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Southern Maryland Sailing Association  
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Sat	30	Awards Banquet	6-11
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## *SMSA Annual Gala And Awards*

January 30, 2010

6-11 pm

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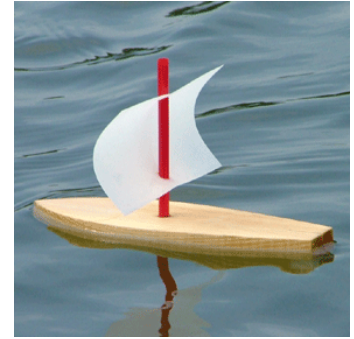
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## 80 ships set sail!

### SMSA Christmas Walk & Open House

On December 4<sup>th</sup> We welcomed many members and guests during the Christmas walk many young sailors to be built 80 kits and raced their very own model "Minnow" sailboats. The party was fun for members and guests, with standing room only from time to time.

We followed up that night with a Saturday night where members braved wind and rain to enjoy each other's company and the tunes of Ben Connolly.



"The Minnow"

## Annual Gala

6 pm – Cash Bar Open  
and check in

7 pm- Buffet Dinner  
featuring:

Sliced Round of Beef  
Au Jus

Chicken Breast  
Stuffed w/ Apples & Brie

Seafood & Pasta

Dessert: Maggie Weir's  
Burgee Spice Cake

Music and Dancing  
following awards  
ceremony

\$40 per person (seating  
is limited)

**For reservations:** Send  
Payment for number of  
people in your party to:  
Donna Taylor, PO Box  
51, Scotland, MD 20687  
by January 23, 2010

Rooms have been reserved  
for that night at the Sleep  
Inn (next door to Lenny's).  
Call 301.737.0000 by Janu-  
ary 22<sup>nd</sup> and mention SMSA  
to reserve a room at a spe-  
cial rate of \$95+tax.

*Southern Maryland  
Sailing Association*

*January 30, 2010*

*6-11 pm*

*Lenny's restaurant*

*11023 Three Notch  
Rd.*

*California, MD*

## TAM

### Certification Class

*Want to assist SMSA Friday  
Night Social Volunteers? At-  
tend a one-day course in Febru-  
ary 2010 to become TAM  
Certified. Sign up by sending  
your name to  
[training@smsa.com](mailto:training@smsa.com). If at  
least 10 members sign up, the  
class will be held at the SMSA  
clubhouse.*

### GPS for Mariners Course

Taught by the Coast  
Guard Auxiliary

Registration On Site

7:00-9:00 PM

SMSA Clubhouse

Jan 4, 6, 13, 18, 20, 25

## The Commodores Dinner

This month's Commo-  
dore's Dinner will be  
"Comfort Food" Bring you  
best home style recipe,  
be it an appetizer, main  
dish, or desert. What-  
ever you think you can  
share and enjoy with you  
fellow sailors.

Thursday, January  
21

Doors Open at  
6:00

## SMSA Trip to Washington Capitals Game!



Attention hockey fans! Kate and Chris Miller are organizing an SMSA group trip to Washington DC on Saturday January 23, 2010 to watch the Washington Capitals take on the Phoenix Coyotes. The game starts at 7pm, and we'll be setting up carpools from Southern Maryland as the date gets closer. There are 14 tickets available, first come first served, at a cost

of \$90 per ticket. The seats are on the club level in Section 214, rows J, K and L. These are great seats and for those of you that haven't been to a CAPS game, they are awesome in person! If you're interested in going, call Kate or Chris at 410-586-8246, or e-mail us at

[cmmiller0411@comcast.net](mailto:cmmiller0411@comcast.net).

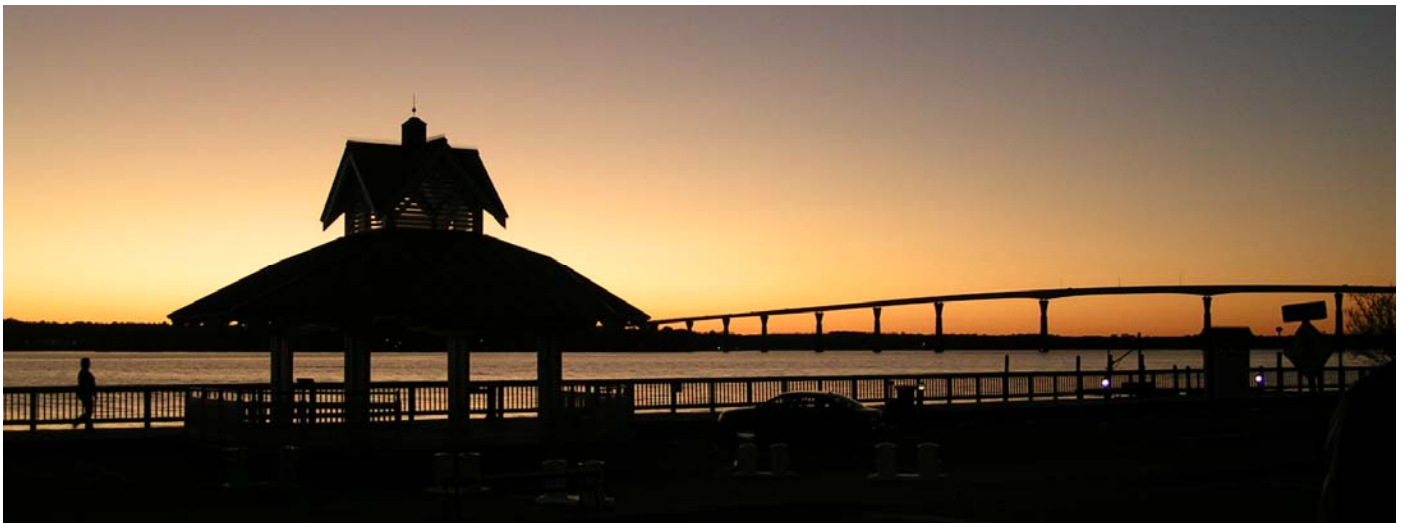
For those of you wondering what hockey has to do with sailing, it's one more chance to experience a great sport on the water – so what if it's frozen!! Rock the Red – Let's Go CAPS!



## CANCELLED: SMSA SKI WEEKEND AT SEVEN SPRINGS

Due to lack of response, we unfortunately have to cancel this years SMSA Ski Weekend. We will get this trip organized much earlier next year allowing more time to schedule plans and get deposits submitted. We're very sorry for the false start and the short fuse. However, the mountain is open all winter. Just get out there and do it.

Jim Keen



## FREEZE YOUR BUCC OFF!

It was December 12, a cold morning, the race marks have been pulled for the season. The high for the day was supposed to be 44 degrees, but by noon it was only about 34. Glenn & Terry Walters, were packing up their Albacore for some winter tune ups. Mark Gyorgy was working on his Buccaneer, Nina, and I was picking the ice out of my boat. The sun was shining and it seemed like a great day to pack up our boats for the winter. But that's not what we

were there for. We were going to race.

It was a small event, we were expecting up to 6 boats, but only 3 showed up by race time. When we shoved off, the winds were very light, probably 2-3 knots, which made for a very slow drift out of the creek, and we were concerned that we might not be able to race. We were wrong.

Within minutes of leaving the creek, a nice breeze filled in across the whole river. We managed to get

2 races in before the wind completely died out again and just before our fingers completely froze.

The big surprise of the day was the event winner. Robert Herbig, on a borrowed boat, took the right shift and the first ever trophy for the first ever "Freeze Your Bucc Off" regatta.

You probably wonder why we would go out in the cold to play this silly game...but we really figured, why not?

"BY NOON IT WAS 34 DEGREES, AND I WAS PICKING ICE OUT OF MY BOAT"



## BUCCANEER 18 FOR SALE

2000 Buccaneer 18 for sale, \$5000, good condition, with sails & trailer, this boat is extremely competitive, won 2<sup>nd</sup> place in Buccaneer NA's in 2000, and has been very successful in local and regional regattas ever since.

The Buccaneer North American Championship is coming to SMSA this June, get your boat and be ready!

Contact Jimmy: 240-434-1312