



The Commodore's Corner

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We're here! The season is upon us full sail ahead!

Wednesday night races start this month, cruise calendar kicks off this month, Thursday night races start... Tiki Bar opening, Wow!

It's hard to believe it, but winter is now over, and here we go.

The clubhouse looks great thanks to the huge crew of extremely dedicated volunteers who came out and did an unbelievable job with tasks from cleaning to painting...

Photos throughout this clew are courtesy of Jim Whited...

Hope to see you all Opening Day at SMSA this Saturday!

Opening Day

April 6th, 2013

9:30AM Doors Open!
10:30AM Opening Ceremony

Come and join us for Mimosas, Bloody Marys, and brunch! Bring a Dish to share.

Go for a sail during the afternoon, bring your kids, play some games or just hang out at the club. The clubhouse is open all day.

NEW! Evening Party!

Hourly drink specials starting at 6pm along with hors d'oeuvres and music all night. Come hang out with friends—new and old!

Yearbooks Available!

Complimentary yearbooks will be handed out to all members during the Opening Day events! Be there, or be square. If you can't make it to pick up your yearbook, please contact communications@smsa.com



Facility Chairs: Jolie Homsher and Mardy Millen

Sat.
May 4

**DATE
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Whiskey Tasting

Join us to try a variety of appetizers and whiskeys!

Watch the SMSA Website and your email for additional details.

Junior Program

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We're filling up classes fast, so if you're interested in getting your students into camp, please check out the Junior Page on the SMSA website.

We have brought on board a very knowledgeable and enthusiastic staff for the Junior camps this summer and are very confident in the opportunities our students will have this summer for a fun and enlightening experience.

SMSA Has Found a new Clew Editor!

I would like to take a moment to extend a big Thank You to Trevor Harney for taking over the clew!

As always you can submit items for publication to the clew by emailing:

clew@smsa.com



Andrea Royer and Mark Witte fixing the lights



Brush cleanup by Doug Hays



Hoist painted by Mark Williams and Mardy Millen

**2013 Junior Sailing
Camp Registration
Now OPEN!!!**

Cruising Corner

By Rod Schroeder
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Spring is officially here and it is time to finish up spring commissioning and start focusing on your cruise plans for the season. As mentioned before, the cruise schedule is posted in the Cruise section of the web site, on the SMSA Web Calendar, and published in the 2013 Yearbook with plenty of opportunities for volunteer cruise leaders. Our traditional Opening Day Cruise to St Leonard Creek will actually take place on 13-14 April, a week after the Club's Opening Day ceremony. The past few years have only had one or two boats – hopefully the later schedule will allow for more of us to be ready to start the season at anchor. Please let me know if you are planning to make it.

Near term cruises include:

20 – 21 April; Happy Hour Raft Up. This event is a local raft up in Mill Creek for happy hour and/or an overnight stay. It is only 5 miles from Solomons to Mill Creek, so it is convenient for racers and small boat sailors to join us for an on-the-water social happy hour and still return home in daylight if desired.

4 – 5 May; Cruise to Battlecreek. This is a weekend cruise to one of our favorite local venues. Still looking for someone to volunteer as cruise leader.

17 – 19 May; Cruise to Oxford. This three day cruise will anchor in Plaindealing Creek in the Choptank on Friday night, and then go into Oxford on Saturday to enjoy some good food and ice cream. Dave and Lois Zonderman are cruise leaders. Please let them know if you plan to join them.

Long range planning may be required for the following:

30 Aug – 2 Sep; Crisfield National Hard Crab Festival. Join us for a long weekend in Crisfield. The week long Cruise South will end up in Crisfield to join up with the weekend cruisers coming direct from Solomons. Contact Somers Cove Marina (410-968-0925) ASAP for a slip reservation as they tend to fill up early. Tell the marina operator that you are with the SMSA group. Come enjoy the parade, crab races, crab picking, boat docking, and fireworks. Rich Freeman and Patty Kimmel are cruise leaders.

7 – 9 June; The Annapolis Summer Garden Theater Cruise. Some advance planning may be required for this 3 day cruise to Annapolis. Most of us plan to attend the outdoor theater production of “Swing” on Saturday (8 June) evening. Advance reservations for tickets are recommended. More details can be found on their web site at <http://www.summergarden.com/>.

Commodore's Dinner Theme: All Mixed Up

Friday, April 26 7:00 pm

Spring ... into the new ... and mix with the old. That's right: mix it up! Bring your own special mix to share. Bring a new friend to mix into the group! We'll be mixing up some not-to-be-missed drinks. Don't miss the Commodore's mixed-drink specials. You'd be crazy not to come ... or at least a little mixed up.

After 8 we'll be trying some mixed up drink specials...

Keelboat Racing

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This is my first article for the Clew as one of the co-chairs for the keelboat program this year. I have been a club member for 15 years. (I know it's about time I stepped up). It wasn't that I didn't want to support the program, but was apprehensive of having to carry too much on my own. My apprehension was mis-founded. The programs run on volunteer support and there are people willing to help at all levels so I'd like to start out with some thank-you's.

Mark Briere volunteered to stay on as a co-chair and has been a great mentor so far on how to get the program dusted off from the winter cobwebs and get things moving and people communicating.

Thanks to Mardy Millen for prepping the race marks, they look great. Thanks to Marc and Bill Riddell for showing me that it's a lot easier getting the marks in the right place with 3 people than 2. All I did was push them off the back of the RC boat when they told me to.

Speaking of the RC boat, thanks to John McKinney for his years of service as the Boat Captain, he ensured the boat was de-winterized and ready to go to launch the marks. Marc and I thought we were going to pick-up the boat captain duties, but a shout-out goes to John Herbig for volunteering to assume the Boat Captain role this year. Please contact him, Marc, or me if you need an RC boat checkout or have any issues when you are doing RC.

That's my segue into Race Committee volunteers. (not Segway, that's the funny looking adult scooter you see zooming around Solomons) Marc and I are already getting emails with volunteers taking Wednesday nights and weekends. That's great! We'll probably still have a clipboard at opening day because old habits are hard to break, or maybe it's a comforting tradition. I would also like to thank Kristi Yurko, Jim Whited, and Megan Hildenberger for all their behind the scenes work to improve communications; they are developing and implementing web based forms that will enable you to sign up for RC duties. Our goal is to develop an event sign-up (not binding) so that we have a virtual "scratch-sheet" for the RC to know who's coming, and the racers to see who the competition is. We'll probably look for it more for weekend events; we just assume you will all be out for Wednesday nights...or Thursday nights.

They may get their own corner but I also want to thank the Small Boat coordinators Mark Witte and Glenn Walters for bringing out some fresh ideas that will continue to grow our Thursday night participation. As one of the nuts who sail in both fleets (like David & Jackie Meiser, Scott Patterson, Jolie Homsher, Mark Witte, Nichole Doub) I'd like to encourage "cross-pollination." Big boat racers can learn a lot in small boats, I have, and we can always figure out a way to launch more small boats if we've got interested skippers and crew. It's also fun, unless it's really light air...then not so much.

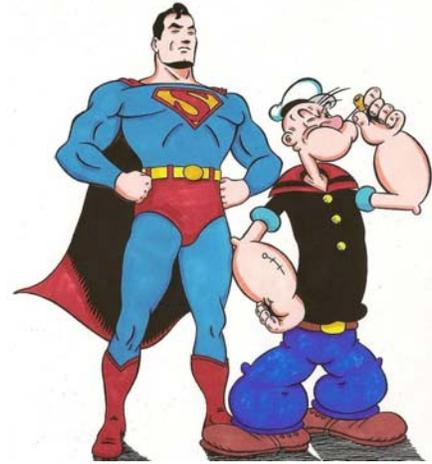
As a keelboat owner/skipper that has raced in the White Fleet, Blue Fleet, Green Fleet, B Fleet (Sounds like Dr Seuss, had to work it in) I've enjoyed getting to know the other long-time racers and have made

good friends, but I look forward to seeing new boats (to sneak up on with our water cannon during the inevitable floaters). I also hope to continue to meet new racers thanks in part to the Crew Finder party that Elliott Peterson helped get rolling; as an owner, I'd like to thank the families and crew that let us come out to do what we love.

Frostbites are behind us (with snow I'm told) with great turnout.

Let's go racing!

Mark Gyorgy



Smallboat Chairs: Mark Witte and Glenn Walters



Eric Smith and Annabelle Yurko—cleaning up the office

**FIRST EVER SOLOMONS CREW LISTING PARTY
SUNDAY, APRIL 14 , 4 - 7 PM AT SMSA**

By Tim Flaherty

They've been doing it for years in Annapolis and Hampton, and it's coming to Solomons: The SpinSheet Crew Listing Party! SMSA will be hosting the first ever Solomons edition of this popular event on Sunday, April 14th from 4pm – 7pm. Free heavy hors d'oeuvres will be provided, and the SMSA bar will be open with our usual great drink prices.

The ball for the Solomons Crew Listing Party got rolling when SMSA member and skipper Elliott Peterson called SpinSheet one day to ask why there was never a crew listing effort in Solomons. He volunteered to be point person for such an event. The folks at SpinSheet started calling around, and it was decided that there was no more a perfect place for this than at SMSA.

Elliott has been appointed the Chairman of the Crew Listing Party.

Buck Distributing (the people that bring us Miller Lite beer) and SpinSheet magazine, along with SMSA are sponsoring this event.

What SMSA really needs for this to be successful is YOU!! Even if you already have a ride, or already have plenty of crew, we need you to come out, greet people, talk to newbies, talk-up potential new members, and get people excited about the upcoming sailing season. Cruisers, keelboat racers and small boat sailors are all welcome.

The way a crew listing party works is simple: A person without a boat looking to go sailing comes to the party, registers at the check-in, gets a name tag that says "looking for a boat", gets a drink, swallows hard, gets up their courage, goes up to a person wearing a tag that says "looking for crew" and introduces his or herself! Hopefully, they remember to bring a pen and paper, or perhaps business cards, so they may exchange contact info. Skippers looking for crew do the same thing, except they wear the "looking for crew" tag. It really is that simple.

Be sure, this isn't just for big-boat racers. Plenty of our small-boat owners often need somebody to fill that crew spot. And cruisers, take this opportunity to invite eager newbies (or old salts new to the area) out for a day or more sailing our terrific local waters. You'll make new friends, have a good time and help expand the number of people enjoying our pastime in Southern Maryland.

SpinSheet has a crew listing data-base that can be found at <http://spinsheet.com/crew-listing-parties/>. Pre-registering there is encouraged for best results, but it's by no means required. SMSA members and others interested in sailing are also encouraged to join our SMSA Crew Yahoo Group at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/SMSAcrew/>.

Elliott is putting together a Skippers Panel Discussion that is aimed at newbies basic questions. If you'd like to volunteer for the panel, contact Elliott at tepeterson@dcscorp.com. The panel will convene for 20 or 30 minutes beginning at 4:30pm.



The Sailing Season has started – are you up-to-date on your **TRAINING?**

The end of February and Early March saw club members brushing up on their Rules of Racing – remember these have been updated for 2013!

April and May are going to be busy with training events as well. Email me to register for classes (especially First Aid and MD Boater Safety) – If I don't have enough participants I will have to cancel/re-schedule the course!

First Aid/CPR: April 13th, 10am-5pm
Re-Certification for First Aid/CPR: April 14th, 9-1pm
Maryland Boater's Safety Course: April 20th & 21st, 1-5pm
Bartending Basics: April 23rd, 6 - ~730pm
Intro to Sailing: April 26th, 6 - ~8pm
Intro to Racing and Tactics: May 5th, 5:30pm

Check out the SMSA website under “Adult Training” for more information. You can also look for flyers at the clubhouse or the weekly email newsletter for additional details.

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Flower Bed clean-up:
Michelle Major

Off-site Training Opportunities

North U: North U is the Education Division of North Sails. Check out their website for more information about their Seminars and Webinars. <http://www.northu.com/>

Basic Marine Weather – Chesapeake Area Professional Captain's Association: April 20th and 21st in Annapolis. For more information visit <http://www.capca.net/Education.asp>



Window Washer:
Mike Pleva

Front Runner for Sale: \$6700

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Vitamin Sea a 19 foot sport boat designed by Bill Spencer. Large roach main sail, roller furling jib, with asymmetrical spinnaker. fiberglass hull, aluminum mast, and Harken blocks. Vitamin Sea was built in 2000 by Chesapeake Composite in Maryland and was the last Front Runner built. Boat includes everything you need to enjoy a daysail with the large cockpit or race with the best. Includes trailer, boat cover, jib cover, boom cover and rudder cover and mast travel end cover. 3 used mains: one Quantum, and two North Sails & one North jib, A set of sails that have been on the boat once. This set of sails have been stored in a controlled environment. The main is original design by North, smaller then the current design but great in higher winds. The jib is a mylar sail by Quantum. Also included are spare rudder panels, tiller, spinnaker sheets (2 sets) and the Tacktick T060 Micro Compass with mast mount and rigging tension gauges.

Included

- Front Runner & Trailer
- Sails (4) Mains, 2 Jibs, Spinnaker
- Rudder Gudgeons
- Jib Cover
- Boom and Rudder Covers
- Spare Rudder parts
- Tacktick T060 Micro Compass
- Rigging Tension Gages
- Tiller
- Boat Cover



Nichole Doub and James cleaning up the yard



2010 Mariah R20.9 Boat with Aluminum Dual Axle Trailer

Asking \$25,000

Matt Dykstra 301-848-1996

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Specifications:

2010 Mariah R20.9 Trailer:

Aluminum Dual Axle with brakes

Engine: Mercruiser 4.3 MPI V6

VERY LOW HOURS

Color: Freestyle Blue

Length (LOA): 20 ft. 2 in. (6.1 m)

Maximum People: 10

Maximum Speed: 41-55 mph

Fuel Type: Gas

Fuel Capacity: 38 gal. (144 l)



Listing includes trailer, all required Coast Guard Approved safety accessories, water skis, Lowrance HDS5 depth finder and GPS unit, upgraded Jensen radio (with CD player, Satellite radio, and Ipod hook up), 4 channel Kicker Amp, 4 Kenwood speakers, 200 watt Kenwood mono amp, subwoofer and trailerable boat cover. All equipment is in excellent working order. Under 20 hours of usage.

Standard Features:

12V power point

20 oz. all-weather marine-carpeted floor

33 oz. premium vinyl

36 qt. removable cooler

Automatic bilge pump

Bimini top

Bow storage

Deluxe Italian steering wheel

Flip-up walk-through transom sundeck and lounge

Floor storage for skis or wakeboard (drainable)

Fully integrated non-skid swim platform

Jensen AM / FM / CD and MP3 adaptor with 2 speakers

Pop-up ski tow eye

Tilt steering

Walk-through windshield for bow access

*Full Instrumentation: Tachometer, speedometer, volt, trim, fuel, temperature and oil pressure, hour meter



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April			
6	Sat	Opening Day	0900
8	Mon	BOD meeting	1900
10	Wed	Wednesday Night Races Begin!	1830
11	Thur	Thursday Night Races Begin!	1830
13	Sat	Opening Day Cruise (13/14)	
13	Sat	First Aid/CPR Full course	1000
14	Sun	First Aid/CPR refresher	900
14	Sun	Spin Sheet Crew Listing Party	
19	Fri	Friday Happy Hour—Tiki Bar Opens	1700
20	Sat	Happy Hour Raft Up	
20	Sat	MD Boaters safety course (20/21)	
23		Bartending Basics Seminar	
26	Fri	Commodore's Dinner	1900
26	Fri	Intro to Sailing Seminar	1800
27	Sat	Little Choptank Race	
28	Sun	Spring Invitational Race	
19	Mon	Committee Chairpersons Meeting	1900

May			
4	Sat	Battle Creek Cruise (sat/sun)	
4	Sat	Sail a Small Boat Day	12:00
4	Sat	Whiskey Tasting Party	1800
5	Sun	Intro to Racing/Tactics Seminar	1730
11	Sat	Frost-Goode Race	
17	Fri	Commodore's Dinner	1900
19	Sun	Double-handed Race	
20	Mon	Junior Program Work-Day	1730
25	Sat	Where the Wind Blows Cruise	
27	Mon	Committee Chair Meeting	1900
31	Fri	Skippers Meeting For Women's Race	
June			
1	Sat	Women's Series Race	
1	Sat	Luau	1600
8	Sat	Small Boat Spring Invite	