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COMMODORE

The first official Board of Governors meeting of 2003 BOG continued the compass direction set by the preceding BOG. The course set was to incorporate the recommendations from the 2002 Commodore special committees. BOG actions included approval for a membership vote on a by-laws change for the renewal billing period dates and for a modest dues increase. These motions have been sent to you and are now in the midst of the 60-day membership review and approval cycle. I would call your attention to the August issue of *The Clew* and the article entitled "SMSA ASSESSMENT". In this article one plan for solving the year to year deficit was outlined. In paragraph seven, an estimated dollar figure was quoted. Rather than make an assessment, a majority of the 2003 BOG voted to present to the membership a motion to increase dues to cover our estimated short fall. If the modest dues increase is approved, we may have the opportunity to end the use of next years funds to pay for last years expenses. Now SMSA membership has the opportunity to review the 2003 Board of Governors recommendations in the form of the motions before you and provide steering commands. I ask for your approval.

We will count the ballots and provide the membership with a draft budget at the General meeting on January 12, 2003.

In the near future, we plan on making a final budget for SMSA after the results of the referendum are known. We will complete those plans in time for the April issue of *The Clew* and before the Opening Day ceremonies.

The motions presented to the membership for approval are the partial fulfillment of my plan for SMSA outlined in the August issue of *The CLEW*. They included:

- Effect changes in the SMSA by-laws to provide for efficient management.
- Establish a dues structure to provide for year to year solvency.

I also included:

- Continue the P&PC as a standing committee for advice to the BOG.

I have appointed Past Commodore Jan Buckler to head this committee.

If I may speak for the BOG, we wish all of our members and valued friends a safe and happy Holiday Season. I hope to see many of you at our

SMSA functions and at future Board of Governors meetings.

Walt Rupp, Commodore
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VICE COMMODORE

Welcome to Wintertime!

The BOG's main task in the next couple of months is to prepare for next year. One of the things we must accomplish is a budget (a balanced one if you read the by-laws.) This is not always an easy task. If you want to continue to see SMSA's various programs thrive, please consider voting to approve the proposed dues increase you received around November 15. If you have questions or concerns please contact Walt, me or any other BOG member. We are working to make this organization what you, as members want; however, we need adequate funds to do so. I think you will find this proposed increase quite modest and still allows SMSA to provide one of the best values on the Bay!

See you at the Award's Banquet on January 4!

Shawn Stanley, Vice Commodore
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PUBLICITY

THEY MAKE GREAT CHRISTMAS GIFTS! I still have quite a few long-sleeve 30th Anniversary T-shirts left, especially in extra large. Some short-sleeves are still available as well. Contact me for what's available.

It's time to start thinking about the 2003 Yearbook. If you have any pictures for us to use, please contact me. Pictures from any SMSA activity are appropriate. Color or B/W prints are acceptable.

Please give me your extra copies, as returning them may be difficult.

I need to form a Publicity Committee, primarily to help me with the Yearbook. Mostly, I need help selling ads. The Yearbook paid for itself, and then some, last year, and I'd like to see it do better this time. Also, the Publicity Committee may address ways to help publicize SMSA and attract new members.

Soon, I'll be in touch with Dan Shannon and Stew Buckler and convene a meeting of the Website Committee. Dan has been our webmaster, and oversees the general content. Stew takes care of posting race results, and what's under the Publicity link. If you have suggestions or comments for the site and/or would like to join us for our meeting, please let me know.

Tim Flaherty, Publicity Governor
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SECRETARY

APPROVED MINUTES BOARD OF GOVERNORS SPECIAL MEETING OCTOBER 3, 2002

OFFICERS AND GOVERNORS PRESENT:

Walt Rupp, Jim Keen, Charlotte Mahood, Jay Hanks, Laura Comeau, Shawn Stanley, Carl Feusahrens, Don Behrens, John Walker, Lynn Walker, Clarke McKinney

OTHER MEMBERS PRESENT: David Arbuthnot, Paul Eubank

Commodore called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m.

Opening Remarks – The Commodore opened the special meeting encouraging each BOG member to form a group of volunteers to help within their own

new governorship. This may encourage the volunteers to be more involved in the BOG and make them interested in running for a future governor position. He also mentioned that the Vice Commodore would be going over the SMSA 2003 Operational Schedule. The Commodore welcomed on board the two newly elected Membership and Facilities Governors.

Treasurer – The Treasurer reported that he and the outgoing Treasurer would meet next Tuesday for their turnover. The outgoing Treasurer reported that he sent out a “well done” to all the BOG members. Last years BOG borrowed a large sum of money and this years BOG will only need to borrow half that amount of money. SMSA has paid \$8,000 in taxes for taxes covering 1999, 2000, and 2001. At this time we do not know what the penalty fees and late filing fees will cost SMSA. He also said he is working on an impact statement of SMSA staying a non-profit vs. profit organization. Last year we were over the 35% allowed for non-member income under the non-profit organization.

Vice Commodore – Facilities Governor approached the BOG with a request to use our clubhouse on November 10 for a Junior Varsity Regatta led by Stovy Brown. Discussion followed regarding possible conflicts with LCYC. A decision was made that we need to look at the LCYC schedule and Laura Comeau took this for action.

Motion: Approve the Junior Varsity Regatta, with Stovy Brown as event chairman, to use our facility on November 10 barring any conflict with the LCYC schedule.

Discussion: Discussion followed regarding insurance, liability for using our boats, etc.

Result: The motion was voted on and passed. The Mill Creek Condo Meeting is scheduled to be held at our clubhouse on November 9. The LCYC Christmas Party will be held on the same day as the parade of lights. SMSA’s Christmas Gathering will be on December 14. The January 2003 BOG meeting will be held on January 9 versus January 2.

Rear Commodore – The Rear Commodore had nothing to report at this time.

Membership – The Membership Governor asked if membership fees could be prorated through the year. Discussion followed and a decision was made that they could be prorated. This decision will be annotated in the BOG Book.

Social – The Social Governor asked that anyone planning to attend the Annual Planning Meeting on November 2 to please bring a side dish for the brunch. She also reported that in the past the keys to the pantry have been made available to anyone needing access to the pantry. A change is now in affect so anyone needing the key will need to get in touch with the Social Governor or the Facilities Governor.

Publicity – The Publicity Governor was not in attendance.

Facilities – The Facilities Governor reported that he has fixed the light on the front porch of the clubhouse. He also asked that perishables be removed from the refrigerator in a timely manner and that all alcohol will be locked up. The combination for the clubhouse will be changed soon.

Race – The Race Governor reported that he would be moving the start area for the Frostbite Races. He also plans to change the scoring and points for the Wednesday Night Races. In the Fall Series, the small boats will be separated from the big boats-- there will be one day for each class to race and a day for a crossover race. He is also thinking of relocating the Smith Point Race. Discussion followed regarding his plans to enhance the race schedule and get more racers together.

Cruise – The Cruise Governor reported he has several revolutionary ideas for the upcoming season. He is looking into changing cruise points and different ways to earn cruise points. The changes will be up to the cruise leader to decide if it is suitable for their particular cruise.

Junior – The Junior Governor was not in attendance.

Women’s - The Women’s Governor reported that she is putting an article in *The Clew* detailing all her committee’s planned seminars and events. All seminars will be for members only and will be free of charge unless there is a fee for a speaker.

New Business

- Calendar Changes Summary

The Vice Commodore and the BOG reviewed the SMSA 2003 Operational Schedule. The BOG discussed the schedule month by month and made several changes and additions. The schedule will be reviewed again at the November 2 planning meeting.

- 2003 Budget Development

After the November 2 planning meeting, the 2003 budget will be developed. The BOG will use the 2003 Operational Schedule calendar to project their activities for the next year.

Commodore's Closing Remarks

We have a mission—that is to run SMSA. We can pick a section to focus on and decide where we want to focus our energy (e.g., cruising, racing, parties, etc.). I charge each one of the BOG members to think about what they want to focus on and develop some goals.

Meeting adjourned at 10:50 p.m.

Submitted by Linda Kuehnle, Secretary
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UPCOMING BOG AGENDA

**Southern Maryland Sailing Association
Board of Governors Meeting
Thursday, December 5, 2002, 7:30 p.m.
Draft Agenda**

Commodore –

- Opening Remarks
- Mission Statement Development
- Conduct of BOG meetings
- Committee membership lists
- Program budget plans

Secretary –

- Status on E-vote of BOG minutes for November 7

Treasurer – Financial Report

- Status of pass down from 2002 Treasurer
- Budget Discussion

Vice Commodore - On the water

- Race Governor – Race Programs
- Frostbite series
- Cruise Governor- Cruise Programs, Plans for Cruise Scheduling Meeting
- Junior Governor – Outline Program Plans
- Women's Program Governor – Program Plans development status

Rear Commodore - Ashore Programs

- Social – Plans for Holidays and the Awards Banquet
- Publicity –Yearbook plans
- Facilities- Coordination with LCYC re: Holiday season.

Old Business -

- Appointment of Membership Governor
- Status of by-laws changes
- Dues renewal cycle
- Second 60-day cycle for remaining by-laws changes

New Business -

- P&PC New Chair - Appointment
- 2003 Budget Development- Dues increase
- Motion for by-laws change and initiation of the 60 day member notification cycle
- Plans for Winter General Meeting

Commodore -

- Closing Remarks

Adjourn

TREASURER

As I contemplate writing my treasurer's message I am watching *Stars & Stripes* dueling it out with *GBR* in 17 knots of wind. It reminds once again what this is all about. The love of sailing is the glue that bonds all of us together in SMSA. But, finances are the "hydraulic fluid" that enables our club to operate.

I want to thank all of you for the trust that you have placed in me as your new treasurer. Although I have been a member of SMSA for almost 25 years, this is my first opportunity to serve on the BOG and I am looking forward to it immensely!

I received a good turnover from David Arbuthnot, and the 2002 BOG left us in good shape with the 2002 budget. As we approach the end of the fiscal year (coincidentally the calendar year), it looks like our income for 2002 will cover the year's expenses, resulting in a balanced budget for 2002. That's the good news.

The other news, however, is the continued carry-over of past years' deficits that David and others have written about in recent issues of *The Clew*. Unfortunately, we will once again carry over this accumulated deficit of approximately \$6,000 that was built up over previous years... spending that was over and above income (and/or income that was less than budgeted). Or, in other words, as we close out this year's books, we'll need to "borrow" \$6,000 from next year's dues to pay off the rest of this year's expenses.

This carry-over of prior years' accumulated deficits is an issue that our new BOG is committed to resolving. Thusly, you have recently received a ballot proposal for a by-laws change for a modest annual dues increase. I urge you to approve the increase, as it, along with the 10% increase approved in September, will put us in a position to retire the carry-over deficit over the next couple of years.

At this next BOG meeting we will develop the rough operating budget for next year. But until we know the precise figures for dues income, we won't be able to finalize the budget. This is the reason for the other by-laws change proposal. By changing the dates for dues payments to January 15 –February 15, we will be able to adjust planned expenses, with known income, early enough in the year to effect a balanced final budget.

The other issue that you all have heard about from David is our 501(c)(7) tax-exempt status and the

challenges with respect to taxes on income from non-members (mostly Screwpile money). That challenge is one that we, the 2003 BOG, will continue to pursue, with the goal of resolution to the best possible outcome for SMSA. I am pleased to say that David Arbuthnot, John Weir, Max Munger, and Stovey Brown have graciously accepted the invitation to serve with me on the newly established Treasury Committee, and we will have their combined talent, experience and intellect to assist with these challenges.

Thank you again for the opportunity to serve as this year's SMSA treasurer. I'm looking forward to the challenges and to a great (fiscal) year... and, of course, also to a great year of sailing!

Jim Keen, Treasurer, williwaw66@hotmail.com

RACE

I hope that everyone had a chance to participate or view The Wharf Frostbite Races. The racing situated close to the Solomons waterfront and harbor provides spectators the chance to see some sailing maneuvers within close quarters. Frostbites have traditionally provided some of the best adrenalin raising action of the year. I'll see you during the Spring Frostbiting if you missed the fall action.

Planning for next year is still the hot topic. There will be seminars coming up during the winter months as well as reports from PHRF and CBYRA meetings that racers and crews should pay attention to. There will be valuable information presented which could help make your coming season more enjoyable and run a little smoother.

Budget planning has begun. There are some areas, which need to be looked into that could affect the budget for the coming year. The condition of the RC Boat and Race Management Equipment needs to be reviewed and upgraded. Race marks will be pulled, cleaned, inspected, and renewed. These items need to be functioning well and reliable for

the race program to run smoothly. I'm sure other items will surface that will need some attention.

Unfortunately, I don't have the ability to view the Louis Vuitton Cup. I hear there has been some closer racing since some teams have been eliminated. The reports I've read sounds like everyone could enjoy viewing the action. Hopefully, I'll see you in front of the tube soon.

The Spring Frostbites are just around the corner, if you can't participate, why don't you give race committee a try. The starts and finishes are managed from the shore and the action will be just like the Cup in NZ. Step up and give it a try.

Clarke McKinney, Race Governor
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CRUISE

Cruise points have normally been awarded for traveling and over-nighting as a group. It might be well to award points, additionally, based on the technique used in getting the anchor up/aboard, sailing and anchoring. For example, how about an extra 1/4 point for up anchor under sail alone, another 1/4 point for anchoring under sail alone and 1/2 point for sailing the entire route, sail only. Engines do fail, and it is always easier to do something the second time than the first.

Curt Hamilton, Ron Hoile and Ken Mobray have graciously agreed to work on the Cruise committee. Any suggestions you might have as to destinations would be appreciated but please don't wait until the scheduling meeting on February 1. We want to have the anchor planted well before then.

As you know, SMSA was chartered as, and historically has been, a social and recreational sailing organization. For the past few years, however, we have been running a little commercial venture on the side called Screwpile. As a regatta and as a publicity and prestige generator it is great; but as a money

maker it is unseemly. I think the money making aspect should stop. So far we have been sailing in a dead calm.

John P. Walker, Jr., Cruise Governor
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FROSTBITE CRUISE TO CUCKOLD CREEK November 9-10, 2002

This cruise was not run in the traditional frost bite weather. Saturday morning was windy but balmy for the last cruise of the season. The water in front of our hosts Dr. Jim and Peggy Davis' home showed few ripples in protected Cuckold Creek compared to the waves on the Patuxent River driven by 20 knot gusts. As the afternoon closed, SMSA boats from around the Patuxent arrived. Mark Apter and friend Meg were the co-hosts for this rendezvous and set up picnic tables and chairs at their dock. We enjoyed a delicious spread of meats and salads and vintage drinks. Early to arrive were Nikki and Jack Goodman and guests Nat and Ida Harrison on *Cat Morgan*. *Mayflower* with Anna and Paul Grisso tied up along side at the dock. Ruth Keimeg and Joe with Tim and June Keen onboard *Yes*, soon joined us. John Bailey on *Segal* and Walt and Janet Rupp with grand daughter Kate on *Brigadoon* anchored out in the creek. David and Lois Zonderman on *Walkabout* completed our group off shore. As night fell Mark started a bonfire and we chatted long into the night. In the morning with still mild breezes we sadly said goodbye to each other and to the last SMSA cruise for the 2002 season. See you at a SMSA Awards Banquet or on the water.

Walt Rupp, Cruise Governor 2002
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COLUMBUS DAY CRUISE October 12-14, 2002

Predicted winds for the weekend caused us to abandon our plans to sail to Reedville. Saturday morning the winds were out of the SW at 12-15

knots with higher gusts. No boats from the Patuxent River responded to the radio check-in; we did not expect anyone would want to beat south on Saturday, turn around and beat north on Monday. The Saturday morning weather forecast called for 15-20 knots out of the NW on Monday. The Potomac Fleet met at the mouth of the St. Mary's River and decided to stay in the Potomac. *Serenity*, *The Baby* and *Nimue* all sailed to the Yeocomico River and anchored in a nice little cove, on the West Yeocomico, just to port of Great House Point. With enough room for a 3-boat raft, well protected from the winds, we had a nice happy hour and a peaceful night. Sunday morning we went to Port Kinsale for breakfast and then *Serenity* and *Nimue* motored over to Millburn Creek on St. Inigoes Creek for another beautiful, well protected anchorage. Rob and Sue Sloan motored back to home port and joined us for happy hour by dinghy. *Offwatch* with Paul and Rose Marie aboard also joined us for the evening. Sunday night the predicted winds arrived and we were happy to have stayed in the Potomac. Monday morning we had a nice sail back to our slips. A nice autumn cruise.

Ron and Kris Hoile, *Nimue*
Cruise Leaders

HALLOWEEN CRUISE, Potomac Fleet October 26-27, 2002

Gusto, *Serenity* and *Nimue* anchored in Price Cove on St George Creek. The trees were beginning to change color; we heard the loons call and had a sea turtle with us for the weekend. John and Lynne Walker came trick-or-treating, wearing their sailor costumes. Curt and Dottie Hamilton won the prize for the best jack-o-lantern and with such authentic costumes John and Lynne won the prize for the best costume. We had a lovely evening and enjoyed the nice morning on Sunday.

Ron and Kris Hoile, *Nimue*
Cruise Leaders

POTOMAC RIVER FROSTBITE CRUISE

November 9-10, 2002

Well, the end is here; we have sailed the final day of the 2002 SMSA cruising schedule. And what a day it was. It started off cool and finished warm; it started cloudy with some rain and finished sunny and bright; it started with a Force 3 and progressed to a Force 6. But wait, I am getting ahead of myself.

We had discussed a suitable destination with John and Lynn Walker (*Gusto*) and Ron and Kris Hoile (*Nimue*) during the week because of the weather. The choices had boiled down to Reedville on the Great Wicomico River or Nomini Creek on the Potomac River. The Hoiles needed to get *Nimue* to the boat dealer in Deltaville so they opted for Reedville. The Hamiltons and Walkers chose Nomini Creek. True to predictions, the wind was SW 10-20 knots and a beautifully sunny day. As it turns out both directions were a good choice. *Gusto* led us way up the creek to a nice secluded anchorage with lots of colorful trees. Happy hour on *Gusto* was followed by dinner on *Serenity*.

Now back to *Nimue*. It seems the Hoiles had checked the fuel gage on their brand new boat and had plenty of fuel to reach Deltaville. Well, not quite. As they were motor sailing toward Reedville, the engine stopped. Sure enough they were out of fuel. They got to sail their brand new boat to a crowded fuel dock and they made it without a mishap. From this point on, all I know is they reached Deltaville around noon on Sunday.

As for the Walkers and Hamiltons, they had a wonderful sail home in 20-30 knots winds. The direction was such that they did not have to beat home. We had a close reach down the Potomac and a run up the St. Mary's River to home.

Pretty soon we will be putting our trusty yachts out to winter pasture in a nearby marina and waiting patiently for spring. Is it here yet?

Curt and Dottie Hamilton, *Serenity*

JUNIOR PROGRAM

If the leaves are falling from the trees, it must be time to begin preparing for the upcoming junior summer sailing season. There is little time to waste, and so much to be done in order to improve upon our strong start.

The Junior Committee, which assists the Junior Governor in planning and implementing our multi-faceted program, is getting busy. Committee membership includes veterans who have played a significant role in our success in the past. Members include Stovy Brown, Shawn Stanley, Jeff Kumke, Carl Feusahrens, John and Barbara Herbig and Becky Pedersen.

At our most recent meeting we developed our annual schedule. This year's activities will feature eight weeks of camp, a revised Sunday schedule, high school practice and regattas and will eliminate participation in CBYRA regattas. Many of the other details, including next year's junior budget, were anticipated to be worked out at late November meetings.

I hope your Thanksgiving holiday was wonderful and you did not eat too much. Best wishes for a happy holiday season.

Dave Pedersen, Junior Governor
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WOMEN'S PROGRAM

On Sunday, November 3, the Women's Committee (Peggy Stanley, Maggie Weir, Barbara Herbig and Janet Rupp) held its first meeting at the Dry Dock and enjoyed a fabulous brunch. Several topics ranging from serious seminars and training to very practical things like learning to lasso pilings and fun activities were discussed.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR WINTER AND SPRING EVENTS:

- Friday, January 17: Women's Night at the clubhouse 7:30 p.m. See article below.
- Saturday, February 15: Race Committee Management seminar 9:30 a.m. at the clubhouse. A Valentine brunch will follow. Watch for Social Governor's Article.
- Friday, February 21: Racing Rules Seminar 7:30 p.m. at the clubhouse.
- Saturday, March 1: Lasso Instructions 9:30 a.m. at the clubhouse. See article below.

Saturday, March 8: Racing Rules Seminar 9:30 a.m. at the clubhouse. Protest Procedures to follow after lunch break.

- Friday, March 14: Tides & Currents 7:30 p.m. at the clubhouse.
- Saturday, April 5: Open Day

- Friday, May 16: Racing Tactics for Women 7:30 p.m. at the clubhouse.

The following are planned but are not assigned firm dates:

- A seminar on Weather presented by NOAA
- A seminar on Sail Design and Sail Trim
- A seminar on Frequent Fouls
- Boating Safety Course **

We would also like to offer a CPR/First Aide course. If you are interested, please send an e-mail to Women's Program - Charly2616@aol.com We are also looking for guest speakers. If you have any suggestions please let me hear from you.

The Women's Committee and I are very excited about the coming 2003 season. More is planned for summer and fall. Watch for dates.

Charlotte Mahood, Women's Governor
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The Women's Program is also teaming with Publicity to feature 1 to 4 brief biographies of our many racing, cruising and small boat members each month in *The Clew* starting in January. Just think how exciting it will be to open the *The Clew* and find your boat featured. Please answer the following list of items and questions and mail or email them to me at the below addresses. I will edit your information for inclusion in the newsletter each month. I am looking forward to a rising tide of mail or email from all of you.

1. Boat Name.
2. How did you arrive at that name?
3. Make of boat and size.
4. Owner of the boat and/or helmsperson.
5. Regular crew aboard and/or guests aboard at times (grandchildren, race crew, friends).
6. Destinations you have visited.
7. SMSA member for how many years?
8. How many years have you been sailing?
9. Future plans (South on ICW, or North to Maine).

Anyone can nominate a member by simply answering the above questions. Quality photos accepted (black/white).

Thank you in advance for your participation. I am looking forward to hearing from you.

Janet Rupp, Women's Committee
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**** CORRECTION:** The Boating Safety Certification Course is required by the State of Maryland not the U.S. Coast Guard.

LASSO INSTRUCTION

Ever had problems getting a line over a piling? Come have some fun, laughs, and possibly make new friends with Frank Gerred. March 1, 8, 16 and 29 at 0930 at the Clubhouse LIMITE SPACE
RSVP Charly2616@aol.com

LADIES NIGHT

January 17, 2002
7:30 p.m. at the Clubhouse

SMSA has become so large and yes possibly cliquish - not in a snobbish way - it just happens and the Women's Committee would like to change that. So come join us for a night of fun, a game of Bunco, and making new friends. Bring finger foods and/or desserts. Prizes being awarded.
RSVP - Charly2616@aol.com.

MEMBERSHIP

Welcome new Family Members Matt and Marty Miller, with children Kristen and Jessica at ages 18 and 20. They own a Catalina 400, slipped at Solomons Landing, and are interested mostly in cruising. With the 2002 sailing season about over, they have been encouraged to join the winter parties and business, educational and planning sessions. Please make them feel they are part of the SMSA.

SOCIAL

Fall is in full swing here in Southern Maryland and our 2002 season is drawing to a close. SMSA social events have been both fun and well attended this season. I'd like to take a moment and thank the members who contributed chili for our annual chili party and oyster scald in October. All of the pots were tasty and seemed to empty rather quickly. We truly have some great cooks among us! Though the oysters were not in great supply this season, those on hand for this event were fantastic. Shawn Stanley kept busy on the steamers, which Ollie and Katie Kangas and Nettie Harold graciously loaned to us. Thanks to all those who helped with both set-up and clean-up for this event...it was most appreciated.

The brunch, which followed our Planning Meeting on November 2, was a nice gathering of our members. Your 2003 BOG was able to keep the meeting relatively short, which allowed more time to socialize! Thanks to those members who took the time to make some wonderful dishes for all to enjoy. A special note of thanks goes out to Nikki Goodman, Pat Marchant, Max Munger and Merrie Ruth Raley for their help with this event. They sure do know how to keep the food and coffee coming and they do a great job of cleaning up!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Saturday, December 14: Christmas Gathering at the clubhouse.

This year, the event will begin at 5:00 p.m. Members attending are asked to bring a lite-fare plate, side dish, hors d'oeuvres or dessert to share. We will be serving up hot cocoa, spiced cider, beer, wine and sodas. As in years past, we will be conducting an ornament exchange. If you wish to participate. Please bring an ornament that is representative of the quality of ornament that you would like to receive. By participating, you will help us carry on a special tradition at SMSA. In

conjunction with the 2 weekend of the Solomons Christmas Walk, SIYC is attempting to conduct an additional Lighted Boat Parade that evening. Come out and join in on the fun of this event. It is sure to put you in a festive mood! Anyone interested in volunteering their time to help with decorating, co-hosting or clean up should contact me at (301) 373-8795.

Saturday, January 4, 2003: SMSA Awards Banquet at St. Mary's College Great Room.

Mark this date on your calendar if you plan to attend. ALL details will be provided in a special insert in *TheClew* and through a special mailing in the next few weeks. Please come and enjoy the wonderful food, wonderful music and the great company of your fellow sailors. The RSVP deadline for this event is Monday, December 23, 2002.

Laura Comeau, Social Governor
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EDITOR'S NOTE

The deadline for submitting articles for the January 2003 issue of *The Clew* will be

Sunday, December 15 at 5:00 p.m.

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If you submit an article for *The Clew*, you should receive an email acknowledging receipt. If you do not receive an acknowledgement, please contact *The Clew* editor.

Shawn Stanley will be putting the calendar together for *The Clew* each month. Please be sure to alert him to any events that you wish to have included.

THE RACER'S EDGE

It is a warm but breezy fall afternoon for a recent "Frostbiter" race and you, as the fearless skipper of *Pedal to the Metal*, are enjoying this late in the season race. As you approach the first weather mark you are on port tack and are enjoying a good breeze. As you approach the starboard tack lay line, you notice your arch rival, that scumbag Poulet Poop skippering his *Wee Willie*, approaching on starboard tack and seemingly moving rather slowly. You decide, using your considerable relative bearing skills, that you can safely pass ahead of *Wee Willie* while maintaining your port tack, so you tell your crew to grin and bear it and help you charge onward to cross ahead of *Wee Willie*. You charge ahead on port tack, hear Poulet Poop shout, "STARBOARD," but keep going confident that you can safely cross ahead. Unfortunately for you, you get a sudden rather large header and you now are in danger of collision! Just seconds before a collision, and nearly deafened by the shouting from *Wee Willie* about STARBOARD rights (and your ancestry), you quickly tack to starboard and limp away from the scene on starboard tack as *Wee Willie*, who had to severely alter course to weather to avoid a collision, now grinds over you to weather about a half boat length away.

Of course you hear Poulet Poop shout, "Protest", and you silently acknowledge that you indeed did screw up a starboard tack boat (but it was of course the wind's fault). You decide to follow the "720 turns" rule in order to vindicate yourself. Having recently seen a Louis Vuitton Cup race televised on the Outdoor Life Network on cable TV, you are now a little confused about when to do the 720 because the Louis Vuitton Cup boats do their 360 turn at their convenience if they acknowledge a foul! You hesitate a few minutes, and then decide that the Racing Rules of Sailing require you to do your 720 immediately. So you inform your crew, do your 720 turn, and sail onward never to catch up with *Wee Willie* who sails on to glorious victory.

After returning to the dock, you discover that Poulet Poop has also protested you for failure to comply with rule 44.2, "720° Turns Penalty" which requires you to "as soon as possible ... to promptly make two complete 360° turns". You notify the race committee that you indeed sailed onward for several minutes before turning ... so you reluctantly accept a DNF from the race committee. Curses... foiled again by the scumbag technocrat rule spouting Poulet Poop.

Note: the alert TV viewer of the Louis Vuitton Cup races now going on in New Zealand will notice that this important series of races does indeed have some "unusual" changes to our racing rules ... so watch the series, enjoy the racing, try to observe these sometimes subtle rule differences, but don't let them interfere with your racing!

See you on the Racer's Edge... Fred Dellinger

Judge's Response

The Race Committee in the December Racer's Edge acted improperly by scoring *Wee Willie* DNF for two reasons.

First, it is presumed from the facts given that *Wee Willie* crossed the finish line from the direction of the last mark and was not required to correct an error made at the finishing line under rules 31.2, 44.2 or 28.1. The RC was required to give *Wee Willie* the place where they finished (see the Definition of Finish).

Second, the RC had no authority to score *Wee Willie* in any other place than that where she finished (see rule A5). The fact that *Wee Willie* told the RC that she waited several minutes after she broke a rule to take the penalty turns is not a condition under rule A5 where the RC "may take other scoring actions that worsen a boat's score". Only the protest committee has such authority. If rule 44.3, the scoring penalty, had been in effect, then the RC would have had the authority to adjust *Wee Willie's* score. However, rule 44.2 was in effect.

The correct scenario in this case would be for *Wee Willie* to retire under the basic principle of sportsmanship rule on page 2 of the RRS. The proper score would then be RAF (retired after finishing).

If *Wee Willie* thought she did the penalty turns in time, then the protest committee should hear Poulet Poop's protest and (based on the facts presented) DSQ *Wee Willie* for breaking rules 10, 44.1 and 44.2. The RC can then score *Wee Willie* DSQ at the direction of the protest committee.

Dan Trammell

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TOP TEN THINGS TO DO WHEN YOU GET LONELY FOR THE SEA THIS WINTER

Sleep on the shelf in your closet. Replace the closet door with a curtain. Six hours after you go to sleep, have your spouse whip open the curtain, shine a flashlight in your eyes, and mumble "Sorry, wrong rack".

Every time there's a thunderstorm, go sit in a wobbly rocking chair and rock as hard as you can until you're nauseated.

Put lube oil in your humidifier instead of water and set it to "High".

Leave the lawnmower running in your living room six hours a day for proper noise level.

Make up your family menu a week ahead of time without looking in your food cabinets or refrigerator.

Once a month take every major appliance completely apart and then put them back together.

Use 18 scoops of coffee per pot and allow it to sit for 5 or 6 hours before drinking.

Raise the thresholds and lower the top sills on your front and back doors so that you either trip over the threshold or hit your head on the sill every time you pass through one of them.

Run into the kitchen and sweep all the pots/pans/dishes off of the counter onto the floor, then yell at your spouse for not having the place "stowed for sea".

Have a fluorescent lamp installed on the bottom of your coffee table and lie under it to read books.

Courtesy of <http://sailing.about.com>

RACE RESULTS

EVENT: Hooper Is/Pt No Point Race

DATE: 19-Oct-02

<u>SAIL #</u>	<u>YACHT</u>	<u>OWNER</u>	<u>CBYRA #</u>	<u>OWNR CLUB</u>	<u>CLUB CODE</u>	<u>HP REG.</u>	<u>RTG.</u>	<u>FINISH TIME</u>	<u>ELPSD TIME</u>	<u>HDCP ALLOW</u>	<u>CORR TIME</u>	<u>STDG</u>
CLASS:PHRF NS			LENGTH (Nmi.):29.4				START:10:05:00					
53477	KRUGERRAND	TROYER	112200	SIYC	79	3SE	132	15:07:38	5:02:38	1:04:41	3:57:57	1
2511	IRETSU	WANNER	104458	SMSA	19	3SE	96	14:52:31	4:47:31	0:47:02	4:00:29	2
142	TOBY	EGGERT		SMSA	19	3SE	141	15:37:20	5:32:20	1:09:05	4:23:15	3
83415	WILLIWAW	KEEN	110496	SMSA	19	3SE	120	15:30:25	5:25:25	0:58:48	4:26:37	4
43167	ELAN	SHAW		SMSA	19	3SE	159	15:55:01	5:50:01	1:17:55	4:32:06	5
63067	SUBJECT TO CHANGE	BALDWIN		SMSA	19	3SE	108	15:45:32	5:40:32	0:52:55	4:47:37	6
43067	LICKETY SPLIT	MANEELY		SMSA	19	3SE	168			1:22:19		DNF
93097	ILLUMINATION	MARCHANT	111679	SMSA	19	3SE	204			1:39:58		DNF
83434	ISLAND TIME	MOORE		SMSA	19	3SE	186			1:31:08		DNF

CLASS:PHRF ABCD			LENGTH (Nmi.):29.4				START:10:10:00					
93132	BETSY	ENGH	111802	SMSA	19	3SE	0	13:51:05	3:41:05	0:00:00	3:41:05	1
23798	PURSUIT	DAWLEY	110087	SMSA	19	3SE	48	14:19:56	4:09:56	0:23:31	3:46:25	2
31555	TIGRESS	WALDSCHMIDT	078970	SMSA	19	3SE	72	14:33:08	4:23:08	0:35:17	3:47:51	3
83096	SYNERGY	LA ROCHE		SMSA	19	3SE	168	15:27:22	5:17:22	1:22:19	3:55:03	4
43313	CHARDONNAY	MCCAREY	110472	SMSA	19	3SE	84	14:46:37	4:36:37	0:41:10	3:55:27	5
50134	SMOKIN'	JEFFRIES	102436	SMSA	19	3SE	51	14:30:58	4:20:58	0:24:59	3:55:59	6
43655	QUINTESSENCE	RYAN	111632	CBYRA	99		87	14:50:46	4:40:46	0:42:38	3:58:08	7
39519	AMERICAN FLYER	SCHNEIDER	112242	SMSA	19	3SE	48	14:33:46	4:23:46	0:23:31	4:00:15	8

EVENT: Fall Invitational

DATE: 20-Oct-02

<u>SAIL #</u>	<u>YACHT</u>	<u>OWNER</u>	<u>CBYRA #</u>	<u>OWNR CLUB</u>	<u>CLUB CODE</u>	<u>HP REG.</u>	<u>RTG.</u>	<u>FINISH TIME</u>	<u>ELPSD TIME</u>	<u>HDCP ALLOW</u>	<u>CORR TIME</u>	<u>STDG</u>
CLASS:PHRF NS			LENGTH (Nmi.):10.8				START:12:15:00					
2511	IRETSU	WANNER	104458	SMSA	19	3SE	96	14:16:44	2:01:44	0:17:17	1:44:27	1
142	TOBY	EGGERT		SMSA	19	3SE	141	14:27:38	2:12:38	0:25:23	1:47:15	2
43067	LICKETY SPLIT	MANEELY		SMSA	19	3SE	168	14:33:57	2:18:57	0:30:14	1:48:43	3
83415	WILLIWAW	KEEN	110496	SMSA	19	3SE	120	14:27:54	2:12:54	0:21:36	1:51:18	4

CLASS:PHRF ABCD			LENGTH (Nmi.):10.8				START:12:10:00					
23798	PURSUIT	DAWLEY	110087	SMSA	19	3SE	48	13:48:30	1:38:30	0:08:38	1:29:52	1
43313	CHARDONNAY	MCCAREY	110472	SMSA	19	3SE	84	13:55:45	1:45:45	0:15:07	1:30:38	2
31555	TIGRESS	WALDSCHMIDT		SMSA	19	3SE	72	13:55:39	1:45:39	0:12:58	1:32:41	3
83096	SYNERGY	LA ROCHE		SMSA	19	3SE	168	14:13:28	2:03:28	0:30:14	1:33:14	4
3066	ARTFUL DODGER	TAYLOR		SMSA	19	3SE	132	14:07:15	1:57:15	0:23:46	1:33:29	5
39519	AMERICAN FLYER	SCHNEIDER		SMSA	19	3SE	48	13:54:02	1:44:02	0:08:38	1:35:24	6
67996	NEMESIS	SCOTT		SMSA	19	3SE	174	14:25:44	2:15:44	0:31:19	1:44:25	7
83434	ISLAND TIME	MOORE		SMSA	19	3SE	186	14:34:12	2:24:12	0:33:29	1:50:43	8

CRUISE MATRIX

Cruise Month	Apr	Apr	May	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Aug	Aug	Sept	Sept	Oct	Oct	Oct	Nov	Total
Cruise date	7	27	3wk	25	2wk	4	2	24	30	21	28	6	13	26	9	
Boat																
Baby													3			3
Blitzen								3						3		6
Blue Heron		3	31						7					3		44
Brigadoon	3	3	45		33		5	3	7		17	3		3	3	125
Calypso										3				3		6
Cat Morgan			3					3	7		17			3	3	36
Chouette								3								3
Dawkins												1.5				1.5
Deshandra		3			7			3	7		15	3		3		41
Ella M								3								3
Easy Time	3	3	45		33		5		5		17					111
Gusto					3					9			3	3	3	21
Illumin'n				5				3								8
Kelkarden									5							5
Kelly Ann		3		5												8
Kokopelli																1
Lickety Split				5				3	5							13
Logical Choice						7										7
Lynn-Dee			25		5					15						45
Madd Hatter					29											29
Mayflower			14					3	3	12				3	3	38
Morning Star										3						3
Nimue												1.5		3	2	6.5
Njord			41	5	3											49
Offwatch				3				3					1			7
P&B Stanley									7							7
PalmerK			11								17			3		31
Patriot								3								3
Purrrfect														3		3
Pursuit		3	7		2				7							19
Quintet											17					17
Rigel								3								3
Runaway				5												5
Rusty Nail			45		33		5				17					100
Segal															3	3
Serenity												1.5	5	3		9.5
Shepard												1.5				1.5
Souffl'e												3				3
StanleyP												1.5				1.5
Stargazer II												3				3
Swan		3	23		13				7		17			3		66
Synergy				5				3							3	11
True Luff															3	3
Walkabout				5				3								8
Weir												1.5				1.5
Windwalker	3			5	3		5	3				3				22
Yes!!		1												3	1	5



SMSA AWARDS BANQUET 2002 SEASON

Saturday, January 4, 2003

St. Mary's College of Maryland - Campus Center

Cocktails 6:30 p.m.
Dinner 7:30 p.m.

Buffet Dinner and Dessert
Awards presentation
Music and dancing at the conclusion
of the awards presentation

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Names of Guests/Non-Members: _____
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No. of reservations required: _____

Total Amount enclosed: \$ _____

December 2002 Operational Calendar

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5 <i>BOG Meeting @ Clubhouse- 1930</i>	6 <i>Solomons Christmas Walk</i>	7 <i>LCYC Christmas Gathering Solomons Christmas Walk</i>
8	9	10	11	12	13 <i>Solomons Christmas Walk</i>	14 <i>Christmas Gathering @ Clubhouse- 1700 SIYC Boat Parade Solomons Christmas Walk</i>
15 <i>"The Clew" inputs due Editor</i>	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 <i>Christmas Day</i>	26	27	28
29	30	31 <i>New Year's Eve</i>				

January 2003 Operational Calendar

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 New Year's Day	2	3	4 <i>SMSA Award's Banquet @ St. Mary's College -- Cocktails 1830</i>
5	6	7	8	9 <i>BOG Meeting, 1930 @ Clubhouse</i>	10	11 <i>SMSA General Meeting -- 0930</i>
12	13	14	15 <i>"the clew" inputs due 2003 Memberships mailed (pending)</i>	16	17 <i>Friday Ladies' Night (Women's Program)</i>	18 <i>Clubhouse Paint & Touchup Day - 0930</i>
19	20 <i>Martin Luther King, Jr. Day</i>	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	