



The Log



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From the Helm

Well I am glad to report I finally scrubbed 10 pounds of black coal soot off the deck of *Monarch* in time for the sail to Galesville for the Spring Shakedown Cruise and Raft-Up only to be thwarted by a dismal weather forecast. Don and Lois from *Mission Impossible* (the boat not the old TV show) came by Selby Bay Marina on Saturday afternoon to prime the pumps for the afternoon's Land and Sea Event at Pirates Cove, *sans* the sea part. We called some of the intrepid HSA-1 Skippers and confirmed that they all thought as we did, better to drive than sail this weekend. Or as Don put it in his quite eloquent way "I don't mind going in the rain, I don't mind rafting in the rain, and I don't mind returning in the rain, but I don't want to do all three in the rain".

I am glad to report that with a very successful Sock Burning and Spring Raft we have set the pace for a great year of HSA1 events and I look forward to seeing you all at our next events, the Memorial Day raft in St. Michaels/San Domingo Creek followed by a baseball land/sea event in Baltimore's Inner Harbor to see the two local area Titans do battle.

The Rendezvous Team is hard at work preparing for a super event in August in Annapolis and I encourage everyone to register for the event and reserve a slip if needed. The more people who sign up early the more confident our volunteer organizers can be in making financial commitments, locking in sponsors, and planning the festivities. And please consider contacting the team to offer your talents and make your mark on an event that has been three years in the making. Move over Annapolis Boat Show, we are back.

Looking forward to 2013, Greg, the Fleet Captain, continues to plan for a trip that is high on my bucket list, a relaxing float on the rivers of France. This will be no 20 cities in 14 days tour of Europe, but a trip to see the old world as it is meant to be seen, relaxing at 5 knots to beautiful scenery while enjoying the best food and wine in the world. (They do have imported beer so no worries there, no promises on the Bud Light)

Lots of exciting events with a great people, I do hope you will join in. If you are not careful, the Parade of Lights will be here and you will wonder what happened to summer. So get your deck scrubbed and get out on the water.

Regards,
Mike Crothers, Commodore

Welcome New Members

Since the last issue of *The Log* three more boats have joined our ranks. Be sure to give them a warm welcome when you meet them at one of our activities.

Dan & Sharon	<i>Red Sky</i>	1998 Hunter 376	Kent Island Yacht Club
Tom & Pris	<i>At Last</i>	1983 Hunter 34	Private dock, Cranes Creek
Michael & Carole	<i>Fantasy</i>	1992 Hunter Legend 43	Community dock, Londontown

Dan & Sharon, Tom & Pris, and Michael & Carole, welcome to HSA-1. We are glad to have you aboard and look forward to seeing you at many HSA activities

2012 Officers

Commodore	Mike Crothers	Immediate Past Commodore	Perrian 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

Our officers work hard to plan successful activities. Make their plans pay off by participating in the activities.

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.



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

Editor's Notes

Windrose is back in her slip. Sue and I are about to start our sailing season. The only things left to check are the transmission fluid level and the expiration date of our newest flares.

It looks like our first overnight on *Windrose* will be the club's Memorial Day Weekend Raft-Up and Picnic. Last year was a blast with fifteen HSA-1 boats in Saint Mike's. Since the picnic was such a success and the word has spread, this year should be even better.

We will have a Baseball Raft if we get enough interest. You can see the O's and Nat's play within walking distance of the Marina right in Baltimore's Inner Harbor. See the flyer on page 6. If you want this to happen, email Linda Frix by May 23rd.

Then there is the summer's big event for Hunter owners - the first Chesapeake Bay Hunter Rendezvous since 2007. We are going to Port Annapolis Marina from August 9th through 12th. If you haven't registered, do it now. If you have, give pages 7 and 8 to a Hunter owner who doesn't belong to HSA.

Hey, I'm so excited about the HSA-1 activities this spring and summer that I'm signing off to go sailing!

See you on the water,

Carl Reitz, Editor

<h2>2012 Activities</h2>		
Sunday, February 12	Croatia Review Winter Brunch Deep Creek Restaurant, Arnold, MD	Greg Guthman
Sunday, March 18	Shipwreck Party & Sock Burning Bay Room, Annapolis Naval Station	Eric Langer
Saturday, April 21	Spring Forward Raft Pirate's Cove, West River	Land-Sea Event Don & Lois White
Saturday, Sunday, Monday May 26-28	Memorial Day Raft Saint Michaels, either approach: Miles River (Greg) or San Domingo Creek (Carl)	Land-Sea Event Greg Guthman Carl Reitz
Saturday, June 23	Baseball Game Inner Harbor Marina, Baltimore	Land-Sea Event Linda Frix
Saturday July 14	Mystery Raft	
Thursday through Sunday August 9-12	Chesapeake Bay Hunter Rendezvous Port Annapolis Marina	Land-Sea Event John Knisley
Friday through Monday Aug 31 – Sept 3	Labor Day Weekend Fri Night Sail + Rhode River Fireworks	
Saturday, September 22	Crab Feast	Land-Sea Event Tina Meegan
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	

HSA Gear

How cool would it be if all of our club had HSA-1 shirts to wear at the Rendezvous? Or anywhere else?

You can order clothing with our burgee or the burgee plus writing. You can also include the Hunter logo. It's a design mix-and-match deal that lets you customize your clothing and at the same time fit in with the crowd.

You can get ideas for your design from the Hunter Marine website and from Jester Promotions who does all of the clothing for Hunter Marine as well as for HSA-1 gear. Click www.companycasuals.com/jesterpromotions/start.jsp, look around at the terrific selection, and pick the item numbers for the gear you would like. Then email Rick Atkins, rick@jesterpromotions.com. Let Rick know you are part of HSA-1.





HSA Memorial Day Picnic & Raft

May 28-30



Saint Michaels (Miles River & San Domingo Creek)

Schedule of events

Saturday 5 pm - Picnic in San Domingo Park
Chew Avenue at San Domingo Creek

Sunday, 11 am - USCG Auxiliary Courtesy Vessel Safety Check
at our San Domingo anchorage

The picnic is a pot luck affair in San Domingo Town Park. Bring an entrée or side dish to share. The club will provide plates, utensils, etc. This year Fleet Captain Greg is arranging for extra tables and chairs so we'll have more table seating than last year.

Some boats will sail in via the Choptank River and anchor in San Domingo Creek, St. Mikes' back door. Others will approach from the Miles River and have the option of anchoring or taking a slip. If you don't sail in, drive over on Saturday and join the fun.

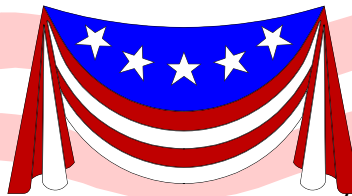
At Saint Mikes, anchor in the harbor or take a slip. There are a number of commercial marinas accessible from the Miles. An option for Chesapeake Maritime Museum members is to dock at the Museum. Not a member? Consider joining. For a hundred bucks you will support a noble cause, get the opportunity to rent a slip, and get to visit the museum for free all year long.

St Mikes Harbor (Miles River)

38° 47.2' N 076° 13.1' W

Raft Captain Greg Guthman
Stargazer380@mac.com

Approach via Eastern Bay
and then the Miles River



San Domingo Creek Anchorage

38° 46.3' N 076° 13.8' W

Raft Captain Carl Reitz
Carl.Reitz@verizon.net

Approach via Choptank River, Broad
Creek and then San Domingo Creek



Picnic in the Park, Saturday at 5

Hail HSA-1 on VHF Ch 78 for rafting instructions. If you have not read our tips on rafting procedures for a while, check them out in Raft Guidance under the "Documents" tab on our website, hsa1.org.



THE BASEBALL RAFT IS BACK!



Mark your calendars now for June 23, when the

Baltimore Orioles

and

Washington Nationals

go head to head at Oriole Park at Camden Yards

This has been a popular land/sea event in previous years,
with those coming by boat reserving slips at

The Baltimore Marine Center at Inner Harbor

(next to the Rusty Scupper Restaurant)

where they rendezvoused with those who came by car

for a pre-game happy hour.

Game time is 7:05 p.m.

Cost per ticket is in the \$20 to \$25 range.

In order to reserve enough tickets, we need to have
some idea of how many folks might be interested in
attending.

If you think you might like to reserve tickets,

please contact Linda Frix at frixes@verizon.net

We need to know who is interested before May 23.

CHESAPEAKE BAY



HUNTER RENDEZVOUS

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

Featuring
Steve Pettengill
Circumnavigator & Director of offshore testing for Hunter Marine
and
Tom Neale
Technical Editor, Soundings Magazine
Contributing Editor, BoatUS Magazine & Columnist, BoatUS.Com

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Rendezvous Registration Form

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>					
<p>_____ Adults @ \$_____ each</p>	<p>Amount \$ _____</p>	<p>S _____</p>	<p>M _____</p>	<p>L _____</p>	<p>XL _____</p>
<p>_____ Children 4-17 @ \$_____ each</p>	<p>\$ _____</p>	<p>_____</p>	<p>_____</p>	<p>_____</p>	<p>_____</p>
<p>_____ Total in Party*</p>	<p>\$ _____ payable to Chesapeake Bay HSA Rendezvous</p>				

*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

DOCKAGE Each skipper is responsible for making their own dockage arrangement. Call Jan at Port Annapolis Marina 301-261-1999 and mention you are part of the Rendezvous.

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

Spring Forward Wrap Up

Fun Time at Pirate's Cove

by Don White



The Spring Forward raft-up destination was Pirate's Cove. Twenty-two sailors from our Hunter Sailing Association started the evening at the bar. I think that's covered in sailing 101. The weather forecast forced the scrubbing of the on-water raft-up. Bob, at Pirate's Cove (special shout out) let us raft-up some tables, for a wonderful dinner. We had a great time swapping stories about how we were almost gonna come by boat, yeah right.

Smart sailors raft at the bar with ominous clouds like these!



Shipwreck Party Raft-Up

31st Annual HSA Sock Burning Brings out the Sun

by Eric Langer

Our Spring Equinox Shipwreck and Sock Burning Party came off great; the cloudy weather turned just as the last sock went on the fire. The weather warmed and the sun came out; new members were honored, and the Club opened the 2012 sailing season with hearty camaraderie of 45 members! There was great food, desserts, and a little beer & wine!

Our Master of Ceremonies, Commodore Mike Crothers, welcomed New Members, Michael & Carole of *Fantasy*, and our raffle winner, Bonnie of *Desert Star*, who took home a Mustang Inflatable PFD prize, donated by Tidewater Marine. Mike Meegan had the newly minted HSA Burgee (see center image in collage below) made and offered it for sale. Contact [Mike](#) to buy yours for only \$30, then fly it with pride!

The party took place at the Naval Annex, Annapolis; Greenbury Point, Severn River, a great facility and location. If you missed it this year, be sure to mark your calendar next March! Keep the tradition going. It began in the mid-1980s when a yacht yard employee, tired of winter days, stripped off his stinky socks, grabbed a beer, and set the socks alight, to dreams of warmer days ahead.





There were even more members than this at the Shipwreck Party- some were camera shy, some were late.

From the Past

Feedback from our readers: In our last issue, we cited one of the most complete springtime commissioning checklists we have ever seen and repeated a number of the items from the four-page list published in a 1992 issue of *The Log*. One of the items was “Inspect running and anchoring lights; replace all bulbs keeping old ones for spares.” Pete of *Moonstruck* pointed out that annual light replacement for all recreational boats is ludicrous. Inspect your lights at the beginning of each season and anytime you expect to operate in reduced visibility. Keep spare bulbs aboard so if a bulb burns out you immediately have a replacement. Pete’s right, annual replacement would be ludicrous.

Required Safety Gear Our April 2003 issue of *The Log* reported

“... the operator of each self-propelled vessel 12 [meters] or more in length shall carry on board and maintain for ready reference a copy of the Inland Navigation Rules.” (Source 33CFR §88.05) Hence, club members with h40s [2012 update, Hunter 39’s] and larger boats need a copy of the Rules to get their Coast Guard Auxiliary Courtesy Inspection stickers. Having a copy of the official International and Inland Navigation Rules on board is a good idea for smaller boat owners as well.

Your editor had the perception that the club has migrated to bigger and bigger boats. In 2003 22 of our 77 boats were 12 meters in length or longer. Today we again have 77 members but only 19 who have to worry about the 12-meter rule. For those 19, remember vessels 12 meters and longer are also required to have a bell with at least a four inch mouth and a trash disposal plan aboard. Something we are all required to have is up-to-date visual distress signals.

Regardless of your boat’s length, check the expiration date on your flares before you leave the dock this spring.

Upside down blueberry pancakes

The Stiffers of *Puppy Luv* submitted this recipe for breakfast aboard to the *HSA-1 First Edition Cookbook* published in 1994.

- 1 Cup pancake mix
- 2 Tablespoons butter
- 1 16 oz. can of blueberries, well drained

Prepare pancake mix according to directions. In 10 inch pie plate melt butter. Spoon berries on bottom of pie plate. Pour batter on top.

Bake 18-25 minutes @ 350 degrees or until top springs back. Serve with syrup. Serves four.

Hey, your Hunter has an oven. Especially on a cool spring day use it and enjoy some pancakes. Of course, you want to buy “complete” pancake mix so all you need is mix, water, butter and berries. *Bon Appétit!*