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COMMODORE

Thanks to all who attended the general meeting on February 18. If you have specific inputs or questions regarding the by-laws proposal, now is the time to talk to Frank and his committee.

For the month of March, we have a few Race Management seminars, a March Social and the start of frostbite racing. Check the calendar and other articles in this edition of *the clew* for more information.

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UPCOMING BOG AGENDA

Please note location change!

Southern Maryland Sailing Association
2006 Board of Governors Meeting
Thursday, April 6, 2006 – 1930 – Holly II
Draft Agenda

Opening Remarks - Meeting expectations - setting of the agenda

Significant events report(s) from Governors

Old Business

Status Report from By-laws Committee

Status Report from Site Acquisition Committee

Closing Remarks –

Adjourn

SECRETARY

**Abridged Minutes
Board of Governors Meeting
February 2, 2006**

Officers and Governors Present: Shawn Stanley, Don Behrens, Carl Feusahrens, Shannon Walters, Jim Keen, David Meiser, BJ Roberts, Barbara Miller, Marc DeLaVergne, Dave Pedersen, Tom Moulds, Gresh Sackett

Others Present: Max Munger, Stovy Brown

Opening Remarks-

- Meeting called to order at 1932
- Agenda modified without exception

Officers Reports

Vice Commodore-

- Don shared with the BOG that SMSA received an award for recognition for services rendered at the CBYRA race week.

Secretary-

- On behalf of Shannon, Shawn reminded the BOG the importance of submitting to the secretary a written report.

Treasurer-

- Joel was not present but submitted a financial report via e-mail that was reviewed.

Governor Reports

Membership-

- Marc presented two applications for membership:
Marc & Rebecca Briere & family, and
Roger Bayer
Both applications approved.
- Marc informed the BOG that membership renewals were low, but expected to pick up.

Women's Program-

- Barbara reminded the BOG about the upcoming seminars.

Junior Program-

- Tom is actively pursuing leads for a High School program venue.
- There will be a level one instructor class offered at St. Mary's College.
- The Sea Scouts have requested support for SMSA for a one-day regatta.

Old Business-

- Governance Committee-Shawn reminded the BOG of the upcoming general meeting.
- Budget-Joel was not present but his Treasurer's report was reviewed. He provided a year-end financial balance sheet. If any clarifications are needed, he will discuss these at the March meeting.
- Database Management-

Joy Dorothy will be the new Race Scorer; Dan Schneider will be our rep in PHRF; and Sam Septembre will be our CBYRA delegate. Mark has the master copy of the database and will manage this in the interim.

- **Clew-**

Dave alerted the BOG to conflicts that are interfering with the e-mailing *the clew* to members. It was agreed that the pull format would work best for SMSA and *the clew* will be posted on the forum each month for member access.

New Business-

- FJ lease from SMSF for 2006
- Printed Clew fee implementation policy was discussed. March will be printed to allow for sign-up of hard copy.

Motion made to adjourn meeting by Shawn; seconded by BJ; motion passed without exception Meeting adjourned at 2048

Please see the SMSA forum for official minutes from the February BOG meeting.

<http://forum.smsa.com>

SOCIAL

Don't worry, spring is just around the corner and our Opening Day/Annual Birthday Party will be upon us. I'll have to admit that because of the mild weather Mr. Charlie and I have even worked on the boat this winter....a first. Not much going on at the club house right now, but I do know that this year is going to be "the best." Since April 1 is the date of our scheduled event I will post the times of the activities during that day on the web. This posting will occur sometime after our next BOG meeting in March. See you soon. B.J.

As my French boyfriend at the wine shop would say, "How boring." Oh well ! B.J.

Barbara Roberts, Social Governor
bjandcharlie@chesapeake.net

March Social Planned

There will be a social at the SMSA Clubhouse beginning at 1800 on Thursday March 16. We will have Bahamas night with dinner and music. Dinner will consist of grilled chicken, peas and rice, mac and cheese, and salad. A donation of \$5-6 will be requested to cover the cost of the food. Rum punch will be available for a small cost or bring your own drinks. Please RSVP before March 14 to the Williams or to the Gerreds.

Ron and Suzie Williams
easytime@verizon.net
410-326-3423

Frank and Rita Gerred
Gerred@starpower.net
301-862-3774

CRUISING

On Saturday, February 4th, the cruisers had a very successful, well attended planning meeting for 2006 with excellent participation. The result was over two dozen cruises of various lengths planned throughout the season – something for everyone.

Highlights include visits as diverse as the York, Rappahannock, and Choptank rivers, a jazz festival, Baltimore harbor, a trip around Delmarva, a tour of the USNA, one following part of Capt. Smith's route, visits to Onancock, Oxford, St Michael's, Annapolis, Urbanna, and two cruises whose destinations will be determined solely by whatever way the winds blows.

We look forward to a great year. See you on the water!

Gresh Sackett, Cruise Governor
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RACING

Well... it won't be long now. By the time this *Clew* is published, Spring Frostbites will only be a

couple weeks away. Please note that we have slid the start of Frostbites to Sunday, March 19th.

Congratulations to *The Riddler* (Clarke McKinney, David/Jackie Meiser and crew) for winning the "CBYRA Boat of the Year". This is a tremendous achievement in that it's a Bay-wide award. They beat out a whole lot of very talented racers and big programs to win this award. Well done *The Riddler* crew!

Congratulations also to *Rhumb Punch* (John/Linda Edwards and crew) for finishing third in their class at Key West Race Week in a very challenging, huge-wind regatta. *Rhumb Punch* did it again very nicely representing SMSA at Key West.

And one more big kudo... Our SMSA Screwpile Race Committee Crew (PRO Don Behrens) was named the "Best Race Committee for a Handicap Division Regatta" for their outstanding race committee work at last summer's CBYRA/Annapolis Race Week. That is a very prestigious award that is richly deserved. [We had the pleasure of racing FC on their course, and also heard a lot of very complimentary comments at the tent.]

Reminder... SMSA Race Management Training dates will be conducted at the Holly II building in Wildewood by Stovy Brown and Keith Jacobs. All racers are encouraged to attend at least one event.

- o Saturday, March 4, 1400-1700
- o Saturday, March 25, 1400-1700
- o Friday, March 31, 1900-2200

US Sailing Race Management Seminars will be conducted this winter/spring on three dates at three locations. This seminar results in participants being able to be certified by US Sailing as a Principle Race Officer. Details can found on CBYRA web site... www.CBYRA.org

RC boat clean-up day is scheduled for 0930 on Saturday, March 25th. Racers are encouraged to come out and help. With enough of us, it won't take more than a couple hours. Thanks!

Bob Stratton has volunteered to serve as the 2006 RC Boat Captain. RC Crews please provide feedback on RC boat condition and/or issues to Bob. Thanks Bob!

On February 8th we held our Annual Winter Racers' Planning Meeting. We had a great turnout with ~35 racers in attendance, and talked through and made decisions on several issues. Thanks much to all who came for the spirited and lively discussions. It was a very productive meeting! And, thanks also to Bobby Waldschmitt and LG Raley for hosting us for our meeting in the Holly II building! The following is a summary of the results:

Wednesday Night Racing

1. We will discontinue the previously used two-second PHRF allowance (incentive) for performing Race Committee duties. Last year just about everyone earned the two-second bump, so it was essentially a wash.
2. We will have three fleets as last year... White, Blue, Green. As last year, Non-Spin boats will race in their respective class against Spin boats, and with a calculated PHRF allowance. The splits will change slightly from last year. This year's splits are: White Fleet... 111 seconds and below; Blue Fleet... 112-149 seconds; Green Fleet... 150 and up. After all boats have registered for the 2006 season, we will look at possibly moving a couple of boats around to even out the fleets.
3. There will be a total of 20 scored races on Wednesday nights. The Jackass Regatta (Fun Race) will be held on the Wednesday immediately after Screwpile, July 19th. The 22nd Wednesday of the season will be another Fun Race in which Skippers and one crewman will race their respective boat with a random mix of crew from the other boats. Details for that event to follow. Neither the Jackass Regatta nor the other Fun Race will be scored.
4. The 20-race season will be split into two series. Fourteen races will be run and scored as the "regular" Wednesday Night Series. The other six races will comprise the "PRO Series". As last year, the "PRO Series" will be run as windward/leeward races with drop marks and mark boats. Principle Race Officers will be designated for these "PRO" races to augment the regularly signed-up RC crews. The "PRO Series" races will be run on the following

Wednesdays: June 7th and 28th, July 12th and August 2nd, 16th, 30th. Serving as Principle Race Officer for the "PRO Series" will be Stovy Brown (three races), Shawn Stanley (one race), George Smith (one race), and Clarke McKinney (one race).

5. The "regular" Wednesday Night Races will be scored as a 14-race series using high-point scoring, with three throw-out races. The "PRO Series" will be scored as a separate six-race series also using the high-point method, with one throw-out.
6. When a Crew performs RC duty on a Wednesday night, instead of using that race as a throw-out, they will receive a score that night using the average of their cumulative scores for all the other Wednesday Night Races in which they do race (unless that makes their high-point score lower, as determined by the Official Scorer.) If the remainder of the (RC) crew races their boat that night, the boat will be scored normally. See Para #7.
7. There is no restriction on a boat's partial crew doing RC duty while their other crew members simultaneously race that race. The only caution is that the Skipper should use good judgment to ensure that sufficient, qualified crew members are on the RC boat to properly conduct the race.
8. On Wednesday, September 13th, immediately following the Mixed Crew Fun Race, we will hold the Wednesday Night Racing Awards party at Zahniser's Pool Bar, awarding trophies for both the 14-race and six-race Wednesday Night Series.

Frostbite Races

1. We will continue the Frostbite Racing format as it was last year; one fleet, one start, all non-spin, no double headsails.
2. If there are enough boats racing the series to warrant, we will issue more formal awards and also go "deeper" into the results to award beers at the post-race results at Bowen's Inn.

Spirit Award

1. It was decided to retain the Spirit Award as described in the SMSA Yearbook. However,

the Race Governor will use discretion in contacting potential recipients who may have some sensitivity due to long standing participation in the SMSA racing fleet.

Change in Start Times for Selected Races

1. Start times for the following races will be changed:
 - a. Summer Invitational Rendezvous at 1215
 - b. Fall Invitation Rendezvous at 1015
2. Start times for Middle Distance Races will remain as per previous years.

Restricting Number of Races to be Run During the Patuxent River Regatta...

1. The Race Committee conducting the Patuxent River Regatta shall have full prerogative to run the regatta as he/she deems appropriate, including the number of races.
2. A change though from previous years has the race series split into two fleets; Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker.

Time Limits for Races

1. The Race Governor shall research the specified time limit for CBYRA-sanctioned races and include those time limits for SMSA races that are CBYRA sanctioned. Consideration shall be given to not restricting races from being scored for SMSA high point even if they do not end up qualifying for CBYRA high point due to some condition such as lack of wind. It was agreed that quality of racing may override setting a course that meets CBYRA limits (i.e., minimum of 4.0 nm course length).

Crew Pool

1. Barbara Herbig and Kate Miller volunteered to team up to organize and run an SMSA Crew Pool whereby racing boats and potential crews could hook up.

So... get that 600 grit sandpaper out there and get going. It won't be long now!

...Jim Keen

2006 Race Governor

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!**

CREW WANTED: *SherMax* and *Toby* are looking for permanent crew members for both Wednesday night and all weekend races. We had a great 2005 year and are looking forward to even better for 2006. We take beginners and capable "seniors" and everyone in between. We could use a few more ladies aboard too! Come sail and have fun with our existing crew.

email

maxmunger@verizon.net 410-326-9024
(2/06)

FOR SALE: *Goldfish* -1975 Heritage 37' one-ton design, PHRF 120, every thing included, nearly new Kevlar sails w spinnakers, DS, KM, AWI, VHF, GPS, rebuilt Volvo diesel, new Martec folding propeller. Ready to sail, on hard at Washburns, sleeps 6, roomy. **\$19,500. 301-469-0685 (h) Bob Lawrence**
(3/06)

FOR SALE: HERRESHOFF CAT KETCH 38: Yacht of distinct design and performance offers exceptional qualities for safe, secure, speed, simplicity of operation, maintenance and accommodations usually found in larger vessels. A tri-cabin layout, two heads with showers, a huge salon with u-shaped dinette table seating six comfortably, two overstuffed swivel chairs. 6'4" headroom, abundant lockers, stowage space and book racks. Parquet sole. Caribbean Pine woodwork throughout. Extra deep galley sink, three burner gimbaled propane stove with oven-broiler, separate refrigerator and freezer compartments--Sea Frost 12 volt unit. Full cover

cockpit Bimini, cushions, custom designed pedestal mounted foldout table. Sheets lead to cockpit. All standard electronics. Engine and other machinery in excellent condition The Tilotson- Pearson carbon fiber hollow keel mounted masts and absence of numerous stays, shrouds etc permit the decks to be completely clear for safe movement in all conditions. New main and mizzen sails and covers, Cruisair reversible A.C.-heater unit and electrically operated commode in forward head added in 2004. Well suited to live-aboards or long or short voyages, Bill Hooper 410/ 749-1307.

(12/05)

FOR SALE: Bottom Sidlers custom-made cockpit cushions for Catalina 34 (1986) Color: Royal blue with white accent stripe. \$50 for complete set
Contact: Dave Zonderman (973) 584-3981
sail274@optonline.net
(1/06)

EDITOR'S NOTE

The deadline for submitting articles for the April 2006 issue of *the clew* will be:

March 15, 2006

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If you submit an article for *The Clew*, you will receive an email acknowledging receipt as the document is created around the middle of the month.

Paper and e-clew update from Shawn

Due to difficulties with mass mailings and many of today's e-mail systems, it is likely we will also be forced to discontinue e-mailing *the clew* in the near future. Modern spam blockers and other anti-spam measures simply make it too difficult to efficiently distribute our newsletter to everyone via e-mail. Many other organizations have experienced similar problems and are taking similar actions. The *clew* is available to all members via our online forum <http://forum.smsa.com>

This is the final paper clew you will receive!!!! Thanks for helping to modernize and improve our club's efficiency!!
-Shawn

In an effort to reduce costs, the BOG recently decided to discontinue sending a printed copy of *the clew* to members. If you wish to receive a hard copy of *the clew*, please complete this form along with \$20.00 and send to:

**SMSA
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Solomons, MD 20688**

YES! – I'd still like a clew snail-mailed to me each month, and I'll defray the cost.

Name _____ (legibly please)

Address _____

MARCH 2006 SMSA CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27 Sunset: 5:53 PM	28	1±	2± • BOG meeting	3±	4± • RC Seminar
5±	6± Sunset: 6:00 PM	7±	8±	9±	10±	11±
12±	13± Sunset: 6:07 PM	14±	15±	16± • Social Dinner	17± St. Patrick's Day	18±
19± • LCYC Sock Burning Party • Frostbite Race #1	20± Sunset: 6:13 PM	21±	22±	23±	24±	25± • RC Seminar
26± • Frostbite Race #2	27± Sunset: 6:20 PM	28±	29±	30±	31± • RC Seminar	1 April Fool's Day • Weekend Cruise • Opening Day

APRIL 2006 SMSA CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 • Frostbite Race #2	27 Sunset: 6:20 PM	28	29	30	31 • RC Seminar	1 [±] April Fool's Day • Weekend Cruise • Opening Day
2 [±] Daylight Savings Time Begins • Frostbite Race #3	3 [±] Sunset: 7:27 PM	4 [±]	5 [±]	6 [±] • BOG meeting	7 [±]	8 [±] • SBP Kickoff meeting
9 [±] • Frostbite Race #4	10 [±] Sunset: 7:33 PM	11 [±]	12 [±]	13 [±]	14 [±]	15 [±]
16 [±]	17 [±] Sunset: 7:40 PM	18 [±]	19 [±] • Wed Nite Race #1	20 [±]	21 [±]	22 [±] • Weekend Cruise • LCYC Opening Day • Sharps Island Race
23 [±] • Spring Invitational Race • mini-rendezvous	24 [±] Sunset: 7:46 PM	25 [±]	26 [±] • Wed Nite Race #1	27 [±]	28 [±]	29 [±] • Weekend Cruise • VOR IPR
30 [±]	1 Sunset: 7:53 PM	2 • BOG Meeting	3 • Wed Nite Race #3	4 • Thur Nite Race	5	6 • Dbl Hnded Race