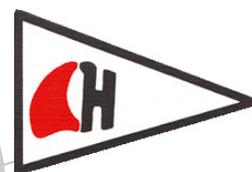


Hunter Sailing Association #1



The Log



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Editor's Notes:

Using the Roman numeral for 40 as I wrote the header for this issue brought a smile to my face; this is the 40th year for *The Log*! Thanks to newly-elected Vice Commodore Bob Rectanus and to Barb Steele for their contributions to this issue.

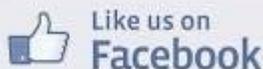
We are off to another good year with a couple of well-attended land events. At the recent Shipwreck Party, Fleet Captain Dan announced our schedule for the year. After a thorough spring commissioning and checkout, we will all be sailing again!

On the final page of this issue we are memorializing a former shipmate, Jim Weekes. Rest in peace my good friend.

Let us count our blessings,

Carl Reitz, Editor

Check out our website:
www.hsa1.org
for the latest Club news



Jim, his wife Stephanie, *Utopia* & *Windrose*
HSA-1 in Marsh Harbour, Bahamas 2006

From the Helm

By Vice Commodore Bob Rectanus

Ahoy fellow Hunter sailors and welcome to Spring...I think. As I am writing this column on the first day of Spring it is snowing and I have already shoveled eight inches of the white stuff from my driveway and front walk.

Sharon and I burned our socks and had a great time socializing with many of you last Saturday at the HSA-1 Saint Patrick's Day Party and Sock Burning. We had a good turnout and it ended up snowing while we bared our feet and burned our socks. Despite all the wintery snow this week, talking with other sailors about their boats and sailing stories has really made me anxious for the season to get started.

Our Fleet Captain, Dan Breitenbach, has been working hard to put together a full and interesting schedule of events and sailing raft-ups for this year. He unveiled the schedule at the Sock Burning Party. More details on schedule are in this edition of *The Log* and on the Activities page of our website.

Take a look at the schedule and mark your calendars for the events that you can join us for fun and adventure. If there are events that you know you just can't miss, help us plan and host the event as a raft captain. Call Dan and let him know you are interested and he can help you with the details. It's a great way to get to know other club members.

I am looking forward to meeting more HSA-1 sailors this year. In addition to providing a great opportunity to meet and socialize with other sailors, our organization provides an outstanding technical support resource for Hunter/Marlow Hunter sailboat owners. If you have questions or problems with your boat or any of its systems or equipment, there is likely another member that has dealt with the problem before or that can answer your questions. Take advantage of the knowledge and friendship that all of our members have to offer and join us for the many events that are planned for this year.

I hope to see you during our Spring Forward Raft-Up at Pirates Cove Marina and Restaurant in Galesville on May 5. Come by water or, if your boat is not ready to launch yet, come by land. And ask me about our new MH40; I have lots of photos of its pieces and parts in various stages of assembly.

Vice Commodore,
Bob Rectanus
S/V *Chasseur* (Soon!)



Thanks to Commodore Greg Guthman for delegating this page to Bob so those who have yet to get to know him will now know a bit of his background and his perspective of sailing with HSA-1. *Ed.*

Meet the Vice Commodore

For those who do not know me well yet, I am the newest club officer, serving this year as Vice Commodore.

My wife Sharon and I have been members of HSA-1 for about ten years. We've been very active the past two years, after we both retired from working for a living. I was a civil engineer for 42 years and Sharon was a school teacher for 38 years. We have been avid sailors on the Chesapeake Bay for about 16 years, the last 11 of those years on our 2002 Hunter 356 *Unfurled*. We are currently boatless, at least until May when we expect to take delivery of our new 2018 Marlow Hunter 40.



We are very excited about the new boat. It has been a very interesting buying experience, dealing directly with David Marlow and many of the Marlow Hunter staff. We feel like we are buying a custom-built boat, especially since it is the only boat they had under construction when we visited the factory in January. We got to meet the whole team working on the boat. They would each stop to show us what they were doing and what they would be working on next. It was obvious that they have a lot of pride in the work that they do.

I have been getting progress photos and talking by phone with the Marlow Hunter purchasing manager (Brett) and production manager (Alan) about every two weeks since November. Brett told me they were putting the deck on the hull yesterday when I spoke to him. We are going to Florida at the end of April to see the completed boat before they ship it to Maryland. Marlow Hunter is sending a team of three from the factory to commission the boat in our boat yard in May after it arrives. We are very excited and can't wait to get *Chasseur*, the new boat, on the water.

Welcome New Members

Welcome! Enjoy your membership in our Hunter Sailing Association. We look forward to sharing sailing experiences with you. To our existing members, offer our new members a warm welcome when you see them.

Laurie & David	<i>Passing Wind</i>	2001 Hunter 380	Herrington Harbour South, Fairhaven
Steve & Suzette	<i>Schatzi</i>	2003 Hunter 44	Baltimore Yacht Club, Baltimore
Sean	<i>O'Halloran's Luck</i>	1994 Legend 35.5	Wherlen Bros. Marina, Brick, NJ
Roger & Mary	<i>Red Sky</i>	1998 Hunter 376	Castle Harbor Marina, Chester

HSA-1 2018 Officers



Fleet Captain Dan, Vice Commodore Bob and Commodore Greg discussing the year's activities during the Saint Patrick's Day Party.

Commodore	Greg Guthman	Secretary	Lois White
Vice Commodore	Bob Rectanus	Treasurer	Mike Meegan
Fleet Captain	Dan Breitenbach	Immediate Past Commodore	Helen Kelley

What You Can Do for HSA-1

Like every volunteer organization, the success of HSA-1 depends on the work of its members. Your officers do most of the work of the organization. Two ways to show you appreciate their effort are:

- * Attend Events
- * Help with an event



During this time of the year, the Fleet Captain recruits members to be "Raft Captains", the people who do the onsite coordination of our events. Look again at our schedule for the year. When you decide on a date that you are going to join us, please reach out to [Fleet Captain Dan](#) and offer to help with that event. He will discuss with you how to use your energy to make our raft-up or land event a success.

If you think there is a better venue for one of our planned events, all the better! Being a raft captain is a wonderful opportunity to share your favorite anchorage with club members or to explore a spot that you haven't gotten to yet. And most of all, it's fun to host fellow members and get to know them better.

Please reach out to [Dan](#) and offer to help. You will enjoy it and your fellow HSAers will appreciate your doing it.

HSA-1 2018 Schedule

Saturday Mar 17	Sock Burning & St. Pat's Day Party	Shore Acres Clubhouse, Arnold
Saturday May 5	Spring Forward Raft	Pirates Cove, West River
May 25 – Jun 3	Delmarva Circumnavigation Joint Cruise with NSHSA	Delaware, Maryland & Virginia
Saturday May 26	Memorial Day Weekend	Rhode River
Sunday May 27		Shaw Bay, Wye River
Saturday June 9	Saint Michaels Raft-Up	San Domingo Creek & Miles River
Saturday Jun 23	Summer Sailstice, joint with NSHSA	Magothy River
Saturday June 30	Independence Week Cruise on the Choptank River	Dun Cove, Harris Creek
Sunday July 1		LaTrappe Creek
Monday July 2		Trippe Creek, Tred Avon River
Tuesday July 3		FIREWORKS - Brewers Oxford Marina or anchor on The Strand
Wednesday, July 4		Depart - home or independent sail
Saturday July 14	Mid-Summer Raft-Up	Dun Cove or Waterhole Cove
Saturday July 28	Pool Party	Shipwright Harbor, Deale
August 10-12	Pirates and Wenches Weekend	Rock Hall
Saturday Sept 1	Labor Day Weekend	Hudson Creek, Little Choptank
Sunday Sept 2		Patuxent River picnic or anchor farther north (split anchorages)
Saturday Sept 15	Crab Feast	Severn Grove Clubhouse
October 4-8	United States Sailboat Show	Annapolis - Saturday Happy Hour
Saturday Oct 13	Wrap-Up Raft-Up	Waterhole Cove, Harris Creek
Saturday Oct 27	Chili Cook-Off	Duck House, Granary Creek
Sunday Nov 17	Annual Meeting	Location open
Saturday Dec 8	Annapolis Parade of Lights	Annapolis Waterfront Hotel

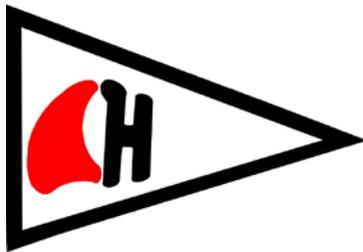
We have an exciting year of both on-water and land events. Please see hsa1.org/activities for more info. Email the [Fleet Captain](#) with the events you think you may attend – or want to lead.

Knapps Narrows Dredging

Knapps Narrows separates Tilghman Island from the mainland of the Delmarva Peninsula and saves five miles when coming from the north into the Choptank River. Over the past several years it has shoaled to the point that some local knowledge has been needed to use it. By this summer the shoaling should be a thing of the past!

The Army Corps of Engineers awarded a \$1.4 million contract to restore the authorized depth in the channel of nine feet.

DredgingToday.com reports the dredging started in March and is expected to be completed before Memorial Day Weekend. They also report to obtain the authorized depth of 9 feet (MLLW) plus two feet of allowable overdepth for a width of 75 feet, the dredge will need to remove roughly 100,000 cubic yards of material.



Membership Report

Our 2018 membership drive is over. Sue is busy at the other computer in the Reitz household compiling the 2018 Membership Directory. Look for an email later this spring announcing that the directory is available online in the [virtual clubhouse](#).

Information Update: If any of your membership information has changed since last year, please send an email with the new information to Membership@hsa1.org immediately.

Membership statistics: As of March 2018, our membership consists of

- ⚓ 53 Boats including:
- ⚓ 40 Hunters and Marlow Hunters
- ⚓ 5 Continuing Members (members who no longer own Hunters)
- ⚓ 8 Honorary Members (members who no longer own Hunters and have rendered special services to the club)

**Before You Launch:**

- Hose clamps should be inspected and replaced as necessary. Double clamp below-waterline connections, including all hose and fuel lines with marine-rated stainless hose clamps and keeping seacocks closed when you are away are wise moves.
- Inspect cooling hoses for stiffness, rot, leaks and cracking. Make sure they fit snugly.
- Replace deteriorated sacrificial anodes.
- Inspect prop(s) for dings, pitting and distortion. Make sure cotter pins are secure. Grip the prop and try moving the shaft – if it's loose, the cutless bearing (on inboard drive systems) may need to be replaced.
- Check the rudderstock to ensure it hasn't been bent.
- Inspect the hull for blisters, distortions and stress cracks.
- Make sure your engine intake sea strainer is not cracked or bent from ice, free of corrosion, and is clean and properly secured.
- With inboards, check the engine shaft and rudder stuffing boxes for looseness. A stuffing box should only leak when the prop shaft is turning and needs to be inspected routinely.
- Inspect and lubricate seacocks.
- Use a garden hose to check for deck leaks at ports and hatches. Renew caulk or gaskets as necessary.
- Inspect bilge pump and float switch to make sure they're working properly.
- Check stove and remote tanks for loose fittings and leaking hoses.
- Inspect dock and anchor lines for chafing.
- If equipped, ensure that the stern drain plug is installed.
- After the boat is launched, be sure to check all thru-hulls for leaks.

Engines and Fuel Systems:

- Inspect fuel lines, including fill and vent hoses, for softness, brittleness or cracking. Check all joints for leaks, and make sure all lines are well supported with noncombustible clips or straps with smooth edges.
- Inspect fuel tanks, fuel pumps and filters for leaks. Ensure portable tanks and lines are completely drained of stale fuel before filling with new fuel. Clamps should be snug and free of rust. Clean or replace fuel filters.
- Every few years, remove and inspect exhaust manifolds for corrosion.
- Charge battery. Clean and tighten electrical connections, especially both ends of battery cables. Wire-brush battery terminals and fill cells with distilled water (if applicable).
- Inspect bilge blower hose for leaks.

Engine Outdrives and Outboards:

- Inspect rubber outdrive bellows for cracked, dried and/or deteriorated spots (look especially in the folds) and replace if suspect.
- Check power steering and power trim oil levels.
- Replace anodes that are more than half worn away.
- Inspect outer jacket of control cables. Cracks or swelling indicate corrosion and mean that the cable must be replaced.

Sailboat Rigging:

- Inspect swage fittings for cracks and heavy rust (some discoloration is acceptable). Inspect wire halyards and running backstays for “fishhooks” and rust.
- Remove tape on turnbuckles and lubricate threads, preferably with Teflon. Replace old tape with fresh tape.
- If you suspect the core around a chainplate is damp, remove the chainplate to inspect and make repairs.

Trailers:

- Inspect tire treads and sidewalls for cracks or lack of tread and replace as necessary. Check air pressure — don't forget the spare.
- Inspect wheel bearings and repack as necessary.
- Test all lights and winch to make sure they're working properly. Inspect hitch chains.
- Inspect trailer frame for rust. Sand and paint to prevent further deterioration.
- Inspect brakes and brake fluid reservoir.

Safety:

- Check expiration dates on flares. Inspect fire extinguishers. Replace if over 12 years old. Over 40 million Kidde extinguishers with plastic handles were recalled on Nov. 2, 2017 (learn more at www.BoatUS.com/extinguisher-recall).
- Make sure you have properly sized and wearable life jackets in good condition for each passenger, including kids. Check inflatable life jacket cylinders.
- Test smoke, carbon monoxide, fume and bilge alarms.
- Check running lights and spare bulb inventory.
- Update paper charts, chart plotter software.
- Replenish first aid kit items that may have been used last season.
- Be sure to get a free vessel safety check from the US Coast Guard Auxiliary or US Power Squadrons. Find out more at www.SafetySeal.net.

For the Dock:

- Check both ends of the shore power cable connections for burns, which indicate the cable and/or boat's shore power inlet or the dock's receptacle must be replaced.
- Test ground-fault protection on your boat and private dock, and know how to prevent Electric Shock Drowning by going to www.BoatUS.com/Seaworthy/ESD.asp

The Paperwork:

- Make sure your boat registration is up to date. Don't forget your trailer tags.
- Review your boat insurance policy and update coverage if needed. BoatUS provides free quotes at BoatUS.com/Insurance. Provide a copy to your marina or club.
- If applicable, review your on water towing service membership (learn more about BoatUS towing services at www.BoatUS.com/towing).

We downloaded this from <http://www.boatus.com/magazine/assets/pdf/spring-boat-commissioning-checklist.pdf>. Use it to augment your other spring checks. However you do it - DIY or by hiring pros - be thorough and safe.

Spring Forward Raft-Up



We kick off our sailing season at Pirates' Cove in Galesville on the West River. You can sail in and anchor out, take a slip at Pirates Cove Marina or come by land yacht. Boy do you have choices!

Don't miss the first raft up of the season! We will have a 5 pm happy hour (on *Mission Impossible* at the marina if the weather is good, inside if not) and then order dinner from the menu at 6.

Do you suppose that because it is Cinco de Mayo a Margarita or two might show up?

Our club Secretary, Lois, and her husband Don are hosting the event. Please RSVP by April 27 so we can include you in the dinner reservation! If you need a slip, please let Lois know via email (secretary@hsa1.org) by the 27th as well.



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SUMMER SAILSTICE RAFT-UP

Celebrate the Sailstice

DATE: Saturday, June 23rd
TIME: Happy Hour Starts at 1700 (5 pm)
LOCATION: Magothy River
LAT/LONG: 39° XX' N 076° YY'W
 We'll pick the exact location that day
 Hail Windrose on VHF 78

Both of the Chesapeake HSAs are joining sailors all across the planet in the celebration. You can win one of dozens of prizes from the Sailstice folks by signing up online.

We will make further announcements as the date gets closer. In the mean time we suggest you do register for our event at SummerSailstice.com/2018/event/Chesapeake-Hunter-Sailstice-Raft so you are eligible for the prizes.

Independence Day Cruise

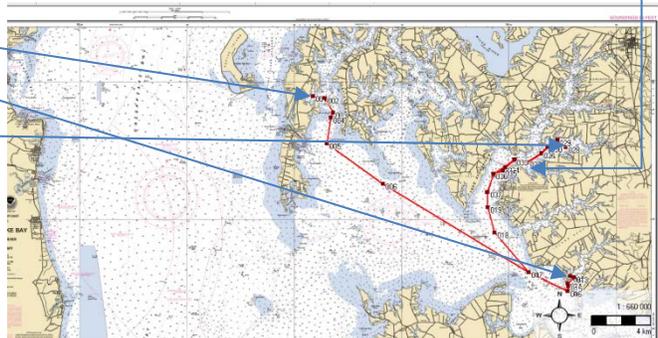


As part of our 4th of July Cruise, we plan a stop at Oxford and have blocked a number of slips at Brewer's Oxford Marina (It is the old Mears Oxford Marina) for the night of July 3rd, the night of the Oxford Fireworks.

Oxford Fireworks
Tuesday, July 3

Other planned stops on the Cruise are

- ⚓ Dun Cove on Saturday, June 30
- ⚓ LaTrappe Creek, Sunday, July 1
- ⚓ Trippe Creek on Monday, July 2



Join us on any or all days.

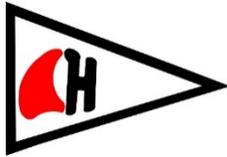
If you are interested in being a raft captain for any of these locations, please contact Fleet Captain Dan at FleetCaptain@hsa1.org.

To reserve a slip in Oxford for July 3, call Dockmaster Jeff Maki directly at 410-226-5450, or use www.dockwa.com. Be sure to tell him that you are with the **Hunter Sailing Association Station 1**.

Transient Rate for dockage is \$2.25/ft + \$7/night for 30 amp electric and \$14/night for 50 amp. If we have a group of 10 or more boats, they will lower that rate to \$2.00/ft.

Please ensure you notify Fleet Captain Dan at FleetCaptain@hsa1.org so he can keep a count of participants and negotiate any discount if we meet the requisite numbers.

Pirates and Wenches Weekend



Arg! Again we're partaking in Rock Hall's [Pirates and Wenches Fantasy Weekend](#).



Again this year our sister club, Northern Star Hunter Sailing Association, is joining us.



New this year is that *Wheelhouse Rocks*, the band anchored by our own members Jeanne and Mark, is playing at the Harbor House on Friday night. Where else can you dinghy to hear a great rock band where the performers know you?

We have blocked slips for this event at Haven Harbour South (formerly Sailing Emporium) under HSA-1 or "Dan's Group." Identifying yourself as being just from the "Hunter Club" is insufficient since Northern Star Hunter Sailing Association has also blocked slips. Slips are on a first come first-serve basis.

It is not too early to reserve your slip. Call Denise at Haven Harbour South (800) 506-6697 and provide her your Boat Name, Owners Name, Address, Contact Number, E-Mail, Boat Length, Beam, Draft and Electric Requirement. Be prepared to provide a one-night deposit. Denise will e-mail a confirmation and the marina's cancellation policy.

Dockage rate is \$3.00 per foot per night. Electric is \$9.00 for a single 30 amp, \$17.00 for a double 30 amp or a single 50 amp.

Please ensure you notify Fleet Captain Dan at FleetCaptain@hsa1.org of your reservation.

If you are unable to make a reservation because the marina is full, let Dan know. Haven Harbour will allow us to fill our cancellation from our wait list.

Also if you cancel, let Dan know so he can move your slip to a club member on the wait list.

St Pat's Day Sock Burning Party Wrap-Up

By Barb Steele



Twenty-six people braved one of the coldest Shipwreck and Sock Burning parties in HSA-1 history. Hosts Rich and Helen Kelley greeted all with green beer and Irish buttons in honor of Saint Patrick's Day. As always, this get together was filled with great food, conversation, and plenty of sea stories. After eating, all were summoned outside to shed socks and toss them in the fire while it snowed! A great time was had by all despite the snow. Many thanks to Rich and Helen for hosting another stellar event!



Annual Meeting Wrap-Up

By Barb Steele

Barb Steele took minutes at the January 13th Annual Meeting. Commodore Greg and Fleet Captain Dan reviewed the year's activities. Membership Chair Sue reported we have 62 members, that is 62 yachts, in the club. Thirty-three participated in at least one of our events in 2017 so more than half of the boats joined us during the year. Thirteen participated in at least three events.

We elected these officers for 2018:

Commodore	Greg Guthman
Vice Commodore	Bob Rectanus
Fleet Captain	Dan Breitenbach
Secretary	Lois White
Treasurer	Mike Meegan

The meeting wrapped up with Fleet Captain Dan leading a discussion of planning for 2018, an open discussion of what it means to members to be part of the Hunter Sailing Association and a presentation by Commodore Greg of the charter trip in the San Juan Islands.



The group was happy to be inside the Dockside Restaurant on the grounds of Herrington Harbour North Marina on this cold winter day.

Twenty-eight members representing 16 boats attended the meeting.



<i>Bootlegger</i>	Sean & Laurie	<i>Pier Pressure</i>	Tim & Lynn
<i>Canvas Caper</i>	Andy & Linda	<i>Realization</i>	Jim & Clarissa
<i>Desert Star</i>	Eric	<i>Ruff 'N It</i>	Ed & Candy
<i>Isabelle Madison</i>	Bob	<i>Saoirse</i>	John
<i>Melanna</i>	Jeff & Barb	<i>Stargazer</i>	Greg
<i>Monarch</i>	Mike & Sharon	<i>Telesto</i>	Mark & Jeanne
<i>Moonshadow</i>	Tony & Kim	<i>Windrose</i>	Carl & Sue
<i>Musetta</i>	Tom & Irene	<i>Zum Wohl</i>	Dan & Cathy

In Memorial



It was 2001 when we met Jim Weekes and his wife Stephanie Rast. They had just bought *Wake Up Call*, a Hunter 410, from Tidewater. Jim had retired from the Navy and Stephanie from the Army, but they both continued to work full-time in the defense industry. The wake-up call worked - they fully retired the next year.

They bought *Enterprise*, a new 2003 Hunter 466, moved aboard and for years were among the most active members of our HSA-1 Fleet. There are oh so many memories. One that jumps out is when Jim planned then led the August 2003 "North of the Bridge Cruise" including the Inner Harbor, a crab feast at Waterman's in Rock Hall and a complementary stay at Tidewater in Havre de Grace. (When you buy two boats in two years you get nice comps for your friends.)

In addition to many, many summer activities with the club, Jim and Stephanie sailed *Enterprise* to the Bahamas for several winters. After spending warm winters in the Bahamas, a life in sunny Florida lured them from our Bay to Palm Coast, Florida. There they bought an ICW waterfront condo on the same property as their marina. In time they exchanged the beloved *Enterprise* for a motor home and cruised by land rather than water.



A number of us stopped at Palm Coast or met Jim and Stephanie in nearby Saint Augustine every time we went up or down the ICW. In November, we lost Jim. If you are around Florida's "First Coast", reach out to Stephanie and offer sympathy. Jim was a great leader and close friend. We'll miss him.

Rest in peace, Jim.



St Augustine 2014 w/ *Windrose* & *2nd Option*



Wye River Lodge 2005, Chili Contest Winners

Jim's obit is online: <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/news-journalonline/obituary.aspx?pid=187284966>