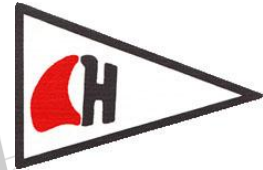


# Hunter Sailing Association #1



# The Log



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## Editor’s Notes:

Where has the summer gone? Our only remaining on-water HSA-1 event will be the somewhat impromptu Commodore’s Cruise.

While not a club event *per se*, the Annapolis Hospice Cup Regatta is September 20<sup>th</sup>. There are several ways you can support this worthy cause.

Peruse this issue for photos of our summer events. If you were part of them, we know you will be out again next year. We had many outstanding sails and tons of fun.

Mark your calendars for the October 9-13 Boat Show, November 16 Annual Meeting and Awards Ceremony, and December 13 Parade of Lights Party.

See ya there,

*Carl Reitz,*  
Editor



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

## *HSA-1 2014 Officers*



<b>Commodore</b>	Helen Kelley	<b>Immediate Past Commodore</b>	Mike Crothers
<b>Vice Commodore</b>	John Knisley	<b>Membership Chair</b>	Sue Reitz
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<b>Treasurer</b>	Mike Meegan	<b>Photographer</b>	Toni Knisley

## *Fall 2014 Calendar*

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
Saturday, Sept 20	Hospice Cup Regatta & Poker Run	Annapolis, MD
October 9 - 13	United States Sail Boat Show	Annapolis, MD
Sunday, Nov. 16	Annual Meeting & Awards Ceremony	We'll announce it soon.
Saturday, Dec. 13	Annapolis Parade of Lights	Annapolis Waterfront Marriott

## Fall Events

### Hospice Cup Regatta, Sept 20

Hospice Cup is a charity sailing regatta, raising funds for hospice programs throughout Maryland, Washington, DC and Northern Virginia. Anyone interested in one or more of the four venues might consider reaching out to fellow HSA-1 members so we can group up.

The focus for 2014 funds is bereavement care and support. Participating hospices use funds raised through Hospice Cup to continue to offer quality end-of-life care to patients, their families and friends.



**Hospice Cup Regatta @ Chesapeake Bay**  
Sep 20 @ 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

**Hospice Cup Dinghy Poker Run @ Bert Jabin Yacht Yard**  
Sep 20 @ 1:30 pm – 5:30 pm

**Spectator Boat 2014 @ Catherine Marie**  
Sep 20 @ 1:30 pm – 4:30 pm

**Hospice Cup XXXIII Shore Party @ Bert Jabin Yacht Yard**  
Sep 20 @ 5:00 pm – 9:00 pm

To get to the above list of events, go to [www.hospicecup.org/events/](http://www.hospicecup.org/events/)

### Interested in joining the first ever **Hospice Cup Dinghy Poker Run**?

This is a “RUN”, there are no prizes for speed – it does not matter who is the first to complete the course. It is not a race. This poker run involves using your dinghy to motor between four pre-determined locations to collect a playing card then return to the start location. Once there, all players’ hands are tallied by a judge and recorded. The best five-card stud poker hand is the winner and will receive a Grand Prize and trophy donated by the sponsors.

The start is at Bert Jabin Yacht Yard on Back Creek. Jabin’s (410-268-9667) is offering a slip discount for those participating. The Run also finishes at Jabin’s where the celebration begins at 5:00 pm with the largest Shore Party in Annapolis including food, full bar, live band, silent auction and wine raffle.

Registration is \$50 per player, which includes a Shore Party ticket. You can have as many players in a dinghy as you want. Dinghy riders who do not wish to play can purchase a Shore Party ticket for \$50. Tickets for all other guests are \$85. At the finish of the poker run, you may buy 1 extra card for \$50, which will include one Shore Party ticket.

Registration can be done on-line at [hospicecup.org](http://hospicecup.org) or at the Bert Jabin Yacht Yard start point between 12:30 and 1:30 on the day of the event, Saturday September 20.

### US Sailboat Show, October 9-13

The Annapolis Sailboat show is Oct 9 thru the 14th. This year Marlow-Hunter is giving us space for the HSA Club Booth right on their floating dock. That means we’re right at the boats – and if it rains we stay dry because of their tent! As usual, we will staff our booth so that our enthusiastic membership can explain how much fun we have and solicit new members. If you want to be part of our staff, watch for sign-up sheets coming out soon via *Listserver* email.

There is a Launch Party at Loews Hotel in Annapolis on Thursday from 6:00 to 8:30 after the show. Ken Read, famous American Yachtsman, America’s Cup helmsman and winner of more than 40 assorted sailing championships, will be the featured speaker. Tickets are \$30 to \$35. This includes an appetizer buffet, 2 drinks and entertainment. Let [Commodore Helen](#) know if you are interested as we can purchase tables at the lower cost.

## Commodore's Cruise, Late October

Commodore's cruise – sort of. Plans are moving forward to take Helen & Rich's new Marlow-Hunter, *Pau Hana*, down to Deltaville to winter over. They would be thrilled if club members could travel with them some or all of the way. They will probably go around the 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> week of October. Their tentative plans are to start at Broad Creek on the Magothy with stopovers in Church Creek on South River, the Wye River, Solomons, and the Potomac. Anyone making the trip will see some beautiful fall leaf colors. Touch base with [Commodore Helen](#) if you have an interest in knowing more details.

## Annual Meeting, November 16

Our Annual Meeting and Awards Ceremony is Sunday, November 16 at noon. This is the only meeting the club conducts during the year and it is much more fun than the stereotypical corporate business meeting. We precede lunch with a no-host happy hour. What else would you expect from a gang that largely sails so they can have happy hours?

More than just a meeting, this gathering highlights the fun we've had over the past sailing season and recognizes the prestigious Member of the Year and Sailor of the Year. Your editor is waiting with baited breath to find which members get recognized this year. Did you know that in addition to awarding the prestigious awards and electing officers we also award a door prize? All you have to do is show up to be eligible for the door prize.

Our Commodore and Vice Commodore are investigating just which of the many restaurants in the heart of our cruising ground have the best chow. As soon as they have nailed down their choice, you will receive word via *Listserver* email.

- If anyone is interested in taking a more active role in club leadership (or in learning more about what some positions entail) please discuss with [Commodore Helen](#) or [Vice Commodore John](#).



## Parade of Lights Gala, December 13

Save the date!



Photos from our 2103 Parade of Lights Gala

As always, we wrap up our year with the Annapolis in-water Parade of Lights. No we're not in the water, the spectacularly lighted boats are in the water while we party in our warm two-room suite and look out the window at the boats. Of course we are right there, so as you wish you can duck out and get up close and personal with the floats then come back in to warm friendship in the warm suite.

A combination of club supplied and pot luck refreshments along with sailing memories and sailing plans complete the gala evening.

## Maneuvering Hints

In addition to being a Marlow-Hunter dealer, Norton Yacht Sales publishes some sage sailing tips. They recommend that you only attempt sailing when you have had a proper education and stress that the most important thing when sailing is safety.

One of their articles gives tips on maneuvering our boats under power. Whether you are an old salt or are brand new to sailing, follow this link, [nortonyachts.com/maneuvering-a-sailboat-power/](http://nortonyachts.com/maneuvering-a-sailboat-power/), and review how to handle your boat under power.

Remember every boat handles differently. Your editor has had a new boat for sixteen months now and is still getting used to differences from the old boat that he spent sixteen years getting used to. One difference is that his new Marlow-Hunter has a saildrive and the boat walks to starboard instead of walking to port.

## Towing vs. Salvage

The current (AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2014) issue of BoatU.S. Magazine has an article discussing disputes about determining what the fair and reasonable value of salvage is. Getting rescued when your boat is in peril is stressful enough. The BoatUS Salvage Arbitration Plan appears to be a good way to minimize the stress of the cost when you need more than a simple tow. Learn about salvage vs. towing at [boatus.com/towing/salvage.asp](http://boatus.com/towing/salvage.asp).



Speaking of BoatUS, if you are an HSA member you can use the HSA Group ID GA80192S to save 50% on your BoatUS membership. Just mark your membership or renewal application with that Group ID Number.



## Grandkids

Rich and Commodore Helen felt a true sense of accomplishment when they wore out their grandchildren sailing *Pau Hana*, their new Marlow-Hunter 37.

## Crabfeast Wrap-Up

The club owes a deep debt of gratitude to Mike and Tina Meegan and Tina's parents, Carl and Mary Ellen Whitcraft, for again hosting our club Crabfeast at the community building that Tina's dad built on Saltworks Creek.



Besides Mike and Tina's *Enavigare*, *Second Option*, *Windrose*, *Mood Swings*, *Stargazer* and *Canvas Caper* came by boat. Driving to the event were *Pau Hana*, *Hoosier Lady*, *Realization*, *Eternity*, and *Desert Star*. Nearly thirty people!

This year the crabs seemed bigger than ever and as sweet as always. For the non-crab eaters we had barbeque and more side dishes than you could shake a stick, or a crab mallet, at. For us ice cream lovers the *coup de gras* was Vice Commodore John's homemade vanilla with assorted toppings.



A few members turned the Crabfeast into a four or five day weekend. *Second Option* and *Windrose* took advantage of two days of SE winds to come north then had two days of NE going back down to Solomons.



Jim of *Realization* won the raffle prize.



One of the neighbors shot this photo of the boats before *Canvas Caper* arrived and rafted next to *Stargazer*, the blue hull on the T-head. Although the water looks murky in the picture, it was a beautiful thing when our beautiful women took a refreshing swim on a hot afternoon. Like so many hot summer days, we had quick-moving storms after the party. They cooled things off and made for a good night's sleep.



*Stargazer* joined *Windrose* and *Second Option* on Sunday then had a two day slog into fresh NE breezes to get back up the Severn. The only mystery of the weekend was if *Stargazer* or *Windrose* was the faster boat on Sunday's 4½ hour sail to below Sharps Island.



On Sunday night *Stargazer*, *Second Option* and *Windrose* were treated to a beautiful happy hour sunset and peaceful night while anchored at Hudson Creek on the Little Choptank

We're all already looking forward to an encore of the Crabfeast next season.

## *Pool Party Wrap-Up*

HSA sailed into the Annapolis Landing Marina for a cookout and pool party on July 25<sup>th</sup>. Fleet Captain Mark and his wife Jeanne coordinated our coming and going with the marina. A dip in the pool before, after, or even during dinner was a great lure for a summer day. The pot luck cookout satiated every member's appetite. For this event the weather cooperated nicely, without even any threat of nasty winds or precipitation.



Rick, Fleet Captain Mark and Commodore Helen

## Baseball Wrap-Up

By Linda Frix, *Canvas Caper*



August 2<sup>nd</sup> saw HSA-1 members come together to enjoy an evening in Oriole Park at Camden Yards. If you are an Oriole fan, the game didn't turn out the way you would have liked, but the weekend...well that was a different story.



In spite of the threatening weather forecasts for both Saturday and Sunday, the only rain came while we slept Saturday night. The overcast, cloudy skies both days, with the sun occasionally peeking out for a brief visit, kept the temperature in the comfortable zone. A breeze hovering around ten-knots made for some decent sailing to Baltimore on Saturday, while motoring seemed to be the best means of propulsion on Sunday. After enjoying each other's company during happy hour at the marina (thanks to *Dreamboat* for being the happy hour host boat), we walked up to Camden Yards to enjoy an evening at the ballpark.



Coming by boat were

Jill & Bruce on *Dreamboat*,  
Helen & Rick and their guests on *Pau Hana*, and  
Linda & Andy and their guests on *Canvas Caper*.

Those who came by car were

Tina & Mike (*Enavigare*),  
Joelle & Mark (*Daruma*),  
Tim and his guest (*Pier Pressure*),  
Sharon & Dan (*Red Sky*),  
Pam & Bob and Greg (*Stargazer*) and  
Theresa & Randy from NSHSA.



If you weren't there, you missed a good time...maybe next year!

# Independence Day Raft-Up Wrap-Up

By Mike Meegan, *Enavigare*



Our July 4<sup>th</sup> Raft-Up was planned for La Trappe Creek near Cambridge. Seven boats had confirmed attending.

As *Enavigare* headed south out of Annapolis on July 3<sup>rd</sup>, and the Hurricane Arthur driven storm headed north, cancellations started coming in. (It should be noted *Enavigare* only saw three sailboats between Annapolis and Knapp's Narrows that day.) As the winds got to the upper teens, *Enavigare* decided to stop at Knapp's Narrows Marina. There was plenty of space available; they too had cancellations. Hank and Jan in *Octavia* were already at the Cambridge Yacht Club and decided to stay there.

On July 4<sup>th</sup> the winds were in the upper 20's and it was early afternoon before the first sailboat went through the Narrows. The next one, coming in from the west, was aground for almost two hours. Folks at the Marina said the tide was the lowest they saw in many years.

*Enavigare* decided to stay another night; meanwhile Mark and Joelle in *Daruma* left Annapolis for weather trials, made a fast trip around the bottom of Tilghman Island and motored up to Dun Cove. July 5<sup>th</sup> morning *Enavigare* joined *Daruma* in San Domingo Creek. *Mood Swings* arrived in the afternoon and we had a fireworks raft-up after all.



## Sailstice Raft-Up Wrap-Up

When you want a weather forecast for the Eastern Shore, go to an Eastern Shore TV station. Most of the weather forecasts for the weekend of the Sailstice were dreary. WBOC from Salisbury predicted a mostly clear weekend with scattered showers on Saturday morning. They were right. The HSA boats that participated in the International Sailstice Celebration all had a great time with decent weather.

*Stargazer* and *Windrose* both managed to get underway on Friday. *Stargazer* sailed from Baltimore to Annapolis where Greg hooked up with Mark and Joelle of *Daruma*. Carl and Sue slogged *Windrose* from Solomons into a north wind and stopped at the Little Choptank River.

Saturday morning's drizzle dampened *Stargazer's*, *Daruma's* and *Desert Star's* decks but not their spirits. *Windrose*, coming from the south, had a dry, smooth sail. By happy hour *Zum Wohl* was on the scene delivering T-shirts commemorating the International Sailstice Celebration. *Daruma* and *Desert Star* are both catamarans, so those two boats have four hulls between them. That means there were more catamaran hulls (four) than Hunter hulls (three) at the Hunter Raft-Up.



Sadly, Raft Captain Rick (*Mood Swings*) and Past Commodore Will (*Natural Magic*) both had problems that would have had their bilge pumps running the whole time if they had joined us. Add to that Commodore Helen and Rich's new boat (*Pau Hana*) getting some finishing touches at the dealer's and we were just maintenance issues away from having eight boats for our Sailstice Celebration Raft-Up at Dun Cove.

Catamarans are great things for hosting large numbers of people. We had 14 (the four youngest were partying in the cockpit when they shot this photo) on *Daruma* for Saturday happy hour and everyone came aboard *Desert Star* for salmon, fruit, bagels and Bonnie's homemade cream cheese for Sunday brunch.



*Stargazer*, *Zum Wohl* and *Windrose* managed to stretch the Sailbration by sailing to other locations and spending Sunday night on the hook.

Ivan and Marlene sailed *Victoria* up the Patuxent River and anchored overnight to join the Sailstice celebration there and watched the ships of The Star-Spangled Celebration Tall Ship Invasion; *The Pride of Baltimore*, *Kalmar Nyckel*, *Sultana*, and *The Maryland Dove*.



*The Pride of Baltimore and Kalmar Nyckel*

## Follow Our Cruisers

We have at least three boats in the club that are liveaboards and are posting blogs about their travels. These three are all an important part of HSA history. We can vicariously sail along with them from Maine to the Bahamas with just a click. To our friends posting the blogs:  
*Fair Winds and Following Seas!*

Mike Crothers, our Immediate Past Commodore, and his wife Sharon were in Maine when they last posted on [sailblogs.com/member/monarch2014](http://sailblogs.com/member/monarch2014). We are showing their Hunter 40, *Monarch*, in this iconic photo by Minnie Gallman.



Past Commodore Mark and Joelle retired and moved aboard this year. After being Commodore, Mark was club Secretary for a couple of years. Later Joelle was Vice Commodore, General Chair of a Hunter Rendezvous or two, and Member of the Year. Of course in those days they sailed a Hunter, *Tequila*. Fifteen years later, they are still active. Joelle was key to the Membership Committee this year. At our Memorial Day raft-up they were still putting finishing touches, like the anchor bridle, on their Lagoon 410, *Daruma*. Follow them on [svdaruma.com](http://svdaruma.com).



Former Fleet Captain Bill and former Activities Chair and Member of the Year Terri (they were jointly Sailor of the Year in 2001) have been living aboard *Second Option* since they retired in 2012. The photo is them crossing from Cat Island to Little San Salvador during their second winter in the Islands of the Bahamas. Later this month they are leaving for their third season the Bahamas. Follow them on [svsecondoption.com](http://svsecondoption.com).

