



The Portlight

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 Woody's Crabhouse
 19 Nov

ANNUAL PICNIC

BY JAY EATON; PHOTOS BY PATRICIA JENSEN

In 2001 and 2002, we held our picnic over the Labor Day weekend at Tide-



water, but in subsequent years we moved the Labor Day weekend picnic to other venues. In 2005 we moved our Annual Picnic from the Labor Day Weekend to the weekend following

Labor Day. We also used the picnic to reconnect with Tidewater Marina and its leadership. The picnic date realignment was by mutual consent between the leaders of NSHSA and Tidewater.



Once again Tidewater stepped up as host of our annual event. Friday and

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CONGRATULATIONS!

2007 OFFICERS

- COMMODORE EARL GREENE
- VICE COMMODORE JOE CAMERON
- SECRETARY KENT VOLOSIN
- PURSER LINDA UBELACKER
- SAIL FLEET CAPTAIN PAUL BORCHARDT

LIFE MEMBERS

TOM & AGNES POWERS

FULL REPORT IN NEXT ISSUE

Commodore's Corner

By Steve Hornberger



This is my final article as the Commodore of the Northern Star Hunter Sailing Association. As I look back on the last two years, it has been a period of significant change and fond memories.

I am truly grateful to everyone who has come forward to serve in the various officer, committee, raft, and cruise positions the club has to offer. Without such a dedicated group as I and the club have been blessed, my job would not have been as enjoyable, and the club would not have enjoyed its success. To all, I offer a hearty "Well Done" and a sincere appreciation for the efforts that everyone extended.

There have been many changes throughout the country that have forced every American to rethink and react to our current environment. Accordingly, NSHSA addressed and successfully completed the arduous but necessary process of formalizing the club's existence that was begun in 2004. Unto itself, that process saw a lot of new procedures, formalized accounting, tax filings, and so forth over the last three years. NSHSA successfully worked through and accomplished the complex application process of becoming a not for profit tax exempt organization. With that process now completed, NSHSA is able to move forward conducting its business more efficiently.

In a separate issue, as we all know, Boat US presented the issue of insurance coverage for the many boating clubs in this country. Although a highly controversial subject all over the Chesapeake Bay and beyond, the article they pub-

lished in July of 2005 was a wake up call for everyone. After examining the many complexities of insurance and the alternatives, NSHSA addressed the necessities of protecting its officers, Raft Captains, Cruise Admirals, and everyone who might volunteer their time to the club.

To the newly elected officers and the committees they will work with, I offer my sincerest congratulations and best wishes for a successful tour of duty.

By a much deserved unanimous vote of all present at the 2006 Annual Meeting Tom and Agnes Powers were honored with a Life Membership in NSHSA. As we all know, Tom has been our delegate to the CBYCA for many years with Agnes always at his side. Tom and Agnes have represented our club's interests with CBYCA and contributed to the club's success over their many years of service to the club. Congratulations and Well Done to Tom and Agnes.

Of particular note, and I believe I can speak for everyone in the club, past, present, and future, I want to recognize the tremendous job that Jay and Carol Eaton have done for NSHSA. The club is now almost totally paperless in its communication process. NSHSA has its own web site, and the Rendezvous website was created and maintained in large part because of Jay's efforts. And, as everyone else knows, besides the communication work that Jay has done for the club, Jay was also the Chairman of the very successful 2005 Hunter Rendezvous. Carol was most gracious and generous in sharing her home, her *Nevermore*, and her Jay with all of us and no doubt assisted Jay whenever Jay needed help. Jay and Carol are moving on to other things, and we will miss them. We of the Northern Star Hunter Sailing Association are sincerely grateful to both of you for all that you have done for us.

Thank you NSHSA.

CBYCA REPORT Tom Powers



The LNG problem is still on the burner. It is an uphill fight that our CBYCA Directors of State Legislators are keeping on top of with the help of all our members. If you hear of any meetings on the subject get in touch with me, and I will get the information to the right person. It would be a great idea if you would attend these meetings also. These LNG ships will have to be escorted all the way up the Bay by the Coast Guard with boats and aircraft and any other law enforcement agency available. If you happen to be on the Bay as one of these ships are coming up, you will have to stay one to two miles away from it. That has to tell you something about that ship and its cargo.

I mentioned at the raft-up meeting on about the VX nerve gas that the US Army wants to send to the DuPont Chemical Company to dilute and expose of in the Delaware River. So far New Jersey has not given permission to ship it. It is uncertain what damage it will do to the Delaware River and the surrounding area.

If you would like more information please visit the CBYCA web page at www.cbyca.org.

Agnes and I attended the raft up and meeting on Worton Creek. We had to be home by Sunday morning, so we decided to drive around and catch a ride from Worton Creek Marina to the raft up. We contacted Commodore Steve Hornberger by VHF while he was still in the Bay, so when he arrived on Worton Creek he came in to the marina and picked us up. We had a great meeting, and when it got to new business I heard Tom Schmidt say he would like to make a motion, and then I heard Agnes and my names mentioned. That caught our attention. I would like to thank Northern Star Hunter Sailing Association for bestowing on us the great honor of Life Membership in this great organization. As we look back at those who received this honor before us, we can truly realize what a great honor it is. Thanks to all of you from the bottom of our hearts.

ANNUAL PICNIC AT TIDEWATER

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Saturday slip fees were waived for NSHSA sailors; they provided the beer and ice, and they set up their picnic area for our use. We can't say enough about their hospitality; additionally Garrett Pensell and his senior staff joined us for conversation and dinner.



While most of our picnic meals have been the traditional hamburgers and hot dogs, occasionally we have changed the bill of fare to pig roasts, crab feasts and other specialties. The 2006 event featured some-



thing very special, the Low Country Boil. The recipe is famous in the low country of South Carolina and Georgia, and it is best cooked outdoors. Our Low Country Boil was the traditional menu including corn on the cob, smoked sausage, red bliss potatoes, jumbo shrimp, and blue crab properly seasoned (including beer and Old Bay) boiled together in stainless 8 quart pots. Our raft co-Captains, Sig & Patricia Jensen (*Second Wind*) brought master chefs, Ray & Linda Stewart, to the party, and we all benefited from that decision. The results of their effort produced mountains of Low Country Boil. Additionally



for those few who did not want to partake of or wanted something in addition to the shrimp and crab, we provided chicken and hamburgers and hot dogs. If that were not enough to eat, the

members brought many wonderful side dishes and desserts for us to consume. I heard plenty of praise for that meal.

As in past picnic events, we had a large turnout, including: Earl, Hannah & Danielle Greene (*Adventure Bound*), Joe & Sue Cameron (*Aquila*), Chris & Debbie Schultz (*Carpe Ventum*), Marc, Fredrique & Solenne Lienard (*Champagne*), Frank & Susan Tedeschi (*Contigo*), Craig & Shirl Miller (*Destiny*), Bob Holmes & Judy Horne (*Dolphin*), Fred Fortunato (Colleen had family obligations)(*Fortune Hunter*), John, Christine, Marina, Mikaela & Mark Farrugia (*Hat Trick*), Tom, Kathleen & Tommy Schmidt (*Narsilion*), Jay Eaton (Carol had family obligations)(*Nevermore*), Tom & Agnes Powers (*Oasis*), Paul, Dotty, Zack & Ryan Borchardt (*Padozary*), Sig & Patricia Jensen (*Second Wind*), Bill Ubelacker (Linda had business obligations) (*Silent Running*), Steve & Mary Hornberger (*Sun Runner*), Bill & Bonnie Shearer (*Therapy*), Craig & Deborah Mosier (*Wind Got Us*), Garry & Catherine Johnson (*Windkist 4*), David & Marie Knauer (*Windsprint*), Rex & Amy Noel (*Xtasea*). Furthermore, *Adventure Bound*, *Aquila*, *Carpe Ventum*, *Contigo*, *Destiny*, *Hat Trick*, *Narsilion*, *Oasis*, *Sun Runner*, *Windkist 4*, *Windsprint* and *Xtasea* all took advantage of Tidewater's free slip offer, and we commend Rex & Amy for their commitment to this event. They traveled to *Xtasea* from their North Carolina home on Friday evening then sailed/motored up the Bay on Saturday only to repeat the process in reverse on Sunday.



Commodore Steve Hornberger welcomed all to the picnic and introduced new members, Marc, Fredrique & Solenne

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BURGEEES FOR SALE

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ANNUAL PICNIC

Lienard and Craig & Deborah Mosier, to the assembled membership. The conversation among the members was lively covering subjects marine and about every other thing under the sun or in our case, Polaris. To enhance the festivities, Tommy Schmidt (an expert in the game) brought his “bounce pong,” read that “Beer Pong,” table and pong balls to the party. Teams were made up, and the competition was somewhat intense but friendly and fun. How could it not have been,



given the rules about the beer. Teams winning matches include: Bill Shearer and Chris Schultz, Sue Cameron and Sue Tedeschi, Earl Greene and Steve Hornberger. No championship match was held.



Finally we celebrated the impending departure of Garry & Catherine Johnson aboard *Windkist 4* to the Bahamas. They have already moved aboard and expect to depart the Chesapeake Bay after the Annapolis Sailboat Show. We hope to receive offshore postcards from them from time to time.



Fall Cruise to the Choptank

by Steve Hornberger

The crew of *Sun Runner* left Parkside Marina at 1100 hours on Saturday, September 23rd enroute to the Magothy River to meet up with whomever was going on the Choptank River Cruise. At the bottom of Frog Mortar Creek we raised the sails in the 10 - 15 knot breeze and turned east toward the Bay on a beam reach. After an hour or so of excellent sailing, we turned south before the wind started to die off leaving us to motor sail for the remainder of the trip to the Magothy.

On the Magothy, at the "Horse Farm," the crews of *Dolphin* and *Champagne* rafted with us. *Tomorrow Came* arrived just before dusk and anchored nearby, while *Zepherus III* arrived sometime later and anchored near Dobbins Island. The traditional evening gathering took place aboard *Sun Runner*.

Sunday was a beautiful day of sun, warm temperatures and little wind.



After a leisurely morning of coffee, and chit chat, *Dolphin* was off to visit various places on the Magothy before heading to Baltimore;

Champagne was heading out for a day sail before returning to their home port; and *Sun Runner* along with *Zepherus III* headed for a long motor, riding a favorable current to Dun Cove. *Sun Runner* and *Mozella* chatted on the radio as their fleet headed north to home ports.

Monday, with weather checked and little breeze, so we thought, *Sun Runner* and *Zepherus III* headed for Trippe Creek. As things al-



ways do, the wind came up as we exited Dun Cove. In response, we were forced to enjoy a nice six knot sail up the Choptank in 10 to 15 knot winds. At the end of our journey, we anchored in Flatty Cove just outside Goldsborough Creek on the Tred Avon River and enjoyed a nice breeze through the boats and fantastic scenery 'til the next morning.

Tuesday took us to Cambridge for two days to enjoy the town's scenery, eateries, shops, and so forth. Again we enjoyed 10 to 15 knot winds from the southwest, which took us under sail from Oxford to R24 just outside of the Cambridge Municipal Marina. Mother Nature did her thing on Wednesday with typical NW winds following the cold front that passed over the night before producing the usual small craft advisories.

As a special note, Cambridge is a rapidly changing destination for cruisers. They are expanding and modernizing their municipal marina to support a growing trend of



visiting cruisers. The marina facilities will expand to almost twice its current size but still offer the park side enjoyment of trees, picnic tables, LP grills, and the short walk to town to take in its many places of interest. The 2007 season will see the completion of the marina facilities that will include a new fuel dock. With the addition of 150 new slips, Cambridge could easily be an excellent destination for an NSHSA cruise or even a Hunter Rendezvous.

At 1030 hours on Thursday, we departed Cambridge enroute to the Rhode River. Early morning brisk winds gave way to no wind at all by the time we reached the Tred Avon River. So, it was the iron genny that took us west and north on a superbly sunny and cool day. With flat water we motored through Knapps Narrows and went behind Poplar Island before crossing the bay to the Rhode. Knapps Narrows is open and accessible at both ends. We saw no less than seven and a half feet throughout at low tide.

Friday brought us a rather interesting weather report for the next several days. We decided to head for points

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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

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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 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
26-27 August	CHRISTMAS IN AUGUST	GIFTS	WORTON CREEK	Bob Holmes <i>DOLPHIN</i>	410-939-3882
26-27 August	JOINT RAFT	ORIOLES BASEBALL	BALTIMORE	Earl Greene Vice Commodore	443-742-1756
2-4 September	LABOR DAY	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
9-10 September	ANNUAL PICNIC	LOW COUNTRY SHRIMP BOIL	Tidewater, HdG	Jay & Carol Eaton Sig & Pat Jensen	610-998-9331 410-529-9520
16-24 September	FALL CRUISE	THE CHOPTANK RIVERS	Assemble on Magothy/Eagle Cove	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.

Fall Cruise

closer to home skipping our planned visit to Cantler's Riverside Inn on Mill Creek. In 15 plus knots from the south, *Zepherus III* headed back to their home port in Baltimore while *Sun Runner* headed for Bodkin Creek. *Fortune Hunter* teamed up with us later in the afternoon before both crews headed to the Cheshire Crab Restaurant for dinner and an evening of Irish Mist and chit chat.

Saturday was a day of ifs and whatnots concerning the weather. We decided that everyone would skedaddle back to the barn. Southerly winds were forecast at 15 to 20 knots from the south with higher gusts and lousy weather forecast for Sunday. For a while, that was true. Most of the way back to home base, we saw 12 knots of wind and a following sea of about 1 to 2 feet. Middle River was a confusion of 8 to 20 knots.

All in all, the trip was an excellent week of sightseeing, sailing, and camaraderie for all who participated.

Halloween with the Hunter Pirates



Fall is for Halloween; come celebrate with fellow club members in Fell's Point. The date is Saturday, October 28th. We will be meeting at Henderson's Marina. The cost is \$1.25 a foot plus electricity. Call for reservations 410-732-1049 and tell them you are with the Hunter Group, so we can all be together. Use Channel 9 when arriving at the marina for directions to your slip.

WE NEED YOU TO COME IN COSTUME AND THERE IS A TREAT FOR THE BEST ONE!

I'm told there is a small pavilion and we will gather at 5 at the pavilion for OUR treats. Please bring an appetizer to share. Fells Point community is having Treat or Treat for children from 3 to 6:30 PM. The Adult Halloween contest is being hosted by 98 ROCK in the town square at 8PM. Bands will be playing from 9 to 10PM.

This is a nice way to end the year of sailing on the Bay with friends. Any questions email Susan Tedeschi (s/v *Contigo*) at smtedeschi@yahoo.com or cell at 410-688-1949.





Commodore, Steve Hornberger
Vice Commodore, Earl Greene
Secretary, Kent Volosin
Purser, Linda Ubelacker
Sail Fleet Captain, Joe Cameron
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We are the NORTHERN STAR HUNTER SAILING ASSOCIATION (NSHSA), INC. We sail Hunter sailing yachts and are one of three Hunter Sailing Associations on the Chesapeake Bay. We are 60 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.

Congratulations to you all.
Editor

Birthday anniversaries for September/October:

- Winnie Nissley (*Bert & Ernie*)
- Andrea Blauch (*Brandy Bay II*)
- Cal Calhoun (*Calea*)
- Debbie Schultz (*Carpe Ventum*)
- Chris Schultz (*Carpe Ventum*)
- Marc Lienard (*Champagne*)
- Susan Tedeschi (*Contigo*)

- Shirl Miller (*Destiny*)
- Lisa Reuss (*Dulcinea*)
- Dan Johnson (*Intrepid*)
- George Jankowski (*Linzilla*)
- Maria Milz (*Mosella*)
- Victoria Hannah (*Nautical Mile*)
- Brian Hannah (*Nautical Mile*)
- Jay Eaton (*Nevermore*)
- Esther Barron (*Off the Charts*)
- John Molnar (*penury's prize*)
- Bill Shearer (*Therapy*)
- Gordon Myers (*Utopia III*)
- Michael Cinque (*Wind Dreamer*)
- Garry Johnson (*Windkist 4*)

Wedding Anniversaries for September/October:

- Terry & Marilyn (*Bella Vento*)
- Bill & Linda Ubelacker (*Silent Running*)
- Bruce & June Robinson (*Timothy James*)
- Gordon & Linda Myers (*Utopia III*)
- Rex & Amy Noel (*Xtasea*)