



The Log



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Commodore's Corner

Well, the summer is just sailing by and I hope you are handling it by sailing.

We are just heading back home from our last warranty checkup. Hard to believe we have *Pau Hana* a year already.

We always manage to have interesting trips; this one is no exception. With two days left to go, we took our dog Stormy for his nightly. Stormy managed to get sprayed by a skunk. Ever have a big skunked dog on board? We do not advise it. After three baths he still had to sleep in the cockpit.

Today we would normally complain about motoring straight into the wind. Instead we are happy it is blowing the stench out of the cockpit.

The club has been nicely active. We missed the last two events, night sail and pirate's weekend, because of work travel but it sounds like they were a lot of fun.

We'll be at the upcoming pool party and the crab feast. Sure hope to see several of you there and to hear of your on the water summer adventures.

Be active, your club needs you.



Now this is what we should be smelling:

*Hark, now hear the sailors cry
Smell the sea, and feel the sky
Let your soul and spirit fly
Into the mystic*

— Van Morrison

Let your spirits fly,
Commodore Helen

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Editor’s Notes:

It’s August already. Many of us have enjoyed some of our HSA1 events, although a season never goes by without wishing we had been out on the boat more times.

This issue of *The Log* promotes our August 21st to 23rd Pool Party weekend and our September 12th Crab Feast. September 12, 1978 is the date we incorporated as the first Hunter Sailing Association, so it is an anniversary party as well as what is usually our biggest land-sea event of the year.

This issue also wraps up our last six events. They were a blast.

See ya on the water,

Carl Reitz,
 Editor



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

Welcome New Members

We are happy to introduce our newest members and hope to see them at an upcoming club event. Offer them a warm welcome when you meet them.

Kim & Tony	<i>MoonShadow</i>	1989 Hunter 27	Cypress Creek, Severna Park
Kelly & Graciela	<i>BOOM</i>	1978 Cherribini 27	Maryland Marina, Middle River, MD

HSA-1 2015 Officers



Commodore	Helen Kelley	Immediate Past Commodore	Mike Crothers
Vice Commodore	John Knisley	Membership Chair	Sue Reitz
Fleet Captain	Vacant	Webmaster	Tim Cossairt
Secretary	Lois White	Newsletter Editor	Carl Reitz
Treasurer	Mike Meegan	Photographer	Toni Knisley

Health Benefits of Sailing

Member Millie Morris (*Irish Fever*, Portsmouth, VA) posted this link, <http://healthfitnessrevolution.com/health-benefits-sailing/>, on her Facebook page. Check it out. Benefits of sailing include:

- Muscle Strength and Endurance
- Cardiovascular Fitness
- Mental Wellness and Peace
- Relaxation
- Agility
- Concentration
- Communication

Forget the gym and the yoga session – go sailin'!

2015 Calendar of Events

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
Sunday Feb 7	HSA Station #1 Winter Brunch: Medical Underway Emergencies	Bay Room, Greenbury Pt
Saturday Mar 21	Shipwreck Party and Sock Burning	Kent Island Yacht Club
Saturday April 18	Spring Forward Raft-Up	Pirate's Cove, West River
April 24-26	Annapolis Spring Sailboat Show	Annapolis
May 24-26	Memorial Day Raft-Up	Shaw Bay to Hunting Creek
Saturday June 13	Flag Day Raft-Up	Dun Cove, Choptank River
June 14-21	Commodore's Cruise	Mid-north Chesapeake
June 20-21	Summer Sailstice Raft-Up	Deep Creek, Magothy River
Saturday Jul 11	Orioles vs Nats, Inner Harbor Marina	Baltimore
Friday July 31	Blue Moon Night Sail	Annapolis to Dobbins Island
August 1-2	Post Night Sail Raft-Up	Dobbins Island
August 7-9	Pirates & Wenches Weekend	Rock Hall
August 21-23	Pool Party	Herrington Harbour South
Saturday Sept 12	Crab Fest	Saltwork Creek
October 8-12	United States Sail Boat Show	Annapolis
November TBA	Annual Meeting	Deep Creek Restaurant
Saturday Dec 12	Annapolis Parade of Lights	Annapolis Waterfront Marriott

We have an exciting year of both on-water and land events. A few members work hard to plan and organize these events. A good turnout by members to participate in and enjoy the events is the only reward the planners and organizers receive.

Come out and enjoy as many of our events as you can!

Pool Party

Friday - Sunday August 21 - 23, 2015

Herrington Harbor South



Hosted by Raft Captain Tim and Tammy Cossairt

As we prepare this newsletter summer is in full swing.

If you haven't already, book your slip for the HSA Station #1 Annual Pool Party. Herrington Harbour South, located in Friendship, MD, is the site for this year's party.

Slips are available on a first-come-first-served basis.

Contact Herrington Harbour at (410) 741-5100 ext. 120 and tell them you are with the Hunter Sailing Association Station #1 when booking your reservation.

Amenities at Herrington Harbour South Marina include:

- Family oriented resort with everything a recreational boater could desire
- Olympic Size Pool and Kiddie Pool
- Playground and Picnic Areas with Grills
- Clean, air conditioned bath and laundry facilities
- Lounge on Herrington Harbour's private beaches

[Click here](#) for Marina Information, Driving Directions and to RSVP

A potluck cookout is planned Saturday night with Happy Hour starting at 1700.

Bring your own main dish and an app, salad or desert to share.

Grills are available as is lots of hang time to relax under the stars (no guarantees).

So come by land or by sea and have a great weekend with HSA-1!!!

HSA1

Will celebrate it's

"37th" birthday on Saturday,
September 12th
at our annual

CRAB FEAST!



Mike & Tina will be hosting this popular event beginning at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 12th at the Severn Grove Association Clubhouse on Saltworks Creek off of the Severn River.

HSA-1 will provide the crabs and the complementing condiments, plates, utensils, paper towels, beer, water, soft drinks and a "Birthday Cake".

**Cost: \$10.00 per member
\$20.00 per guest**

RSVP no later than Monday, August 31st at www.hsa1.org
so that we have the right number of crabs and beverages.
Please indicate if you are a crab or non-crab eater.
Payment by PayPal on our website or by cash on day of the event.

Please bring a dish to share as follows:

**Last Names: A - D
Last Names: E - N
Last Names: O - Z**

**Appetizer
Casserole or Salad
Dessert**

Directions to the Severn Grove Association Clubhouse are on the attached page.

Directions to Severn Grove Clubhouse

Sailing Instructions:

Sail up the Severn to Saltworks Creek (**39° 00' 51" N, 078° 31' 27' W**) anchor out and then go ashore to the crab feast.

Anchor in the creek and dinghy in. No dinghy? We will do water taxi service. Also, if coming by boat, contact Mike or Tina to discuss possible dock space available or rafting together at the dock. We can also provide those coming by water with additional directions to the clubhouse and pier.

Driving directions to the clubhouse:

If coming from Rowe Boulevard to Bestgate Road, turn right onto Severn Grove Road (directly opposite the road to Anne Arundel Medical Center).

If coming from Generals Highway to Bestgate Road, turn left onto Severn Grove Road.

Sunrise Assisted Living is on one side and a church on the other.

Go approximately .6 of a mile and turn left onto Severn Drive.

Continue approximately .2 of a mile and turn right onto paved road. There is a wood sign "Severn Grove Association".

Follow to end to clubhouse and parking.

Contact Info for lost or confused:

Mike: 703-447-9110

Tina" 703-447-9108

**HSA-1
was incorporated on
September 12, 1978
and still going strong today in 2015.
Help us celebrate 37 years of great sailing and great friendships.**

Watch Other Boats When Fueling

An owner of a Hunter 356 has an interesting – and surprising – incident to share with us. Here is his account of it. We're adding his takeaway recommendation to the standard operating procedure on *WindRose*. **If you are at a fuel dock and the boat behind you is running her engine, you have a problem.**

Of course every good seamanship reference tells us to shut down our engines while fueling. The guy who continued to run his engine while gassing up certainly needs some lessons in seamanship – maybe a Power Squadron or Coast Guard Auxiliary basic boating course.

The engine was running normally when we pulled up to the gas dock. After we finished dieseling up and were waiting to pay the fuel attendant, a big power boat pulled up behind our boat and stopped with his stern facing our stern, and a second fuel attendant proceeded to gas him up without him shutting down his two big engines or taking them out of forward gear so that there was a constant wash of sea water flowing from his stern to our stern, about four feet away. I thought nothing of it at the time.

When I tried to start the engine it turned maybe one half of a revolution and stopped, with no further action or sound when pushing the start button. After trying everything I could think of, the engine still would not turn. I had two choices; sail for the weekend without an engine or call for a tow. I called for a tow.

A day later the admiral solved the mystery. She thought that the backwash might have sent water up our exhaust opening in the hull and wondered whether that water could have ended up in the engine!!!! When I thought about it the answer was a clear yes.

The exhaust hose from the mixing elbow goes down to the muffler and then aft, rising gently about a foot and a half, and then down to the hull exit opening which is set at a 45 degree angle to the vertical. Thus the backwash could have sent water up the hose, then down and through the muffler, and then up to the mixing elbow, and since the high part of the hose run is higher than the mixing elbow the water could readily have flooded the muffler and then flown right into one or more cylinders, in spurts if not in a steady flow. That would account for the sudden freezing of the engine while at the gas dock.

My great admiration of my dear wife rose even higher as a result of her insight.

One takeaway is that if I ever again get into a situation where a power boat behind me sends sea water washing toward the stern of my boat I will either start my engine right away and run it at moderately high speed in neutral to prevent the flooding, or cover the exhaust hull opening with a plate if I can find one and position it adequately.



Just a word to the wise—freak things like that do occur when you least expect them.

Flag Day Raft-Up Wrap-Up

By Peg Daw

Flag Day kicked off the *Commodore's Cruise Week*. Raft Captain Rick and Peg on *Mood Swings* were joined by *Dreamboat* (Bruce and Jill) and *Pau Hana* (Rich, Helen and their golden retriever, Stormy) in Dun Cove off Harris Creek on Saturday, June 13th.

A swim, mixed with some dog shuttling and decorating in red, white and blue preceded happy hour. We swam and noodled in perfect temperature, clear waters and with NO jellies.

The swim was perfect, but the weather forecast wasn't so perfect. After hearing the forecast, at the last minute some of our sailors decided not to come because of the threat of severe storms mixed with the hot sticky weather. Yes, it did rain, thunder and lightning at about 2 am, but it passed over with little more than a closing of the hatches and some bumpy waters. Our anchors held fine and the next day we started off early to see if before joining the *Commodore's Cruise* we could catch any sight of the tall ship *L' Hermione* coming up the Bay.



Thank you Captain Rick, and thanks to Peg for the wrap-up.



Commodore's Cruise Wrap-Up

Linking Flag Day Raft-Up and Sailstice Party

Commodore Helen planned the *Commodore's Cruise* to give the participants a lot of flexibility. Read on to learn how much we flexed from her itinerary. The cruise started at the conclusion of the Flag Day Raft-Up. *Pau Hana* with Helen and Rich and *Mood Swings* with Rick and Peg sailed across the Bay from Dun Cove to Whitehall Bay where they were met by *Windrose* coming up from Solomons with Carl and Sue.

As the fleet of three entered Whitehall Creek they got their first taste of Chesapeake summer weather. No sooner did they get anchored than the hot afternoon temperatures plummeted – of course because of the afternoon thunderstorm. After that storm passed, Captain Rick picked up all of us in *Mood Swings* and ferried us to Cantler's Crab House. We were treated to a full, double rainbow as we enjoyed good food and wonderful camaraderie.



The next morning we were treated to a perfect breeze to take us north. *Pau Hana* headed directly to Rock Hall, as planned. *Mood Swings* swung by Annapolis to get a look at the French square rigger *L'Herminette* then sailed on to Rock Hall. *Windrose* turned off into the Patapsco on a mission to join a family picnic and excursion to see the Phillies play the O's in Baltimore. So on the first day we were already flexing Helen's plans. Stifling weather, job commitments and visits with friends kept the fleet from growing. Finally the last night of the cruise, *Pau Hana* and *Windrose* rejoined for a dinner ashore at Cheshire Crab on Bodkin Creek.

From Bodkin Creek we sailed to Deep Creek for the Sailstice Celebration at Kelley's.



L'Herminette is a reproduction of the Concorde class frigate of the French Navy. *Mood Swings* swung by Annapolis to see her and *Windrose* passed her by the Key Bridge. *L'Herminette* became famous for ferrying General Lafayette to the United States in 1780 to support us in the Revolutionary War.

Salistice Celebration Wrap-Up



Our Salistice Celebration at Rich and Helen Kelley's home on Deep Creek was one of the biggest HSA1 parties of the season. Three boats, *Pau Hana*, *Stargazer* and *Windrose* sailed there to be joined by the crews of *Melanna*, *Realization*, *Mood Swings*, *A Parrot Wind*, *Monarch*, *Daruma*, and guests of the Kelleys. While Helen and Rich may have expected the party to be outside, their air conditioning lured most of the club inside, venturing out from time to time to attend to the grill or find another cold drink in the cooler.

After all of the land travelers departed, NOAA announced a tornado warning for the area. *Windrose* and *Stargazer* were

rafted together and decided to start their engines and be ready to break the raft quickly if the severe weather found them. Luckily the wind stayed below 30 knots and although the raft swung full circle, they did just fine.



Thank you Helen & Rich



Baseball Raft-Up Wrap-Up

By Linda Frix

July 11th found 26 members and guests making their way to Baltimore for HSA-1's annual "Baseball Raft". This year's event featured the "battle of the beltway", as the Washington Nationals and the Baltimore Orioles took to the field at Camden Yards to compete for bragging rights.

Some came by boat and some by car, and a good time was had by all. Joining in the fun were Helen, Rich and guests (*Pau Hana*), Greg and Stella (*Stargazer*), Toni, John and guests (*Hoosier Lady*), Sandy and Wayne (*Sandy Jay*), Tina and Mike (*Enavigare*), Sharon and Mike (*Monarch*), Tim and guest (*Pier Pressure*) and Linda, Andy and guests (*Canvas Caper*).

After getting together for happy hour on *Enavigare* (thanks, Tina and Mike for your hospitality), the marina gang headed off on the 15-minute walk from The Baltimore Marine Center Inner Harbor to the ball park, where they met up with others who had come by car. It was a good game, especially for the Nats fans, as the Nats won 7 – 4.

We always seem to worry about the weather when we plan outdoor activities, but it cooperated this year. The rain that had been threatened earlier in the week did not materialize, and the temperature and humidity were much nicer than they have been of late. A little more breeze for sailing to and from Baltimore would have been appreciated, but as they say, "any day on the water is better than a day at work!"



Thanks to Linda for organizing the event and writing the wrap-up. She's a Nats fan; the score had her smile even wider than usual.



Blue Moon Night Sail Wrap-Up



Stargazer, Enavigare, Mood Swings and Mission Impossible met in the mouth of the Severn River at sunset on the night of the July blue moon. For those who missed that definition, a blue moon is the second full moon of the month. It's uncommon enough to have given rise to the phrase "once in a blue moon."

The next blue moons will be in January and March of 2018. There will be another in October 2020. January, March and the last day of October are usually colder than we plan HSA1 raft-ups, so suffice it to say, it will be a long, long time until we have another blue moon sail.

Getting back to our wrap-up, the four boats sailed under the Bay Bridge to the Magothy River and rafted up behind the "1" light by Dobbins Island. *Dreamboat* sailed over from the Eastern Shore and anchored nearby.



We won't get into just whose anchor slipped, but the raft dragged. Suffice it to say all's well that ends well and on Saturday morning most of the boats moved beyond the "4" light to Eagle's Cove by The Horse Farm. Interestingly enough, neither of these names appear on nautical charts.



Saturday turned out to be a laid back day, what with a total of two miles of travel. Raft Captain Greg treated the group to Blue Moon Margaritas and all shared snacks at happy hour.



Greg's was flying his new toy, a quad-rotor drone named "Sparkle", taking video of the raft-up when Sparkle splashed to its watery grave. He vowed to log more flying time before again operating his drone over water.

We can criticize Greg's flying, but not his hosting of this rare event – the Blue Moon Night Sail. Thank you Greg.



Mood Swings sailing past Sandy Point Light on the way home.

Photo by Jennifer Casey Photography

Pirates Weekend Wrap-Up

The three day *Pirates and Wenches Fantasy Weekend* at Rock Hall was reminiscent of a college party – the fun just went on, and on, and on. *Windrose, Zum Wohl, Melanna, Pier Pressure, and Stargazer* arrived throughout the afternoon on Friday.

When happy hour aboard *Zum Wohl* grew to happy two-hours, we were able to push our dinner reservations at Harbor Shack to a later time. It took a while, but they finally seated all 14 of us at the same table.

Good chow!

There's a long story about an outboard that quit on the way to Harbor Shack and the land shuttle back to The Sailing Emporium ...

We'll spare you that story.



There was a lot going on in Rock Hall. Three separate venues including a beach party and a whole section for kids. *Stargazer* competed in the dinghy poker run and *Windrose* had a six-year old in their crew who loved the kids' venue almost as much as he loved water balloons.



After trips to town and a dip in the pool we shared our pirates' booty at a pot luck dinner in Sailing Emporium's picnic grove on Saturday.

And of course there were pirate and wench costumes.

Thanks to Tim and Tammy for organizing this fun weekend!



