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COMMODORE

Sadly, we said farewell to two more shipmates at the beginning of April. Muriel Fadeley and Pete Pedersen passed away as they lost their struggles with cancer. We will miss both of them at our various functions and on and off the water. Our sympathies go out to Chuck Fadeley and his family, and to Dave Pedersen and his family.

The 2003 BOG completed its sixth meeting on April 3 with more reports of progress and assignments for the P&PC. Since this is our halfway mark, I ask all who aspire to become more involved in your SMSA to consider becoming a member of the 2004 BOG. All members of the various Governors' committees should mention any interest to their committee or Governor chairman. Jim Young, as chairman of the nominating committee, will be looking for recommendations in July. The upcoming cruising, racing and social season would provide a good opportunity for any member to look at the tasks involved.

The Clew publication policy and members' forum recommendations were presented by the Publicity Governor. The BOG decided as a policy that a

member forum would not be included in *The Clew* and that we would publish abbreviated minutes in *The Clew* and on the website. A web-based members' forum discussion is planned for our May BOG meeting. Any member would be able to have a copy of the complete minutes on request from our Secretary. The BOG felt that *The Clew* is a public relations newsletter that should contain information pertaining to our "on the water" and "ashore activities" and that our more sensitive information would be kept for members only in the official minutes. *The Clew* production costs would potentially be reduced. The minutes included with this issue of *The Clew* will provide a complete explanation of the BOG decisions.

The member forum policy that I encourage is to provide inputs to the monthly BOG agenda and to seek out the responsible BOG member for discussion and, if it seems important, to ask the Officer or Governor to bring up the special topic during the course of our BOG meeting. If a number of topics or issues are raised that would go beyond a BOG meeting, possibly a summer general meeting can be held where the members and BOG can have a dialogue to explain topics or resolve issues. Between meetings, dialogue takes place via email between the BOG members so that all are kept informed of upcoming topics. An important

topic to keep in mind is the recommendations for a clubhouse site and its financing that will be made by the Capital Planning Committee by September. The committee is chaired by the Facilities Governor who will provide updates to the membership in *The Clew* in the coming months.

The Screwpile administrative committee had its first meeting last month. As the sponsoring organization, SMSA provides experienced volunteers to provide support afloat and ashore for the many tasks that make this event a success. Members and friends that wish to help with the event scheduled for July 20, 21 and 22 should contact Merrie Ruth Raley at her yearbook telephone number.

As always, the BOG extends an invitation to all members to attend our next BOG meeting Tuesday May 6, at 7:30 p.m. at the clubhouse. Note the change in meeting night to accommodate the Small Boat Racing program, Thursday Night Races.

May 2003 continues, as in past years, with a very active schedule to suit any SMSA member. I look forward to seeing many of you on the water or ashore as we enjoy our myriad of SMSA activities together.

Walt Rupp, Commodore
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VICE COMMODORE

This month I just wanted to say THANKS to all of the on-the-water Governors! They make my job easy.

Here comes the sailing season. See you on the water.

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SECRETARY

APPROVED MINUTES BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING April 3, 2003

OFFICERS AND GOVERNORS PRESENT:
Walt Rupp, Shawn Stanley, Charlotte Mahood,
Carl Feusahrens, Laura Comeau, Rod Schroeder,
David Arbuthnot, Tim Flaherty, Clarke McKinney

OTHER MEMBERS PRESENT: Bob Stratton,
Maggie Weir, John Weir, Stovy Brown, Jay Hanks,
Frank King, Jack Pappas, Chris Staley, Jan
Buckler, Barbara Herbig.

The Commodore called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m.

Commodore's Opening Remarks

- This is our 6th BOG meeting—we are at the halfway mark. With the elections coming up in September, governors who are not returning need to look into their respective committees for a person who is qualified to run for governor. We need to think ahead into the future. In the last 6 months we have accomplished many things and I am pleased. Governors who are turning in their reports to the BOG ahead of time help immeasurably with the minutes. Tonight we will work on establishing a policy on the minutes for *The Clew*.

- Dave Pedersen will not be here because his father, Pete Pedersen, has passed on. Don Behrens is on travel and Jim Keen will be here later.

Treasurer – The Commodore paraphrased the treasurer's report and called attention to the fact that the report was provided ahead of time as Jim expected to be late to the BOG meeting. Our present finances are on track for this year and our Maryland state income taxes have been paid.

Vice Commodore – The Vice Commodore reviewed the upcoming calendar with the governors.

Race – The Race Governor reported on the Frostbite Races, on the Zahniser's Wednesday

Night Races and the Race Circular. He also reported on the status of the Race Committee boat.

Cruise – The Cruise Governor reported that the first cruise would be held this Saturday following our Opening Day festivities. Walt and Janet Rupp will be cruise leaders. Dave Marchant will be the cruise leader on the April 26 cruise to Battle Creek. David asks that cruisers please let the cruise leader know ahead of time if they plan to participate so the leader can make plans.

Junior –

- The Junior Governor was not in attendance. Carl Feusahrens reported there would be a modification to the junior budget to show the purchase of an additional boat. We now have 3 high schools participating in our sailing program. The summer sailing camps are about 65% full with 3 Opti camps sold out.

Women's – The Women's Governor reported that the women's program would be very busy in May with several seminars scheduled. She also reported that Gale Parmentier has agreed to a change in the Marcy Series rules. Changes to the Marcy Series will be addressed in the *The Clew* women's program article.

Rear Commodore – The Rear Commodore was not in attendance.

Social – The Social Governor reported on the arrangements for Opening Day, the Double Handed Race Rendezvous and the Luau at Zahnisers.

Publicity – The Publicity Governor reported that the SMSA Yearbook would make a profit of between \$600.00 and \$700.00. Extra copies will be available for a cost of \$7.00 to our members. Walt thanked Tim for all his hard work.

Facilities – The Facilities Governor reported that he held 2 clubhouse workdays that were attended by several members. Stovy Brown reported that on June 28 the Sea Scouts would like to use the clubhouse. It is a Junior Committee event so should we waive the \$200.00 clubhouse use fee because it is an SMSA sponsored event?

Motion: A motion was made to accept the proposal for SMSA to host the Sea Scout East Coast Championship under the auspices of the

Junior Program and waive the \$200.00 clubhouse usage fee.

Result: Seconded with discussion. Discussion closed and motion unanimously passed.

Membership – The Membership Governor reported that membership renewals have ended and the final count is 86% membership renewal. We have had 4 previous members rejoin the club, and in addition to the 2 new members that we approved last month, we have 5 more new membership applications to present this month. They are: Loraine Dawkins, sponsored by Maggie Weir; Robert and Teresa Lear, sponsored by Matt and Marty Miller; J. T. and Sandy Baker, sponsored by Stovy Brown; Peter D'Arista and Mary Roma, sponsored by Matt Gambrell; and William Blanton, sponsored by Wes Gleason.

Motion: Membership Governor moves that all 5 new membership applications be approved.

Results: Seconded and unanimously passed.

- In addition to our regular memberships, the junior memberships are starting to roll in. To date the membership governor has received payment for 18 junior individual memberships.

Old Business

The Clew Publication Policy and Members

Forum –

- Tim Flaherty reviewed his committee's report on the Members' Forum. The recommendation from the committee was that we adopt a policy not to include a members' forum in *The Clew*.

Motion: A motion was made to approve the recommendation of the committee.

Result: Seconded with discussion. Pros and Cons were voiced. Options such as an online email type of forum were discussed. A concern was brought up about whether members were being properly informed. It was decided that the personal views of members should not be printed in *The Clew*. Discussion was closed and the motion was passed with 1 no vote and 1 abstention.

- Tim reviewed his committee's report on *The Clew* policy regarding the reporting of the BOG minutes.

Motion: A motion was made to accept the recommendation of the committee.

Result: Seconded with discussion. The discussion centered on the type of minutes, if any, should be published in *The Clew*. A decision was made to have a summarized version of each governor's report in the minutes with a more detailed report in each governor's section of *The Clew*. A detailed version of the minutes would also be approved by the BOG and retained by the secretary for an official record of the meeting.

Amended Motion: Motion was amended to recommend that the minutes be included in *The Clew* in an abridged version.

Result: Seconded and discussion closed.

Amended motion was voted on and passed with 1 abstention.

P&PC BOG Policy Review Status - Jan Buckler reported on her committee's findings. The committee will review all the BOG minutes for policy decisions. They will also review the Issues List, review the BOG Book, and they would like to look into member of the year voting and how it is been conducted in previous years.

Report from Capital Planning Committee – Carl Feusahrens reported that his committee is comprised of the Requirements Committee, the Treasury Committee and the Site Committee. The committee is pursuing looking at alternate sites in the Solomons area, including Calvert Marina, for a future clubhouse. The committee will brief the membership in September on their findings.

SMSA Web Site Update Status – The BOG talked with Dan Shannon at its last meeting. The BOG was tasked to look at our website and decide if everything looked okay.

BOG Special Meeting, Purpose: alignment of individual programs with SMSA goals and mission statement – Don Behrens will present his findings at the next BOG meeting.

New Business

Member Survey – response to a member request – This survey would be sent to the general membership and the results presented at the General Membership Meeting. We need to work on questions for the survey with general themes and come up with a questionnaire. This should be pursued to further clarify.

Awards Recommendation – Charlotte Mahood asked who the proper person/governor was to change the procedures for awarding trophies. Was it possible to order trophies immediately and have those awarded this year as appropriate and perpetuals be given out at the Awards Banquet? She was informed that it was between Clarke McKinney and Shawn Stanley, and could definitely be done this year. Awards, etc., deferred to Clarke and Shawn.

Support of CMM Craft Guide by Jack Pappas – Mr. Pappas presented a brief to the BOG on the Sailing Community Joint Project. This project would include the Calvert Marine Museum, the Solomons Island Yacht Club and SMSA. The project would have families build sailing and rowing boats and then SMSA would train young sailors to use the boats they built. The project would need a member from each club to form a planning committee to formulate a plan of action and milestones for a presentation to a joint special meeting of the three clubs.

Motion: A motion was presented to recommend Bill Mahood as the SMSA representative for this committee.

Results: Seconded with discussion.

Amend Motion: The motion was amended to put this action under the Junior Program to be developed along with their other programs.

Results: Seconded and unanimously passed.

Directors Insurance – David Arbuthnot would like to have this on the agenda for the next BOG meeting.

Commodores closing remarks – This is the end of the sixth BOG meeting and I appreciate all of the support of the BOG members.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:56 p.m.
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UPCOMING BOG AGENDA

**Southern Maryland Sailing Association
2003 Board of Governors Meeting
Tuesday, May 6, 2003 7:30 p.m.
Draft Agenda**

Commodore-

Opening Remarks - Meeting expectations -
setting of the agenda

Secretary –

Minutes from April 3, 2003 BOG meeting -
comments - status

Treasurer –

Financial Report -
Budget Discussion -
Financial program update - non member
income status

Vice Commodore -schedule up date -

On the water -
Race Governor – Race Programs --
Wednesday Night Racing
Cruise Governor- Cruise Programs - status
Junior Governor –Program Status and Plans
Women's Program Governor – Program
Plans and Seminars - CMM support

Rear Commodore - Ashore Programs - Comments on special BOG meeting

Social – Plans for SMSA calendar
Publicity –
Facilities- Condition report
Public Relations - Website update status
Membership- Status of SMSA membership
renewals/new members

Old Business -

P&PC BOG policy review status
P&PC Issues review status
Report from Capital Planning Committee -
Committee Chairman
SMSA Website Update status

Web-based Member Forum - plans - Public
Relations Governor

BOG Special meeting, purpose: alignment
of programs with goals - Rear Commodore
CMM coordination and support progress -
Women's Program Governor

New Business -

Directors Insurance - Vice Commodore

Commodore -

Closing Remarks

Adjourn

TREASURER

It was great to see the nice turnout of members at the recent opening day ceremony. With the first Saturday of April behind us, we are officially into the SMSA sailing season. By the time you read this, we will be well into our on-the-water activities, and it sure does feel good to get back out there.

With club operations in full swing, we are beginning to expend funds at an increased pace. I am happy to report that our financial status looks good. Thanks to a good response to membership renewals, new memberships, race fees and day camp registration, we are right on target with our budgeted income for this point in the year. Our actual vs. budgeted expenses are well on track also.

We are making steady progress on the strategic financial issues that have been facing us. We paid Maryland state income taxes this past month, and are working with our CPA to file Federal tax forms (due in May). We continue to research options to solidify our tax-exempt status, and will be ready to present preliminary options to the BOG in May for a capital investment program and financing of a clubhouse, if/when the membership elects to proceed in that direction.

So... our finances are in good shape, summer is beckoning, the days are getting long, and from my house just down the street from Zahniser's, I can hear the halyards clanging at night. It doesn't get any better than that!

FACILITIES GOVERNOR

Many thanks to the folks from SMSA and LCYC who turned out for the recent workdays. A great deal was accomplished: SMSA (Walt Rupp-painted porch floor, Jay Green-outside clean up, Laura Comeau-cleaned trophy case, Shawn Stanley and Don Behrens-power washed house and picnic tables, hung chair rail, Frank Gerred-hung light/fan in trophy room, Devon Feusahrens-painted front door) and LCYC (Rob Fowler and Dick Coarse-hung new front porch light, Dee Stevens-painted chair rails, Dave Witherspoon-painted picnic tables, Al Lynch-painted hall coat closet). Other recent improvements include the hanging of curtains and 12 new pictures, 12 new chairs were procured, upstairs office was cleaned out and old yard sale donations were taken to Bacon's in Annapolis for consignment.

However, there are still opportunities for club members to volunteer their time on clubhouse projects: the kitchen door needs a new screen and paint, side and back stoops need painting, windows need washing and screens put in, gutters need cleaning and more. If interested, please contact the Facilities Governor.

Capital Planning Committee Report

Chaired by the Facilities Governor, the committee consists of the chairmen of the Finance, Requirements and Site Search committees. The plan is for the site committee to propose and price out a replacement site and facilities, the requirements committee to review the proposal against the requirements defined in the SMSA requirements report, and the finance committee to identify a way to pay for it. Once this proposed plan is completed, it will be briefed to the BOG,

and then, with the BOG's concurrence, briefed to the SMSA general membership.

Currently the site committee is actively pursuing the option of SMSA facilities remaining within Calvert Marina on property that would be owned by SMSA. Planning is moving ahead at a pace that should ensure that the proposed plan can be briefed at the general membership meeting this fall.

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RACE

The race season is under way and I hope that everyone has received their Race Circulars and PHRF Ratings. A copy of the boat's PHRF Certificate along with a signed Entry Form is a requirement for a race or series. As of April 15, I do not have PHRF Certificates from these owners: Attick, Baldwin, Brown, Dawley, Edwards, Engh, Feusahrens, Fischer, Frankle, Gyorgy, Hathaway, Kangas, Keen, LaRoche, Lawrence, Moore, Munger, Sackett, Schneider, Shannon, Spicuzza, Taylor, and Waldschmitt. I also need Entry Forms from Engh (Melges 24) and Frankle. I sent an email with this request at an earlier date, but sometimes there are problems with servers, etc., so I am trying a different media. I thank everyone for getting the required information to me.

There are a wide variety of races scheduled for May. The Small Boat Program kicks off on May 1. The Zahniser's Wednesday Night Series and Double-Handed Race are part of the informal races. The High Point Series continues with the Proctor Series. If that schedule isn't full enough for you, there is also the Marcy Series to get the Women's Program going. I am sure there is something scheduled that will fit your style of racing.

The SMSA Bay Race marks are set. I'd like to thank the following people for their efforts helping with the maintenance, launching, and anchoring of

the marks: Pete LaRoche, Bob Waldschmitt, Shawn Stanley, Ken Mowbray, Les Griffith, and especially John McKinney, who was present throughout the entire process. The bay and river SMSA race marks allowed the Race Committees to set great courses. The maintenance effort is huge and the volunteers should be thanked if you get a chance.

There has been an idea discussed recently that awards should be presented at events during the year; an idea I believe would be good. Yet, there are some issues that I am not prepared to take on. Some of the issues I have revolve around what has been engraved on trophies in the past and how to present trophies that aren't blank or just a generic "first", "second" or "third". I don't want to put SMSA into a position of throwing away trophies for races that do not have enough qualifiers or for races that do not happen. If it desirable for a blank trophy to be awarded, returned for engraving, then delivered to the winner, I would like someone to step up to coordinate the effort. There are budget and social program issues that would be affected. It's good to get together during the winter at the Annual Awards Banquet, and I hope to continue to see you there.

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CRUISE

This year's cruising schedule is published in the yearbook, and by the time this article appears I trust it will also be available on our website.

The Rupps led a small fleet on the Opening Day cruise. The next cruise is the weekend cruise to Battle Creek on April 26. Dave Marchant is planning to lead this cruise if his boat is ready, otherwise I will find an alternate cruise leader. Each year this cruise is fairly well attended because it acts as a shake down cruise before the longer cruises of May and June.

The 3-week cruise to the Southern Bay leaves May 17. Be sure to contact the Goodmans if you plan to attend. And please help out by volunteering to be a Port Captain.

The extended Memorial Day cruise lead by the Marchants departs May 22 for the Rappahannock River. For those who cannot go for 6 days, the Zondermans will lead a cruise just for the holiday weekend and will rejoin the other cruise in Reedville.

Sally and I will be leading the 2-week cruise up the Potomac to D.C. beginning June 20. We need to contact some marinas very soon, and for that it would be helpful to have an idea of how many boats we will have. Let us know as soon as possible if you think you may join us.

We expect to have a great cruising season this year and look forward to many participants. First Mates get your favorite happy hour recipes ready!

David Arbuthnot, Cruise Governor
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OPENING DAY CRUISE April 5-6, 2003 Rollins Cove

Opening Day Cruise progressed into a lovely day compared to the early discouraging fog. On the cruise were *Njord* (Green) the anchor boat, *Brigadoon* (Rupp), and two hardy souls in power boats, *Pur-r-r-r-r-fect* (John Bailey) and *Triumph* (Dave Arbuthnot). Happy Hour ensued with the usual delicious munchies and the renewal of cruising friendships. John and Dave departed for their comfortable warm homes for the night. *Njord* and *Brigadoon* remained at anchor as the temperature dropped into the low 30's. The night was cold and quiet. The forecast for rain never materialized.

Sunday morning *Njord* accomplished installing their headsail (their main was installed previous to the cruise). *Brigadoon* decided to weigh anchor and to re-anchor in Mill Cove to install their mainsail.

The cruise was altogether a nice, if not a well attended, cruise, and we thank Jay, Elaine, John and Dave for attending the first cruise of the season.

Walt and Jan Rupp, Cruise Leaders

MEMORIAL DAY CRUISE (extended) May 22 - May 27

As I write this it is Tuesday evening after Opening Day and our boat is still in the yard and the engine is sitting on the deck between the galley and the head. Visions of cruising on a warm summer day seem very far away.

The plan for the extended Memorial Day cruise comes from our desire to go somewhere new this season, and the fact that our small boat needs additional time for any passage exceeding 40 miles. Being part of the SMSA membership that still have jobs that consume most of our time, it is impossible for us to participate in the 2 and 3 week cruises. So, we thought it would be nice if we could just add a day or so to each end of the Memorial Day weekend.

After reading the article about the Little Wicomico River in the April Chesapeake Bay magazine, I have decided that maybe it would be a good idea to alter our first day's destination to somewhere that is a little less of a challenge to navigate. To that end I would like to suggest that we make the first day destination Mill Creek, which is on the south side of the Great Wicomico River (37°47.60¢ N / 076°19.50¢W). While there are not services available on Mill Creek, Cockrell Creek and Reedville are just across the river.

On day two we will travel to Carter Creek on the Rappahannock River. There are services available at The Tides, (804) 438-5000.

On day three we will return to Reedville, and by that time, I'm sure that my first officer will require that we find accommodations at a marina. There

are three marinas on Cockrell Creek: Buzzard's Point (804) 453-3545; Fairport Marina (894) 453-9061 and Reedville Marina (804) 453-6789. Day four is a lay day in Reedville. Since this is Memorial Day weekend, if you want marina space for one or both nights in Reedville, you may want to call early.

Day five, Memorial Day, we will begin our return to Solomons. Our slow little boat plans to make this a two day transit, stopping on day five in Smith Creek off of the north side of the Potomac River.

On day six we will return to Solomons.

If you are interested in joining us for all or part of this extended weekend, you can contact us at home (410) 394 -1870 or by sending us an email at cor93vette@aol.com.

MEMORAL DAY CRUISE (weekend only) MAY 24 - MAY 26

David and Lois Zimmerman (*Walkabout*) have agreed to lead a second group that will depart on Saturday, May 24, and join the extended Memorial Day group in Reedville. However, if it is blowing 30 knots out of the south on Saturday morning, David has indicated that the destination will be changed to a northern destination such as Oxford.

If you plan to join David you can either let me know or send David and Lois an email at sail274@aol.com.

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Three Week Cruise South May 17-June 8

The Three Week Cruise begins in mid-May. We plan to begin the cruise with a sail across the bay to Fox Creek and Honga River. Then we will continue southward on the eastern shore visiting

small towns and quiet anchorages. Then to Norfolk for a couple of days. Finally, the western shore: a sail past the Reserve Fleet on the James. Then we will continue northward, slowly, to home. Several lay days are planned, so it should be a relaxing cruise to small towns and villages with quiet anchorages in the marshes and the cities of Norfolk and Hampton.

Please join us for a wonderful cruise around the southern bay. We hope you can join us for the entire three weeks, a week or even a few days! In May and early June the weather should provide us with good sailing and cool days.

Cruise Leaders: Nikki and Jack Goodman, *Cat Morgan*

JUNIOR PROGRAM

It won't be long now until the kids are done with school and our summer sailing camps are underway. I am very pleased to report that as of April 15 all of our Opti slots were filled and a good number of our F-J slots as well. In fact, as of mid-April our camps were 80 percent full, a new registration record surpassing last year's sell-out.

Over the next few weeks we are seeking to fill the rest of the slots which are appropriate for children ages 12 and above. One remaining camp does not require prior sailing experience; two others do. So please, spread the word so we can have another sold out year.

We have recently purchased a new safety boat. It is a previously owned 16-foot Ebbtide in excellent shape. We purchased it from the Southern Maryland Sailing Foundation. This boat will be suitable to support small boat racing on Thursday nights and will be an asset to the Wednesday night racing program as a mark boat. The junior program revenues are anticipated to cover all expenses related to this purchase.

We also leased an additional six F-J's from SMSF. These will help us meet the needs of our growing Junior program. Purchases over the past two years have helped expand our junior programs and meet the safety needs of the club, as well as the sailing community.

I want to take a moment to thank all of you for the support and friendship you have shown in the wake of my father's passing. Every kind word, thoughtful card, contribution to Hospice or just the sharing of a memory, has been very important to me and mine. Thank you.

I look forward to an exciting summer of junior sailing!!!

Dave Pedersen, Junior Governor
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WOMEN'S PROGRAM

SMSA's Opening Day has come and gone. The Racing and Cruising programs are in full swing. The weather is beginning to cooperate!

This month the Women's program has 3 seminars; Friday, May 2, Racing Rules Seminar, 6:30 p.m. at the clubhouse; Friday, May 9, Protest Procedures 7:30 p.m. at the clubhouse; and Friday, May 16, Sailing Tactics for Women 7:30 p.m. at the Holly II Building. The Holly II Building is on Airport Road - look for the Outback Restaurant.

MARCY SERIES: Gale Parmentier has agreed to let the Women's Committee propose rules for the races that will be fair to everyone. I believe we have been successful in accomplishing a balanced fairness. See the Racing Circular for complete details. There will be no deviation from the Racing Circular. Provisional ratings will be given to boats without a valid PHRF certificate. The Marcy Trophy will be presented to the winning boat racing with/without a man aboard. The trophy will, however, remain within SMSA. For additional information attend the Skippers' Meeting, Friday,

May 30 at 6:30 p.m. at the clubhouse. If anyone needs crew, or if someone wants to crew, don't hesitate to call me!

Charlotte Mahood, Women's Governor
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ARE YOU TRULY READY FOR THE SEASON?

Deshandera is back in her slip, boat painted, zinc changed, oil and fuel filters changed, hull waxed, batteries charged, water system up, head ready, engine started and sails aboard! What else is necessary to leave the slip?

I think everyone prepares a winterizing checklist and a de-winterizing checklist. I know Bill and I do! We also have a safety checklist. Something that is of utmost importance, and seldom practiced, is MAN-OVER-BOARD drills. It is imperative for both racers and cruisers to have a set plan/procedure both with sails up and with sails down in case of a man-over-board. However, just having a set plan/procedure is useless unless you have practice sessions. For racers, CBYRA and PHRF have specific guidelines for required safety equipment. This equipment is much more effective if rescue procedures are practiced before they are needed. For cruisers it's a different situation, because more often than not, it's just two people or a couple. Under these circumstances, practicing is more important because the burden of rescue solely depends on the one remaining person aboard. Develop a plan/procedure, throw your horse-shoe, cushion or life jacket overboard and see how long it takes to retrieve. You'll be surprised!

Another checklist and one that concerns me a great deal, applies to couples or two individuals simply sailing together! If you are one of these couples or individuals, this check list could save your life! Do you know how to start and kill your engine, take down sails, luff up, use your VHF to call for help, locate the longitude/latitude button on your GPS so you can actually tell responders where you are. Add to your own list, right down to bringing your boat into the slip!!

See you on the water!!

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PUBLICITY

At the Commodore's request, I recently convened a committee to develop some submission guidelines for *The Clew*. Anyone wishing to do so may submit an article to be considered for publication, but it must adhere to the basic guidelines the committee set forth. These are as follows:

- 1) General submissions will be considered for publication as space allows. It is suggested these submissions be equal to one page, or less.
- 2) A "general submission" is an article by a member in good standing that relates SAILING EXPERIENCES, NEWS or general INFORMATION items about sailing that are of interest to the SMSA community.

It is *The Clew* editor who has the final say on what gets printed, but generally most submissions will make it in as long as they meet these basic requirements. Articles longer than one page will be printed as space allows.

The Clew deadline is FIRM, and that goes for BOG members, too. The deadline is always the 15th of every month. By the way, send your submissions to Lisa Feusahrens and not to me!

The Clew will continue to carry race results and the cruising points matrix. The minutes will still be carried, but in a condensed version. Anyone desiring a copy of the full minutes can get them from BOG Secretary, Linda Kuehnle. Individual governors will be summarizing or explaining BOG happenings under their purview monthly in *The Clew*.

It was great to see so many of you on Opening Day. There are a lot of you who were unable to

attend, so we still have many yearbooks to distribute. Anybody from up the road who will be in the Solomons area in the next week or so, contact me and I'll try and get you your yearbook while you are here. Each time we mail a copy, it costs your club about \$4.00, so I'd like to hand-deliver as many as possible. If you live here in the Solomons area and still do not have your yearbook, PLEASE contact me so we can hook up and save \$4.00. Any yearbooks that have not been distributed will be mailed out to members at the end of April. Somebody from the publicity committee will be at Zahnisers for the first two Wednesday night races to distribute books, so look for yours there.

Speaking of the yearbook, I received some help right at the deadline, and didn't get a chance to give credit to folks who deserve it. Past Commodore Chuck Crawford went out of his way to help me get a couple of our ads formatted for printing. My friend Lee Ann Stone helped me with some last-minute typing, and Lisa Flaherty was a big help distributing yearbooks at opening day. As my wife, Lisa also had to put up with me not coming home until 3 a.m. for several nights, as I stayed late at the office working on layout. I also used up several of our rare free weekends to get this year's book ready. Thanks to all these people for helping create a terrific 2003 SMSA Yearbook!

Tim Flaherty, Publicity Governor
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SOCIAL

After a long and cold winter, spring has finally arrived. With the warmer weather this season typically holds, many of us are eager to hoist our sails and take to the Patuxent and Potomac Rivers and the Chesapeake Bay. In addition to our club sailing, a variety of social events allow us the opportunity to gather off of the water. I hope to see many of you participating in these events.

SMSA kicked off its 2003 season on April 5 with Opening Day. Frank King, who again served as Master of Ceremonies for the Flag Ceremony, did a spectacular job...thanks a million, Frank! Due to the planned time delay for this portion of our activities, the sun made an unexpected and glorious visit for the first time in a long stretch of opening days. Some would say that Frank and our Commodore Walt Rupp had a hand in that, but there are many of us who believe that our recently departed SMSA friends were shining down on us that afternoon.

Once things got underway, those in attendance were able to enjoy the wonderful variety of brunch offerings and tasty desserts brought by the BOG members and general membership. I want to thank all of you for your generosity. The array of egg casseroles and quiches were fantastic. We really have some great cooks among us! Speaking of great cooks, I would personally like to thank Ollie and Katie Kangas for another WONDERFUL batch of breakfast burritos. They sure hit the spot! Merrie Ruth Raley outdid herself again this year with the steady supply of Bloody Marys. Thanks also to Mary Szczyglowski, Nettie Harold, Ronnie Spicuzza, Shirley Butler and Sandy Leitner for helping out behind the bar and in the kitchen! Extra thanks go to Pat and Dave Marchant, Jeff and Donna Moore, Linda Kuehnle, Pat Schroeder, Bridget McNamara, and of course Shawn Stanley for keeping things running throughout the day. Finally, a world of thanks to all of the BOG members who took a very active role as co-hosts for this event – super job, BOG mates!

Upcoming Events

Saturday, May 3, 2003: Double Handed Race Rendezvous at the clubhouse begins at 4:00 p.m. Come out and enjoy the company and conversation of the day's racers and other members. The grills will be fired up and ready for cooking your main entrées. If you plan to attend, please bring a side dish or a dessert to share.

Saturday, May 31, 2003: The Luau at Zahniser's – Marcy Series Rendezvous begins at 4:00 p.m. This is a terrific club social event and a great opportunity to gather with, not only your fellow SMSA sailors, but many of our Zahniser's friends as well. Members attending are asked to bring a side dish or dessert to share for this potluck event. Skippers and boat owners who will be bringing their crew as guests to this event are encouraged to bring an ample supply of food for those guests. We will have a large grill available so that you may cook your main entrées. Beer and soda will be provided and there will be margaritas on hand. So, slip on your best Hawaiian print shirt and Bermuda shorts, then plant your feet into a pair of flip-flops and come join us for a great afternoon of fun.

Saturday, June 21, 2003: Vice Commodore's Race/Cruise and Adult Small Boat and Junior Race Rendezvous begins at 4:00 p.m. at the St. Mary's College waterfront. After an evening of racing and cruising, followed by a full day of small boat events, come out and join us for this laid back event. Find a seat in the shade along the St. Mary's River and relax with some friendly conversation amongst your fellow sailors. Members are encouraged to bring a side dish or dessert to share. There will be a grill available for those who wish to cook up a main entrée. We will have soda, beer and wine on hand, along with some hot dogs for both the big kids and little kids of SMSA to enjoy.

As always, if you have any questions or suggestions relating to the Social Program, feel free to send me an email or contact me by phone.

Laura Comeau, Social Governor
bluesky@tqci.net, (301) 737-4201

MEMBERSHIP

This past month was a good one for new memberships. Thanks to all who have contributed to the recruiting effort. The following five new

memberships were approved at the April 3 BOG meeting. Please extend your help and a hearty welcome to the following new SMSA members, and let's see if we can have another five new candidates next month.

Loraine Dawkins is sponsored by Maggie Weir and lives in California, MD. She was an active SMSA guest at several activities last year, and she looks forward to enjoying the benefits of SMSA membership this year. Her sailing interests include racing, cruising, social, facilities, membership, publicity, and the women's programs. Welcome aboard.

Robert and Teresa Lear are sponsored by Matt and Marty Miller. They live in Manahawkin, NJ and will be mooring their brand new Beneteau 43 *Oasis* on GG dock at Calvert Marina. They have been avid cruisers since 1980 and look forward to new cruising experiences with SMSA in the Solomons area and the Chesapeake Bay. The Solomons area is in their retirement plans. Welcome aboard.

J.T. and Sandy Baker are sponsored by Stovy Brown and live in Great Mills. Their boat *Dragonfly*, an Antrim 27, will be seen on the racecourse this year in hopes of collecting some silver. Their active junior member, **James** (16), also hopes to score big on the junior racing circuit. Welcome aboard.

Peter D'Arista and Mary Roma are sponsored by Matt Gambrill and live in St. Leonard. Their new C and C 121 *Rubaiyat* will be moored at Calvert Marina. After many years of sailing out of Annapolis and the Severn River Yacht Club, they have bought a local business and are moving their sailing operation to the Solomons area. Their sailing interests include racing, cruising, and junior programs for their two children, **Carolina** (11) and **Tony** (4). Welcome aboard.

William and Jefferson Blanton are sponsored by Wes Gleason and live in Tall Timbers. Their primary sailing interest is in the Junior Program

with **Joey** (15) and **Chesa** (17) in support of the High School Sailing program. Welcome aboard.

Rod Schroeder, Membership Governor
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COURTESY MARINE EXAMINATION

What is a Courtesy Marine Examination? This is a free service provided by the Coast Guard Auxiliary that could possibly save you a certain amount of hassle, a considerable amount of money, and perhaps your life.

It is an examination of the safety gear on your boat against the same standards that will be applied by the regular Coast Guard or the Natural Resources Police if your boat should come to their attention. However, the Auxiliary won't issue you a citation, with a hefty fine attached, for whatever shortages or unsatisfactory conditions they may find – as the DNR police or regular Coast Guard most definitely will. Instead, the Auxiliary's examiner will just point it out to you with a suggestion that, for your own safety, if not to avoid the attention of the marine authorities, you ought to correct the fault. If your boat has no problems, or when you have corrected the problem, the Courtesy Marine Examiner will give you a sticker to display on your boat which shows the marine authorities that your boat has passed their inspection. If the authorities are out there passing a slow afternoon, inspecting randomly chosen boats, that sticker at least makes it more likely that they will go after more vulnerable prey than you. If this sounds like a good deal to you, call Tom Hardisty at (410) 326-1676 or John or Connie Cosgrove at (410) 535-1674 to arrange an appointment for the examination.

EDITOR'S NOTE

The deadline for submitting articles for the June 2003 issue of *The Clew* will be:

Thursday, May 15 at 5:00 p.m.

E-mail: feus@comcast.net

Snail Mail: Lisa Feusahrens

PO Box 591

Solomons, Maryland 20688

If you submit an article for *The Clew*, you should receive an email acknowledging receipt. If you do not receive an acknowledgement, please contact *The Clew* editor.

Shawn Stanley will be putting the calendar together for *The Clew* each month. Please be sure to alert him to any events that you wish to have included.

And, remember to forward your *Boat Bio's* and your *Did You Know* articles to feus@comcast.net by the 15th of every month.

DATABASE

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

SMSA LIBRARY

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

CLASSIFIED ADS

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

WANTED: Reliable and friendly crew for *Shermax*. Need a few for Wednesday Night races and many more for weekend races on the bay. Little or no experience required, but must pitch in, ask questions and want to learn sailing, racing, cruising.
Contact Captain Max Munger, (410) 326-9024 or mxmunger@crosslink.net (06-03)

FOR SALE: Selling a 1984 Pearson 34, *Chouette*, to make way for new boat. The P-34 is in excellent condition and rigged for cruising, including a furling 150 genoa (2 years old) and working jib; full battened main; dodger, bimini, awning and sail cover; dingy and 3.5 hp outboard; 22 hp Yanmar diesel engine; Datamarine depth sounder and Standard Horizon knot meter; cockpit cushions and table; teak framed screens; and many extras. Boat is located in Solomons and being brokered there through Trident Yachts (410) 326-2011.
Dennis and Virginia Chandler (06-03)

FOR SALE: 1978 24' Helms sailboat in good condition with lots of almost new equipment: 2000 Honda four stroke 9.9 hp, depth meter 2002, VHF 2000, alcohol stove, bimini 2000, standing rigging replaced in 2000, 3 sails (main, jib, genoa), sleeps 5, \$6,500.00. Willing to sell the boat and motor separately also.
Contact Chip Martin, (202) 694-7132 or charlesm@dnfsb.gov (06-03)

FOR SALE: Sunfish sailboat with titled trailer. The trailer is ready to roll and the Sunfish is ready to sail. All lines were bought new last year.
Contact John or Gail Goode
(301) 737-0682, Goodesails@aol.com or Gooderuns@aol.com (07-03)

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 foot depth] off the northwest corner of Mill Cove/Mill Creek in Hollywood. First pier on the right. Patriot usually there on the lift. Contact for approval Jay and Mary Hanks at P O Box 190, Hollywood, MD 20636
(301) 373-5474 or jhanks@starpower.net (07-03)

FOR SALE: *Designer's Choice*, sloop designed by Sparkman and Stephens. Length 14-10 ½, Beam 6-1, Draft 5" BD UP, 3' BD DN. Includes sails and trailer. New around 1981, TLC since. \$1,500.00
Contact Rae Thompson at (301) 863-2193 or Jay Hanks at (301) 373-5474. (07-03)

FOR SALE: Hunter 31, 1987, sleeps 6, bimini, autohelm, diesel, tow-along rowing dinghy, updated sails, self-flaking mainsail, cockpit GPS plug, contact Kasia Grisso, (510) 524-2054 or kasia@aya.yale.edu (07-03)

2003 THE WHARF SPRING FROSTBITE SERIES RESULTS
(Low Point Scoring System, USS/RRS App. A, as amended by race instr.)

<u>STDG.</u>	<u>Sail No.</u>	<u>YACHT</u>	<u>SFB#1</u>	<u>SFB#2</u>	<u>SFB#3</u>	<u>SFB#4</u>	<u>Score</u>
1	31555	TIGRESS	1	4	2	1	4
2	23798	PURSUIT	3	1	1	3	5
3	39519	AMERICAN FLYER	2	3	3	5	8
4	3066	ARTFUL DODGER	10	10	4	2	16
5	73248	ARCHIMEDES PRINCIPLE	10	5	10	4	19
6	83434	ISLAND TIME	10	10	5	6	21
7	42516	STARGAZER II	10	2	10	10	22
8	93242	MOONDANCE	10	10	10	7	27
9	93235	BADGER	10	10	10	8	28

DNS/DNC=10

DATE: 2-Mar-03			EVENT: The Wharf Spring Frostbite Race #1				
CLASS: PHRF NS			Start: 13:05:00		Length: 6.90		
<u>STDG.</u>	<u>Sail No.</u>	<u>YACHT</u>	<u>RTG.</u>	<u>FINISH</u>	<u>ELPS'D</u>	<u>ALLOW.</u>	<u>CORR'TD</u>
1	31555	TIGRESS	72	14:16:40	1:11:40	0:08:17	1:03:23
2	39519	AMERICAN FLYER	48	14:15:16	1:10:16	0:05:31	1:04:45
3	23798	PURSUIT	51	14:18:07	1:13:07	0:05:52	1:07:15

DATE: 9-Mar-03			EVENT: The Wharf Spring Frostbite Race #2				
CLASS: PHRF NS			Start: 13:05:00		Length: 6.100		
<u>STDG.</u>	<u>Sail No.</u>	<u>YACHT</u>	<u>RTG.</u>	<u>FINISH</u>	<u>ELPS'D</u>	<u>ALLOW.</u>	<u>CORR'TD</u>
1	23798	PURSUIT	51	14:00:04	0:55:04	0:05:11	0:49:53
2	42516	STARGAZER II	168	14:12:39	1:07:39	0:17:05	0:50:34
3	39519	AMERICAN FLYER	48	14:00:45	0:55:45	0:04:53	0:50:52
4	31555	TIGRESS	72	14:03:36	0:58:36	0:07:19	0:51:17
5	73248	ARCHIMEDES PRINCIPLE	168	14:19:58	1:14:58	0:17:05	0:57:53

DATE: 16-Mar-03			EVENT: The Wharf Spring Frostbite Race #3				
CLASS: PHRF NS			Start: 13:09:44		Length: 1.900		
<u>STDG.</u>	<u>Sail No.</u>	<u>YACHT</u>	<u>RTG.</u>	<u>FINISH</u>	<u>ELPS'D</u>	<u>ALLOW.</u>	<u>CORR'TD</u>
1	23798	PURSUIT	51	13:37:37	0:27:53	0:01:37	0:26:16
2	31555	TIGRESS	72	13:41:24	0:31:40	0:02:17	0:29:23
3	39519	AMERICAN FLYER	48	13:42:45	0:33:01	0:01:31	0:31:30
4	3066	ARTFUL DODGER	132	13:48:07	0:38:23	0:04:11	0:34:12
5	83434	ISLAND TIME	186	13:53:02	0:43:18	0:05:53	0:37:25

DATE: 23-Mar-03			EVENT: The Wharf Spring Frostbite Race #4				
CLASS: PHRF NS			Start: 13:15:00		Length: 6.000		
<u>STDG.</u>	<u>Sail No.</u>	<u>YACHT</u>	<u>RTG.</u>	<u>FINISH</u>	<u>ELPS'D</u>	<u>ALLOW.</u>	<u>CORR'TD</u>
1	31555	TIGRESS	72	14:21:48	1:06:48	0:07:12	0:59:36
2	3066	ARTFUL DODGER	132	14:28:34	1:13:34	0:13:12	1:00:22
3	23798	PURSUIT	51	14:21:02	1:06:02	0:05:06	1:00:56
4	73248	ARCHIMEDES PRINCIPLE	168	14:33:48	1:18:48	0:16:48	1:02:00
5	39519	AMERICAN FLYER	48	14:22:03	1:07:03	0:04:48	1:02:15
6	83434	ISLAND TIME	186	14:39:35	1:24:35	0:18:36	1:05:59
7	93242	MOONDANCE	105	14:39:04	1:24:04	0:10:30	1:13:34
8	93235	BADGER	186	14:53:48	1:38:48	0:18:36	1:20:12

May 2003 - SMSA Calendar

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	
					1 Bowen's Inn Thursday Night Small Boat Races Begin High School Sailing Practice @ Clubhouse ~ 1430-1800	2 Rules Seminar @ Clubhouse - 1830 (repeat of 21 Feb seminar)	3 Double-handed Race - RC M. McCarey Rendezvous @ Clubhouse - 1600
4	5 BOG Meeting @ Clubhouse - 1930	6 Zahniser's Wednesday Night Race - RC J. McKinney	7 Bowen's Inn Thursday Night Small Boat Races High School Sailing Practice @ Clubhouse ~ 1430-1800	8 Protest Procedures Seminar @ Clubhouse - 1930	9 SMSA Open House @ Clubhouse - 1000 High School JV Regatta	10	
11 Mother's Day	12 LCYC clubhouse use thru 18th	13	14 Zahniser's Wednesday Night Race - RC S. Baldwin	15 Bowen's Inn Thursday Night Small Boat Races High School Sailing Practice @ Clubhouse ~ 1430-1800 The Clew dedline >	16 "Tactics for Women" Seminar @ Holly II - 1930 High School Sailing Practice @ Clubhouse ~ 1430-1800	17 Proctor-Bailey Series Races 1 and 2 - RC J and C Frost 3 Week and Weekend Cruise Honga River-Goodman LCYC event - 1200-2000	
18 Proctor-Bailey Series Race 3 - RC Needed - call Clarke! Mini-rendezvous after race @ Clubhouse End Weekend Cruise	19	20 Zahniser's Wednesday Night Race - RC J and K Young	21 Bowen's Inn Thursday Night Small Boat Races High School Sailing Practice @ Clubhouse ~ 1430-1800 Extended Memorial Day Cruise - Marchant	22 High School Sailing Practice @ Clubhouse ~ 1430-1800	23 High School Sailing Practice @ Clubhouse ~ 1430-1800	24 Memorial Day Cruise - Zonderman High School Varsity Regatta	
25 Wedding Reception @ Clubhouse	26 Memorial Day (Observed)	27 End Memorial Day Cruises	28 Zahniser's Wednesday Night Race - RC J. Taylor	29 Bowen's Inn Thursday Night Small Boat Races High School Sailing Practice @ Clubhouse ~ 1430-1800	30 Marcy Series Skipper's Meeting @ Clubhouse - 1830 High School Sailing Practice @ Clubhouse ~ 1430-1800	31 Marcy Series Races 1 and 2 - RC J. Weir Luau Rendezvous @ Zahniser's- 1600 Sea Scout Regatta @ Clubhouse High School Sailing Potluck Supper and Spring Awards @ Clubhouse	

June 2003 - SMSA Calendar

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 Marcy Series Races 3 and 4 Mini-rendezvous @ Clubhouse	2 LCYC clubhouse use thru 8th	3 BOG Meeting @ Clubhouse - 1930	4 Zahniser's Wednesday Night Race	5 Bowen's Inn Thursday Night Small Boat Races	6	7 Little Choptank Race LCYC Beach Party 1200-2000
8 Summer Invitational Race Mini-rendezvous @ Clubhouse End 3 Week Cruise >	9	10 Zahniser's Wednesday Night Race	11 Bowen's Inn Thursday Night Small Boat Races	12	13	14 Lightning Dixie District Championships
15 Lightning Dixie District Championships The Clew dedline Father's Day	16	17 Zahniser's Wednesday Night Race	18 Bowen's Inn Thursday Night Small Boat Races	19 Bowen's Inn Thursday Night Small Boat Races	20 Begin 2 Week Cruise - Potomac- Arbutnot Vice Commodore's Race/Cruise to St. Mary's College (Evening Start) Begin Vice Commodore Race/Cruise Weekend - S. Stanley	21 All Member Small Boat Races @ St. Mary's College Rendezvous @ St. Mary's College - 1600
22 End Vice Commodore Race/Cruise Weekend	23 Junior Day Camp Session #1 (FJ Racing) 0800-1700 @ Clubhouse	24 Junior Day Camp Session #1 (FJ Racing) 0800-1700 @ Clubhouse	25 Zahniser's Wednesday Night Race Junior Day Camp Session #1 (FJ Racing) 0800-1700 @ Clubhouse	26 Bowen's Inn Thursday Night Small Boat Races Junior Day Camp Session #1 (FJ Racing) 0800-1700 @ Clubhouse	27 Junior Day Camp Session #1 (FJ Racing) 0800-1700 @ Clubhouse	28 Sea Scout East Coast Championships
29 Sea Scout East Coast Championships	30 Junior Day Camp Session #2 (Opti) 0800-1700 @ Clubhouse					