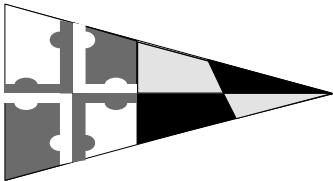


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COMMODORE

It seems as though the winter just flew by and the sailing season is upon us. I sailed with Joe and Char Frost on *Stargazer II* in the second frostbite race. A mild fifty degrees and sunny skies did little to offset a 20-30 knot northwest breeze.

Standing knee deep in COLD water on the leeward side pulling a reluctant halyard during a sail change reminded me why we should always have young, agile crew to send forward. A third place finish and good appetizers at The Wharf after-race rendezvous kept the spirits up.

I was very saddened by the lack of response and subsequent canceling of the SMSA birthday party. This event, held every year on a weekend close to our founding day of March 18, celebrates our club birthday. This year marks the 30th anniversary of the founding of SMSA. In lieu of postponing this event, the BOG decided to cancel until next year. I will be sending out a personal letter to each member of SMSA requesting his/her thoughts on the importance of the birthday party.

The Winter Business Meeting was conducted on Saturday March 2, at the clubhouse. Stoy Brown and John Weir gave an excellent presentation on

the status of their respective committees (Swale/Land acquisition and Requirements) to an attentive audience. Dave Pedersen then provided a presentation of the upcoming junior program plans. As this meeting was intended as an informational meeting for members, there were no motions or actions. Laura Comeau and crew provided great snacks for the event.

Don't forget Opening Day April 6 at the clubhouse starting at 9:30 a.m., followed by the RC boat familiarization and Opening Day cruise. The small boat kickoff meeting is April 13 at Bowen's. The first Wednesday Night Race is April 17. A junior warm up regatta is on April 20. The rescheduled Nautical Flea Market is Sunday, April 21, at the Solomons Firehouse. The first big boat weekend series starts on April 27.

Jim Young, Commodore
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SMSA is a volunteer organization and as such its success lies solely with the energy and enthusiasm of its members. If you want to help with any of the various activities, please call or email any of the governors and officers.

VICE COMMODORE

The 2002 sailing season schedule is already quite full. The Spring Frostbite races are close to completion. Many have been out bearing the cold, either sailing or watching from the docks at the starting area. The starts of the Frostbite races are always amazing because of the very small starting area. The jockeying around for position will get the adrenaline going. John and I have had the pleasure of sailing on *Priority One* with Brian Spicuzza and crew for the series. With the emphasis on fun competitiveness, and with the unusually warm weather, it has been nice to get out on the water so early in the year.

The Junior Program is well underway, and by the time of this mailing, sign up for the junior camps will have taken place. With good publicity and a little change in focus, the junior committee is hoping for full sessions. In addition to the camps, the junior program for 2002 is solid with varied activities. We are expecting some added help with the program from students at St. Mary's College. We anticipate a banner year with the juniors, and hope to see more of them competing in the Thursday Night Small Boat Series.

The cruising program has a full schedule of cruises offering a venue for all. In addition to the planned cruises, there have been some cruising-focused discussions and seminars built into the schedule. Some of our more adventurous cruisers will share their experiences and knowledge with other members contemplating cruises to distant destinations.

The small boat program officially kicks off its season this month with a change in venue due to the sudden passing of our dear friend, Mr. Tony Costantino, proprietor of Bowen's Inn. Some plans are under way to have a new sponsor and gathering place for Thursday Nights with the details coming out soon.

I encourage all SMSA members to volunteer time and support to SMSA programs this year. If you make phone calls, align volunteers, help with race committee, bring a dish to a rendezvous, help wash the dishes afterwards, take a new person sailing, you are doing it for all of us within the association. Sometimes the little things that people do from behind the scenes go unnoticed but they are equally important to the future of SMSA. I think about my friend Tony who never sailed, but did so much for all of us. He loved the people that surrounded him and there never was a time that he was around where he did not lend a hand. See you on the water or in the kitchen.

Barbara Herbig, Vice Commodore
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SECRETARY

APPROVED MINUTES BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING MARCH 6, 2002

OFFICERS AND GOVERNORS PRESENT:
Jim Young, Barbara Herbig, David Arbuthnot, Walt Rupp, Dan Schneider, Tim Flaherty, Bridget McNamara, Paul Eubank, Laura Comeau, Shawn Stanley, Linda Kuehnle

OTHER MEMBERS PRESENT: Maggie Weir, John Weir, Jay Hanks, Stoy Brown, Carl Feusahrens, Max Munger, and Jeff Kumke

Commodore Jim Young called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

A letter of condolence to the family of Tony Costantino of Bowen's was passed around for the BOG to sign.

Treasurer – David would like BOG members to send him via email their monthly budget expenditures as soon as possible before April's BOG meeting.

Vice Commodore – Barb needs any operating schedule changes tonight or as soon as possible.

Race – Shawn reported that the RC boat would be going in the water this week.

Cruise – Walt submitted the 2002 cruise schedule to Barb. Several corrections were necessary and Shawn Stanley provided a laptop so the corrections could be made. Shawn volunteered to forward them to Barb and Tim Flaherty. Walt reported that they have leaders for all 25 cruises. He announced that there will be a seminar for those interested in cruising north on April 7 at the clubhouse. The cruising program's goal is to be a confidence builder for cruisers and racers to get experience cruising outside the Bay. The seminar on April 7 and the three-week cruise are elements of this goal. Walt commented on Max Munger's email to the BOG concerning assessing cruising fees. Walt is opposed to this idea.

Junior – Barb reported for Dave who was not in attendance. The budget presented at the previous BOG was not in the same format as the SMSA budget, making it confusing and difficult to see the SMSA line items. The format was corrected and the budget was planned out for the year. The BOG started to discuss the proposed SMSA budget changes, line by line, when a motion was made to vote on the budget as proposed. The motion was seconded. Discussion followed and the proposed budget was voted on and approved that a portion of the budget is to purchase a new safety boat.

Women's – Gail was not in attendance. Barbara reported that the Women's Program Cruise date has been assigned for October 5 and 6. It is the first weekend in October and will be a cruise to Island Creek.

Rear Commodore – Paul is tasking all BOG members who report to him to develop a “pass down the line (PDL)” turnover document by May, 2002. This PDL will be a turnover document for the incoming BOG members and will include all their activities by date. It was noted that some of the pass down information is contained in the latest update of the BOG book. Walt stated that he has an electronic copy for review.

Facilities – Dan reported that the bathroom lights are fixed. He also reported that the septic field would be fixed so that no vehicle can run over it and collapse it. Dan also purchased 2 new gas grills for the club's use. The old charcoal grills will be taken to the dump. He also reminded everyone that the SMSA Clubhouse Spring Clean-up will be on March 23 starting at 9:30 a.m.

Membership – Bridget presented a new application for membership. The application is from Daniel and Jeanine Dent sponsored by Robert Lawrence. The Dents' application was approved by voice vote.

Social – Laura reported that only 22 members have RSVP'd for the 30th SMSA Birthday party and as such, this event has been cancelled. She asked if we should reschedule for a later time or simply cancel this event entirely. Discussion followed with BOG members expressing concern over the lack of response from members, and some felt it was important to talk to the members and try to find out why they were not planning to attend. It was suggested that more publicity be given to this event in the future with a reemphasis on why this event is held every year. It was also suggested that in addition to the Past Commodores and Charter members, the Emeritus members should be acknowledged. A motion was proposed to cancel the SMSA Birthday Party for 2002 and replan for 2003. The motion was seconded and approved by voice vote.

- Laura also reported that there is a conflict with our Luau date, as Zahniser's cannot accommodate us on June 1 because of another commitment. Zahniser's is available to host this event on June 15 instead. Laura will contact Gail Goode and see if the date of the Marcy Series can be moved.

- Laura also reported that plans are underway for Opening Day on April 6. BOG members will be hosts for this event and each BOG member will supply a dish to share with the members.

Entertainment and ceremony coordination was discussed. Laura will be sending out an e-mail to BOG members to advise of tasking for this event.

Publicity – Tim reported that more yearbook ads have been sold than in the previous year. The

yearbook will be handed out Opening Day. Tim received a drawing from Chuck Fadeley for the cover of the yearbook. Unfortunately it was too late to submit to the printers. Tim suggested that the drawing be put on long sleeved T-shirts or sweatshirts that could be sold at Opening Day and thereafter. It was well received by the governors and others in attendance.

Old Business – SMSA/PRSC relationship – no information to report.

New Business –

- **Winter General Business Meeting Synopsis.** Jim reported that this was a very positive meeting. The BOG is heading down a more positive road by providing answers to each question brought up at the meeting. SMSA is making sure the membership is more aware of the progress of the club. Walt said he was disappointed in the attendance. He felt the information being presented contained a very important message that needed to be gotten out to the members. He also reported that the presentation was very professional and the presenters did an excellent job.

- **Dues Structure Discussion.** Max's proposal was sent to BOG members via email. It is not necessary for the BOG to go over it line by line. It will be given to Jay Hanks' committee to review.

- **Planning and Policy Committee 2002 Tasking.** Jim asks that the BOG send any things they want this committee to look at.

Closing Remarks – Stovy remarked that a set of rules needs to be set up to run BOG meetings. The BOG needs to take policy seriously; only proposals sent out ahead of time to each BOG member should be put on the agenda. The BOG needs to come prepared to each meeting by reading their email. The BOG needs to delegate some issues to committees to be reported on at the next BOG meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

Submitted by Linda Kuehnle, Secretary.
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UPCOMING BOG AGENDA

**Southern Maryland Sailing Association
Board of Governors Meeting
April 4, 2002
Tentative Agenda**

Commodore - Opening Remarks

Secretary – Status on E-vote of March BOG minutes

Treasurer – Financial Report, Tax status

Vice Commodore - On the water

Race Governor

Cruise Governor

Junior Governor

Women's Program Governor

Rear Commodore - On the shore

Membership

Social – Opening Day

Publicity –Yearbook Status

Facilities

Old Business

SMSA/PRSC relationship

New Business

P&PC Tasks

Commodore

Closing Remarks

Adjourn

POLICY AND PLANNING COMMITTEE

My comments in the March issue of *The Clew*, about the steps required to incur long-term indebtedness or to change annual dues or initiation fees, have brought a few mumbles about ponderous and inhibiting By-Laws. Not true.

The Articles and By-Laws were designed for an organization with members who live in distant places and/or who are lethargic about business matters when they have no dog in the fight. With about 300 eligible voting members and a meeting

quorum requirement of only 15%, we usually do find mostly local members and often do not find a quorum (needing only 45 voters) at annual and other business meetings. We accommodate the distance and the lethargy with the prior-notice, absentee-ballots process. We encourage participation by all.

Regarding the inhibiting bit, a debt incurred or dues change requires only a majority of the votes cast (not of all eligible voters) **and** at least 10% of all eligible voters in favor. With 300 eligible voters, 30 YES votes and 0 NO votes would pass. 30 YES votes and 29 NO votes would also pass. Etc. 151 YES votes are not needed to pass. This process is extremely easy if no one objects.

Similarly, a change to the Articles and By-Laws requires only 2/3 of the votes cast **and** 15% of all eligible voters – e.g., 45 YES, 0 NO, or 45 YES, 22 NO, etc. Again easy if all are in favor.

The process can be started in several ways, can be recycled if a try fails, etc.

The other side of the design coin provides for information, discussion and debate by requiring a 60-day delay between publishing the exact words to be voted on and the deadline for ballots. This permits two issues of *The Clew*, several informational meetings, etc. This also provides learning and organizing time to stop a wild card move or a takeover attempt by an active minority, which has happened in the SMSA. We have built a stable, reputable organization.

We do not have a Board of Directors, or other, fast-decision-by-a-few type of leadership. We do not need speed. We need full membership consideration of important moves. We have that with our current Articles and By-Laws.

Norris Jay Hanks, Chairman P&PC
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RACE

Here comes the sailing season! Are you ready for it yet? Except for all the work left to do on my tiny little boat, I can't wait! The good participation in the Frostbites has me excited!

Thanks to those of you who have already contacted me to volunteer for Race Committee duty this year. Those who participate in the race program but have not signed up will have an open date assigned to them, which will be published in the Race Circular and should be available on Opening Day. I will also provide plenty of warning so no one is surprised. Keep in mind the following: we average 18-24 boats on Wednesday nights, and if I can count correctly, we have 23 races this season. So, everyone needs to volunteer for RC at least one Wednesday night. The same ratio works for the weekend Bay racing as well. That means if everyone does RC twice per year, all races are covered. I have taken care of 5 of them (Spring Frostbites & Sharp's Island). The rest are up to you, the racers. The sign-up sheet is posted at <http://www.smsa.com/bbrace2002.htm> for your reference and is updated frequently. Also available from this page is a link to the 2002 SMSA Race Entry form. Please remember all boats need to complete an SMSA Race Entry form **and** have a valid PHRF certificate on file with the PHRF office to participate in SMSA's racing programs. I only have three seasonal entry forms as of March 15 (thanks Stew, Pete & Donna!) so send them in to the address below. For PHRF related questions, contact Stewart Buckler at sbuckler@olg.com. Many of you paid your race fees with your membership renewal, which is great, but please also take a few minutes to scan the schedule, sign up for RC, and send me an entry form!

I hope everyone understands my reasons for this slight policy change. Other clubs on the Bay use a similar RC sign-up system and their members do their duty. If you have suggestions or a better way to accomplish SMSA's Race Program objectives,

you can always contact me and get involved. I welcome your input.

Upcoming Racing Events:

March 22 - Rules Seminar

April 6 - Opening Day – Informal RC boat familiarization – Come see the new starting system in action!

April 17 – First Zahniser's Wednesday Night Race!

April 27 – Sharp's Island Race

April 28 – Spring Invitational Race

Don't forget to check the cruise schedule for April cruises. A cruise is a great way to tune up your boat before the racing season officially starts!

Shawn Stanley, Race Governor

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CRUISE

Our SMSA "on the water" Cruising Program begins with the Opening Day Cruise to St. Leonards Creek off the Patuxent River on April 6 after the Opening Day Ceremonies at the Club House. There is a good possibility that *Brigadoon* may be in the water by the end of March as we are in the fast lane for the launch queue. Also the weather can be a deciding factor. Please contact me with your intentions as soon as your plans are made to join us on this cruise. Janet and I are looking forward to hosting this first cruise of the season. Bring your snuggies as this might be a frostbite cruise as well.

Dave Arbuthnot is hosting a seminar at the Club House at 1600 hrs on Sunday, March 7 to discuss the details of taking your boat north to Maine. He has organized this sailing social as a potluck get-together. See his article in this issue of *The Clew* for the meeting details.

Please review the Cruise Schedule provided at the end of this issue of *The Clew* and note that the SMSA cruising program is in full swing by the end of April with a cruise for both the Solomons and

Potomac fleets. Contact either the Mahoods or Hamiltons with your intentions for this end of month cruise on April 28-29. Their cruise articles announcing their cruises will be elsewhere in this issue of *The Clew*. We look forward to seeing all of you sailors on the water this season

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CRUISE to BATTLE CREEK

CRUISE to BATTLE CREEK on the Patuxent APRIL 27-28. *Deshandera* will be on the air at high noon and anchored by 1600. Come join us! Bill and Charlotte Mahood - Call (703) 620-2752 or e-mail Charly2616@aol.com to confirm or ask questions.

EARLY EXTENDED CRUISE

This sailing season we are going to try something a little different—an extended cruise before the weather gets too hot, the sea nettles too plentiful, and the bugs too thick. We are planning a three-week cruise to Belhaven, NC with contingencies for people that cannot get three weeks off.

The first day we will meet behind Sandy Pt. in the Great Wimocio River. The second day is a short distance so late starters may catch up and primarily so we can have Happy Hour hosted by former SMSA members Dave and Carol Bennet on their new deck (they have a new grill we can use). We can raft on their dock (5 to 6 ft. deep) or anchor out, your choice. Then another short day, just in case we party too hard. Now that we are all together, we can start some serious cruising.

People that have only one week may break-off Wednesday morning and head across the Bay to Kiptopeke/Cape Charles, VA. Pick up the cruise schedule of May 29 and follow it home from there.

The only place I plan to make reservations for the cruise is at Smithfield, VA. I believe they need warning that several boats will be descending on them at once. In Norfolk/Portsmouth you can stay at Waterside, Tidewater, or anchor out-depending on your needs and desires. It is also possible to skip the lay day if we would like to spend more time further south. If there is enough water, we will be going through the Dismal Swamp. It should be beautiful that time of year.

Now for the people that only have two weeks; they can break-off to be back in Norfolk Monday evening and pick up the cruise schedule from May 27 and follow it home from there.

The surviving yachts will continue working their way down to Belhaven, NC and then back home. Keeping in mind that weather and conditions may cause us to change the schedule and/ or destinations. The idea is to enjoy ourselves and stay safe.

Please see the itinerary for the cruise at the end of this issue of *The Clew*.

If this cruise appeals to you and you would like to join us, please contact:

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Walt and Janet Rupp
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PLANNING A CRUISE NORTH

Following the well attended and successful “ICW to Florida” get-together last summer, we are planning a similar session this year for those interested in cruising in New England. Just like we do for happy hour on SMSA cruises, bring an hors d’oeuvres to share and your beverage and come share/learn about favorite harbors and experiences cruising from Cape May to Maine. The discussion round table is scheduled for **Sunday, April 7 at 4**

p.m. at the Clubhouse. This is Opening Day weekend and those who participate in the Opening Day cruise should be back from St Leonards Creek by then.

NOTICE TO CRUISERS

If you are planning to participate in the two-week cruise beginning on June 21, we will spend July 3 and 4 in Rock Hall. Because Rock Hall has a big July 4 Celebration, the marinas will not hold slips without a specific reservation and a deposit. Please call Swan Creek Marina immediately, (410) 639-7813, to make your reservation.

Ron Williams.

MEMBERSHIP

The BOG would like to welcome new members, Daniel and Jeannie Dent. The Lawrences, with whom they have sailed in the past, sponsor them. Their boat, *Emiline*, is a 31' sloop. We look forward to their participation in all our activities.

Renewals keep trickling in....better late than never. (I cornered one or two members at The Wharf last Sunday!) I'm just about finished with the membership cards, and look forward to distributing them on Opening Day.

Bridget McNamara, Membership Governor
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SOCIAL

Thanks to SMSA members who attended the General Meeting on March 2 and graciously offered their assistance with the set-up of food and refreshments for this event.

SMSA's 30th Birthday Party scheduled for March 9 had to be cancelled due to lack of member participation. It was unfortunate that so few people sent RSVPs for this event and I regret to inform you that this party will not be rescheduled for this calendar year. We hope, that with more publicity and planning, we can ensure that the 2003 birthday party will be a success. I am interested in hearing any thoughts or ideas from members that could produce better attendance to this particular event.

Upcoming Events:

April 6 is Opening Day and traditionally our best-attended event. I'm promising sunshine and 65 degrees....well, I'll wish for that kind of weather anyway! Our BOG members will be hosting this event and serving brunch "goodies" for all to share. Attending members are also encouraged to bring a food item to share. Members whose last names begin with A-K please bring a side dish, and those from L-Z are asked to bring a dessert or snack item. Ollie and Katie Kangas will once again be serving their wonderful "breakfast burritos" and we'll have Bloody Marys and Mimosas for members to enjoy for a cost of \$1. Opening day activities begin at 9:30 a.m. and the flag ceremony will begin promptly at 12:00. Please contact me if you are interested in lending a hand for this event. Remember that the efforts of many can certainly make a success of any endeavor!

May 4 brings our first post-race gathering! **The Double-Handed Race Rendezvous** will begin at 4:00 p.m. at the Clubhouse. We hope to have the new grills primed and ready for those who wish to cook up a main entrée during this event. Members attending are asked to bring a side dish or dessert to share. Volunteers are needed to host, set-up, and clean up. Please contact me if you are interested in helping.

I look forward to seeing all of you as we get this 2002 sailing season underway!

Laura Comeau, Social Governor
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NAUTICAL FLEA MARKET

Solomons Firehouse
Sunday, April 21, 2002
1 p.m. until 5 p.m.

It's time to clean up and get ready for the SMSA Nautical Flea Market on April 21 at the Solomons Firehouse. I am also interested in the donation of a "larger" item for use in a silent auction as we have done in previous years. Proceeds from the sale of tables and from the sale of items donated to the SMSA table will be used to benefit SMSA sailing education programs. A flyer and registration form is included with this issue of *The Clew*. You can participate in several ways:

- ◆ Buy a table and sell your nautical items
- ◆ Donate nautical items for sale at the SMSA table
- ◆ Volunteer your time to help with publicity, set up, clean up, manning the SMSA table
- ◆ Tell your friends
- ◆ Attend the flea market and buy, buy!!!!
- ◆ Make a cash donation to help defray event costs

If you want to donate items to the SMSA table let us know by April 14. Please tag donated items with your name and suggested price, and bring them to the Firehouse between 12:00 and 1:00 pm on April 21. Also, let us know if your item has a minimum acceptable sale price, and disposal instructions for unsold items. If you are unable to bring donated items that morning, please call us to make other arrangements for pick up.

Contact Kris Dennie-Young (301) 994-0547 or email at youngjk@radix.net to purchase a table, donate items for sale or auction, volunteer to help, or for more information.

PUBLICITY GOVERNOR

30th Anniversary T-shirts in the works!

Recently I got together with Dan Shannon and Stew Buckler to discuss our SMSA website. Dan is going to begin a redesign of the site to make it more modern and fast moving. Any suggestions or comments should be sent to Dan's email at shannon@olg.com. Stew will continue to post big boat racing results on the site, as well as making sure *The Clew* is posted each month. He'll also be consulting with Dan on improvements to SMSA.com.

Chuck Fadeley has created another memorable painting. Long-time members will remember that Chuck has done numerous Yearbook covers. His latest effort is of a boat with billowing spinnaker in SMSA colors, and has an SMSA 30th anniversary theme. We've decided to take this art and turn it into a t-shirt to commemorate our club's 30th birthday. I'm planning on having long-sleeve and short-sleeve versions. Hopefully, the screen printer can have some samples available in time for Opening Day. You can check it out there, and I'll be taking orders.

Tim Flaherty, Publicity Governor
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SMALL BOAT PROGRAM

It's Time for the 2002 Season!

The SMSA Small Boat Program is gearing up for the start of the 2002 racing season.

A Kick-Off meeting is scheduled for Saturday, April 13, 2002, at the SMSA Clubhouse, located at the end of Dowell Road, in Solomons. The meeting will begin at 1:00 p.m. Anyone interested in racing, crewing, or supporting the Small Boat

Program is invited and urged to attend. The racing schedule and arrangements for the 2002 season will be reviewed and discussed.

Any monohull or catamaran ranging from 10 to 21 feet in length is welcome to participate in both the Thursday night and weekend sailing events. The Small Boat Program uses the Portsmouth handicapping method in all racing activities. However, one-design starts will also be granted if enough boats in the same class (typically, a minimum of five) are present.

Sailors with experience ranging from novice to accomplished routinely compete in events from May through October. There will be skippers looking for crew and crew looking for a skipper. We welcome all levels of ability and look forward to sharing great times on the water with all interested people.

Thursday night races take place on the Patuxent River, just off the Solomons Boardwalk. Racing is informal and emphasizes a fun evening on the water while honing sailing skills and tactics. Thursday night race fees are \$25 for SMSA members (\$40 for non-SMSA members).

Two weekend regattas will also be run on the Patuxent River, with the specific location dependent upon the prevailing weather conditions. A less formal, one-day regatta will be held on Saturday, July 13, and a second more formal two-day regatta is scheduled for September 21-22.

Please feel free to contact me.

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SMSA LIBRARY

The author and title listings of the SMSA library are now available at the SMSA website at www.smsa.com.

JUNIOR PROGRAM

The SMSA Board of Governors approved the funding and purchase of a new safety boat, which will support all SMSA programs and will provide a much-needed resource for the club. The Board once again showed its support for the junior program and its willingness to spend appropriately in order to ensure the safety of all participants. The club will be well served by this purchase, and members of the BOG should be commended for their actions.

The club purchased a 16-foot Carolina skiff with a 15 horsepower Honda outboard. This boat is just right for the job and reasonably priced. Again, my appreciation for the support and hard work of the Junior Program Committee who did the research and helped make this a reality. Special thanks to Becky Pedersen, Jeff Kumke, Carl Feusahrens, Stovy Brown, John and Barbara Herbig and Shawn Stanley. Your assistance was invaluable!

The junior program is shaping up for the summer. Before we know it kids will be registered for the summer camps and weekend programs. We are still searching for a Level I instructor to teach. If you know of anyone that may be appropriate or interested, tell him or her to get in touch with me immediately! I thank Tim Flaherty for putting the word out in his capacity as Publicity Governor.

There has been an interesting inquiry from the Calvert Marine Museum. They have proposed utilizing junior members to sail the museum's replica and historic sailboats at community and sailing events. It sounds like lots of fun and great club exposure. The Junior Committee is pursuing these possibilities and will bring details back to the BOG and membership in the near future.

The high school team is back in action. They have already participated in a number of regattas and practice sessions. They have competed in Annapolis at AYC and the Naval Academy. They

have also practiced at St. Mary's College and are learning the best way to get a good start and holding "rabbit" or speed drills that surprise the team members and coaches alike. On April 27 they will have a regatta at St. Mary's College. Please come and see 18 to 20 schools race from morning until evening. It's great sport, we need your cheering and it will stir fond memories of the challenge of competition and the pleasures of this sport. Grab a hillside viewing spot and bring a lunch!

The website is updated and provides the latest information about these junior programs. I thank Dan Shannon for his assistance. There is no doubt that people are visiting our website and calling for information about our camps. My phone is always ringing. Lots of youngsters will have the chance to enjoy sailing this summer, and our new equipment, hard work and sailing instruction is poised to be a success.

As you can see, without the support of lots of members and the BOG we would not be moving ahead quickly. This is a superb example of what makes SMSA a unique organization and an asset to the community. Thanks to all.

Dave Pedersen, Junior Governor
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WOMEN'S PROGRAM

A brief Women's Program organizational meeting was held following the Annual Business Meeting on March 2 at the SMSA clubhouse. Several items were discussed that pertain to the upcoming racing and cruising seasons.

The Marcy Series race will be held on the first weekend of June as is tradition; however the annual Luau Rendezvous, normally held on Saturday night in conjunction with the Marcy Series, will have to be moved this year. Watch *The Clew* for the firm date.

The Marcy Series will continue with the rules that have traditionally been used. The new starting sequence being used with the Wednesday night racing will be incorporated. Male owners will not be allowed onboard.

The Fall Women's Series will include a change in the racing rules this season. Male boat owners will be allowed onboard their boats, but the boat will take the penalty specified for having a male assistant onboard. The only time the male owner may take the helm would be in case of dire emergency. Specific guidelines will be worked out in conjunction with the Racing Governor and racing rule changes will be published.

The Skipper's breakfast/meeting at the clubhouse will take place on Saturday morning prior to the start of the Fall Women's Series. The gentlemen will again act as "cooks" and serve the ladies that morning. This is a potluck affair, so please bring enough for yourself and your crew if you plan to attend.

Spinnaker/foredeck training will be held later in the season for anyone interested in polishing up his or her skills; date TBA.

After much discussion about weather, wind, and busy schedules, it was agreed that moving the Women's Cruise to the fall was agreeable to all present. The cruise will be held the first weekend of October and the destination is Broome's Island. If Stoney's is open, we plan to hop ashore for dinner. Anyone not planning to cruise, but looking for good company, is invited to join us there. It was mentioned that further down the point, a marina is renting kayaks, so it could even be possible to paddle out to join us on the boats as well.

As a final note, John and I are coordinating the Screwpile 5K Race/Walk again this year. The start and finish will be at Z's. I am looking for volunteers to act as course marshals. A course marshal is placed at major intersections and critical turning points along the course to keep runners on course and to stop traffic as needed to allow runners to pass safely. If you have ever wanted to direct traffic, this would be your chance. The Run/Walk will be held on Sunday morning at 8:00

a.m. in conjunction with the Screwpile Lighthouse Challenge Regatta. Contact me by phone or email if you are interested in volunteering. Volunteers get a free T-shirt and an invitation to the post race festivities.

This is your program. Any suggestions for racing, cruising, or seminars/trainings are welcome.

Gail Goode, Women's Governor
Goodesails@aol.com, (301) 737-0682

THE RACER'S EDGE

It is a mild Sunday afternoon in early March and you and your winter weary crew of PEDAL TO THE METAL are looking forward to the Spring Frostbite Series. The threat of rain in the drought parched Patuxent River area does not deter your enthusiasm as you and PEDAL TO THE METAL charge off the starting line in a 10 to 15 knot westerly wind. Of course your archrival, that miscreant scumbag Poulet Poop, skipper of WEE WILLIE, is close behind you and slowly closing as you and your rusty crew are a little less than totally efficient.

However, PEDAL TO THE METAL holds on to her lead over WEE WILLIE and you are breathing easier as you beat toward the Solomon's Harbor entrance on long port tacks and short starboard tacks. As you approach Patuxent River Red #6 Marker (where the Wednesday evening races start) you decide that holding your port tack will force you to take that Marker to port ... and cause you to sail over Solomon Flats! Since the tides are rather high, you don't see any reason why you cannot "cut" the corner so you hold your port tack, take Patuxent River Marker #6 to port and tack to starboard only when your depth sounder indicates 7 feet of water. Marker # 6 remains to port as you continue to close on the Harbor entrance, and you carefully assure yourself that "Y" Mark will be taken to starboard as required.

Just before entering the harbor you faintly hear Poulet Poop on WEE WILLIE who is still clear astern shouting, "Protest!" but you sail on confident that Poop must be hallucinating.

You go to the Protest hearing confident of Victory ... but the Protest Committee quickly throws you out of the race! Why?

The SMSA 2001 Race Circular, under which the 2002 Spring Frostbite Series is sailed, states in the "2001 General Sailing Instructions" paragraph 12.2 that "Patuxent River navigation marks are to be passed on the channel side at all times". You and PEDAL TO METAL cut the corner and sailed on the Solomon Flats side of Marker #6, and therefore you failed to pass the navigation mark on the channel side. Thus your disqualification!

It looks like it is going to be another one of those years for PEDAL TO THE METAL...

See you on the Racer's Edge... Fred Dellinger

The Judge Responds:

Non-right-of-way protests

This month's Racer's Edge tells a classic tale of the violation of something other than the right-of-way section (Part 2) of the Racing Rules of Sailing.

We all spend time bettering our understanding of Part 2, so that only complicated and unusual situations end up in the protest room. That's because our sport is self-policing and gentlemanly by design.

If you observe a violation of the rules or sailing instructions other than RRS Part 2, you should go through the protest procedure, but before the deadline for submitting your written document, the gentlemanly thing to do is to talk it over with someone of responsibility on the other boat.

RRS 2, titled, "Fair Sailing," states that we "compete in compliance with recognized principles

of sportsmanship and fair play." In the situation at hand, if the protesting boat points out the incorrect navigation of the course by the other boat, the other boat will usually agree on the facts. Then fair play requires the offending boat to withdraw from the race voluntarily.

Frequently there will be agreement of facts in non-Part 2 situations. Fair sailing obliges us to settle these outside of the protest room if at all possible.

EDITOR'S NOTE

The deadline for submitting articles for the May 2002 issue of *The Clew* will be

Monday, April 15 at 5:00 p.m.

E-mail: weirj@radix.net
Snail Mail: Maggie Weir
46013 Rolling Road
Lexington Park, MD 20653

Barbara Herbig puts the calendar together for *The Clew* each month. Please be sure to alert her to any events that you wish to have included.

DATABASE

Please send any information changes to Stewart Buckler at sbuckler@olg.com.

CLASSIFIED ADS

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

VISITOR'S SLIP: For members of the SMSA who need a slip for short periods of time (related to races, cruise departures, weekend stops, new boat, etc.), we offer a free slip. Includes water and electricity but no stays aboard without holding tank and no liabilities regarding boats, cars, people or

whatever. Our pier is at 38 20.2N/76 30.4W, on the little cove (nine feet depth) off the northwest corner of Mill Cove/Mill Creek in Hollywood, first pier on the right, *Patriot* is usually there on the lift. Contact for approval. Jay and Mary Hanks, P O Box 190, Hollywood, MD 20636 (301) 373-5474 jhanks@us.hsanet.net. (7-02)

WANTED: Dependable crew for Wednesday night racing and especially weekend racing aboard *Shermax*. Come and join the "fun" crew of last years "Spirit Award" winner. Prefer some keelboat experience, but we are willing to teach if you are

serious about learning. We sail both spinnaker and NS, rain or shine.

Max Munger, C30 TRBS #2276 Solomons Island (410) 326-9024 (7-02)

FOR SALE: RESOLUTE, '82 CHEOY LEE PEDRICK 41 sloop/centerboard ready for cruising and/or liveaboard. Fully equipped vessel, extremely good condition, NO TEAK DECKS. Contact Al & Gale Parmentier for complete details: (561) 489-6176 or force8@earthlink.net (5-02)

Three-Week Cruise Itinerary

May 11 - June 2, 2002

Date	Day	Destination	Lat/Long	ICW SMM	Miles	Svrcs	
11-May	Sat	Great Wimocio Rv	37.49/76.48		40 N	Area	
12-May	Sun	Fleets Bay-Indian Ck- Bennet's Dock	37.42/76.21		15 N	Area	Mother's Day
13-May	Mon	Piankatank Rv-Jackson Ck	37.32/76.19		15 N	Yes	
14-May	Tue	Back Rv 37° 05.7' / 76° 15'	31.05/76.20		32 N	No	1 wk Cruisers break off
15-May	Wed	James Rv-Pagan Rv-Smithfield, VA	36.59/76.20		20 N	Yes	
16-May	Thu	Norfolk/ Portsmouth, VA (ICW St M 1)	36.51/76.20	1	23 N	Yes	
17-May	Fri	Layday					
18-May	Sat	Elizabeth City	36.18/76.20	51	56 N	Area	
19-May	Sun	Layday					2 wk Cruisers break off
20-May	Mon	Alligator Rv- East Lake	35.57/75.55	80	32 N	Area	
21-May	Tue	Pungo River	35.33/76.28	127	52 N	No	
22-May	Wed	Belhaven, NC	35.36/76.38	136	10 N	Yes	
23-May	Thu	Alligator Rv- Tuckahoe/Deep Pt.	35.40/76/04	103	36 N	No	
24-May	Fri	Alligator Rv- East Lake	35.57/75.55	80	26 N	Area	
25-May	Sat	Coinjock	36.21/76.57	50	33 N	Yes	
26-May	Sun	Great Bridge	36.43/76.14	12	42 N	Yes	Full Moon
27-May	Mon	Norfolk/ Portsmouth, VA (ICW St M 1)	36.51/76.20	1	12 N	Yes	2 wk pick up here
28-May	Tue	Layday					
29-May	Wed	Kiptopeke/ Cape Charles, VA	37.10/76.00		37 N	No/Yes	1 wk pick up here
30-May	Thu	Onancock, VA	37.42/75.45		40 N	Yes	
31-May	Fri	Layday					
1-Jun	Sat	Chrisfield, MD	37.57/76.51		27 N	Yes	
2-Jun	Sun	Solomons Island	38.19/76.27		40 N		End 3 wk cruise!

Southern Maryland Sailing Association 2002 Cruising Schedule (Overview)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Fleet</u>	<u>Cruise name</u>	<u>Cruise Leader</u>
April			
6-7	S	Opening Day Cruise	Rupp, Mahood
27-28	S	Weekend Cruise	Mahood
27-28	P	Weekend Cruise	Hamilton
May			
11-12	S	Weekend Cruise/ Begin 1/2/3 week	Hamilton, Rupp
11-19	S,P	One-Week Cruise	Rupp, Hamilton
20-26	S,P	Week 2 week/Memorial Day Cruise	Hamilton, Rupp
26-6/2	S,P	Third Week three Week Cruise	
25-27	S,P	Memorial Day Cruise	Stanley, Comeau
June			
1-2	S,P	Weekend Cruise/end 3 week Cruise	Hamilton, Rupp
6/21-7/7	S,P	Begin Two Week Cruise	Williams, Rupp
21-23	S,P	Vice Commodore's Race/Cruise	Eubank
6/21-6/30	S,P	First week of two week Cruise	Williams, Rupp
July			
1-7	S,P	Second Week of 2 nd two week Cruise	Williams, Rupp
4-7	S,P	Fourth of July Cruise	Sommerville
August			
2-4	S,P	Race/Cruise St. Mary's City Gov. Cup	Hamilton
24-25	S	Mixed Couples Race/Cruise	Stanley, Comeau
8/30-9/2	S,P	Labor Day Cruise	Arbuthnot
September			
21-22	S	Weekend Cruise	Chandler
21-29	S,P	One Week Cruise	DeLaverne, Mahood
28-29	S	Weekend Cruise	Larsen
October			
5-6	S,P	Women's Cruise	Mahood, Rupp
12-14	P	Columbus Day Cruise	Hoile
26-27	S	Halloween Cruise	Hanks, Mahood
26-27	P	Halloween Cruise	Hoile
November			
9-11	P	Frost Bite Cruise	Apter
9-11	S	Frost Bite Cruise	Hamilton
KEY:	FLEET		S=Solomons, P=Potomac

Saturday Night Rafts 2002 Schedule

For members who cannot accompany cruises in progress or if no formal cruise is planned, there are designated anchorage locations for Saturday Night Rafts throughout each month of the cruising schedule in the Solomons and Potomac areas. These are potential gathering places for members who plan to spend weekends afloat near their homes. Saturday Night Rafts are not recognized as part of the regular cruising program (no cruise leaders, no points, etc.), but they enable SMSA members a place to meet each other for social evenings. The Saturday Night raft locations are: TBD

If a SMSA boat is anchored at one of the above locations on a Saturday evening and would like to be joined by other SMSA boats, the SMSA burgee should be flown and fenders put over the sides. Guests would be welcome upon invitation.



Southern Maryland Sailing Association, Inc.

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March 6, 2002

To The Family of Mr. Tony Costantino,

The Board of Governors, and the Membership of the Southern Maryland Sailing Association would like to extend their deepest sympathy in your time of loss. We pray that you find peace in your memories, courage in your spirit, and clear vision in a time of confusion.

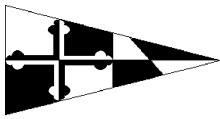
All of us involved in SMSA recognize the kinship at Bowen's, which has been formed over many years of support. The Thursday Night Small Boat Program, and Screwpile, would not have been as successful if not for the welcoming spirit that Bowen's provided. For many, Tony provided a 'second home.'

We will take the time to remember Tony's special qualities, which we so appreciated, every time we walk in the door.

With Consolation and Peace,

Jim Young
Jim Young, Commodore
Barbara Herbig
Barbara Herbig, Vice Commodore
Paul Eubank
Paul Eubank, Rear Commodore
Linda Kuehnle
Linda Kuehnle, Secretary
Dave Arbuthnot
Dave Arbuthnot, Treasurer
Shawn Stanley
Shawn Stanley, Race Governor
Dan Schneider
Dan Schneider, Facilities Governor

Laura Comeau
Laura Comeau, Social Governor
Dave Pederson
Dave Pederson, Junior Governor
Gail Goode
Gail Goode, Women's Governor
Tim Flaherty
Tim Flaherty, Publicity Governor
Walt Rupp
Walt Rupp, Cruise Governor
Bridget McNamara
Bridget McNamara, Membership Governor



SMSA



Nautical Flea Market

Sunday, April 21, 2002

1:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m.

SOLOMONS FIREHOUSE

If it can be used on a boat, you can sell it

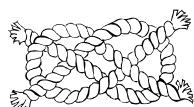
\$15 per 8' table (SMSA members)

\$20 per 8' table (non-SMSA members)

**Proceeds from sale of tables will benefit
SMSA sailing education programs**

To register or for information call:

Kris Dennie-Young (301) 994-0547



REGISTRATION
Southern Maryland Sailing Association
(SMSA) Nautical Flea Market
Sunday, April 21, 2002
Solomons Firehouse, 1 pm until 5 pm

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: (H) _____ (W) _____

Email: _____

tables ____ @ \$15 ea (SMSA members) = total _____

tables ____ @ \$20 ea (non-SMSA members) = total _____

**Proceeds from sale of space will benefit SMSA sailing
education programs. Please make check payable to SMSA
and send with registration to:**

**Kris Dennie-Young
44685 Boxwood Drive
Callaway, MD 20620**

**(301) 994-0547
Email: youngjk@radix.net**

April 2002

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 April Fool's Day	2	3	4	5 6 Opening Day Brunch, 0930 RC Boat Familiarization Opening Day Cruise
7 End Opening Day Cruise Cruise North Seminar @ clubhouse	8	9 Basic HS Spring Classroom Starts @ Patuxent High School	10 Basic HS Spring Practice Starts	11	12	13 Small Boat Kickoff Meeting 1300 @ SMSA Clubhouse
14 Junior Program Kick-off Meeting and Sunday Program sign up 1400 @ clubhouse	15 <i>The Clew</i> Deadline	16	17 Zahniser's Wednesday Night Race #1	18	19	20 Junior Spring Warm-up Regatta
21 Nautical Flea Market 1p - 5p @ Solomons Volunteer Fire Department	22	23	24 Zahniser's Wednesday Night Race #2	25	26	27 Sharps Island Race Weekend Cruise Patuxent HS Sailing Team Race St. Mary's College
28 Spring Invitational Mini-Rendezvous End Weekend Cruise	29	30				

May 2002

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 Zahniser's Wednesday Night Race #3	2 BOG Meeting, 1930 @ Clubhouse Thursday Night Small Boat Race#1	3	4 Double-handed Race Rendezvous 1600 @ Clubhouse
5 Junior Program Second Sign-up Opportunity 1300 @ clubhouse	6	7	8 Zahniser's Wednesday Night Race #4	9 Thursday Night Small Boat Races	10	11 SMSA Open House, 1000 Weekend Cruise Begin 1,2,3 Week Cruise
12 Mother's Day End Weekend Cruise	13	14	15 <i>The Clew</i> deadline Zahniser's Wednesday Night Race #5	16 Thursday Night Small Boat Races	17	18 Junior Spring Fling Regatta Proctor-Bailey Series Begin Week 2 of 1,2,3 Week Cruise
19 Proctor-Bailey Series Race 3 Mini-Rendezvous End Week One of 1,2,3 Week Cruise	20	21	22 Zahniser's Wednesday Night Race #6	23 Thursday Night Small Boat Races	24	25 Memorial Day Cruise begins Begin Week 3 of 1,2,3 Week Cruise
26	27 End Week Two of 1,2,3 Week Cruise	28	29 Zahniser's Wednesday Night Race #7 Basic HS Spring Practice Ends	30 Thursday Night Small Boat Races	31	