

COMMODORE SIGNAL

Special Thanks to Volunteers and Sponsors!

As the SMSA Sailing Season 2000 begins, I'd like to thank the BOG and our other volunteers for the time that they've spent planning this season's activities. We're starting to see the benefits of these planning efforts and there are many more to come. Thanks again to everyone for all your hard work!

I'd also like to thank our sponsors for their support of our association throughout the year. SMSA accomplishes so much more because of this help! Please remember our sponsors with your business and goodwill throughout the year. When you visit them, let them know you're from SMSA and that we appreciate their support!

Sailing Season 2000 Officially Underway!

What a great Opening Day! Sailing season 2000 officially got underway in style on 8 April with clear skies, moderate temperatures, a great singing duo, and an overflowing crowd. It was wonderful to see everyone after the long winter! Many great stories were shared and friendships renewed over our traditional Opening Day Brunch. There were also many new and prospective members at this year's Opening Day and everyone had a great time! Brunch was excellent and everyone especially enjoyed the world-famous Ollie and Katie Kangas Breakfast Burritos and Merrie Ruth Raley Bloody Marys! Thanks to everyone who contributed to the outstanding fare!

Opening Day was also a good time to share information! Thanks to Barbara and John Herbig for providing the Yearbook and to Joe and Char Frost for providing the Race Circular and Membership Cards! Thanks also to Joe Frost and Pete LaRoche for providing the Race Committee Boat Familiarization for everyone.

The only Opening Day activity that didn't go according to plan was the cruise. Unfortunately, the Opening Day Cruise to Rollins Cove didn't get away from the dock! Karen and Dennis Donehoo were willing cruise leaders, but there weren't any willing followers. Did I mention that there were white caps in the creek that day? We all enjoyed the view of the creek but only from the clubhouse!

Thanks to the BOG for hosting Opening Day and especially to our Social Governor, Sandy Leitner, for everything that she contributed to this wonderful event! Special thanks to Fred and Karen Dellinger and Stew Buckler for setup help, to Frank King as Opening Day Master of Ceremonies, and to Terry Wanner as Gun Master. Thanks to everyone who attended and helped make this a very special Opening Day!

Cruisers Headed for Fun on the Eastern Shore! The Cruising Season begins with a short weekend cruise and then goes into high gear as the cruisers prepare to head for the Eastern Shore. After reading last month's article from the 1-Week Spring Cruise leaders, Rob and Sue Sloan, you know that this is going to be lots of fun! Rob and Sue have great things planned for you, so try to join them for a fun-filled week on the Eastern Shore!

Racing Season Gets Underway at Full Throttle!

The *Zahniser's Wednesday Night Race Series* is underway and we can expect another great year of river racing! The Bay Racing season is also off to a great start and includes a new event, the Double-handed Race, on 6 May. *Bowen's Inn Thursday Night Small Boat Racing* starts the 18th of May and kicks off the small boat racing season! Whatever flavor of racing you prefer, come on out and join the fun!

Do You Want to Know the SMSA Better? Then volunteer to help with an event! Our events are always more fun than work and are proven to be the best way to get to know people better! If you'd like to join in and volunteer, please contact me and I'll get you involved right away!

- **Nautical Flea Market Coordinator** – We're looking for someone to coordinate the Nautical Flea Market. This was a successful Junior Program benefit several years ago and we'd like to do it again! If you would like to be the coordinator or a helper, please contact me!
- **Junior Program Assistants** – We're looking for help in all areas of the Junior Program! This program

takes a large volunteer effort so think about how you could help. If you could make some free time and lend a hand, please contact our Junior Governor, John Herbig. He's got plenty of jobs to go around!

- ***Rendezvous Hosts and Co-Hosts*** – The season rendezvous Host/Co-Host list is almost full! If you'd still like to add your own special touch to one of our parties, contact our Social Governor, Sandy Leitner. She'll be happy to sign you up!
- ***Zahniser's Marcy Series Luau Rendezvous*** –This is one of my favorite events but it requires a large volunteer effort. We still have openings for buyers, cooks, bartenders, decorators, greeters, setup, and cleanup. Thanks to everyone who's already signed up to help. The Zahniser's Marcy Series Luau Rendezvous is a lot of fun, so give me a call if you'd like to help too!

Upcoming May and June Adventures

There are so many events on the calendar for May and June, that I can't begin highlight all of them here! Please check *the CLEW* calendar often, so that you don't miss any of the fun events in May and June!

- 6 May – Rendezvous 4:00 PM @ the Clubhouse
- 7 May – Junior Sunday Program Begins
- 13 May – SMSA Open House @ the Clubhouse
- 20 May – Junior Spring Fling Regatta
- 18 May – Bowen's Inn Thursday Night Small Boat Races Begin
- 20-29 May – 1 Week Cruise to enjoy the Eastern Shore
- 3 June – Zahniser's Marcy Series Luau Rendezvous 4:00 PM @ Zahniser's
- 3-4 June – Marcy Series Races
- 10-25 June – 2 Week Cruise to Norfolk to see the Tall Ships

This year's events have been great and are just going to keep getting better! There's going to be plenty of cruising, racing, and partying for everyone. The fun quotient kicks into high gear in this month, so jump on your boat and let's go sailing!

See you on the water! Smooth Sailing!

Submitted by: Jan Buckler, Commodore

SECRETARY

DRAFT MINUTES

BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING

MARCH 2, 2000

OFFICERS AND GOVERNORS PRESENT- Jan Buckler, Paul Eubank, Tracy Kubinec, Sandy

Leitner, Bill Moessner, Char Frost, Jim Young, Barbara Miller, John and Barbara Herbig.

Commodore Jan Buckler called the meeting to order at 7:38.

SECRETARY- The minutes from the February meeting were approved. The action item list will be added to the minutes as an attachment.

TREASURER- Tracy Kubinec reported that all leftover bills from 1999 have been paid and the budget is final.

FACILITIES- Dennis Donehoo announced a Spring Clean-Up is scheduled for March 18 at 9:00 at the clubhouse. The focus will be on the yard and the upstairs office. Y'all come! Dennis searched on-line for information on a

canopy , no decision has been made yet on that. A motion was made to increase the fee for Paula Taylor for cleaning the clubhouse - approved.

SOCIAL- Sandy Leitner asks that everyone RSVP by March 9 for the SMSA Birthday Party on March 11. Name tags will be available for everyone on Opening Day.

PUBLIC RELATIONS- Barbara Herbig reported that a meeting was held to discuss the web-site. She will be setting up a Prototype. The information and design is in the process of being brought up to date.

Barbara reports that yearbook advertisers are coming in, and that the smaller ads are very popular. Some material is already at the printer's.

Chesapeake Life Magazine will be listing SMSA events in their calendar section. Some coverage of SMSA races may soon be provided by BayNet on their cable channel and 97.7 FM.

MEMBERSHIP-Char Frost reports that new membership cards are ready and will be available on Opening Day. She presented the following applications for membership: Beth and Russell Miller, sponsored by John Herbig Bill Seale, sponsored by John Herbig Diane and Byron Hicks, sponsored by Joe Frost Laura Knapp, sponsored by Shawn Stanley Thomas Moulds, sponsored by Ron Spicuzza Bill and Teresa Leonard , sponsored by Rob Sloan All were approved. Congratulations!

RACE GOVERNOR- Joe Frost sent word that 32 big boats have registered to race this season. The RC boat is in the water and running. Two river race marks are in place and ready. Bottom paint for the RC boat was donated by Joe Nitti of Kop-Coat Marine Group, makers of Petit and Woolsey paints. The race management seminar was well attended, thanks to John Weir for his good work. The old shotgun was given to Terry Wanner to see if it can be fixed and returned as a back-up. Fall FrostBites begin Sunday at 1:00, followed by results at Rhumblin. A J-29 one-design regatta will be held on October 28 and 29 in Solomons. On March 31 a presentation on Racing Rules will be given at the clubhouse by Stovy Brown and Dan Trammel from 7:00 to 9:30.

CRUISE- Paul Eubank reported that the Cruise Planning Party was very successful. Cruise leaders were elected for almost every weekend. For those going on the two week cruise, get your reservations in now for the marina in Norfolk.

JUNIOR- John Herbig reminds everyone that the junior kick-off is March 22 at the clubhouse.

6:30- Camp registration 7:00 –Start

WOMEN'S GOVERNOR - Kris Dennie-Young was not present, but reminds everyone that the women's program planning meeting is on March 24 at 7:30 at The Rhumblin.

REAR COMMODORE- Jim asked Matt Gambrell about cleaning out the shed to increase storage capacity for the junior boats and sails. Matt says its on his list. The SMSF may provide another, larger shed. The safety boat engine is fixable, although the electrical parts are bad. The SMSF has received 501(C) status - they are working on allowing use of their assets and creating a bare boat charter agreement.

VICE COMMODORE-Bill Moessner asks that we e-mail him earlier with BOG stuff, as he has limited opportunities to check his e-mail. The Valentines Day and Cruising parties were very well done.

COMMODORE- Jan Buckler reports that SMSA events have been well attended, the club has done a good job getting the word out to members. She has received positive comments from members, they appreciate advance notice of events and feel involved in club activities.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS- A goal list will be put together, then we will chose a top five. A proposal was made to list committee members in the yearbook and publish a list in the Clew. Bill Moessner would like to find more events where racers and cruisers participate together , perhaps forming a committee to plan such events for next year.

NEW BUSINESS- Member Spotlight - A new feature in the Clew to provide short bio's of our more distinguished members. The fee for the Hollywood Boat Show will be paid by SMSA for the Kubinecs. April 8 and 9th Joe and Tracy will have their Mobjack there.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30.

Submitted by Barbara Miller, Secretary

ACTION ITEM LIST

Chris- check with Stovy Brown about obtaining a magnetic white board Dennis- replace halyards on flagpole by opening day Barbara H.- send list of declined advertisers to BOG members to see if we can talk them into putting an ad in the yearbook

Char- membership cards laminated on opening day?

Jim- a maintenance plan is needed for caring for the small boats

Jan- send an e-mail to Ron about suspending access to the web site.

DRAFT MINUTES

BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING

APRIL 6, 2000

OFFICERS AND GOVERNORS PRESENT- Jan Buckler, Paul Eubank, Tracy Kubinec, Sandy Leitner, Bill Moessner, Char Frost, Joe Frost, John Herbig, Barbara Herbig, Jim Young,

Kris Dennie-Young, Dennis Donehoo, and Barbara Miller. Stovy Brown was also present.

Commodore Jan Buckler called the meeting to order at 7:40.

SECRETARY- The minutes from the March meeting were approved.

TREASURER- Tracy Kubinec reported that three items were added to the 1999 budget. She discussed 2000 expenditures.

FACILITIES-Dennis Donehoo reported that 22 people turned out to help clean up around the clubhouse. The flagpole will have to be removed from the ground to be painted. The halyards will

be replaced. Jay Hanks has been asked to design and install brackets for the new whiteboard.

SOCIAL GOVERNOR- Sandy Leitner reminded the board that we are bringing the food for Opening Day. Sandy's committee has an idea for rendezvous- bring recipes for favorite dishes. The recipes will be put together into a SMSA cookbook to be sold during the Junior Awards/ Oyster Scald. Profits will go to the Junior Program.

PUBLICITY- Barbara Herbig reports Yearbooks will be available Opening Day. The web page is still under construction . Tim Flaherty of Bay Net is attempting to have SMSA info broadcast on cable tv and radio. Information about the Women's Program meeting was shown on Channel 10.

MEMBERSHIP- Char Frost presented seven new applications for membership. They are:

Joe Weston and Christine Mahaffee, family membership, sponsored by Ian Sommerville.

Bruce and Kim Geddes, sponsored by Paul Grisso Denise and Jim Yale , sponsored by Marc DeLavernge Ramon Warren , sponsored by Marc DeLavernge Jeff Fischer, sponsored by Barbara Herbig Eric Gyorgy, Brian Heaston, George Brewster and Erin Smith, all Junior members sponsored by Stovy Brown.

Ron Wittmann , sponsored by David Moon

All memberships were approved. Char requested permission to buy 25 new burgees- Approved.

RACE GOVERNOR - Joe Frost thanked John Weir for the race committee seminar and Stovy Brown and Dan Trammel for their presentation of racing rules. The race circular is finished . The RC boat manual is up to date. Race mark repair work is underway. New starting shapes and flags are on board, provided by Quantum. RC boat familiarization will take place after Opening Day ceremonies. Terry Wanner will inaugurate the new shotgun. Thirty Six big boats are registered to race this year, an increase over the same time last year.

Perpetual trophies are supposed to be back at the clubhouse by Opening Day. Chesapeake Life Magazine will feature an article on the Screwpile Regatta.

CRUISE GOVERNOR- Paul Eubank reports that cruising season starts on Opening Day. Many people are signed up . The first cruise is to Rollins Creek.

JUNIOR - John Herbig reports that both basic sailing and racing classes are filling up. John provided a very informative memorandum available to all interested members describing the junior program and what it has to offer.

REAR COMMODORE-Jim Young reports that the safety boat is in the repair shop, having a rebuilt 25 hp motor installed, as well as a bilge pump. It should be ready soon. The boat and motor will be stored ashore. Jim discussed the economics of the new motor vs. maintenance costs of the old motor. The costs for this motor could be absorbed by surpluses from other programs. The old motor will be sold to offset labor costs. Jan Buckler asked for near and long term list of assets and needs for now and the future to support the small boat, junior and race programs- docks, safety boat, mark boat, etc. A benefit needs to be planned to support these programs.

WOMENS GOVERNOR- Kris Dennie-Young reported a good turnout for her planning meeting. Clarke McKinney will be presenting a sail trim seminar at the clubhouse on April 22 @ 10:00.

VICE COMMODORE- Bill Moessner recognized John Herbig for his work on his Junior Program memorandum- it is very informative and addresses specific issues. Copies will be available on Opening Day.

COMMODORE- Jan Buckler expressed her appreciation for the work done by the following members: Dennis Donehoo for organizing clean up of the clubhouse, Barbara Herbig for her work on the Yearbook, Stovy Brown for putting the high school sailing program together Joe Frost for his work on the Race Circular, and Sandy Leitner for the Birthday Party

UNFINISHED BUSINESS- The fees and dates for the high school sailing program were discussed.

NEW BUSINESS- Jan Buckler had questions about the SMSF Foundation grant. Stovy Brown provided answers and clarifications.

Meeting adjourned at 9:48.

Submitted by Barbara Miller , Secretary

CRUISE

Opening Day Cruise Cancelled

The Opening Day Cruise was cancelled due to an extremely windy day, and a lack of boats ready to go on the Cruise. Winds during the Opening Day Ceremonies were from the south at 20-25 knots with some gusts over 30 knots. The weather forecast for that evening was for severe thunderstorms. Because our Opening Day is so early in April, there were many cruisers who had not launched their boats. As a result, there were no cruisers who wanted to sail to Rollins Cove. Maybe next opening day we will have weather favorable for cruising.

Submitted by: Dennis Donehoo

Spring One-Week Cruise May 20-29

Here's a short update and reminder for those thinking of coming along on our Eastern Shore jaunt; THE BABY will be ready to get some exercise, so be ready to cover some nautical miles on this one! We'll rendezvous on Saturday in Hooperville, at Rippons Harbor, hopefully in

time for Happy Hour in their nice screened-in room. Weather permitting, some may wish to anchor out before sunset, but others may wish to stay in the little harbor; On Sun. and Mon., we'll stay at the Port of Salisbury Marin In Crisfield, we'll be in Somers Cove, in Pocomoke City at the municipal dock (if we get that far up the river),

and in Onancock, at the town dock. Anchoring is a lovely option anywhere except Salisbury (and not so lovely in Somers Cove). Reedville has

several marinas, plus anchoring space, and we can decide what-all everyone wants to do when we get to Mill Creek the afternoon before. Having

never been there (our motor was dying on us last time we cruised down that way so we had to sail - a nice spinnaker sail all the way back to Smith

Creek the day before everyone else got there. We heard the next day was truly awful), Rob and I plan to do the walking tour of the town. Please let us know, via answering machine or email, if you plan to come, and if you want slip spaces reserved (and where, except Reedville) by MAY 10TH.

Submitted by: Rob and Sue Sloan (301-872-0038 or rsloan@erols.com).

LABOR DAY CRUISE

A reminder about reservations. Everyone is calling for their own. **You only need to make a one night, non-refundable deposit to hold your slip.** Because of the holiday, the marina wants at least a three day total reservation. Tell them you are part of the SMSA group being led by Bill Palmer to get on "G" Dock. It may be too late, but I will be in touch with them to find out where you are. The Somers Cove Marina can be reached at (410) 968-0925 or email: scmarina@dmv.com. **Please give me a call too, when you sign-up.**

Submitted by: Bill Palmer

RACE GOVERNOR

Well, the regular racing season is upon us. Opening Day was well attended and most of the racers came by and received their copy of the 2000 Race Circular. Please take a look at the sailing instructions. As always, a few things have changed that you need to be aware of before racing begins. If you need an extra copy of the Race Circular, I still have a few left that I can sell for the low price of \$5! The money is used to go toward costs of running the race program.

Zahniser's Wednesday Night Series began on April 19 and our first weekend races, Sharps Island and Spring Invitational, began on the last weekend of April. If your boat is not ready to race, early season races are a good opportunity to assist Race Committee. Extra people are always good to have on the race committee boat and it is an excellent opportunity to learn.

All of our equipment is in good shape for the season. Pete LaRoche once again repaired our bay mark 'D' after the damage suffered from Hurricane Floyd. Both 'D' and 'E' are back in position in the bay, as well as 'K' and 'V' in the river. Many thanks to Pete and Glenn Scott for the help in putting the bay marks in the water.

The competition gets tougher each year and we have a great group of racers this year. So far 38 boats have paid big boat fees and registered to race. We should go over 40 boats this year. The small boat program has had their kick-off meeting at Bowen's Inn and is getting ready to start the Thursday Night Small Boat Racing on May 18.

May 6th is our first Double-handed Race (see the Race Circular about details of this new race) and the Proctor Series is on May 27 and 28.

We are all looking forward to another great season of SMSA racing.

Submitted by: Joe Frost/Race Governor

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SCREWPILE LIGHTHOUSE CHALLENGE 2000

The Screwpile Lighthouse Challenge 2000 Committee invites you and your friends to come and join the best race and party on the Chesapeake Bay. Sail Magazine rated the Screwpile '99 as one of the "top ten regattas" in the country; come and see why! **Mark these important date on your calendar, July 23, 24 and 25.**

The Screwpile Lighthouse Challenges could not take place with out our volunteers, over fifty needed if you would like to sign up for on the shore activities please call Merrie Ruth Raley at 301-373-5700 or email to mraley@smsa.com. Ollie Kangas will be the Comptroller again this year; he will be in charge of all activities under the tents. If you would like to serve on the race committee (on the water) please call Dave Vigeant at 301-342-1154 work, 301-862-2757 home, Clarke McKinney 410-326-2600 or L.G. Raley at 301-862-3100. The on the water volunteers we ask for a three day commitment as you will become familiar with the boats that are racing and can recognize them in the distance, this is really important to the writers and spotters.

This event has been able to grow through the support of sponsors, "the life blood" of the Screwpile Challenges and again this year we need their support. If you know of a company that has a interest please call either Glenn Scott 703-256-5491, Bill Moessner 703-327-0180 or L.G. Raley 301-862-3100 for more information. The Screwpile Challenge for your information pumps over four hundred thousand dollars in the local economy both in 1998 and 1999, now you know why they love us. If you have any questions don't hesitate to call me, I return all calls. Thank you for your time.

Submitted by: L.G. Raley, Chairman

Screwpile Lighthouse Challenge 2000

THE RACERS EDGE

This month our intrepid sailors are participating in their first of the 2000 season "Wednesday Night Races", and as usual you as skipper of "PEDAL TO THE METAL" are in a very close race with your arch rival, Poulet Poop, aboard his "WEE WILLIE". The northwest winds are steadily blowing at 12 knots and both of you are broad reaching from "M" mark and are rapidly approaching "V" mark which must be left to port. As you approach "V" mark, you quickly assess your tactical situation in the hopes of getting an advantage over "WEE WILLIE". Both boats are on port tack with spinnakers flying on a broad reach and your boat "PEDAL TO THE METAL" is just barely overlapped to leeward of "WEE WILLIE". You estimate you are at least 10 boat lengths from "V" mark (because your crew is about to

raise your genoa and drop your spinnaker). You get that sly look on your face as you conclude you are an overlapped leeward boat well beyond the 2 boat length zone, and can and should luff "WEE WILLIE" to weather just to hopefully ruin his mark rounding. You tell your crew to "drop" the spinnaker but hold off on raising the genoa until after you complete your luffing. The spinnaker after guy is "popped" and your crew begins to bring

it down while you loudly hail to "WEE WILLIE", "Coming Up !!!!", and slowly but steadily

begin your luff of the shocked Poulet Poop and his crew.

There is nothing less than pandemonium aboard "WEE WILLIE" as they quickly respond to your

luff !! Their spinnaker, which was still up, forces over "Wee Willie" to the point where they round up. The spinnaker then backwinds, wraps around the headstay and "WEE WILLIE" is essentially stopped. You and your crew aboard "PEDAL TO THE METAL" blow past "WEE WILLIE" and smartly round "V" mark on your way to yet another Victory beer at Zahnisers!

However as you blow by "WEE WILLIE" you faintly hear the vanquished Poulet Poop shout,

"Protest !!".

You are confident you were outside the 2 boat length zone when you began your luff, so you

approach the protest hearing confidently. Unfortunately for you, the Protest Committee

after a short debate throws you out of the race and "WEE WILLIE" gets the Victory beer.

Why ???

Rule 18 "Passing Marks and Obstructions" applies "when boats are ABOUT to pass" a mark, and furthermore it says in 18.2 (a) that "when boats are overlapped BEFORE one of them reaches the two-length zone, (even) if the outside boat has right of way (you in this case!) she shall give the inside boat ("WEE WILLIE") room to pass the mark". The protest committees rules that even at 10 boat lengths from "V" mark (in 12 knots of wind while

broad reaching with a spinnaker) both boats are "about to pass the mark", are overlapped, and thus you should give room to the windward "WEE WILLIE" to pass the mark in a seamanlike manner (not under the general pandemonium you caused by your untimely luff). You did not give room as required, so you are thrown out of the race ... and foiled again.

This rule (18) acknowledges that "large" boats under certain conditions need more searoom

(sometimes 10 to 15 boat lengths !!) to safely pass marks and thus inside overlapped boats

are given this room so as to not require them to perform superhuman feats just to safely

pass a mark. All the rules favor keeping all competitors racing and discourages one boat

from going hunting after another boat. So give all those inside overlapped boats adequate room at marks (and obstructions) and beat them elsewhere on the course! See you next month when you again will learn a lesson the hard way from Poulet Poop.

Submitted: by Fred Dellinger

WEDNESDAY NIGHT RACE

No Results This Month

SMALL BOAT SCENE

This is the first of a regular monthly article that will appear in *The Clew* to keep SMSA members informed about small boat program activities.

It has been a very busy winter for the small boat program committee. Mobjack sailors Tracy and Joe Kubinec hosted the pre-season planning meeting at their home in Hollywood. Lightning sailors Don Behrens, David Meiser, Jeff Kumke, and Jacki Raley; Interlake sailor Barbara Herbig; and Laser sailor Shawn Stanley ate and drank the Kubinec's out of house and home. However, work and responsibilities were divided up amongst the group to insure a successful season.

A kick-off meeting for the small boat program was held at Bowen's Inn in early April. It was well attended, but it is not too late to get involved if you missed the meeting. Contact Jeff Kumke, Don Behrens, or Joe Kubinec if you want to sail with us, help out with crash boats, or help out with race committee work on Thursday evenings.

Thursday evening dinghy racing starts on May 18th. You should really make an effort to get out on the water with us this year. We are planning to have lots of fun and you will build skills at the same time.

Continuing the tradition of race management excellence at SMSA, the small boat program will be hosting the Lighting Dixie District Championships on June 17th and 18th. This race was traditionally held up in Annapolis, but the exceptional Southern Maryland venue, fantastic small boat on-water race management, and comprehensive family oriented off-water activity coordination by John Weir, David Raley, Shawn Stanley, Joe and Char Frost, and Don Behrens over the past three years has made SMSA the 'family fun place to race' that is recognized along the East Coast and into the mid-West. Several one-design classes such as the Lightnings, Rebels, Force 5's, Mobjacks, and Interlakes have asked the SMSA small boat program to host regattas. Unfortunately, we can only accommodate one major regatta in addition to our annual September small boat invitational. Already, the Mobjack national championship regatta is in planning for the summer of 2001.

Tracy and Joe Kubinec manned the SMSA small boat program display at the Hollywood boat show. For the first time in five years it did not rain! They met lots of boaters and found at least twenty people who either want to sail on a big boat, want to sail on a little boat, want to learn how to sail, or want their kids to learn how to sail. A major focus of the small boat program is community outreach; we do this by supporting community displays and proactively seeking new sailors.

Although we are a feeder program for SMSA, we are entirely self-funded and need your support. If it were not for the generosity of our sponsors (Bowen's Inn, Calvert Marina, and Seagrams Captain Morgan's Parrot Bay Rum), and vision by past-Commodore John Weir, this program might not exist. We have tie-ins to the junior program, the high school sailing program, the women's program, and furnish lots of crew for the big boat program. And watch out cruisers; we're starting to talk about family day-sailing excursions and having a rendezvous. Someone is going to have to modify the SMSA raft-up diagram to fit in some small boats!!!

Submitted by: Joe Kubinec, Mobjack 511, ROAD KILL

WOMEN'S PROGRAM

No report this month.

MEMBERSHIP

At the April 6 BOG meeting, the following applications were approved for membership:

Ron Wittmann, sponsored by David Moon. Ron owns a Cabo Rico 38 named IMPULSE that he keeps at Solomons Pt. Marina.

Jeff Fischer, sponsored by Barbara Herbig. Jeff has a San Juan 26 and is interested in racing, cruising and helping with the junior program.

Ramon Warren, sponsored by Marc DeLaVergne. Ramon has a Catalina 22 named DEFENDER.

Bruce and Kim Geddes, sponsored by Paul Grisso. Bruce and Kim have a Catalina 22 named PRIME MATE at Mill Creek Marina and are interested in cruising and the junior program for their daughter, **Katie**.

Joe Weston and Christine Mahaffee, sponsored by Ian Sommerville. Joe and Christine like cruising, big boat racing and the junior program camps for **Christian and Devon**.

Denise and Jim Yale, sponsored by Marc DeLaVergne. Denise and Jim are past members and have a Catalina 30 named HARMONY. Some of you may remember HARMONY from the fall frostbite series last year. They will be getting involved in racing and cruising.

In addition, we accepted **four junior memberships**, sponsored by Stovy Brown. They are **Erik Gyorgy, Bryan Heaston, George Brewster and Erin Smith**.

SMSA extends a welcome to all our new members. It was a pleasure meeting some of you at Opening Day and I hope to see you at our future events. Please consult our operating schedule in the yearbook and at www.smsa.com.

Membership cards were handed out at Opening Day and mailed with the yearbook to those of you that were unable to attend. If you have any questions, please let me know.

Submitted by: Char Frost, Membership Governor

FACILITIES

Clubhouse Spring Cleanup a Success

Twenty-one members of SMSA turned out on Saturday, March 18th at 0900 to spruce up the grounds surrounding our Clubhouse. And spruce up the grounds they did. I still can't believe the amount of brush, vines, tree limbs, and trimmings that this small group of sailors were able to generate in just a couple of hours. The bottom line was if it was ugly, and it was growing in front of the Clubhouse, it was hacked, dragged, and thrown into the back of the truck. By 1030, the dump truck that Matt Gambrell had loaned us had been fully loaded, and I had to call Calvert Marina to have it dumped and returned to the Clubhouse for a second load! Everyone put out a supreme effort to clear the brush that had overgrown much of the shrubs in the front of the Clubhouse. I would like to personally thank and commend the following SMSA members who participated in the Spring Cleanup: **Nikki Goodman, Jan Buckler, Merrie Ruth Raley, Rex and Donna Miller, Curt and Judy Larsen, Ronnie Spicuzza, Jay Hanks, Ian Sommerville, Ollie and Kate Kangas, Mike Kangas, Joe Berman, Barbara Miller, Ray Rollins, Jim Owens, Bill Palmer, Terry Farman, and Mary Szczglowski**.

Please see insert for an updated SMSA Clubhouse Schedule for 2000. Put it into your Yearbook for easy reference.

Submitted by: Dennis Donehoo, Facilities Governor

JUNIOR PROGRAM

No Report this month

SOCIAL

No Report this month.

PUBLICITY

No Report this month.

DATABASE

Please send any changes or updates to your address, phone number or email to: Stew Buckler, 1651 Dares Beach Road, 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

Please post: The silver sailboat earrings you've seen your friends wearing are back! Large are \$25.00, and small, \$20.00. Please contact Sue Sloan if you want some. She also has an order form for tie tacks, necklaces, and a few other items.

Please post: Rob and Sue Sloan have lent out 2 copies of Patrick O'Brian's first book "Master and Commander" (one from a book sale inscribed Ralph Clark.). If you have one of them, please return them. Thanks

COCKPIT MUSINGS

Crew Tuning Guide

It is this time of year where everyone is finishing up the bottom, resetting the rig, oiling the teak, and overall adjusting for the upcoming sailing

season. These are the necessary evils that come every spring in the sailing world. I thought it might be fun to come up with a list of suggestions for

tuning the crew (including skipper's families, friends, dogs, cats...) for the sailing season.

Help in the 'preparation' when you can: I think this suggestion definitely needs to quote the infamous Pete LaRoche, "If you want to ride on the top,

you need to work on the bottom". There is probably nothing more meaningful that you can do for captain and crew then to become involved in preparing the BABY for sailing. She is a fickle creature of which you will find a new found respect with just one day of returning 'blue in the face'.

Locate your gear: Unless you are the neat and orderly type and have everything packed and stowed in that special place, it might be wise to

locate your gear. This will assist you in feeling prepared for that sudden urge to go sailing, then getting out on the water, only to find your gloves

are on someone else's boat, there was only one boot in your bag, and your foul weather jacket really belongs to your ten year old child.

Prepare your gear: Before your first adventure, it may be wise to inspect your sailing gear. You might check the

soles of your boots for holes, move

the moths out of your jacket, and those damp shoes you left in the bag in your trunk last fall, probably need to be replaced, or at the very least, require some time with a bucket and Clorox. I assure you that captain and crew will be very appreciative, especially those that sit down wind from you.

Review the basics: This suggestion deserves another borrowed quote from John Edwards, "There are some sailors with twenty years of experience, and there are some sailors with one year of experience twenty times." The first

sail of the year typically has some sort of memory loss about it. Take a few minutes to review the basics and the locations of things on the boat.

For some, this may be all that is needed to regain that memory loss, for others, it may take twenty more years.

(For racers) Read the race instructions: I think that most of us realize that there is a reason that this is updated annually. In addition to the race from last year potentially being on a different date, some of the rules and criteria change. You will be sure to be on top of things when that boat protests you for double headsails and the protest goes no further than the race committee because the other skipper and crew never read the instruction that they are now allowed.

Know your marks: Between the many governmental bodies that have the ability

and power to move or reassign them, the power boaters (and sometimes sailboaters) that run them down, the many scientific experiments, and

wildlife protection markers, they may be hard to locate. An easy rule for remembering the general vicinity of the river marks is (from Terry Wanner)

Be A Very Knowledgeable Mariner. Using the first letters of the phrase you get B-A-V-K-M which are the order of the Patuxent River race marks on your

port side coming from the mouth of the river and sailing to Solomons Pier.

I hope this little refresher help to 'tune the crew' and maybe brought a smile in the process. Good luck to everyone on the water this year, be safe, have fun, and I will see you on the water.

Submitted by: Barbara Herbig

EDITOR'S NOTE

Thanks to all the Governors for being so timely with their reports this month. **Please try to have your articles to me no later than the 18th of the month.** However, if you can't make it – just let me know as I might not make it either; but my mid-summer resolution is to get this out early.

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Jan Buckler puts the **calendar** together 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

Again I apologize for the delay in getting the Clew to you. It has been another harrowing month with trouble accessing my email. Thanks to all of you for your re-submissions and patience. I think (I hope) that I have finally

gotten this under control. Win 2000 is worth the trouble. Just be sure and check to see if your ISP is compatible (of course they mention it in installation – but I was soooo sure). For your info – neither compuserve or AOL is supporting Win 2000.

ON ANOTHER NOTE: VIRUSUS!!!! Please clean up your computers. I received viruses from everyone except: Barbara Miller, Jan Buckler, Fred Dillinger and Barbara Herbig. Not only do I use my computer for accounting but I inadvertently have been passing them on to the email recipients. Thanks!!!!

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SAILOR TID-BITS

Apologies to Bill Palmer: Here are the answers to the question Paul Grisso posed in the February CLEW.

The Knotty Problem: Not knowing what basic measure, in terms of feet, the ancients used, I can offer the following based on the generally accepted measure of 6072 feet per nautical mile, which represents 1 minute of latitude at the equator:

5nm=30360 feet/Hr. Divide by 60=506 [Ft/Min@5KTs](#).

Divide by [60=8.43Ft/Sec@5KTs](#)

Divide by 5=1.68666667 Ft/Sec KT

Multiply by 28sec. = 47.23 Ft/KT

P.S. That was in response to Paul Grisso's article. The rest of the question was " ... why 28 seconds ...? Best guess is the sidereal calendar in use at the time.

Does anyone else understand what they are talking about ? I sure don't! It is impressive to have these nautical mathematicians in our mist. If only they could or would calculate the minute by minutes strategies of the wind for our racers! A challenge? The Editor!