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## COMMODORE

Your 2005 Board of Governors has worked hard to make this season a great one. Please join us for Opening Day on April 2<sup>nd</sup>! Bring a dish and enjoy the usual fanfare and excitement the official start of the sailing season brings! Please see the calendar and other Governors' articles for more details! Hope to see you there!

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**Don't forget to bring your old socks Opening Day for the first SMSA SOCK BURNING!**

## UPCOMING BOG AGENDA

2005 Board of Governors Meeting  
Thursday, April 7, 2005 –  
1930 hrs at the Clubhouse  
Draft Agenda

Opening Remarks – Meeting expectations – setting of the agenda

## Officer Reports

- Commodore
- Vice Commodore  
Schedule update
- Rear Commodore
- Secretary  
Minutes from previous BOG meeting – comments – status
- Treasurer  
Financial Report

## Governor Reports

- Race Program  
Frostbite Series Report  
Patuxent River Mark Proposal status  
RC Boat status
- Cruise Program
- Junior Program  
Junior camp instructor status
- Women's Program
- Social  
Opening Day report
- Facilities  
Clubhouse clean-up report
- Public Relations  
Yearbook report
- Membership  
Membership boosting efforts –report

## Old Business

## New Business

Closing Remarks

## Adjourn

# SECRETARY

## **Abridged Minutes Board of Governors Meeting March 3, 2005**

**Officers and Governors Present:** Shawn Stanley, Don Behrens, Joel Bergsman, Laura Comeau-Stanley, Jim Keen, JT Baker, BJ Roberts, Marc DeLaVergne, David Meiser, Dave Pedersen, Carol Smith

**Other Members Present:** Frank King, Walt Rupp

### **Opening Remarks –**

- Meeting called to order at 1941 hrs.
- New Agenda format presented and accepted without exception by BOG

## **Officer Reports**

### **Commodore**

- Governor Replacement: Shawn welcomed Walt Rupp and appointed him as the new Cruise Governor; Carol Smith was welcomed as the new Women's Governor
- Opening Day plans and expectations: Shawn welcomed Frank King, Master of Ceremonies for Opening Day; draft agenda distributed to BOG by Frank
- Committee List reminder provided to all Governors

### **Vice Commodore**

- Schedule Update: Don distributed calendars for March, April and May and asked that BOG review and advise him of any corrections
- SMSA/LCYC Flea Market: March 26, 2005 at the Clubhouse; Frank King stepped forward to act as Chairman

## **Rear Commodore** – Absent

### **Secretary**

- Abridged Minutes for the February 2005 meeting published in the March Clew; Minutes of Record still to be finalized

### **Treasurer**

- Financial Report provided by Joel; currently five members who are still delinquent in paying the \$15 assessment.

## **Governor Reports**

### **Race Program**

- Jim reported on the IRC Seminar conducted in Annapolis on 2/26 and the results of the 2/17 Race Program Committee meeting.
- River race marks will be going in on Saturday, 3/5 in preparation for the First Frostbite Race scheduled for Sunday, 3/6; still looking for more racers for RC duty
- Jim announced that more information still to come Annapolis Race Week and the potential for SMSA to run race management for one of the circles
- Announcement made by Don that the Screwpile Lighthouse Challenge has been selected as CBYRA qualifier for US Offshore Championship - Lloyd Phoenix Trophy

### **Cruise Program**

- Walt obtained cruise program information from Gene; currently 23 cruises on the 2005 schedule with nine still in need of leaders; Walt hopes to have those loose ends tied up soon and asked for volunteers to fill slots that are still open
- Walt wants to coordinate with Jim Keen to make sure that we can potentially merge some events between racers and cruisers.

### **Junior Program**

- Program informational meeting held on 3/02
- High School practice begins 3/16; first regatta scheduled for 3/20 at Georgetown - WSC

- Status of High School program provided; Assistant coach still needed
- Instructor and Two camp counselors needed for the summer programs; JT to begin advertising those positions.
- CBYRA Opti Green Fleet Regatta – if anyone knows of juniors ages eight to 11 that might be interested, please have them contact JT
- Summer camp registrations have begun to arrive by mail; Registration night is scheduled for 3/24 at the Clubhouse
- SMSF has purchased 12 sets of new FJ sails for regatta use only

### **Women's Program**

- Carol reported that the seminars have gone very well and that the Race Management Seminar will be the last one of the season
- Carol is still working with Wendy on the program pass down

### **Social Program**

- BJ reported that she has finalized her committee list
- BJ asked BOG to verify Clubhouse address for her for the Birthday Party caterer
- BOG members asked to provide a list of food items they plan to bring to the Opening Day breakfast

### **Facilities**

- Dave reported that the clubhouse clean up day is set for 3/19; many projects to accomplish
- New kitchen floor to be installed on 3/08

### **Public Relations**

- David reported that the yearbook is close to being finished; he would still like to have more photographs
- Memoriam to Char Frost, Gail Goode and Jay & Mary Hanks to appear in the yearbook

### **Membership**

- Marc reported that the 167 members have submitted their membership renewals
- One change to membership category requested and two new membership applications presented: Ruth Keimig from Emeritus to publication only; Rick and Midge Kinder family membership and Brenard & Flonet Biltgen family membership; all passed unanimously by BOG

### **Old Business** – None

### **New Business** –

- Social event coordination/future parties
- Membership boosting ideas

Closing remarks from Shawn

Motion made to adjourn; seconded; BOG unanimously in favor

Meeting adjourned at 2119 hrs.

The official Minutes of Record for BOG Meetings can be viewed on the Web-based Member Forum

## **WOMEN'S**

I would like to start out thanking the BOG for having the confidence in me to appoint me Women's Governor. And I would like to thank Wendy Schneider for all the hard work that she has put in as Women's Governor.

Wendy and I are in the middle of the pass down, but there is one important event coming up soon that needs to be advertised (so to say). That is the Women's Program Training that is scheduled for Opening Day, April 2<sup>nd</sup>. We are in need of a couple of volunteers with boats to assist with the training. The intent is a couple of hours of on the water training for those women that are interested/present on Opening Day. Please let me know if you are able to assist. For all those women out there please let me know if you are going to

attend to enable a head count – boats needed – space, you know the drill. Please feel free to contact me with any and all questions.

Again I appreciate the vote of confidence and will strive to live up to it. See you on the water.

Carol Smith, Women's Governor  
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## RACE

Opening Day is upon us, and it's about time. Winter doesn't seem to want to give it up, but the calendar tells us it's springtime, and we're out there racing... finally!

I hope all of you are able to make it to Opening Day (Saturday, April 2 starting at 0930). Keith Jacobs will hold an RC boat familiarization tour immediately following the Opening Day ceremonies. We have lots of new equipment installed on the "Rock Catcher", and it would be good for everyone to get an intro to the new stuff.

I want to thank all those of you who have signed up for RC duty this year. Several crews have volunteered for more than one race. There are still plenty of good opportunities to sign up to fulfill RC duty obligations. Please take a look at the SMSA web site, pick a date(s), and let me know when you and your crew can serve. [Sharps Island, Spring Invite, and Proctor-Bailey are near-term races that are all still open.] Thanks!

We have had several changes to the Wednesday Night Racing format as a result of the Race Governor Committee/ All Racers' Forum held on February 17. The substance of these changes is published in the SMSA Forum, last month's CLEW, and the 2005 Race Circular. One clarification to the original word is that the fleet splits will NOT be by SA/D. We will use the traditional scheme of grouping racer fleets by PHRF ratings. The Green Fleet will be 150 PHRF and above; Blue Fleet will be 111-149; and White Fleet will be 110 and below. As we group non-spin boats in with spin boats (using an allowance for

non-spin boats), we will have a tighter banding of speeds and performances of boats. It's all aimed at evening out the fleets, tighter, more fair competition, and more fun.

If you have not registered as a user of the SMSA on-line Forum, please do so. A lot of really good gouge gets put out there, and it is rapidly becoming a very important source of near real-time information on all aspects of the club. Specifically, it is a great source of knowledge about what's going on in the SMSA racing scene. Check it out.

Late last month I attended the Storm Tri-Sail-sponsored US-IRC seminar in Annapolis. Barry Carroll, the US-IRC Executive Director spoke very knowledgably about the IRC rating system. The major take-away from the seminar was that IRC is not meant to replace PHRF. It is intended to compliment PHRF. It is envisioned that only boats rating 90 and faster will need an IRC certificate. And, those IRC certificates will only be used for selected regattas, i.e., Block Island Race Week, Annapolis – Bermuda. For the average Chesapeake Bay racer, IRC will not have a big effect, for the immediate future, that is. More to come as it all shakes out.

My Race Governor predecessor, one of our favorite local sail makers, and our good friend Clarke McKinney, just recently had some orthopedic surgery performed, incidentally, by one of our fellow racers, Dr. Charles Engh (*Outasight* and *Y2K*). We all wish Clarke a successful and speedy recovery. We also need him out there tuning up his new Olson 29 with co-owners David and Jacki Meiser.

So, the racing season is finally upon us. Wednesday Night Races start on April 20, and the first weekend race is the following weekend, Sharps Island Middle Distance Race (April 23), followed by the Spring Invitational the next day (Sunday, April 24). It's time to dust off the rules book, get the racing sails put back aboard, and get out there and race...

...Jim Keen  
2005 Race Governor

\*\*\* Sail Fast... Live Slow... \*\*\*

## SOCIAL

Opening Day activities are set for this weekend. Please join us at the Clubhouse on Saturday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> for a full day of fun beginning at 9:30 a.m. As hosts, your 2005 BOG will be serving an array of breakfast foods at the start of the day. There will be some delicious offerings to get the day rolling!

Everyone is invited to enjoy breakfast burritos made fresh and tasty by Ollie and Katie Kangas. Bloody Mary's will also be available, prepared by Merrie Ruth Raley. These items are opening day traditions and not to be missed!

Following the morning munchies, ceremonies will be held at 11 a.m. After the ceremonies brunch will be served. Members are asked to contribute to brunch with casseroles, side dishes, hors d'oeuvres and desserts. Coffee, juice, beer wine and soda will be on-hand.

I'd love to serve up oysters but will need to have some volunteers to assist with this. This can only happen if there are enough folks willing to help with the steaming and lifting and shucking! If you are willing to lend a hand to the effort, please contact me immediately!

I also want to thank the many people who helped make our birthday celebration such a hit. I'd especially like to thank the committee members as well as the club members, young and not quite as young alike, who pitched in with all the work!

The next event on the horizon is in May. The Proctor/Bailey Race rendezvous will feature a potluck buffet. Grills will be available. Members are asked to bring their own main dish and a side dish to share. Beer, wine and soft drinks will be available. More details will follow. I look forward to seeing you at opening day.

Barbara Roberts, Social Governor  
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## CRUISE

On April 30, 2005, Njord will be leading a cruise to Island Creek on the Patuxent River. We plan to be underway by 1300 hours. Island Creek is approximately 10 miles from the mouth of the Patuxent River. The entrance to the creek is adjacent to Broom's Island. Watch out for the shoal that is located just to the south of the entrance. The water temperatures will still be a little cold so, be sure you pack a good blanket. A restaurant is located close by for those who want to go ashore for dinner. If I remember correctly, the controlling depth at their dock is five feet. We will monitor VHF Channel 9. Our cell number is 703-405-9082. Hope to see you there.

Jay and Elaine Green  
s/v Njord

## FACILITIES

The Clubhouse is looking terrific after lots of work by a small but determined group of volunteers from SMSA and LCYC. I want to thank all those who joined us on the clean-up day. Many thanks to the LCYC members as well as the SMSA members including Dan and Wendy Schneider, Smitty Smith, plus Shawn and Laura Stanley. (My apologies for those I may have inadvertently forgotten. Your contribution is appreciated!)

I also want to give a special thanks to Walt Rupp for painting the back porch, Dave Meiser for assistance with the installation of the new kitchen floor, and Don Behrens for providing powerwashing. All in all we got lots done and the clubhouse looks a whole lot better.

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## DATABASE

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

## SMSA LIBRARY

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

## CLASSIFIED ADS

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

**FREE ALBACORE:** Albacore needs some work on transom and some other minor work. Most of the parts are there; sails, mast, boom, rudder etc. There is no trailer. This boat is in my yard and free to any boat club member but she does need some TLC. John Goode [301-737-0682](tel:301-737-0682)/[Goodebikes@netzero.com](mailto:Goodebikes@netzero.com)  
(4/05)

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

The boat is a stable boat with hard chines - great for family day sailor with up to six or race it with ideally with three (has been single-handed). This is a great boat and can be great fun to the right

person(s). We are reluctant to sell. Price \$3500. but will negotiate a GREAT deal to someone to keep in the Solomons, MD area.

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

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

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

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

**FREE FOR THE TAKING:** 12 years of *PRACTICAL SAILOR*. Some issues are missing but most are there from 1988 to January 2000. Contact Bob Carpenter at 410-394-6658.  
(3/05)

## EDITOR'S NOTE

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

**Saturday, April 16**

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

## April 2005

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2	Saturday	<u>Opening Day - Opening Day Ceremony &amp; Brunch, 9:30 AM EST</u>
2	Saturday	<u>RC Boat Fam - Race Committee Boat Familiarization</u>
2	Saturday	<u>Opening Day Cruise - Opening Day Cruise</u>
2	Saturday	<u>Woman's Pgm Training - Women's Program on-the-water training</u>
3	Sunday	Daylight Savings Time Begins: <u>Frostbite Race - Spring Frostbite Race</u>
3	Sunday	<u>Opening Day Cruise - Opening Day Cruise</u>
7	Thursday	<u>BOG Mtg @CH 1930 - Board of Governor's Meeting, Clubhouse, 7:30 PM EST</u>
9	Saturday	<u>Cruise Seminar - Cruise Seminar, 10:00 AM EST</u>
15	Friday	<u>'Clew' inputs due - 'Clew' inputs due to editor</u>
16	Saturday	<u>HS Varsity Regatta - High School Varsity Regatta</u>
16	Saturday	<u>Smallboat Program kickoff mtg - Smallboat Program kickoff meeting, Clubhouse, 1:00 PM EST</u>
20	Wednesday	<u>Z's Wed Nite Races - Zahniser's Wednesday Night Race Series</u>
23	Saturday	<u>Sharps Island Race - Sharps Island Race</u>
24	Sunday	<u>Spring Invitational Race - Spring Invitational Race</u>
24	Sunday	<u>mini-rendezvous - mini-rendezvous, Clubhouse</u>
27	Wednesday	<u>Z's Wed Nite Races - Zahniser's Wednesday Night Race Series</u>
28	Thursday	<u>HS Potluck Dinner - High School Potluck Dinner, 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM EST</u>
30	Saturday	<u>Weekend Cruise - Island Creek - Weekend Cruise - Island Creek</u>

## May 2005

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