



Sweating in a paint suit with aching shoulders and arms from holding power tools at weird angles is not how most of us would love to spend a beautiful spring day, but that's what many of us have been doing for the past month. This year, I have seen more boats in the boatyard later in the season than I ever remember. Cold winter and chilly spring will do that. As we start June, my boat has plenty of company at Washburn's.

For those of you lucky enough to have been out, we've had plenty of opportunities to sail. The Cruise Program has already had a couple of good outings. See Rod's article in this Clew on recent cruises and his updates on what's coming. Despite some miserable weather and some challenging conditions, There's also been a pretty good turnout of racers so far.

Coming up we have the Women's Training Day on Saturday June 7<sup>th</sup>; the Annapolis Summer Garden Dinner Theatre Cruise from the 13<sup>th</sup> to the 15<sup>th</sup>; the Smith Point Race on June 14<sup>th</sup>; the Small Boat One Day Regatta on June 21<sup>st</sup>; The Summer Invitational on June 22<sup>nd</sup>; a St. Michaels/Dan Domingo Creek Cruise June 27<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup>; plus all the Wednesday and Thursday.

Socially, Zahniser's Luau is Saturday June 7<sup>th</sup>. Z's throws this for us every year, and they provide the food. They are a HUGE supporter of SMSA, and it's always nice to get a big crowd for this to show them we appreciate all they do for us. Please come on out next Saturday at 4pm!

SMSA is also supporting the Sail 4 Youth day on June 22<sup>nd</sup>, and their race will be run in conjunction with our Summer Invitational. Sail 4 Youth was founded by SMSA member Stovy Brown. See their website at <http://sail4youth.com/>.

Special thanks go out to Buck Distributing and SpinSheet Magazine for their support of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Crew Listing Party in May. Please remember to thank our sponsors whenever you see them!

## The Commodore's Corner

By Tim Flaherty  
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*Tim!*

## Commodore's Dinner

**June 13th,  
7pm**

**Theme:  
Summer  
Food!**



Memorial Day to Labor Day

**Wednesday Night Race  
Rendezvous Moves to  
Zahniser's Pool Bar!**

Enjoy swimming while waiting for  
the racers to return to the dock!



## Luau Rendezvous

Co-Hosted by Zahniser's Yachting Center & SMSA

**Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup> at Zahniser's Yachting Center**

**4:00 PM – Drinks and Hors D'oeuvres Begin**

**5:00 PM – Pot Luck Cookout Begins!**

***Please Bring a Salad, Side Dish, or Dessert to Share***

**\*\*Zahniser's will provide the Main Dish \*\***

**\*\*SMSA will provide the drinks\*\***



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## CPR & First Aid Certification Training

**Saturday May 31, 8 am to 12 pm !  
at the SMSA Clubhouse**

**\$55.00 per person**

To register, e-mail Todd Porter at  
[portertodda@gmail.com](mailto:portertodda@gmail.com)



Get CPR trained.  
**Save a life.**




American  
Red Cross

**Open to all boaters!**  
Navy Patuxent Sail Club  
Patuxent River Sail and Power Squadron  
Solomons Island Yacht Club





The month of May cruising activity got underway with an on-the-water happy hour raft-up in Mill Creek with five boats attending. *Ruste Nayle* (Rod & Pat Schroeder) went out for a leisure day sail and put the hook down at about 1430 to anchor the raft. *Piper* (Jerry Taylor) soon joined up, followed by prospective new members on *Blue Star* (Hawk & Stephanie Caldwell). *Stingray* (Elliott & Alexa Peterson) and *Patty K* (Rich Freeman & Patty Kimmel) rounded out the raft. As usual, we enjoyed great food and beverage as we discussed sailing and other worldly topics. All five boats spent a cool night at the peaceful anchorage and awoke to another beautiful day. *Patty K* and *Stingray* departed early while *Ruste Nayle*, *Piper*, and *Blue Star* hung around for awhile longer for another cup of coffee. The reward for staying a bit longer was the sharing of some delicious fresh made breakfast burritos by chef Stephanie. Another Mill Creek Raft-Up is scheduled for 31 May, and we are hoping for nice weather again and an even bigger turnout. Hope to see you there.

<p><b>Cruising Corner</b></p> <p>Rod Schroeder, SMSA Cruise Chair  <a href="mailto:cruise@smsa.com">cruise@smsa.com</a>  (H) 410-326-0167  (C) 301-752-5515</p>	
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*Stingray Joining the Raft*

## Next Mill Creek Raft-Up 31 May!



*Blue Star Rafting Up*



*Happy Hour Begins!*

*Ruste Nayle* (Rod & Pat Schroeder), *Piper* (Jerry Taylor), and *Patty K* (Rich Freeman & Patty Kimmel) participated in the week long Cruise South from 12 – 18 May. The original cruise plan had us staging in and out of Onancock to go up river to Pocomoke City for a different sort of adventure; however, upon closer review of the river route, a cable crossing with 57' vertical clearance was deemed to be too low to assure safe passage for some of our boats. Our modified cruise route had us departing a couple of days later, skipping Onancock/Pocomoke, and staying on the western shore of the bay to sample anchorages in the Great Wicomico River, Corrotoman River, Carter Creek, and two nights in a slip at bucolic Urbanna which was gearing up for their version of a holiday weekend as the "Cocktail Boats" were coming to town for an annual race event. We departed Solomons with a strong southerly wind blowing up the bay, so our under-sail travel was limited to the short legs in and out of the rivers/anchorages. Rich and Patty spent a couple of



nights at the Tides Inn Marina to attend a business conference, and were able to join our raft in Carter Creek by kayak and dinghy for happy hour. While in Urbanna we enjoyed soft shell crabs at the “Virginia Street Café” and outstanding ice cream and BBQ at “Something Different”. Rich, Patty, and Jerry also confirmed that the old-fashioned soda fountain at “Marshall’s Drug Store” still served delicious hamburgers and milk shakes. We departed Urbanna before the boat races started early Saturday morning and had a great sail down the Rappahannock River to Windmill Pt. Rounding Windmill Pt to head north found us with 15-20 knots of wind on the nose with choppy seas. We spent the night at anchor in Mill Creek (Great Wicomico) and ventured out to the bay Sunday morning only to find another day of strong north wind and adverse current. It was a long bumpy motor ride back to Solomons, but at least the Navy sent out its blimp to welcome us home and we were finally able to unfurl the sails after turning westerly toward the Patuxent River. Obviously the Wind Gods did not get the memo about wind direction for this otherwise enjoyable cruise.



*Dessert List at Something Special*



*Urbanna's Old-Fashioned Soda Fountain*



*Water Toys to Share*



*Lazy Motoring Up the Rappahannock*



*Piper in the Corrotoman*

Coming up in June, we have a local raft-up in Mill Creek and two short cruises to popular destinations:

**31 May - Happy Hour Raft up in Mill Creek:** Go for a leisure sail and finish your day with an on-the-water happy hour raft up with your fellow SMSA members in Mill Creek (St Mary's side) from 1600 – 1900. Bring your favorite beverage and a hors d'oeuvre to share. Anchor overnight or enjoy an evening sail back to home port. *Ruste Nayle* expects to have the hook down by about 1500 – look for the SMSA burgee.

**13 – 15 June – Cruise to Annapolis Summer Garden Theater:** Join us for a 3 day cruise to Annapolis. We will anchor in the Rhode River on Friday night, and sail into Annapolis early on Saturday morning to hook a mooring ball (or slip in Ego Ally if desired). If you are attending the outdoor theater presentation of “42<sup>nd</sup> Street” at the Summer Garden Theater on 14 June you need to make ticket reservations now since they normally sell out. You can call 410-268-9212 to make a phone reservation, or you can make an on-line reservation with a credit card and get more info at [www.summergarden.com](http://www.summergarden.com). We intend to make

dinner reservations for our group at The Federal House Bar & Grill prior to the theater. Please email or call the cruise leader (Rod & Pat Schroeder) if you are attending the dinner and/or the show so that an accurate dinner reservation can be made. Contact [rodschroeder@comcast.net](mailto:rodschroeder@comcast.net), or 410-326-0167 (H), or 301-752-5515 (C).

**27 – 29 June - San Domingo Creek:** Join cruise leaders Rich Freeman and Patty Kimmel (*Patty K*) in San Domingo Creek (Choptank River) for two nights at a great anchorage. This location provides us the “back door” entrance to St Michael's by dinghy for a day of shopping, eating, and sightseeing. Please let the cruise leaders know if you are planning to join the cruise. Contact Rich at [teknier2004@yahoo.com](mailto:teknier2004@yahoo.com), 703-919-0018 (C), or 703-569-1413 (H).



*Great Wicomico Sunset*



*Blimp Checks out Patty K*

#### Looking ahead to July:

**3 – 6 July – Independence Cruise.** Concert and fireworks at St Mary's City.

**12 – 13 July – VC Cup Race/Cruise.** Location TBD.

**25 – 27 July – Where the Wind Blows Cruise.** Location TBD.

Join us to prep the boats for the season.

We have:      12 Optis      2 Holder 20s  
                     5 Sunfish      6 420s \*\*

Any and all help and all skill levels are need!

\*\*Wahoo!! They've arrived!

**Junior Boat  
Work Day!**

**Sun, June 8th  
at 10am**

## GOOD MEMBER TURNOUT FOR CREW LISTING PARTY

Plenty of SMSA members came out to socialize and offer rides at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Solomons SpinSheet Crew Listing Party on May 18<sup>th</sup>.

The event was sponsored by Miller Lite Beer (Buck Distributing) and SpinSheet Magazine.

About 40 SMSA members, many of them boat owners, came to the clubhouse for free dinner and a chance to pick up new crew. We also had a couple of non-SMSA boat owners come by to look for help with deliveries, and just out of curiosity. Also on-hand were a handful of new-to-SMSA potential crew members.

Since the turnout of new crew was light, panel chairman Elliot Peterson elected to skip the "Skippers Panel" discussion he had planned, and instead thanked the assembled group for coming. He then turned the floor over to Commodore Tim Flaherty, who conducted drawings for door prizes.

Buck Distributing donated several items. About a half-dozen Miller Lite t-shirts were handed out, in addition to a very nice bar-b-q utensil set and a rather large cooler shaped like a Miller Lite Beer can.

Funny moments were provided when Jerry Taylor won the cooler. Members and guests watched in amusement as Jerry struggled to figure out how to open the darned thing! It wasn't just Jerry; no one else in the room had an idea, either. Finally, Jerry twisted off the top of the "can" revealing a very roomy interior for picnic and beverage items.

Bacon and Associates, the Annapolis-based chandlery, donated a pile of give certificates that also were distributed as door prizes.

SMSA was pleased to have Duffy Perkins of Spinsheet as our guest for the party. Duffy has been with the magazine for two years. Some of you may have met her last year at Screwpile. She heard us bragging about the great conditions and sailing venue we have in Solomons, and is eager to come down and crew for a race or two. If you have a spot on your boat and would like her along, contact Tim Flaherty and he will put you in touch.

Despite the slim turnout of crew for the party, the organizers are eager to try it again and are looking for suggestions and improvements. SpinSheet publisher Mary Ewenson commented to Tim and Elliot that she's happy that SMSA wishes to keep pursuing the crew listing idea, and that "we should all sit down and talk about what we can do to bring up attendance." Ideas already discussed are an earlier start at scheduling and getting a date in April or early May, and a possible move of the event to a Saturday.

### **Small Boat** **One Day** **Regatta**

Sat, June 21st

Open to all Boats 21' and under.

Not a regular Thursday night series racer? Not an SMSA member? Who cares!

Get out your boat and Join us!

Register online at [www.smsa.com](http://www.smsa.com) under Smallboat Race



## Hail! [in] the month of May?!

Race # 3 of Smallboat Thursday night Summer Series was looking good. The beginning of whitecaps were brushing the surface of the Patuxent River, and the breeze made the sunny, upper-70-degree temperatures pleasant. Several boats were rigged and ready, but all eyes were watching the radar with threats of thunderstorms, and a tornado watch several counties north. Slowly, the clouds came in, the rain fell ominously on the West side of the river, and quicker than anyone anticipated, the wind and rain forced us all into the shelter of the clubhouse. We huddled inside while the wind battered the front windows with water, debris and hail, pounding and buffeting with frightening force. We began to fear for the boats outside, but there wasn't much we could do. About ten minutes later, the wind let up, the clouds let the sun through, and the rain tapered off to a sprinkle ... and we could safely survey the damage up close. Three boats had been flipped off their trailers, and several others damaged due to close proximity. Fortunately, all people survived physically unscathed. Pea-sized hail filled every dark crevice, including puddles weighing down boat covers, shredded leaves were strewn everywhere, abandoned PFDs dotted the yard, one of the tied-down skiffs had eased itself several feet down the floating dock, and the air was tense with other hidden destruction waiting to be discovered. With the damage, and the water too calm for comfort, racing was canceled for the evening. On the positive side, the sun shone pleasantly, the yard smelled minty, and people banded together to clean up and invite a little laughter into the branded silence after the storm.



Southern Maryland Sailing Foundation and Sailing Center Chesapeake would like to extend our sincere thanks to the members of SMSA for their sponsorship and the use of your facilities and grounds on Sunday, June 22, 2014, for our annual Sail 4 Youth event. This weekend should be entertaining and quite exciting! The date coincides with a visit of four Tall Ships that will be docked in Solomon's Harbor for the weekend in support of the reenactment of the War of 1812 (which happened in 1814 in this area).



Sail 4 Youth originated many years ago by long time member Stovy Brown. The fundraiser supports three youth charities in the area: Calvert Hospice in support of their summer youth bereavement program called Camp Phoenix; Prince Frederick Rotary who provide a great deal of support in the way of scholarships and materials to deserving students enrolled in Calvert County schools; and the Southern MD Sailing Foundation who supports many youth sailing programs, High School sailing, water safety and promising sailor scholarships to promising sailors in the Southern MD area.

This year, we will once again be providing a small boat and a large boat race. Calvert Marine Museum has requested that our "fun race", open to Sail and Power Boats, accompany the Tall Ships as they make their way to Jefferson Patterson Park, much like it happened in 1814! Additionally, there will be crafts and events on site for young children and possibly a quick opportunity to get a few squeakers out for a boat ride.

Thank all of you for the very generous donations in the canister on your bar area!

For registration and additional information, please visit [www.sail4youth.org](http://www.sail4youth.org). You can also like us on Facebook at [facebook.com/sail4youth2014](https://www.facebook.com/sail4youth2014). or follow our tweets on the day of the event! <@sail4youth>

Donations in-kind and volunteer help is very much appreciated. Please contact Laurie for more information. Donations are cheerfully accepted and appreciated online at: <http://sail4youth.com/12-2>. As a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, all donations are considered tax deductible to the fullest extent allowed by federal law.

Notice of Race and Race information will soon be placed on the site, but for now, mark your calendars for Sunday, June 22!



For additional information about Sail 4 Youth or Sailing Center Chesapeake, [facebook.com/sailingcenterchesapeake](https://www.facebook.com/sailingcenterchesapeake), please contact

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# Screwpile Lighthouse Challenge

July 17 - 20, 2014

**For 20 years, SCREWPILE has been a racers' favorite regatta.**

**It is held every July, in the middle of the summer, at**

**Solomons Island, on the middle of the Bay.**

For this 21<sup>st</sup> year of SPLC, there are three significant changes made in response to racers' comments:

- SPLC has **moved to a weekend date** - the event opens on Thursday, July 17, with check-in and competitors meeting at regatta headquarters (Holiday Inn of Solomons). Races, parties and awards will be Friday, July 18 thru Sunday, July 20.
- The SPLC **format has changed to include a Distance Race** for all fleets on Saturday, July 19. Fleets may sail different specific distances, but all will finish in the Patuxent River off downtown Solomons.
- For the first time, SPLC **includes a Strictly Cruising Class (SCC)**, which will race only on Saturday (Distance Race) and Sunday, for a reduced entry fee. SCC boats do not need a rating certificate or to belong to a club. SPLC will assign ratings for the boats. SCC boats are required to have the USCG safety approved equipment for the size of boat.

## OFFICIAL SCREWPILE LIGHTHOUSE CHALLENGE WEBSITE

<http://screwpile.net>

For more information about Screwpile 2014 **email or call L.G. Raley, Event/RC at [chairman@screwpile.net](mailto:chairman@screwpile.net) or 301-862-3100**. The SPLC team is working to make this the best Screwpile Lighthouse Challenge ever.

## Easter Bucky Regatta at Potomac River Sailing Association

The Easter Bucky Regatta is a different kind of regatta. With 6 Buccaneers racing in the varying conditions around the cove under incoming jets landing at Washington Regan National Airport, anything is to be expected.

Not the least different of sorts is the on the water Easter egg hunt race. The race committee had stashed Easter eggs in brightly colored buckets around the race course and sailors were to approach them from any direction to pick Easter eggs out of the anchored buckets for bonus points in the regatta. Extra points were given for the 'prizes' hidden in the eggs.



This year's Easter Bucky regatta was won by Jeff Neurauter and his crew Carrie Quinn, who as usual were extremely fast in every direction.

Annabelle Yurko (far left) got to race in her first Buccaneer races at Easter Bucky. She hasn't reached 3 years old yet, but has reached her first on the water Easter egg hunt. Convincing her that all boats don't have Easter eggs may be a challenge from now on...

Matt Martelli came out with a newly restored No-Problems and had a great day, winning the Easter egg hunt race and keeping dry.

Nichole Doub and Mark Gyorgy, below, reach for an egg at the green bucket— looks like they may have dropped one!

The wind strength was up and down throughout the day, causing crews to shed layers, and in this case...crew! Below, Jimmy, light of crew pulls ahead of Aurora and Kick-Em-Jenny during a light spell. The reflections are cool to see though.





There is so much going on at SMSA, that we had to move the calendar off the back page! Check out what's happening. There is something for everyone.

June		
01	Sun	Happy Hour Raft Up
04	Wed	6:30p Keelboat Race Series
05	Thu	6:30p Small Boat Race Series
06	Fri	5:00p Friday Happy Hour
07	Sat	4:00p Luau at Zahnisers
07	Sat	- Women's Race Training Day
08	Sun	10am Junior Boat Work Day
08	Sun	- Women's Regatta
11	Wed	6:30p Keelboat Race Series
12	Thu	6:30p Small Boat Race Series
13	Fri-Sun	Annapolis Summer Garden Cruise
13	Fri	5:00p Happy Hour
13	Fri	7:00p Commodore's Dinner
14	Sat	- Smith Point Race
16	Mon	7:00p Program Chair Meeting
18	Wed	6:30p Keelboat Race Series
19	Thu	6:30p Small Boat Race Series
20	Fri	5:00p Happy Hour
21	Sat	— Small Boat One Day Regatta
22	Sun	— Summer Challenge Regatta & Summer Invitational
25	Wed	6:30p Keelboat Race Series
26	Thu	6:30p Small Boat Race Series
27	Fri-Sun	— San Domingo Creek Cruise
27	Fri	5:00p Happy Hour

July		
02	Wed	6:30p Keelboat Race Series
03	Thu	6:30p Small Boat Race Series
03	Thu	- Independence Cruise
06	Fri	5:00p Happy Hour & Fireworks
06	Sun	- Stars & Stripes Race
9	Wed	6:30p Keelboat Race Series
10	Thu	6:30p Small Boat Race Series
11	Fri	5:00p Happy Hour
12-13	Sat-Sun	- Vice Commodore's Race/Cruise
16	Wed	6:30p Keelboat Race Series
17	Thu	6:30p Small Boat Race Series
18	Fri	5:00p Happy Hour
18-20	Fri-Sun	— Screwpile Lighthouse Challenge
23	Wed	6:30p Keelboat Race Series
24	Thu	6:30p Small Boat Race Series
25	Fri	5:00p Happy Hour
25-27	Fri-Sun	- Where the Wind Blows Cruise
28	Mon	7:00p Chair Meeting
30	Wed	6:30p Keelboat Race Series
31	Thu	6:30p Small Boat Race Series

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



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## 2014 Sail for Youth

Sunday, June 22nd at SMSA

Activities: Keelboat and Dinghy Racing  
Cruising Fleet

Sail and Power Boat 'Fun Race'  
Shore Side Activities for the Kids  
...and more!

For Event information and Donations go to:

<http://www.sail4youth.org/>

