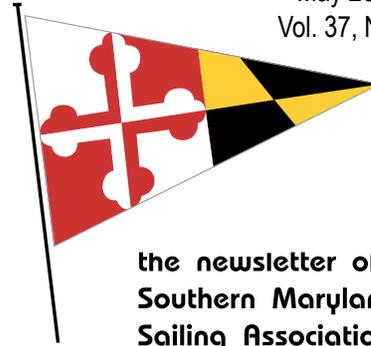


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COMMODORE



The sailing season finally feels like it has really arrived! The Frostbite Races are complete, and the Wednesday Night and weekend races have begun.

Two cruises are also complete and another one will depart this weekend. The High School sailors have already raced in several regattas and can be seen practicing several days a week. Thursday Night races will begin on the first Thursday in May. Ah, sailing season in Southern Maryland – life is good.

While we are finally able to get out and enjoy the water, the string of outstanding events at the clubhouse continues. The Race Management seminar held in April was attended by a dozen folks who all passed the club race officer exam. The Gary Jobson ‘Cham-

pionship Sailing’ seminar was simply **OUTSTANDING!** Gary was very entertaining and the 70 or so people who attended were treated to great stories, excellent videos, and a great evening of camaraderie with fellow club members. Finally, the Friday night member socials continue to be a success, even through the opening of the Tiki Bar.

With so much going on, your BOD is meeting each and every month. If you have any issues, concerns or some good ideas, please use email to let us know, or talk to us at any event. Also if you want to pass along a “good job”, they probably wouldn’t mind that either.

We have lots going on at the clubhouse in the next few months. The Facilities program is sponsoring the Cinco de Mayo party, so attend and celebrate SMSA style. The SMSA is also sponsoring the Solomon’s Maritime Festival, which is hosted at the Calvert Marine

Welcome New Members

Jae-Nee Ausley
Rick & Cindy Pretsch
Rich Nehl & Vicki Sirotta

Museum – be sure to stop by the museum on the way to the Cinco De Mayo party. The Friday Night socials continue each week. Yes, there is lots going on at the club, so be sure to come by and enjoy the company of fellow club members. And of course cruise, cruise, cruise, race, race, race!

We all look forward to the good times at these events. Our increased membership support and new location are pivotal in continuing SMSA’s journey down the road of success! So let me know your thoughts and ideas of what you want to see in your sailing club.

See you out on the water!

Don Behrens, Commodore

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MEMBERSHIP



I'm happy to report that three new membership applications were approved by the Board of Directors in April.

Returning to SMSA is Jae-Nee Ausley, who many of you know as a long-time crew member aboard John and Linda Edwards' J-29 *Rhumb Punch*. Jae-Nee was a member from 1998 to 2001 and during those years she crewed aboard several boats including *Shermax*, *Toby* and *Rhumb Punch*. Welcome Back, Jae-Nee!

Although new members to SMSA, Rick and Cindy Pretsch are very familiar to many within the Big Boat Racing Program, as they are crew members aboard Dan and Wendy Schneider's *American Flyer*. In 2006, they began cruising with a few of their friends from the SMSA community, sailing aboard their Niagara 35 *Motu Iti*. Rick and Cindy are looking forward to more racing and cruising adventures and enjoying the social aspects of our club. Welcome aboard!

Rich Nehl and Vicki Sirota are new to SMSA. Rich & Vicki have a Hans Christian 38 named *Dionysus* currently docked at Solomons Yachting Center. Rich and Vicky are interested in racing, cruising, social and facilities. I hope that some members may have had a chance to meet and talk to them on Opening Day. Please help me in welcoming them as well as the other new members to our club.

For those who requested membership cards, but were not able to attend the Opening Day festivities, I wanted to let you know that I plan to distribute them at several upcoming events over the next few weeks. If you're not able to attend these events, please send me an email or call me, if you would prefer that they be mailed to you right away.

Lastly, the Member's Social to be hosted at the clubhouse on Friday, May 11th, will offer members an opportunity to bring friends, neighbors and sailing enthusiasts with them to join in on the fun and enjoyment of the evening. It is my hope that from this event, SMSA can introduce members of the community to the variety of programs offered by our club and perhaps gain a few new members in the process. Please make a note on your calendar and join in on the fun. Spirits, appetizers, music and great conversation will fill the night.

Laura Comeau-Stanley, Membership Chair

SOCIAL



Opening Day has come and gone, and it was a great success due in large part to all the volunteers who helped me out. I would like to thank Laura Stanley, Herb Reese, Cindi Eaton, Shannon Walters, John Dixon, Maggie Weir, Pat Schroeder, Dave Pedersen, Shawn Stanley, Robert Smith, Robert Herbig, Joy Dorethy and all those who lent a quick hand. If I have missed anyone, please know that your help was very much appreciated.

The next scheduled social function is the Frost-Goode Series Rendezvous, scheduled for May 19th. Please contact me if you are interested in assisting with this one, as I still need bartenders, set-up and tear-down crews.

On June 2nd, please join us at the popular Luau at Zahniser's. This event has always been a fun time for all, so please come out and join us. If you are interested in lending a hand with this one, please contact me. Set-up (decorating) and tear-down help is needed.

Keep a close eye on the SMSA web site and the forum for word on other unscheduled events such as the Cinco De Mayo party. It is likely there will be several additional activities hosted by SMSA this year, as a result of our great new facility.

Carol Smith, Social Chair

FACILITIES



Facilities will be hosting two special events in the near future: A Cinco De Mayo Party on Saturday, May 5th starting at 5:30pm, and a Fourth of July Party! Look for more details to be posted on the SMSA Web page and Calendar!!

Please take a look at the updates to the Facility portion of the SMSA web page.

Facility, Dry Storage and Dock Slip Rental information is now available. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Friday Night Socials continue to be a real success! Please look for your favorite program's turn behind the bar and sign up to volunteer and have some fun! Friday nights this month are being fielded by:

5/4: Thursday Night Racers

5/11: Cruisers

5/18: Junior Program

5/25: Women's Program

Cindi Eaton, Facilities Chair

TREASURER



Friday night socials have been increasing in popularity and the front of the club is getting crowded! As the weather gets nicer, we will be able to go outside and take advantage of more of the property.

The socials have been working out really well from a financial perspective. So far this year, we have average monthly income from donations of around \$850. We expect this number to increase as we get further into the sailing season and more of our members discover our gem of a clubhouse.

Overall, our club finances are holding to plan. For more information see my "SMSA Budget and Financial Performance" posts in the "General" section of the SMSA member forum. The board is considering additional improvements to the waterfront for a small boat lift and dock spaces which will be paid for out of dry and wet slip rentals, and some improvements to the bar which will be paid for by events hosted by the social and facility programs. The floating dock and associated ramp is fully functional, but will probably need a little work for finishing details.

Finally, thank you to the volunteers who continue to improve the quality of SMSA for all of us, and thank you to those of you that continue to bring in new members. For SMSA to prosper and grow, all of us have to pitch in!

Joe Kubinec, Treasurer

RACING

RACE CHAIR



Congratulations once again to the traveling *Rhumb Punch* Racing Team! In tough, light air conditions at Charleston Race Week, in a very competitive PHRF fleet, John and Linda Edwards' brought silver home... again. A 3-3-4-6-3-1 series resulted in a very respectable 3rd place finish. Well done RP!

On 7 April, we had a very successful US Sailing Race Management Seminar taught by Bill Adams, a National Race Official. Bill noted that it was the first time he has taught the course that all attendees had passed the final exam. This success will allow us to certify several Club Race Officers, as well as improve the quality of race management across SMSA. Thank again to Keith Jacobs for coordinating the event.

The Race Committee boat is in good shape and ready for another full season of duty. Over the winter, Zahniser's repaired the leaking engine raw water pump, replaced the stern navigation light, fixed the forward steering station gear shifter, and repaired a steering hydraulic fluid leak. I have placed a log book in the RC Boat for crews to report any mechanical

or electrical discrepancies you may discover. Also, please log all fuel purchases. Use the account we have established with Spring Cove Marina for fuel.

I want to thank members of the Race Chair Committee for the RC Boat clean-up day that was held in late March. Bob Stratton (RC Boat Captain), Shawn Stanley (Small Boat Program quad-coordinator), and John Dixon all pitched in to get the boat ready for the season. Also, thanks go out to Bob Stratton, John Dixon, and Jody Andrews for helping to get race mark "E" back in the water for this Spring.

Sam Septembre, our CBYRA delegate, has accepted a 2-year assignment in St. Augustine. So, we are looking for a candidate to fill that role. Anyone interested in serving as our CBYRA delegate, please let me know. We thank Sam for his contributions and we wish him all the best in his new assignment in Florida.

There are still plenty of open dates for crews to fulfill their RC duty obligation. Check out the race calendar in the Race section of the SMSA web site and pick a date or two. Please email RC duty dates to Jim Keen at race@smsa.com.

Jim Keen, Race Chair

CORRECTIONS TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS/RACE CIRCULAR

While we were starting the Sharps Island Race, we noticed an error in the Sailing Instructions/Race Circular. The time for the Code Flag "P" up for Non-Spin is indicated as "1007". In the normal 5 minute starting sequence, of course, that should read "1006", one minute after the 1005 Warning Signal. Apparently, search and replace error occurred when updating the 2006 Race Circular to 2007, resulted in all references to "06" changing to "07", regardless of the context. So, the SI's for the Sharp Island Race on page 19 of the Race Circular is not the only starting sequence in error.

Please take pen and markup the start sequences for the races on the following pages of your 2007 Race Circular: 19, 20, 21, 23, 25, 27, 28, 33, 34, 37, and 38. Change all the "07" times to "06". These are for the various Code Flag "P" Up times of 1007, 1207, 1307. Those Code Flag "P" Up times should read 1006, 1206, 1306. Very sorry for any confusion and inconvenience.

HIGH SCHOOL REGATTA



The SMSA Junior Program has successfully hosted two high school regattas. The first was a Varsity regatta on April 1st and included racers from Patuxent, Leonardtown, Annapolis, and Severna Park high schools. At this time Leonardtown does not have varsity sailors so the SMSA is really helping with the regatta organization.

On Saturday, April 29th, SMSA hosted a Jr Varsity regatta; hopefully you have had an opportunity to see some of the great racing.

The summer camps are filling up fast, so please check the details on the Junior Program web page for sessions that are still available. Devon, our returning instructor, promises a safe, fun, and great learning experience. Our new facilities provide an excellent venue for a very professional camp experience.

The Junior Program is hosting a US Sailing instructor program at the end of the month. You can sign up at the US Sailing web site. This is a great opportunity to become a level-1 certified instructor.

The Junior Program is currently looking for SMSA members (over the age of 18) to volunteer to help host the Sunday Afternoon Sailing Program. The program is also looking for junior members to help run the shore based operations. If anyone is interested in helping, please contact the Junior Chair.

Finally, don't forget to take a look at the SMSA hats and T-shirts, available at the clubhouse, to help support the Junior Program. Thanks in advance for your support, which helps pass on the fun and values of sailing to the young sailors.

Tom Moulds, Junior Chair



*Stovy Brown briefs young racers from the local High Schools
(Photograph: John Bailey)*



*Boats jockeying for position at the start of one of the races.
(Photograph: John Bailey)*

OPENING DAY 2007



Opening Day 2007 was a grand affair at the new clubhouse, and you couldn't chuck a brick without hitting a VIP guest. In attendance were founding members, representatives from other prestigious yacht clubs, and several past commodores, including the Master of Ceremonies Frank King. There was also the smallest cannon I've ever seen, though it had the attitude of a nine-pounder from a ship of the line.

The day started off with sunshine and breakfast. There was an amazing selection of food in vast quantities, and it was impossible to sample it all. As more members arrived, the spread just kept getting larger and more varied. The yearbook was distributed and everyone had fun looking at the pictures.

Opening Ceremonies started, ended and were punctuated with periodic blasts from the canon in the general direction of *Wavedancer*, who was moored at the end of the T-dock ready for the Opening Day Cruise. Walter Rupp provided a heartfelt and entertaining blessing. The VIPs were introduced, as were the 2007 BOD and program chairs.

The kids were invited forward to bend on "Old Glory", then Shawn Stanley raised the club burgee. Finally, the club officers raced to hoist their individual flags. There was plenty of wind and all the flags stood out proudly, thanks to the efforts of several of the club officers and volunteers that transformed the donated 50-year old flagpole into a centerpiece.

With the season officially underway, there was nothing to do but go back to the eating and drinking, as the oysters had arrived. When we sailed from the dock a little after 1:00pm, the party was still in full swing, everyone enjoying the new clubhouse, including the RC racers out on the dock.

Mark Brownhill, Wavedancer



Children of members and guests bend on 'Old Glory'



Members gathered around the flagpole for the start of the 2007 Opening Ceremonies (Photograph: John Bailey)



Walter Rupp provided the heart felt and entertaining blessing



All the flags fly proudly in the wind on the new SMSA flag pole

SMALL BOAT STORAGE AND LARGE BOAT SLIP RENTAL

SMSA intends to install a gin-pole type lift with a 1-ton capacity to launch and recover small boats. The lift should be in place by May 1 in order to be ready for the Thursday Night Small Boat Season. If you are interested in securing one of the storage spaces in the vicinity of the lift, please contact Cindi Eaton, the Facilities Chair, at facility@smsa.com or 410-231-0421.

SMALL BOAT STORAGE

Privately owned small sailboats (typically “Thursday Night” boats) will have an opportunity, on a first-come-first-served basis, to rent a dry-storage space at the SMSA facility, as shown, pursuant to the following guidelines:

1. All small boats must be 20’ or less.
2. The rental fee for each storage space shall be a uniform charge, regardless of the size of the boat stored in a given space.
3. The rental fee for each space shall be \$400 for that period of time from April 1 to September 30 (“Summer Storage”); and \$200 for that period of time from October 1 to March 31 (“Winter Storage”). The applicable rental fee is to be paid in full in advance for the Summer Storage term and/or the Winter Storage term. There will be no provisions for month-to-month or pro-rated rental fees for either rental term.
4. For each Summer Storage period, spaces will be assigned in the following order of priority:
 - Boats that have paid their Annual Small Boat Race fee for the current season and leased a space for the preceding Winter Storage period.
 - Boats that have paid their Annual Small Boat Race fee for the current season
 - All other boats
5. For each Winter Storage period vacant spaces will be assigned on a first-come first served basis.
6. In the event that the demand exceeds the supply for any season, the vacant spaces will be assigned by a lottery of boats of like priority.
7. If any vacant storage spaces are available after every member with a size-appropriate boat has had an opportunity to lease a space, such vacant spaces shall be made available to existing “tenants” on a first-come-first-served basis, to accommodate any existing tenant who may desire to lease a second storage space for a second, size-appropriate boat owned by that tenant.
8. All boats stored must be maintained in working condition. SMSA retains the right to request that a boat be removed from the dry-storage area if any boat is not acceptably maintained.

BIG BOAT CONFIGURATION AND RENTAL

It is anticipated that 4 big-boat slips will be available for the rental fee of \$6 per foot per month, based on a 30-foot minimum. It is expected that the slips will accommodate 30’-35’ boats and be available starting May 1. Notwithstanding the possibility of lease renewal of our clubhouse facility, we cannot at this time lease the 4 proposed slips for a term extending beyond September 30, 2007, which is the termination date of our current lease term. That said, the initial lease of the 4 slips will be for only a five (5) month term (May thru September). If we are willing and able to renew our lease for an additional term, future slip rentals would be for a one-year term. The entire five-month rental fee for each slip will be paid in full and in advance on May 1. No rental fee shall be pro-rated or assessed on a month-to-month basis.

One of the conditions of the slip rental is that on-site long term parking will not be permitted due to the obvious space limitations behind the clubhouse; however slip-holders will be permitted to drive thru the gate to the waterfront area and park temporarily for loading and unloading.

In the event more than 4 members express interest in leasing a slip, a lottery will be conducted for each slip. If you are interested in one of these slips, please contact Cindi Eaton, the Facilities Chair, at facility@smsa.com or 410-231-0421 prior to 19 April with the length, beam and draft of your boat. If a lottery is necessary, it will be conducted on April 19th after the presentation by Gary Jobson at the Clubhouse. You will not need to be present to be considered.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR FIRST ANNUAL



CINCO DE MAYO
FIESTA!

SATURDAY, MAY 5th
THE PARTY STARTS AT 5 p.m.
AT THE CLUBHOUSE

TACOS AND ALL THE FIXIN'S: \$2EA
MARGARITAS, HURRICANES & RUM RUNNERS
SMSA 16OZ PARTY CUP: \$6
W/\$3 REFILLS

BEER & WINE AVAILABLE
CHIPS, SALSA & SODA ON THE HOUSE!

CRUISING

CRUISE CHAIR



After a little teaser, it seems spring decided to leave us for most of April... Hopefully, everyone is done with their big winter projects by this point and in the water and ready to go!

The BOD and the program chairs have been hard at work to make the clubhouse waterfront area as user-friendly as possible for all the members. I'd like to thank all the members who have volunteered to help me work through the changes that we will be making to make the best use of the space possible. It will include a great dinghy tie up area, the "T" head for temporary docking, and possibly a little surprise for weekends when we have a lot of guest vessels visiting our area!

You are invited to celebrate the Racing Program's continued success with the Frost Goode racing series by joining the rendezvous at the clubhouse on May 19th. It will be a great opportunity for cruise and racing membership to get together... See you there!

We are looking for volunteers for the Friday Night Socials on May 11th and June 1st, which the Cruise Program is hosting. Please contact Chris Miller (cruise@smsa.com).

We have some great cruises planned for the next several weeks including:

- May 5-6 is the Hudson Creek, Caisson Pt Cruise (Kimmel/Freeman- Cruise Leaders)
- May 20-27 is the Northern Bay Cruise (Smitty/Stanley- Cruise Leaders)
- June 11-24 is the Washington DC cruise (Arbuthnot- Cruise Leaders)

Please note that the Luau on June 2nd is held in conjunction with the SMSA Marcy Series. The Marcy Series is a two day women's regatta that promotes fun and friendship more

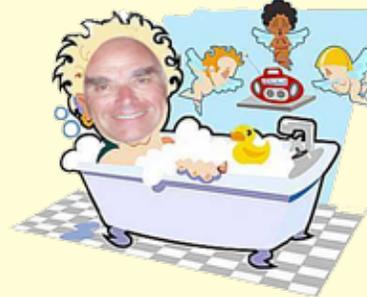
HUDSON CREEK CRUISE - MAY 5-6

This is a reminder that you are invited to join Patty and Rich for a raft-up on Saturday evening, May 5th off the Little Choptank River. We are scheduled to depart Spring Cove Marina, Solomons, approximately 0800 hours on Saturday and plan to be anchored by 1530 hours near W 76° 14.8' N 38° 32.5' in Hudson Creek, around Caisson Point.

We will be monitoring channel 78 during the sail and on anchor for SMSA calls. Our Catalina 34 is named *Reflections*. Please check in when you reach the Green-5 wooden marker

ALMOST READY TO SAIL!
On the twelfth day of springtime
my true love and I did:
twelve cushions vacuumed,
eleven hoses re-clamped,
ten seacocks tested,
nine portholes cleaned,
eight winches lubed,
seven harken cars siliconed,
six swim-ladder steps replaced,
five mainsail ties tied,
four reefing lines reset,
three Dutchman lines aligned,
two huge North sails bent,
and an osprey nest top o'the mast.

Joel Bergsman



than winning trophies (although trophies are awarded!). This is a great opportunity, along with the women's cruise later in the year, for the ladies to get together and go sailing! Contact Barbara Miller (women@smsa.com) if you are interested.

Chris Miller, Cruise Chair

and we will be looking for you. Happy Hour is scheduled to begin at 1700 hours. We will provide weather forecast updates to cruisers the week before.

Please RSVP by email and provide a telephone number and boat name so we can get an approximate count of how many will be attending. Looking forward to a nice weekend.

Patty and Rich, Reflections

Email: teknikr@gmail.com

Cells: 703.618.0886 and 703.919.0018.

NORTHERN BAY CRUISE - MAY 20-27

We shouldn't technically call this a "northern Bay" cruise, but that is how it is listed in the cruising schedule. Nonetheless, we are headed north! Please join us for a week on the Bay before the heat and sea nettles invade our precious waterway.

The Stanleys and Smiths (better known to most as the Smit-tys) are leading a cruise to some great destinations. Originally tagged as the "racer's cruise", we've slapped it on the schedule as an official SMSA cruise for the 2007 season. Check out last year's article at http://smsa.com/Clew/2006_06_Clew.pdf. This cruise begins and ends on a Sunday, giving a day on either side for preparation and recovery, loading and unloading of cruising gear, or an extra day for members of the Potomac fleet to travel. We learned our lesson last year and have shortened the distances between anchorages so that we will have more party time on the hook! The longest run occurs on Day 1 as we travel to Harness Creek (40 nm), while most of the other runs are in the 20-25 nm range:

The schedule includes

- May 20 Harness Creek, South River
- May 21 Dobbins Island, Magothy River
- May 22 Rock Hall (Rock Hall Landing)
- May 23 St. Michaels
- May 24 LayDay
- May 25 Tilghman Island (Knapps Narrows Marina)
- May 26 Hudson Creek, Little Choptank R.

WASHINGTON DC CRUISE (REVISION) - JUNE 11-24

The itinerary for the cruise to Washington, DC beginning Monday June 11th has been changed, though the starting and ending dates remain the same as in the yearbook. The dates we had planned to visit Old Town Alexandria happened to coincide with a very big Waterfront Festival organized by the Red Cross and reserving slips at the marina was impossible. We also had to eliminate Fort Washington because of inadequate slips due to ongoing repairs.

Each captain is responsible for making their own reservations at the marinas, except for the Capital Yacht Club where we have reserved 3 spots on the T dock with the possibility of rafting out three deep (i.e. 9 boats). It is also possible to anchor (two anchors required) in the channel and use the dinghy dock and full services of the club.

This is a leisurely cruise with average daily travel of only 21 miles, once in the Potomac. For those who are not familiar with the upper Potomac River, you will be pleasantly surprised by how beautiful and serene it is. Also, with the new Woodrow Wilson Bridge over the Potomac, there is no longer the mast height concern. The Capital YC is a friendly facility adjacent to the fish market and an easy walk from all Mall sights.

We plan to stay in marinas in both Rock Hall and Tilghman Island. We will anchor at the remaining destinations, but marinas may be available at some locations. Please see the cruise schedule at <http://smsa.com/cruise/cruise.htm> for additional details, and for the navigation coordinates for each destination. All boats are required to make their own reservations, however, the marinas are attempting to keep our group as close together as possible, so be sure to mention the SMSA group when you call (you may need to mention Stanley and/or Smith too). Please make sure to get your reservations in soon, as it is likely the marinas will fill up, especially close to Memorial Day weekend. Contact information is below:

Knapp's Narrows Marina: 800-322-5181

Rock Hall Landing: 410-639-2224

So far we've heard from 8 or 9 boats that plan to attend. Someone on the trip will likely have a VHF running almost 24/7, but we'll definitely try to listen in around 1200 and 1600 for boats on channels 16 and 9.

Hope to see you on May 20th at Harness Creek! Feel free to drop us a note or phone call if you plan to attend.

Shawn Stanley

Email: Shawn.Stanley@wylelabs.com

The revised itinerary is as follows:

- June 11, depart Solomons for Smith Creek (anchor)
- June 12, Tall Timbers, Herring Creek (anchor or marina)
- June 13, Combs Creek, Breton Bay (anchor/Koonce dock)
- June 14, Colonial Beach Yacht Center (804-224-7230)
- June 15, Nanjemoy Creek (anchor)
- June 16, Mattawoman Creek (anchor)
- June 17-18, Capital Yacht Club
- June 19, Mattawoman Creek (anchor)
- June 20, Port Tobacco River (anchor)
- June 21, Coles Point Plantation (804-472-3955)
- June 22-23, St Mary's City (anchor) concert
- June 24, return to Solomons

Please let us know as soon as possible if you plan to cruise with us. Don't forget to make your marina reservations. We look forward to having you join us.

David and Sally Arbuthnot, Blue Heron

Email: darbuthnot@comcast.net

Phone: 410-326-9202

OPENING DAY CRUISE REPORT (MARCH 31-APRIL 1)



Wavedancer (Mark and Carrie Brownhill) began the opening day cruise in style from the SMSA dock following the celebrations. We passed a flotilla of RC sailboats jockeying for position on the starting line, monitored carefully by Jeff “Dude” Moore as the one man, kayak-based race committee.

Out of Solomons we had steady winds from the East all the way up to the bridge. The winds then moved into the north and we cruised at almost six knots on a reach up to the entrance of St. Leonard Creek with just a couple of tacks.

We were anchored in Rollins Cove a little after 3:15pm and we were surprised when we were joined by a larger Catalina flying the Canadian Ensign and the U.S. courtesy flag. Mary and Joel Bergsman joined us in their powerboat around 4:00, followed shortly by John Bailey in his power ‘cat’. This is probably the first and last time that *Wavedancer* will be the largest boat in a raft up.

Everyone brought drinks and fine foods and the eclectic group ensured the discussions were diverse and lively. John Bailey has just volunteered to help Tom Mounds with the Junior Program and has a grandson joining one of the camps in August. John has also volunteered to provide pictures and items of interest from the Junior Program for the Clew.

As the temperature dropped, the powerboats departed. The previous evening, our anchor light had expired, and since we were not alone in Rollins Creek, we decided it prudent to check in to the Bergsman Marina and sample the delights of their gourmet restaurant. Good wine, good food, good company, good cognac was followed by a few games of pool. I won the last game that was for the Championship of the World, and Joel won most of the other less important pre-season games.

We then retired to the marina to sleep on board *Wavedancer*, despite being generously offered free accommodation at the Inn. It was actually quite a warm night and we slept late and had morning coffee at the Inn. Next morning there

Happy Birthday Keith Jacobs!

Some birthdays are better than others and Keith was treated to exotic dancing for his 40th birthday party at the SMSA clubhouse. Several members joined in the celebrations and attempted to keep up with the Eastern dancers.

Members congratulated Keith for his birthday and thanked him for all his contributions to the Small Boat Program over recent years. Getting older does have its compensations.



Mary Bergsman, John Bailey, Carrie Brownhill and Joel Bergsman aboard Wavedancer for Happy Hour



Wavedancer is the largest boat in the raft for the first time, winged by powerboats. (photograph: John Bailey)

was absolutely no wind for the homeward trip, so we motored back to Kingston Creek to repair the anchor light. I winched Carrie to the top of the mast to change the bulb, much to the fascination of our landlords.

Mark Brownhill, Wavedancer



CALENDAR

MAY

- 2 (Wed) Wednesday Night Race #3
- 3 (Thu) Small Boat Racing
- 4 (Fri) Membership Social at the SMSA clubhouse - 4:30pm-7:30pm.
- 5 (Sat) Double-Handed Race
- 5-6 (Sat-Sun) Hudson Ck, Caisson Pt. Cruise
- 5 (Sat) Cinco De Mayo at the SMSA clubhouse, starting at 5:30pm.
- 9 (Wed) Wednesday Night Race #4
- 10 (Thu) Small Boat Racing
- 11 (Fri) Membership Social at the SMSA clubhouse - 4:30pm-7:30pm.
- 12 (Sat) High School Varsity Regatta
- 16 (Wed) Wednesday Night Race #5
- 17 (Thu) Small Boat Racing
- 18 (Fri) Membership Social at the SMSA clubhouse - 4:30pm-7:30pm.
- 19 (Sat) Rendezvous at the clubhouse stating at 1600.
- 19 (Sat) Frost-Goode Series
- 20-27 (Sun-Sun) Northern Bay Cruise
- 23 (Wed) Wednesday Night Race #6
- 24 (Thu) Small Boat Racing
- 25 (Fri) Membership Social at the SMSA clubhouse - 4:30pm-7:30pm.
- 26 (Sat) Nygard Regatta
- 26 (Sat) High School Awards
- 27 (Sun) Women's Day Sail
- 30 (Wed) Wednesday Night Race #7
- 31 (Thu) Small Boat Racing
- 31-(3) (Thu-Sun) US Sailing Instructor course

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WATERFRONT PROPERTY Calvert County, Mill Creek: 2 lots .6+ acre, Non buildable waterfront lot with pier permit, 5 foot mean low water depth, with buildable adjacent lot. \$305,000. B. Hathaway 410 326 3243, 301-580-0879
CREW WANTED, for Wednesday nite and weekend racing aboard *Shermax* and *Toby*. Two friendly skippers need some nice folks to join our existing crews for spinnaker and non-spinnaker events. We have fun racing and more fun partying. Learn to sail and race, any age, any abil-

JUNE

- 1 (Fri) Membership Social at the SMSA clubhouse - 4:30pm-7:30pm.
- 2 (Sat) Luau
- 2-3 (Sat-Sun) Marcy Race Series
- 3 (Sun) Mini-Rendezvous
- 6 (Wed) Wednesday Night Race #8 (Pro)
- 7 (Thu) Small Boat Racing
- 8 (Fri) Membership Social at the SMSA clubhouse - 4:30pm-7:30pm.
- 9 (Sat) Little Choptank Race
- 11-24 (Mon-Sun) Washington, D.C. Cruise (see modified schedule)
- 13 (Wed) Wednesday Night Race #9
- 14 (Thu) Small Boat Racing
- 15 (Fri) Membership Social at the SMSA clubhouse - 4:30pm-7:30pm.
- 15-17 (Fri-Sun) Vice Commodore's Race/Cruise
- 16 (Sat) All Member Small Boat Race
- 16 (Sat) Rendezvous
- 18-22 (Mon-Fri) Junior Camp #1 (Basic Opti)
- 20 (Wed) Wednesday Night Race #10
- 21 (Thu) Small Boat Racing
- 22 (Fri) Membership Social at the SMSA clubhouse - 4:30pm-7:30pm.
- 23 (Sat) One Day Small Boat Regatta
- 24 (Sun) Summer Invitational Race
- 24 (Sun) Mini-Rendezvous
- 25-29 (Mon-Fri) Junior Camp #2 (Basic Opti)
- 27 (Wed) Wednesday Night Race #11 (Pro)
- 28 (Thu) Small Boat Racing
- 29 (Fri) Membership Social at the SMSA clubhouse - 4:30pm-7:30pm.
- 30-(1) (Sat-Sun) Patuxent R. Sotterly Cruise

Friday Night Socials

**4:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
at the clubhouse!**

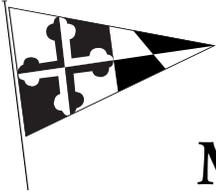
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able. Racers: looking for spectra, vectran, dyneema? Stripped halyards or tapered light air sheets? Custom rigging available. Contact Chris at cmmiller0411@comcast.net or 410-495-8420.

SMSA LOGO SPORTSWEAR: Shirts and Baseball Hats are available with the SMSA logo. Proceeds to support the SMSA Junior Program, so help the team and look sharp too! Polo Shirts (S/M/L/XL) are \$45 and are only Hats \$25. Available at SMSA Club House or via email tmoulds@dtiweb.net



May Highlights Inside:

- Hudson Creek Cruise, May 5 - 6
- Cinco De Mayo Party, May 5
- Froste Goode Race & Rendezvous, May 19
- Northern(ish) Bay Cruise, May 20-27
- Women's Day Sail, May 27
- Luau, June 2
- Washington DC Cruise (Revised), June 11-24

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