's first time hosting an HSA-1 event so please attend and make it a great success, especially after the great Flyer Eric produced.

Of course raft-up events are the mainstay of the organization. The first one is a land-and-sea event on April 21st at Pirates Cove in Galesville on the West River. Don and Lois White are hosting this one. I hope we have a great turnout like last year's event. You can anchor out or take a slip at the restaurant's marina for a very reasonable rate. For those who will be rafting with us out on the river, you will be glad to know I have purchased a new outboard motor, not that I didn't enjoy rowing everyone back and forth in my Avon last year. So even if you don't have your dink ready for a spring raft we will have you covered and of course I still have the oars.

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While the land-and-sea events prove to be popular, they do create more work for the Raft Captain so this year I am asking for volunteers to manage the land side of the raft. I haven't thought of a title for this prestigious role but I sure it will be a great one. Your role will be to coordinate with the restaurant; park or marina involved so they know we are coming and handle any logistics that may be needed. We also need your ideas on locations that will work. If willing in supporting this effort please contact the Fleet Captain, Greg Guthman.

Another volunteer I am looking for is one to take on Racing. I know that word is scary but it is in the first line of Section II of our Bylaws: "The primary object of this Association is to promote medium and long distance racing" You know the definition of a sailboat race? Answer: Any time you have two sailboats going in the same direction you have a race." So it doesn't have to be a big deal and it is a great way to improve your skills at sail trim while having fun. All we need is someone willing to handle the handicaps so we all can compete evenly and pick the course, so let me know if you are interested. While the prizes will not be expensive, they will be prestigious as well as humorous. (In the interest of full disclosure, I did recently buy a large light air sail so all you'll be seeing of me is my transom!)

Thanks for giving me a chance to ramble on about the club. I hope you all get a sense of how excited I am about this year and having a chance to give back to a club that has greatly increased Sharon's and my enjoyment of the Bay and made our relocation to Maryland a much better experience. I look forward to seeing you all soon, be it by land or be it by sea.

Mike Crothers, Commodore

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

For those who pay attention to such trivia, you will see we have returned to designating the Volume number of *The Log* by Roman numerals. Back in the day, our founders designated the years with Roman numerals. We chartered the club in 1978 and Volume I of *The Log* appeared in 1979. Thirty-four years later, we are at Volume XXXIV. That's a long time and a lot of issues. We have a rich history!

Editor's Notes

This issue marks Mike Crothers' first *From the Helm* article as HSA's commodore. Mike's a great guy and brings a lot of energy to the job. Not the least of that energy comes from his wife Sharon who, like all commodore's wives, is already doing more for the club than she knew she was in for. Welcome to the new roles Mike and Sharon!

We are just now spooling up our activities for the year. Read on to learn about the Sock Burning Celebration; our first raft-up, the Spring Forward Raft-Up; and the highlight of the summer, the August Chesapeake Bay Hunter Rendezvous. We expect over 100 Hunter owners at Port Annapolis in August.

I have two imperatives to remind you of:

1. If you have not yet done so, renew your membership at www.hsa1.org. We will print the *2012 Membership Directory* a few days after you receive this issue of *The Log*.
2. Call Jan of Port Annapolis Marina at 301-261-1999 to reserve your slip for the August Rendezvous. There are a limited number of slips at the Marina. Reserve your slip now or you may have to moor somewhere nearby rather than at the Marina itself.

Really, unless you've already done them, do both of these things today.

See you on the water,

Carl Reitz, Editor

Welcome New Members

Many people met new members Greg & Bonnie and Rob & Christina at the Brunch last month. Greg and Bonnie are partners with Greg Guthman on *Stargazer*, a 2002 Hunter 380 homeported at a private slip off the Severn River. Rob and Christa sail their 2005 Hunter 356, *Swan Around*, out of Mears Marina in Annapolis.

Welcome to HSA-1. We are glad you were at the Winter Brunch and look forward to seeing you at many other HSA activities.

<h2 style="color: blue;">2012 Activities</h2>		
Sunday, February 12	Croatia Review Winter Brunch Deep Creek Restaurant, Arnold, MD	<i>Greg Guthman</i>
Sunday, March 18	Shipwreck Party & Sock Burning Bay Room, Annapolis Naval Station	Land-Sea Event <i>Eric Langer</i>
Saturday, April 21	Spring Forward Raft Pirate's Cove, West River	Land-Sea Event <i>Don & Lois White</i>
Saturday, Sunday, Monday May 26-28	Memorial Day Raft Saint Michaels, either approach: Miles River or San Domingo Creek	Land-Sea Event
Saturday, Sunday June 23-24	Summer Sailstice Weekend	
Saturday July 14	Mystery Raft	
Thursday through Sunday August 9-12	Chesapeake Bay Hunter Rendezvous Port Annapolis Marina	
Friday through Monday Aug 31 – Sept 3	Labor Day Weekend Fri Night Sail + Rhode River Fireworks	
Saturday, September 22	Crab Feast	Land-Sea Event
Thursday through Monday October 4 - 8	US Sailboat Show Annapolis	
Sunday, November 18	Annual Meeting Deep Creek Restaurant, Arnold, MD	
Saturday, December 8	Parade of Lights Party Annapolis Waterfront Marriott	

A Reminder about fenders

"When the boat is under way, the fenders get hauled up and stowed with the ropes and anchors. A boat with her fenders showing is a damn sloppy boat."

Paul Hendrickson *Hemmingway's Boat* (Alfred A. Knopf, New York, 2011) page 141

Spring Equinox

Hunter Sailing Association HSA-1

31st ANNUAL Shipwreck and Sock Burning Party

New members, come on out and meet your Club

Sunday March 18th 1:00pm to 5:00pm

- Presentation and Master of Ceremonies: Capt. Mike Crothers
- Welcome to New Members
- Raffle! Mustang Inflatable PFD prize (*Donated by Tidewater Marine*)

Where: Bay Room, Naval Annex, Annapolis; Greenbury Point, Severn River enters the Bay

- From US 50 take MD Route 450 toward Annapolis.
- Proceed about 1 to 1½ miles to the stoplight at MD Routes 450 and 648.
- Turn left onto MD Route 648 (DON'T go over the bridge to the Naval Academy).
- Go straight at the traffic light. OBEY THE SPEED LIMIT ON THE NAVAL FACILITY!
- Stay on Greenbury Point Rd thru the Naval Academy Golf Course to the Bay Room.
- The Bay Room is right next to the Greenbury Nature Center.
- Call the Navy Office at (410) 293-9200 for directions if you get lost.

Food: Drinks & Meal courtesy of your club

Bring a snack to share:

- Your favorite appetizer (Last Names A- M)
- Dessert (Last Names N- Z)
- *Remember serving utensils*

RSVP: Eric and Lynn Langer

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Roasted sox symbolize that it will soon be warm enough to slide bare feet into boating shoes

"About the Sock Burning: The tradition began in the mid-1980s, when an employee at Annapolis Yacht Yard tired of his winter days doing engine maintenance on yachts and power boats. He stripped off his stinky socks, put them in a paint can with some lighter fluid and drank a longneck beer while looking forward to warmer days ahead. "There's a whole industry of people who work all winter long on people's boats so that they'll be in shape for their owners to go out and play all summer," said Jeff Holland, director of the Annapolis Maritime Museum."

Sock Burning Etiquette:

- Sock burning celebrations work best during daylight. Quit before dark.
- A small modest fire made from driftwood on a little beach is ideal. A bucket, wheelbarrow, or fire pit work in a pinch.
- Bring your pets. The more wet dogs to mess up the ceremony and annoy those expected a fancier party, the more authentic.
- Drink beer pulled right out of a six pack. You won't be around long enough to need a cooler. Remember, the tradition marks spring, which is a busy time in the maritime industry. No time for hangovers.
- Have someone say a few words about spring or sailing...or not.
- One by one, drop your socks into the fire in a slow, orderly procession until all of your ankles are cold. Then go home, or get another beer.
- No need to wear socks again until October after a boat show.



Remember to remove your socks first.

What NOT to do...



...But the teenager said he did not think of the spilled petrol when he lit his socks, which he had done many times before without apparent damage. "He explained that he uses black 'business' socks for this," the judge said. "He said that the sock has 'a little mini flame' and 'it looks mean how it runs across the sock'. The boy's mother confirmed his sock-lighting habit and said she had never seen any damage to the socks or anything else until the garage fire.



Avoid Nomex—it really doesn't burn well

What TO do...



Make Beer Cozies



Wear (burn?) your favorite apparel

Spring Forward Raft-Up

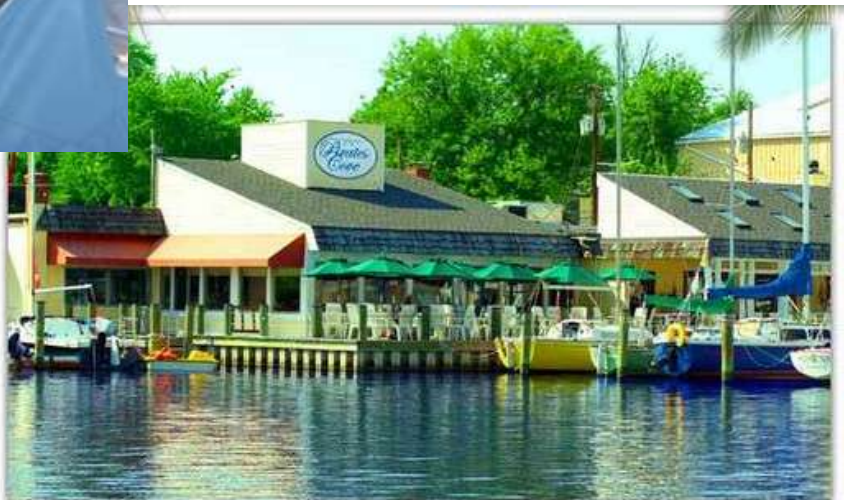
Pirate's Cove, Galesville

April 21, 2012

Success breeds success. This year we are presenting an encore of last year's kickoff of our boating season. It is a come-by-land or come-by-sea event. Galesville on the West River is a comfortable sail for most of our members. It is the perfect place for the first raft-up of the season. If sailing there, you can anchor in the relatively quiet, wide river. You can also get a competitively priced slip at Pirate's Cove Marina. If you haven't yet commissioned your boat, we warmly welcome you to come by car and join the club for dinner at Pirate's Cove Marina.

As Commodore Mike said in "From the Helm", Don and Lois White are the raft captains for this event. Soon they will distribute a flyer via email. You can contact Lois at Secretary@hsa1.org. Don't wait for the flyer. Plan your spring commissioning so you can sail to Pirates' Cove. Mark your calendar so even if you don't finish getting your boat ready by then, you can join us for a delicious dinner.

Memories of 2011's Spring Forward Event



CHESAPEAKE BAY



HUNTER RENDEZVOUS

Port Annapolis Marina
Thursday August 9 through Sunday August 12, 2012

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Steve Pettengill
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**Chesapeake Bay Hunter Owners' Rendezvous
August 9 - 12, 2012
Port Annapolis Marina**

Registration Form *Please print*

Boat name _____ Boat Model _____

Primary Registrant's Last Name _____ First Name _____

Additional Names (Last, First) _____

Primary's Address _____

City _____ State ____ Zip + 4 _____

Phone (____) ____ - _____ E-mail _____

Arrival date _____ Arrival time (approx) _____ Departure date _____

I agree that my name can be used in a directory to be given to participants at the Rendezvous Yes ___ No ___
Please initial one

<p><i>3 Day Rendezvous Registration</i> Adults \$85 per person Children 4 to 17 \$40</p>	<p><i>1 Day Rendezvous Registration</i> Adults \$55 per person Children 4 to 17 \$25</p>				
<p>Early Registration Savings</p>					
<p>Deduct \$5.00 per <u>adult</u> if your payment is made via PayPal or <u>POSTMARKED</u> NLT May 9, 2012</p>					
<p>*Shirt Size (one free T-shirt per person)</p>					
	Amount	M	L	XL	XXL
_____ Adults @ \$_____ each	\$ _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____ Children 4-17 @ \$_____ each	\$ _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____ Total in Party*	\$ _____	payable to Chesapeake Bay HSA Rendezvous			

*Each Party will receive one Captain's Bag. Bags and shirts are not guaranteed if registered after August 1

REFUND POLICY: 90% Refund for cancellations before August 1. No Refund after August 1, 2012.

Please return this form with your check to: Chesapeake Bay HSA Rendezvous
c/o Marie Frankel, Treasurer
2008 Kurtz Avenue, Pasadena, MD 21122

For online registration and more information: visit www.Back2Bay.org

DOCKAGE Each skipper is responsible for making their own dockage arrangement. Port Annapolis Marina has offered us the special rate of \$1.75 per foot per day. Call Jan at Port Annapolis 301-261-1999 and mention our group to reserve your slip at this rate.

Yes, make your own slip reservations! This is a change from prior Hunter Rendezvous.

Winter Brunch Wrap-Up

Vice Commodore Helen Kelley named this year's winter brunch "2-12-12, sounds like a winner." We don't know if any members went out and bought 21212 as their play-five lottery ticket, but we do know everyone who came to the brunch felt like a winner. Once again we filled the banquet room at Deep Creek Restaurant.

Our own Greg Guthman headlined the brunch with his recap of the July 2011 Croatia bareboat charter cruise. This was way more than your average slide show and home video production. Greg put together an incredibly masterful graphics production, added fascinating tidbits of Croatian history to amplify the experience and did a truly professional job presenting his material. The packed crowd was spellbound.

While Greg's presentation was the highlight of the meeting, those who were there won't forget the great brunch buffet at Deep Creek Restaurant. They serve some special seafood treats – for example, Maryland Crab Soup, steamed mussels, and salmon – as well as virtually any breakfast item you can think of. John Knisley wetted our appetite for the August Chesapeake Bay Hunter Rendezvous, the first Bay Rendezvous since 2007. You certainly will want to join in the fun and attend the Rendezvous. Call Port Annapolis Marina soon to assure your spot at the principal venue. Latecomers will end up docking their boats next door to Port Annapolis.

Our club is sponsoring Saturday breakfast at the Rendezvous. Tidewater Marina helped us with that sponsorship by donating a Mustang survival vest that we are raffling off. If you didn't get enough raffle tickets at the Brunch, you can still get them at the Club's March 18th Sock Burning Celebration. Tidewater Marina, Norton's Yacht Sales and Hunter Marine are each providing substantial support for the Rendezvous. Without their support, we could never offer such an



extensive program at such an affordable cost. Thanks to Hunter, Norton's and Tidewater!

Greg's enthusiasm for the Croatia trip spawned club enthusiasm for the next charter. In 2013, he will again organize a European trip, this time chartering canal boats. Between now and Columbus Day, members of the club interested in seeing some more of Europe by boat can get with Greg to select the exact time and itinerary for the trip.

Greg sporting his Dubrovnik sailor's shirt.

What's My Line?

Animated Knots Site

Need help learning to tie some of those nautical knots and hitches? Get information about the best uses of knots and illustrated step-by-step instructions on how to tie them from this site:

<http://www.animatedknots.com/knotlist.php?LogoImage=LogoGrog.jpg&Website=www.animatedknots.com>

Once you follow through the animated instructions all you will have to do is practice, and practice, then practice some more ...



Gary Jobson on Knots

Gary Jobson as quoted in the March 2012 issue of *SpinSheet*, page 98:
“If you can't tie good knots, tie plenty of them.”

Laundry Day

For years *Practical Sailor* has been recommending New England Ropes' three-strand nylon line for anchor rode and dock lines. In the April 15, 1998 report on anchor rodes *Practical Sailor* said of New England Premium White 3-strand braid “The very best of all ... by a mile. Has amazing resistance to abrasion. Nice feel, easy to splice.” In the December 2007 issue describing their nylon rope endurance test, *Practical Sailor* reported “

The crew at New England Rope still favors three-strand nylon line for its toughness and ability to take physical abuse. Double-braided and plaited nylon dock lines are more susceptible to chafe and tearing caused by sharp objects.

The last time we checked, West Marine got their three-strand lines from New England Ropes.

During the season sun, salt and who knows what else make dock lines stiff. By the end of a season they are brittle. We rejuvenate our dock lines during the off-season by washing them with laundry detergent and fabric softener in the clothes washer. After washing we simply hang 'em out to dry in the garage. Then they are soft and supple for another season.



Rejuvenating by laundering works for a few years; not forever. In December 2007 *Practical Sailor* tested nylon three-strand line that had been used for 12 years to tether a 41-foot sloop to a fixed dock in a cove off of the Chesapeake. They found only 25% to 51% of the line's original breaking strength remained!

Think about your boat's dock lines before you launch this season. Are the lines in good enough shape to withstand the tropical storms or sudden squalls that might roll through at any time?

From the Past

Volume XIV, Issue 2 of *The Log*, published in February 1992, has one of the most complete springtime commissioning checklists we have ever seen. It was a full four pages long. Your editor was tempted to scan the four pages and repeat them in this issue. Because many of the items show up in checklists from West Marine, Boat/US, or *SpinSheet*, we are only including some of the more unique items from Volume XIV, Issue 2. You already know about hoses, clamps, seacocks, electronics and waxing and painting.

- Check for blisters (Scary, boys and girls!)
- Inspect cutlass bearing for wear (Just try to wiggle the prop shaft)
- Inspect engine and rudder shaft packing
- Adjust steering quadrant linkage to eliminate play
- Check keel bolts for tightness
- Replace decorative trim or stripes; re-glue peeling letters
- Treat rust areas on hull and keel
- Inspect standing rigging & lifelines, including all fittings; lubricate threads
- Inspect and lubricate winches
- Look for stress cracks around chainplates and other attachment areas
- Inspect running and anchoring lights; replace all bulbs keeping old ones for spares
- Check anchors, rodes and dock lines; switch end-for-end to distribute wear more evenly
- Replace sacrificial zincs
- Check EPIRB function; get it professionally reconditioned if out of date
- Check that limber holes in bilges are free of debris and obstructions
- Operate both manual and electric bilge pumps to assure they work
- Check engine oil and transmission lubricant levels; fresh water cooling water level
- Clean or replace air filters and intake screens
- Re-tension V-belts (alternator belt and any others)
- Reinstall impeller as necessary. Monitor engine temperature during the first run. Impellers can distort during storage.
- Check electrolyte level in batteries; fully charge batteries
- Check life jackets; replace if any sign of wear or corrosion
- Be sure distress signals are up to date
- Check sails for worn spots, broken stitching and soil
- Check sail cover, Bimini, dodger and connecting pieces; check for broken zippers too
- Generally clean the interior removing clutter. If you didn't use it last year, do you need it?
- Buy the admiral some flowers!

Sloppy Joes

Since your editor is half way through *Hemingway's Boat* by Paul Hendrickson this recipe caught his eye. Sloppy Joe's is a bar that Hemingway frequented in Key West. According to Hendrickson, Josie Russell renamed his bar at 428 Greene Street "Sloppy Joe's" at Hemingway's suggestion. In 1937 Russell relocated Sloppy Joe's to Duval Street where it still purveys spirits. "Captain Tony's Saloon" is now at the Green Street address.

The Braunsteins of *Argo IV* submitted this recipe for Sloppy Joes to the *HSA-1 First Edition Cookbook* published in 1994.

- 1 lb. hamburger
- 1 lg. onion chopped
- 1 green pepper chopped
- 1 Tbsp. sugar
- ¼ tsp cloves, ground
- 2 Tbsp prepared mustard
- 2 Tbsp. vinegar
- 1 tsp salt
- 1 cup catsup

Brown meat, add remaining ingredients, stir and simmer half an hour.

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Special thanks to Hunter, Norton's and Tidewater for sponsoring yet another Chesapeake Bay Hunter Rendezvous. Since the 1990s they have been making our Rendezvous a possibility.

