



The Log



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Commodore's Corner

Ahoy matey!... I am your new Commodore and honored to fill this role for the coming year.

For those who don't know me, I have been in the association since 1999 when I bought my first Hunter, a then new Hunter 320, with money I got as a bribe to keep me in my IT job for the upcoming year 2000 meltdown... which didn't happen, but I got to keep the money!

I have been sailing most of my life having grown up on the shores of Lake Michigan in Northern Illinois. I attended the University of Wisconsin and Southern Illinois where they had good racing programs and I spent more time racing and sailing than going to classes I'm afraid.

I did get to the point where I was on an Olympic qualifying team sailing 470's (15-foot dinghies), but I had to get on with my "real" life and came to Maryland for an engineering job with a Hobie Cat in tow...

Maryland is not a great place for beach boats so until I got that 320, I just bummed rides on boats where someone needed a crew who knew the pointy end from the other end.

When I got the 320, I knew I was in a different world. The dealer scheduled two days to go over the boat and we almost never talked about sailing... or the sails. It was all about the "systems" and I knew I was going to need folks to turn to about all those valves and such!

Luckily, the dealer (Tidewater) gave out memberships to HSA1 as part of a new boat purchase.

My first event was a barbecue at Quiet Waters Park in Annapolis and everyone was great and patient with all my questions ... Of course, there were like 3 different answers to each question and in some cases, started a whole debate amongst the "old salts".

The only sad part of that first day was when one of the HSA officers said something like "Oh, what a cute little boat" when they saw my 320 floating out there ... Ugh! ...

I turned around and got a 380 two years later which I had until I picked up the 2013 MH40. I picked it out at the 2012 Annapolis boat show. It is funny to think that some in the group consider me an "old salt" and after 4 decades of sailing, I guess I've earned a little part of that ... But I promise to NEVER to tell someone they have a cute little boat ...

There are times, like I'm changing a fuel filter that isn't cooperating, that I look back to the days on a Great Lake with a 14-foot boat fondly.

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As I bask in the pride and glory of being elected as your Commodore for another term (my previous term was 2006-2007 for those not around back then), it is somewhat bittersweet as the elections are held right at the time when the sailing season is spinning down for most of us.

That being said, this is actually a great time to get more involved with the club and I hope you will join me in the journey ahead over the winter.

Although I have just put *Stargazer* to bed for the long sleep, I will be hard at work with some great folks planning for the upcoming season which includes the Chesapeake Bay Hunter Rendezvous next summer in Southern Maryland being coordinated by Carl Reitz. We also have the popular Parade of Lights in Annapolis on December 12th and the Winter Seminar Brunch early next year which is a great way to reconnect with your fellow Hunter sailors before the season gets underway and where we will announce the upcoming activity schedule for our association.

We will have a newly minted Activities committee dedicated to making each of the larger events a success and I look forward to working with them. If you would like to join in any of these efforts, please drop me a line!

My theme for this coming year is "Back to the future" I'd like to see us look back and take the best of what has worked and been popular and also steer us towards the path forward.

We have left some activities to the side that used to be quite popular, such as the Eastern shore chili cook-off and raft up's in the Chester River that I'd like to bring back. I also plan on trying to pull off a large circle raft like I helped coordinate years ago.

For the future aspect, I will be leading the effort to modernize our Internet presence with a new Web site and communication system along with a lot more support of Toni Knisley and her excellent efforts to put us on the social media map with Facebook.

If you are on FB and haven't "liked" our page, please consider doing so ...

Beyond the turnout at our events, my main criteria for success is going to be gaining new members and for that, I will need everyone's help. If you know a fellow Hunter owner who is not a member, or have just seen one at the Marina while you put your boat away, please invite them to join. Perhaps, they might want to come to the Parade of Lights or the Winter Brunch as a guest to meet us?

I will also be asking for help in doing more active promotion with flyers going onto boats during the spring commissioning season.

Lastly, and perhaps most importantly, I would like to thank the officers who have decided to step down this year (Helen Kelley and John Knisley) and volunteer (Tim Cossairt as Webmaster) for their years of service.

There is a quote floating around that "80% of living life is showing up". These folks have put in way more than that 80% on our behalf. Of course, I am happy for those that have stayed on board and for our new Vice Commodore, Tina Meegan and Fleet Captain, Dan Breitenbach. These long time members are a great addition to our Executive Committee and I am looking forward to working with them and with all of you in the coming year.

To a GREAT season,
Greg

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www.hsa1.org
 for the latest Club news

Editor’s Notes:

Welcome back to Greg as Commodore and thanks to Helen and John for their contributions as Commodore and Vice Commodore.

Greg has asked me to stay on as newsletter editor. I hope *The Log* is both interesting and informative. I also hope many of you contribute articles over the course of the year.

It was a good year on the water for *WindRose* and we hope it was for you too. We are already looking forward to next season and the Chesapeake Bay Hunter/Marlow Hunter Rendezvous from June 23rd to 26th.

In case I don’t see you at the Parade of Lights Party on December 12th, let me wish you the traditional

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Carl Reitz,
 Editor

Welcome New Members

We are happy to introduce our newest members and hope to see them at the Parade of Lights and on the water in the spring. Offer them a warm welcome when you meet them.

Four of these couples joined at the Annapolis Boat Show. Thanks to our members who spent time in the club booth introducing our club to them and to other Hunter owners.

Name	Boat Name	Boat Model	Marina
Steven & Patricia	<i>One Dog Canoe</i>	'94 Hunter 29.5	Herrington Harbour North, Deale, MD
Lee & Jennifer	<i>Swept Aweigh</i>	Hunter 28	Watergate, Eastport, MD
Kevin & Susan	<i>Summer Wind</i>	'84 Legend	Herrington Harbour North, Deale, MD
Vicky & Steve	<i>Bella Vita</i>	'05 Hunter 36	Timberneck, Deltaville, VA
Kelly & Graciela	<i>BOOM</i>	'78 Cherubini 27	Maryland Marina, Middle River, MD
Becky & Doug	<i>Mast Confusion</i>	'02 Hunter 356	Herrington Harbour North, Deale, MD

2015 Calendar of Events

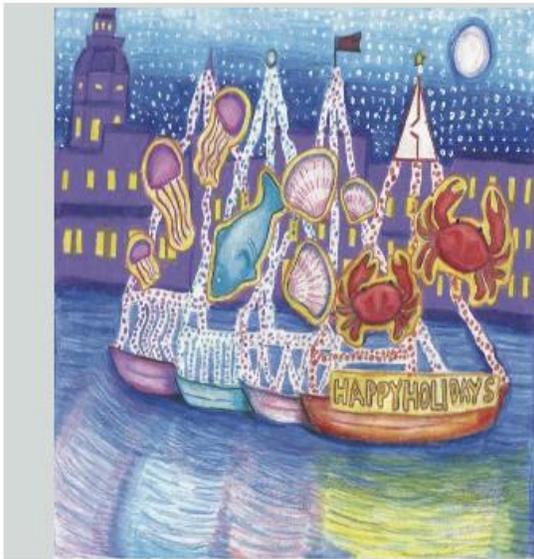
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Sunday Feb 7	HSA Station #1 Winter Brunch: Medical Underway Emergencies	Bay Room, Greenbury Pt
Saturday Mar 21	Shipwreck Party and Sock Burning	Kent Island Yacht Club
Saturday April 18	Spring Forward Raft-Up	Pirate's Cove, West River
April 24-26	Annapolis Spring Sailboat Show	Annapolis
May 24-26	Memorial Day Raft-Up	Shaw Bay
Saturday June 13	Flag Day Raft-Up	Dun Cove, Choptank River
June 14-21	Commodore's Cruise	Mid-north Chesapeake
June 20-21	Summer Sailstice Raft-Up	Deep Creek, Magothy River
Saturday Jul 11	Orioles vs Nats, Inner Harbor Marina	Baltimore
Friday July 31	Blue Moon Night Sail	Annapolis to Dobbins Island
August 1-2	Post Night Sail Raft-Up	Dobbins Island
August 7-9	Pirates & Wenches Weekend	Rock Hall
August 21-23	Pool Party	Herrington Harbour South
Saturday Sept 12	Crab Feast	Saltwork Creek
October 8-12	United States Sail Boat Show	Annapolis
Sunday Nov 15	Annual Meeting	Skippers' Pier Restaurant
Saturday Dec 12	Annapolis Parade of Lights	Annapolis Waterfront Marriott

We had an exciting year of both on-water and land events.

Come out and enjoy the Parade of Lights on December 12th

... and bring a toy and/or some food for the food pantry.

Parade of Lights Party



HSA Station #1 Celebrates

2015 Annapolis Parade of Lights

**Saturday December 12th
Starting at 5:00 pm to ???**

Annapolis Waterfront Hotel

Formerly called the Annapolis Marriott

Room's 410 and 411

Don't be left out on the dock in the cold! Join us inside for great fun, great fun and a great view!

Members: \$20 per person

Guests: \$30 per person (non member)

Event is *Free* for new members who joined during the 2015 Annapolis Sailboat Show

HSA Station #1 will provide sandwich platters, beer, wine, soda and coffee.

Bring a dish to pass. If your last name begins with "A" to "M" please bring a appetizer to share. If your last name begins with "N" to "Z", please bring an dessert to share.

Please register by Wednesday December 9th by completing the below form. Send checks made out to HSA Station #1 to HSA Station #1 c/o Perrian Upton, 7565 Serenity Drive, Hughesville, MD. 20637-2219



HSA Station #1 supports the Marine Corps Toys for Tots Campaign and a local food bank (non perishable food items. Donations are accepted at the Parade of Lights event.



Click [here](#) to go to the club website and register for the party.

Rendezvous '16

June 23-26, 2016

Solomons, MD

Part of our motivation in getting this issue of *The Log* to you during Thanksgiving weekend is so you can tailor any family vacation plans for next summer around the Chesapeake Bay Hunter Rendezvous.

We are nailing down the particulars of the Rendezvous and looking to make it the best one yet!

Expect well over 100 Hunter sailors to gather and share experiences. The four day event will include active participation by the registrants as well as seminars and demonstrations tailored to the way we use our boats in the Bay and beyond.

A new feature for the 2016 Rendezvous is the venue; the plush Harms Gallery of [The Calvert Marine Museum](#) in Solomons, Maryland. During the day on Friday and Saturday, June 24 & 25, 2016 the Gallery will serve as our modern meeting place. After five, the Museum will literally roll away the wall and open the adjoining Museum Lobby to give us even more air conditioned space for dinner and the evening's entertainment. Wow! It's lovely.

Once again Bayside Bull will cater the Rendezvous. They have provided delish meals for all of our western shore Hunter rendezvous.

Dockage for our boats will be at the beautiful [Spring Cove Marina](#), right next to the Museum grounds. You can, and should, make your slip reservations with Spring Cove now. Just call them at 410.326.2161. Tell them you are with the Hunter Rendezvous because they have reserved each and every transient slip they have just for us – and nearly half of the available slips are already booked.



The festivities begin on Thursday, June 23, 2016 with an informal arrival party. The principal seminars and activities will be Friday and Saturday, with departures Sunday morning, June 26. On Saturday we will hold the first Chesapeake Hunter Cup race since 2007. Race your boat, crew for another, be part of the race committee or just hang out at the lovely pool. Saturday night after dinner and the keynote speaker, we'll wrap up by partying with the great *Wheelhouse Rock Band*. Check them out on Facebook.

The idea of *Rendezvous '16* is learn to a lot and have a lot of fun.

We know the when and the where and have slip reservations set up. Follow the Rendezvous Website, [Back2Bay.org](#), to learn more particulars as we nail them down. Arrange your schedule to attend this spectacular event and make your slip reservation now.



Pool Party Wrap-Up

Our 2014 Pool Party at the Herrington South Marina was such a success that Raft Captains Tim and Tammy Cossairt organized an encore this year. The 19 happy sailors pictured below hit the pool early then had a great picnic. Seven crews came by boat. We're especially happy to recognize *BOOM* and *Mast Confusion*, members that joined the club in August and came out to our land/sea party that very same month.



Doug & Becky of
Mast Confusion



Kelly & Graciela of *BOOM*

Crab Feast Wrap-Up

Once again Mike and Tina Megan hosted us at the Severn Grove Clubhouse on Saltwork Creek. Tina's parents, Carl and Mary Ellen Whitcraft have lived in the house right next door to the Clubhouse longer than most of us have been sailing. We thank them all for the hospitality and sharing the facility. Showers chased us into the Clubhouse much of the afternoon so we were doubly happy to be there.



Four boats sailed into the creek. *Mood Swings* and *Monarch* tied up to the community T-head while *Stargazer* docked with *Enavigare* at the Whitcraft's dock. Greg, or was it Eric, got a shot of the cove in the creek with his drone.

A break in the weather came along at the perfect time, so some of us ate our steamed crabs outside on the picnic tables. Along with a table full of side dishes, there was a dessert table with two cakes; one celebrating HSA's 37th anniversary and another celebrating your editor's birthday. And what would cake be without homemade ice cream?





Happy HSA1 members feasting at our Crabfeast



Annual Meeting Wrap-Up

The Annual Meeting and Awards Ceremony was Commodore Helen Kelley's last official act as commodore. We thank her for the past two years of service in that office. To commemorate her service, we presented her with a throw imprinted with a picture of her new boat, *Pau Hana*.



Sue Reitz, pictured here with Commodore Helen and Vice Commodore John Knisley, was recognized as Member of the Year.

Mark Whitson was Sailor of the Year. He was not available for a photo because he and his wife Joelle were in North Carolina, on their way to the Bahamas.



Commodore Helen recognized Don and Lois White for continuing contributions to the club.

Greg Guthman took the helm from Helen Kelley in our "formal" Change of Command Ceremony.

The club elected officers for 2016. These officers are our Executive Committee and Board of Directors for 2016. Their term began at the Annual Meeting.

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

At both our Annual Meeting and Parade of Lights Party, we collect gifts for the Marine Corps Toys for Tots Program and food for local food banks. We're off to a good start. We have another opportunity to donate at the Parade of Lights Party in Annapolis on December 12th.



For the record, with 15 boats present, we had a quorum at our Annual Meeting on November 15, 2015 at Skipper's Pier Restaurant in Deale, Maryland.

Out of the Past

Chocolate Blitzen

We often offer a recipe from the old Hunter Sailing Association Recipe Book, an old newsletter, or something some member served from their boat. Here's one from a recent Facebook post.



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Now we can't forget the adults as the holidays approach so for the grown ups we have the

CHOCOLATE BLITZEN

- 1/2 oz. (15ml) Vodka
- 1/2 oz. (15ml) Dark Creme de Cacao
- 1 oz. (30ml) Baileys Irish Cream
- 1 1/2 Cup Chocolate Ice Cream
- Chocolate Sprinkles
- 2 oz. (60ml) Melting Chocolate

1. Rim glass with hot melted chocolate and dip in chocolate sprinkles.
2. Blend vodka, creme de cacao, baileys and ice cream. Do not blend the ice cream completely to a liquid. Let it maintain some of it's thickness.
3. Pour into chocolate rimmed glass and add sprinkles on top

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Northwest Passage

Roald Amundsen transited the Northwest Passage between 1903 and 1906. Since then for every one person who has sailed the Passage, ten have summited Everest.

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Pearl Harbor Remembered

Poem and link contributed by Rich Kelley

Pearl Harbor was the 9-11 of our parents' and grandparents' generation. The Pearl Harbor Attack began at 0755 Hawaiian Time on December 7, 1941. Taking three minutes after lunch at 12:55 Eastern Time on Monday, the 7th, to watch the link below is a fitting way to remember this world changing event on its 74th anniversary.

Like our ships, that sail on forever in our hearts,
Our Shipmates, even those long, long gone,
are still young and strong and full of life.
Ready for General Quarters at the claxon's gong.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ulAhmm7R4fA>



USS Arizona Memorial in Pearl Harbor