

We had an active and terrific August at SMSA and if you missed some or any of it, you missed a lot!

**The Commodore's Corner**

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1. Depending on who counted, we had 25 or 26 boats come to our Battle Creek raft party and at least 15 spent the night .
2. There was another sellout for Scott Kirby at the Clubhouse,
3. The cruisers did a ten-day cruise to Chestertown and back,
4. SMSA hosted the Patuxent Habitat Warrior Fun Run and Regatta, and
5. An increasing number of members have come by the club to check out and sail our growing fleet of boats.

September is perhaps the best sailing month of the year. Nice breezes and temperatures, and a full schedule of SMSA events are coming up.

As you are receiving this, the cruise program has just embarked on a two week Cape Charles to Baltimore cruise. It's still not too late to join in, and several boats are planning on doing shorter portions. Write to Rod at [cruise@SMSA.com](mailto:cruise@SMSA.com) for info on where you can meet the rest of the fleet.

Want to cruise but do something a little less ambitious? A "Where the Wind Blows" cruise is on our schedule for September 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>.

Every weekend this month, SMSA has racing. The Sharp's Island Race is Saturday, September 6<sup>th</sup>. The Women's Fall Series is the following Saturday. Ladies who wish to crew or skipper should contact the Race Chair at [keelboatrace@smsa.com](mailto:keelboatrace@smsa.com). The Fall Series keelboat event is the following Saturday. Dinghies have a weekend event when we hold the Small Boat Two-Day Regatta the last weekend of the month.

Of course, our Wednesday and Thursday night racing continues into September. Please note that the Wednesday keelboat results rendezvous will be held at the clubhouse until the end of that series on September 17<sup>th</sup>. (Many thanks to Zahnizer's Pool Bar for again hosting us for the Summer Series!) The Dinghy racers continue with the Small Boat Sundown Series through the 25<sup>th</sup>.

For people only interested in the social aspects of SMSA, come out to any of the Wednesday or Thursday night rendezvous at the club, or to the Friday Happy Hours and be a barstool sailor! You may also come by the club Thursday, September 18<sup>th</sup> as we host the Plein Air Festival Quickdraw Competition from 6 – 8pm. The next night, join us for the potluck Commodore's Dinner (this month's theme is Cajun and New Orleans). The Annual SMSA Crab Feast will be held Sunday, September 21<sup>st</sup> at 4pm. Note that this is a change from the original October date. Of course, every Friday evening is our Happy Hour at the club bar from 5pm – 8pm (sometimes until 9pm or 10pm!).

We have plenty of new members who have come on board over the summer. Don't be shy! When you see a new face, please introduce yourself and help spread the joy and camaraderie of sailing at SMSA!



# SMSA CRAB FEAST

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21ST, 4PM

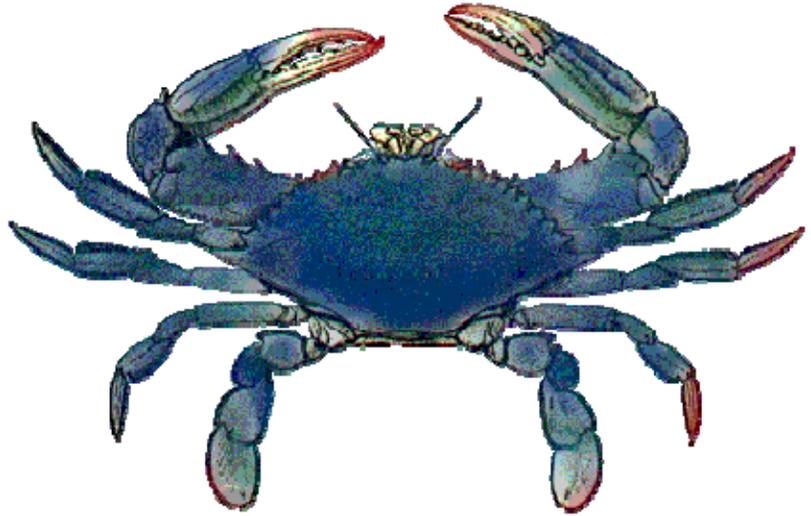
**YOUR FIRST SIX  
CRABS ARE ON US!**

Additional crabs for sale by the half dozen. Final-price depends on Market Price. (As a price point idea - last year's fee was \$5 for 6 crabs.)

**Bring a side dish or  
dessert to share!**

Don't like crabs? We'll have the grill on. Hot Dogs and Hamburgers available.

Please RSVP to [social@smsa.com](mailto:social@smsa.com) so we can get a head count!



The date of the annual SMSA Crab Feast has been moved from October to Sunday, September 21<sup>st</sup> at 4pm. The move has been made to avoid a conflict with the Fall power boat regatta in Solomons on the first weekend in October. While the Club Cleanup will remain on our schedule for the morning of the 5<sup>th</sup>, concerns about crowds and parking led to the switch of the Crab Feast. The Keelboat Race Program's Hooper's/Point No Point race on October 6<sup>th</sup> should be unaffected by the power boat regatta.



## Olson 29 Sailboat for sale

Olson 29 sailboat Race winning performance. The Olson legacy. The Olson 29 was immediately fast on the race course. The sleek lines of the 29, are very attractive. The 29 has the same hull as the Olson 30. Everything else is different. Beautiful teak inside, with an interior ambiance. Production commenced in 1986, and is believed that only 27 Olson 29's were built. The down wind sail area is higher as the 29's mainsail is larger than the 30, and utilizing the "stock" penalty pole, the 29 has the same sized spinnaker as the 30. A side-by side comparison of the 29 and 30, is notable. Olson 29 Open Transom, Keel Elliptical, Rudder Elliptical, 15/16ths fractional mast. Olson 30 Closed Transom, Regular Keel, Regular Rudder Olson 29 LOA 29'8", LWL 27'6", BEAM 9'4", DSPL. 3700 LBS, BALLAST: 1950 LBS, dRAFT: FIN 5'7", SAIL AREA (SQ FT) MAIN + 100% F/T 365, SAIL AREA (SQ FT) SPINNAKER 650, PHRF 9. Comes with Race sails and Cruising sails; all in great condition. cushions, and stove are like new; taken off the boat when purchased. always been kept on a lift, has a new mast and rigging (2012), also have current boat survey. Lift can be purchased separately.

call or email me for more info [301-481-9797](tel:301-481-9797) Brian Spicuzza <[brian@spicuzza.com](mailto:brian@spicuzza.com)>

**BARTENDERS NEEDED:** Please remember to sign up for bartending for upcoming events. We currently need a bar tender for every Friday night social and most major functions. The Race Committees have been great at helping out with bartending on Thursdays for small boat racing. After the summer, Wed night race rendezvous will be back at the club house through November. Give the Race Committees a hand and sign up to help them open the bar during Wednesday and Thursday night racing in case they running late. Remember, you don't have to be TAM certified to open the bar, you just have to have a TAM on site with you. Bartending is fun. Don't know how to do it? Its easy. Just ask for someone to show you how. Its a great way to meet, and keep up with, all the new club members, too. Sign up is easy: you can sign up on the bartender link on the SMSA website, or on the white board at the club, or drop a note to [barmanager@smsa.com](mailto:barmanager@smsa.com).

## TRAINING AT THE CLUBHOUSE

### Wilderness First Aid (Off-shore sailing advanced First Aid)

September 13-September 14th  
SMSA clubhouse  
starting at 8am.

\$190 per person

**PLEASE CONTACT TODD PORTER**

*Training and Education Chair*

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**IF YOU PLAN ON ATTENDING THIS CLASS**

WHERE THE WIND BLOWS... CHESTER-TOWN CRUISE...BATTLE CREEK CRUISE...  
UPCOMING SAILING EVENTS

Cruising Corner

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Four SMSA Catalinas Rafted in Rollins Cove



Rollins Cove  
Dinghy Rides



Guinness and Mocha  
returning from a  
shore visit



**Where The Wind Blows Cruise: 25 – 27 July**

Five SMSA crews participated in the three-day **Where The Wind Blows** cruise to Rollins Cove on 25-27 July. Only one boat, *Serenity* (Carl & Martha Kemp), made it out on Friday 25 July, and they could only spend one night.

On Saturday morning, *Serenity* departed their anchorage and waved hello/goodbye to *Ruste Nayle* (Rod Schroeder) as it was approaching the creek after a drifting sail up the Patuxent River.

With the anchor down *Ruste Nayle* was joined by *Patty K* (Rich & Patty Freeman with two chocolate labs), *Piper* (Jerry & Donna Taylor with 2 grandkids), and *Walkabout* (Dave & Lois Zonderman with visiting family members).

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## ***Where The Wind Blows Cruise: 25 – 27 July (continued)***

Everyone enjoyed the usual happy hour food and drink, and also got a good dose of swimming, paddle boarding, and dinghy rides. Rich has some interesting video of efforts by first time paddle boarders.

As evening approached *Walkabout* headed back to Solomons, while *Ruste Nayle*, *Patty K*, and *Piper* spent a quiet night at anchor. A highlight of the trip home on Sunday was the sighting of a pod of dolphins heading up St Leonard Creek. They were last seen passing Rollins Cove working their way up the creek toward White Sands.

## ***Chestertown Cruise: 2 – 10 August***

A tag team of four SMSA cruisers participated in portions of the cruise to Chestertown during the week of 2-10 August. It was a gorgeous week of weather (cool and dry) except for the typical lack of wind for this time of year. Cruise leader Jerry Taylor was busy hosting the annual Catalina 320 International Association Rendezvous on the first weekend, so the cruise started out with *Patty K* (Rich & Patty Freeman) and *Ruste Nayle* (Rod & Pat Schroeder) motor sailing to Hudson Creek in the Little Choptank for the first night.

The second night was scheduled for the Wye River; however, since that was so close to St Michael's we called an "audible" and decided to go straight to St Michael's to make it a two night stay, giving us a full day for activities at one of our favorite destinations. After a day of exploring, shopping, paddle boarding, and checking out the Museum, we met up with Kurt and Sharon Mueller from Chestertown who were on their way home from Jerry's Catalina 320 party. We swapped stories over a great meal at Ava's Pizzeria & Wine Bar, and of course followed up with ice cream at Justine's Ice Cream Parlor.

Meanwhile, *Piper* (Jerry & Donna Taylor) left Solomons on Monday morning to reach their anchorage for the night in Warehouse Creek. *Ruste Nayle* and *Patty K* departed St Michael's on Tuesday morning and motored down the Miles River on their way to Corsica River via Kent Narrows. *Piper* headed up Eastern Bay and we joined forces just before entering Prospect Bay a few miles south of the Kent Narrows Bridge. *Patty K* took the lead and set a cruising pace that was timed for us to reach the bridge a few minutes prior to a scheduled opening. While entering the bridge area, the strong current pushed *Patty K* sideways and one of her shrouds made contact with the bridge structure.

After completing our day's transit to Corsica, inspection aloft by rigger Jerry Taylor confirmed no damage – just a bit of rust from the bridge and a humbling experience. Lesson learned is to get lined up in advance and go fast with the current through the narrow bridge channel.



## ***Chestertown Cruise: 2 – 10 August (continued)***

The Corsica River provided us with a beautiful anchorage with a gorgeous sunset and cool breeze. On Wednesday morning *Patty K* left the cruise to return to Solomons via Annapolis to meet other commitments. *Ruste Nayle* and *Piper* motored up the Chester River to Chestertown for an afternoon of exploration and a night at the city marina. We also met up again with the Mueller's for dinner at Chestertown's local favorite and popular ***Lemon Leaf Café***. With only a short distance to go on Thursday, *Ruste Nayle* and *Piper* lingered in Chestertown until noon checkout time and then took advantage of a gentle NE breeze that was just enough for a lazy push down the river under sail as we quietly enjoyed many miles of beautiful eastern shore scenery before arriving at our anchorage for the evening in Reed Creek.



Jerry received communications that *Serenity* (Carl & Martha Kemp) would be arriving at our Tilghman on Chesapeake stop on Friday to join us for the end of the cruise. We called another "audible" change in itinerary and decided to skip the Shipping Creek anchorage in favor of joining *Serenity* a day early for a two night stay at Tilghman on Chesapeake. Aside from some skinny water near the marina, this location offers a great venue for visiting the Knapps Narrows area with easy access to restaurants, shops, bridge watching, and a pool to cool off in. Our Friday evening hike from the marina to Knapps Narrows took us to Bridges Restaurant for a great view of the Knapps Narrows bridge traffic and good food. On Saturday, after a day of exploration and a dip in the pool, we enjoyed a delicious family style meal at Capt Buddy's world famous ***Harrison's Chesapeake House Restaurant*** with a complimentary dessert in celebration of Carl's xx birthday. On Sunday morning, *Serenity* and *Ruste Nayle* made an early departure in order to avoid any low tide issues while *Piper* went back to Harrison's for a waterman's breakfast and a late morning departure for Solomons. Sails were hoisted on *Serenity* in order to look like a sailboat; however, once again the lack of wind left us with a motor sail all the way home. A great cruise worthy of repeating.



**FROM TOP LEFT (COUNTERCLOCKWISE)**  
 1) Harrison's Dock. 2) Martha' first time paddler 3) Chestertown's Lemon Leaf Café 4) Knapps Narrows bridge traffic 5) Happy Birthday Carl 6) Bridges Restaurant, Knapps Narrows 7) Colorful AND Healthy 8) Patty K, Sunset, Corsica River.

## Mixed Couples Race/Cruise to Battle Creek: 16 – 17 August



OUR COMMODORE



NO WIND START



HELPING A YOUNG BOARDER



FUN IN THE WATER



GOING TO THE DOGS



GOOD GRIEF HEADING HOME

Once again, SMSA members turned out in force for our traditional race/cruise up the river to raft up in Battle Creek for a good on-the-water rendezvous.

Unfortunately, a very light breeze and a stiff current down river erased any hope for an exciting race as only two boats, *Stingray* and *Spanish Mackerel*, persisted to finish the race by late afternoon. At the Sandy Point starting line, fighting current and little wind, racers made slow progress toward the finish line that was over 10 miles away. Some boats even crossed the start line more than once as they drifted backwards eliminating any hard fought gains they had made.

Eventually most racers came to the conclusion that the better deal for the day was to motor (or get towed) up to Battle Creek to join the raft and enjoy some camaraderie, beverages, hors d'oeuvres, and a variety of water activities. *Ruste Nayle* was the first boat into the creek and set the initial raft anchor and then *Right Shift* came alongside and put down another anchor. These two boats created what proved to be solid pin for the remainder of the raft participants who continued to stream in during the next couple of hours. At some point *DFL* put out an anchor near the port wing of the raft in order to provide some additional stabilization. The raft eventually grew to a total of 22 boats, plus one boat anchored separately, and a couple of small powerboats also anchored separately.

Floating in the water with a drink, stand-up paddle boarding, and jet ski rides were popular activities all afternoon. The water was warm and almost free of jellyfish. By early evening several boats had left the raft to make their way back to Solomons. With a calm night in the forecast, the remaining 15 boats stayed rafted together overnight and awoke to a fine morning with a light breeze out on the river that some would take advantage of for the trip home. As boats began to break off from the raft, and anchors were being pulled up, a bit of effort was required to retrieve *Ruste Nayle's* well set hook, and to also mitigate some minor tangling of ground tackle.

Once again we experienced a great SMSA event in spite of the windless race. Following is a list of boats that participated. Apologies if I have missed anyone. *Ruste Nayle, Right Shift, Noon Somewhere, Gemini, Serenity, Piper, Lickety Split, Rakali, Turnabout, Island Dog, Foxy Lady, Twice Around, Chat Mechant, Rumb Punch, Wild Thing, Holder Tight, II Lucky, Good Grief, Wicked Good, Stingray, DFL, Spanish Mackerel, Easy Button*, plus two powerboats whose names I did not get.

## Coming Up

Here are the highlights of what's coming up for the rest of the season.

**30 Aug – 7 Sep Cruise South to Yorktown and Cape Charles:** Make your slip reservations now at York River Yacht Haven (804-642-2156) and at Cape Charles (757-331-2357) for this one-week cruise south. Let them know that you are with the SMSA group.

**8 Sep – 14 Sep Cruise North to Baltimore:** Confirm your reservations at Baltimore Inner Harbor East Marina (410-625-1700) for our 3 night stay as the tall ships visit during the Star Spangled Spectacular celebration.

**27 Sep – 28 Sep Where The Wind Blows:** Need a cruise leader and a destination. Contact Cruise Chairman Rod Schroeder if interested.

**11 Oct – 12 Oct SMSA Happy Hour Raft-Up:** Join us in Mill Creek (St Mary's side of the river) for an informal happy hour raft up. Come for the day and return to Solomons, or spend the night at anchor.

**25 Oct - 26 Oct Halloween Cruise to Mill Creek:** Cruise Leader needed. Contact Cruise Chairman Rod Schroeder if interested.

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## Another Sell Out for Scott Kirby at SMSA



Singer/songwriter Scott Kirby made his seventh straight annual appearance at SMSA, and for the seventh year in a row the event was a sell out!

For the second year in a row, Scott was joined on stage by violinist Emily Leader. For two-and-a-half hours, the pair went through a large portion of Scott's extensive catalogue of original material. "This is really one of my favorite annual shows," Scott told the Clew. "It's a great room. People come to listen, and you

can't beat the scenery of the waterfront in Solomons. For an old boat and sailing guy like me, this is the place to be."

In between songs about boats, harbors and beach life Scott told personal stories of his experiences that shape the songs he writes. He delighted the crowd with his description of a Frers 30 he just purchased with a friend in New England.

"Next week when this tour is over," he exclaimed, "I'm heading to Portsmouth and we are going sailing for a week!"



Scott Kirby plays with Emily Leader at SMSA on August 10<sup>th</sup>. The event was sponsored by the Holiday Inn Conference Center and Marina, Corona Extra (Bozick Distributing), Landshark Lager (Bob Hall Distributing), and Scott Allen Sailing Services.



SMSA members Alexa and Elliot Peterson

This concert, as with numerous special events, is important to SMSA because it helps us raise extra funds to maintain the clubhouse and the grounds, and helps us keep dues low. SMSA gets a huge amount of support from Scott's fan base, which come in droves every time he is in Solomons. ***We also get a great deal of help from our sponsors, which this year include the Solomons Holiday Inn and Marina, Corona Extra (Bozick Distributing), Landshark Lager (Bob Hall Distributing), and Scott Allen Sailing Services.***

Invaluable volunteers include Lisa Flaherty, Merry Ruth Raley, Ronni Spicuzza, Mary Szczyglowski, Betsy Dodge, Rob Herbig (and his girlfriend Kristi), Terry Farnan, and Herb Reese. Kris Dennie-Young got up from her seat and helped as bar-back for part of the afternoon. Many thanks also go to Jolie Homsher and her band of facility volunteers who brought down chairs from the attic, and other SMSA members in attendance who helped clean up and put them away. Scott Kirby will return to Solomons and SMSA on August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015.



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## SEPTEMBER 2014

1	Monday	Cape Charles to Baltimore Cruise
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3	Wednesday	Keelboat Race Series (6:30) Cape Charles to Baltimore Cruise
4	Thursday	Small Boat Sundown Series (6:30) Cape Charles to Baltimore Cruise
5	Friday	Happy Hour (5:00) Cape Charles to Baltimore Cruise
6	Saturday	Sharps Island Race Cape Charles to Baltimore Cruise
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18	Thursday	Small Boat Sundown Series (6:30) Plein Air Festival Quickdraw Competition (6-10p)
19	Friday	Happy Hour (5:00) Commodore's Dinner (7:00)
20	Saturday	CLEW inputs due Fall Series Regatta
21	Sunday	Crab Feast (4:00)
25	Thursday	Small Boat Sundown Series (6:30)
26	Friday	Happy Hour (5:00)
27	Saturday	Where the Wind Blows Cruise Small Boat Fall Invitational
28	Sunday	Where the Wind Blows Cruise Small Boat Fall Invitational
29	Monday	Chair Meeting (7:00)

## OCTOBER 2014

3	Friday	Happy Hour (5:00)
4	Saturday	Hoopers Island - Point No Point Race
5	Sunday	Clubhouse Clean Up day
9	Thursday	BOAT SHOW
10	Friday	BOAT SHOW Happy Hour (5:00)
11	Saturday	BOAT SHOW SMSA Happy Hour Raft Up
12	Sunday	BOAT SHOW SMSA Happy Hour Raft Up
13	Monday	BOAT SHOW
17	Friday	Happy Hour (5:00) Commodores Dinner (7:00)
18	Saturday	Chili Cook off/Oyster Scald Fall Invitational Race
20	Monday	CLEW Inputs due
24	Friday	Happy Hour (5:00)
25	Saturday	Halloween Cruise "Bucctoberfest" Regata
26	Sunday	Halloween Cruise
27	Monday	Chair Meeting (7:00)
31	Friday	Happy Hour (5:00)



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