

January, 2008, News

From the Commodore:

Hello fellow sailors,

I want to wish everyone a very joyous holiday season filled with plenty of gifts for the boat. And speaking of the holidays the annual HRF30 party and meeting will take place on 1/5/08 at the Southall Landings clubhouse. Be sure to have this keystone event of the 2008 cruising season on your calendar.

At this meeting we will usher in the new, and salute the old, officers. Laura and Jim Dombey will have a tentative cruising schedule for all to review and take ideas from the membership. Be prepared to sign up for cruise captains for an event, as the spots will go fast!

Of course the food will be bountiful and delightful and the fellowship of sailors just delightful to warm our hearts and souls as we usher in another cruising season. Hey, bring your boat by calling the marina for a reservation.

I am excited to serve as your commodore for a second term. and I am grateful for the officer nominating committee's hard work. We still lack a newsletter editor, therefore, please send all newsletter articles for January 2008 (and in the future until the genie grants my wish for a newsletter editor) to me. **DO NOT SEND ME ANY PHOTOS OR GRAPHICS.** Please send your article in MSWord or similar text. Your article will not be edited - so make it look pretty.

I will collect the news articles for each month (my deadline is 48 hours before the end of each month). so the January 2008 deadline is.....12/29/07. The articles will then be sent to the webmaster Dick Partos. The newsletter will appear on the website and be sent to each member.

You may send photos to Dick Partos for publishing on the website and I encourage you to do so. I also welcome any new members to share their story (not your autobiography) with the fleet. I thank all new members who already have made the extra effort to do so! May I wish everyone a wonderful holiday season. I am so thankful for the fellowship of the sea that we share.

Go sailing, have fun.
Eric

From new members Mark and Sue Radler:

I don't have a current picture of Sue and I as all of our cd's have been packed for our move to Va. I am enclosing a photo of our boat Merlin under sail. She is a Catalina-Morgan 440. Actually she looks better than the two of us (I will send one of us after the holidays). Sue merchandises for Lord and Taylor, but since there is not L and T in the Hampton Roads area I am not sure what she will be doing other than having fun decorating our new house. She is also and accomplished artist. I, on the other hand, I am a Pediatric Dentist (Semi-retired). I teach Pediatric Dentistry and Hospital Dentistry in a residency program and also treat children with disabilities in the hospital. I hope to be working at CHKD in Norfolk but that is not a definite yet. As it stands now, I will be commuting to NJ one week a month to do the above. The rest of my free time I hope to be sailing!!!! I am also a Jazz pianist and will be looking to form a trio when we get down to Va. We have two sons one married and living in Alexandria, VA with his wife and 18 month old twins. The other son is living and working in D.C. I too am looking forward to meeting other HR 30 members as we are going to be new to the area. Biggest challenge so far is learning how to always say Y'all. Best wishes for a Happy and healthy Holiday season and New Year .

Mark L. Radler, D.M.D.



Racing News



Happy New Year! The big news on the racing front for 2008 is that the Cruising Club of Virginia (CCV) will include a High Point Series Champion for the Cruising Fleet this year. In addition, all of the CCV's races will include a Cruising Fleet. As you may know, the Cruising Fleet consists of sailors that do not regularly race and that do not have a valid Performance Handicap Racing Fleet (PHRF) rating issued from the Chesapeake Bay Yacht Racing Association (CBYRA) – a courtesy rating is provided by the race committee. The attendance at some regattas, particularly the Cock Island Race and the Cape Charles Cup, has had the majority of the entries from the Cruising fleet.

As Tom mentioned last month in this column, John McCarthy is providing a racing clinic, sponsored by the Broad Bay Sailing Association, entitled, "Murphy Goes Racing – 2008, Going Faster - It's all About the People". This will be held February 2, 2008 from 9:00 – 2:30 pm at the ODU Sailing Center and is geared specifically to Non-Spinnaker and Cruising Fleet sailors. The cost is \$35, \$25 for accompanying family member/crew. See the December newsletter for details and the application form.

Just as Jim and Laurie Dombey have put together our cruising schedule for 2008, the racing calendar for 2008 has been completed. The link to the BBSA calendar listing is here: <http://www.broadbaysailing.org/downloads/files/2008racingschedule.pdf>

Of note for a slightly more relaxed entry to the racing world, the Hampton Yacht Club's Wednesday night series begins April 2, the Little Creek Wednesday night series begins April 9th, the Willoughby Racers Thursday night series begins April 10th, and the Portsmouth Boat Club's Barnacle Friday night series begin April 18th. Please contact me by e-mail or phone (see member roster for my contact info) to answer any questions or for more info.

Lastly, I would like to thank Tom Pantelides for his years of service to the club as the Racing Chairperson. I hope I can maintain the standard he has set. I also hope I can encourage some of you to give racing a try that haven't done so before and maybe get some of our experienced racers back on the line again!

Good Sailing!

Andy

From Denny Botkin:

Well, we finally left Stuart this morning, after a wonderful Christmas in King George with Rhonda's parents. We are anchored in Lake Boca Raton about 40 miles north of Miami. We hope to hook up with cousins in Miami tomorrow who are in town for the Orange Bowl (yes, they're Hokies). Then on to the Keys, and up to Englewood on the west coast, if all goes well. Here's another sunset picture. When we got here at 4:30, this place was full of boats rafted up and partying. Now all is quiet....

Love to all, Denny & Rhonda
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