



The Commodore's Corner

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SCREWPILE A Chesapeake Tradition 43 days to go...

On Saturday, May 20th 19 SMSA members and guests turned out for the **First Annual SMSA Commodore's Open Golf Tournament** played at the Cedar Point Golf Course at NAX Patuxent River. In a change of pace from sailing, the golfers chased a little white ball around 9 holes in a best-ball format, which allowed those of us who are duffers to play tournament golf without seriously embarrassing ourselves. Our Vice Commodore, Jim Whited, distinguished himself by his skilled operation of the Beer Cart, making the rounds with liquid refreshments. Team Lonzanida walked away with the Championship prize for best overall score; David Raley won the prize for closest to the pin on a par 3 hole; and the Commodore won the prize for longest drive. Thank you to Chuck Jeffries and AMEWAS for sponsoring our inaugural Commodore's Open. A good time was had by all!

Now that Z's Pool Bar is open for the summer season, we have shifted Wednesday Night Keelboat race results back to Z's. Once again, Beth will be taking care of our post-race food and beverage needs. Racers are encouraged to attend race results at the Pool Bar in support of Z's Marina, a business that has supported our club since our founding in 1972. Thank you to Jody Keen and her Social Committee for the several weeks of gourmet post-race hot dogs provided on Wednesdays while we were waiting for Z's Pool Bar to re-open.

Please don't miss our annual SMSA/Zahniser's Luau on Saturday, June 10th. Zahniser's provides the meats; members bring sides, salads and desserts; Z's provides live music; and, SMSA provides the beverages. The luau starts at 4:00 PM Saturday next to the pool bar, and will continue until 7:00 PM. Thanks to Skip & Ellen, Jim Sharkey, Terry Walters and everyone at Zahniser's for hosting this always fun event.

It's now only 43 days until Screwpile! As the Organizing Authority for SPLC, SMSA will once again be host for what is traditionally one of the premier regattas on the Bay... 14-16 July. The Notice of Races and the Sailing Instructions are posted, and the Race Committee crews and ground operations staff are set. And as always, LG has done a masterful job of organizing and promoting the 3-day event. Once again, we will host the Screwpile Racers Welcome Party at our clubhouse on Thursday evening, 13 July, from 6-10 PM. All SMSA members are encouraged to come out and welcome our out-of-town race crews. For our member crews, both racers and cruisers, **now** is the time to register. The traditional windward-leeward courses for the racers will be joined by middle-distance races for cruisers on Saturday and Sunday. You know the rest.

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THE SOCIAL SCENE WITH JODY KEEN

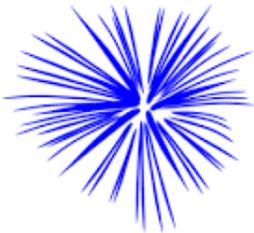
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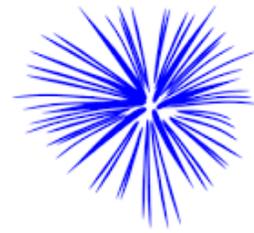
As May entered, many club members welcomed in the Month with a Cinco de Mayo Commodore's dinner. As usual the food was exceptional.

Later in the month, May 20th, we hosted the Inaugural Commodore's Golf Tournament as reported in the Commodore's article. Participants agreed that it was so much fun that perhaps we should make it a biannual event.

Coming up in June: The highlight of the month is the Zahniser's Annual Luau on Saturday June 10th, starting at 4pm. Wear your best Aloha outfit and bring a side dish. Hope to see you there!



Don't forget!
make room on your calendar for the
4th of July fireworks party and potluck!



LATE BREAKING RACE NEWS... Southern Bay Race Week Results

*****David and Jacki Meiser** and the *EASY BUTTON* crew took first place in the PHRF "C" Division with all bullets.

*****Hawk and Stephanie Caldwell** and the *SHORT BUS* crew took second place in the PHRF "A1" Division, missing out on first place by a tie breaker.

**Congratulations to both of these
SMSA race crews!**

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the **EASY BUTTON** crew



Hawk and Stephanie Caldwell
and the **SHORT BUS** crew





PICTURES FROM THE INAUGURAL COMMODORE'S
CLASSIC GOLF TOURNAMENT



CRUISERS CORNER



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Summer Cruising is Finally Here!

There was a great turnout for the May Mill Creek overnighter with six boats participating. It is amazing how our fleet has grown in size of boat - the smallest boat in the raft-up was 39' in length. All boats are welcome in the cruising program regardless of size. See Rich Freeman's article next page.

Preparations are underway for the extended cruise to Cape May, NJ and Summer Solstice to Hudson Creek on the Choptank. Please let Cruise Leader Dennis Chandler know if you plan to participate in any part of the cruises. We need a Cruise Leader for the Summer Solstice that is coming from Solomons, so let me know if you can help out.

I would like to remind all cruisers that there is a Cruising Class Division in the Screwpile Lighthouse Challenge in July. This is a great opportunity to compete with other cruising boats in a terrific racing event. More information can be found at www.screwpile.net.

CRUISE MAY 6-7, 2017
by Rich Freeman

After a fairly successful Marine Yard Sale at the club house, the SMSA Cruisers gathered up in Mill Creek on the Calvert side, just beyond green marker #7 for a raft up and happy hour. The location was changed from the St Mary's side due to high winds and that some of our boats were returning home after happy hour.

Six boats, *Rusty Nayle*, *No Sched...*, *Safina*, *Walkabout*, and *Tanqueray III* came along side the *Patty K Too*, the anchor boat, and enjoyed a lengthy and successful happy hour(s) complete with one of Rich's new hors d'oeuvres (salmon, creame cheese with chives and cavier) and many yummy snacks from others. Lois' meatballs were a particular hit. We had a lot to catch up on and learned something about music favorites. Rich would not sing his favorite bluegrass gospel song, 'The Great Speckled Bird', an oldie but goodie for the group, but emailed the lyrics out later.

Winds were brisk early on but settled down in the evening; crisp, clear and chilly. Sunday morning dawned clear and chilly, too.



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

RACING AND HIKING OUT

During the Frost-Goode Race on May 21st, several of our boats were approached by a Coast Guard patrol boat and instructed to refrain from hiking and to get their legs back inside the boat. The crews replied that they were racing and that it was customary and necessary to hike out to keep the boat balanced. The Coast Guard crew cited a regulation which required all boating participants to keep all appendages inside the boat. (We had previously learned that the regulation had been disputed and found to be a misinterpretation of the law.)

After the race, our Vice Commodore, Jim Whited, called the Coast Guard Station on Monday and Spoke with Chief Petty Officer Simpsic about our racers concerns after Sundays event. CPO Simpsic reported that the Coast Guard patrol crew had mistakenly taken some material and ideas from the **National Safe Boating Week** web site and interpreted it as applying to sailboat operation.

He has had an all hands meeting with the team and cleared up the confusion and wished to apologize to our racers for any inconvenience caused.

Our Vice Commodore volunteered to host any of the CG personnel on our boats to educate them on our sport. CPO Simpsic agreed to pass along the offer and email us of any interest.

Shown is a photo of the CG academy sailing team that were obtained from their Offshore coach. They clearly understand the rules that apply to hiking.



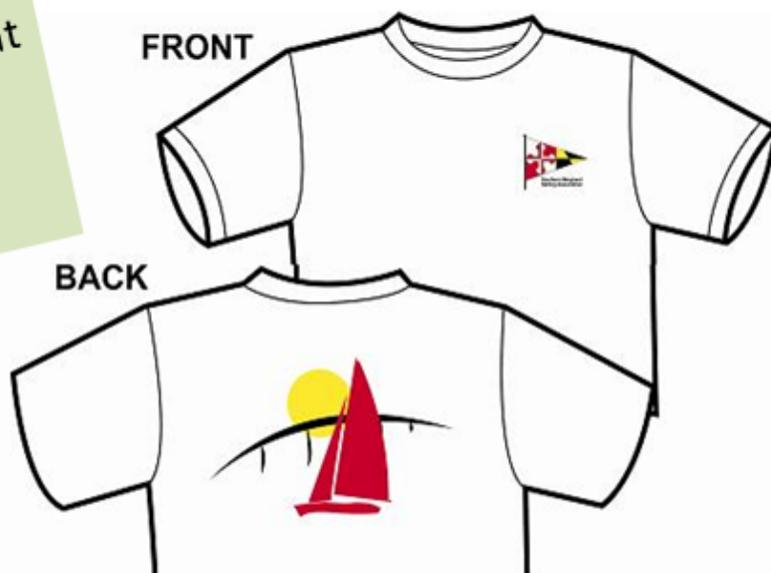
Special Order

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Back by popular demand—we are placing another SMSA Merchandise order! Orders due by June 28th and will be available for pickup mid-July.

Order your long or short sleeve tech shirts, hats, polo shirts, visors, and canvas bags. Purchase online at smsa.com or e-mail webmaster@smsa.com with questions about color choices, or for special colors, sizes, etc.

A catalog will be available at the clubhouse if you are looking for something different.



Stop by the clubhouse to check out a selection of new tech shirt colors in stock mid-June: Lime Shock, Atomic Blue, and White.

Need a new hat? New colors in stock: Lime Green, Khaki, White...A new polyester performance hat with mesh vents in white or Navy will also be available mid-June.

Scott Kirby is Back!

Sunday, August 13th

4:00pm

Doors Open at 3:00 pm



**SPECIAL MEMBER
TICKET PRICE:**

\$15

**NON-MEMBER AND
GUEST TICKET PRICE:**

\$20

Note: Only current SMSA members will be admitted with a \$15 ticket.

Tickets purchased via Paypal will be available at the door.

Tickets may also be purchased from
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