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COMMODORE

I just got home from serving as race committee for the Sunday races of the Proctor Series. The racers enjoyed a beautiful, sunny day with a 15-knot breeze and whitecaps. Nine boats participated in spinnaker and non-spinnaker fleets. This was much better than the abandoned races on Saturday, which had 20 to 30 knot gusts. Results from the series can be found on the web page or in a later issue of *The Clew*.

The Nautical Flea Market made over \$500 for SMSA with a combination of the SMSA commemorative quilt raffle (won by Ruth Kiemig) and sales of El Toros, tables, snacks, and donated items. See the article later in *The Clew*. Thanks to all that helped out.

Some questions have been relayed to the BOG concerning the acquisition of the new small safety boat. The boat and motor were presented and approved by the BOG as part of the Junior Program operational budget based upon planned day camp revenues. Please call the Junior Governor, Dave Pedersen, if you have any questions.

More information will be forthcoming in the July issue of *The Clew* concerning potential clubhouse options, and Planning and Policy Committee work.

*******REMINDER*******

**ALL TROPHIES SHOULD BE RETURNED
TO THE CLUBHOUSE**

See you on the water!!

Jim Young, Commodore
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SCREWPILE 2002

Our 10th Screwpile Lighthouse Challenge Regatta will be held July 21 through 23. Registration and festivities will be at Zahniser's Marina in Solomons, and two courses of multiple classes each will race in the Bay just off the mouth of the Patuxent. Anyone interested in volunteering to help with race committee or the parties should contact L.G. or Merrie Ruth Raley at (301) 373-5700. Even if you are unable to lend a hand, make sure you come over in the evening to enjoy the parties.

The Second Annual Screwpile 5K Run/Walk will be held early on the first day of the regatta, July 21, at 8:00 a.m. Proceeds from the event will benefit Hospice. John and Gail Goode are Race Directors again this year and are looking for volunteers to act as course marshals on race day. If you are interested in running or walking, you can download an application from the Screwpile website. If you wish to volunteer or need further information, contact them at goodsails@aol.com or (301) 737-0682.

SECRETARY

APPROVED MINUTES BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING MAY 2, 2002

OFFICERS AND GOVERNORS PRESENT:

Jim Young, David Arbuthnot, Walt Rupp, Dan Schneider, Tim Flaherty, Dave Pederson, and Paul Eubank.

OTHER MEMBERS PRESENT: Maggie Weir.

Commodore Jim Young called the meeting to order at 7:44 p.m. There was some confusion as to the meeting date since this was also the evening of the small boat races. The small boat evening's activities were canceled at the last minute due to inclement weather. The next BOG meeting will be on Tuesday June 4.

Jim gave a report on the results of the Nautical Flea Market held April 21. The raffle for the SMSA quilt brought in \$263.00 and was won by Ruth Keimig. The sales of the El Toros brought in \$330.00. Table fees brought in \$145.00 with a total income of \$738.00. Flea market expenses were \$330.41 giving a net of \$407.59 for the Junior Program. (Great job Kris and other SMSA volunteers!)

Secretary – Linda notified Jim that she would not be present due to damage to her car during the storms earlier in the week. Walt Rupp volunteered to take notes and prepare the minutes. The e-vote on the April minutes was discussed and the minutes were considered approved. Maggie Weir commented that all the Officers and Governors need to reread the minutes to assure that spelling and grammar, as well as content, is correct.

Treasurer - David distributed his SMSA budget progress report for the first four months of the 2002 reporting period. His general comment was that the budget is being followed and overall is in good shape. He stated that if the junior camp income was phased over several months (rather than all being projected in March at time of sign up) then the junior program income and expenditures would more closely reflect reality and we would not currently be showing a shortfall from budget. He further stated that actual dues income is slightly behind projections, but he understands from Bridget that the initiation fees received from new members in April more than make up the difference. A discussion ensued on the requirement for the payment of an initiation fee of a past member who wishes to rejoin SMSA. It has been the policy that an initiation fee is not required if the rejoining member has left in good standing. A letter requesting reinstatement will be all that is required. David reported that the tax review by Dan Long and Bob Ward is under way and will take place next week with a conference call including L. G. Raley. The topic of discussion will be the use of the Screwpile funds and the tax impact in their use. It has been difficult to get all parties together. David will report on the discussion at the next BOG meeting scheduled for Tuesday June 4, but further conclusions may have to wait a little longer since he will be absent this month for three weeks on the cruise to North Carolina.

Vice Commodore - Barbara was not in attendance
Race - Shawn was not in attendance

Cruise - Walt reported that the cruising schedule was being executed as planned. The next major event will be a three-week cruise, a first for the

SMSA cruising program. The intended destination will be Belhaven at statute mile marker 136 on the Intracoastal Waterway. Approximately seven boats have signed up for all or part of the cruise. The cruise returns on June 2. The Memorial Day cruise will be led by Shawn Stanley and Laura Comeau. That cruise is in good hands with the race and social governors taking the helm. The June calendar, with respect to the dates of the three-week cruise in the May *Clew*, is in error. Week three of this cruise ends on June 2.

Junior - Dave forwarded deposit slips of fees collected to the treasurer, as well as the bill of sale for the junior program safety boat. David Arbuthnot requested a letter from the Commodore for his records that would approve the acquisition of the new boat including the four-stroke motor. Funding for this junior program asset came from the general funds. The title for the safety boat will be transferred to the Commodore. Dave reported that the level one instructor for the junior program has accepted another position. Dave stated that he would redouble his efforts to identify an acceptable instructor in the next few weeks. Paul Eubank provided a suggestion that Dave canvass other schools with on-the-water sailing programs that may have level one instructors available in the summer. Continued advertising in the various sailing publications from around the Bay will be pursued. The impact of operating the junior program without a level one instructor and insurance impact were discussed. The Charter agreement between SMSA and SMSF was discussed. SMSA was fulfilling all its responsibilities with respect to assuring that all boats were in good repair.

Women's - Gail was not in attendance.

Rear Commodore – No input given.

Membership - Bridget was not in attendance. Several new memberships were mentioned. The applicants are: Betsy Dodge sponsored by Max Munger; Gary Breeds and Nancy O'Neil sponsored by Frank King; Caron McConnon sponsored by Virginia Chandler; Dan Liston sponsored by Keith Jacobs, and Larry and Lynne Howard who have no sponsor. The new applicants were voted on after

the Wednesday Night Races. Betsy Dodge, Gary Breeds and Nancy O'Neil, Caron McConnon and Dan Liston were approved by voice vote. Larry and Lynne Howard will be voted on at the next BOG.

Social - Laura was not in attendance.

Publicity - Tim stated that he mailed out 65 yearbooks that had not been picked up as of last week. Members that picked up their yearbook saved SMSA postage costs. Most of the first order for SMSA short and long sleeve shirts has been sold out. Any profits from the first order sale of the shirts will go to the general fund. The first sale has yet to break even. Tim still has several yearbook advertisers to collect from. Chuck Crawford told Tim he has unsold SMSA T-shirts left over from several years ago and is interested in donating them to the Junior Program. Dave should follow up if he doesn't hear from Chuck.

Facilities - Dan stated that the scheduling of the clubhouse needs to be coordinated through him because he is responsible for the facilities schedule. With this procedure, he can assure that the facilities will be available and not interfere with other uses as scheduled in the yearbook and the Lord Calvert Yacht Club with whom we share the clubhouse. The Lord Calvert Yacht Club volunteers provided a spectacular effort in a clean-up around the clubhouse last month. The BOG voted to send a copy of our yearbook to LCYC. Dan also said that the gas bottles were filled and ready for future cookout activities. Jim stated that he and Keith Jacobs have prepared a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) for the use of the boatlift. He paraphrased the elements of the MOA for the BOG and stated that he will coordinate the final draft with Matt Gambrell and the Calvert Marina. The MOA delineates the responsibilities of the various parties in operating and maintaining the lift. David said that he has renamed account 5383 from "launch fees" to "small boat launching", and that expenses relating to the hoist will go to this account and it will remain in the race governor's budget.

Discussion was held for the consideration of some type of mooring for the newly acquired junior

program committee/safety boat. Options discussed were a mooring buoy and a floating pier. No decision was made. Barbara and John Herbig are organizing the open house this Sunday, May 11. Tim said it is his understanding that the small boat people are most involved with holding the event, although keelboat members also open their boats for display.

Old Business

Tax Status - Covered in the treasurer's section.

BOG Book Update - Walt has sent an email to all BOG members. It contains a recommended format for an update of the appendix that is a part of the description that may accompany each officer or governor's description of duties. It is hoped that all BOG members will review their individual appendix or write one if not available and have it ready by the next BOG meeting in June.

SMSA/PRSC Relationship - There was no discussion on this topic. This topic will be deferred until the next BOG meeting.

New Business

SMSA Audit - The lack of a year 2001 internal audit was discussed. Since the operating year is well advanced, it was decided that the audit would be postponed until the end of the present treasurer's term and conducted at the time of turnover to the new treasurer.

SMSA Requirements Committee Closeout - The final report on the committee's work in formulating a list of requirements for the next SMSA clubhouse which was convened by the Commodore, was not available. John Weir was not in attendance to provide this report. Jim stated that he would meet with John next week to discuss this report and have it available at the next BOG meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Submitted by Acting Secretary, Walt Rupp and Linda Kuehnle, Secretary.
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UPCOMING BOG AGENDA

Southern Maryland Sailing Association Board of Governors Meeting Tuesday, June 4, 2002 Draft Agenda

Commodore- Opening Remarks

Secretary – Status on E-vote of BOG minutes

Treasurer - Financial Report

Vice Commodore - On the water

Race Governor -

Cruise Governor-

Junior Governor – Status of instructor

Women's Program Governor –

Rear Commodore - On the shore

Membership-

Social –

Publicity –

Facilities-

Old Business

Tax Status

New Business

Planning and Policy Committee brief

SMSA Acquisition brief

Proposed Bylaws/Business Meeting Planning

Commodore

Closing Remarks

Adjourn

SMSA is a volunteer organization and as such its success lies solely with the energy and enthusiasm of its members. If you want to help with any of the various activities, please call or email any of the governors and officers.

EDITOR'S NOTE

The deadline for submitting articles for the July 2002 issue of *The Clew* will be

Saturday, June 15 at 5:00 p.m.

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If you submit an article for *The Clew*, you should receive an email from me acknowledging receipt. If you do not receive an acknowledgment, please contact me to make sure that I received your contribution.

Barbara Herbig puts the calendar together for *The Clew* each month. Please be sure to alert her to any events that you wish to have included.

CRUISE

As I look through the cruising section of the May issue of *The Clew*, I see a very active cruise schedule for the members and friends of SMSA. The cruising program that started with a well-attended cruising planning meeting in February has blossomed into this very long watch list of interesting and challenging cruises and cruise articles. All participants are earning their way to various cruising memorabilia awarded at the Awards Banquet at the end of the racing and cruising season. My cruise governor's cap is off to all the volunteer cruise leaders for their support of our extensive cruising program!

It is important for all cruise captains to submit cruise articles each month to assure that the plan in the yearbook is being followed and that any changes are noted in their announcement articles. A call to the cruise leader from each cruise

participant is always a good idea to indicate your intentions. I am looking for cruise point inputs from all cruise leaders, as I want to provide a cruise point summary in the August issue of *The Clew*.

Janet and I will be participating in a SMSA cruising first as we accompany Curt and Dottie Hamilton and several others on the three-week cruise down the Intracoastal Waterway to Belhaven, North Carolina this May. The cruising program is in good hands with the race governor and the social governor leading the May 25-27 Memorial Day cruise to Reedville. In June, there is a two-week cruise led by Suzie and Ron Williams, and a Vice Commodore Weekend Cruise to St. Mary's City, all in the June 20-22 time frame. Consult your yearbook and cruise leader articles elsewhere in this issue of *The Clew* for the specifics.

As always, please contact me if you have any questions or suggestions about or for our SMSA cruising program. Also keep in mind that we need someone to come forward for the next cruise governor. Contact Jan Buckler or me with your intentions.

Walt Rupp, Cruise Governor
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VICE COMMODORE'S CUP Race/Cruise/Rendezvous

There will be a rendezvous at St. Mary's College dockside on Saturday, June 22. As in the past, the club will provide beer and soft drinks. Please bring light fare to share. Starting time will be 4:00 p.m. or after the last of the small boat racing, whichever is earliest. All racers are invited to participate and earn cruise points.

Paul Eubank, Rear Commodore

TWO-WEEK CRUISE

The two-week cruise, beginning June 22, is configured as a figure eight so that people may choose to join for either or both weeks. We will go south for the first week, rendezvousing on the first night at Horseshoe Bend on the St. Mary's River. *Easytime* will be on the air at 10:00 a.m. and anchored by 4:00 p.m.

Those who wish to may reserve slips at Horne Harbor on the second night, at Chesapeake Yacht Basin on the third night, and at Onancock on the fourth night.

We will return through Solomons on Saturday, June 28, and then we will head north. The highlight of the second week will be the lay day at Rock Hall, where we are assured that they have one of the best Fourth of July celebrations on the Bay. Because of the holiday, the marinas in Rock Hall fill quickly. Swan Creek Marina still had a few slips remaining as of this writing.

If either or both weeks of this cruise appeal to you and you would like to join us, contact:

Ron and Suzie Williams, Cruise Leaders
(410) 326-3423 or (410) 474-1430
easytime@chesapeake.net

July 4 - 7 WEEKEND CRUISE

The weekend cruise for July 4-7 will begin with the July 4 happy hour and later observing the fireworks anchored and rafted in the Patuxent River.

Usually the winds in the evening are light and a raft is possible. The water on the St. Mary's side of the river just south of the bridge is around 20 ft. deep. Often the powerboats will be rafting nearby so a SMSA raft is desirable. Be sure to fly your burgee and consult your yearbook for the rafting protocol. If we are tucked up close to the inlet to Town Creek, the current should be minimal. Our

location will be approximately N 38°19.00'/W 76°28.4'. If thunderstorms are forecast, we will not raft but will anchor separately in a safe harbor.

After the fireworks display, we will break up the raft and proceed to a more protected location. A return to Solomons harbor is possible, but it will be very crowded. We will select a location for the fleet and confirm by VHF radio. The next closest protected location would be Mill Cove, off Cuckold Creek above the bridge. This is a night transit of about three miles, so you will need to be familiar with the position of the river markers above the bridge and to have your charts and have a high candlepower light to see the day markers.

The following day, Friday, July 5, we will have a full day cruise to Smith Creek off the Potomac (~ N 38° 06.7'/W 76° 24.6') where we will be able to dine at either Schieble's or Spinnaker's.

Saturday, July 6, will be a short cruise to the Coan River across the Potomac River (~ N 37° 58.2'/ W 76° 27.5').

Sunday is a cruise home.

Logical Choice will monitor channel 16 and will be anchored off Solomons on the Patuxent River at approximately 4:00 p.m. on July 4.

Please call with your intentions at (410) 586-3571 or e-mail at logicalchoice@chesapeake.net.

Ian Sommerville, Cruise Leader

LABOR DAY CRUISE

Blue Heron will again be leading the Labor Day cruise to Annapolis this year. Last year we thoroughly enjoyed attending the Annapolis Summer Garden Theatre while there. This year the musical being presented is "Promises, Promises" with music by Burt Bacharach and book by Neil Simon. Although it is essential to make

reservations in advance, tickets (\$12, \$10 for seniors) don't have to be paid for until they are picked up the evening of the performance. Learn more about the presentations by going to their web site at <http://www.summergarden.com/>.

More on this cruise in the August issue of *The Clew*.
David and Sally Arbuthnot, Cruise Leaders

BATTLE CREEK CRUISE

Much to our disappointment, cruising up the Patuxent required the iron jenny. We set anchor around 4:00 p.m. and soon had seven other boats rafted with us. First to arrive was *Quintet* (Norris), then *Blue Heron* (David and Sally Arbuthnot), *Easy Time* (Ron and Suzie Williams), *Swan* (Ken and Ellie Mowbray), *Kelkarden* (Dennis and Karen Donehoo) and finally *Brigadoon* (Walt and Janet Rupp). *Yes* (Ruth Keimig) was heard on the radio and was at least half way before turning back. The cruise governor, Walt Rupp, decided *Yes* would receive one cruise point for trying.

Happy hour was again held on *Easy Time* and enjoyed by all. During the social hour we learned the Donehoos named their boat after themselves and their CAT. We also discovered we have an author amongst us; Ken Mowbray has written a book about his and Ellie's adventures traveling down the ICW and to the Bahamas. We will all look forward to reading his book.

The raft broke up just before dark. We did not see any thunderstorm but did wake to total overcast skies and rain. In spite of the rain, we had a wonderful sail down the Patuxent. *Deshandera* had guests Walt and Elina Guarino for the week-end. Bill and I were more than impressed with Walt's first time at the helm - unbelievable. See you on the Bay.

Bill and Charlotte Mahood, Cruise Leaders
Deshandera

RACE

I sure hope you have been out sailing by now. If not, call me; I'll help you get your boat in the water.

June brings lots of racing to us:
Lots of Wednesday and Thursday nights – Yay!
June 8 – Little Choptank Race – not racing this one? I need an RC volunteer!

June 9 – Summer Invitational – how about this one? RC needed here too!

June 21 – Vice Commodore's Cup to SMCM – RC – Mark Gyorgy – thanks for volunteering, Mark! If you aren't racing down, check in to the accompanying cruise and join all of us in St. Mary's City!

June 22 – Small Boat Racing at SMCM – all are welcome. See articles elsewhere in *The Clew* for details on other related events.

Thanks to everyone who has helped make the racing program a success. Of particular note are Mike and Willi McCarey and Jack Moore, RC volunteers for the Double-Handed Race. The water pump belt on the RC boat decided to break on the way out, so Mike and crew managed to procure a tow out to the race area (thanks, *Smokin'!*), ran a great race, and procured another tow back into Zahniser's (thanks *Walkabout!*) As always, thanks to Pete LaRoche, who fixed the RC boat the next day so it was ready for Wednesday night! I really appreciate the help and generosity of the members that help keep the program rolling, even under adverse conditions. If you would like to get involved, please contact me. I welcome your input, efforts, and ideas.

Shawn Stanley, Race Governor
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MEMBERSHIP

On May 8, the BOG approved four new memberships. We would like to welcome Betsy Dodge. Betsy has sailed with, and is sponsored by, Max Munger. Perhaps you've seen Betsy out there already. Her interest is racing.

Dan Liston is sponsored by Keith Jacobs, and is interested in small and big boat racing. He owns a Lightening named *Patriot*. I have seen Dan out racing already.

Caron McConnon is sponsored by Virginia Chandler, and is interested in crewing.

Frank King sponsors Gary Breeds and Nancy O'Neil. They are interested in cruising, and own a Hunter sloop. I met Gary and Nancy at the Nautical Flea Market. Thanks for coming out and supporting us! It's always great to meet prospective members.

SMSA welcomes all these new members, and encourages them to attend all of our functions, both on and off the water.

A note about membership cards: if you did not receive yours, please contact me so that we can take care of this.

Bridget McNamara, Membership Governor
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FACILITIES

Thanks to the many members who showed up to work clearing brush and leaves. Virtually the entire BOG was in attendance. We thank LCYC for their support during the spring cleanup.

Dan Schneider, Facilities Governor
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WOMEN'S PROGRAM

With June comes the end of school, the beginning of summer, and our annual Marcy Series. Ladies, dust off your racing togs and join us for the first of the Women's Series races. The Marcy will be held on June 1 and 2 this year. For those of you who are new to the club, let me explain...

The regatta was founded by club member Gale Parmentier (*Resolute*) in memory of her mother. The regatta is held on the first weekend in June annually and is reserved for female sailors only. This is a "big boat" regatta usually held in the Bay unless the weather and conditions are considered unsafe. On the rare occasions when the Bay was too rough, the race was brought back into the River and sailed off Solomons. A male advisor (non-owner) is allowed on the boat with no penalty. A male assistant is allowed with a 10 second per mile penalty to the boat. See the racing bulletin for guidelines on the role of an assistant. Although one man is allowed on board, the intention of this race is to encourage women's sailing and it is promoted as such.

This is a chance for the ladies in the club to show their stuff on the water. A tremendous amount of light-hearted competitiveness is always present, but the name of the game is fun. When the wind is up, we sail our butts off, and when the wind dies, we solve the problems of the world and talk about our men and our children. Either way, it is always a great weekend.

If you have a boat and crew, please contact me ASAP to let me know that you are coming. If you are looking for a boat, or are short on crew, again, **call me!** There will be a mandatory skippers' meeting on Friday night, May 31, at 6:30 p.m. at the SMSA clubhouse for final racing instructions. Please be sure to attend or send a designee.

Rendezvous with the committee boat is at 9:30 a.m. in the vicinity of SMSA "B" each day. The

first fleet will start at 10:10 a.m. if enough boats are present to make a start. The non-spinnaker start is at 10:15 a.m.

In years past, the luau rendezvous was held on Saturday night following day one of the regatta. Due to scheduling conflicts, the luau will be postponed this year until Saturday, June 15, but a mini-rendezvous will be held at the clubhouse following the second day of racing. This will be a potluck, so please plan to attend and bring enough for your crew.

On a final note, the Second Annual Screwpile 5K Run/Walk will be held on July 21 at 8:00 a.m. on Solomons Island. Proceeds from the event will benefit Hospice. John and I are acting as Race Directors again this year and are looking for volunteers to act as course marshals on race day. Volunteers will receive a free T-shirt and an invitation to the post-race party at Zahniser's. If you are not planning to enter the event, but want to join in the fun, please contact me. If you are interested in running or walking, you can download an application from the Screwpile website, or email me at home and I will forward one to you.

As always...this is your program. Any suggestions are gratefully accepted. To quote one of my favorite T-shirts, "Seven days without water makes one weak." See ya out there.

Gail Goode, Women's Governor
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INFORMATION NOTES

Nautical Flea Market

The SMSA Nautical Flea Market was quite a success! The weather was less than optimal, but we still managed to make over \$500 after expenses! We sold five of the seven club El Toro's for \$300, donations for the SMSA table made

\$43.50, the baked goods, hot dogs and soda sale made \$103.15, table rentals netted \$145.00, and the quilt raffle made \$263.00!

At 4:30 p.m., we held the SMSA Commemorative quilt raffle drawing- congratulations to Ruth Keimig! It was awesome having one of our members win it (there were many non-member sales). I'd like to personally thank Peggy Stanley for donating the beautiful quilt she made with some assistance from her mother, Maggie Weir (thanks to you too, Maggie!).

I want to personally thank Char Frost, Bridget McNamara, Peggy Stanley, Rebeckah Stanley, Jim Young, Dave Pedersen, Becky Pedersen, Carly Pedersen, John Herbig, Barbara Herbig, Rod Schroeder, Dan Shannon, and Tim Flaherty for all of their assistance. I couldn't have pulled this off without each and every one of you! Thanks also to those who made donations to the SMSA table.

The donated items that were not sold are at the clubhouse. If you would like to pick them up, please feel free to do so. Otherwise, we'll put them in storage for the next Nautical Flea Market.

Kris Denny-Young, NFM Chairman

SOCIAL

The month of June brings with it the promise of warm weather and fair winds...a perfect combination for sailing and socializing. To welcome the summer season, we have some fun events scheduled.

June 15 – The Luau Rendezvous at Zahniser's begins at 4:00 p.m. This event has historically been conducted in conjunction with the Marcy Series, but because of other activities hosted by Zahniser's, we're holding it a bit later than usual. This is a fun gathering and an opportunity for the SMSA community to come together and enjoy great food, drink, and conversation. Members

planning to attend this potluck event are encouraged to bring a side dish or dessert to share and a main entrée for themselves. There will be grills set up for those wishing to cook everything from hot dogs and hamburgers to chicken and steaks. I am still looking for volunteers for this event. If you can lend a hand in any way, please contact me.

June 22 – St. Mary’s College Vice Commodore’s Cup Rendezvous begins at 4:00 p.m. A variety of sailing activities prior to the rendezvous make this a unique and well-attended event. Come and enjoy a relaxing afternoon with racers, cruisers, and juniors at the college waterfront. Bring an easy side dish and/or dessert to share...and a trusty lawn chair or two! Charcoal grills will be available for your cooking pleasure. Anyone interested in volunteering to help with set up, please call me.

Special thanks to Carole LaRoche, Nicki Stanley, Nettie Harold, Jeff Kumke, Pete LaRoche, and Shawn Stanley for their help with the double-handed race rendezvous held on May 4. Great job, gang!

Laura Comeau, Social Governor
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PUBLICITY GOVERNOR

Thanks to all who phoned, emailed or otherwise got me their order for an SMSA 30th Anniversary T-shirt. I ended up ordering 68 more, so it looks like Chuck Fadeley’s design is a big hit. Since people were still contacting me well after the May Clew came out, I waited about ten extra days before placing the order. The shop says it should have the shirts just after Memorial Day. I will most likely distribute them Wednesday nights at Z’s after Races (although not on May 29). If you can’t make it to Z’s, I’ll try and hook up with you some other way to get them to you.

Tim Flaherty, Publicity Governor
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THE RACER’S EDGE

Changes of State

Last month’s “Racer’s Edge” illustrates a common difficulty of protest committees, that of trying to determine the exact state of the boats from conflicting testimony.

It is natural for skippers of the various boats in a situation to see things differently, and between the time of the incident and the protest hearing, human nature can cause one’s view to move in a direction more favorable to one’s case.

In the revised Racing Rules of Sailing, there is no concept of “burden of proof” that was part of the previous rules and its appeals. Instead, we have the advice of the ISAF Umpire’s General Call 1, which states, “Umpires will assume that the state of a boat or the relationship with another boat has not changed until they are certain that it has changed.”

So, in the case at hand, presumably in the protest room, the various skippers had conflicting stories, even though no one is lying. The committee was correct to assign ‘Wee Willie’ the burden of convincing it that the initial state of collision had changed. This became a big task when the starboard tacker agreed with ‘Poulet Poop.’

Realizing your burdens in a potential protest hearing is part of the game. ‘Wee Willie’ must therefore have a very clear way of explaining her actions and those of ‘Poulet Poop’ to meet that burden in this case. If ‘Poulet Poop’ had completed a normal tack, it appears that ‘Wee Willie’ would have been required to bear away behind ‘Poulet Poop’ or tack to give room for ‘Poulet Poop’ to tack. That would have been the opening state of the boats and their relationships.

‘Poulet Poop’ was certainly in the right to initiate her tack after hearing the “You tack” hail from

'Wee Willie.' RRS 19.1 (b) turns off rules 10 (port-starboard) and rule 13 (while tacking) after the hail and requires 'Wee Willie' to give room. 'Wee Willie' did not alter course, so 'Poulet Poop' did alter her plan to compete her tack to avoid collision.

Note that 'Wee Willie's' case is not impossible to make, if indeed she could have kept clear as 'Poulet Poop' was tacking. For instance, if 'Poulet Poop' were a heavy one that had a great deal of momentum, the fact the 'Wee Willie' made it across the bow of 'Poulet Poop', who was presumably dead into the wind and still moving upwind, is a powerful argument. If 'Poulet Poop' had materially slowed down before 'Wee Willie' passed her bow, given the boat's characteristics, this may mean that 'Wee Willie', if she was capable of bearing away quickly, did have ample time to go astern of 'Poulet Poop.' If 'Poulet Poop' was a 20-ton older boat and 'Wee Willie' was a J-29 (fin keel and rudder at the stern), this argument may have merit.

Lacking such technical evidence and having the corroborating testimony of the starboard tacker, the committee acted correctly in using the doctrine of the general call to disqualify 'Wee Willie.'

DATABASE

Please send any information changes to Stewart Buckler at sbuckler@olg.com.

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June 2002 - SMSA Calendar

| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
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| | | | | | | 1 Marcy Series 1 & 2 |
| 2 Marcy Series 3 & 4 Mini-rendezvous Junior Sunday 1300 (Session One #1) End Week 3 of 1,2,3 Week Cruise End Weekend Cruise | 3 | 4 BOG Meeting, 1930 @ Clubhouse | 5 Zahniser's Wednesday Night Race #8 | 6 "The Wharf" Small Boat Races | 7 | 8 Little Choptank Race |
| 9 Summer Invitational Race Mini-rendezvous | 10 | 11 | 12 Zahniser's Race #9 | 13 "The Wharf" Small Boat Races | 14 | 15 <i>The Clew</i> Deadline Luau Rendezvous @ Zahniser's |
| 16 Father's Day Junior Sunday Program 1300 (Session One #2) | 17 | 18 | 19 Zahniser's Race #10 | 20 "The Wharf" Small Boat Races | 21 Vice Commodore's Race/Cruise to St. Mary's College Begin Week 1 of 1,2 Week Cruise | 22 Adult Small Boat and Junior Races @ St. Mary's College Rendezvous, 1600 St. Mary's College |
| 23 End Vice Commodore Race/ Cruise Weekend | 24 Junior Day Camp Session #1 (Basic) 0800-1700 Clubhouse | 25 Junior Day Camp Session #1 (Basic) 0800-1700 Clubhouse | 26 Zahniser's Race #1 (Begin 2nd Half) Junior Day Camp Session #1 (Basic) 0800-1700 Clubhouse | 27 "The Wharf" Small Boat Races Junior Day Camp Session #1 (Basic) 0800-1700 Clubhouse | 28 Junior Day Camp Session #1 (Basic) 0800-1700 Clubhouse | 29 Begin Week Two of 1,2 Week Cruise |
| 30 Junior Sunday Program 1300 (Session One #3) End Week One of 1,2 Week Cruise | | | | | | |

July 2002 - SMSA Calendar

| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
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| | 1 Junior Day Camp Session # 2 (Basic) 0800-1700 Clubhouse | 2 Junior Day Camp Session # 2 (Basic) 0800-1700 Clubhouse BOG Meeting, 1930 @ Clubhouse | 3 Junior Day Camp Session # 2 (Basic) 0800-1700 Clubhouse Zahniser's Race #2 | 4 Independence Day Junior Day Camp Session # 2 (Basic) 0800-1700 Clubhouse 4th of July Cruise | 5 Junior Day Camp Session # 2 (Basic) 0800-1700 Clubhouse | 6 Stars and Stripes Race Mini-Rendezvous after S&S race @ Clubhouse |
| 7 End Week Two of 1,2 Week Cruise 4th of July Cruise ends | 8 Junior Day Camp Session # 3 (Racing) 0800-1700 Clubhouse End Week Two of 1,2 Week Cruise | 9 Junior Day Camp Session # 3 (Racing) 0800-1700 Clubhouse | 10 Zahniser's Race #3 Junior Day Camp Session # 3 (Racing) 0800-1700 Clubhouse | 11 "The Wharf" Small Boat Races Junior Day Camp Session # 3 (Racing) 0800-1700 Clubhouse | 12 Junior Day Camp Session # 3 (Racing) 0800-1700 Clubhouse | 13 Junior Summer Regatta-Clubhouse Small Boat Program One-day Summer Regatta-Clubhouse |
| 14 Junior Sunday Program 1300 (Session One #4) | 15 <i>The Clew</i> Deadline Junior Day Camp Session # 4 (Basic) 0800-1700 Clubhouse | 16 Junior Day Camp Session # 4 (Basic) 0800-1700 Clubhouse | 17 Zahniser's Fun Race Junior Day Camp Session # 4 (Basic) 0800-1700 Clubhouse | 18 "The Wharf" Small Boat Races Junior Day Camp Session # 4 (Basic) 0800-1700 Clubhouse | 19 EYC Solomons Island Race Junior Day Camp Session # 4 (Basic) 0800-1700 Clubhouse | 20 SCREWPILE 2002 Registration @ Zahniser's YC Extended Cruising Seminar |
| 21 SCREWPILE 2002 - Day 1, Races 1000 Post Race Gathering at ZYC 4 PM | 22 SCREWPILE 2002 - Day 2, Races 1000 Post Race Gathering at ZYC 4 PM | 23 SCREWPILE 2002 - Day 3, Races 1000 Post Race Gathering at ZYC 4 PM | 24 Zahniser's Fun Race | 25 "The Wharf" Small Boat Races | 26 | 27 |
| 28 Junior Sunday Program 1300 (Session One #5) | 29 Junior Day Camp Session # 5 (Basic) 0800-1700 Clubhouse | 30 Junior Day Camp Session # 5 (Basic) 0800-1700 Clubhouse | 31 Zahniser's Race #4 Junior Day Camp Session # 5 (Basic) 0800-1700 Clubhouse | | | |