



# The Portlight

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**2007 DUES**  
are Due Now!

## MARK THY CALENDAR

**June 16-17**  
Pirate Raft

**June 21-24**  
Hunter Rendezvous

**June 24-July 1**  
Delmarva Circumnavigation

**July 4th**  
Independence Day  
Man your Radios

**July 7-8**  
Luau at Fairlee Creek

**July 21-22**  
Red Neck Yacht Club Raft

## THE NSHSA MEMORIAL DAY RAFT UP BY SUE CAMERON

The 2007 season opened with a wonderful group of sailors joining together to celebrate our nations freedom and the memory of all those who have served in the military.

The weekend started on Saturday May 26<sup>th</sup> with a gentle sail from all areas of the bay to Maryland Yacht Club in rock creek. There were many new

members of the club who participated as well as many young sailors who were on their best behavior. The seasoned members of the club really took time to welcome the new members by helping them form rafts and get settled in their slips. It was a pleasure to watch everyone bond and get to know each other

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## Commodore's Corner



As I write this article, I am sitting in the St. Petersburg, FL harbor on a 36 ft C&C. We just finished up an afternoon sail (after work of course) and we are getting ready to dingy into town for dinner. I guess there are some benefits to this job after all.

The 2007 Sailing Season is upon us and it has been delightful to see how many of our members (old and new) are participating in our club sponsored raft-ups. It has been really enjoyable to see many old friends and make some new ones. We will have several fun and exciting events coming up and I would encourage you to check the schedule often on our web site ([www.nshsa.org](http://www.nshsa.org)) for any updates. For you new members that may be a little shy or unsure of how to participate, send me an email and we will hook you up with an old salt in a nearby marina to guide you and answer your questions. We truly want you and your family to participate and become part of the NSHSA Sailing Community.

We have several club events coming up this summer and some of these include. The Pirates Raft, hosted by *Narsilion* and *Sena 'Nuff* on June 16-17. This is a must event for all of you Pirates. A Round the Delmarva with *Padozary* is being planned for June 23 – July 1. Please send Paul an email if you are planning on participating in this cruise. Tomorrow Came will be hosting a raft on the first weekend in July and *Xtasea* hosting a Redneck Yacht Club Raft. I am not sure

what a Redneck Yacht Club is, but I am going to find out.

Do not forget the big event of the summer hosted by all three of the Bay Hunter Clubs. The Chesapeake Bay Hunters Owners Rendezvous from June 21 – 24 at Zahniser's Yachting Center in Solomon's. This event will give you a chance to be with other Hunter sailors and have a fun filled week-end of educational talks, family activities and some great food! The Keynote Speakers on Saturday will be Bernadette and Douglas Bernon and Captain Ed Mapes will headline the Friday activities. There is still time to register. Please see the web site ([2007 Hunter Rendezvous](#)).

I want to take the time to thank the raft Captains that have volunteered to sponsor and host rafts this year. I will be thanking them often in this forum. When you see them at the event, please thank them too. We would not be much of a club if no one volunteered to host our raft-ups. Please think about volunteering (or joining up with an experienced Captain) to host a raft this year. We have plenty of open week-ends and we could use your help.

Hope to see you on the water.

Earl

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## Memorial Day Raft Up

Once everyone was settled the fun began with decorating the boats and choosing dress that represented the holiday. While the decorating was happening, the grills were getting hot for a wonderful cookout. Everyone brought a dish to share as well as a big appetite.

The day was full of sun and the temperature was in the low 80's. The young sailors took some time to get to know each other and then headed off to the pool where they played well together and stayed cool until dinner was served.

The dinner bell rang out and everyone joined in for a fine meal of hamburgers, Italian

sausage, hot dogs, baked beans, chili, soda. ect ( all purchased by the club) along with the main course there were salads, snacks, and deserts brought by the members to share.

After dinner it was time to judge the boats and who dressed the best for the holiday. There were 18 boats to be judged. Fourteen boats were anchored out and there were 4 in slips. This presented a challenge for the judges. The judges were 8 fine young sailors who came up with their own criteria for the contest. The solution lied with Rex Noel and John Farrugia who very graciously

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## MEMORIAL DAY RAFT

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took two dinghies each with 4 judges on a dingy judging ride. The judges did a great job and the following are the results.



- First place - Windsprint - "great decorations, Uncle Sam in the dinghy, lots of red white and blue, with red seats in the cock pit"
- Second place- Xtasea- " great colors, flags, and a flag that lights up"
- Third place- Sena Nuff - " pretty, lots of color"

For best dressed the judging was done by the one and only Mark Farrugia

- First place - Rex and Amy from Xtasea- " big hats, lots of beads, and lots of color"
- Second place- Dave and Marie from Windsprint - they had a guest with them. Alan had a blue shirt on, Dave had a white shirt on and Marie had a red shirt on all with a flag on the front (they were judged as one)
- Third place- Marc and Frederique- champagne



After the judging and the food everyone relaxed, socialized and the children played.

Sunday began with a captains meeting at 0900. The purpose of the meeting was to check out the weather and decide to stay at MYC or move to a different location. After much discussion about the light winds, hot weather, and other anchorages being full due to the nice weather, it was decided that the group would stay at MYC. Everyone could enjoy the pool, and have a cook-out to finish up the food from Saturday.

The day was full of little sailors being pulled on kneeboards by the





## Memorial Day Raft Up



The day was fun and relaxing until a storm blew up with winds clocked at 60 miles an hour and then everyone all got a chance to rearrange the rafts very quickly. Due to the



dinghies and a dinghy train exploring the many creeks of the river. Lunch was served at 1300 and then several people hit the pool.



were pulled and everyone had a gentle sail home. It was truly a great time with great people (18 boats and 52 people)

skill of the captains and the crews- no one was injured. Following the storm everyone settled down for a quiet cool night on the hook Monday came quickly, hooks

## CBYCA REPORT by Tom Powers



The Chesapeake Bay Yacht Clubs Association (CBYCA) was to have a Board meeting at the Susquehanna River Yacht Club on May 19<sup>th</sup> but had to cancel it because there were so many club openings on that day we would not be able to get a quorum for the meeting. That is the first time that has happened under those circumstances since I have been involved in the organization.

At the last Delegates meeting we voted on two new clubs. They were Eastern Sailing Association and Back Creek Yacht Club. At our next Delegates meeting on August 18<sup>th</sup> at Baltimore Yacht Club we will welcome them into the CBYCA and exchange burgees. Also Wilton Creek Cruising Club will be voted on at this meeting to join the CBYCA. We will also be voting for new officers to run the CBYCA for the coming year.

The dredge has been working in the Kent Narrows Channel and I understand that they have just completed the job so we shouldn't have any trouble using it this summer.

CBYCA had a Board meeting Saturday June 2<sup>nd</sup> at Maryland Yacht Club, which was also their Opening Day. Next year they will be celebrating their 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. I remember when they were located at the Hanover Street Bridge

Director, Maryland State Legislator Kay Brawley mentioned, SB-165 and HB 305 passed. These bills were to establish a Task Force to study the Boating Industry in Maryland and too evaluate and make recommendations regarding specified issues and make a report to the Governor and General Assembly. It was suggested that one of the Board member come from the CBYCA. The Board voted for Kay Brawley to represent CBYCA on this Task Force.

Kay also mentioned that there is some discussion among Legislators about a possible service and slip tax in Maryland in next years session. CBYCA will keep a close watch on this.

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## CBYCA REPORT (continued)

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LNG at Sparrows Point is still on top of the list. CBYCA continues to fight to keep LNG ships from coming into Sparrows Point. CBYCA appreciates all who have contributed to its position statements through comments and statements at testimonies.

National Boating Federation Legislative Director Earl Waesche stated that because of the different species being pumped out of foreign ships when they pump their bulges into our bays and lakes, a U.S. district judge nullified EPA regulation 40 under the Clean Water Act exempting effluent discharge incidental to the normal operations of vessels. Which means that it would be unlawful to discharge gray water or pump out bilges in recreational boats. Congress has been informed of this problem. It would take



some time to get a law passed to change this ruling so what we are looking at is that the judge amends his motion to exclude recreational boaters. We have to September 2008 to get this done. For more information, log on to [www.boatblue.org](http://www.boatblue.org).

Earl mentioned, that access to our waterways (land storage, launch ramps, marinas, etc.) is being threatened as developers purchase waterside facilities for condo construction. Many are taken by exercising Eminent Domain.

The next Delegates meeting will be held at Baltimore Yacht Club on August 18, 2007 at 1300 hours. We will be voting for new officers at this meeting to lead the CBYCA for the year 2008. We will also be voting to except Wilton Creek Cruising Club into the CBYCA. You are invited to attend. Check CBYCA's web site at [www.cbyca.org](http://www.cbyca.org) for more information.

## Mother's Day Raft - Earl Greene

Our Mother's Day raft (May 12-13) was attended by three boats: *Adventure Bound*, *Aquila*, and *Windsprint*. The boats gathered in Queenstown Creek around 3 pm. All the Mothers aboard (Sue on *Aquila* and Maria on *Windsprint*) were greeted with roses courtesy of *Adventure Bound*. The entrance to Queenstown Creek is tricky at best and with the "Green 5" channel marker missing it was difficult for our Captains to follow the channel into Queenstown Creek. All boats touched slightly both going in and coming out but nothing too seriously. That just goes to show you how good our NSHSA Captains are at navigating or how good their chart plotters are. I think maybe the latter.



Our raft was built under an Eagles nest and participants were treated to the watching the comings and goings of a Bald Eagle. Happy hour and a nice group dinner followed and several bottles of wine were consumed as all relaxed and enjoyed their weekend. The crews slept in with the raft breaking up late in the morning. Rumor has it that the husbands treated the Mothers aboard by making them breakfast. Sunday afternoon gave us a nice wind from the NW and we ended up in a tacking duel to get out of the Chester River and into the Bay to make our way home.



## *Cinco de Mayo Raft - 5/5/7*



The crews of Big E Nuf, Narsilion, Mosella, Silent Running and Windependent gathered in Worton Creek on Saturday afternoon.

The festivities started at 1600 hours on Silent Running. Each crew brought a Mexican dish to share, all of them were excellent.



There were some issues with drinks being spilled in the cockpit of Silent Running, but fortunately, Kathleen "Sponge" Schmidt was there to soak up the liquid with her pants.

Special thanks to Tom Schmidt for providing ferry service to and from the party. The raft broke up after dinner due to the predicted high winds. This turned out to be a good idea as the winds were in the mid-twenties starting around midnight, with gusts into the mid-thirties from the north. Around 3:00 in the morning two of the boats' anchors dragged and needed to reset them.



The sail back to our marinas started with dredging channels out of Worton with our keels. The winds from the north over night had blown the water out of the bay and lowered the water level in the creek significantly. Once out of the anchorage, we rigged our storm sails and sailed comfortably back to our home marinas. Silent Running was making 6 knots with just half of the jib rolled out.

It was another enjoyable weekend on the Bay, sharing the time with friends from NSHSA!



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

Captain's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

1<sup>st</sup> Email: \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

**\*\* PLEASE FILL OUT COMPLETELY \*\***

**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	<del>SPLASHDOWN</del> Frostbite	Cabin Fever Games	Maryland Marina Frog Mortar Creek	Bill & Linda Ubelacker, <i>SILENT RUNNING</i>
5-6 May	Cinco De Mayo	Mexican Fiesta	Worton Creek	Bill & Linda Ubelacker, <i>SILENT RUNNING</i>
12-13 May	New Member Wel- come	Mother's Day	Queenstown Creek	Earl Greene <i>ADVENTURE BOUND</i>
26-28 May	MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND	MOVEABLE FEAST	Maryland Yacht Club	Joe & Sue Cameron <i>AQUILA</i>
16-17 June	Pirate Life for Us	Pirate Festival For all Kids	( <a href="#">Osprey Point Marina</a> )	<a href="#">Tom &amp; Kathleen Schmidt</a> <a href="#">Tim &amp; Sybil Shipley</a>
19-21 June	CRUISE TO RENDEZVOUS			
21 – 24 June	Hunter Owners RENDEZVOUS	<a href="#">Back to the Bay VI</a>	<a href="#">Zahniser's Yacht Center Solomon's, MD</a>	Earl Greene Commodore (Will be Absent)
24 Jun - 2 Jul	<a href="#">CIRCUMNAVIGATE THE DELMARVA</a>	COUNTER-CLOCKWISE Starting Immediately Follow- ing the Rendezvous	Start from the Ren- dezvous	<a href="#">Paul &amp; Dottie Borchardt</a> <i>PADOZARY</i>
7-8 July	Aloha on the Creek	Golf, Tennis, Luau Cookout	Fairlee Creek	<a href="#">Eddie &amp; Debbie Sabol</a> <i>TOMORROW CAME</i>
21-22 JUL	TBD	"Redneck Yacht Club"	TBD	<a href="#">Rex &amp; Amy Noel</a> <i>XTASEA</i>
11-12 August	JOINT RAFT w/HSA #1	ORIOLES BASEBALL	<a href="#">Baltimore Inner Harbor Marine Center</a>	<a href="#">Greg Guthman</a> <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	<a href="#">Tidewater HdG</a>	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  
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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 for May/June/July:

- Danielle Greene (*Adventure Bound*)
- Mary Beth Spaeth (*Air Transport*)
- Craig Miller (*Destiny*)
- Bob Holmes (*Dolphin*)
- Ben Duggar (*Dream Catcher*)
- Barbara Pulyer (*First Light*)
- Carol Eaton (*Nevermore*)
- Fred Fortunato (*Fortune Hunter*)
- Christine Farrugia (*Hat Trick*)
- Wolf Milz (*Mosella*)
- Tom Barron (*Off the Charts*)
- John Hakamian (*Panache 3*)
- Karen Quintana (*Phoenix Fire*)
- Timothy Toth (*Starlite*)

- Gordon Palmer (*Windependent*)
- Craig Mosier (*Wind Got Us*)
- Catherine Johnson (*Windkist 4*)

### Wedding Anniversaries for May/June/July:

- Drew & Mary Beth Spaeth (*Air Transport*)
- John Walsh & Heidi Bowser (*Annie Eileen*)
- Don & Winnie Nissley (*Bert & Ernie*)
- Marc & Frederique Lienard (*Champagne*)
- Frank & Susan Tedeschi (*Contigo*)
- Ben & Nancy Duggar (*Dream Catcher*)
- Peter & Janet Terry (*Kava Kava*)
- George & Linda Jankowski (*Linzilla*)
- Matt & Gale Joy O'Brien (*Orion*)
- Joseph & Josette Gizarra (*Satisfaction*)
- Jarvis & Elke Fox (*Sly Fox*)
- Jock & Elana Muir (*Southern Belle*)
- Steve & Mary Hornberger (*Sun Runner*)
- Gordon & Jo Ann Palmer (*Windependent*)
- Garry & Catherine Johnson (*Windkist 4*)