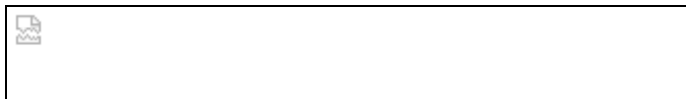


COMMODORE

Ready to Go Cruising? If the Cruise Leaders Planning meeting was any indication, everyone is ready to go cruising! Our Cruise Governor, Paul Eubank, sure knows how to host a great party and bring out the volunteers! Thanks to everyone who helped with this event and to Paul and Rose Marie for hosting such a fun meeting. Everyone enjoyed the camaraderie as well as the tasty treats! Whether it's the 2-Week Cruise to see the Tall Ships in Norfolk or a local weekend cruise, there will be cruising fun for everyone! Start making your plans to join at least one of this season's cruising adventures!



Happy Birthday to You, Happy Birthday to You, Happy Birthday Dear SMSA, Happy 28th Birthday to You! Spring is finally on its way and now we turn our thoughts to the celebration of our founding and recognition of those who helped create this wonderful sailing association. Twenty-eight years ago, a group of fun-loving sailors formed an association that would foster their love of cruising and racing. Out of this desire for organized activities and good times, the Southern Maryland Sailing Association was born. On 11 March, we'll gather in Wildewood at the Tavern in the Village to celebrate the SMSA's 28th Birthday and toast our founding and charter members. Our Social Governor, Sandy Leitner, has planned a very elegant evening celebration so please join us, as we raise our glasses to the SMSA!

Racing Season Begins! The *Rhumb Line Inn Spring Frostbite Series* officially kicks off the racing season. Our Race Governor, Joe Frost, and his volunteers have been working hard all winter and are ready to get the season underway! Brave sailors will bring their boats to the starting line on Sunday afternoons in March and probably race in a variety of cold weather conditions! In previous years, we've seen Spring Frostbite racing in virtual snowstorms! This year, maybe we'll be blessed with warm, breezy weather like we had in the fall. Think spring and warm breezes. Let's go racing!

Planning for the Future! The Policy and Planning Committee 2000 has been appointed and is ready to help review our policies, bylaws, and plans for the future. Past Commodores Jay Hanks and Bill Palmer have agreed to lead this crew as they undertake their appointed mission. Jay will assume the duties of Chairperson and Bill will assist as Vice-Chairperson. Past Commodores Jane Crawford, Clarke McKinney, L.G. Raley, Ron Spicuzza, and Dan Trammell have also agreed to serve on this committee. Other members who will serve are Stew Buckler, Mark DeLavernge, Mary Anne McKinney, Paula Moessner, Kendra Palmer, Pat Schroeder, Rod Schroeder, Ronnie Spicuzza, Shawn Stanley, Mary Szczyglowski, David Vigeant, and Jackie Vigeant. Special thanks to these members for accepting appointments to this standing committee!

Clubhouse Facelift Continues. As many of you have seen by now, the Clubhouse looks great! It's amazing what a new coat of paint and some elbow grease can do! Our Facilities Governor, Dennis Donehoo, still has a few projects up his sleeve and is looking forward to seeing *you* at the Clubhouse Annual Spring Cleanup on *18 March!* If you want to have fun and get to know other members better, Dennis' work party is the place for you! See you there!

Volunteers Wanted - We Need Your Help!

- *Race Committee Duty Volunteers* - Sign up to help run a race during the season and learn more about racing by watching others on the water! Contact our Race Governor, Joe Frost, to sign up.
- *Rendezvous Hosts and Co-Hosts* - Sign up to host a Rendezvous and add your own special touch to the party! Contact our Social Governor, Sandy Leitner, for more information.

Upcoming March and April Adventures

Fun events awaiting you in March and April!

- 5, 12, 19, 26 March - Rhumb Line Inn Spring Frostbite Racing
- 11 March - SMSA Happy 28TH Birthday Party @ The Tavern in the Village 6:30 PM
- 8 April – Opening Day Festivities Beginning 10:00 AM @ the Clubhouse

Membership Renewal Reminder! You don't want to miss a moment of this season's sailing fun! Hurry and mail your *2000 Renewal* today!

This season is off to a great start and will be fully underway by Opening Day on 8 April! I've heard many positive comments from you about this year's events! Thanks for all the encouragement and keep your suggestions coming!

Happy St. Patrick's Day! Happy Birthday SMSA!

Jan Buckler, Commodore

SECRETARY

DRAFT MINUTES

BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING

FEBRUARY 3, 2000

OFFICERS AND GOVERNORS PRESENT-Jan Buckler, Paul Eubank, Tracy Kubinec, Dennis Donehoo, Barbara Miller, Joe and Char Frost, Barbara and John Herbig, Bill Moessner, and Jim and Kris Dennie-Young. Paula Moessner and Shawn Stanley were also present.

Commodore Jan Buckler called the meeting to order at 7:35.

SECRETARY - The minutes from the January meeting were approved with one change- we will not be going to New York City for the birthday party at Tavern on the Green. It will be held at the

Village Tavern in Wildewood. Jan Buckler proposed that the secretary maintain an Action Item List of projects and due dates.

TREASURER-Tracy kubinec presented the almost final 1999 budget. There are still a few of last years bills to be paid. The 2000 budget is still being adjusted.

RACE GOVERNOR- Joe Frost reported that the propellor on the committee boat is damaged. It is being repaired by Zahnhiser's. A new number board and markers have been obtained. A new shotgun was acquired for use by race committees. A Race Management seminar will be held on February 26 at the clubhouse. Greenbook page proofs are back.

The river race marks must be prepared for March Frostbite races. CBYRA has a race committee seminar in March; some SMSA members may attend.

CRUISE- Paul Eubank is completing preparations for the Cruise Planning Party. It is on Saturday, Feb. 5 at the clubhouse.

JUNIOR- John Herbig reports that a instructor has been been obtained for the Junior Summer Program. Award-Winning Sailor Jason Bell will be returning. Jim Young attended a CBYRA junior training program. A schedule has been made for Junior Program events.

WOMEN'S GOVERNOR- Kris Dennie-Young proposes a Girls Night Out at Rhumbline for a womens program kick-off with anyone interested in the womens program welcome to attend. A white board with one magnetic side is needed for training.

FACILITIES-Dennis Donehoo reported that 22 SMSA members participated in painting the clubhouse. On March 4 there will be a gathering at the clubhouse to thank the painters and to celebrate Dennis' birthday. Dennis is preparing a list of proposed rules for use of the clubhouse. He reminds us that the clubhouse walls are plaster, so please, no tape or nails should be used to hang

stuff on the walls. Talk to Dennis first for alternatives. The cleaning lady will be waxing the floors and shampooing the carpets soon.

Jan Buckler notes that Dennis did a lot of prep work on his own for the painting as well as organizing the painting party.

It is suggested that a canopy be purchased to expand the clubhouse and allow more outside activities. Folding tables may also be obtained for the same purpose.

Thanks to John and Barbara Herbig for the new bathroom decor.

SOCIAL- Sandy Leitner proposed having a band for Opening Day on April 8, 2000. She suggests that name tags be made for the benefit of new members. Sponsors are asked to introduce the people they've sponsored to the rest of the members.

PUBLICITY-Barbara Herbig reported that the Yearbook is being put together, with many pictures coming in. A committee has been formed to find advertisers. All of last years have been contacted as well as new possibilities. The deadline is February 20. A proposal was made to display advertisers business cards once a year in the Clew, and to set up a coupon page.

MEMBERSHIP- Char Frost presented several applications for membership. An emeritus membership for Bill and Kendra Palmer was approved. Founding Member Tom Maroldy's

application was also approved. New memberships for Alex Harper [sponsored by Chuck Jeffries] , Terry Butler and Mary Marshall [sponsored by Ron and Chris Hoil] Lester Griffith [sponsored by Donna Maneely], and Karen and Jack Moore [sponsored by L.G. Raley] were approved.

REAR COMMODORE- Jim Young reported on problems with the SMSA web site.

VICE COMMODORE- Bill Moessner led a discussion to resolve the web site problem. A committee will be formed to reorganize the site.

Bill asked about progress in cleaning out a shed used to store the Opti's.

COMMODORE- Jan Buckler announced the formation of a policy and planning committee. The committee will consist of past commodores, governors and members. They will examine:

Long term expenditures, Written policies, Long range projections, By-law review. The committee will have no official capacity, it is advisory only.

Jan asks that governors encourage members to volunteer for committees as a way of participating in SMSA.

OLD BUSINESS-None

NEW BUSINESS- Fred and Karen Delinger's application for new membership was approved.

Meeting adjourned at 10:18.

Submitted by: Barbara Miller, Secretary

CRUISE

Two Week Summer Cruise to Norfolk/Portsmouth/Hampton

for

OpSail 2000

June 10-24

OpSail 2000 is being called the "largest tall ship and maritime event in history". The premier event will be held in the Hampton Roads/Norfolk area June 16 – 20, 2000. We have scheduled the two week summer cruise to coincide with this event. We will depart our home ports on 10 June, sail down the bay and be in Norfolk for the Tall Ship Parade of Sail on Friday, 16 June. SMSA has slip reservations available at Salt Ponds Marina in the Hampton area. If you are interested in a reservation please get in touch with me as soon as possible. Salt Ponds Marina has yet to ask for a list of boats but I'm sure that they will want to finalize these reservations soon. We plan on being in the Norfolk area through the weekend, giving you plenty of time to tour the tall ships and attend the shore side festivities. I will provide more information as it becomes available.

There are two web sites with information about OpSail 2000: www.opsail2000.org and www.opsailvirginia.com. Again, contact me for a reservation. This will be a once in a lifetime event.

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The article on "SWAN" and the article on "KELLY ANN" were forwarded to us by Paul Grisso. Thanks Paul!

REPORT FROM "SWAN" Jan 14, 2000

We're doing real good here in Georgetown, Great Exumas, Bahamas, as far south as we will go. "SWAN" has been wonderful. Batteries keeping up real good and new "Prop" so great we can't tell you. It keeps us busy maintaining the boat, walking beaches, snorkling, swimming, etc. The weather so far has been outstanding. We've made lots of friends. Everyone is so friendly. There are 280 yachts here. It is a very large anchorage - two miles across to Georgetown.

Say hello to everyone in SMSA and hope you are all well, as we are. I must bake my cinnamin rolls now. See you all in 3 more months.

Ellie (and Ken) Mowbray

Report from "KELLY ANN"

Just to let you know that the KELLY ANN and crew are still afloat & well, and now in Key West. At Galleon Marina along with two other Solomons boats, John & Sharleen Wagner's 34' Mainship trawler, SPIRIT, and Tom & Marie Sedlick's 30' Catalina, INSPIRATION. Neither are in

SMSA--but very nice people. Had nice cruise down from St. Petersburg, stopping in several places, including Bradenton Beach,, Venice,

Sarasota, Cayo Casta, Cabbage Key, Boca Grande, Sanibel, and Naples. Our first ever overnight was the 90 miles from Naples to Key West--very calm

Gulf seas, lots of moonlight. Plan to be here a month, then start slow trip back up North targeting

May 5 return to Solomons.

Hope everything is going well back home--looking forward to more relaxing anchorages on Chesapeake. We're now using Pocketmail for

e-mails--our address is: frankmccabe@pocketmail.com

Stay warm & healthy. Frank & Nancy McCabe

RACE GOVERNOR

The Rhumbline Spring Frostbite Series is set to start on March 5 with a total of four Sunday races for the series. The starting signals begin at 1300 hrs at the Calvert Marina gas dock. If you don't race come join us at the Rhumbline Inn for post-race activities.

As of this writing we have 24 boats registered to race for the 2000 season. If you plan to race but have not sent in your registration-entry form and race fees, please do so soon.

The old 12-gauge shotgun that has served the club so well for starting signals had to be retired. It had reached a state of disrepair that made replacement the logical choice. We now have a new Stoger nickel-plated 12-gauge coach gun, donated to SMSA by Terry Wanner. Thank you Terry, we should have you christen the shotgun by firing the first round on Opening Day.

Work continues in preparation for the 2000 race season. The race committee boat has a newly reconditioned propeller. Somehow all three blades of the prop were damaged last season. Race mark "D" is being rebuilt due to damage sustained during hurricane Floyd. All removable race marks have to be repainted and placed in their proper positions. We continue to work on the race circular and will have it available on Opening Day, April 8.

Now we just need some good warm weather so we can get out and work on our boats!

Submitted by: Joe Frost/Race Governor

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Memoir's of Key West - The short version...

Arrive in sunny but windy Key West, grab bags and realize my "boat bag" with all of my foul weather gear, boots, shoes, gloves, is missing, told that "it may come in on the next flight", first time I hear "who needs foul weather gear in Key West anyway.." We get settled in the trailer and wait for Jeff and Connie Walden to get back before going down to Duval Street for some dinner. Dan and others head off to boat to do some stuff. Jeff and Connie get back and Duane, Jeff and I head to airport to check on missing bag and drop off the Walden rental car. No bag yet, and we decide to hang out in airport bar until next flight. Realize rather quickly that Jeff's intention to "hang out" was really to watch the Redskin's. I chatted with some sailors from Lafayette, LA, who are down racing an Evelyn 32. Flight comes in, no bag but have to finish watching game. Get back and go down to Duval street with rest of crew. Meet up with other J/29 sailors and have a good time at Sloppy Joe's.

We get up on Sunday and head off to the boat to practice. Winds are higher than the day before and the air is much cooler. Set off to practice 'survival sailing' in 28+ knots of breeze. Set chute in heavy waves and wind and achieve 12 knots of boat speed and heading towards Cuba. Eventually take down chute and head back in. No broach, no one hurt, nothing broken, , many cold wet sailors (one without foul weather gear), realize that we survived. Wrap things up and leave some crew at dock to get home and showered. Stop by airport, bag has been found (wooo hooo!). Get them cleaned up and go to the welcoming party. Realize in a short amount of time that Screwpile is the race!

Monday's racing goes pretty well and pretty tough. I am very happy to have my foul weather gear back. Winds up to 18 to 20, with gusts to 24. Cool Breeze tacks too close to us and we hit masts at the top. The windvane is jarred loose. Crew tries hard and completes one more heavy air day without broaching. Aside from a few tactical mistakes, racing is hard and competitive but we are all having a good time. We get back "home" and get cleaned

up to head off to party. Get to see Al and Gail Parmentier and L.G. Raley, Herb Reese, and Ron Spicuzza show up to make the party a good time.

Get up, head to boat and drag self and others out to race course. The wind is down (7 knots) and Dan starts to wonder about lightest sail being heavy #1. Choose to use heavy #1. We race well and have a good time in the first race but air is light and we have the wrong sail for conditions (there was a 5 sail limit for the J/29 class). We quickly grab bite to eat as 2nd race is abandoned for the day. John yells to Liverpoole Jarge (Deltaville, VA) "What is up with this, we would have gotten in three races on the Chesapeake!" Everyone hurries to get showered and ready for party, watch Star Trek and Hercules. Barney makes comment about investing in extra mirror at K-Mart as there is only one in the trailer, in the one bathroom. Crew is excited for Leo as he gets first place for the day. Party is about the same as the night before. Crew gathers and walks to Titillation J/29 Party down the street. Make it to party, house is beautiful with pool and many people and everyone has a good time.

Crew is up and somewhat coherent - Coffee! We make it to the boat and sail out towards the course. Wind is still light (5 to 10 knots), short discussion and giggles about what sail to put up. Crew gathers their thoughts and prepares to race. Decent start and off on the light breeze. Race ok, but cannot point in the upwind legs. Finish race towards back of pack, happy we are not DFL. Next race, better start, but realize that one tack is slower than other. Dan, John, Barbara, and Jeff go down below to keel sit. Finish race very slow in light air. Get back, cleaned up and off to party. Excited that "Tomahawk" (J/29) wins Boat of the Day (most competitive class in regatta for the day). Leave party and attend another J/29 party. Party is nice at another beautiful home on the water. Everyone has a great time and we head back to rest fairly early.

We get up Thursday and rush to get out and back on the water. Great start for JV but there are bumper boats and protests at the start and barely missed hitting Quickdraw. Fast upwind and down, stayed on right side of course and Break Away has been right there and then behind us. Finish very well in mid-fleet, crew is happy that both Killshot and Break Away finish behind us with distance. Second race, start is not as good but ok. Right with Break Away once again. Make wrong decision on what side of the course and miss many shifts. Finish race disheartened but not DFL. Go back into marina, Linda Edward's greets crew on dock. Some crew leave to shower. Rest of crew arrives fairly quickly back to get cleaned up and head off to party. Have nice conversations with Al and Gail Parmentier. Leave party and head off to eat Cuban food for dinner and head back early. Watch Lunar eclipse in Key West.

Friday, we get up and head off to boat in good spirits. Have tough start as we are late for the start. Excited as we are after the late start, fourth boat around the first mark. Race hard in 17-20 knots of breeze that dies off to 12 or less. Shawn is trimming spinnaker as he accidentally inflates life vest. Foredeck crew look astonished as they try to figure out the source of the noise that sounds just like a spinnaker exploding. Realize the "noise" and crack up as the vest continues to inflate around the neck of a very surprised Shawn. Finish race and are glad that the busy week is over. Make Shawn wear the inflated vest into the harbor. Get boats rafted up and take number for pull-out. Take racing sails off boat and prepare boat for trailer. Get done and head back to clean up. Hurry to finally catch a Key west sunset. Go to party and have our last Harrah in Key West. Go to Turtle Kraals for dinner and have great time with great food and great company. Sing the "Navy Trailer Park" song and everyone has a great time.

All in all, the trip was great, beautiful water, wonderful company, and some fluky wind. The racing was very competitive and all J/29 crews seem to have enjoyed the trip. Glad to be home to the familiar waters of Southern Maryland. Welcomed arrival home with bad snow storm, followed up with ice storm less than a week later - what was that I said about "home"?

Submitted by, Barbara Herbig

WEDNESDAY NIGHT RACE

No report this month

WOMEN'S PROGRAM

The **Women's Program Kickoff Meeting** this year is going to be in the spirit of "**Girls Night Out**". An evening program kickoff is planned for **Friday, March 24th at 7:30 p.m. at the Rhumbline on Solomon's Island**. Please join us for a few appetizers, short meeting, and some socializing. This is a cash bar event (my budget isn't what it was for Social Program!!!).

On the agenda will be discussions on what seminars we would like to hold, on-water training, off-water training, volunteers for the Women's Race series, and any other ideas you'd like to share. This is a great opportunity to get together with the other women sailors AND sailing supporters from the club.

Gentlemen.....my intent is not to exclude ANY avid supporters of the Women's Program, please don't let the evening's title scare you, it really is open to anyone who wants to support the program. Besides, the Vice Commodore is my "boss" and I'd be really disappointed if he didn't show up!!! Right Bill???

If you would like to come, it would help for planning purposes to get a head count for appetizer amounts, so just give me a call at 301-994-0547 or work 301-342-6310 or e-mail me at youngjk@radix.net. See you there!! If you can't make it and would still like to some of your ideas with me or volunteer for anything, just send me an email or call.

Submitted by: Kris Dennie-Young, Women's Governor

MEMBERSHIP

At the February BOG meeting the following people were approved for membership: Fred and Karen Dellinger, sponsored by Stewart Buckler; Alex Harper, sponsored by Chuck Jeffries; Mary Marshall and Terry Butler, sponsored by Kris Hoile; Karen and Jack Moore, sponsored by L.G. Raley; and Lester Griffith, sponsored by Donna Maneely.

Please welcome the above new members at our next club function. Opening Day on April 8 is an excellent opportunity for sponsors to introduce new members and show them around our facilities.

We plan to distribute membership cards on Opening Day, showing that SMSA is a member of Yachting Clubs of America. This will entitle you to reciprocal privileges with other clubs when you are racing and/or cruising around the country. Family memberships will receive two cards, with the names taken off the membership renewal forms that you have returned this year.

Check you mailing labels and make sure that they say "2000". If they do not then you haven't paid your year 2000 dues yet. Please submit them ASAP so that you won't miss any of the great activities planned for this coming season. Thanks!

Submitted by: Char Frost/Membership Governor

FACILITIES

Clubhouse Painting a Success

Twenty-two members of Southern Maryland Sailing Association participated in the Clubhouse Painting Detail that spanned the last three Saturdays in January. The first Saturday, January 15th was the prep day that involved the scrapping of peeling paint, the application of joint compound, and sanding. On January 22nd we continued with the prep work by washing the walls and applying primer. When that was finished all ceilings and walls were rolled with

fresh paint. On the final day, January 29th, second coats of paint were applied, the windows and trim were painted, and the final cleanup was completed. I would like to personally thank all of those members who participated in this project. The members who helped with this task should be proud of the fine job that was performed and of the significant improvement in the condition of our Clubhouse. The members who painted the Clubhouse are:

Jay Hanks, Ian Sommerville, L.G. and Merrie Ruth Raley, Ron and Kris Hoile, Jeff Kumke, Ronnie Spicuzza, Mary Szczyglowski, Sandy Leitner

Jan Buckler, Bill and Kendra Palmer, Jerry Kuehnle, Joe Berman, Bill and Paula Moessner

Curt and Judy Larsen, Don Berhens, Karen Donehoo

Help Needed for Spring Cleanup

The Clubhouse Spring Cleanup is scheduled for **Saturday, March 18 at 0900**. The Spring Cleanup will focus on the grounds adjacent to the Clubhouse, and the SMSA office on the second floor. Because we have painted the first floor of the Clubhouse in January, I do not anticipate a very difficult Spring Cleanup this year. Any members who wish to volunteer their time to prepare the Clubhouse and grounds for the Opening Day Ceremonies are encourage to call the Facilities Governor, Dennis Donehoo at 410-326-0885, or email him at ddonehoo@us.hsnet.net.

Submitted by: Dennis Donehoo, Facilities Governor

JUNIOR PROGRAM

Junior Program Kickoff and 2000 Junior Sailing Program.

We will kick off the program at the clubhouse on **March 22nd, 7:00 p.m.** directly following Summer camp registration which will begin at **6:30 p.m.**, the same evening. Please pass the information on to all interested persons and contact me with any questions. All persons interested in the program as participants or volunteers, are encouraged to attend the meeting.

The 2000 Junior Sailing Program will include day camps, a Sunday afternoon program, and racing, including two-CBYRA sanctioned events. **The schedule for the 2000 Program is included as an insert.**

Sunday Afternoon Program

The Sunday program is intended to provide a longer term sailing and racing instruction using SMSA facilities. The Sunday sessions are open to ages 6 through 18, and is open to family or individual junior members only, although, those expressing an interest can attend two sessions before joining. The program will provide training on boating safety, basic sailing, and basic racing. Parent participation will also be required for assistance with boat maintenance, training sessions, and regatta RC. The Sunday afternoons will

consist of a mixture of on/off the water activities. Juniors are divided up into three groups based upon ability (beginner/intermediate/racer). Optimists, Lasers, Sunfish, and other small centerboard and keelboats are used throughout the summer. A swim test is required before taking part in any on the water activities.

SMSA uses the US Sailing/Red Cross book "Start Sailing Right" as a guide for instruction.

Junior Program Racing

Junior Program Racing will occur throughout the year with several infomal events and two CBYRA sanctioned events. Sailors will be required to attend an on-the-shore skippers meeting, prior to racing and details will be handed out at that time for the day's event. More information on the racing events will be made available at the Junior Program kickoff meeting.

Submitted by: John Herbig, Junior Program Governor

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SOCIAL

Special thanks to Melissa Behrens and Jacki Raley for hosting the Mid-Winter Valentine's Brunch. The rendezvous was well attended and the

snow flakes were an added bonus! Also, thanks to Dennis Donehoo and all of the other members for helping to set-up and clean. I am grateful for

all of the support for my first "official" club event as Social Governor.

Just a reminder -- the **SMSA Birthday Party is coming up on Saturday, March 11th**. We expect a good turnout, so make sure to return your

reservations for the Birthday Party **by March 4th**. (See last month's clew for the announcement and RSVP information.)

Finally, Opening Day at the Clubhouse on April 8th is quickly approaching. Please mark your calendar and come join us in welcoming new members and celebrating the start of another great sailing season!

Submitted by: Sandy Leitner, Social Governor

DATABASE

Please send any changes or updates to your address, phone number or email to Stew Buckler, 1651 Dares Beach Rd, Prince Frederick, MD 20678, call 410-535-2402 or email to sbuckler@olg.com

SMSA LIBRARY

The author and title listings of the SMSA library are now available at the SMSA website: www.smsa.com. The website has been updated. A new feature is links to pages for members.

Submitted by: Rob and Sue Sloan

INFORMATION NOTES

Donations to the Southern Maryland Sailing Foundation Now Tax-deductible

In February, the Southern Maryland Sailing Foundation, Inc., received its charitable organization tax status - 501(c)(3) from the IRS. Gifts supporting the goals of the foundation can be deducted from the donor's income tax just like those of any other charity.

The goals of the Foundation are to support junior, high school, and community sailing and competition by providing the boats and other expensive facilities to make these programs successful. Last year, the Foundation awarded the use of two 420 sailboats to SMSA for high school sailing last fall and a basic sailing course taught jointly by SMSA and the Coast Guard Auxiliary. The Foundation hopes to expand its grant this year to include more community instruction, more boats, and use of the boats by the SMSA summer junior programs and in the Thursday evening small boat series.

The short term needs of the Foundation are:

1. Cash donations to give us a few hundred dollars, at least, for this year's operations.
2. A small outboard donation to be a crash boat for high school coaching and community instruction.
3. Several more 420s to give us about six boats.

Longer term priorities include:

1. Floats to keep the boats on
2. Another crash boat
3. Replacing the 420 fleet with new or nearly new identical boats.

Boat and cash donations can be accepted by the Foundation, and are tax-deductible. Please consider the Foundation as a new way to support the sport we have all grown to love so much.

For further information contact Stovy Brown (stovy@chesapeake.net or 410-586-1254).

To All: Enjoy this link <http://ourworld.compuserve.com/homepages/sailor570/pwchelp.htm>

for sailors faced with pesky personal watercraft

Submitted by: The Herbig

COCKPIT MUSINGS

From the Closet...

One T-shirt, two-T-shirt, three and four. That annoying pile, that...that....

Spring cleaning is around the corner and with that comes Spring sailing. Wooo - Hooo! Back on the water - did that groundhog see his shadow or what? As I look around, I am reminded of George Carlin's routine about "stuff". Have any of you ever noticed how that pile of "sailing stuff" accumulates through the winter and into the early spring?

Hang On! It is not just any "stuff" it is that pile of boat stuff, that pile of T-shirts from regatta's, that box of "what is this stuff for anyway?" "But

we used this....I don't remember...but we might need it!" HELLO! Did anyone ever realize how that boat "stuff" just accumulates? In closets, in sheds, in garages, and God help us, in the boat. Me, I'd rather be sailing, then I do not notice as much.

Sailing is just around the corner. Spring Frostbites - brrrrr! Ok, so maybe I shall escape for a little while, forget about the "stuff" and go sailing.

But it is STILL here, in front of and behind the snow shovel. Thank goodness for Spring! John keeps telling me, we need this stuff. I keep saying throw it away, as if this would do ANY good.

Everybody loves to buy that great looking, cool, colorful regatta T-shirt. I have decided in my infinite stir-craziness, they make really good dusters. Maybe, I shall take them and make a quilt, or a hundred, colorful, have to have, cool quilts. That trash can is REALLY looking tempting. Alright, in review, John says... "If we did not have so much 'stuff', the sailing stuff would not be in the way". Alright, enough about the "stuff", now John is talking about shoes.

Ok, now for the other side of the article, some "stuff" to ponder as we approach the 2000 sailing season.

Laura's Ducks In a Row

Fighting intuition
Living the dream,
On the water
distance and time
found and lost
in memory
Spirit in inspiration
Challenged by the new Horizon
and lifted by the wind
Beneath my wings
I know
I see
I feel
I am
The sailor
A child amongst the woman
A ghost upon the horizon
a vision beyond time
A rush in the surf
ducks in a row
bath time
I am
I see
I know
Sailing.
If only for a moment we can see clearly
direction without compass
passion without love
horizon without skyline
and learn to know
if we have inspired

sought height
remained shallow
We have foreseen
and know
the future of SMSA.
ducks in a row.
Submitted by Barbara Herbig, Publicity Governor

MUMBLINGS

Does anyone know if inflatable dolls come with a co2 cartridge? I wonder! Lessons on how not to trim the spinnaker and inflate the PFD at the same time will be offered next year in Key West, by Shawn Stanley. If it wasn't the crew trying to figure out who's spinnaker was exploding, or the priceless look on Shawn's face, it was a lesson in PFD deployment and laughter!

Did you know that mark roundings are better, closer, faster, and cleaner, when your butt is on the lifelines - some of us know!

T.V. Schedule for Key West: 5:00 p.m. Star Trek, 5:30 p.m. Hercules. Why do we know, PLEASE don't ask!

Ron Spicuzza has signed up for RC duty Wednesday, 12 July, 2000, everybody remind him, especially that day, that the proper procedure is to take out the Race committee boat, not Priority One...or was that David Raley sailing his

boat!.

Congratulations to Leo Bonser, John Edwards, Al Parmentier, Clarke McKinney and the rest of the crew for finishing fourth place overall in the J/29 class in Key West!

EVERYBODY thinks that MUMBLINGS is exclusive to B.Herbig, please know and

acknowledge, that B.Herbig does input items, but does not write the article - send in your MUMBLING's to Kathy Pappas.

John and Barbara Herbig
gingerbreadman@usa.net

EDITOR'S NOTE

Articles are welcomed and encouraged by all members. Please try to submit by the 15th of the month prior to the issue in which it is to be published. However, if you can't make it – just let me know as I might not make it either;

but my new sailing season resolution is to get this out early.

For the email recipients, I have been alerted by a couple of you for the past couple of months that I am sending out a virus. Thank you very much for the heads up. Those of you who email me articles, please try to make sure they are "clean" before I get them. My Anti-virus nor Norton virus protection apparently is not detecting all of them.

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Jan Buckler organizes the calendar for The Clew each month. Please be sure to alert her of any events, with times please, that you wish to have included. sbuckler@olq.com

CLASSIFIED ADS

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

FREE TO SMSA MEMBER: "Boatenna" TV antenna for sailboat. Never used, in original box. With 50 ft highest grade 300 ohm TV wire, 50 ft

downhaul line, easy connectors for TV terminals. Temporarily hoists up and down with your halyard. Not required, but small donation to SMSA's Junior Program would be most welcome. Paul Grisso 410-326-2838

HINTERHOELLER HR25 SAILBOAT FOR SALE: This boat was donated to the non-profit Chesapeake Bay Floating Theatre to raise funds for the repertory theater. The HR25 sailboat has a full complement of sails, outboard engine, and reasonable weekend cruising accommodations for a family. The sails have been serviced by Quantum Sails and the interior and exterior scrubbed. Her appraised value is \$4,500. Offer will be considered. Contact Capt. John Bailey at 410-326-3115 for inspection and test sail or Spike Parrish 410-326-2945 for questions. (3/00)

11 FOOT FIBERGLASS SNARK - Sailed once - \$400, Frank Lawrence at 301-373-2538 (3/00)

\$29,500 The GOLDFISH is for sale! My kids have all moved away, and when they visit they want to sail on something soft and cushy.

She's an experienced 1975 Heritage 37 One Ton designed and built by Charlie Morgan. 1998 survey shows a strong boat valued at \$38K (before sails?). She's fully equipped and ready right now for racing and/or cruising. She did 5-6 race venues in 1999, including Annapolis Race Week. The Volvo 18 HP diesel was pretty much rebuilt in late September. The Goldfish has been very well maintained and upgraded the last three years. All sails (15+), standing rigging, and deckware have been refurbished or replaced, to a high standard.

Boat comes with solid rod rigging, twin-luff forestay, spinnaker gear, Harken hardware, new lines and halyards, and a hydraulic backstay adjuster. Electronics includes: KM, DS, AWI, WS, VHF, GPS, and Sony Stereo.

She's the perfect boat for new racers, and/or cruisers. Excellent fun boat for large group day sailing (up to 12+) yet un-crowded and sailing strong. Interior sleeps 6 in a sailing environment, with galley, head, and navigators station. 6'8" HR.

Crew list and sailing lessons included. I can charge more if that makes you feel better.

Call Bob Lawrence at 1-301-299-0363 or e-mail

boblawrence1@msn.com for particulars and a two page inventory sheet. (3,00)

WANTED! A "friendly" mooring, slip, or anchoring spot to leave BOB CAT from 6/10 through 7/1 so we can do the Little Choptank, Vice-Commodore's, and Stars & Stripes races. Please call 732 831 1581 or email: bhicks@gpu.com Thanks, Byron Hicks (4,00)

For Sale: ARCHANGEL, 34 Foot Ericson.

Andrea and Tony Csicseri, 352-751-0563 (5,00)

1984 Capri 22 "BADGER"...Spin/Gen/Jib/2 mains...mercury 4hp, fin keel 4' draft, great fun on Wednesday nights, \$4000. Carl Feusahrens 410 394-6643 (5,00)

SAILOR TID-BITS

NOT A KNOT KNOT

The concept of using the term "knot" in describing the speed of a boat has an interesting history. "Sometime after the refinement of glass making in the eighth century, (exactly when is apparently not known), a seaman tossed overboard a rope with knots tied at measured intervals. He then called out as each knot slipped through his fingers while another crew man monitored a sandglass that measured 28 seconds. If five knots passed through the seaman's hand in that interval, the ship was moving at five "knots" - a nautical and aeronautical measure of speed used to this day. (One knot equals 1.15 miles per hour.)" --- From the December 1999 issue of *Smithsonian Magazine*.

Not mentioned in the Smithsonian article on measuring time beginning on page 52 of that issue, is that the line with knots tossed overboard was tied to a piece of wood called the "log" by the seaman. The article also does not specify how far apart the knots were tied. If anyone knows why 28 seconds was used and how far apart the knots were tied on the rope tossed overboard, please let me know.

Submitted by Emeritus member, Paul Grisso

DO YOU KNOW HOW TO TIE KNOTS WELL?

If not, Paul Grisso has volunteered to help you.

Captains and crew members (the latter mostly wives) of our Club should know at least a half dozen knots well: The Figure Eight Knot, The Clove Hitch, The Square Knot (also known as The Reef Knot), The Sheet Bend, The Bowline (of which there are many versions) and The Cleat Lock (also called Belaying a Line). Each has specific uses when we use our boats and tie up together and at docks. If you don't tie them properly, they can let go and your boat is in danger --

Did you know the Sheet Bend is a safer knot for tying two lines together than the Square Knot -- which can be slipped if it brushed against something? -- If you're weak on tying any of these essential knots, see club member Paul Grisso, who has simplified methods for teaching these important knots.

HAPPY SAINT PATRICKS DAY

And

HAPPY BIRTHDAY SMSA