



The Portlight

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MARK THY CALENDAR

SPRING MEETING
TBD

**CHESAPEAKE BAY HSA
RENDEZVOUS**
21-24 June
Zahniser's

Merry Christmas
Happy Chanukah
Prosperous New Year



CHANGE OF WATCH

BY JAY EATON

On November 19th the following members of the Northern Star Hunter Sailing Association met at Woody's Crabhouse in North East, MD, to give out awards, swear in the 2007 Officers and discuss issues facing the club in 2007.

- Earl, Hannah & Danielle Greene (*Adventure Bound*)
- John & Ria Walsh (*Annie Eileen*)
- Joe & Sue Cameron (*Aquila*)
- Frank & Susan Tedeschi (*Contigo*)
- Craig & Shirl Miller (*Destiny*)
- Steve & Judy Hiltbrand (*Mast Confusion*)
- Jay & Carol Eaton (*Nevermore*)
- Tom & Agnes Powers (*Oasis*)

- Paul, Dotty, Zack & Ryan Borchardt (*Padozary*)
- Tom St. John & Karen Quintana (*Phoenix Fire*)
- Bill & Linda Ubelacker (*Silent Running*)
- Jock & Elana Muir (*Southern Belle*)
- Steve, Mary, Melissa, Shawn, Grace Hornberger (*Sun Runner*)
- Eddie & Debbie Sabol (*Tomorrow Came*)
- Craig & Deb Mosier (*Wind Got Us*)

After the roll call, outgoing Commodore Steve Hornberger recognized

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2007 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

(L-R)

PURSER LINDA UBELACKER,
SECRETARY EDDIE SABOL,
COMMODORE EARL GREENE,
VICE COMMODORE JOE CAMERON,
SFC PAUL BORCHARDT,
PC STEVE HORNBERGER

Commodore's Corner

By Earl Greene



As we put our boats on the hard and wait for spring to arrive, I would like to take a few minutes and thank Steve Hornberger, Commodore, for his efforts in leading the club these past two years. As Steve pointed out in his last article (September/October 2006 issue of the Portlight) the structure of the club and has seen a number of changes. We have incorporated, became a not-for-profit tax exempt organization, and have addressed the insurance issue by purchasing Officers & Directors Liability insurance. This insurance was purchased to protect the Club Officers, Raft Captains, Cruise Admirals, and everyone who might volunteer their time to the club. I want to recognize the tremendous job that Steve has done for NSHSA.

With these changes has come increased costs, and the financial health of the NSHSA club is now challenged to provide insurance and subsidies for club activities at our current dues of \$35 per boat per year. Essentially with a 60-boat club the majority of our dues goes to pay our annual insurance bill. In addition over the last several years we have not seen an overall increase in membership. In fact we are struggling to retain older members, and our membership is now down to around 48 boats. I would like to see the club explore why this is and look at ways to reverse this trend.

Therefore, I plan on forming two important Committees that I believe will be instrumental in helping secure the future of NSHSA. They will be: 1) Insurance Committee and 2) Membership Committee. I have developed a Charter for each committee, and they are published elsewhere in this issue.

The Insurance Committee will focus on investigating the liability insurance issue and provide the club with a set of alternatives. Tom Schmidt has volunteered to Chair this Committee and Joe Cameron has volunteered to be the Offi-

cer Representative on the Committee. I would like to ask several more of you to volunteer for this important committee. Please see the first Committee Report from Tom in this issue of the Portlight.

The Membership Committee will be making recommendations on ways to increase our recruitment of new members and to retain our current members. We still need a Chair for this Committee, and Eddie Sabol has volunteered to be the Officer Representative on this Committee. We also need additional volunteers for this committee.

Both committees are very important and are your opportunity to help strengthen our club and keep us a viable organization. I thank all of you who are willing to give your time and expertise to these issues.

Lastly, I would like to remind you of the 2007 Hunter Owners Rendezvous that will be held at Zahniser's Yachting Center in Solomons, Maryland, June 21-24, 2007. For those of you who have not been to a Hunter Owners Rendezvous, they are well attended with about 100 boats from the three Bay HSA's, include three days of fun and activities with plenty of beer, food, merriment, and storytelling. We will need volunteers to work on committees to plan and carry out this event. Our initial planning meeting at Bo Brooks Crab House in Baltimore (Canton) will be on Sunday, 17 December beginning at 1 PM. Please come if you are interested in participating in the the planning for this next Rendezvous.

Happy Holidays from The crew of *Adventure Bound*

Editor's Note:

Check in on the Rendezvous Website for the latest information.

<http://www.back2bay.com>



**BURGEES
FOR SALE**

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CHANGE OF WATCH

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his staff for their great work over the past two years. Awards were made to Vice Commodore Earl Greene, Purser Linda Ubelacker, Sail Fleet



Captain Joe Cameron and Secretary Kent Volosin. Unfortunately, Kent and Rosemary could not be here for the award. Then Steve recognized Tom & Agnes Powers for their long term support of the



Association. Tom has been our representative to the Chesapeake Bay Yacht Clubs Association for 12 years. He has reported on their activities and actions at meetings, raft ups and in the Portlight. He and Agnes were granted Life Membership (4th Life Members in the NSHSA) at the Annual Meeting.

Next, Steve recognized Jay & Carol Eaton for their long term support to the Association. Jay followed John Balfour as the Editor of the Portlight and has managed the website for the last 5 years. Carol has been a gracious host for Executive Meetings in her



home. Finally, Steve

recognized Earl Greene with the "prestigious" Calamity Cup. We can all laugh about it now, but Hannah went overboard this past summer



while trying to trim the jib from the foredeck of *Adventure Bound*. Luckily they had practiced man-overboard drills.

As the outgoing Commodore, Steve Hornberger first administered the oath of office to incoming Commodore Earl Greene. Then Steve concluded his remarks by saying that he



looked forward to his term as immediate Past Commodore! Earl, in turn, administered the oaths of



office to incoming Vice Commodore Joe Cameron, Purser Linda Ubelacker, Secretary Eddie Sabol, and Sail Fleet Captain Paul Bor-

chardt. Earl then recognized Steve for his support to the Association and as Commodore for the past two years.

The business at hand was the two major issues facing the Association, Officers and Directors Liability Insurance and Membership. Earl reiterated the decision process and reasons for purchasing this insurance policy, and that it was having an adverse impact on our ability to support raft ups during the sailing season. Then he announced that a committee would be formed to review this issue and investigate alternatives then make recommendations to the Executive Committee by the next Annual Meeting. Next Earl discussed the membership issue. Linda indicated that about 15 members did not renew in 2006, which would further exacerbate our financial situation. Earl announced the formation of another committee to investigate this issue and report back by the Annual Meeting.

Finally Earl ended the meeting, and we enjoyed our dinner and more conversation.

INSURANCE COMMITTEE INFORMATION RELEASE

BY TOM SCHMIDT

The formation of the Insurance Committee is well under-way. The Committee has their Charge (below) from the Commodore, and is currently in the process of Committee Member orientation and establishing the approach to achieve the objectives as noted in the Commodore's Charge.

The Committee Members currently are:

- Tom Schmidt, Chairman *Narsilion*
- Joe Cameron, Co-Chairman *Aquila*
- Tom Powers, CBYCA Rep *Oasis*
- Jock Muir, Insurance Expert *Southern Belle*
- Bill Ubelacker *Silent Running*
- Tom Barron *Off the Charts*
- Esther Barron *Off the Charts*

The Committee has taken preliminary steps to allow work to begin in earnest after the Holidays. These steps are: 1) draft an investigative approach (below); 2) compile a list of Clubs similar to NSHSA for interviews regarding liability insurance; 3) draft a questionnaire for interviewing the other Clubs.

Charge to the NSHSA Insurance Committee

Problem. Liability insurance is a significant cost to the Club and threatens the viability of the NSHSA. Guidance from the membership is needed to help the Officers evaluate the insurance issue and determine if there are alternatives.

Purpose. Research the insurance issue and develop a set of alternatives, with attention to:

- Whether the Club needs liability insurance,
- Sources and types of liability insurance,
- Explore working with other clubs to obtain lowest cost liability insurance

Membership.

- Chair: Tom Schmidt
- Current Officer Rep: Joe Cameron
- CBYCA Rep: Tom Powers
- 4-6 at-large members

Logistics, Duration, Product:

- Membership to be finalized by December 2006,
- All meetings will be via phone calls, email exchanges and at Club rafts,
- Expectation is that a report of Committee recommendations will be delivered to the Commodore and Officers by October 2007 Annual Meeting.

Insurance Committee Approach Proposal Draft for Review Purposes Only

Basic Approach Theory. Take a serial investigative or Step-by-Step approach to the Insurance Committee Charges. After completing Step 1), determine if it is necessary to proceed to Step 2), and then on to Step 3).

Purpose (from the Charge). Research the insurance issue and develop a set of alternatives, with attention to:

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Step-by-Step Approach.

Step 1) Whether the Club needs liability insurance.

- a. Compile a list of Organizations and People to be interviewed about the need for liability insurance.
- b. Develop a questionnaire for interview purposes.
- c. Make interview assignments (among Committee members)
- d. Analyze information from the interviews
- e. Determine if conclusive findings can be made.

Step 2) Sources and types of liability insurance.

- a. Compile information on types of insurance policies.
- b. Determine coverage level for NSHSA.
- c. Solicit bids from at least three (3) Insurance Underwriters.

Step 3) Explore working with other clubs to obtain lowest cost liability insurance.

- a. From information from Step 1) and Step 2), investigate the possibilities of combining coverage with other organizations or with the CBYCA that will meet the needs of the NSHSA.

Annual Meeting & Elections by Earl Greene

NSHSA Annual Business Meeting
Saturday, 30 September 2006

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 PM on Worton Creek. Roll call completed, and 13 of 47 Club boats were present. Boats in attendance were:

- *Adventure Bound*
- *Annie Eileen*
- *Big E Nuf*
- *Carpe Ventum*
- *Contigo*
- *Destiny*
- *Narsilion*
- *Oasis*
- *Off the Charts*
- *Padozary*
- *Silent Running*
- *Tomorrow Came*

A quorum was achieved. The budget was handed out by Linda Ubelacker, Purser, and approved by the membership. Tom Schmidt nominated Tom & Agnes Powers for Life Membership. Bill Ubelacker seconded the nomination, and the club approved Life Membership for Tom and Agnes Powers.

The slate of officers was announced: Earl Greene for Commodore, Joe Cameron for Vice Commodore, Paul Borchardt for Sail Fleet Captain, Linda Ubelacker for Purser, and Eddie Sabol for Secretary. The membership approved all officers.

New Business:

1. Tom Schmidt suggested a committee be formed to investigate the insurance issue. This was approved, and a committee will be formed.
2. Linda Ubelacker reported that membership has dropped from 60 to 47 boats. A membership committee will be formed to investigate this issue.
3. The Rendezvous for 2007 was discussed, and a call was made for volunteers to help with committees.

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 PM

Charge to the Membership Committee

by Commodore Earl Greene

Draft Charge to NSHSA Membership Committee

Problem: Retaining and increasing Club membership is vital to maintaining the health of NSHSA. Because the majority of our income is from dues, we need to recruit and maintain our membership.

Purpose: Develop recommendations and methods to:

- increase our membership,
- retain current members,
- explore what works and what doesn't work when it comes hosting club events

Committee membership:

- Chair: Vacant
- Current Officer - Eddie Sabol
- 4 - 6 additional members at large. Frank & Susan Tedeschi (*Contigo*) have volunteered.

Logistics, Duration, Product:

- committee membership to be finalized by December 2006,
- all meetings will be via phone calls and email exchanges, meetings at club rafts,
- expectation is that a brief report summarizing committee recommendations will be delivered to the Commodore and Officers by the October 2007 Business Meeting

Editor's Note about Membership

Members paid up in 2006:	36
Members paid up for 2007:	10
Life Members:	4
Current NSHSA Mailing List:	62
Members joining in 2006:	7
Associate Members*	5

* Non Hunter Owners



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

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
TBD	SPRING MEETING	SEASON PLANNING	TBD	Earl Greene Commodore	443-742-1756
TBD	SPLASHDOWN	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
MAY	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
26-28 May	MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
? - 21 June	CRUISE TO THE RENDEZVOUS	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
21 - 24 June	HUNTER OWNERS RENDEZVOUS	BACK TO THE BAY VI *	Zahniser's Solomons, MD	Earl Greene Commodore	443-742-1756
24 Jun - 2 Jul	CIRCUMNAVIGATE THE DELMARVA	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Wednesday 4 July	TBD	INDEPENDENCE DAY	TBD	TBD	TBD
JUL	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
AUG	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
1-3 September	LABOR DAY	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
8-9 September	ANNUAL PICNIC	TBD	<i>Tidewater, HdG</i>	TBD	TBD
SEP	FALL CRUISE	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
29 - 30 Sep **	ANNUAL MEETING & RACE	ELECTIONS & RACE	TBD	Earl Greene ADVENTURE BOUND	443-742-1756
NOV	CHANGE OF WATCH & AWARDS	TBD	TBD	Joe Cameron Vice Commodore	410-274-1637

ON THE WATER, VHF CH-78

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

* See www.back2bay.com. See also www.summersailstice.com

** US Sailboat Show in Annapolis scheduled 4-8 October 2007

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.
- **Contact those members who committed to be there in the event of a last minute change of venue.**



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 (to 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 the operations.

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

- Oversea 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, Earl Greene
Vice Commodore, Joe Cameron
Secretary, Eddie Sabol
Purser, Linda Ubelacker
Sail Fleet Captain, Paul Borchardt
Immediate P/C, Steve Hornberger
CBYCA Delegate, Tom Powers
Corporation Agent, Earl Greene
Safety Officer, ??
Membership Cmte, ??
Portlight Editor/Web, Jay Eaton
Historian, ??
Insurance Cmte, Tom Schmidt



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 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.

Congratulations to you all.
Editor

Birthday anniversaries for November/December:

- Earl Greene (*Adventure Bound*)
- Ria Walsh (*Annie Eileen*)
- Mike Cotter (*Big E Nuf*)
- Nancy Dugger (*Dream Catcher*)
- Norm Reuss (*Dulcinea*)
- Steve Hilnbrand (*Mast Confusion*)
- Kathleen Schmidt (*Narsilion*)

- Carl Kern (*Nereus*)
- Kathy Molnar (*penury's prize*)
- Elana Muir (*Southern Belle*)
- Jock Muir (*Southern Belle*)
- Bonnie Shearer (*Therapy*)
- Debbie Sabol (*Tomorrow Came*)
- Deborah Mosier (*Wind Got Us*)

Wedding Anniversaries for November/December:

- Cal & Wanda Calhoun (*Calea*)
- Bob & Barb Pulyer (*First Light*)
- Sig & Patricia Jensen (*Second Wind*)
- Bill & Bonnie Shearer (*Therapy*)
- Eddie & Debbie Sabol (*Tomorrow Came*)