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COMMODORE

A big thank you to all members who have taken the time to review the proposed by-laws changes, provide comments on the forum, and vote. As of April 19th, we have received 130 votes, which is a great sign that members are interested in their voice being heard! There has been some discussion of a member meeting to discuss these proposed changes. These are important modifications to how our club operates and both the BOG and by-laws committee take them seriously. We want everyone to have an opportunity to make an informed decision. Please contact me or voice your opinion on the forum, and the BOG will schedule such a meeting if significant interest is generated. Linda Edwards has graciously agreed to serve as Tally Committee Chair and will count the ballots after the May 26th deadline. If you are interested in helping her count votes, please contact me.

It was brought to my attention that an entire page of members is missing from the 2006 Yearbook. An addendum will be made available to members to include those 'missing' members, as well as new members that have joined since the Yearbook printing.

Shawn Stanley, Commodore
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UPCOMING BOG AGENDA

**Southern Maryland Sailing Association
2006 Board of Governors Meeting
Tuesday, May 2, 2006 - 1900 – Holly II**

Draft Agenda

Opening Remarks - Meeting expectations - setting of the agenda

Monthly Business

Officer & Governor Reports

Old Business

By-law Status - Joel

Port Supply Account Status - Tom

SMSA funds discussion - Joel

Site Committee Report/Update - Carl

New Business

Closing Remarks

Adjourn

RACING

As our 2006 race season gets into full swing (1st Wednesday Night Race is less than 48 hours away as I write this), I want to thank all those who have volunteered in helping to get ready for this year's season. Keith Jacobs and Stovy Brown delivered three excellent Race Management seminars in March. Stovy and Dan Trammell presented their always informative refresher on the Racing Rules of Sailing. Several racers helped out with repairing, painting, and putting in the water our race marks, "K", "V", and "E"... Larry Howard, Tom Vandenberg, Jeff Moore, Shawn Stanley, Pete LaRoche, Chris Miller, Jody Andrews, and Sam Septembre. Those who helped out on Race Committee boat clean-up day were Chris Miller, Tom Vandenberg, Dan Liston, Sam Septembre, "Smitty" Smith, and Keith Jacobs. And, Joy Dorethy, who stepped into the SMSA Official Race Scorer role, has taken on her new duties with a vengeance. The race section of the SMSA web site has a great new look and feel, and Joy has done a great job with rapidly posting scores and providing pertinent and timely info to racers and Race Committees. Thanks to all who have given of their time to help get the racing season started off on a great note!

Building on their most recent success and notoriety from last Labor Day's CBYRA/Annapolis Race Week, our SMSA Screwpile Race Committee has been asked to participate in the Annapolis portion of the Volvo Ocean Race. LG Raley and Don Behrens will lead a team of several SMSA volunteers who will help manage both the VOR in-port race and the VOR restart for the next ocean leg. This is a very prestigious event that will be viewed by people all over the world. Congratulations to the Srewpile RC Team for this honor!

After the tragic fire resulting in the loss of Bowen's Inn, Vincenzo's Mediterranean Bar & Grill jumped in on three days notice to host our post-race parties for the Spring Frostbite series. Owners, Peter D'Arista (SMSA member), Mary Kay Roma, and Vincenzo and their staff did a great job with

snacks, race course videos, bar and atmosphere. We plan to go back there for Fall Frostbites and are negotiating for some other events also. All are encouraged to support our new friends at Vincenzo's.

Speaking of Frostbite, we had a great Spring Series. The weather didn't quite live up to the billing. But I figure everyone was OK with that. We had 16 boats participate in the series, which is great for the Spring.

Rhumb Punch has done it again! John & Linda Edwards and their crew comprised of Clarke McKinney, Regan Edwards, Jae-Nee Ausley, Shawn and Laura Stanley and Robert "Smitty" Smith took an overall first in class at Charleston Race Week this past month. Battling swirling currents, strong breeze and national competition, they pulled off another first place trophy demonstrating, once again, what an awesome program they have. Congratulations Rhumb Punch!

See you all out there at the start line!

Jim Keen,
Race Governor

WOMEN'S PROGRAM

The next event on the Women's Program agenda is the start of the day sails. These are intended as informal opportunities for anyone interested in honing their sailing skills. Where? We'll meet at Calvert Marina in front of the clubhouse FF and GG docks. When? 10:30 a.m. What to bring? Your hat, sailing gloves, sunscreen, drinks and lunch. Need crew? Call me at (410) 326-6596 and I'll find you crew. Need a boat? Call me. Where are we going? Depends on the wind, as usual, but probably up the river. May 13, mark it on your schedule!

Barbara Miller,
Women's Governor

CRUISING

Opening Day Cruise

Kalypso (Joel & Mary Bergsman) hosted the traditional Opening Day cruise to Rollins Cove on April 1. Apparently someone had been making sacrifices to the sailing Gods, as Saturday was unseasonably warm and enthusiastically windy -- unfortunately in the wrong direction for cruisers traveling up the Patuxent. Only first time SMSA cruisers Carrie and Mark Brownhill on Wavedancer, departing from Kingston Cove, attempted the short trip to St Leonard's creek. With lots of gusts even in Rollins Cove, Kalypso lived up to her name by dancing vigorously around her anchor and both crews agreed that rafting up would be too difficult. They all enjoyed a lovely evening and peaceful night under the very bright stars.

The wind dropped overnight, Sunday morning was beautiful, and the Bergsmans invited the Brownhills over for a belated raft up. Since neither boat had a significant distance to travel, the two crews had plenty of time for drinking coffee and getting to know each other. New to SMSA cruising and also not local residents, Mark and Carrie were glad to learn more about the club and its history. Finally, it was time to go home, and Wavedancer headed off under light winds and a relaxing sail home while Kalypso motored back up the creek (past Vera's which is under new ownership and is being re-furbished -- don't ask!).

Joel and Mary Bergsman, Cruise Leaders
Kalypso

Planning Meeting for June DELMARVA trip

I would like to hold a planning meeting at the SMSA clubhouse on Friday, May 12th at 7:30 for those interested in the June 17th - 25th DELMARVA trip. This trip will have a roughly 30-hour leg from Norfolk to Cape May as a good introduction to coastal cruising. One of the topics to be covered is crew - I am aware of boats in search

of crew (a 3rd person is handy) and vice versa. I would like to get a final count of the boats going by this time, so if you can't make it please call me (410 586 8763) or send an email (Vergne40@yahoo.com)

Marc DeLaVergne
Rigel

Weekend Cruise June 3-4

Lower Potomac, Yeocomico River

Our intended destination will be the Yeocomico River on the lower Potomac. There are several lovely anchorages and one of our favorites is Mill Creek on the South Yeocomico River. If we are lucky we may be able to meet up with the Williams' "Where the Wind Blows" one week cruise as they head home. Let us know ahead of time if you plan on cruising with us or contact us Saturday on VHF Channel 9. We will have periodic check-ins at 1000, 1200, and 1400 and will monitor Channel 9/16.

We would love to have you join us!

Kris and Ron Hoile, Cruise Leaders
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USNA Cruise June 17-25

This cruise features a private tour of the Naval Academy requiring reservations. You could also join the tour by driving to Annapolis. Let Rita Gerred know your plans no later than June 7th at (301) 862-3774 or gerred@verizon.net.

The cruise plans to depart Solomons at 09:30 on June 17th for an anchorage in Fishing Creek off the Little Choptank (38 31.40/076 11.55 24nm). We'll make contact each day at 10:00 and 14:00 via VHF channel 9, switching to 72 or 73. We then sail to

Oxford on the Tred Avon (38 41.30/076 10.00 23nm) for two nights before crossing the bay to Galesville on the West River (36 50.08/076 32.33 24nm). On the 21st we'll move to Annapolis on Spa Creek (38 58.30/076 29.57 13nm). The next day we have planned for a private tour of the Academy at 1:30PM followed that evening by the musical "Cinderella" at the Summer Garden Theater at 8:00PM (for reservations call (410) 268-9212). The 23rd we head for San Domingo Creek at St Michaels (38 46.20/076 13.50 25nm) for two days and return on the 25th (30nm).

Please plan to join Frank and Rita Gerred on *Calypso*!

Cruise Captain Smith's Seas June 30-July 8

Some things have changed for the better on the Chesapeake over the last 398 years. For one thing, SMSA captains will enjoy "happy hour" without being ambushed on **the June 30-July 8 cruise** to ports explored by Captain John Smith in 1608.

We plan to sail in a brisk westerly breeze to the **Friday concert of the Chesapeake Orchestra at St. Mary's**, featuring musical instruments and scores which the good Captain Smith never enjoyed.

We will tack effortlessly around Smith Point on **Saturday to Mill Creek**, Great Wicomico. Captain Smith's crew rowed there against high wind and waves in an open 30-foot wood boat with a mostly useless sail.

On **Sunday**, July 2, we plan to set sails in 15 knots ESE on our way to the Rappahannock and **Urbanna's new Town Marina (or the nearby anchorage)**. We will then jump on a trolley car and explore restaurants and shopping which would be inconceivable to the town's namesake -- Queen Anne. When Captain Smith visited, he was attacked by "that peevish nation", the Rappahannocks.

Monday will be a lay day in Urbanna. We will be joined at "happy hour" by Edward Wright Haile, author of the "Jamestown Narratives." A special prize will be awarded to the first crew to solve a riddle and find a Maltese Cross nailed to a tree, such as left by Captain Smith on his voyage. On **Tuesday**, we will sail around "Stingray Point", named when stalwart Captain Smith almost died from the poisonous barb of a stingray, but ended the day eating the fish that stung him. We have slips at the **Deltaville Marina in Jackson Creek (or may be able to anchor in the vicinity)**. Cruisers will enjoy a tour of the Deltaville Maritime Museum, including the "Captain John Smith Project", hosted by the museum's President. SMSA will present a gift to the Museum library. A Fourth of July Town Parade will be held in the afternoon, followed by a fireworks show in the evening. There will be an American Idol contest at the end of "happy hour" for the best crew performance of any complete stanza (after the first) of the National Anthem (without mumbling).

On **Wednesday**, we plan to sail at hull speed on a broad reach across the Bay to **Onancock Creek** and then motor leisurely to slips at the **Town Wharf**, or an anchorage in the vicinity. That evening, after a celebratory "happy hour", we will wander through the historic district at dusk and choose among several excellent restaurants.

Thursday will be a lay day to relax and re-provision. We may decide to attend the North Street Playhouse or just visit the old hardware store, take a nap, and hang out around the marina. On the other hand, since Captain Smith's crew had to row against a strong current, he didn't make it all the way up Onancock creek during his voyage.

On **Friday**, July 7, we plan to cruise on a beautiful sunny day to **Smith Island** where we will enjoy an outdoor crab feast by candlelight that evening. When Captain Smith sailed there, on other hand, "a storm and such mighty waves overraked us in that small barge that with great labor we kept her from sinking...." We plan to return to our home ports on Saturday, July 8, sailing wing-on-wing in a steady 10 knots SSE.

To assure that SMSA captains take full advantage of the superb sailing conditions and all modern cruising conveniences, it is essential to sign up soon. As a bonus incentive, the first few captains to register with the cruise leader will receive a nearly 100-page "Cruise Guide" which contains: (1) several pages of necessary details, like exactly where we are going, telephone numbers, contacts at marinas, etc.; (2) brochures and maps of cruise destinations; and (3) more information than you need to know on Captain Smith's 1608 voyage, including a "National Geographic" chart.

Captains are encouraged to make plans ASAP since marina facilities are very limited, particularly around the fourth of July. (An Annapolis yacht club is already competing with us for slips in both Urbanna and Deltaville).

Call Fred Siesseger on 703-455-0576 or email rapidefred@verizon.net. I will confirm within two days. If not, assume my answering machine or "spamkiller" ate your message and call me again.

SMSA LIBRARY

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

CLASSIFIED ADS

FOR SALE: 1983 Olson 30 "Subject to Change", by Pacific Boats. Excellent Quantum sails: Main ('02), Light #1 ('03), Heavy #3 ('04), Spinnaker ('05). Also original main, plus Haarstick heavy #1, AP #1, and light #1. Garmin 182C Color Chart Plotting GPS, with large Chesapeake area Blue Chip. VHF with mast head antenna, control head in cockpit, and emergency location from GPS. Depth sounder new mid season '05. KVH instrumentation system as is, digital compass and count down timer both work fine. Two new bulk head compasses may not yet be mounted. Mighty

4hp Evinrude O/B. On hard at Washburns until your survey or payment in full. \$13,995 or best offer, bidding wars encouraged. Will consider Vanguard in trade. Contact Stu Baldwin (301) 757-1161 (dwh) or (301) 862-1083 (awh but before 9pm, please).

FOR SALE: The Small Boat Program has six (6) four-pound anchors for sale. We have received new race marks for which our existing anchor set is too small. Great for dinghies! All proceeds from the sale of these anchors will be used to purchase a new, larger anchor set for use with the new marks. Asking \$8 per anchor. Contact: Keith Jacobs (301) 997-1001 or hokiesailor@verizon.net.

FOR SALE:: 1986 21' Bayliner Trophy series I/O. Hard top cabin w/canvas rear. Economical Ford 4cyl 3.3ci inline, OMC drive. Regularly maintained, great fishing boat, trolled. Has outriggers too! Asking \$7500 including trailer. Email maxmunger@verizon.net (410) 326-9024

FOR SALE: Bottom Siders custom-made Cockpit cushions for Catalina 34 (1986) Color: Royal blue with white accent strip. \$50 for complete set. Contact Dave Zonderman (973) 584-3981 or sail274@optonline.net

BOTTOM SCRUBBING: Sail faster, get your hull and prop, slime and barnacle free without getting stung by jellyfish; pay me to do it! 7 years experience. \$1.25/ft. Contact Erik Gyorgy egyorgy@vt.edu or (443) 404-9693

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

SQUASH ANYONE? If anybody out there is playing and would consider another partner, or would like to play, some only-mildly-serious squash with the undersigned old duffer, please give me a call or email. Annapolis or elsewhere not too far from St Leonard, MD. Joel Bergsman, joel@bergsman.org, (410) 495-8211

EDITOR'S NOTE

The deadline for submitting articles for the June 2006 issue of *The Clew* will be:

May 15, 2006

E-mail: clew_submissions@verizon.net

Snail Mail: *For June clew only*

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If you submit an article for *the clew*, you will receive an email acknowledging receipt. Articles are always appreciated!

MAY 2006 SMSA CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	1+ Sunset: 7:53 PM	2+ • BDC Meeting	3+ • Wed Nite Race #3	4+ • Thur Nite Race	5+	6+ • LCYC Nautical Flea Market • Dbl Hnded Race
7+ • VOR restart	8+ Sunset: 7:59 PM	9+	10+ • Wed Nite Race #4 (CS)	11+ • Thur Nite Race	12+	13+ • Women's Day Sail
14+ Mother's Day	15+ Sunset: 8:06 PM	16+	17+ • Wed Nite Race #5	18+ • Thur Nite Race	19+	20+ Armed Forces Day Frost/Goode Series & Rendezvous
21+ • HS Awards Luncheon	22+ Sunset: 8:12 PM	23+	24+ • Wed Nite Race #6	25+ • Thur Nite Race	26+	27+ • LCYC Spring Event • Wind Blows Cruise • Memorial Day Cruise
28+ • Women's Day Sail • Memorial Day Cruise	29+ Memorial Day (Observed) Sunset: 8:17 PM • Memorial Day Cruise	30+	31+ • Wed Nite Race #7	1 • Thur Nite Race	2	3 • Marcy Series Races • Luau / Marcy Series Rendezvous • Marcy Series Skippers Meeting • Weekend Cruise

JUNE 2006 SMSA CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 • Women's Day Sail • Memorial Day Cruise	29 Memorial Day (Observed) Sunset: 8:17 PM • Memorial Day Cruise	30	31 • Wed Nite Race #7	1+ • Thur Nite Race	2+	3+ • Marcy Series Races • Luau / Marcy Series Rendezvous • Marcy Series Skippers Meeting • Weekend Cruise
4+ • mini-rendezvous • Marcy Series Races • Weekend Cruise	5+ Sunset: 8:22 PM	6+	7+ • Wed Nite Race #8	8+ • Thur Nite Race	9+	10+ • Little Choptank Race • LCYC Buffett Beach Party • York River Cruise
11+	12+ Sunset: 8:26 PM	13+	14+ Flag Day • Wed Nite Race #9	15+ • Thur Nite Race	16+ • Vice Commodore's Race	17+ • Smallboat Races at SMCM • Vice Commodore's Rendezvous • DelMarVa Cruise • USNA Cruise
18+ Father's Day • DelMarVa Cruise	19+ Sunset: 8:28 PM • Jr Pgm Camps • DelMarVa Cruise	20+ • DelMarVa Cruise	21+ • Wed Nite Race #10 (CS) • DelMarVa Cruise	22+ • Thur Nite Race • DelMarVa Cruise	23+ • DelMarVa Cruise	24+ • Smallboat One Day Regatta • DelMarVa Cruise
25+ • Summer Invitational Race • mini-rendezvous • DelMarVa Cruise	26+ Sunset: 8:29 PM	27+	28+ • Wed Nite Race #11	29+ • Thur Nite Race	30+ • Sailing Smith's Seas	1 • Stars & Stripes Race • mini-rendezvous