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COMMODORE

As December approaches, we all begin turning up the heat, covering up the boats, putting away the yard tools and prepping for the holidays. However, that doesn't mean that SMSA is going into hibernation for the winter. As your BOG is busy finalizing the schedule and putting together the 2006 budget, we also welcome the new 2006 BOG members, Shannon Walters, Secretary; Gresh Sackett, Cruise Governor; Barbara Miller, Women's Governor; and Tom Moulds, Junior Governor. If you'd like to help any of these or other BOG members in 2006, sign up to be on a committee today!!

In addition to all of the holiday festivities, SMSA's Christmas Gathering is on December 10th, once again coinciding with the SIYC Boat Parade. SMSA members (that still have their boats in the water) have received an open invitation to participate. See the post by Joel Bergsman in the SMSA forum for additional information.

Coming up in January is the annual Awards Banquet, this year at the Holiday Inn, Solomons, on January 7th. Please see BJ's article elsewhere in this *Clew* for details. Hope to see you there!

Shawn Stanley, Commodore

UPCOMING BOG AGENDA

Please note location change for winter months!!!

Southern Maryland Sailing Association
2005 Board of Governors Meeting
Thursday, December 1, 2005 - 1930 – Holly II
Draft Agenda

Opening Remarks - Meeting expectations - setting of the agenda

Old Business

- Governance Committee – progress report by Frank Gerred
- Land acquisition update – update from Carl/Don
- BOG transition & pass-down – final update

New Business

- 2006 Budget inputs & discussion – Joel
- Closing Remarks –

Adjourn

SECRETARY

Abridged Minutes – Board of Governors Meeting November 3, 2005

Officers and Governors Present: Shawn Stanley, Don Behrens, Carl Feusahrens, Joel Bergsman, Laura Comeau-Stanley, Jim Keen, David Meiser, Dave Pedersen, BJ Roberts, Carol Smith, Walt Rupp, Marc DeLaVergne

Others Present: Barbara Miller, Shannon Walters, Frank Gerred, Max Munger, Gresh Sackett, Rene Sackett, David Arbuthnot

Opening Remarks –

- Meeting called to order at 1930
- Shawn extended thanks to all in attendance, including newly elected BOG members
- Agenda modified without exception to begin with New Business and work backwards

New Business –

- Governance Committee Report
- Winter BOG Meetings at Holly II

Old Business -

- BOG Transition and pass down
- Land Acquisition Committee
- License Plates

Governor Reports

Membership –

- No report

Public Relations –

- No report

Facilities –

- No report

Social –

- BJ reported that everyone planning to attend the Planning Meeting should bring a dish to share for breakfast
- Christmas Gathering on December 7th is currently set to begin at 5 p.m.

Women's Program –

- Carol reported that she and Barbara Miller are finalizing their program pass down; Carol provided an update on the Winter Seminars at West Marine

Cruise Program –

- Walt thanked Gresh for attending tonight's meeting; passdown status provided

Junior Program – Absent

Race Program -

- Jim reported that the Frostbite Series kicks off this Sunday
- Jim plans to attend the CBYRA Green Book Meeting scheduled for Nov. 12th

Officer Reports

Commodore --

- Shawn said that he hopes that most of the BOG members can attend the planning meeting on Saturday to assist Don with planning the 2006 schedule.

Vice Commodore --

- Calendar updates for November & December
- Planning Meeting is scheduled for this Saturday at 9:30 a.m.; calendar inputs needed from Governors in advance
- Volvo Ocean Race - Annapolis/Baltimore: Don discussed the potential for SMSA to be involved in the import race scheduled for April 29th as well as the restart scheduled for May 7th; more information will be forthcoming from Don
- SMSA to rejoin Solomons Business Association

Rear Commodore –

- Carl suggested that a Capital Investment category and Capital Operating category be added as line items to our budget

Secretary –

- No report

Treasurer –

- Report of account balances and general review of budgeted income and expenses to date
- 2006 Budget Preparation
- Update of SMSA Tax Status

Closing Remarks –

- Shawn thanked everyone for keeping tonight's meeting moving and believes that we have covered all items on the agenda.

Motion made to adjourn by Walt, seconded by BJ, all BOG in favor - Meeting adjourned at 2054

The official Minutes of Record for BOG Meetings can be viewed on the web-based Member Forum

SOCIAL

December promises to bring wonderful things with a number of outstanding opportunities to share good times!

For those of you who will be trying out your creative skills this December 4th, you are requested to bring some of the following items. We will all share “whatever” and I’m sure it will all work out. First you will need some type of wreath frame. It can be wire or foam. The floral foam is easiest to work with and also holds water to keep your evergreens fresher. The idea is to bring two frames...one for yourself and one for the Club which we will use to decorate and perhaps even raffle off at the Christmas Party. Have wire if you have a wire frame, floral pins and sticks with wire attached for the foam rings.

The following list is the things we will combine and share:

- ❖ Fresh evergreens of all shapes and colors, especially juniper.
- ❖ Hot glue gun
- ❖ Ribbon of any kind large enough in width for a wreath.
- ❖ Old Christmas decorations
- ❖ Tools for cutting and snipping branches
- ❖ Leaves from holly or magnolias
- ❖ Berries and pine cones

Please don’t think you have to limit yourself to the list. Let your imagination go! There will be hot chocolate, apple cider and I bet a few cookies may sneak in the door. If you would like anyone to sample your holiday baking (for testing purposes only) I’m sure you’ll find numerous “samplers.” This time is 11 a.m. at the Clubhouse.

Please take note that the upcoming awards banquet will be held at the Holiday Inn this year. They are presenting a “new” menu which I hope to post online in mid-December. It is very important that everyone RSVP in a timely manner. January 1, 2006 is the deadline! Cost and payment details are included elsewhere in this edition of *The Clew*.

Please join us at the Annual Christmas Party on December 10th. As usual, everyone is requested to bring a dish to share. Wine, beer and soft drinks will be provided and a few new items will enhance the evening. The light parade is the same evening and the view from the Clubhouse is very special. Join in the celebration at 5 p.m. Please join us at this wonderful event.

A special thanks to Kim and Rob Blodnikar and Jeff Moore for stepping in and grilling up all those great oysters. Also a big thanks to Keith, Nettie and Kate for extra hands both before and after the chili and oyster party.

Barbara Roberts, Social Governor
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RACING

As I sit down to write this, I am reflecting on what an awesome day we had for the second Frostbite Race yesterday. Mid-November, 25 boats, and it was sunny, warm, and we had great wind! What a wonderful day! It doesn’t get any better!

LG, Herb, and I attended the CBYRA Green Book planning meeting this past weekend in Annapolis. CBYRA hosts this meeting for all clubs across the Bay to de-conflict CBYRA-sanctioned racing events. We were able to have all of our planned races scheduled as per our preliminary events planner. For those who would like to get around and try some of the other races around the Bay, check out the CBYRA Greenbook.

Last month you read an article in *The Clew*, written in good faith, aimed at raising the bar for our individual and collective Race Committee performances. Just like any other racer, I have been frustrated, at times, by goofs by our Race Committees. Although I agree, in principle, with the sentiment of that piece, I would not have handled it in that manner. As we all know, our race program is dependent on everyone taking their turn, sometime during the season, to perform RC duties. In our club we have racers with a wide range of

experience. I appreciate the way our club's racers have stepped up and covered, quite admirably, all of our races this year. Thanks to all who have served... and thanks to several members for multiple events! I would ask all of you, particularly those with lots of experience in racing and doing RC, to help in bringing all of our crews up to a higher level of expertise in performing RC duty. To that end, I would ask all of you plan to attend one (or more) of the three Race Management Seminars that we will be hosting this winter. Keith Jacobs and Stovy Brown will conduct three 3-hour seminars on dates to be announced later. Anticipate one each in the months of February, March and April. Each seminar will cover the same material; so all racers should be able to attend at least one of these important learning opportunities.

The annual Awards Banquet is set for Saturday, January 7th at the Holiday Inn at Solomons. Mark your calendars. It's a great way for us all to celebrate a wonderful racing season. See you all there!

...Jim Keen, SMSA Race Governor

CRUISING

With respect to cruise points earned this season, I have filled out, to the best of my knowledge, the Cruise Point Matrix as of November 15, 2005. I ask that all cruise leaders and cruisers check for the listing of their boats' participation in the many cruises and assure that the dates and cruise points are correct. If not please give me your updates as soon as you can.

My review of our cruising activities for the year 2005 brought to light some interesting statistics. There were 34 boats that took part in one or more cruises. Of these boats, five qualify for the large SMSA burgee indicating this boat has 35 or more cruise points to their credit. These boats are: *Blue Heron*, *Calypso*, *Koel*, *Mongoose Magic*, and *Swan*.

I also ask that the long distance cruisers contact me in the next few weeks so that I can prepare the 1000 Mile Cruising Awards. Six boats are on my list

including *Easytime*, *Catmorgan*, *Koel*, *Calypso*, *Pursuit*, and *Safina*.

As Gresh Sackett takes the helm of the SMSA Cruising program in 2006, ideas, and suggestions need to be forwarded to him. Please support Gresh as you have supported me for the last year.

Walt Rupp, Cruise Governor 2005
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Halloween Cruise to St. Leonard's Creek Offers Seasonal "Spirits"

Saturday started out mostly cloudy, cold and windy, looking like it might rain at any time. *Walkabout* headed up the Patuxent River into a brisk 20+ breeze. After trying to sail we motored into Rollins Cove to find new members, Wayne and Sally Wilson onboard *Virginia Dare*, already anchored. They graciously agreed to be the anchor for the raft-up and we tied up along side with *Cat Morgan*. This was the first cruise Wayne and Sally had been able to make for the season. Within the hour we were joined by five more boats: *Rusty Nayle* with Rod and Pat Schroeder; *Brigadoon* with Walt and Janet Rupp; *Njord* with Jay and Elaine Green; *Blue Heron* with Sally and David Arbuthnot; and *Swan* with Ken and Ellie Mowbray.

The sun peaked out from behind the clouds in time to start the Halloween festivities. We enjoyed wonderful appetizers and warmed up with Pat Schroeder's hot apple cider along with other "spirits" of all kinds. The costume prizes went to Nikki Goodman as a very "hip" hippy and Sally Arbuthnot as a wonderful wicked witch. Curt and Dottie Hamilton joined us by powerboat along with their son Russell and two grandchildren as well as John Herbig and two of his kids. We made sure the youngest cruisers had plenty of goodies to take back home and enjoyed their great costumes too.

Sunday dawned sunny, warmer and with a gentle breeze. Over morning coffee we discussed the past cruising season and wished for next season to be a little less hot with more breezes and less hurricane

activity. Everyone had a good sail back to their home ports after a fun "Trick or Treat" weekend.

Dave and Lois Zonderman

Walkabout

Mild Temperatures Prevail at Frost Bite Cruise 2005

Rather than wearing our snuggies to be up on deck, we were greeted with some enjoyably mild temperatures over the weekend of November 5 and 6. *Brigadoon* (Rupp) approached the already formed three boat raft. The anchor boat was *Easytime* (Williams) with *Walkabout* (Zonderman), and *Illumination* (Marchant) already in party form on *Easytime*. *Decoy* (Larson) made an appearance but due to engine trouble was not able to join us. Great tasting goodies were passed around until dusk when we broke up the raft. It was great to be out under the stars one more time before we ended our sailing season.

Walt and Jan Rupp Frost Bite Cruise Leaders

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EDITOR'S NOTE

The deadline for submitting articles for the January 2006 issue of *The Clew* will be:

December 15th

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2005 Cruise Matrix

Cruise Month	Apr	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Aug	Aug	Sept	Sept.	Oct	Oct	Oct	Nov	Total
Cruise date	2	30	21	4	15	5	20	27	2	17	1	8	29	5	
Boat															
	CNX	CNX													
<i>Blue Heron</i>			17	9				19					3		48
<i>Brigadoon</i>						3	1				3	3	3	3	16
<i>Calypso</i>			1	12			3	19		5					40
<i>Cat Morgan</i>							3	15					3		21
<i>Decoy</i>							3							1	4
<i>Dog House</i>						3									3
<i>Ella M</i>						1									1
<i>Easytime</i>				19					7				3	3	32
<i>Foxtrot Corpen</i>							3								3
<i>Illuminations</i>														1	1
<i>Kalypso (B)</i>				3						5					8
<i>Kalypso (S)</i>			15							5					20
<i>Kelly Ann</i>					3										3
<i>Koel</i>			17	15				15		5					52
<i>Lickety Split</i>									5						5
<i>Little Latitudes</i>							3								3
<i>Little Toot</i>				17											17
<i>Logical Choice</i>															0
<i>Lynn-Dee</i>															0
<i>Mongoose Magic</i>			7	17				23							47
<i>Morning Star</i>															3
<i>Minstrel</i>															0
<i>Nimue</i>			6	21											27
<i>Njord</i>							3						3		6
<i>Reflections</i>			9							3	3	3			18
<i>Pradel</i>				5	3										8
<i>Rigel</i>							3								3
<i>Runaway</i>															0
<i>Rusty Nail</i>									7						7
<i>Safina</i>							3								3
<i>Scott Free</i>							1								1
<i>Sequoia</i>							3								3
<i>Shermax</i>															0
<i>Spray</i>											3	3			6
<i>Sirena</i>														1	1
<i>Sur Max</i>															0
<i>Swan</i>			17	10				19					3		49
<i>Synergy</i>															0
<i>Toby</i>							3								3
<i>Walkabout</i>									7				3	3	13
<i>Wild Goose</i>					3										3

Cruise date	2	30	21	4	15	5	20	27	2	17	1	8	29	5	
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DECEMBER 2005 SMSA CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 • Fall Frostbite Race	28 Sunset: 4:42 PM	29	30	1 ± • BOG Mtg @Holly II 1930	2 ±	3 ± • LCYC Toy Drive Collection • LCYC Annual Holiday Party
4 ± • Christmas Wreath Party	5 ± Sunset: 4:41 PM	6 ±	7 ±	8 ±	9 ±	10 ± • Christmas Gathering
11 ±	12 ± Sunset: 4:41 PM	13 ±	14 ±	15 ± • 'Clew' inputs due	16 ±	17 ±
18 ±	19 ± Sunset: 4:44 PM	20 ±	21 ±	22 ±	23 ±	24 ±
25 ± Christmas	26 ± Sunset: 4:47 PM	27 ±	28 ±	29 ±	30 ±	31 ± New Year's Eve

JANUARY 2005 SMSA CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 ± New Year's Day	2 ± Sunset: 4:53 PM	3 ±	4 ±	5 ± BOG Mtg @ HollyII - 1930	6 ±	7 ± SMSA Awards Banquet
8 ±	9 ± Sunset: 4:59 PM	10 ±	11 ±	12 ±	13 ±	14 ±
15 ± • 'Clew' inputs due	16 ± Martin Luther King, Jr. Sunset: 5:06 PM	17 ±	18 ±	19 ±	20 ±	21 ±
22 ±	23 ± Sunset: 5:14 PM	24 ±	25 ±	26 ±	27 ±	28 ±
29 ±	30 ± Sunset: 5:22 PM	31 ±	1	2 Groundhog Day	3	4