



## The Commodore's Corner

by Jimmy Yurko, [commodore@smsa.com](mailto:commodore@smsa.com)



This month we welcome summer. The days are now long, and the warm air is bringing gentler winds. May was an exciting month. We had shows, parties, races & cruises...what more could you ask for?

I would like to start off by thanking everyone who attended last month's Commodore's Dinner. It was really amazing to have an opportunity for Kristi and I to share Annabelle's birthday with you. There is no better way to feel at home than to be surrounded by such great friends. Thank You!

This month we welcome 5 new members to SMSA, and that's really exciting. With renewals still trickling in, and new members joining us, I'm confident that we will soon surpass last year's membership totals.

As you are aware, last month you received a ballot for two potential By-Law revisions, and both passed with a strong majority, so we are pleased to announce that Scott Patterson will be our new Treasurer as he has been selected by the Board of Directors to serve for the remainder of this year. Scott has been an active member of SMSA for many years now, and will do a great job ensuring that our financial business stays on track.

Small boats at SMSA are alive and well....With over 40 boats in the yard we have a very strong small boat program. You probably aren't hearing much via email & newsletters because everyone is busy SAILING! Those of us in the Buccaneer

crowd have 4 regattas in 5 weeks which includes the SMSA Spring Small Boat Invitational which will be June 9-10. This regatta will feature starts for the Laser fleet, Buccaneer Fleet, and Portsmouth fleet (the Lightnings will be competing in the Dixie District Regatta that same weekend). All of this is on top of the Thursday night events which have been going great, great winds, great turnouts... great parties...great times. Anyone who wants to see what all the real buzz is about should stop by the clubhouse around 5:30 on any Thursday, you'll see the fun.

June is bringing us much excitement.

The Small Boat One Day regatta is now the Small Boat Spring Invitational Regatta (2 days!)

Our summer camps begin (spots filling up fast! Check the [www.smsa.com](http://www.smsa.com) website for details)

June 22 Commodore's pot luck dinner, "On a Stick", KaBobs, Skewers, Popsicles...anything goes...see you there.

Get your Oyster Boys concert tickets quickly. This is going to be a great time June 30 at the clubhouse.



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## Cruising Corner

By Rod Schroeder, [rodschroeder@comcast.net](mailto:rodschroeder@comcast.net)



The May cruising schedule started out with a local Happy Hour Raft-up in Mill Creek on May 5-6. Saturday was a pleasant day with a steady gentle breeze that provided a relaxing day under sail right up to happy hour time. Ruste Nayle (Rod & Pat Schroeder) dropped the happy hour hook at 1600, and was soon joined by Walkabout (Dave & Lois Zonderman) and Patty K (Rich Freeman, Patty Kimmel & guest Kris). Piper (Jerry & Donna Taylor) enjoyed sailing with some of the group on Saturday, but were unable to stay for the evening due to a commitment to help out with the burly girl show at the clubhouse that night. I can only assume that the rest of the SMSA fleet was absent from the Happy Hour Raft because they were attending the show – maybe next time?

Other notable cruise events during May include the return of our snow bird cruisers who went South to Florida and the Bahamas for the winter. Safina (Dennis & Carolyn Chandler) returned to home port in Solomons on May 3 after a successful voyage to the East Coast of Florida and over to the Exumas. Gemini (Joe Frost) was also down South for the winter. Local sightings of Joe have been reported, but I'm not sure if Gemini has returned yet. If I have missed any other long distance winter cruisers, please let me know so that they can be properly recognized too.



*Piper looking good on the Patuxent River*



*Dennis hoisting the SMSA Burgee in the Bahamas*



*Happy Hour Raft-up at Mill Creek*



*The Chandlers (Safina) in the Bahamas*



**Visiting the Nassau Yacht Club**



**Carolyn arriving at Georgetown**

May 19-28 are the dates for the 10 day Southern Cruise led by Rich & Patty. By the time you read this article, the cruisers should have just returned from their adventures to Yorktown and back. Details of the cruise will be highlighted in next month's issue of the Clew.

June and July will be busy cruising months. Coming up soon, June 9-17, is a 9 day cruise to OPSAIL 2012 in Baltimore via St. Michaels led by Ruste Nayle (Rod & Pat Schroeder). Hopefully, those who plan to attend the Baltimore portion of this cruise have already made their reservations at Inner Harbor East for June 12-14. Most Baltimore marinas have been sold out for quite awhile; however, additional cruisers may be able to take advantage of last minute cancellations. Check with Millie at Inner Harbor East, 410-

625-1700 for potential reservations. The first night of our journey will take us into the Little Choptank for a night at anchor. From there we will travel to St. Michael's where you can choose to anchor out, or take a slip (reservations recommended). The following day we can take a short jaunt into the Wye River for another night on the hook, or some may elect to spend a second night at St. Michaels. The run to Baltimore will take us through Kent Narrows to see who has the deepest draft. We will be in port at Baltimore for 3 nights to mingle with the fleet of tall ships as they arrive to participate in OPSAIL 2012 (<http://www.opsail.org>), and for part of the Star-Spangles Sailabration (<http://www.starspangled200.com>) to celebrate the Bicentennial of the War of 1812 and the Star Spangled Banner. This will also provide an opportunity for the cruisers to host a land visit by family/friends to share the Baltimore Inner Harbor experience. For baseball fans, the Orioles will be playing the Pirates each night that we are in town. Unfortunately we must leave the harbor area before the Blue Angels and fireworks that weekend due to slip space. Leaving Baltimore, the cruise plan takes us across the Bay to Rock Hall where you can choose to anchor in the Swan Creek area, or take a slip at one of the Rock Hall marinas. Next stop will be somewhere in the Annapolis area, and then return to Solomons on Father's Day. As usual, some of the itinerary details are subject to change depending on the weather and the whim of the group. Please contact the cruise leader for any questions/suggestions and let us know if you are planning to join us for all or part of the cruise.



**From Rakali at the Annapolis NOODS**

## 2012 Annapolis NOODs

Four SMSA boats participated in the May 4-6 National Offshore One Design (NOOD) Regatta in Annapolis. They were: John & Linda Edwards' Farr 30, Rhumb Punch; Clarke McKinney's J-80, CW's Vacation; Jim & Barbara Whited's J-111, Bad Cat and Mark and Robin Witte's J-80, Rakali. Three of the boats kindly contributed the articles and photos below for us to enjoy.

A very brief summary is: no wind -- far too much time circling a committee boat flying a postpone flag.



### Annapolis NOOD Regatta from Rakali

by Megan Hildenberger

To say that the Rakali crew was anxious going into the Annapolis NOOD Regatta would be a slight understatement, it being the first big away regatta for the boat. While Screwpile 2011 brought 7 J-80s together, this event threatened to have 35 J-80s vying for space at the starting line, two of them from SMSA.

The delivery up wasn't too bad of a motor-sail. It did not rain, and we got to fly the kite for 15 happy minutes under full sunshine. Rakali and Rhumb Punch mostly followed the middle of the Bay together, and Bad Cat was spotted hugging the Eastern Shore later in the day, as we all passed Eastern Bay. Coming into the Severn we were pleased to note that the waters were not as choppy as pleasure-seeking powerboats have been known to make them, perhaps because it was still too early in the season.

The first day of racing (May 4) was a disappointment for most of the 4 race courses. Despite having our very own Keith Jacobs coordinating RC for

our course (Division 3), poor breeze conditions prevented them from getting any races off. We did manage to get in some good, slow practice, mostly light-air roll-tacks and jibes. It was good



Mark and Robin Witte

review under easy conditions, which helped to iron-out crew expectations. The other highlight from Friday was escaping a foreboding cell that rolled in just south of our course, as every boat around us hurriedly began dropping sails and donning life-vests.

The second day of racing was the most exciting, by far. Light breezes for the first two races led to moderate winds for the last race of the day. After struggling against very challenging currents all day, we finished the last race in at least 16 kts, plenty to carry us all the way to the EYC piers, and enough to force several attempts at entering the aisle.

Sunday started out warm and the breeze took its time filling in, but eventually RC got a course set. The fleet starts before ours had several OCS boats,



and by the time our start came, RC was forced into a general recall. One RC volunteer radioed her frustration by threatening our fleet with 'funny-colored flags' if we didn't start behaving. The first race took most of the wind with it. RC started a second race for the fleets ahead of ours, but then came a major left shift from the NW, which postponed our racing. The shift and dying breeze got us all thinking that RC set up too close to shore, as we watched the already-started fleets heading straight for land, some of them struggling in vain against the current, even in shallow water. Not long after, RC abandoned that race and we all went back to drifting, waiting for better conditions to present themselves. Unfortunately, knowing that no races could be started after 14:30, the guns sounded shortly after 14:00.

Although the breeze conditions were 'Screwpile-like,' as some people described it, RC did a commendable job, frustrating though it was for everyone. The venue and the people made up for the less-than-optimal race conditions. Familiar and friendly faces appeared almost everywhere one looked, on and off the water. To those who frequent Annapolis, it comes as no surprise that the town is so well suited for hosting such an event.

## The View from Bad Cat

*by Jim Whited*

The Annapolis NOODs were the first chance for the crew of Bad Cat to find out how we stack up against the rest of the J-111 world. The field included the Annapolis boats (Velocity, Ragin', and Cuore di Leone plus Fleetwing from New England.) Ragin' was just off their victory in PHRF B at Charleston Race week.

Day 1 was a non-event with very light wind and gray skies.



Day 2 was clear, bright and the forecast was for 8 to 10 kts from the north. The RC elected to delay the start even though the wind was more than acceptable. I have included a picture of the RC with the Postpone flag standing proudly at attention. The problem was not speed or direction but a wicked current from the same direction as the wind. After the current subsided a bit the RC went into sequence and managed to get in 3 races, all with 1 mile legs. We clearly won the start of the first race with a port tack approach, tacked in front of the fleet and then set sail for the left side of the course. We were still in contention at the top mark but already knew that the other boats had much better speed upwind than we did. On the downwind legs our speed was closer to the other boats but still lacking. Crew work was excellent and we could make all the moves that the other boats did. So after day one we had won 3 starts, but finished last in all 3 races.



At the party for Day 2 we received some advice on upwind trim from David Malkin of Velocity. Jib trimming is apparently a fine art for these boats. On Day 3 we started with similar conditions to Day 2 but the wind built some over the 2 races. We still had good starts but the fleet was onto our tricks from Day 2. Upwind speed was much better and the crew work continued to be excellent. We were much closer to the front and finished 4th in both races. While the overall results were disappointing we learned a lot about the boat and we had a great time racing in a very competitive environment.

## The View from Rhumb Punch

by John Edwards

A three day event like Annapolis NOODs held on May 4,5, and 6, 2012, is a sailing adventure as well as an extended party. The primary sponsor was Sperry Topsider but Mount Gay brought the rum and Adams Ribs fed well the hundreds of hungry sailors. It was almost as if the yacht racing itself only interrupts the stream of rum drinks and socializing.

We opened the weekend with a Farr 30 class weigh-in and party at McNasby's Oysters which is now known as the Chesapeake Maritime Museum. For the first time The Punch had seven onboard who did weigh in under the 1155 pound limit without stripping down to underwear. At my age it isn't gracious to be that exposed. I was pleased about that, but as I looked around the room there were America's Cup bowman, Med Cup helmsman, and a whole Swedish team in black clothes. I was getting a sinking feeling. On top of that our longtime friend and arch rival from the J-29 class posted on Sailing Anarchy that morning that Rhumb Punch without Clarke Mckinney would come in last in this regatta! I guess it is nice that Espo still thinks about me.

We did have three new crew onboard for this regatta but the framework of SMSA members was in place. My daughter, Regan, Joe Szymanski, Scott Patterson and I have sailed together for years. Drawn from outside the club were the main trimmer, a jib trimmer and the sewer person. All three of the new crew exceeded our expectations and are returning for Race Week over Labor Day weekend! The first day was not smooth but Roger, Kevin and Katie blended well with the Punch regulars by the third day.



**1<sup>st</sup> row: Katie Burns, Regan Weaver, Joe Szymanski, Scott Patterson**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> row: Roger Kagan, Kevin McKee and John Edwards**

A proper breakfast at Chick and Ruth's is the best way to start the first day of racing in Annapolis. Unfortunately, I am the only one in my family who is enthused by the oily greenish brown deli fries served

there. Patrick and Regan were a little traumatized many years ago when the lady in the next booth died while we were having a milk shake. They refused breakfast. I was able to talk Joe, Sandy and Linda into breakfast there on Friday and all of us had a Chick and Ruth's story to share. It was fun.

The boat was a short walk away from downtown at the Chart House and a postponement was signaled at the yacht club as we walked by the race headquarters. We elected to get in a little needed practice and left the dock promptly despite the gloomy conditions. As it turned out, on Friday the wind never did settle in any direction and a thunderstorm sent the fleet back to the mouth of the Severn River. The R/C made a desperate attempt to set up after the storm passed but the passing cell drained the energy from the area and we were again becalmed. At the end of the first day of racing we were in a tie for first place with 16 other Farr 30's!

The mood at the party on the lawn of the Junior Annex was incredibly upbeat despite no races for most of the fleets. It was good to see sailors from other clubs but sharing the adventure with other SMSA boat crews is actually the best part. Because we are in different fleets we don't see other SMSA people except at the parties. It is a special interest to check on everyone's results.

Kevin, Joe, Regan and I left the party together and walked to Ego Alley. It was almost dark and we noticed a powerboat with a big disco ball and purple accent lights across the stern and along the gunwales. Regan said that was Matt Beaudreax's 51 foot Sea Ray "Scarface". The drumbeat of the woofers and the artificial smoke machine somehow built into the air conditioning made for an epic party that lasted until there was no more ice and Matt Beck started pouring straight rum shots. It was midnight and there was racing the next day. Home for the weekend was Ali's house on Fleet street which is only about a block from Ego Alley. Bed was calling.

Saturday began similar to Friday but racing did start on time in weak northerlies coming off Thomas Point. There was some gradient wind in the upper left corner but we had trouble holding our lane off the starts and got bounced to the right in the first leg of both races. In both races the right didn't seem that bad until we got to the strength of the ebb. We couldn't get back and rounded the top mark in the back of our fleet. Regan flagged down Dave Flynn, a sailmaker to follow us upwind in his powerboat. Perhaps from behind us he could see what our trim lacked. He noticed we were not in-hauling the jib enough. Armed with this new knowledge and a front row start we held our lane to the left corner in the third race and finished mid-fleet. Though we

did not win we did improve and the trip back to the Chart House was upbeat again.



*Trouble at the pin end of a Farr 30 start. Rhumb Punch happily avoided this particular version of fun.*

Sunday the wind was again at 020° and not very strong. The course was about the same and the results were mid-fleet again in both races but we never overcame the first two shockers of Saturday morning. Groovederchi, who is the current World Champion. won the regatta. We were a distant 13<sup>th</sup> place. Most importantly, we had a lot of fun and learned a few things.

After fueling and dropping off crew, Joe and I brought the boat home on Sunday evening. As dark came so did big breeze and both of us had every layer on that we brought with us. It had the feel of a “Deadliest Catch” scene near the gas docks but after clearing the pesky fish trap off Cove Point, we bore off and carried 8 knots past Drum Point. The next day Bad Cat and Rakali fought the big breeze all the way down. Rakali eventually had to retreat to Herrington Harbor. I really don’t like after dark deliveries but the forecast for Monday was pretty ominous. I did one thing right.

## Double Handed Race



Jim Young and the crew of Lakahi, thank you for being the Race Committee for the Double Handed Race and especially for sending pictures!



*Cheetah at the Start of the Double Handed Race*

### Double Handed NonSpin -- 12.5 nm

Fleet Pos	Order	Sail	Boat	PHRF	Finish	Elapsed	Corrected	Class Poa
1	1	161	Spinnster	171	12:37:53	2:32:53	1:57:16	1
2	2	53477	Krugerrand	132	12:40:26	2:35:26	2:07:56	2
3	3	142	Toby	141	12:55:58	2:50:58	2:21:36	3

### Double Handed Spin -- 12.5 nm

1	5	93121	Wicked Good	132	12:31:13	2:21:13	1:53:43	B/C 1
2	4	30714	O'Yeller	108	12:29:21	2:19:21	1:56:51	B/C 2
3	1	63	Bad Cat	39	12:16:05	2:06:05	1:57:58	A 1
4	7	63383	Stingray	129	12:36:31	2:26:31	1:59:39	B/C 3
5	2	50473	Cheetah	36	12:18:00	2:08:00	2:00:30	A 2
6	6	USA 788	NoName	120	12:36:08	2:26:08	2:01:08	B/C 4
7	3	USA 41	Rhumb Punch	54	12:23:20	2:13:20	2:02:05	A 3
8	8	43067	Lickety Split	168	12:50:31	2:40:31	2:05:31	B/C 5

## SMSA Training

by Jenn Miller, [training@smsa.com](mailto:training@smsa.com)



As the sailing season started, the training program activities took a short hiatus while maintenance became a high priority and races and cruises started to fill our weekends. Now, I am working to get a few courses on the schedule for June and July!

In June, we are planning to have another opportunity to take the Race Management Seminar. In July, we are planning to offer several First Aid/CPR/AED courses, including a re-certification class and one for Remote First Aid. See the flyers in this edition of The Clew for specific details. If you have any ideas or suggestions for other courses you would like to see, please feel free to contact me.

### Re-Certification Class for First Aid/CPR/AED

- **When:** July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 9am-1pm
- **Where:** SMSA clubhouse  
14490 Solomons Island Road (located on Solomons Island across from the gazebo)
- **Cost:** \$50/person
- **Pre-requisite:** Attendees must have a must have current card or no more than 30 days expired



In this 4 hour instruction you will be re-certified to administer CPR and to handle breathing and cardiac emergencies for adults, children and infants. Upon course completion, you will earn a 2 year certification from American Safety Health Institute (ASHI).

**SPACES ARE LIMITED** and course will only be offered if there is significant participation. Contact Jenn at [training@smsa.com](mailto:training@smsa.com) to register!

### SMSA Race Management Seminar



**FOR WHO:** Anyone interested in learning more about Race Committee Duties!  
**WHEN:** Saturday, June 23rd, 9am  
**WHERE:** SMSA Clubhouse



**WHAT:** This course is focused on race committee training. Topics include: Anchoring the Race Committee (RC) Boat; Setting a Square Starting Line; Starting and Finishing Races; Scoring the Race; What RC can and cannot change; and More!

Want to decipher what those flags are on the race course? Don't know how to set a square starting line? Come join us and meet some fellow sailors!

**Registration:** Please contact Jenn to register or with questions at [training@smsa.com](mailto:training@smsa.com).

### Wilderness & Remote First Aid

- July 28<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>, 9am-5pm (Total Course Length:16 hours)
- SMSA clubhouse  
14490 Solomons Island Road (located on Solomons Island across from the gazebo)
- Cost: \$220 (students must be >13 years old & CPR certified)



This emergency response training covers: patient assessment, musculoskeletal & soft tissue injuries, splinting, hypothermia, heat stroke, and a variety of associated topics. This **2 day course** focuses on **providing primary care in remote locations** and extreme weather with non-standard equipment, coping with long-term care when **advanced medical care is more than 30 minutes away**. Upon completion of the course, students earn a 2 year certification from American Safety Health Institute.

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### First Aid/CPR/AED Certification Class

- July 21<sup>st</sup>, 10am-5pm
- SMSA clubhouse  
14490 Solomons Island Road (located on Solomons Island across from the gazebo)
- Cost: **\$60/person**, includes Book and Certification Card



In this 6 hour instruction you will learn to administer CPR and to handle breathing and cardiac emergencies for adults, children and infants. Upon course completion, you will earn a 2 year certification from American Safety Health Institute (ASHI).



**SPACES ARE LIMITED.** Contact Jenn at [training@smsa.com](mailto:training@smsa.com) to register!

### Port Events

By Hannah Schneider



Club members and guests were amused & tantalized by the Burlesque performance on May 5th. Aerial, the mermaid, and her ukelele played us tunes of her daydreams for legs; Captain Chesty rushed us as a barracuda; Candy del Rio was a tasty shrimp cocktail and Rev. Valentine wished to marry a lighthouse keeper. Got crabs? If you came you know ;) Ticket & bar sales both profited well for SMSA. Hope to see everyone out for the next Port Event; performing live music the Eastport Oyster Boys will be coming to sing us bay life songs on June 30th after the Stars & Stripes race @ 5 O'Clock - happy hour!



## SCREWPILE LIGHTHOUSE CHALLENGE 2012

Summer marks the 20th running of our Chesapeake Bay classic – the Screwpile Lighthouse Challenge. We anticipate welcoming our Screwpile friends back to Solomons July 15th, 16th, and 17th for more great racing and parties.

The regatta will again feature three race circles, with 14 or more classes planned. This year in addition to our large PHRF and Cruising one design fleets we will host the 2012 Corsair US Nationals and Rendezvous. Corsair Marine, the world's best trailerable, performance trimarans, range from 24ft to 37ft. We expect 35+ and will race them on our South Course.

In addition to our own SMSA volunteers, yacht club members from Annapolis, Eastport, Fishing Bay, Hampton, Solomons Island, and St. Mary's College will be volunteering out on the water and on the shore. Want to join the Screwpile Race Committee? We have a couple of spots open. For more information please contact:

L.G. Raley, Event/ Race Chairman -- [chairman@screwpile.net](mailto:chairman@screwpile.net) -- 301-862-3100

## Wednesday Night Spring Series, Overall First 6 Races

### PHRF A

	Sail	Boat	PHRF	Total	Wed #1	Wed #2	Wed #3	Wed #4	Wed #5	Wed #6
1	USA 41	Rhumb Punch	54	4	1	1	1	2*	5*DNC	1
2	30714	O'Yeller	108	7	5*DNC	2	3	1	1	5*DNC
3	63	Bad Cat	39	9	2	3*	2	3*	3	2
4	50473	Cheetah	36	13	5*DNC	5*DNC	4	4	2	3
5	60177	Valiant	93	18	5*DNC	4	5*	5	4	5 DNC

### PHRF B

	Sail	Boat	PHRF	Total	Wed #1	Wed #2	Wed #3	Wed #4	Wed #5	Wed #6
1	USA 173	Splash	111	6	3*	3*	1	3	1	1
2	USA 158	Rakali	120	8	2	1	3	4*	4*	2
3	93121	Wicked Good	132	10	4*	4*	2	2	2	4
4	USA 788	NoName	120	11	1	2	5	8*DNC	8*DNC	3
5	63383	Stingray	129	13	7*DNS	5	4	1	3	7*
6	53477	Kruggerand	132	23	5	7*	6	8*DNC	6	6
7	63199	The Doghouse	111	24	8*DNC	6	8*DNC	5	8 DNC	5
8	31196	Marlin	141	28	8*DNC	8*DNC	7	8 DNC	5	8 DNC

### PHRF C

	Sail	Boat	PHRF	Total	Wed #1	Wed #2	Wed #3	Wed #4	Wed #5	Wed #6
1	93084	Easy Button	159	5	1	1	1	6*	2	3*
2	43162	Elan	153	8	4*	2	3	1	4*	2
3	43067	Lickety Split	168	12	2	4	5*	5	1	7*DNC
4	2276	Shermax	177	15	3	7*DNC	6	2	7*DNC	4
5	73304	Badger	174	16	7*DNC	7*DNC	2	3	5	6
6	161	Spinnster	171	16	6*DNS	3	4	4	7*DNC	5
7	93227	Akoni	180	18	7*DNC	7*DNC	7 DNC	7 DNC	3	1

# Corsica River Yacht Club

By Megan Hildenberger

Hannah Schneider and I discovered a hidden jewel on the other side of the Bay when we traveled to Corsica River Yacht Club (CRYC) for a Women's Laser Clinic on Mother's Day weekend. The weekend weather forecast was perfect: 79 degrees and sunny during the day, with 7 knots of breeze out of the West both Saturday and Sunday. The forecast had already put us in a good mood, and as we neared the grounds of the Yacht Club that Friday evening we became even more impressed.

The drive down the shell path was idyllic, surrounded by peaceful greenery and sprinkled with horse crossing signs.



Entering the gates was like entering a little heaven. Even though they do not have a clubhouse, CRYC's setup is anything but wanting. Their pavilion is well-suited for hosting just about any outdoor event, with tidy shower-equipped rest rooms, picnic tables aplenty, fully-functioning kitchen with a bar window



to the seating area, tiki bar and decorative lights, to boot. The view from the beach is picture perfect, complete with Adirondack chairs and a pile of firewood for an evening camp fire. The grounds are flat

and well-maintained, excellent for pitching tents. It was just what the doctor ordered to help us de-stress after a stressful work-week.

Passing between the pavilion and the powerboat pier, we approached the flagpole flying the CRYC burgee. Just past the flagpole, near the beach, were neatly stacked fleets of Optis and Lasers. We greeted the organizer, dropped Hannah's boat off with the other Lasers, set up camp, and enjoyed a beautiful evening under the pavilion eating pizza and cranberry-macadamia nut cookies before falling

asleep to the sounds of crickets. The forecast held pretty much true for the remainder of the weekend. Each morning we had a leisurely breakfast under the pavilion, fully open to the bright warm sunrise. The soft sandy beach served well for launching and landing our lasers, and the water was pleasantly warm in the spacious shallows along the beach shore, perfect for our capsized drills on Saturday. Later on Saturday, after a few hours of tooling around the waters in front of the club, we finished the day with a pleasure sail towards the mouth of the river where it joins the Chester. Saturday evening wrapped up with barbeque, wine, and star-gazing on the beach around a campfire.



Megan

On Mother's Day, the Westerly breeze picked up (10-12 Kts), but the river conveniently offers several sheltered areas near the pier just around the bend, perfect for some of the extreme beginner sailors in the group. We practiced figure-8 maneuvers for several hours before sailing in to break down the lasers and head home, though no one was eager to leave such a gorgeous location on such a gorgeous day. Needless to say, we were very pleased with the venue and would not hesitate to visit it again.



Hannah

## Have Questions? Call.

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## Junior Program

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On May 21<sup>st</sup> the Junior Committee held another meeting/work party. During the meeting, the sails for the Optis were inspected and repaired, and maintenance was done on the junior program skiff. If you are interested in helping with the Junior Program, be on the lookout for *This Week at SMSA* emails, which will have details concerning the next meeting, which will probably be held in early to mid June.

As we get closer to the start of the summer and SMSA's junior camps, registrations continue to come in at a steady pace. A few of the classes have already filled and more have been added. Openings are still available for most classes – check out the Junior Page of the SMSA for specific details. We have classes for kids and teens ages 5-15, and adult classes as well. Price ranges from \$160-375 for the camps. Please continue to spread the word to friends who are not members, and remind them that it's never too early or late to take up a new hobby.

## Welcoming David & Jacki Meiser's Right Shift to the SMSA Fleet

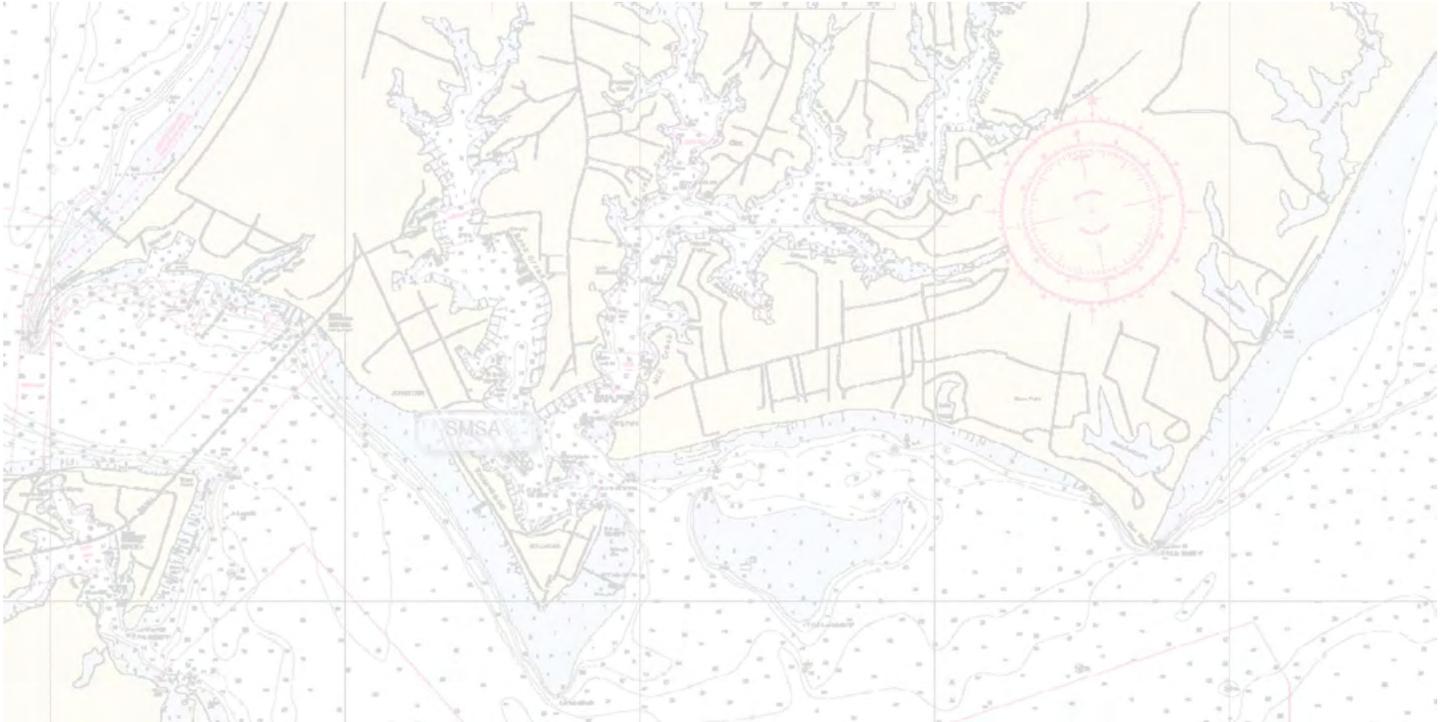


David & Jacki Meiser just took ownership of a 1997 Markley 46, now named "Right Shift". After being interested in this type of boat for many years, the planets aligned and on February 1st they made the purchase and David, Jacki & Clarke McKinney went down to Hampton to bring her back to Southern Maryland. The boat has an interesting history, as it was originally built for and owned by Mike and Becky Ironmonger, before it was sold to an owner in Hampton where she lived for the past 9 years. For those of you who don't know, Mike and Becky were also the previous owners of Easy Button (formerly "Bob"), the Meisers' Colgate 26. There seems to be a pattern. David and Jacki look forward to catching up with some cruisers soon and to having better accommodations than that offered by a Colgate 26.



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June			
1	Fri	Friday Happy Hour	1700
1	Fri	Women's Skippers Meeting	1800
2	Sat	Women's Spring Series Keelboat Ra	1000
2	Sat	Luau	1600
3	Sun	Women's Spring Series Keelboat Ra	1000
6	Wed	Keelboat Wed. Night Races	1830
7	Thu	Small Boat Thursday Night Race	1830
8	Fri	Friday Happy Hour	1700
9	Sat	OPSAIL 2012 Cruise	
9	Sat	Small Boat Spring Invitational Regatta	
10	Sun	Small Boat Spring Invitational Regatta	
11	Mon	BOD Meeting	1900
13	Wed	Keelboat Wed. Night Races	1830
14	Thu	Small Boat Thursday Night Race	1830
15	Fri	Friday Happy Hour	1700
16	Sat	Hooper / Point No Point Keelboat	1000
17	Sun	Summer Invitational Keelboat Ra	1300
18	Mon-Fri	Junior Summer Camps	0900
20	Wed	Clew Inputs Due	
20	Wed	Keelboat Wed. Night Races	1830
21	Thu	Small Boat Thursday Night Race	1830
22	Fri	Summer Sailstice Cruise	
22	Fri	Friday Happy Hour	1700
22	Fri	Commodore's Pot Luck Dinner	1900
25	Mon-Fri	Junior Summer Camps	0900
25	Mon	Chair Meeting	1900
27	Wed	Keelboat Wed. Night Races	1830
28	Thu	Small Boat Thursday Night Race	1830
29	Fri	Friday Happy Hour	1700
30	Sat	July 4th Cruise	
30	Sat	Stars & Stripes Keelboat Race	1300
30	Sat	Eastport Oyster Boys concert	1700

July			
2	Mon-Fri	Junior Summer Camps	0900
4	Wed	Keelboat Wed. Night Races	1830
5	Thu	Small Boat Thursday Night Race	1830
6	Fri	Friday Happy Hour	1700
7	Sat	Vice Commodore's Cup Race/Cruise	1000
9	Mon-Fri	Junior Summer Camps	0900
9	Mon	BOD Meeting	1900
11	Wed	Keelboat Wed. Night Races	1830
12	Thu	Small Boat Thursday Night Race	1830
13	Fri	Friday Happy Hour	1700
14	Sat	Screwpile Welcome Party	1700
15	Sun-Tues	Screwpile Lighthouse Challenge	1030
16	Mon-Fri	Junior Summer Camps	0900
18	Wed	Keelboat Wed. Night Races	1830
19	Thu	Small Boat Thursday Night Race	1830
20	Fri	Clew Inputs Due	
20	Fri	Friday Happy Hour	1700
20	Fri	Commodore's Dinner	1900
21	Sat	Oxford Cruise	
23	Mon-Fri	Junior Summer Camps	0900
25	Wed	Keelboat Wed. Night Races	1830
26	Thu	Small Boat Thursday Night Race	1830
27	Fri	Friday Happy Hour	1700
28	Sat	Happy Hour Raft/Cruise	
30	Mon-Fri	Junior Summer Camps	0900
30	Mon	Chair Meeting	1900

For more details: Go to [www.smsa.com](http://www.smsa.com), then click on Calendar, then click the item that interests you.