



The Commodore's Corner

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2017 Sailing Season In Full Swing

This is a great time of year! Marinas are coming alive with activity. Racers are racing. Cruisers are cruising. (The Tiki Bar is open.) And, our clubhouse continues to be a center of activity.

Springtime at SMSA is TERRIFIC!

We had a fantastic turn-out for Opening Day with the launch of our 46th year of SMSA operations. Thank you all for participating and for all the tasty brunch fix'ns. The clubhouse looked great thanks to our Facility Chair, **Jolie Homsher** and her crew of Project Day volunteers who turned out the Saturday before to clean and spruce up our home. I find it interesting and enjoy looking back on the history of SMSA. I note that many of you do also, as noted by the comments about my reading of the letter to local sailors back then... the letter that initiated the founding of our club. *Thank you.*

Thanks goes to our Membership Chair, **Tim Flaherty**, and to **Molly Winans** of **SpinSheet** magazine for another successful Crew Listing Party. We had a full-house turn-out, and the annual event did well in hooking up Skippers with crews and vice versa. **Marc Brier, Jimmy Yurko, Priscilla Bradley, and Elliot Peterson** did a capable job fielding questions in the panel discussion moderated by Molly. We very much appreciate the support that the **SpinSheet** publishers provide to SMSA throughout the year. We also thank **MUSTO** and **Miller Lite (Buck Distributing)** for their sponsorship of this event.

Besides the month of May's very full schedule of races and cruises [Wednesdays, Thursdays, Mill Creek Raft up (6-7th), Southern Bay Cruise (20-29th), and the Double Handed Race (13th)], we have several other events scheduled.

Along with the regular Happy Hour on the 5th, will be the Commodore's Dinner... Cinco De Mayo. The cuisine will be, you guessed it... Mexican. (Commodore Dinners will resume in the fall.) On the 6th, **Rich Freeman** is hosting a Marine Yard Sale. So, don't miss your chance to unload some old boat stuff or find that gadget that you've wanted but didn't want to pay full price for. Les Griffith has organized another First Aid Class for Saturday the 13th. And all avid golf duffers will want to come out for the First Annual Commodore's Open Golf Tournament on Saturday, May 20th. We'll play 9 holes, best ball format at the NAS Patuxent Golf Course. Please contact Jim or Jody Keen to reserve a spot.

Congratulations to **Hawk** and **Steph Caldwell** and their **SHORT BUS** crew for their great showing at Charleston Race Week. In the very competitive 9-boat ORC Division, they finished their last 2 races with a 3rd and a bullet to take 3rd place overall, missing 2nd by one-half point. Well done!

Lastly, I want to introduce and congratulate **John Auman** as our new Membership Chair. John has been assisting **Tim Flaherty** for some time and is well equipped to follow in Tim's very big footsteps. We all owe Tim a huge vote of thanks for the wonderful job he has done in keeping our Membership program moving in a very positive direction. It will be hard to replace Tim's energy and dedication. But John has proven that he's well up to the task. Thank you John and Tim!

So, it's time to go sailing. Go fast or go slow, but just go.

And have fun!

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First Annual Commodore's Open Golf Tournament

Please join us on *Saturday, May 20th* for the **Commodore's Open Golf Tournament**. Whether you're a duffer or scratch golfer, it will be a fun event for all. We'll play 9 holes at the NAS Patuxent River Golf Course, best ball format.

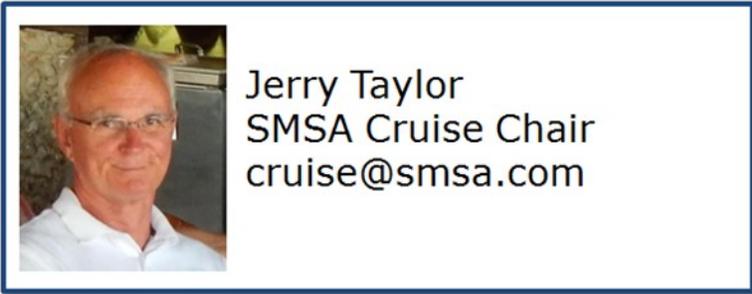
Nine holes with cart will cost \$27⁰⁰. For those without access to the base, a guest list will get you in. Meeting at 1030, first T-off at 1100. The driving range will be available for warm-up.

Please contact Jim or Jody Keen to reserve a spot. This tournament is open to SMSA members and guests. Jim... 240 925-1173 or williwaw66@hotmail.com / Jody... 301 904-3178 or jmkeen@smcps.org

Hope you can make it!

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR: CHECK SMSA.COM FOR THE MAY AND JUNE 2017 CALENDAR!

CRUISERS CORNER



Sailing Season has begun.



We had our first overnight cruise on April 22nd and 23rd with three boats participating: cruise leaders Jerry and Donna Taylor on **"No Sched..."** with Lloyd Conley on **Tanqueray III** and "John the Scott" Andrews on **CIARA**. John is not a member of **SMSA**, but he spends so many nights in Rollins Cove that he's been dubbed the unofficial Mayor, so he gave us permission to anchor with the stipulation that he could join us!



We started out with little wind, poor visibility and set the hook at 14:00 with happy hour starting thereafter. We had dinner on **"No Sched..."** and watched the Roy Orbison, Bruce Springsteen "Black and White Night" concert while rafted for the night. A hearty breakfast led to another discussion solving the world's problems. Under almost sunny skies and little wind, it was another motor back down the river to Solomons. While **NOAA** predicted doom and gloom for the weekend, it never happened as it does so many times and it was actually pretty nice.



Our next overnighter is to Mill Creek (St. Mary's) on May 6th and 7th with Rich Freeman and Patty Kimmel on **Patty K Too** as cruise leaders. Come over for happy hour around 4:00, even if you cannot spend the night.



The first long cruise of the season is to the Southern Bay leaving on May 20th and returning on May 29th. Carl and Martha Kemp on **Serenity** will be the cruise leaders for the ten day cruise. Please let them know if you plan to participate on any part of the cruise.



Don't forget the Marine Yard Sale the morning of May 6th from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon.

See you on the water!

Jerry Taylor
SMSA Cruise Chair



Marina contact information for the Southern Bay cruise:

May 21, 22:

Cape Charles Town Harbor Marina – Cape Charles, VA -
757.331.2357

May 26, 27:

Town Center Marina – Urbanna, VA – 804.758.5440 or 804.370.3953

Let the dock master know that you are with the SMSA group so they can try to keep us close together. Please let the cruise leader and cruise chairman know of your reservations so we know how many boats to expect.

THE SOCIAL SCENE

WITH JODY KEEN

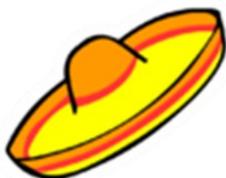
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Spring has finally sprung!

We started the new sailing season with a wonderful Opening Day Brunch. The weather blessed us with a balmy sunny day. The turn-out was fantastic and the food as usual was excellent.

The **Spin Sheet** crew listing party took place on April 23rd. We had a great turn-out. Special thanks go out to Tim Flaherty for organizing this event and all of the volunteers that made the afternoon possible.



May's **Commodore's dinner** falls on Cinco de Mayo.

The theme will be Mexican.

Please come out for an evening of fun.

This will be the last Commodore's dinner until the fall.

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*Here is a photo of the start
of the last frostbite race.*

Norm Dawley



TRAINING NOTE

MSA Training season is winding down for 2017. We recently held a Race Management Seminar, Race Rules Seminar Part 1 and 2, and a First Aid course. I want to thank the presenters that make our training program a success: Jim Whited (Race Management), Dan Trammel (Race Rules), and Rebecca Humpal (First Aid). Those who attended this year's seminars walked away with valuable information that will make them better sailors. We still have one more First Aid course scheduled for 13 May 2017 if we get at least 6 participants. If you would like to participate in the First Aid class please let me know. The cost is \$50.00 on the day of the seminar or \$40.00 in advance (non-refundable unless class is cancelled). If anyone has an idea they would like to see for a seminar please contact me with the subject and recommended presenter and I will look for a place on our busy club schedule to make it happen. I can be contacted at Training@SMSA.com for information on any seminars.

Les Griffith
training@SMSA



HOBIE CAT AND TRAILER FOR SALE...\$1800...CONTACT KAREN CAUDLE riverkv@gmail.com



SPLASH, (the J/29), is for Sale!!!!

We are offering her for Sale to the SMSA members and friends before it goes to the Broker. Year: 1984. Price: \$18,000.

Mast head rig...Carbon Spinnaker Pole ...Outboard motor, Mercury 5HP...Dry Sailed

Full Racing Sail Inventory:

2016 Genoa - light - Carbon Fusion
2013 Genoa - Heavy - Carbon Fusion
2013 Jib - Carbon Fusion
2008 Jib #4 -Heavy - Dacron
2007 Main -Kevlar (only used for 2 years)
2007 Spinnaker
Complete Delivery Sails:
Main, Jib-light, Jib-Heavy, and Spinnaker

For More Information,
please contact

Tom

301-399-4175

The yard sale for items you no longer want or need will begin @ 0800 hours and end @ 1200 hours on Saturday, 6 May, and will be conducted at the SMSA Club House. Members wishing to have a table should contact me at least two (2) days prior to reserve a space.

Start providing me with a list of items if you can. For example we will have a Yamaha 4hp outboard and a 35lb CQR with 33 feet of chain if we don't sell before the yard sale.

This year there will be a SMSA table. Those who have articles to sell but don't want to man a table can donate your items to SMSA [me] and we will sell them for you and the proceeds go to SMSA. No fuss. No muss...

So come on down to the Club House on Saturday morning. Browse the tables. Be sure to bring lots of cash. I'm sure you will find something you just cannot live without for your boat.

Rich Freeman, s/v *Patty K Too*,
email: teknikr2004@yahoo.com
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Please contact
Glenn Walters
waltersrg@gmail.com
301-481-6939

**For Sale:
1971 Skeene Albacore**

Sail # 7103

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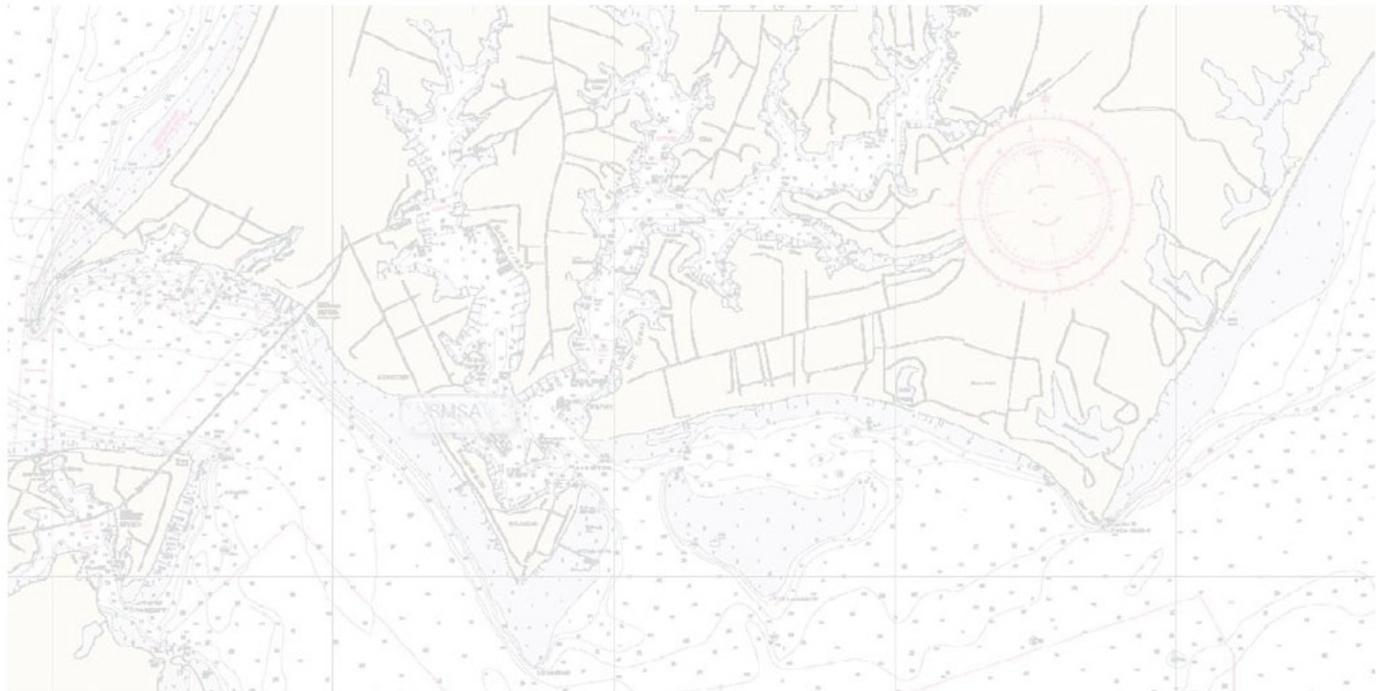
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