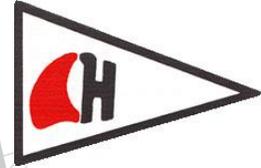


# Hunter Sailing Association #1



# The Log



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## *From the Helm*

I hope you had good holidays. Our children gave us waterproof walkie-talkies for Christmas. Could it be they heard us yelling bow to stern and got worried?

Now the New Year has started and others, like me, around the Bay area have the heat on, the UGGs on, the scarves on – need I go on? But do remember that the days are getting longer, we are 1/24<sup>th</sup> of the way thru 2015, single digit number of weeks until spring and HSA-1 has had its annual January planning meeting. This all adds up to mean we will soon be out there for another sailing season. For now, stay warm and safe. Plan, read, yearn and learn about your boat and sailing. And for those of you still out on your boats may you continue with safe and successful sailing this season. You probably already know this: “At sea, I learned how little a person needs, not how much” –Robin Lee Graham (solo around the world sailor and author of the book *Dove*). Hopefully we’ll see many of you back on the bay and at our 2015 events.



I value my fellow boaters and look forward to seeing as many of you as can make our Saturday, February 7<sup>th</sup> winter event. John and Toni have worked hard to make this a terrific day. We’ve talked about not getting stale in our activities so having a non-restaurant venue is perfect. We’re anxious to hear what you all think. Our planning group was small but mighty and we moved forward with roughed out planning for the year as well as other items. Now we’re in the process of getting dates and locations locked in. We hope to have much in place by the winter lunch on February 7<sup>th</sup>.

Two things of special importance to me are: (1) later this month I’m having lunch and discussion with the Commodore of Northern Star Hunter Sailing Association (NSHSA), Bill Ubelacker, and (2) there will be a Commodore’s cruise the week of June 14<sup>th</sup> starting from an HSA-1 raft up and ending with a summer Sailstice party.

Read this *Log* for more information on future events, call or email me or Vice Commodore John with your willingness to help, check out [hsa1.org](http://hsa1.org) and Facebook for updated information, watch for *SpinSheet* articles and our emails telling about what we have coming up or have already done, pay your dues, and get ready to have a very good rest of 2015.

Cheers, Commodore Helen

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## *HSA Webmaster Needs Your Suggestion for New Website*

The HSA-1 webmaster is looking for your feedback on the existing website and features for the new website. The Fleet photos need updating. If you want your yacht featured in the fleet photos, send an electronic picture of your yacht, yacht's name and your name to [webmaster@hsa1.org](mailto:webmaster@hsa1.org). Preferred formats include PNG, JPEG or GIF formats.

What features of the current website do you like? News section, front page hot links, Useful Links, Activities, *Ad Hoc* Raft Ups, Wall of Fame? What features would you like to see? Expanded Chandlery, blog section, password protected site for a clubhouse, or do you have other suggestion. Please send the webmaster your ideas for the new HSA Station #1 website. Send your suggestions to Tim Cossairt at [webmaster@hsa1.org](mailto:webmaster@hsa1.org). He is looking for ideas that the members would use on the new site.

## Editor's Notes:

We are getting excited about sailing!

Just last week the club leadership met and worked on the itinerary for 2015. They already set dates for two club activities coming up before we launch our boats this spring and for the week-long Commodore's Cruise.

Come to the February 7<sup>th</sup> winter lunch to hear how Marlow-Hunter and Norton's are expanding to cover the entire Chesapeake region.

On the equinox, March 21<sup>st</sup>, join us at the Kent Island Yacht Club for our traditional sock burning party. Tradition has it that after the first day of spring you "don't need no stinkin' socks".

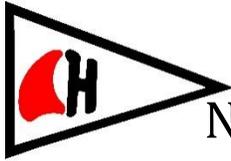
The HSA-1 Commodore's cruise is the week of June 14-21. Mark your calendars – make that your bosses' calendars – now so you have that week off.

Well now I need to use the computer to find the best prices on wax and bottom paint so I can get started with my spring maintenance as soon as the weather breaks.

See ya on the water,

*Carl Reitz,*  
*Newsletter Editor*

Check out our website:  
[www.hsa1.org](http://www.hsa1.org)  
for the latest Club news



HSA-1 presents  
Norton's Yacht Sales & Marine Services

Carolyn Norton Schmalenberger  
will provide us with an update on both  
Marlow-Hunter and Norton's expansion as  
the Marlow-Hunter Dealership for all of  
the Chesapeake Bay.

Find out what's in store and what's happening !



Saturday – February 7<sup>th</sup>

Starting at 11:00 am

Bay Room – Naval Support Activity – Annapolis, MD  
Open access for the public – Military ID not required.  
A map with directions will be provided when you RSVP.

**50/50 Raffle – Door Prize**

**\$5.00 per person/14 & under free**

**Pot Luck**

Please bring an item to share

A – E – Appetizer

F – L – Side or Salad

M – Z – Main Dish

HSA-1 will provide soft drinks, bottled water, plates, utensils and DESSERT!  
BYOB

RSVP to [jtknisley@verizon.net](mailto:jtknisley@verizon.net)

by Tuesday, February 3rd

## Sock Burning Party

Our Hunter Sailing association has been marking spring by burning our socks since 2004. On April 2<sup>nd</sup> of that year, *The New York Times* published an article revealing how the tradition started.

The person who started the sock burning was a longtime marine worker named Bob Turner. There were several bad winters back in the mid-70's, he said, with the winter of '77, when the bay froze, particularly brutal. So on the first day of spring that year he rounded up his fellow boat workers, bought some beer and held the first sock burning.

In Annapolis, socks are regarded the same way that shackles are to a prisoner. No one wears them in the summertime, and a sure way to herald warmer weather is to char the dreaded things to ash.

So that's the history. Here's the future:

### Annual Sock Burning Party



Kent Island Yacht Club  
Chester, MD

Saturday, March 21

A heck of a party because it's  
spring & we want to party

with special thanks to hosts  
Mark & Jeanne of *Dream Too*



## Commodore's Cruise

A week-long sailboat cruise on the Chesapeake Bay is about the best vacation anyone can have.

Commodore Helen wants you to join the Commodore's Cruise

June 14-21, 2015.

It's the perfect time to cruise the Bay: warm but not yet hot, nice swimming before the sea nettles arrive, and generally good winds. Plus it will end with the celebration of the summer Sailstice.

More details to follow. You know the dates. Mark your calendar. Get your vacation request in.

Be ready for one of the most fun weeks of your life!

## Membership Renewal

It is time to renew your HSA-1 dues. Membership dues for 2015 remain at \$35 per boat. Please pay your dues by February 16<sup>th</sup> so we get your information into the 2015 Membership Directory.

**To renew your membership by check:** If there is any change to your information, add a note with the new information and mail your check to:

Sue Reitz, HSA-1 Membership Chair  
357 Bloomfield Ave  
Warminster, PA 18974-4330

**To renew your membership by credit card using PayPal:** Go to [hsa1.org/Membership\\_Join\\_Us/Renew.htm](http://hsa1.org/Membership_Join_Us/Renew.htm). Type in any new information and click "Submit" or just click "Go directly to payment page without submitting form", then click the "Click here: Pay now" button. Enter your credit card information on the PayPal page.

### BoatUS Membership Renewal

For over 45 years, BoatUS has been serving recreational boaters. They fight for our rights on Capitol Hill; offer boat insurance; have the largest fleet of tow boats; publish an award-winning magazine; offer an accredited online safety course; and more!

HSA-1 is a BoatUS cooperating group. That means that BoatUS gives you a 50% savings on your membership cost. To take advantage of this offer, just write our Group ID Number, GA80192S, on your BoatUS membership form.

## HSA-1 2015 Officers



Our officers are always eager to hear from members. Go to them with suggestions for activities, questions, interesting stories, complaints, or anything else.

To contact any of our officers, just click on the office in the table below.

<a href="#"><u>Commodore</u></a>	Helen Kelley	<a href="#"><u>Immediate Past Commodore</u></a>	Mike Crothers
<a href="#"><u>Vice Commodore</u></a>	John Knisley	<a href="#"><u>Webmaster</u></a>	Tim Cossairt
<a href="#"><u>Fleet Captain</u></a>	Vacant	<a href="#"><u>Activities Chair</u></a>	Perrian Upton
<a href="#"><u>Secretary</u></a>	Lois White	<a href="#"><u>Membership Chair</u></a>	Sue Reitz
<a href="#"><u>Treasurer</u></a>	Mike Meegan	<a href="#"><u>Photographer</u></a>	Toni Knisley

## Parade of Lights Wrap-Up

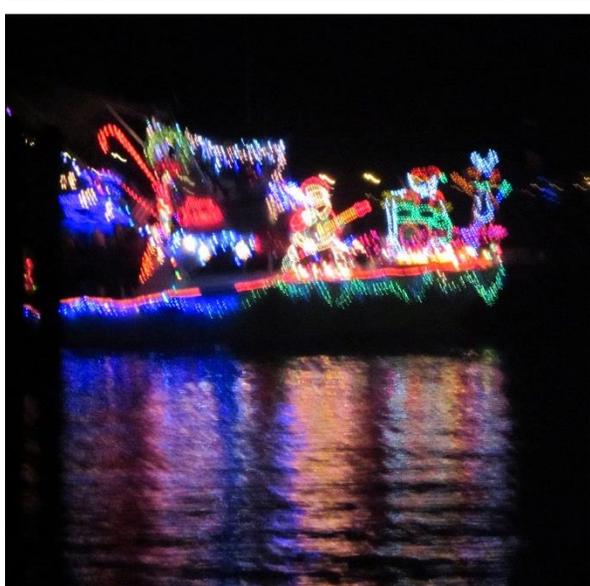
About two dozen of us had a ball at our December 13, 2014 Parade of Lights Party. We will tell the story with pictures.

The weather was good for December; clear and cool, not frigid. And as always, the atmosphere in our party rooms was warm. One little surprise was the Waterfront Marriot renumbering their floors so the same rooms we have had for decades, 310 and 311, are now rooms 410 and 411.



Thanks to Don & Lois of *Mission Impossible* and Ed and Perrian of *A Parrot Wind* for again being our Parade of Lights watch captains.

Somehow Ed & Perrian avoided the camera this year.





And as the champagne toast floats says, we wish the whole club a **HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

Toni of *Hoosier Lady* ready to deliver the Toys for Tots collected at our Parade of Lights Party and at our November Annual Meeting



## Winter Maintenance

Despite snow covering the ground in Pennsylvania, your editor is longing to do some work on the boat. Well maybe not actually wanting to be on the boat during the coldest week of the year, but thinking about it. Hunters do not have much exterior wood to varnish, but our slatted teak stern pulpit seats are sitting in the garage waiting for their annual coat of varnish. The dock lines are waiting for their annual bath. Maybe we can make the old dinghy cover fit the new dinghy; they're both at home. Then there is the outboard to lubricate.



Lucas Cove, Saint Marys City, MD

When we get a nice day we'll drive down to the boat. We might need to plug her in to refresh the batteries. While we are there we'll check for water in the bilge, and everywhere else; bring home anything we missed when we visited in November; look around to confirm everything is staying ship shape - and maybe shovel snow (we hope not).

Among the things we will bring home are some of the lifelines. We want to add pelican hooks to make entry gates right at the stern pulpit. Fawcett's annual President's Birthday Sale, this year February 13-23, has hard-to-beat prices on many things, including custom rigging. We'll get the lifelines to George Muse, Fawcett's rigger, and have him add the hooks.

Think about improvements, repairs and routine things your boat needs. Now is the time to make your list of spring provisioning needs, compare prices, and order so you are ready to go to work when the weather breaks. It's also a good time to swing by your boat to check her out.

## Follow Our Cruisers

We have four boats in the club that have gone south for the winter and are posting blogs about their travels. To sail along vicariously with them, just click the links below.

We are showing where they were around press time and giving a link to their blogs in tabular format. Three of the four are in the Bahamas and Daruma is headed there later this month.

Mike & Sharon	<i>Monarch</i>	Treasure Cay, Abacos	<a href="http://sailblogs.com/member/Monarch2014">sailblogs.com/member/Monarch2014</a>
Mark & Joelle	Daruma	Key West, Florida	<a href="http://svDaruma.com">svDaruma.com</a>
Will & Mari	Natural Magic	Hope Town, Abacos	<a href="http://FairStoodTheWind.wordpress.com">FairStoodTheWind.wordpress.com</a>
Bill & Terri	Second Option	George Town, Exumas	<a href="http://svSecondOption.com">svSecondOption.com</a>

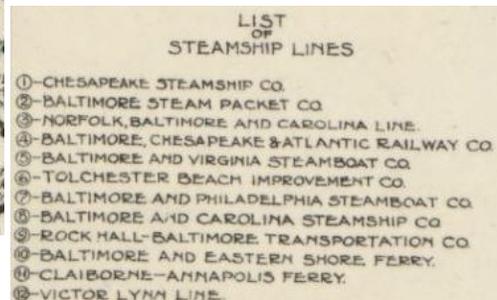
# From the Past

By Rich Kelley, *Pau Hana*

Did you know that as many as twelve steamship lines operated on the Bay in the past? They serviced most of the major rivers and provided some of the most scrumptious meals afloat, offering such delicacies as diamondback terrapin and quail. As a matter of fact, the Old Bay Line was famous for its \$1.00 a la carte dinner in the late 1800s.

The meals were so renowned that steamship schedules were altered so passengers could enjoy a complete repast on an overnight journey from Baltimore to Norfolk.

A section of an Army Corps of Engineers map shows steamship feeder routes out of Baltimore.



## Grandma's Quail

After reading Rich's article we searched for an easy quail recipe, and found Grandma's Quail at allrecipes.com. Unless you have a hunting license and keep a gun with birdshot on your boat, you might substitute capon or Cornish hens from the grocery store for quail.

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| Several quail                | 1/4 cup shortening |
| Garlic powder                | 1/4 cup water      |
| Salt and ground black pepper | 1/2 cup sour cream |
| 1 cup all-purpose flour      |                    |

Preheat oven to 350°. Heat shortening in a large heavy-bottomed skillet over medium-high heat. Season the quail with garlic powder, salt, and pepper to taste. Place flour in a shallow dish; roll quail in flour. Working in batches, brown the quail on all sides in the preheated shortening. Place browned quail in a large pan or casserole dish; pour the water over the quail and cover with aluminum foil.

Bake 1 hour to internal temperature of 165° (thickest part of thigh). Spoon sour cream over quail, allow sour cream to melt before serving.