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COMMODORE



September 2006 marks the beginning of big changes within SMSA. In early August, the SMSA membership voted on the referendum placed before them by the 2006 Board of Governors, with help from the Site Selection Committee (SSC). Along with the proposal to raise dues, this motion included action items for the BOG to negotiate and enter into a lease agreement with the owners of the "Hi-Tide Marine" facility, and to continue to aggressively pursue other land/facility options for SMSA until a permanent home is found. This referendum was approved by a vote of 121 to 77 (198 votes cast).

Many of you have voiced your opinion regarding a short-term lease, or any lease at all. While this may not be the ideal option, it is one that is available to us, and with this dues increase, one option the club can afford. Rest assured, the SSC is continuing their work, and provided a report as recently as the August BOG meeting.

Even though this is a major stepping stone for the potential growth and prosperity for SMSA, there are still many things happening within the club that require our attention:

- Please contact Walt if you'd like to be considered for the 2007 slate (see page 3 of this Clew). Also, see the appropriate current Governor if there is a committee or chair position you are interested in.
- Talk with Dave or Judy Pedersen to help with moving SMSA items from the old clubhouse in coming weeks. If you have some time to help with the new facility, come help us! (see page 3 of this Clew)
- The new by-laws move the "annual business meeting" from September to November.
- Check other areas of this Clew, as well as the calendar & ticker at the SMSA website for other upcoming events.
- Don't forget to send your stories and digital photographs to clew@smsa.com.

Shawn Stanley, Commodore

GENERAL NOTICES

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UPCOMING BOG MEETING AGENDA

SMSA BOG Meeting
1930, Tuesday September 5, 2006
Holly II Building

Monthly Business

- New Memberships
- Officer & Governor reports
- Upcoming Events - brief synopsis by Governors having such events

Old Business

- New Facility Lease update & status – Jacki Meiser, SSC chair
- Clubhouse vacating plans update – Dave P.
- Clew distribution update – David M.
- Site Selection Committee report
- 2007 slate update – Walt Rupp

New Business

- Junior – high school sailing – new venue report
- Member of the Year award – revamp discussion

Closing Remarks

Adjourn

BOG MEETING MINUTES

The minutes of BOG meetings can be found in the member forum at www.smsa.com.

SMSA LIBRARY

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

SUBMISSIONS TO THE CLEW

The deadline for submitting articles for the October 2006 issue of The Clew is:

September 15, 2006.

Email to: clew@smsa.com

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

Feedback or suggestions for articles or content can also be sent the the email address above.

IMPORTANT NOTICES

SLATE OF CANDIDATES FOR THE SMSA 2007 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

As the immediate past Commodore, it is my responsibility, as stated in the SMSA Bylaws of Incorporation, to provide a slate of officers for the next operational season. As the deadline draws near for mailing out the ballots for the SMSA 2007 Board of Directors (BOD), I have been asked by the present Commodore to post the results of my canvas of the membership for those positions in the September 2006 CLEW

With the changes in the Bylaws, the slate needs to be presented to the membership 15 days prior to the general meeting that is to be held the first week in November 2006. Please note that this schedule is different than the one followed in past years and is the result of the new articles and bylaws recently approved by the membership.

There are several other notable changes. There will be five officers and six directors up for election. The present Governors positions have been redesignated as Program Chairs and will be approved by the Commodore upon recommendation by the Vice Commodore and Rear Commodore elect. The Program Chairs will have the responsibility for the day to day operations and do not have any specific term limitations. The Directors are in essence members at large to provide for long term planning of future SMSA programs and efforts and do not have the responsibilities for the day to day SMSA program operations.

Going forward, two BOD directors will be changed each year. Of the Directors elected in November 2006, two each will serve one, two and three year terms to establish the new program. More than six SMSA members have volunteered for these Director positions, and it will be up to the membership to select six from this pool. Any one interested should contact

Slate of Candidates for the 2007 BOD

Commodore	-----	Don Behrens
Vice Commodore	-----	"Smitty" Smith
Rear Commodore	-----	Joel Bergsman
Treasurer	-----	Joe Kubinec
Secretary	-----	Sharon Walters
Director	-----	David Arbutnot
Director	-----	Jim Keen
Director	-----	David Meiser
Director	-----	Max Munger
Director	-----	L.G. Raley
Director	-----	Rod Schroeder
Director	-----	John Weir
Director	-----	Wayne Wilson

me immediately to be added to the slate. At the time of election, each Directors' time commitment will be determined by the number of votes (i.e. three, two or one years for this first year, see the new Bylaws).

Above is the list of candidates of those who have so graciously consented to give of their time and talents to the 2007 BOD. If you want to be added to the list, please contact me at 301-863-0175 (home), 240-298-1826 (cell) or email me brigadoon5@verizon.net.

Walter Rupp, Immediate Past Commodore (2004)

HELP WANTED TO MOVE THE CLUBHOUSE



Fall is a great time for all kinds of activities. Watching the leaves fall, sailing in the Frostbite series and MOVING THE CLUBHOUSE!

Between now and Saturday, October 14th, we need individuals to help sort through years of stuff and assist in the process of moving the Club. Most items will be boxed and taken to storage or to a new club facility.

We will have boxes, packing tape and markers available to help in the process. If you would like to assist over the next couple of weeks please contact me by email at pedersendavec@hotmail.com or by phone at 410-326-2867 or cell at 410-474-8885. We really need your help to make this move a smooth transition.

On October 14th, we will begin the work at 9 a.m. You can expect a great cup of coffee, and a nosh, not to mention the sense of satisfaction you will get through volunteering. What a deal! We expect to work into the early afternoon.

Dave Pedersen



RACING

GOVERNOR'S REPORT



Another successful Screwpile is in the books, and racers enjoyed great wind most of the time. Congratulations to all SMSA members who participated in the racing, and kudos to all who won silver. Our club was very well represented this year and was, in fact, only one point away from tying the competition for the Battle of the Chesapeake Trophy,

which was eventually won by the Hampton Yacht Club over AYC on a tie-breaker. See www.screwpile.com for detailed results and more photographs.

Thanks again to LG Raley and all the 100-plus SMSA volunteers who worked the planning, the on-water RC duties, and the myriad of on-shore chores that make Screwpile the premier sailboat regatta in the Mid-Atlantic. Once again, a class act!

Of the 144 boats that raced, 25 were our own SMSA boats. They included (in alphabetical order):

- American Flyer
- Archimedes Principle
- Badger
- **Bob (1st. in Class 10, PHRF 8)**
- The Doghouse
- **IRETSU (2nd. in Class 12, NS PHRF)**
- **Kugerrand (3rd in Class 12, NS PHRF)**
- Lickety Split
- Little Latitudes
- Priority One
- Pursuit
- **Rhumb Punch (3rd. in Class 4, PHRF 5)**
- **The Riddler (1st. in Class 4, PHRF 5)**
- Rock Lobster
- Scott Free
- Shermax
- Slot Machine
- Spinnster
- Splash
- Stargazer II
- Stray Dog
- **Synergy (2nd in Class 10, PHRF 8)**
- Toby
- Yell-O-Tail
- Wicked Good

Go to www.screwpile.com for detailed results.



Bob (1st. in Class 10, PHRF 8)



Iretsu (2nd. in Class 12, NS PHRF)



Kugerrand (2nd. in Class 12, NS PHRF)

We also had a good showing in Governor's Cup Race that was just completed. Once again, the run down the Bay featured big winds and following seas. The race proved to be a wild ride and a fast one, with many of our SMSA boats finishing before dawn. The SMSA was very well represented. Nice job to all! Those participating (in alphabetical order) were:

- Alert* (4th in PHRF NS)
- Archimedes Principle
- Blatant Behavior
- Blitz*
- The Doghouse
- Elan (2nd in PHRF B)
- Rhumb Punch
- Rock Lobster
- Rum Ration
- Scott Free
- Sequoia
- Sirena
- Slot Machine
- Stitch-n-Glue
- Vigilant* (3rd in PHRF NS)

* Not SMSA members, but part of our fleet of racers

Again this year, in recognition of the exceptionally professional job that our Screwpile Race Committees perform, SMSA has been asked to manage one of the race circles at CBYRA/Annapolis Race Week. Led by Don Behrens as Principle Race Officer, the Screwpile Race Committee will be traveling north to Annapolis for Labor Day weekend to serve as RC for the one-design course. Thanks to Don and his team for representing SMSA and Screwpile in that high-visibility racing venue up the Bay!

The last Wednesday Night Race of the season is set for September 13. Sarah Southworth and her Kugerrand crew will be serving as RC for the Fun Race that night. [Stand by for final word on format for the Fun Race.] After the race, we will hold an informal awards ceremony at the Z's pool bar to announce Wednesday Night Series results for both the 14-race series and the 6-race PRO series. Trophies will be awarded at that time. Z's will provide complementary light dinner fare (hamburgers and hotdogs). Please join us at the pool bar, even if you do not plan to race.

Even though the summer has flown on by, we still have two months of great fall racing, the Annapolis Sailboat Show, and a month of Frostbite racing yet to go. Isn't it great to live in a beautiful area like the Chesapeake, where we can enjoy our sport for (at least) 9 months of the year! See you out there on the starting line!

Jim Keen, Race Governor



Riddler (1st. in Class 4, PHRF 5) passing Yell-O-Tail



Rhumb Punch (3rd.. in Class 4, PHRF 5) taking in the shade



Synergy (2nd. in Class 10, PHRF 8) sail number "83096"

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT - SCREWPILE 2006



There are not enough words to express my deep gratitude to all the wonderful folks who made the Screwpile Challenge 2006 so very successful.

The land based events moved from Zahniser's Yachting Center, our location for 13 years, to the Holiday Inn Select in Solomons. Jim Sharkey and Skip Zahniser worked along side us to find a new location. The Calvert Marine Museum was the front runner for a while, but they could not guarantee us that the event could have taken place the third weekend in July each year, and so the event landed at Mr. John Simpson's Holiday Inn Select. The Holiday Inn has been a sponsor of the Screwpile Challenge from the beginning, and their executives and staff were most cooperative and very helpful. Planning will begin earlier next year to make the event even bigger.

Thank you to SMSA members and the "Friends of Screwpile" (FOS) who make their power boats available to assist on the race courses including BJ Roberts and Charles Crump, Larry and Robin Langfeldt, Bob Walschmitt, Roger Bayer, David and Shirley Butler (FOS), Bill Blanton, Chele and Chris Martin (FOS), Bill Merritt, owner of the Sea Tow franchise in the mid-Chesapeake, and Screwpile Challenge's new best friends Frank and Melissa Silver who brought their Krogen 50 "Magnanimous" from Kill Devil Hills North Carolina to serve as our south course signal boat.

The on-the-water race committee made us very proud once again as they made running a race of this size very easy. It really works when you have the same volunteers returning year after year, though we do add a few new members every year. An event of this size requires a lot of people and we offer a special thank-you to members of the Annapolis Yacht Club, Hampton Yacht Club, Eastport Yacht Club, Solomons Island Yacht Club and great friends and supporters of this event who help SMSA every year. The competitors recognize these folks for the great job they do.

Competitors also recognize the folks behind the scene who are our true ambassadors at Screwpile, not only working long and hot hours during the parties, but also participating in the hard work setting everything up so that it all comes together on time, every time. When is the last time one had to wait for a cold frosty adult beverage, popcorn, soda juices etc. This year I am going to attempt to name everyone one of these wonderful people. The last thing I want to do is leave someone out, so if I accidently do so this time, I apologize to you in advance.



Cruiser/racer Frank Gerred keeping a watchful eye on the racing on board one of the race committee boats.



Everyone enjoying themselves in and around the tents that featured refreshments and entertainment.



Lots of great social interaction.

Jane Crawford, Karen Donehoo, Marc and Cheri DeLaVergne, Tim and Lisa Flaterty, Frank and Rita Gerred, Joe Kubinec, Tracy Kubinec, Larry Langfeldt, Dee Latham, Kendra Palmer, Andrew Pollard, Herb Reese, Rod and Pat Schroeder, Veronica Spicuzza, Mary Szczglowski, Briget McNamara, Diana Manchak, Elaine Jefferies. Gerry and Marilyn Eastwood, Nettie Harold, Judy Larsen, Curt Larsen, Monica friend of Judy Larsen, Jess Blackwell, Kate Ufford, Walt Rupp, Danielle Langly, Doug Crouch, Linda Kangas, Jake Karaczynski, Merrie Ruth Raley, Katie and Ollie Kangas.

I must include our sponsors and partners and ask that you include them on your shopping list. Sponsorship is most important to the success of the regatta. Without them our entry fees and tent parties would cost a lot more. In effect, they subsidize the event and all they ask in return is that you give them a chance to compete for your business. If you should visit any of our sponsors, it never hurts to say "thank you" for their support of the Screwpile Challenge.

Like the Marine Corp., we can always use a few more good volunteers. We will make it fun for you to join the volunteers of The Screwpile Challenges and participate in a true Chesapeake happening here in Southern Maryland.

I thank you for your time and look forward to working with each one of you in Screwpile Challenge 15.

LG Raley, Chairman

EDITORS NOTE

A big thanks to Joy Dorethy and Lori Pierell (and the screwpile web site) for the great photographs. There are more great pictures and race results at the official screwpile web site at <http://www.screwpile.com/PICs2006/SPLC/index.html>.

WELCOME ABOARD



The BOG would like to present to the membership a few of our newest recruits:

Linda Kangas and Jake Karaczynski.

They applied for a family membership and can currently be seen cruising on their Cal 29-*Runaway*. They were sponsored by Ollie Kangas.

Allyson Senie and Roger Colaizzi. Currently the owners of a 43' Beneteau named *Adventure*. They were sponsored by Tom Moulds and join SMSA with a family membership.

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Bob and Betsey Fehn. This family was sponsored by Jacki Meiser. They own a 23' American sloop, *Tagalong*, and a 40' trawler.

Glen and Susan Strickland. These new members were sponsored by Tim Flaherty. On a good day you can find them on their Cal 39', *Two by Sea*.

If you happen to run across any of these sea going folks, snatch them up for crew and give them a big hello.
Shannon Walters, Secretary

SOCIAL

CRAB FEAST



A BIG thanks to all participants in the Crab Feast. The weather was perfect and NO BUGS!!! The few times I checked in at the beach it appeared to be a rather “light” sailing day with more activity involved with ice, glasses and other liquid embellishments.

In September, please move cautiously.

The General Meeting has been rescheduled to a later date. It was also decided to cancel the farewell gathering and have a party to celebrate our new club location. A September date for packing up the house will be posted on the forum. All help would be greatly appreciated. Once again thanks for all the set-up assistance and for those who attended the Crab Feast and please, don't forget to check the calendar for updates.

BJ Roberts, Social Governor

GEEZER SQUEEZER RACES

A cool August day greeted 15 sailors and a few observers for the annual Optimist exhibition of nautical dexterity by the over-16 crowd! Mimosas and Bloody Marys hindered an early start, as did the cool air and comfy seats under the shade trees. By 1130 we had our first beach LeMans start into a nice 10 knot breeze. After one bad start, Helen figured out her pintles and gudgeons and managed to tie her daughter Elise for over-all points in the women's races, with Betsy Dodge close astern. The single throw-out and tie breaker eventually moved Helen to the overall winner position.

The beer was still cold and flowing, but the wind was dying when the men finally decided to race. Apparently, the day was so nice that every powerboat in Mills Creek had to come out and go right down the middle of our race course! Robert and I agreed to pin Shawn on this day, but I managed to sink my Optimist and never caught up again. Another sinking put Chris out of two races. There were three Roberts, so we decided to label them (old) Robert, Big Bob and little Bob (Borja). Age did not hinder Robert from eventually winning the tie breaker to beat Shawn, and Smitty sailed excitedly to a close third.

By 1400, enough sailing and beer had been dispensed and it was off to the Calvert Marine showers and pool and then on to the SMSA Crab Feast and Rendezvous. A fine day was missed by those who did not attend. Where is the rest of the over 50, over 60 crowd? We know who you are! Admit your age and put the Geezer Squeezer and Crab Feast on your calendar for next year!

Max Munger, SherMax



LG Raley takes a break rest from Screwpile, devouring all-you-can-eat crabs as Shawn and Max announce race results



Your author enjoys good wine, great friends and the absolute best weather for weeks.

Women's Race Results

Helen Martin	5	1	3	1	(5) ^{TB}
Elise Martin	1	2	2	4	(5)
Betsy Dodge	3	3	1	3	(7)
Joy Dorethy (11), Cindy (13), Kate Miller (16), Barbara Miller (19)					

Men's Race Results

Robert Herbig	2	3	4	2	1	(8) ^{TB}
Shawn Stanley	1	2	2	6	3	(8)
“Smitty” Smith	3	1	5	1	4	(9)
Big Bob Flagg (11), Little Bob Flagg (18), Chip Martin (21), Chris Miller (25), Max Munger (28)						

CRUISING

GOVERNOR'S REPORT



Cruisers applaud the efforts of Mark Brownhill and his new format for the Clew. Everyone likes the photographs and the fact that you do not have to scroll up and down to follow a story online. A suggestion was made by several people to add a New Member section, and hopefully that can be added in the near future.

Two of our events had to be cancelled in August due to above normal temperatures, but we look forward to a variety of excellent events in the near term scheduled for August and early September:

- August 12-20 to the Choptank (Goodman)
- August 19-20 to the Great Wicomico (Hoile)
- September 1-10 to Baltimore (Hamilton)

Gresh Sackett, Cruise Governor

ST. MARY'S RIVER CONCERT CRUISE (JULY 7 – 9)



Mongoose Magic (Dale and Antha Koonce) arrived at Horseshoe Bend on the St. Mary's River early in the afternoon after a very pleasant sail from the Yeocomico River. We were met there by *Easy Time* (Ron and Suzie Williams) and *Calypso* (Frank and Rita Gerred) who were also having a wonderful sail up the Potomac River.

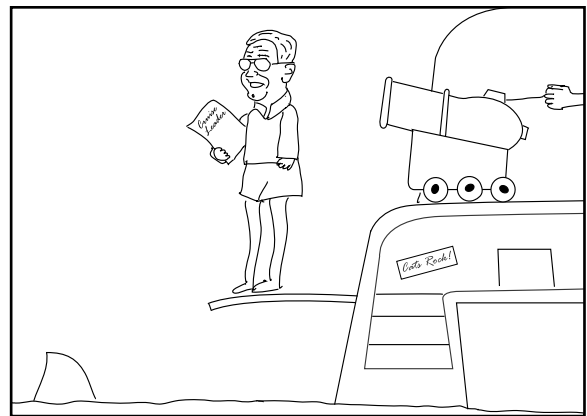
Later, we met at the River Concert for a very enjoyable time of snacks and dinner while we waited for the River Concert to begin. The selections for the night were Don Quixote by Strauss, Momentum by Chen Yi and Symphonic Dances by Rachmaninoff.

The next morning, *Calypso* had to leave. We went to the college for a wonderful brunch. That afternoon there was a challenge Rummikub match between *Mongoose Magic* and *Easy Time*. Unfortunately, *Easy Time* won on overall points. *Nimue* (Ron and Chris Hoile) joined us later that afternoon. It was a general consensus that we stay right where we were and spend another night in Horseshoe Bend.

While sitting on the boat that night, we could hear a jazz concert. *Mongoose Magic* took the dingy over and was serenaded by Quatronic on the College patio, which was part of the free River Concert series. This series was part of the "Cutting Edge" Saturdays. Other free series are: "At the Movies" on Wednesdays, "Up Close" concerts on Sundays, and "Master-Class" Recitals at various times.

Cruise Points as of July 9th

Kalypso (S)	44
Koel	40
Illumination	32
Mongoose Magic	32
Swan	26
Easy Time	25
Wavedancer	25
Runaway	23
Walkabout	20
Calypso	16
Cat Morgan	16
Rusty Nayle	15
Blue Heron	13
Kelly Ann	13
Nimue	13
Reflections	8
Kalypso (B)	6
Virginia Dare	5
Destiny	4
Decoy	1



"Of course I can reconsider your request to change the cruise schedule... That is, if you insist!"

Easy Time left early the next morning while *Mongoose Magic* and *Nimue* took a more leisurely approach and left together around 11:00 AM for a brisk sail up the Potomac.

Dale Koonce, Mongoose Magic

THE BIRTHDAY CRUISE (JULY 28 – 30)



It all started with the birthdays of Laura Stanley and Donna Moore. They made the decision to make Oxford, on the Eastern shore, our destination for the weekend. As we planned the trip, there were many thoughts about departure time, menu and what to drink, and the emails were still flying as late as Thursday, the eve of our departure.

Sequoia (Chris & Kate Miller) had made a statement about their departure, “With a last minute load up and the water tank to fill, and then a quick stop at the pump out, we’ll be looking at around a 1000 departure. We’ll try to get out earlier (gone by 0900) but that may be optimistic!” Well, when we received a call at noon on Friday, they were still at the pump out and had forgotten the orange juice for Kate’s famous Rum Punches, and asked if we would mind picking some up. For Kate’s rum punch, we would gladly stop.

On the other hand *Synergy* (Shawn & Laura Stanley), did make a more accurate statement. “We are hoping to be sailing by 10:00 to 10:30, but considering the history of our departures, that may be optimistic.” They actually departed about 15 minutes after *Noon Somewhere* (Smitty & Carol Smith with weekend stowaways Joe & Tracy Kubinec), and we were about 30 minutes behind our schedule, leaving at 1330. As for *Little Latitudes* (Jeff & Donna Moore), I am not sure what time they got off the dock. “Our plan is to be off our dock at 0900, but remember we are 45 minutes from Solomons. But if everyone is not leaving until 1000 or 1300 maybe we will leave around 1000 as well.” They were sailing with *Sequoia* for part of the day, so I don’t think they departed on time either.

The forecast for the trip up was 10 to 15 knots from the SW, but in fact the wind was out of the SW at 15 to 20 for an hour to an hour and a half and then went NW at 20 to 25 knots. During a gust we hit 8.9 knots, and we were requested to “slow the boat down”. We rolled the jib in to about 100% and we were then making 7 to 7.5 knots. I noticed that the sky to the west was getting a little dark, so I checked the XM Satellite weather and saw the storm (dark purples, black, lots of red) was about to come directly over the top of us.

Sails in, motor on, secure below and dodger/bimini connector in. Three sailboats were around us, one blue boat behind and headed north and two headed south. Joe, and his lovely bride Tracy, were enjoying all the excitement during the preparation and then the storm hit. It was a wall of wind. As the storm closed in you could just see the water churning like it was in a very high-powered industrial washing machine.



Little Latitudes, Synergy, Sequoia and Noon Somewhere rafted in Town Creek, Oxford.

As I kept *Noon Somewhere’s* bow into the wind and waves, we looked back at the other boats and they had not gotten their sails down and they must have been having a heck of a ride. We saw a peak of 50 knots once and the wind was sustained at 40+ knots. The storm lasted for about 20 minutes and what a ride, but we all were safe. As we continued north, we again saw the blue boat that was headed north with us, but now it was to the starboard and slightly in front of us. On a hunch we hailed, and in fact, the blue boat was *Synergy*. They had weathered the storm with a reefed main and no jib. We did see the other two boats with no sails evident, but we heard no calls on the radio so we figured all was well on their end.

Having had enough fun for one day, we proceeded to Oxford and met up with *Little Latitudes* and *Sequoia*, who had been hit by the northern edge of the storm and a waterspout. Coming in, we observed the Oxford Friday Night Racing in action. It was a good night for a race. We rafted up, and the beverages began to flow and the storm stories were told.

The next morning we pulled up anchor and moved from Plaindealing Creek into Town Creek in Oxford. We then broke out our new “Boat Pool” and proceeded to deploy it for a fun day in the water. We splashed, drank, I believe we ate something, and just had a great day talking (the storm story) and hanging out. Later in the day, Joel and Mary Bergsman pulled in aboard *Kalypso*, and anchored not far from us and joined by dinghy for the ‘fun in the sun’. Coming in to Town Creek, Joel and Mary were accompanied by Fred Siesseger, aboard his own *Kalypso*, who anchored a little farther away, napping in the afternoon breeze.

After a fun day it was time to take the birthday girls to dinner. We had reservations at a great restaurant we had visited before, Latitude 38. They have great food, drink and a staff that takes great care of you. As we enter the restaurant we see two familiar faces. Rick and Cindy Pretsch, who had not been able to join us on the cruise because of work, but had driven over for to join us for the birthday dinner. They did not know where we were going for dinner so they just called around to all the restaurants in the area to find the right sized group and a familiar last name with a reservation, and they were waiting for us at the bar when we arrived. Yet again, we talked (the storm story), we drank, and we did eat something and had great fun.

The next morning we had breakfast, enjoyed the morning and then *Noon Somewhere* headed out for a great day on the water, as the rest of the boat crews were going to hit the shore for a morning walk. The wind was from the north, which was great to fly the spinnaker for a while. We sailed out and as we came upon Choptank #2 buoy, the wind went to about 2 knots so the motor came on as we finished our weekend trip. It was hot, it was windy, it was calm, and most important - it was lots of fun.

“Smitty” Smith, Noon Somewhere



The cruising group were met by Rick and Cindy Pretsch for the birthday dinner at Latitude 38 in Oxford.

For those of you who’ve been members for a long time, former SMSA member Joe Botkin aboard *Nepenthe*, recognized the SMSA burgees and later sailed by the raft after the Oxford Friday Night Race and said, “Hello!” to everyone from Solomons. I seem to run into him every time we are in the Tred Avon!

Shawn Stanley

CLASSIFIED

WANTED - Contact information for the Owner of dingy named “NGAWA” which is located on the dingy rack near GG dock Calvert Marina Please contact Gary at gary-gray@hotmail or call 301-481-5806.

CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
					• Baltimore cruise	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	• Labor Day • Sunset 7:27 pm	• BOG Meeting	• Wed nite race #20	• Thu nite race		• Smith point race • LCYC crab feast
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
• Rendezvous	• Sunset 7:16 pm		• Wed nite race #21 • Wed nite awards at Zs		• Clew inputs due	• Women's race series • Women's race series breakfast
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
• Women's race series • Mini-rendezvous	• Sunset 7:05 pm					• Small boat invite
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
• Small boat invite	• Sunset 6:54 pm					• Women's fall cruise

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
• Women's fall cruise	• Sunset 6:43 pm				• Annapolis boat show	• Rappahannock cruise • Columbus day cruise
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
• Annapolis boat show	• Sunset 6:32 pm				• BOG candidate declarations due	• Hooper Island/Point No Point Race • Clubhouse clean-up
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	• Sunset 6:22 pm					• Oyster/chili Rendezvous
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
• Fall invitational race	• Sunset 6:13 pm					• Halloween Cruise
29	30	31				
• Halloween cruise	• Sunset 5:04 pm					