

The Log



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Commodore's Corner

Ahoy fellow Hunter sailors!

While putting the finishing touches on the winter plans for Stargazer, I think back to the wonderful season she had. I hope you all can say the same thing and that there are few regrets about the times life got in the way of being able to get out there!

I am honored to serve as Commodore again next year with the same great team we had in 2016. With their help and support, we accomplished quite a bit.

We have had success in leveraging a modern Internet toolset and social media presence to keep you all engaged and to attract new members. For example, our Facebook page, [HunterSailing1](#), saw an increase of over 150% in folks following us. We also tried out a new way to communicate and coordinate events via Eventbrite. While it wasn't without challenges, I think Eventbrite made for a good experience for the club and those who have stepped up to host the various club events. Recently, we sent out an on-line [survey](#) from Fleet Captain Dan and hope you'll send us your thoughts about the upcoming season.

I hope you will be joining us for the [Parade of Lights event](#) on December 10th. I also hope you are looking forward to the Winter Brunch (details to be announced) as much as I am.

Our goal is to have the 2017 season mostly planned by the Brunch and even more refined by the equinox Sock Burning Party so you can plan ahead and be able to attend many of the events. If you would like to assist in this planning, we would love to have you on board. We are looking for additional members to be on the activities committee. We sure could use the help and would appreciate any and all assistance.

Lastly, I'd like to put out a last call for anyone interested in joining us on our bi-annual charter trip. We have had a great showing with nine boats signed up and 40+ folks joining in a spectacular Pacific Northwest trip with whale watching and a week of great vistas and truly secure anchorages. Joining us affords you a 5% discount on the charter. You get another 5% if paid in full at time of booking (100% refund up to 120 days prior). The 2016 prices are still in place for the next 2 weeks before a hike for 2017. This could all add up to about a 15% discount!

If you are interested, click [here](#) to get on the mailing list or send me a note if you have questions. There are plenty of sail or power choices left, but you need to act now! A perfect holiday present to yourself and your family.

Commodore Greg



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www.hsa1.org
 for the latest Club news



Editor’s Notes:

One more op this year to join the HSA gang. Join us December 10th for a hoot of a time at a great holiday party!

Go to our website to sign up for the Parade of Lights Party on December 10 from 5 to 10 pm at the Annapolis Waterfront Hotel.

Many of us decommissioned our boats and are doing winter things other than sailing. A couple of our boats are in the south for the winter. None of that annoying pink stuff for them!

It was a good season. We’ll remember it as we watch the decorated boats from the waterfront then retreat to watch them from our two-room suite in the warm hotel.

Wishing all a merry Christmas season,

Carl Reitz,
Editor



Welcome New Members

We are happy to welcome new members Sean and Laurie-Ann and to welcome back former members Trish and Craig. Offer them a warm welcome when you see them.

Trish & Craig	<i>Tortola Sunset</i>	2006 Hunter 380	Herrington Harbour South
Laurie-Ann & Sean	<i>Bootlegger</i>	1998 Hunter 410	Herrington Harbour North

Parade of Lights Party



DECEMBER

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Annapolis Parade of Lights

by Hunter Sailing Association, Station#1

Come join the annual tradition of sharing a night with Hunter Sailing friends at the Annapolis Waterfront Hotel during the 34th annual Eastport Parade of Lights. We have our usual two-room suite overlooking the harbor and the lighted boats.

The party starts at 5 pm, the same time as our typical happy hours. There is even more food than our typical happy hours and of course a selection of soft drinks, beer, wine and coffee. Please sign up using the [Click to Register](#) button at hsa1.org/activities/ by December 8th so we know how much food to have.

The charity that we are supporting this holiday season is the Chesapeake Regional Accessible Boating non-profit, [C.R.A.B.](#). These fine folks bring sailing to the physically and developmentally disabled community in our area. You can make your donation ahead of time or at the party where we will be collecting for this worthy cause.

Annual Meeting and Chili Cook-Off

We spiced up our annual business meeting by adding a chili cook-off. The event was at Camp Letts on the Rhode River. Four boats, *Stargazer*, *Jibberish Too*, *Windrose* and *Musetta* sailed up the Rhode River to Camp Letts where Vice Commodore Tina and other club members were making ready for the cook-off.



Bob and Pam of *Stargazer* took second runner-up honors, Tom and Irene of *Musetta* were runner-ups and Cathy and Dan of *Zum Whol* had the best chili of the dozen-or-so in the cook-off.

Getting on to the proceedings of the annual meeting, Commodore Greg awarded Sailor of the Year to Mark Whitson and Member of the Year to Carl Reitz. Secretary Lois presented the minutes of last year's meeting, Membership Chair Sue reported membership status, Fleet Captain Dan gave a synopsis of the year's sailing activities and Treasurer Mike reviewed the club's finances.



Our Board of Directors remains the same as last year, Dan Breitenbach, Fleet Captain; Mike Meegan, Treasurer; Tina Meegan, Vice Commodore; Greg Guthman, Commodore; Lois White, Secretary; and Helen Kelley, Immediate Past Commodore.



Mark Whitson
Sailor of the Year

September Wrap-Up

Crabfeast

Again the Crabfeast on Saltworks Creek was well attended and had enough delicious crabs that everyone went home happy – and full. We have almost come to take for granted the wonderful dock and clubhouse at Severn Grove. Thanks to Mike and Tina and Tina's parents Carl and Mary Ellen for again making the facility available and thanks to Tina and her helpers for yet another successful, fun-packed HSA land-and-sea event.

Tina, pencil us in for next year.

Peace on the Pax

Ivan and Marlene Bekey planned the Patuxent River Raft-Up for July and because of weather had to reschedule it to September. Their boat *Victoria* and *Windrose* had a very pleasant sail up the Patuxent from Solomons and rafted for an enjoyable night on one of the Bay's nicest anchorages, Mill Creek off Cuckhold Creek. Ivan and Marlene surprised your editor by decorating their boat in a Space theme to celebrate my birthday. Thank you good friends and dockmates Marlene and Ivan.

Labor Day

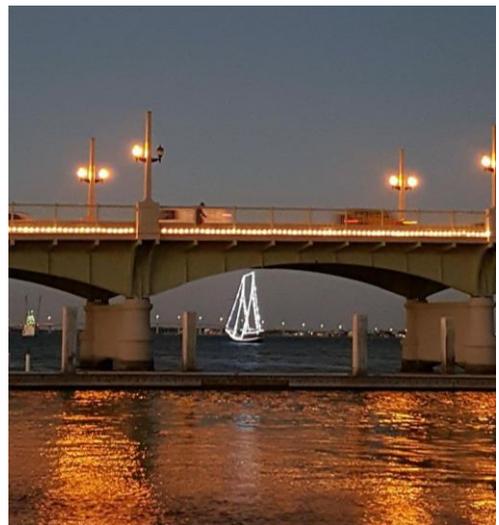
Commodore Greg and Fleet Captain Dan planned a great outing for Labor Day weekend. The planning did not include the threat of Hurricane Hermine. On Thursday when it looked like Hermine was bearing down on the Bay, Greg did the only prudent thing and cancelled the raft-up. It gave many of us a weekend at the dock to catch up on maintenance and boatkeeping.

Snowbird Report

Dreamboat celebrated Thanksgiving in Saint Augustine and *Daruma* in Oriental. We grabbed these pics from their Facebook pages. Thanksgiving with cruisers beats having your boat on jack stands for the holiday.



Daruma at Dowry Creek Marina near Oriental



Saint Augustine's Bridge of Lions

From the Past

Here's an article from ten years ago that appeared in Volume 31 Issue 4 of *The Log*. Most of it stands true today, although the mandatory requirement to carry a bell on boats 12 meters or more in length has been relaxed. If your boat is over 12 meters, note that you need the "right" air horn.

Whistle Signals

Let's look at sound signals required by "Part D Sound and Light Signals" of the Inland Rules, the rules of the road for operating on the Bay.

Rule 33 requires all vessels be provided with some means of making an efficient sound signal. Twelve to twenty meter (40 and larger in our club) vessels shall have a whistle and a 200mm (7 $\frac{7}{8}$ inch) bell. Annex III of the rules gives technical details on the requirements for a whistle. Our experience from Coast Guard Auxiliary Courtesy Safety Inspections is that a hand held "air" horn fulfills the requirement - at least for operation on the Bay.

Rule 32 defines:

Short blast - about 1 second
Prolonged blast - 4 to 6 seconds.

Rule 34 specifies signals for power-driven vessels within sight of one another and within half a mile of each other. While some sailors call motoring with sails up "motor-sailing" legally it is "operating a power-driven vessel." Below is a summary of some of the requirements of Rule 34:

Meeting or Crossing: One short blast = port-to-port
Two short blasts = starboard-to-starboard
Same signal response = I agree
Danger signal (5 short) = I disagree

Overtaking: One short blast = overtaking boat pass to starboard of front boat
Two short blasts = overtaking boat pass to port of front boat
Same signal response = I agree
Danger signal (5 short) = I disagree

Operating astern propulsion: Three short blasts (INTERNATIONAL RULES)

Danger signal: Five short and rapid blasts

Nearing bend or obstruction: One prolonged blast

Leaving dock: One prolonged blast

Rule 35 prescribes sound signals in restricted visibility. Check out the requirements and be sure to follow them when you are in or near an area of restricted visibility.

Rule 36, Signals to Attract Attention states:

If necessary to attract the attention of another vessel, any vessel may make light or sound signals that cannot be mistaken for any signal authorized elsewhere in these Rules, or may direct the beam of her searchlight in the direction of the danger, in such a way as not to embarrass any vessel.