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## IN MEMORIAM

Barbara Mary Hicks Tucker  
1923 - 2005

A sad note to SMSA, particularly the long-time members, was the passing of Barbara ("Barb") Tucker, 81, wife of Col Albert ("Al") S.J. Tucker, the club's organizer and first Commodore. She died March 19<sup>th</sup> at the NNMC, Bethesda during her last three week checkup for coronary problems.

Barb, in spite of three open heart surgeries going back to the 70's, was an avid sailor and Al's First Mate. She sailed with him and friends in their beautiful Fast Passage 39, SWIFTSURE, from Vancouver to Alaska and down the Pacific to San Diego followed by cruises to Bermuda and the New England area among others. She was great in the galley keeping her crew's appetite well satisfied, and being a former RN, always had a well supplied medical box.

Barb had a wonderful zest for living plus a terrific sense of humor and was frequently "the life of the party" at the rendezvous originally held at members' waterfront homes. She had an ear-splitting two-finger whistle with her lips that could always get everyone's attention when needed. Indeed, Barb could be a human ship's whistle! It drew many laughs!

The "First Lady" was exceptionally community-minded and organized the first Hospice and Rockbridge Area Relief Association in Lexington, Virginia where she and Al made their home following his retirement from the U.S. Air Force.

Barb will be sorely missed by all.

For those so inclined who want to honor her memory checks may be sent to:

Rockbridge Area Relief Association  
P.O. Box 640  
Lexington, VA 24450

Submitted by Chuck Fadeley

## COMMODORE

After dreary, but well-attended Opening Day Festivities, the 2005 sailing season is officially here! Thanks to all who attended and provided brunch items. The party was great despite the rain! A special thanks to Frank King, who was sure to keep us on schedule and had the BOG out in the rain promptly at 1100 so as to keep with tradition.

Don't forget to keep an eye on the SMSA calendar and forum for upcoming events and discussions. If

you are interested in helping any of the Governors with their programs, please be sure to contact them. Remember that SMSA is a volunteer organization, and without your help and input these programs cannot succeed. See you on the water and around town!

Shawn Stanley , Commodore  
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## UPCOMING BOG AGENDA

**2005 Board of Governors Meeting**  
Tuesday, May 3, 2005 –  
1930 hours at the Clubhouse

### **Draft Agenda**

Opening Remarks – Meeting expectations – setting of the agenda

### **Officer Reports**

- ❖ Commodore
- ❖ Vice Commodore –  
schedule update
- ❖ Rear Commodore
- ❖ Secretary
- ❖ Treasurer –  
Absent – Financial report provided via e-mail

### **Governor Reports**

- ❖ Race program  
RC Boat status  
Existing and proposed race mark status
- ❖ Cruise Program  
May 7th cruise planning meeting plans
- ❖ Junior Program –  
Junior camp and instructor status

- ❖ Women's Program –  
Upcoming events
- ❖ Social –  
Frost-Goode rendezvous plans and status
- ❖ Facilities
- ❖ Public Relations
- ❖ Membership –  
Membership renewals –any delinquents?

### **Old Business**

### **New Business**

Encouraging volunteerism within the club

Closing remarks

### **Adjournment**

## RACE

As I write this on a beautiful, warm Sunday afternoon, it looks like spring has finally arrived. Frostbite races are behind us, and Wednesday Night races start in three days. Life is good!

It was great to see such a nice turnout on Opening Day. In spite of the lingering cold and rainy weather, we had a great time... and the breakfast burritos were excellent as always. Thanks Katie and Ollie!

We distributed the 2005 Race Circular on Opening Day. For those who did not attend, hopefully you've received yours by now... either at the first Wednesday night race or by mail. Please let me know if you have not received yours. Supplies are limited.

We had a great Frostbite series to start the 2005 racing season. Over the five weeks (skipped Easter Sunday), eleven boats/crews participated. Congratulations to the crews of *Pursuit*, *Stargazer II*, and *Pogo*, who all scored 5.0 series points and finished in that order with tiebreakers.

I want to again thank all those of you who have signed up for RC duty this year. Several crews have volunteered for more than one race. We have RC committed for all but seven races now. Those remaining are Frost-Goode (formerly Proctor-Bailey), Summer Invitational, Geezer Squeezer, Fall Invitational, and Fall Frostbites #'s 1, 2, and 4. Please take a look at the SMSA website, pick a date(s), and let me know when you and your crew can serve. Thanks!

The Coast Guard asked us to place Bay Race Mark "D" in a spot southwest of where it has been the last couple of years. The new coordinates for "D" are:

N 38 18.591  
W 076 22.216

Note that these coordinates are different from those published in the 2005 Race Circular. [The change order was issued by the USCG after the Race Circular went to press.] Thanks much to Pete LaRoche, Jeff Moore, and Shawn Stanley for helping me put the marks in.

Congratulations to John and Linda Edwards and their *Rhumb Punch* crew for the outstanding victory at Charleston Race Week! *Rhumb Punch* took out their archrival from City Island, New York [*Hustler*] with a 1-1-1-3-2-3-1=12. Racing with John on *Punch* were Patrick Edwards, Amy Ironmonger, Shawn and Laura Stanley, Jae-Nee Ausley, Geoff Rhodes, and David Van Cleef. Well done!

...Jim Keen  
2005 Race Governor  
\*\*\* Sail Fast... Live Slow... \*\*\*

## SOCIAL

The Opening Day celebration was a great success despite the rain. A special thanks to Katie and Ollie Kangas for their traditional breakfast burritos and Merrie Ruth Raley for preparing those wonderful eye openers to start the day. I also appreciate the assistance of those brave souls who stood in the rain and steamed oysters. Thank you

they were fantastic! Fortunately of me, Matt Coleman was able to spend Friday cleaning and setting up for the party and the committee members once again came to bat. Thank you.

The winners of the raffle were Carolyn and Smitty Smith. The next event will be the Frost-Goode Race and Rendezvous. See you there.

Barbara Roberts, Social Governor  
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410-326-6525

## CRUISE

**Our opening day festivities were again a very special time to renew friendships from last season, to make new friends and to meet new members. Our hat is off to our new Social Governor B. J. and her vast crew of volunteers (in this case the BOG and friends) for a well-run and eventful Opening Day.**

The opening day cruise was cancelled due to very windy weather on the Patuxent. Even the SMSA opening day ceremonies were slipped in between the persistent rain showers and gusty winds. This was one of the worst weekends for a cruise that I have seen in many years. Joel Bergsman, this year opening day cruise leader, is to be thanked for taking the responsibility.

It has been a busy month taking over the Cruise Governor duties from Gene Norris. Thanks to the response to the proposed cruising schedule posted on the forum, I was able to provide a plan for publication in the 2005 Yearbook. Unfortunately there are some blank spaces. Of the 22 cruises for 2005, seven are presently without cruise leaders. I would hope that the blank spaces would be filled for the remaining events.

In an effort to complete the cruise planning for the 2005 cruising season, I have **scheduled a second cruise-planning meeting for Saturday, May 7 at 0930 at the clubhouse**. We will partake of a light breakfast and then discuss alternate cruise destinations for the longer cruises and hopefully designate the remaining cruise leaders. The

gathering will be an opportunity for all members new to the cruising scene to meet with the more experienced cruisers. For new members, we will discuss cruising guidelines in an open forum.

Please check the operational calendar at the end of *The Clew* for coming cruises planned for the end of April. Make your plans to join us now!

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301-863-0175

### Cruise to the Rappahannock and Onancock May 21<sup>st</sup> through May 29th

Sat 5/21: Solomons to the Coan River anchorage (the mouth has been dredged), Coan River Marina (804) 529-6767 at Walnut point, and anchorage SE of marker 18 at 37 58.3/076 27.6, 31km.

Sun 5/22: Coan to Reedville anchorage, with the Reedville marina and Crazy Crab restaurant (804) 453-6789 on the south end, Fisherman's Museum with dinghy dock on the west side, Tommy's restaurant on the east, and anchorage on the east at 37 50.3/076 16.6, 28km.

Mon 5/23: Reedville to Yankee Point Marina 37 41.6/076 29.4 (804) 462-7018, they can usually take 6-8 transients at \$1/ft, and there is also good anchoring off, 32km.

Tue 5/24: Lay day to cruise the scenic Corrotoman or visit The Tides (free dockage if you use the restaurant), return to Yankee Point for a private outdoor BBQ dinner at \$15/person (they ask for a minimum of 15 people and would like to know by May1\*).

Wed 5/25: Yankee Point to Fishing Bay anchorage 37 42.4/076 20.2, marina (804) 776-6800, good anchorage, 22km.

Thu 5/26: Fishing Bay to Onancock anchorage 37 42.6/075 45.5, slips available through the harbormaster (757) 787-7911, good anchoring, several recommended restaurants, a good bakery and more, 34km.

Fri 5/27: Lay day to visit this 300 year old pristine town's art and antiques.

Sat 5/28: Onancock to Mill Creek anchorage 37 47.5/076 19.3, no facilities, 29km.

Sun 5/29: Mill Creek to Solomons entrance 38 19/076 27, 41km.

Cruise leaders: Gresh & Rene Sackett on KOEL  
VHF call on ch9 at 10am and 2pm, switch to 71, will monitor 16, 9 & 71.  
Phone: (410) 394-6972  
Cell: (410) 474-0637  
Email: [yachtkoel@cs.com](mailto:yachtkoel@cs.com)

\* Need your input in order to assure the BBQ will be available!!

## DATABASE

Please send any information changes to Stewart Buckler at [sbuckler@olg.com](mailto:sbuckler@olg.com).

## SMSA LIBRARY

The author and title listings of the SMSA library are now available at the SMSA website at [www.smsa.com](http://www.smsa.com).

## CLASSIFIED ADS

**DON'T FORGET:** You are entitled to three months of **free** advertising in our newsletter. Take advantage of this great opportunity!

**FOR SALE:** 1993, 24ft Melges "Outasight", New sails in 2004, trailer and 3hp Honda included, \$21,000. Call 410-326-4581 (5/05)

**FREE ALBACORE:** Albacore needs some work on transom and some other minor work. Most of the parts are there; sails, mast, boom, rudder etc. There is no trailer. This boat is in my yard and free to any boat club member but she does need some

TLC. John Goode [301-737-0682/Goodebikes@netzero.com](mailto:301-737-0682/Goodebikes@netzero.com) (4/05)

**FOR SALE -Thursday Night Sailboat:** The Gingerbread Man #265 - 18' Interlake one-design racing-rigged with newer Quantum main and jib, two spinnakers, some older sails, newer custom rudder, super-fast smooth racing bottom, spinnaker/whisker poles, various newer lines and hardware, full topsides cover, 2001 trailer. Boat is one of the oldest Interlake's racing and is still very competitive. It is a fast light air boat that is ideal for Chesapeake Bay sailing with a strong National fleet and fast growing regional fleet <http://www.interlakesailing.org>. The class has changed little over the years and unlike some boats, older Interlake's do well against newer ones.

The boat is a stable boat with hard chines - great for family day sailor with up to six or race it with ideally with three (has been single-handed). This is a great boat and can be great fun to the right person(s). We are reluctant to sell. Price \$3500. but will negotiate a GREAT deal to someone to keep in the Solomons, MD area.

Please contact John Herbig at 301-863-3209-home or 240-298-9006-cell. (4/05)

**FOR SALE: '94 Lowe (OMC) 12 ft aluminum boat with an Evinrude 9.9 outboard. Very little use. \$1,200. Contact Gresh Sackett at (410) 394-6972 or [yachtkoel@cs.com](mailto:yachtkoel@cs.com). (4/05)**

**FOR SALE: Crewsaver Crewfit 275N life jackets with auto/manual inflator, harness, tether, light, whistle, 60 pound buoyancy and latest version (less sensitive) triggers. Rated #1 by Practical Sailor Oct 1, '04. \$100.**

Contact Gresh Sackett at (410) 394-6972 or [yachtkoel@cs.com](mailto:yachtkoel@cs.com). (4/05)

## EDITOR'S NOTE

The deadline for submitting articles for the June 2005 issue of *The Clew* will be:

**Sunday, May 15**

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Solomons, Maryland 20688

**If you submit an article for *The Clew*, you should receive an email acknowledging receipt.** Don Behrens will be putting the calendar together for *The Clew* each month. Please be sure to alert him to any events that you wish to have included.

May						
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1	Sunday	<u>Weekend Cruise - Island Creek - Weekend Cruise - Island Creek</u>
3	Tuesday	<u>BOG Meeting - Board of Governor's Meeting, Clubhouse, 7:30:00 PM EST</u>
4	Wednesday	<u>Z's Wed Nite Races - Zahniser's Wednesday Night Race Series</u>
5	Thursday	<u>Thur Nite Race - Thursday Nite Smallboat Racing Series, 6:30:00 PM EST</u>
7	Saturday	<u>Cruise Planning Meeting - Cruise Planning Meeting, Clubhouse, 9:30:00 AM EST</u>
7	Saturday	<u>Double Handed Race - Double Handed Race</u>
8	Sunday	Mother's Day
11	Wednesday	<u>Z's Wed Nite Races - Zahniser's Wednesday Night Race Series</u>
12	Thursday	<u>Thur Nite Race - Thursday Nite Smallboat Racing Series, 6:30:00 PM EST</u>
14	Saturday	<u>HS Varsity Regatta - High School Varsity Regatta, Clubhouse, 9:00:00 AM EST</u>
14	Saturday	<u>Women's Pgm on-the-water semin - Women's Program on-the-water seminar</u>
15	Sunday	<u>'Clew' inputs due - 'Clew' inputs due to editor</u>
18	Wednesday	<u>Z's Wed Nite Races - Zahniser's Wednesday Night Race Series</u>
19	Thursday	<u>Thur Nite Race - Thursday Nite Smallboat Racing Series, 6:30:00 PM EST</u>
21	Saturday	<u>Jr Varsity Regatta - Jr Varsity Regatta, 9:00:00 AM - 5:00:00 PM EST</u>
21	Saturday	<u>Opti Prep Day - Opti Prep Day, 12:00:00 PM - 5:00:00 PM EST</u>
21	Saturday	<u>Proctor-Bailey Race Series - Proctor-Bailey Race Series</u>
21	Saturday	<u>1 Week Cruise North - One Week Cruise - North</u>
21	Saturday	<u>Rendezvous - Rendezvous, Clubhouse, 4:00:00 PM EST</u>
25	Wednesday	<u>Z's Wed Nite Races - Zahniser's Wednesday Night Race Series</u>
26	Thursday	<u>Thur Nite Race - Thursday Nite Smallboat Racing Series, 6:30:00 PM EST</u>
27	Friday	<u>Spring HS Sailing Awards dinner - Spring High School Sailing Awards Potluck Supper, 6:00:00 PM - 7:50:00 PM EST</u>
28	Saturday	<u>Extended Memorial Day Cruise - Extended Memorial Day Cruise</u>
29	Sunday	<u>1 Week Cruise North - One Week Cruise - North</u>
30	Monday	Memorial Day (Observed)

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1	Wednesday	<u>Z's Wed Nite Races - Zahniser's Wednesday Night Race Series</u>
2	Thursday	<u>Thur Nite Race - Thursday Nite Smallboat Racing Series, 6:30:00 PM EST</u>
3	Friday	<u>Marcy Series Skippers Meeting - Marcy Series Skippers Meeting, Clubhouse, 6:30:00 PM EST</u>
4	Saturday	<u>Marcy Series Races - Marcy Series Races</u>
4	Saturday	<u>Luau / Marcy Series Rendezvous - Luau / Marcy Series Rendezvous, Zahnisers, 4:00:00 PM EST</u>
5	Sunday	<u>Marcy Series Races - Marcy Series Races</u>
7	Tuesday	<u>BOG Mtg @CH 1930 - Board of Governor's Meeting, Clubhouse, 7:30:00 PM EST</u>
8	Wednesday	<u>Z's Wed Nite Races - Zahniser's Wednesday Night Race Series</u>
9	Thursday	<u>Thur Nite Race - Thursday Nite Smallboat Racing Series, 6:30:00 PM EST</u>
10	Friday	<u>Annapolis-Newport Race - Annapolis to Newport Race Start</u>
11	Saturday	<u>Little Choptank Race - Little Choptank Race</u>
15	Wednesday	<u>'Clew' inputs due - 'Clew' inputs due to editor</u>
15	Wednesday	<u>Z's Wed Nite Races - Zahniser's Wednesday Night Race Series</u>
16	Thursday	<u>Thur Nite Race - Thursday Nite Smallboat Racing Series, 6:30:00 PM EST</u>
17	Friday	<u>Vice Commodore's Race - Vice Commodore's Race to SMC</u>
17	Friday	<u>Vice Commodore's Cruise - Vice Commodore's Cruise to SMCM</u>
18	Saturday	<u>Smallboat Races at SMCM - All Member Small Boat Races at SMCM</u>
18	Saturday	<u>Vice Commodore's Rendezvous - Vice Commodore's Rendezvous, St Mary's College Waterfront, 4:00:00 PM EST</u>
22	Wednesday	<u>Z's Wed Nite Races - Zahniser's Wednesday Night Race Series</u>
23	Thursday	<u>Thur Nite Race - Thursday Nite Smallboat Racing Series, 6:30:00 PM EST</u>
25	Saturday	<u>Smallboat One Day Regatta - Smallboat Program One Day Regatta, Clubhouse</u>
25	Saturday	<u>Woman's Pgm Training - Woman's Program Training Event</u>
26	Sunday	<u>Summer Invitational Race - Summer Invitational Race</u>
26	Sunday	<u>mini-rendezvous - mini-rendezvous, Clubhouse</u>
29	Wednesday	<u>Z's Wed Nite Races - Zahniser's Wednesday Night Race Series</u>
30	Thursday	<u>Thur Nite Race - Thursday Nite Smallboat Racing Series, 6:30:00 PM EST</u>