

The Portlight

SPRING PLANNING MEETING

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2007 DUES
are Due Now!

MARK THY CALENDAR

May 5-6
New Member Welcome
Maryland Yacht Club

May 26-28
Memorial Day Weekend
TBD

June 16-17
Pirate Raft - Focus on Children
TBD

The Spring Planning Meeting was held on the third floor of the Tidewater Marina's new facility. Many thanks to our Gracious Host who also provided all attendees with a 10% discount on purchases made that day. The meeting started at 2:19 pm on Sunday March 25th.

Vessels Represented at the meeting were,
Adventure Bound-Earl Greene
Aquila-Joe & Sue Cameron
Carpe Ventum-Chris & Debbie Schultz
Destiny-Craig & Shirl Miller
Dolphin-Bob Holmes & Judy Horne
Eternity-Mike & Sherry Bernard
Mast Confusion-Steve & Judy Hildebrand
Mosella-Wolf & Maria Milz
Naos-Sam & Karen Johnston
Narsilion-Tom & Kathleen Schmidt
Nevermore-Jay & Carol Eaton
Oasis-Tom & Agnes Powers
Orion-Matt & Gale Joy O'Brien
Parlay-Steve Jones & Sandy Spence
Padozary-Paul & Dottie Borchardt
Phoenix Fire-Tom St. John & Karen Quintana
SENA 'Nuff-Tim & Sybil Shipley
Silent Running-Bill & Linda Ubelacker
Stargazer-Greg Guthman
Tesseract-Jim & Wanda Sawyer
Utopia III-Gordon & Linda Myers
Windsprint-David Knauer & Marie Frankel
Xtasea-Rex & Amy Noel

The primary reason for the meeting is to work out a raft schedule for the coming season; with at least two rafts a month on the schedule by the end of the meeting.

New members at the meeting included Greg Guthman (Commodore - HSA1) of Stargazer, Jim & Wanda Sawyer of Tesseract, Sam & Karen Johnston of Naos, Matt & Gale Joy O'Brien of Orion, Tim & Sybil Shipley of SENA 'NUFF, Mike and Sherry Bernard of Eternity; if I left anyone out, Mea Culpa.

Purser Linda Ubelacker presented the Budget report for the coming season. We had a Balance of \$2183.09 at the time of the meeting and there were 34 members paid up for the season; we are now at 38 members paid up for the season with 15 members from 2006 still up for renewal.

There are two standing committees from the Change of Watch Meeting, one for review of our Insurance needs, and one for Membership (Maintaining & Increasing our current Membership levels). Commodore Greene reviewed the outcome of the Insurance Committee and presented the results as outlined in the EXCOM report on Page 4; offering many thanks to the Insurance Committee for their quick turn around on the task at hand. Which was echoed throughout the group. The membership committee is ramping up with an anticipated report in time for the Fall Change of Watch as was its charter.

There was no report from either the Vice-Commodore or the Secretary. Tom Powers reported for the CBYCA that the Kent Narrows passage has been funded for

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Commodore's Corner



Here we are at the start of a new 2007 Sailing Season and I am excited to see my old friends and many new faces at our club gatherings. We have a great season coming up and I hope to see many of you at our raft-ups this summer. Our first raft-up of the season hosted by Bill and Linda Ubelacker, *Silent Running* was a great success (see report in this Portlight).

The Officers have been hard at work developing a schedule that includes many club events and I hope you will be able to join the rest of the fleet for several raft-ups. Just a sample of some upcoming events follows. I (*Adventure Bound*) will be hosting a raft in Queenstown Creek, May 19-20 to welcome our new members. Joe and Sue Cameron (*Aquila*) are hosting a "Movable Feast" for the Memorial Day weekend. Tom and Kathleen Schmidt (*Narsilion*) and Tim and Sybil Shipley (*Sena 'Nuff*) will have a kid focused Pirate Raft, June 16-17. Don't miss the Hunter Owners Rendezvous June 21-24 and at Zahniser's Yacht Center Solomon's, MD and Paul and Dottie Borchardt's (*Padozary*) "Round the Delmarva" June 24 – July 1. Whew and this is only through June. Please see our web site for details and the rest of the summer events.

The Insurance Committee has finished its work investigating the issue of liability insurance for the club. The Com-

mittee has made several recommendations to the Officers along with a set of alternatives. The Officers have agreed with the overall findings of the Committee and at this time we will not renew our liability insurance though we will consider changing some of our bylaws. We will take this up in detail at our fall annual business meeting.

Special thanks go to Tom Schmidt, Chair of this Committee along with members Joe Cameron, Tom and Easter Barron, Bill Ubelacker, Tom Powers, and Jock Muir. This is a very difficult issue and many clubs such as ours are currently struggling with whether they need insurance. NSHSA appreciates all of the hard work and the service this committee has done for the club.

The Membership Committee will be chaired by Frank and Susan Tedeschi (*Contigo*). This committee will be making recommendations on ways to increase our recruitment of new members and to retain our current members. This Committee is still being formed so please contact Frank and Sue if you would like to help with this issue.

Hope to see you on the water

Earl

STRICTLY SAIL in PHILLY by Tom Schmidt

The 2007 Strictly Sail Show did not have the record setting Nor-Easter snow fall that 2005 experienced, which meant the Show was well attended by sailors. While this was not an organized NSHSA rendezvous, things came together at the last moment...as if NSHSA sailors have built-in homing devices for other NSHSA sailors. Sailors from NSHSA were out in force and represented by crews from: *Aquila*, *Therapy*, *Contigo*, *Carpe Ventum*, *Windsprint*, *Padozory*, *Silent Running*, *Mosella*, *Off The Charts*, *Narsilion*, *BigENuf*, and *Xtasea*. Sail America was kind enough to provide us with free tickets.

Hunter, Catalina and Beneteau had the largest displays, and unlike 2005 there were lines for viewing the sparkling new yachts, but not really too much waiting

was needed. The absence of Suppliers such as Ray Marine, Garmin, and West Marine was obvious, but the quantity and quality of the Seminars made up for it. Having the Show in downtown Philadelphia does have some great advantages....like the food and the night time activities.

We entered the Show at 1000 hours, and by 1700 hours, most of the NSHSA Sailors were ready for a brief rest. All but *Padozory* chose to take in the 8 p.m. show at the Helium Comedy Club. The Stand-Up Comedians were great and had us laughing for the entire show. One of the best parts of the Winter Excursion was walking nine blocks back to Marriott Hotel in the winter chill with your sailing friends talking about the 2007 summer sailing plans.

BOAT/US. Membership by Earl Greene

I have renewed our BOAT/US Accord. The Cooperating Group Program offers you 50% off when you join. You pay one-half of the regular BOAT/US dues of \$19.00-only \$9.50 per year. If you are already a member you can also renew your membership at the \$9.50 rate. BOAT/US direct membership benefits include:

- Discounts on equipment,
- Discount on fuel, overnight slips, or repairs at many marinas,
- Boat insurance,
- Towing Plans,
- And a BOAT/US Magazine.

For those who are not members and do not know, BOAT/US lobbies federal and state legislators for marine and boating interests, funds grass roots environmental improvement programs, conducts boating safety programs. They also provide specialized equipment and buying services and technical services.

For a new or renewal membership go to <https://www.boatus-insurance.com/newMember/joinN.asp>

If you are renewing be sure to mention our Co-op Group number, **GA82652S**.



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dredging; and that the CNG facility is still moving forward unfortunately.

Earl reminded everyone that we qualify for a discount to Boat US, simply remember to enter out group number that is found on the back of our membership cards.

Greg Guthman reported that the Rendezvous is still on and there is an expectation for 70 to 90 boats to be at the Rendezvous. Postcards will be going out shortly to announce the event. For an updated view of the planning activities and schedule, please check out the Rendezvous website at <http://www.back2bay.com/>

Fleet Captain Paul Borchardt will be leading the Delmarva Circumnavigation Cruise; and the plans have been set for the Delmarva Cruise to begin immediately following the Rendezvous starting from the mouth of the bay and heading out counterclockwise. This will enable the boats to be organized better, and also avoid any delays which may hinder getting to the rendezvous on time. It has the added advantage of providing a comfortable sail back up the Bay should the weather turn unfavorable leading to a cancellation of the trip; additionally the winds this time of the year are predominantly WNW off the coast.

Page 9 has the current information for this and the other coming events of the season; but remember to check the website for the most up to date information about this and all the other activities planned for the coming season.

Earl also announced that Bill Ubelacker will be taking over the duties of Webmaster from Jay Eaton of Nevermore. Jay also announced that Nevermore has been sold and the new owners have renamed her, as Carpe Ventum.

The club is still in need of a Safety Officer and an Historian; please contact any of the club officers if you are interested in taking on any of these worthwhile activities for the coming year.

On Closing, one of the issues brought up at the Fall Change of Watch meeting is the manner in which venue changes or cancellations of Rafts are handled. Everyone is reminded to monitor Channel 78 and to keep in contact with the Raft Captain should the weather threaten the event.



BURGEES FOR SALE

Contact
 Linda Ubelacker
 215-364-4018

Please note the following correction to your 2007 Membership list that was handed out at the Spring Meeting. Mike & Sherry Bernard's name was misspelled which also carried over into their e-mail address.

Executive Committee Notes, MAR by Jay Eaton

Eddie (our new Secretary) and Debbie Sabol were our gracious hosts for our annual meeting of the Officers and Committee members, and we thank them for that. The event was treated as any other raft up in that those attending brought the food to share; our Commodore supplied the beer.

The agenda, developed by the Commodore suggested at least 2 hours of discussion, and indeed it worked out to just that. The meeting was specifically focused on the 2007 schedule. The schedule was further developed to:

- Add a "New Member Raft up" at the Maryland Yacht Club on 5-6 May, hosted by Earl Greene, *Adventure Bound*,
- Add a new raft up in July hosted by Rex & Amy Noel, *XTASEA*, the details to be provided later,
- Change the Memorial Day weekend to a "moveable feast" hosted by Joe & Sue Cameron, *Aquila*, the details to be provided later.

These developments are reflected on the website. The schedule will be developed more at the Spring Planning meeting at Tidewater Marina on Sunday, 25 March. A notice is on the NSHSA website.

Paul Borchardt, *Padozary*, is the cruise captain for the Delmarva Circumnavigation. He indicated that there are 4 boats interested. It was further suggested to open up the cruise to the other HSA's. After some discussion, the plan was adjusted to begin after the Rendezvous and sail counterclockwise around. This would allow a more open-ended finish not hampered by the Rendezvous dates, allow better participation by the other HSA's even for part way around, and allow for a good place to wait out any stormy weather in the Atlantic. More details will follow.

Jay Eaton provided an update of the Rendezvous planning; they are reflected on the Rendezvous website. The next meeting of the committee will be in mid-March.

Finally Earl led the discussion about our liability insurance issue. The real problem facing the NSHSA is that the cost for such insurance is beyond our financial means unless we raise dues substantially. Earl formed a Committee, led by Tom Schmidt, to research the issue and make recommendations. The Committee looked at all aspects and focused on two alternatives - purchase insurance or limit/accept the risks associated with potential liabilities brought on by Association functions. The Committee was leaning toward recommending managing the risk ourselves rather than transferring the risk to an insurance company. Specifically, the Club would no longer provide alcohol at functions. Each individual could provide his/her own beverage of choice and at their own risk. Individual boat owners, with their own insurance, would be responsible for on-water accidents associated with Club functions. Finally, while there is risk associated with racing and little can be done to mitigate that risk, the Officers felt that racing is inherent to our Club's history and it is something we like to do. Therefore, we will accept that risk.

Editor's Note, by Eddie Sabol

This is my first issue of the Portlight, though I must confess that Jay had put most of it together before handing it over to me. I have seen some of the earlier issues of the Portlight, and Jay has raised the bar since it's beginnings; I hope that I will be able to continue on in the same fashion. I also would ask that if there is anything you would like to see different; please speak up and let me know.

For future issues if you have stories or photos outside of organized rafts that you would like to see published, I encourage you to send them in. If anyone is interested in providing feature articles please contact me; articles on Sailing, Anchor meals, etc. would be welcome... in a less than one page length.

SAFETY FORUM by Eddie Sabol

We are still in need of a Safety Officer for the coming year; so in the absence of one at the moment I will fill this space with hopefully some useful bits for the start of the season.

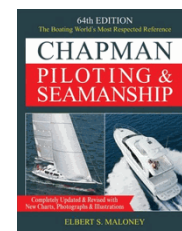
If you have not yet downloaded a copy, then check out the Hunter website for a copy of the 2007 Spring Safety Check List <http://www.huntermarine.com/SafetyTuneUp/Hunter2006TuneUp.pdf> Following this list can be useful in ensuring you have checked all that needs doing before launch... it is also helpful for those items you may not realize need to be looked after.

Help your engine by pre-warming with a small ceramic space heater before starting (for Diesel engines); this will help the oil to flow and be picked up by the pump to avoid damage from a lack of lubrication after the long layover of the winter.

Check with your marina, or one of the local magazines for information on getting a Vessel Safety Check for the coming season.

The Coast Guard has put out notice that as part of Homeland Security they have received increased funding for the year and will be out in force boarding Vessels and Checking for Required Equipment and Documentation.

Another often overlook item is the Pressure Gages on your Fire Extinguishers, don't forget the one in the engine compartment if so equipped (Though low pressure here should prevent the engine from starting). Another important check is the expiration dates on your signal flairs, and items in your First Aid Kit, spring is the perfect time to reacquaint yourself with items in your Ditch Bag. While were at it those compact and comfortable inflatable life vest can lose their gas; though not common it is recommended to annually remove the cylinders and weigh them to be sure they still hold the proper charge. While your at it, it is also a good time to have everyone practice using the self inflator to make sure their vest still holds air... the time to find out it doesn't is now, not when you actually need it.



CBYCA REPORT by Tom Powers

The Chesapeake Bay Yacht Clubs Association (CBYCA) is celebrating its 50th Anniversary this year. It was the brainchild of the members of five yacht clubs, Baltimore, Boumi Shrine, Bush River, Maryland and Ventnor Yacht Clubs, which felt they needed a voice in the state capitol to protect the boaters and the Chesapeake Bay from politicians that new nothing about either one. It took a lot of planning and hard work to get everything organized but by September 25, 1957 the Chesapeake Bay Yacht Clubs Association became an organization that the politicians soon realized had too be listened too. By the end of the following year five more yacht clubs had joined which are now Charter members. These ten clubs are still active members of the CBYCA. Today we have a total of 130 clubs and growing.

CBYCA Director, Maryland State Legislation, Kay Brawley mentioned that according to Bob Gaudette, Chairman of the Waterway Improvement Fund, the Corps of Engineers should begin dredging the Kent Island Channel this spring. If so it will be ready for the boating season.

Kay mentioned that the Maryland Legislative session on boating issues is pretty busy this year. One of the issues on the top of the list is on the AES application to construct and operate an LNG terminal in Sparrows Point. CBYCA has written a response letter opposing the project and attached the CBYCA, LNG Position Paper. Also there are several bills that CBYCA has given testimony and support for. House Bill 196 which would regulate dredging of Sparrows Point and Senate Bill 307 Assessing impact fee to LNG projects. The CBYCA is giving support to these bills and others, in order to achieve a cancellation of the LNG 's plan to build a facility at Sparrows Point.

HB1159 Increase boat fees. The CBYCA suggest to get the public support and a better shot at passing, that the

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increase not to exceed the rate of inflation since 1983 when we had the last increase which would be much less than the bill calls for CBYCA Director, Virginia State Legislation, Jacque Knight stated that she and Commodore Don Burton of CBYCA have sent letters and contacted senators about HJR723, which would limit Eminent Domain action to public use only, for property being taken. This is important because they have been going after marinas and yacht clubs to build condominiums and we are losing places to get fuel or spend the night.

Legislative Director Earl Waesche stated that USCG Admiral Allen suggest that he would like to have all



states issue licenses to all 70+ million boaters. The CBYCA and other organizations do not support licensing for boaters but do support mandatory boater education. After talking to the Coast Guard, they don't believe that they are going to go there and they will issue a statement to that effect.

There are many more issues going and I would suggest that you go to the CBYCA web page www.cbyca.org and check it out. You will be surprised at all the information you will get there.

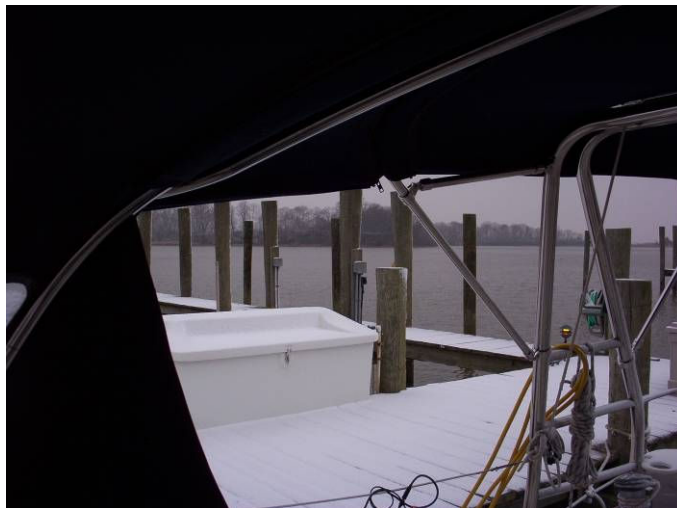
The next Delegate's meeting will be held at Boumi Shrine Yacht Club at 1300 hours on April 21, 2007. All of you are welcome to attend. The plan is to hold the Delegate meetings at the founding clubs. The Roster book will be distributed at this meeting.

Splashdown Snowed Out Raft 2007

No this isn't the official Raft Report... We didn't make it there, but hey when you're the Editor and there is space to fill!

With our running gear covered in snow and frozen, the dodger iced over, and with high winds and seas called for the rest of the day on Saturday; the Crew of *Tomorrow Came* hunkered down in the slip for the balance of the Easter weekend. Our adventure started on Thursday with our boat going back in, and finished on Monday morning with our drive back home. In between we took care of spring cleaning, walks in the marina, board games, cards, TV, DVD's, and Good Eating. We had to make a trip to the local Superfresh for some last minute items to complete our Holiday meal. Anyway it was Great to be back on board dreaming of the warmer weather soon to follow—Hey where is the Global Warming when you need it?

So here is to the foul weather we had, may it end in the Spring, with Sunny Skies, Balmy Winds, and long days, Cheers!



Splashdown Frostbite Raft 2007 *by Bill Ubelacker*

Photos by Linda Ubelacker



The crews of Adventure Bound, Aquila, Carpe Ventum, Narsilion and Silent Running gathered in the snow and frigid wind at Maryland Marina for the start of the 2007 sailing season. It was originally supposed to be a gathering at Worton Creek, but as the week progressed, the



weather reports (and a bit of crew discontent) forced a change in venue.

On Saturday morning, we woke up to a dusting of snow. Bill stuck his head out of the hatch and declared 'One more week of winter!' The choice to stay in port, near power for the heaters, was looking pretty good. After noon the wind started to blow about 25 knots. The crews gathered on Silent Running on Saturday afternoon for socialization and a few beverages. Dinner was at 1800 and was contrib-



uted to by the crews.

Activities included:

Peep Jousting (Who came up with this idea????) We ruined a good plate doing this...

The blow hard contest. (Bill's wind speed instrument will never be the same...) 46.4 Knots was the winning speed.

Guess the number of Jelly Beans in the jar... Chocolate Bunny won by Hannah Greene.

We are patiently waiting for warmer weather to arrive.





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:

Hunter Model/Year: _____

Name: _____

LOA: _____ Beam: _____

Draft: _____ Mast Ht: _____

Marina: _____

Location: _____

Slip #: _____

Crew Info:

Co-Captain: _____

First Mate: _____ Age: _____

Second Mate: _____ Age: _____

Third Mate: _____ Age: _____

Fourth Mate: _____ Age: _____

Birthdays, Captain/First Mate: _____

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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FILL OUT EVEN IF RENEWING YOUR MEMBERSHIP

DATE	TITLE	THEME	LOCATION	CAPTAIN
25 March	SPRING MEETING	SEASON PLANNING	Tidewater Marina	Earl Greene Commodore
7-8 April	SPLASHDOWN Frostbite	Cabin Fever Games	Maryland Marina Frog Mortar Creek	Bill & Linda Ubelacker, <i>SILENT RUNNING</i>
5-6 May	NEW MEMBER WELCOME	WELCOME	Maryland Yacht Club	Earl Greene <i>ADVENTURE BOUND</i>
26-28 May	MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND	MOVEABLE FEAST	Multi-Location Event with Land Based Activities	Joe & Sue Cameron <i>AQUILA</i>
16-17 June	TBD	Pirate Festival	TBD	Tom & Kathy Schmidt Tim & Sybil Shipley
19-21 June	CRUISE TO RENDEZVOUS	TBD	TBD	TBD
21 – 24 June	Hunter Owners RENDEZVOUS	BACK TO THE BAY VI	Zahniser's Solomon's, MD	Earl Greene Commodore
24 Jun - 2 Jul	CIRCUMNAVIGATE THE DELMARVA	COUNTER-CLOCKWISE Starting Immediately Fol- lowing the Rendezvous	Start from the Rendezvous	Paul & Dottie Borchardt <i>PADOZARY</i>
7-8 July	Aloha on the Creek	Golf, Tennis, Luau Cookout	Fairlee Creek	Eddie & Debbie Sabol <i>TOMORROW CAME</i>
JUL	TBD	TBD	TBD	Rex & Amy Noel <i>XTASEA</i>
11-12 August	JOINT RAFT w/HSA #1	ORIOLES BASEBALL	Baltimore Inner Harbor Marine Ctr	Greg Guthman <i>STARGAZER</i>
18-19 August	TBD	TBD	Broad Creek	David & Marie Knauer <i>WINDSPRINT</i>
1-3 September	LABOR DAY	TBD	TBD	TBD
8-9 September	ANNUAL PICNIC	TBD	<i>Tidewater Marina Hav're de Grace</i>	TBD
22-23 September	TBD	TBD	TBD	Chris & Debbie Schultz <i>CARPE VENTUM</i>
29-30 September	Annual Meeting with Elections and Race	ELECTIONS & Clean your Clock Race	TBD	Earl Greene <i>ADVENTURE BOUND</i> Paul Borchardt SFC
27-28 October	TBD	HALLOWEEN	TBD	Frank & Sue Tedeschi <i>CONTIGO</i>
NOV	Change of Watch & Awards	TBD	TBD	Joe Cameron Vice Commodore

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.
- 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 (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.

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, 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
Safety Officer, [vacant]
Membership, Frank & Susan Tedeschi
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Historian, [vacant]
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Insurance Study Cmte, Tom Schmidt



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.

Birthdays & Anniversaries for Jan/Feb/Mar/Apr:

- Shirley Balfour (*Michar*)
- Paul Borchardt (*Padozary*)
- Sue Cameron (*Aquila*)
- David & Cathy Carey (*Enchantress*)
- Terry Eben (*Bella Vento*)
- Colleen Fortunato (*Fortune Hunter*)
- Jarvis & Elke Fox (*Sly Fox*)
- Josette Gizarra (*Satisfaction*)
- Todd Green (*Social Security*)
- Judy Hiltbrand (*Mast Confusion*)
- Mary Hornberger (*Sun Runner*)
- Judy Horne (*Dolphin*)
- David & Marie Knauer (*Windsprint*)
- Frederique Leinard (*Champagne*)
- Ian & Carol McGain (*Meant to Be*)
- Linda Myers (*Utopia III*)
- Don Nissley (*Bert & Ernie*)

- Rex & Amy Noel (*Xtasea*)
- Jo Ann Palmer (*Windependent*)
- Tom & Agnes Powers (*Oasis*)
- Bob Pulyer (*First Light*)
- Bruce Robinson (*Timothy James*)
- Eddie Sabol (*Tomorrow Came*)
- Tom St. John (*Phoenix Fire*)
- Tim Shipley (*SENA 'NUFF*)
- Drew Spaeth (*Air Transport*)
- Ed Steel (*Zephyrus III*)
- Peter & Janet Terry (*Kava Kava*)
- Bill & Chris Ubelacker (*Silent Running*)
- John Walsh (*Annie Eileen*)

Wedding Anniversaries for Jan/Feb/Mar/Apr:

- **John** & Shirley Balfour (*Michar*)
- Tom & Esther Barron (*Off the Charts*)
- Joe & Sue Cameron (*Aquila*)
- Mike & Nancy Cotter (*Big E Nuf*)
- Jay & Carol Eaton (*Nevermore*)
- John & Chris Farrugia (*Hat Trick*)
- Steve & Sandy Jones (*Parlay*)
- Ian & Carol McGain (*Meant to Be*)
- Craig & Deb Mosier (*Wind Got Us*)
- Tom & Agnes Powers (*Oasis*)