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Fri	11	Fri Social	5-8:00
Sat	12	Second Saturday Cruisers Raft	
Mon	14	BOD Meeting	
Tues	15	Clew Input Due	
Fri	18	Fri Social	5-8:00
Sat/Sun	19-20	Small Boat Invitational	
Fri	25	Fri Social	5-8:00
Sat	26	Open House	
Sat	26	Seafood Boil	4:00
Sun	27	Fall Race Series	

October			
Sat	10	Second Saturday Cruisers Raft	5:00
Mon	12	Program Chair Meeting	6:30
Thurs	15	Clew Input Due	
Sat	17	Race: Hoopers/Pt No Pt	
Sat	24	Race: Fall Invitational	
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November			
Sun	1	Annual Membership Mtg & Brunch	
Sun	1	Race: Frostbite #1	1:00

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Annapolis Cruise 7-9 August 2009

This year's annual cruise to the Annapolis Summer Garden Theater was a great venue as usual thanks to pre-cruise planning by the scheduled cruise leaders Rita and Frank Gerred (*Calypso*). Unfortunately, Rita and Frank had to cancel at the last minute and handed over cruise leader duties to Rod & Pat Schroeder (*Ruste Nayle*) to execute the fun part of the cruise. As we stopped for fuel at about 0900 on the way out of Solomons bound for Whitehall Bay on Friday morning, we received a radio call from Ken & Ellie Mowbray (*Swan*) who were already enjoying a leisure sail near Cove Point. Although the winds were northerly, they were making good progress in lumpy seas toward their intended Friday night destination at Rhode River. With a late start and a long way to Whitehall Bay, *Ruste Nayle* decided to start out motor-sailing hoping to catch a more favorable wind later in the day – unfortunately that never materialized. At the 1000 radio check, we made contact with Curt & Judy Larsen (*Decoy*), Curt & Dottie Hamilton (*Serenity*), and former SMSA members Gresh & Rene Sackett (*Koel*) who were joining us as guest cruisers for the weekend. A couple of hours later, we caught up with *Swan* as they were still under sail squeezing the most out of a dying breeze. As I made a close pass for a photo opportunity, Ken could be seen scurrying about to make the ship look good for the shot – it did. By



early afternoon, the wind had lightened up and shifted to Southerly which took away any cooling relative breeze that we had. At the 1400 radio check, we were all motor-sailing up the bay, and we

also heard from former SMSA members Jack and Nikki Goodman (*Cat Morgan*) who had left very early in the morning and went straight to Annapolis and were already on a mooring ball. By 1700 *Ruste Nayle* had the happy hour hook down in Whitehall Bay and was soon joined by *Decoy*. *Serenity* joined the raft-up a little later and the three crews enjoyed catching up on news and experiences over snacks and refreshments. Just as we were breaking up the raft for the evening, *Koel* arrived and dropped their hook for the night after a brief hello. Donna Maneely & Les Griffith (*Lickety Split*) were expected later that night as they were making a late departure from Solomons on Friday afternoon; however, we later learned that they decided to go straight into Annapolis where they took a slip in Ego Alley. On Saturday morning, the four of us who spent the night at Whitehall Bay motored into Annapolis to search for an empty mooring ball for the rest of the day and evening. *Swan* had already arrived from Rhode River and the rest of us joined *Swan* and *Cat Morgan* in the mooring field.

Saturday was a pleasant day for loafing around



town, napping, reading, etc. This was Plebe Parent Weekend at the Naval Academy, so we had the added treat of seeing many of our future Navy leaders (so young looking!) enjoying their first liberty since training began earlier this summer. At 1730 we all joined up at the Federal House Bar & Grill for a nice dinner. Thanks to Rita for setting this up in advance – they took great care of us. After dinner some of us took advantage of one of the many good ice cream shops before we all rendezvoused at the Annapolis Summer Garden Theater for a well done production of “Copacabana”. As we retired for the evening, contingency plans were being discussed by those who were interested in extending their cruise. As

we got underway on Sunday morning, *Ruste Nayle*, *Swan*, and *Lickety Split* were treated to a great sail down the bay with mostly winds of 10-15 knots out of the WSW all the way home. The rest of the fleet, *Decoy*, *Serenity*, *Koel*, and *Cat Morgan* took advantage of the great sailing opportunity and headed off to Hudson Creek for the night. A great cruise with great company.

Rod & Pat Schroeder
“Ruste Nayle”

HOT, HOT TODAY, CHILLI TAMALE (Oysters too)

Dig out your “secret “Chilli recipes and brandish the Crock Pots. Join us for the Annual Chilli Cook Off and Oyster Scald after the Fall Invitational Race. The oysters will be ordered as needed and RSVP is required. The price will be announced close to the event date. Members are always welcome to bring their favorite side dishes.

Date: October 24, 2009
Time: 1600
Place: SMSA Clubhouse

Race/Cruise to Herrington Harbor August 15

Our inaugural SMSA and HHSA combined club race/cruise from Solomons to Herrington Harbour was a big success (except for the absence of wind) with a total of 16 SMSA boats and 2 HHSA boats participating. The four cruising boats *Twice Around*, *Walkabout*, *Rusty Nayle*, and *Noon Somewhere* had various schedules of departure. *Twice Around* and *Walkabout* (with guest Nicole, the Zonderman’s college bound granddaughter) left the day

The Weekend Navigator *A Coastal Navigation Course*

This fall, the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, Solomons Flotilla 23-2, in conjunction with SMSA, will be offering *The Weekend Navigator*, a comprehensive twelve-session coastal navigation course.

Dates: Monday and Wednesday evenings
Sept 16 – October 28 (no class
October 12th)
Time: 7:00 – 9:00 PM
Where: SMSA clubhouse
Fee: \$75; includes textbook and practice
navigation materials
Pre-registration is required and class size is
limited.
To register, contact
Gary Smith: fscope.232@hotmail.com or
Kristi Yurko: training@smsa.com

before to get an early cruising start. *Rusty Nayle* and *Noon Somewhere* motored on Saturday. At 0900 the six racing Corinthian Class starters of *Lickety-Split*, *Rum Ration*, *Shermax*, *Sequoia*, *Age of Reason*, and *Illumination* saw pleasant winds of 5-6 knots, blue skies, few clouds, and a temperature of approximately 80 degrees which heightened our enthusiasm for the day ahead. However, by 1000 when the eight PHRF Class A-D boats of *Little Latitudes*, *The Riddler*, *Krugerrand*, *Whiskers*, *Spinnster*, *Rhumb Punch*, *Mazal Tov* (HHSA), and *Lady Grey* (HHSA) started the race, the winds were light and starting to break up. The shifts from one windline to another were 30 degrees but doable. Many boats headed toward the Western Shore to escape the current. A few others had better luck staying mid-Bay or heading towards the Eastern Shore.

Throughout the day the winds were oscillating from NW- NE and were 2-5 knots, which made for slow progress. It was a game of hopping from one little windline to another. Keeping a positive VMG was difficult as each windline changed. There were not many opportunities to fly a spinnaker but a few did try briefly. In the afternoon because of light to non-existent winds, all the racing boats retired and motored to Herrington Harbour to enjoy the festivities. It was too bad there could be no finishers to collect the beautiful trophies provided by SMSA. Joy Dorothy, our Race Chairman, had to repack them to save for another time.

Upon entering the well-marked channel to Herrington Harbour South, we were greeted by the sight of a huge all-inclusive luxurious marina. It has more fairways and slips than most Southern Maryland marinas. It even has land accommodations to spend the night, a gift shop, restaurants, tented party areas, tennis courts, and beach access. The landscaping with colorful gardens, palm trees, and brick walkways made you think you were in the tropics at a resort. Most of the racers/cruisers stayed in a slip and spent the night. On Saturday night, HHSA sponsored a barbecue for \$10 per adult where we grilled our own meat with the choice of chicken, hamburger, or bratwurst. A variety of salads, desserts, and beverages also complimented the meal. We all gathered under a lit spacious open tent to converse, eat, and relax with SMSA and HHSA friends.

Sunday morning dawned sunny and bright with very light air. Starting at 0800 we were all treated to a full buffet breakfast

catered by Herrington on the Bay at Herrington Harbour South for all slippers. The breakfast included scrambled eggs, crisp bacon, fried potatoes, crumb coffeecake, orange juice, and coffee. Delicious and filling! We dined under another huge open tent facing the beach and enjoyed the company again of our fellow sailors. Around 0900 the horn was sounded to signal the start of the blindfolded dinghy races of SMSA vs. HHSA on the nearby beach. This event put teams of two competing against each other as they maneuvered their vessel around a marker. It was quite a challenge though, since a rower in each boat was blindfolded and had to rely on verbal directions from a partner in the dinghy. No physical contact was allowed but we did see some partners try to point the way to go to their blindfolded rower. Our intrepid competitors included the teams of Don Behrens and son Sam, "Smitty" Smith and young Pete Behrens, and Carol Smith and Terry Walters. The spectators cheering had as much fun as the dinghy teams and it was all great entertainment.

HHSA provided us a well-planned and very enjoyable social weekend. Our sincere thanks are extended to all involved especially Bruce Artman, Rear Commodore, who deserves much credit for organizing the barbecue and dingy races, Ted Slotwinski, Commodore, who oversaw the fun activities in place of Bruce who was out of town, and Keith Mayes who was a welcoming and enthusiastic VIP all weekend. It was a treat to share some fun times with this friendly sailing association. All the SMSA boats had a windless day

sailing to Solomons on Sunday but it was okay since we were allowed to cruise back south under power of the purring motors and biminis for shade. Next time though, somebody needs to arrange for just a LITTLE more wind, please.

Donna Maneely and Les Griffith
Lickety-Split
Cruise Leaders



OXFORD CRUISE JULY 26 – 28, 2009

Chris and Kate asked Rich & I to take on the responsibility for leading this event. Far be it for Rich to refuse a cruise on *Reflections* so he heartily agreed. It had been a wonderful cruise in 2008 and we looked forward to repeating the trek. Unfortunately, only one other boat took advantage of the opportunity.

Reflections and *Carpincho* left early Friday, July 26 for Plaindealing Creek, off of the Tred Avon River and north of Oxford. The wind was on the nose for a large part of the trip up so we motored up to the Choptank River. With light winds out of the northwest, *Reflections* put up her sails for a

trial run up the Choptank. Rich threw over a hook and line and *Reflections* slowed to a crawl while he tested his fishing skills. As we meandered along, *Carpincho* charged by under power near the 12A marker.

After turning north around marker Green #1, *Reflections* took down the sails and motored into Plaindealing Creek. We caught sight of *Carpincho* showing off, taking advantage of the wind and sailing magnificently back and forth on the Tred Avon. With both boats anchored, Rich went over and picked up Patty and Peter in our dinghy and they joined us for a great happy hour with shrimp, cheese and crackers and fine adult beverages.

Early Saturday morning both boats headed into the Oxford Town Creek. *Reflections* anchored just inside of the Green #9 marker. Because of a local waterman running a temporary trot line, *Carpincho* anchored off the Market Street pier. Mid-day we picked up Patty and Peter and motored the dinghy to the Market Street public dock and walked into town. We lunched at Schooners on fish & chips, went through the Oxford Museum, toured the park across from the museum and went for ice cream at the creamery. We returned to the boats and double checked our anchors because a strong thunder storm was forecasted that evening and went ashore for dinner. One of the owners from Latitude 38 was gracious enough to pick us up in front of the ship's store at the Hinckley Marina. We experienced a delightful dinner at the restaurant and were returned to the Marina. It seemed that we returned to

the boats just in time to prepare for the storm when the lightning and thunder roared through at 2200 hours. All boats that were in the creek seemed to hold their anchor, fortunately, although Rich did start the engine on *Reflections* just in case we began dragging. The storm lasted for about 20 minutes and we had a great light show to the north and east. The stars then came out and we had a pleasant, cool evening.



With more thunderstorms forecast for the late Sunday afternoon, *Reflections* left the anchorage early and motored, once again, most of the way home. Rich fished a little, still hoping for that elusive ten pound rockfish but he would have even settled for a three pound blue.....no such luck.

Carpincho had once again passed us while we fished and motored. Sails went up as we rounded Cove Point with the wind out of the southeast. Peter and Patty did sail, once outside of the Patuxent River, as the wind freshened. They were looking quite sharp in the distance as we passed Drum Point. We had just enough time to tidy up the boat from the cruise before the storm set in.

Our hope is that Chris and Kate will volunteer again to lead the Oxford Cruise in 2010 to continue this great cruising tradition.

Patty Kimmel

Racing Report Joy Dorothy

Wow! A couple of great months of sailing have come and gone so quickly here! And where was I during it all? Oh, yeah, with all of you either racing or doing RC, and my lawn shows it!



Our V race mark got loose and tried to wander away, but thanks to Jeff Moore, he spotted it and brought it back. It has been a hard year on the marks and chains. I did a check and those without bottom paint on them had an entire ecosystem complete with snails and baby crabs. V mark is back in the water with new chain and bottom paint. All marks will get painted for next year. Thanks to Shawn Stanley for donating his leftover blue paint. I will be asking for volunteers in November to help pull them all out, including our E bay mark.

SMSA had a great showing for this year's Governor's Cup. Congratulations to The Doghouse, owner Dan Shannon, for a first in PHRF Non Spin. He won by 1:16 over the next boat after 70 nm. His comment, "A minute is too close for 70 nm, but it only takes a second!"

Congratulations to Akoni, owner John Kriz, for a first in PHRF C/D. He beat our own Age of Reason, owner Stovy Brown,

by only 53 seconds. When asked about the close time, his reply was “That is not the half of it. They (Age of Reason) were well behind us at no-point and worked up in the light air to point lookout. After lookout, it was downwind in light air. We went to the shore to get a tiny breeze line and got ahead again. When the wind filled in, we traded jibes and we passed each other several times. Eventually I just started sitting on their breeze each time I came by to get them to jibe. I thought I lost it in the st marys...it was DDW (dead down wind) and they have a huge kite.....any longer and they would have pulled it off. Fun time was had by all.”

Other SMSA boats participating were Dan Schneider’s American Flyer (6th), Norm Dawley’s Pursuit (8th) in the PHRF A1 class, Jim Keen’s Foxtrot Corpen (5th and 1st for the TPP Trophy) and Jim Young’s Lakahi(6th) in the PHRF A2 class, Tom Moulds, et. al.’s O’ Yeller (4th) in the PHRF A3, Scott Pankiewicz (8th) in PHRF C/D, and Vigilant (11th) in PHRF Non Spin. With winds being light and shifty, it took all of you great persistence to make it through the night. Check out the details at <http://www.smcm.edu/govcup/>.



The Women’s Fall Series is coming up Sunday, October 4th. It is only one day so Saturday can be a practice. Jubilee from Herrington Harbour will probably come South again. Let’s see if we can get out a couple more boats this year. How about Age of Reason with our high school and college women? Or Whiskers with crews from Slot Machine, and Star Gazer II? Or Splash with crews from Status Quo, Foxtrot Corpen, and Badger? It is lots of fun, and our SMSA women sailors have some great skills they can show off and share. Start talking about it now and make it happen!

Here are the races left until Frostbites start in November. Where did the year go? The only Race Committee position needed is for the Sunday, September 27th Fall Race Series. Priority One’s crew is thinking about it, but I’d like someone to commit so I can stop whining about it.

Wednesday	September	02	Wednesday Race #21	Akoni
Wednesday	September	09	Wednesday Race #22	Wicked Good
Sunday	September	27	Fall Race Series**	TBD
Sunday	October	04	Women's Fall Race Series	Toby/Shermax
Saturday	October	17	Hooper Island/Point-No-Point**	Rhumb Punch
Saturday	October	24	Fall Invitational Race**	Splash

SCOTT KIRBY PLAYS TO PACKED CROWD AT SMSA

By Tim Flaherty

For the second year in a row, singer/songwriter/storyteller Scott Kirby and accompanying guitarist Dave Edmisten played to a standing-room crowd at the SMSA clubhouse. Attendees at the August 16th concert heard Kirby sing a few new songs from his upcoming new CD "Row Me Home," in addition to his old favorites about boats, beaches, and harbors.



"Guitarist Dave Edisten (left) accompanied Scott Kirby at the August 16th concert at SMSA. The front room was at capacity for the event."

Aside from affording the chance for SMSA members to see this outstanding artist at a cheap price (only \$9 after \$6 in free drink tickets) and enjoy their clubhouse for a major event, the concert raised about \$1,600 for SMSA. Scott Kirby at SMSA would not have been possible without the efforts of member volunteer extraordinaire Herb Reese, who made sure the building and bar were ready for 99 guests. LG Raley and former member Bill Moessner

supplied ice and helped set up the bar; Mary Szyglowski, Rob Herbig, Frank and Rita Gerred, and Lisa Flaherty worked at the door; Joe and Tracey Kubenic, Merrie Ruth Raley and Ronni Spicuzza were the bartenders; Lisa and Tim Flaherty and Herb sold advance tickets and worked to obtain sponsors. Jolie Homsher stopped by unexpectedly at the end of the show to help clean up and stack chairs. When you see these folks, thank them for helping SMSA. Other big thanks go out to our sponsors. John Simpson and the Solomons Holiday Inn provided corporate sponsorship and rooms for the performers. Corporate assistance was also provided by Bob Hall Distributing (Landshark and Budweiser) and Bozick Distributors (Coors Light and Corona). Special thanks go to Joe Bozick and family who made a personal donation to SMSA in support of our efforts to promote SMSA and Solomons. Isaac's Restaurant (Holiday Inn) brought their mobile kitchen and provided reasonably-priced food.

Other local businesses really stepped-up and provided us with raffle and door prizes. Go to Catamarans Restaurant and thank them for the \$75 gift certificate we gave away. Isaac's provided a \$50 gift card. Woodburn's Gourmet Market provided us with a gourmet gift basket worth \$35. West Marine in Solomons donated an Igloo cooler worth about \$35. Solomons Pier, Four Winds Café (at Calvert Marina), Zahniser's Pool Bar, and Solomons newcomer The Ruddy Duck Brew Pub

(top of Dowell Rd.) provided \$25 gift certificates. The Captain's Table Restaurant gave us a \$20 gift. The aforementioned beer distributors and Buck Distributing (Miller Lite and Yuengling) provided a variety of raffle and giveaway items like coolers, beach games, shirts,



"Scott Kirby (second from left) hangs out with Regan Edwards Weaver, John Edwards and Lisa Flaherty after the August 16th show at SMSA."

hats, leis, flip flops and beads. Verizon gave us numerous high quality tote bags, carry-on luggage and umbrellas valued at more than \$150.

Quite a few of Kirby's fans are sailors, and the concert drew folks from as far away as Leesburg, VA and north of Baltimore. In addition, numerous "boat people" from around the Southern Maryland area showed up and checked out SMSA. All of these people are potential members so if you encounter them on a follow-up trip to our club, be friendly and try and help bring them into the SMSA fold!

First Aid / CPR combo class

Date: September 15 and 17
Time: 5:30 - 8:00pm
Cost: \$60/person. Includes books.
Location: SMSA Clubhouse

All certifications are being done through the American Safety and Health Institute. Certification is good for 2 years.

To sign up for the class:
EMAIL training@smsa.com

For Sale:
The "Rock Lobster"
1982 Capri 30 "Rock Lobster" - \$7400 obo
Website: www.tqci.net/~jkriz/capri30.html
If interested, contact John Kriz at
jkriz@md.metrocast.net or 301-997-1013

SMSA Open House

Saturday, September 26.

This event is intended to bring people in to our clubhouse so they can see who we are and what we do. We need volunteers to hand out pamphlets, give tours, and to speak about all our Programs. So come to SMSA with all your friends and neighbors!

Contact Betsy Dodge for information. 410-326-9686 (H) or 410-474-1678(C).

Buccaneer 18 North American
Championships

June 21-25
2010

SMSA is scheduled to host the Buccaneer 18 North American Championship next June. We are currently looking for volunteers (and sailors!) for just about everything you could imagine, so if spending a couple of days next June hanging out with a bunch of rowdy pirates for the Buccaneer's 40th, and sure to be BIGGEST championship regatta ever, please contact Jimmy Yurko via email.

Thanks,
Jimmy Yurko
jimmydyurko@yahoo.com

Seafood Boil

September 26th
4:00 pm

The Board of Directors are encouraging members to bring a potential new member with them to this special recruiting event. Enjoy a tasty dinner and some shore side fun with your fellow members. Those who bring a potential new member will receive 2 free drink tickets.

We'll have applications and brochures on hand.

More information will follow in the next few weeks.

If you have any questions, please contact Frank Gerred at
gerred@verizon.net.