



The Portlight

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Rosemary Volosin,
 NSHSA Historian

MARK THY CALENDAR

22-23 April
Marine Store Grand Opening
 Tidewater, HdG

29-30 April
Joint NSHSA-HSA#1
 Bodkin Creek

6-7 May
Volvo Re-Start
 Whitehall Creek

27-29 May
Memorial Day Weekend
 Worton Creek

MICHAEL IS SOLD!
 What else can one say?

WE MET TO TALK ABOUT THE PLAN FOR 2006

BY JAY EATON

Requested member actions are identified by RED text.

At 1500 hours following early socializing, Commodore Steve Hornberger



called the annual spring planning meeting of the NSHSA membership to order. Secretary Kent Volosin called the roll, and the following members were counted as present: Earl Greene and his girls, Hannah & Danielle (*Adventure Bound*), Joe & Sue Cameron (*Aquila*), Terry & Marilyn Eben (*Bella Vento*), Bill & Melanie Fowler (*Callisto*), Chris & Debbie Schultz (*Carpe Ventum*), Bob Holmes & Judy Horne (*Dolphin*), Kent & Rosemary Volosin (*Fleeting Glimpse*), Wolf & Maria Milz (*Mosella*), Jay & Carol Eaton (*Nevermore*), Tom Powers (*Oasis*), Tom & Esther Barron (*Off the*

Charts), Sig & Patricia Jensen (*Second Wind*), Steve & Mary & Grace Hornberger (*Sun Runner*), Bruce & June Robinson (*Timothy James*), Eddie & Debbie Sabol (*Tomorrow Came*) introduced as new



members, and Garry & Catherine Johnson (*Windkist 4*).

The 2006 budget prepared by Purser Linda Ubelacker was submitted to the membership and approved. It was noted that there is a financial problem created by the need to purchase Officers and Directors Liability Insurance. Steve discussed this issue at length with the members, who in the end had to reluctantly accept the requirement. This discussion is presented in the Commodore's Corner. CBYCA Delegate Tom Powers reported that most of the member clubs have not dealt

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Commodore's Corner

By Steve Hornberger



The Season.

Welcome to the 2006 Sailing Season and the adventures this year will bring. The schedule is ready and so are the people who have volunteered to be raft and cruise leaders. Come out, bring your crews, and boats for another season of fun in the sun.

This winter was a busy one for the club leadership. As you might remember last July, Boat/US published an article about liability insurance for recreational boating organizations. So, the leadership of our club spent a good deal of time researching and discussing the eventual purchase of our club's insurance coverage. More on that follows.

Let us all make the 2006 Sailing Season be our season to refresh ourselves on safety while sailing. Bill Fowler is putting together a fantastic safety program for the club. His articles will be appearing in the Portlight regularly. Also, don't forget to ask a member of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary to inspect your boat to make sure you have all of the safety equipment you need. These inspections are free and very educational.

Again, welcome to the 2006 sailing season. Check out the schedule frequently, volunteer your time to lead a cruise or raft-up, and come out to have fun. See you on the water.

Why Insurance?

Safety on the water is always a must. Sailing is an inherently dangerous sport, as is all boating activities. And, we all have experienced the more interesting incidents that take place on the water every day.

In the article that Boat/US published in their July 2005 magazine, they pointed out the need for liability insurance, both as a boat owner and as a club. In today's litigious society it just makes good sense that we invested in insurance coverage for the club and its officers and directors.

As we researched our options, we turned to CBYCA, who was struggling with the same issue. But, like people, each club is unique and the market for club insurance is limited.

Some of us are business owners and executives who have had the experience of dealing with potential lawsuits, be they legitimate or not. Lawsuits can come for just about anything at any time. Our club does involve itself in activities that could expose us to such legal activities.

We engage in an inherently dangerous sport in an inherently dangerous environment. We serve and consume alcohol at activities and events. And, we all have seen the behaviors of other boaters, drivers, and so forth.

If the club or one of its leaders, and this includes raft and cruise captains, is named in a lawsuit, it generally will cost more than \$5,000 just to be removed from a lawsuit if innocent of any wrongdoing. If the club or one of its leaders is at fault, the ramifications can be catastrophic. Without insurance, who would pay for that? Boat owner insurance, homeowners, or other business liability insurances we might have do not typically cover such issues.

Like our cars, our homes, our businesses, and everything else in our lives, insurance is the answer to protecting ourselves from these liabilities. Our club's insurance does cover the officers, committees, and those who volunteer their time to lead cruises and raft-ups, as well as the general liabilities that might occur.

With that awareness of liability beyond the decks of our boats, this whole insurance issue also raises the awareness for safety matters, as well. So, I am asking each member to take the time to inspect the seaworthiness of your vessel, be sure your crew knows where safety and medical equipment is located and how to use it, and check your insurance to determine what it covers and does not cover. Take full advantage of the free services of the Power Squadron and the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, and be sure to read Bill Fowler's articles about safety in the Portlight.

Let us all have a safe and carefree sailing season in 2006.

CONGRATULATIONS, Wayne Morris (*Irish Fever*) and the leadership of the Southern Bay Hunter Sailing Association. They told us at the Rendezvous last year that they would try to start up a club in the Tidewater area (Norfolk) of the Bay, and it appears that they are succeeding. Check out their new website, www.hsa-sb.org.



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with this issue, but he would report back to CBYCA Directors that there should be some urgency transmitted to their member clubs. We hope that most or all the member clubs will determine a need for such insurance and that a group rate will be available to all in the near future. The financial issue was deferred to a future meeting.

Tom Powers also discussed the issue of a Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) terminal at Sparrows Point. He told us that the CBYCA is and will continue to lobby against it on the grounds of safety and the adverse impact on navigation on the upper Bay. Tom also said that many of the Maryland Legislators and the Governor are not in favor of this location. There will be much more to come on this, so **Tom asked everyone to continue to monitor events via the CBYCA website and to write their state representative with their own thoughts on the issue.** [NOTE: To find your Maryland State Representative go to <http://mlis.state.md.us/> on the internet. Ed.] Tom's final remark was about members displaying the CBYCA burgee and/or decal to "show the flag around the Bay." He will report back to us in person or in the Portlight about arrangements to get these materials to NSHSA members and the costs.

Following Tom Powers' remarks, Steve Hornberger commented about the "new" requirement to notify the FAA (tower) at Martin State Airport by telephone if your mast is 37' or higher when transiting on Frog Mortar Creek past the end of the runways. This notice has been posted on the US Coast Guard 5th District Local Notice to Mariners. Anyway, Steve's remarks caused some discussion and speculation about the numbers of telephone calls to be made during any weekend day on the Creek and how that will effect this requirement. [NOTE: This notice did NOT appear in the latest LNM online. I don't know what this means; furthermore, attempts to call the tower on the telephone number provided went unanswered. Ed.]

Other than the insurance issue, the main feature of the meeting was the 2006 Sailing Schedule. A preliminary schedule, developed earlier by the Executive

Committee, had been presented in the Jan/Feb issue of the Portlight and on the website. Hard copies were made available for this meeting. The results of this discussion appear elsewhere in this issue and on the website. The following specifics were added to the existing schedule:

- 29-30 April; a joint raft up with HSA#1 on Bodkin Creek to discuss the Rendezvous 2007.
- 27-29 May; Memorial Day Weekend on Worton



Creek hosted by *Tomorrow Came & Sun Runner*.

- 17-18 June; Safety Raft up hosted by *Callisto*. Activities being considered are man overboard, safety inspections.
- 22-23 July; Beach Party at Tolchester Marina (rain or shine), hosted by *Mosella*.
- 4-6 August; Governor's Cup Race – *Carpe Ventum* will participate. Chris thinks he has enough crew, **but anybody interested should contact Chris directly.**
- 19-20 August; Christmas in August raft, hosted by *Dolphin*.
- ?? September; Fall Cruise to the Choptank hosted by *Sun Runner*.

Joe Cameron reported on his planning for the Block Island Cruise, 17 June to 2 July. Except for the start date on Bohemia River and the objective to return to the Bay by the first weekend in July, everything is flexible and weather dependent. Joe indicated that they might return to the Bay via Hampton Roads. He reported that so far *Aquila* will be the only boat on his cruise; *Carpe Ventum* has planned to go earlier in June and HSA#1 will be going in July. **Anyone interested in cruising to Block Island and back this summer should contact these NSHSA skippers and/or the HSA#1 Commodore directly.**

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Kent Volosin reported on his planning for the Southern Bay Cruise in July. He reported that the only fixed plan was to be at the Tides Inn on the Rappahannock over the 4th of July. He is making slip reservations for those three days, 3-6 July, at the Tides for those interested. Everything else either side of those dates is open for individual or group transit. **Interested members should contact Kent with their plans.**

Jay Eaton reported on the plans for the Annual Picnic at Tidewater the weekend AFTER Labor Day. We have a commitment from Tidewater for free slips Friday and Saturday (8 & 9 Sep) as well as beer and a tent. The theme for the event will be a New England Clambake – it could be Maryland-ized with crab. Because of our financial situation, we asked whether or not members would be willing to pay about \$20/boat for the event. The results of the discussion were positive.

Earl Greene reported that he is working on more joint raft ups with HSA#1. They were a big hit in 2005. He also reminded everyone about his raft up in May on Rock Creek. [Now in June on the Magothy]

Finally, Steve reminded all about other items on the schedule:

- Volvo Ocean Race is coming to Baltimore. *Windkist 4* will be hosting a raft up to coincide with the race re-start on 6 & 7 May.
- Tidewater Open House, typically in May. [Changed to 22 April - See "Mark Thy Calendar" on page 1] **He asked us all to support Tidewater by being there.**
- Labor Day weekend is still an open date for a raft up. **We need a member to commit to host something**

Dear NSHSA Friends,

I'd like to thank all of you for the concern and well wishes sent my way while I was recuperating from my injuries. I never thought that when I fell on November 30th, that I would be out of work for 14 weeks. But a dislocated left elbow and fractured right foot take a while to heal, especially at my age. I'm glad to say that I'm back to work now, and with continuing physical therapy, I hope to be back on the boat by the time the season is in full swing.

Judy Hilmbrand
s/v *Mast Confusion*

that weekend.

- Annual Meeting and Elections will be held on Worton Creek as in 2005.
- Don't forget the annual Annapolis Sailboat Show. It is a great time every year.
- Change of Watch. Earl stated that for now it remains as published, 19 November.

The last items on the meeting agenda were awards presentations by Sail Fleet Captain Joe Cameron and 50/50 drawing. Joe presented



awards to the Clean-Your-Clock Race winners from 2005. Specifically, they were: First Place, *Carpe Ventum*, Chris Schultz, skipper; Second Place, *Windkist 4*, Garry Johnson, skipper; Third Place; and *Contigo*, Frank Tedeschi, skipper. Hannah Greene drew out the winning 50/50 number for Esther Barron, and her winnings nearly paid for dinner.



Most of the members present stayed for dinner and more conversation. The food was good, but the conversation was better.



**BURGEES
FOR SALE**
Contact
Linda Ubelacker
215-364-4018

JOINT NSHSA-HSA#1 Raft Up Bodkin Creek off the Patapsco River

39° 08' N 76° 26' 20"W

Saturday, April 29, 2006

1700 hours



NSHSA Volvo Re-Start Raftup



Celebrate Volvo Racers in the Chesapeake Bay with Windkist!

Saturday May 6

Sunday May 7, 2006

Whitehall Creek, VHF 78

1500

to

1000 hours

Hor D'oeuvres, activities

Leave for Start:

1300 "South of [Chesapeake Bay Bridge](#) near [Thomas Point](#). The Volvo Racers will go north, round a buoy (just south of Bay Bridge), then race back south through the starting line again - which will now be a gate. Then it's down the bay and on to New York. There will be a 5nm long spectator exclusion zone x 2/3 mile wide."



If you don't want to join the crowd at the start, you could go to Annapolis City Dock area activities; see map at <http://www.oceanracechesapeake.org/map-nolan-a2.html> & schedule at <http://www.oceanracechesapeake.org/events05.html>

Break out your Parrot Head gear, and get ready for some Margaritas, Jimmy Buffet, and three days of Kicking back! Memorial Day Weekend

Meet up the afternoon of the 27th on Worton Creek

Pot Luck Bar - B - Que

Not one but two Happy Hours or so!

Dinghy races; Horse Shoes on the Beach; Fishing off the bow

Picnic on the Beach

Your hosts: Tomorrow Came & Sun Runner!

Detailed flyer on our website.



*Do you need to name or rename your boat?
It is bad karma if you don't do it as the gods would have it!*

*Join the Crew of s/v Adventure Bound on the Magothy
for boat naming ceremonies and partake in the fun and enjoyment*

Gather at 1500 hours Saturday June 10, North of Gibson Island on the Magothy!



*Bring A
Dish to
Share!*



DETAILED FLYER ON OUR WEBSITE

A CRUISE TO BLOCK ISLAND

17 JUNE - 2 JULY 2006

CRUISE CAPTAINS: JOE & SUE CAMERON (AQUILA)

PLANNED LAYOVERS AT BLOCK ISLAND & MYSTIC



**AGGRESSIVE TWO WEEK CRUISE
FLEXIBLE SCHEDULE
ALL IDEAS WELCOME
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2006 NSHSA SOUTHERN BAY CRUISE

THE TIDES INN on the RAPPAHANNOCK RIVER

\$3/FOOT/DAY

3 JULY - 6 JULY

FIVE STAR RESORT AMENITIES

Including Tennis, Golf, Swimming

FIREWORKS on THE FOURTH

RSVP to KENT VOLOSIN NOW

[Detailed Flyer on our Website]



Frigid Digit Shakedown

by Chris Schultz, photos by Bill Ubelacker

The crew of *Carpe Ventum* hustled down to the marina at 1400 hours on Saturday April 1st, to be greeted by winds blowing 25 and gusting to 40 knots. After a brief discussion with the captain of *Silent Running* it was decided that we shouldn't pass up an opportunity like this to practice docking, or undocking maneuvers in a high cross wind situation. With a little extra planning and effort both vessel slipped their lines and glided onto the river without incident. We were met out on the water by *Aquila* and preceded to cross the bay to Fairlee Creek. None of the vessels had headsails bent this early in the season and although the main sails were all ready for service discretion won out, and we decided to give the engine a thorough spring shakedown all the way across the bay. An extra knot of speed with bare poles was icing on the cake as we approached the entrance ahead of schedule.

Despite the strong westerly wind, the tide seemed lower than usual as we approached the narrow cut. *Carpe Ventum* never saw less than 6.5 feet as she stayed in the center of the channel. Next up, *Silent Running* found a shallow spot and stopped to admire it for a few seconds before backing up and proceeding around it. Not to be out-done, *Aquila* was able to stop and enjoy two areas of shallow water on her way into the creek. At 1600 hours *Carpe Ventum* dropped the hook and was quickly joined by *Silent Running* and *Aquila*. I checked the GPS to make sure I was in the same Fairlee Creek that typically hosts hundreds of anchored vessels as I counted a grand total of 6 boats in the entire anchorage. Inside the well-protected creek we had a peaceful 10 to 15 knot breeze.

We began our celebration of the new sailing season by sunning ourselves and enjoying a beer on the fore-deck of *Carpe Ventum*. As the sun sank lower and the clouds interfered we moved to the cockpit of *Aquila* to



share some appetizers and cocktails. Time flew by and it soon began to grow dark, so we adjourned to cook dinner. After dinner we gathered together aboard *Silent Running* to

enjoy the movie: "Hitch." After the movie we had the pleasure of seeing thousands of twinkling stars in the crystal clear sky and reflected in the peaceful water. What a day... What a night... and now for the first night in a sea berth in months; it doesn't get any better than this.

Sunday morning dawned clear and bright, and we soon all got to work. We gave each other a hand bending on our respective headsails and attended to some other spring tune-up activities. We



departed the creek on the high tide at 1300 hours and escaped to deep water without incident. The winds started out light and variable, so we tried to coax a little extra speed from the main sail as we began motoring home. In a short time however the southeast winds grew to 10 knots occasionally gusting higher, and we shut off the motor to enjoy a nearly effortless sail home at 5 to 6 knots. A beautiful sunny sail to cap off a great shakedown cruise and all systems are go for a wonderful 2006 sailing season.

If you didn't partake in the Aprils Fools raft-up because you thought it was a joke, then the joke is on you.

CBYCA REPORT Tom Powers

The Maryland legislators have shifted their attention away from the Bay for the moment. The CBYCA will continue to monitor and report Bay issues, including the LNG issue.

The Virginia Court of Appeals has affirmed a critical right of all Virginians to prove in court that the state has failed to protect natural resources, in this case the Chesapeake Bay. To read more about it, go to: <http://www.cbf.org/site/News2?page=NewsArticle&id=13951>.

If any member is interested in flying a CBYCA burgee (\$25) from their spreader or displaying a CBYCA decal (\$0.50), please email Tom at Oasis3725@aol.com.

The next Delegates meeting will be on April 22 at 1300 hours at the Crescent Yacht Club on the Middle River. All are welcome to attend.





Northern Star Hunter Sailing Association, Inc. Membership/Renewal Application

Captain's Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____ - _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

1st Email: _____ 2nd Email: _____

Web Site: _____

Boat Info:

Crew Info:

Hunter Model/Year: _____

Co-Captain: _____

Name: _____

First Mate: _____ Age: _____

LOA: _____ Beam: _____

Second Mate: _____ Age: _____

Draft: _____ Mast Ht: _____

Third Mate: _____ Age: _____

Marina: _____

Fourth Mate: _____ Age: _____

Location: _____

Birthdays; Captain/First Mate: _____

Slip #: _____

Wedding Anniversary: _____

Do you have insurance on your boat? ___ (Y/N)

Has your boat passed a USCGA/USPS inspection? ___ (Y/N)

Other:

Do You Race: _____ CBYRA Member: _____ Sail # _____ PHRF Rating: _____

Are you a Licensed Captain: _____ Tonnage: _____ Expiration: _____

Desired Education: _____

Dues: \$35.00 Per Year
Burgee: \$20.00
Logo T-Shirts: \$5.00

Make Checks Payable To: NSHSA
DUES are due by 28 February

Mail to: Linda Ubelacker, 1112 Fitch Road, Southampton, PA 18966-3206

**** PLEASE FILL OUT COMPLETELY ****
FILL OUT EVEN IF RENEWING YOUR MEMBERSHIP

DATE	TITLE	THEME	LOCATION	CAPTAIN	CONTACT
19 March	SPRING MEETING	SEASON PLANNING	Woody's Crabhouse North East, MD	Steve & Mary Hornberger <i>SUN RUNNER</i>	717-445-4078
1 April	SPLASHDOWN	FRIGID DIGIT SHAKEDOWN	Fairlee Creek	Chris & Debbie Schultz <i>CARPE VENTUM</i>	410-823-0003
29-30 April	JOINT NSHSA-HSA#1 RAFT	RENDEZVOUS 2007 PLANNING	Bodkin Creek	Steve Hornberger Greg Guthman	717-445-4078 443-250-7382
6-7 May	VOLVO RE-START	WATCH OUT FOR THE BIG BOYS	Whitehall Creek	Garry & Catherine Johnson <i>WINDKIST 4</i>	410-923-6791
27-29 May	MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND	FUN ON THE WATER AND ON THE BEACH	Worton Creek	Eddie & Debbie Sabol <i>TOMORROW CAME</i>	610-539-8186
10-11 June	RENAMING	APPEASE THE GODS!	Eagle Cove off the Magothy	Earl Greene <i>ADVENTURE BOUND</i>	443-742-1756
17-18 June	TBD	SAFETY	TBD	Bill & Melanie Fowler <i>CALLISTO</i>	215-659-0785
17 June - 2 July	CRUISE TO BLOCK ISLAND	TBD	Rendezvous on Bohemia River	Joe & Sue Cameron, <i>AQUILA</i>	410-274-1637
3-6 July	SOUTHERN BAY CRUISE	INDEPENDENCE DAY	The Tides Inn; Rappahannock	Kent & Rosemary Volosin, <i>FLEETING GLIMPSE</i>	856-439-0197
22-23 July	BEACH PARTY	TBD	Tolchester Marina	Wolf & Maria Milz, <i>MOSELLA</i>	610-252-0562
19-20 August	CHRISTMAS IN AUGUST	TBD	TBD	Bob Holmes <i>DOLPHIN</i>	410-939-3882
2-4 September	LABOR DAY	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
9-10 September	ANNUAL PICNIC	NEW ENGLAND CLAMBAKE	Tidewater, HdG	Jay & Carol Eaton Sig & Pat Jensen	610-998-9331 410-529-9520
SEPTEMBER	FALL CRUISE	TBD	TBD	Steve & Mary Hornberger <i>SUN RUNNER</i>	717-445-4078
30 Sep - 1 Oct	ANNUAL MEETING & RACE	ELECTIONS & RACE	Worton Creek	Steve & Mary Hornberger <i>SUN RUNNER</i>	717-445-4078
19 November	CHANGE OF WATCH & AWARDS	NEW LEADERSHIP	Woody's Crabhouse North East, MD	Earl Greene Vice Commodore	443-742-1756

ON THE WATER, VHF CH-78

See the Raft/Cruise Captain Guidance elsewhere in this issue.

Guidance for Cruise and Raft Up Captains

General. The Cruise Captain is aboard the flagship of the fleet during a Raft-up, Cruise or Rendezvous. He or she is in charge of everything associated with the event. It begins with the planning and ends with a report to the Portlight Editor. Being Cruise Captain should not be a daunting task; in fact, it should be fun. So advice and support should be sought from the Officers and/or other experienced NSHSA members.

PLANNING. The Cruise/Raft-up Captain is responsible to:

- Select a theme for the event,
- Determine the location and time of the event,
- Define the requirements for the event; e.g., costumes, decorations,
- Solicit specific support for the event, including a photographer,
- If club funds are needed for the event, contact the Commodore and Purser,
- Develop and distribute the flyer announcing the event.



ORGANIZATION. The Captain should be first to arrive at the site.

- For anchorages, choose the location considering bottom, depth, weather, other boats, etc.
- Put down an adequate anchor with a little excessive scope, based on raft size, swing room.
- For dockage, determine all the slip locations for the expected fleet.
- Monitor VHF 78 throughout the event to direct members as they arrive and control the raft.
- Organize and instruct the support crews to assist in building the raft or docking arriving boats. There are typically many volunteers for this effort.
- Balance the raft, considering boat length and displacement, on the anchored boat(s).
- Seek advice, if necessary. Involve the skippers of the boats to be rafted together.

JOINING VESSELS. Skippers of vessels joining the raft are responsible to:

- Communicate with the Cruise/Raft Captain on VHF 78,
- Provide 2 adequate sized docklines, fore and aft,
- Provide 2 adequate sized fenders,
- Provide 1 or more adequate sized spring lines (keep spreaders apart).



RAFT INTEGRITY. Cruise/Raft up Captain is responsible for raft integrity and safety.

- Monitor wind and weather conditions.
- Monitor raft size, balance, ground tackle holding, swing room, general sense of stability.
- Determine if the raft needs to break up; direct the break up.

EVENT HOST. The Captain is the Host and Master of Ceremonies. He or she directs.

DISSOLUTION. Cruise/Raft-up Captain is responsible to:

- Oversee the dissolution of the raft after completion of the event or earlier,
- Support the departure of the fleet from the dock area, as necessary,
- Monitor VHF 78 to graciously and humbly respond to any plaudits you may receive.

POST MORTEM. After the Cruise/Raft-up, the Captain must:

- Provide a written report to the Editor of the Portlight. As a minimum, identify all the participants. Submit not later than two weeks following the event.
- Ensure any photos are supplied to the Editor of the Portlight and the Historian.
- Submit any information to the NSHSA Webmaster for inclusion on the Home Page.



Commodore, Steve Hornberger
Vice Commodore, Earl Greene
Secretary, Kent Volosin
Purser, Linda Ubelacker
Sail Fleet Captain, Joe Cameron
Immediate P/C, Catherine Johnson
CBYCA Delegate, Tom Powers
Safety Officer, Bill Fowler
Membership, Frank Tedeschi
& Mary Hornberger
Portlight Editor/Web, Jay Eaton
Historian, Rosemary Volosin



We are the NORTHERN STAR HUNTER SAILING ASSOCIATION (NSHSA), INC. We sail Hunter sailing yachts and are one of two Hunter Sailing Associations on the Chesapeake Bay. We are 50+ families (or boats) strong, and our members sail primarily on the northern bay, north of the William Preston Lane, Jr. Memorial Bridge (US 50/301). Our Hunter sailboats range in size from 27' to 46'. Our experience levels vary from novice sailors to blue water cruisers, from new crew learning to race, to racers who regularly race. Our association is a member of the Chesapeake Bay Yacht Clubs Association (CBYCA); there are responsibilities and privileges attendant to this association. NSHSA is also a Club Member of BOAT/US with attendant privileges.

The Objectives of the NSHSA, in accordance with our By-Laws, are to:

- Promote medium and long distance racing and cruising among Hunter sailing yachts,
- Collect and disseminate information relating to Hunter sailing yachts,
- Conduct educational programs related thereto,
- Advance the tenets of good sportsmanship,
- Promote or develop any other activities, which may be of benefit to the membership

“Hug your kids. Fly a flag. Kiss your honey. Hoist a sail.”
- Herb McCormick, Editor *Cruising World*.

CELEBRATIONS

Happy, happies to ...

I am continuing a tradition started by John Balfour when he was The Editor – celebrate birthday and wedding anniversaries in print. The information that follows was provided by you on your Membership forms. I hope it is correct; otherwise I apologize for the errors. Missing information means missing recognition. So, if you want your name in print, fill out all of the form when you pay your dues.

Birthday anniversaries for Mar/Apr:

- Shirley Balfour (*Michar*)
- Bruce Blauch (*Brandy Bay II*)
- Paul Borchardt (*Padozary*)
- Colleen Fortunato (*Fortune Hunter*)
- Honey Funston (*Heilan' Lass II*)
- Elke Fox (*Sly Fox*)
- Mary Hornberger (*Sun Runner*)

- Ian McGain (*Meant to Be*)
- Linda Myers (*Utopia III*)
- Amy Noel (*Xtasea*)
- JoAnn Palmer (*Windependent*)
- Tom Powers (*Oasis*)
- Bob Pulyer (*First Light*)
- Drew Spaeth (*Air Transport*)
- Peter Terry (*Kava Kava*)
- Bill Ubelacker (*Silent Running*)

Wedding Anniversaries for Mar/Apr:

- **John** & Shirley Balfour (*Michar*)
- Bruce & Andrea Blauch (*Brandy Bay II*)
- Joe & Sue Cameron (*Aquila*)
- Michael & Nancy Cotter (*Big E Nuf*)
- Ian & Carol McGain (*Meant to Be*)
- John & Kathy Molnar (*penury's prize*)
- Mike & Suzanne Pilolla (*Carolina*)
- Tom & Agnes Powers (*Oasis*)
- Kent & Rosemary Volosin (*Fleeting Glimpse*)

Congratulations, everybody.
Editor.