

Annual Sock Burning Party RESCHEDULED Saturday, April 6

100% Chance of Rain on March 24

Join the club for our first outside event of the year. Come by boat or land.

12:00 pm Sock Burning on the Lawn

1:00 pm Pot Luck Luncheon

Hartge's Yacht Harbor 4883 Church Lane Galesville, MD

Coming by Boat?

Hartge's has both slips and mooring balls available. Contact Brad, the marina manager, at (433) 607-6307 for reservations.

If you take a mooring or anchor out you can use the very nice floating dingby dock.

After the sock burning ritual, we'll gather for a pot luck dinner.

To avoid duplication, please <u>sign up</u> and indicate what you plan to bring to the potluck.

The Tradition of Sock Burning

After a particularly snowy winter in 1978, Annapolis boatyard worker Bob Tuner was anxious to shed his socks with the arrival of spring. He invited his buds to celebrate the end of winter by burning their socks after work, a symbolic goodbye to winter as the group of boat builders, sailors, and watermen intended to forgo wearing socks until the cold weather returned. A tradition was born!

HSA-1 picked up the tradition in 2003, burning socks on a cold, stormy spring day in Port Annapolis Marina. Greg Guthman and Bob Murphy were the only two of the 14 members present tough enough (crazy enough?) to brave the weather and come by boat.

The tradition has come to be celebrated every year on the Vernal Equinox, the day signaling the beginning of Spring and, more importantly in Annapolis, boating season. With the assistance of social media, sock burning has caught fire across the country — it is now celebrated from the Pacific Northwest to New England and even in land-locked areas of Pennsylvania.