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July/August			
Thursday	15	Commodore's Dinner	6:00
Friday	16	Eastport Race to Solomons	
Saturday	17	Screwpile Open House	5:30
Sun-Tues	18-20	Screwpile Regatta	
		August	
Fri	6	Governor's Cup Race	
Mon	9	BOD & Program Chair Meeting	7:00
Sat	10	Geezer Squeezer & Crab Feast	10:00/12:00
Sun	15	Patuxent River Regatta	
Sun	15	Scott Kirby Concert	4:00
Sat/Sun	21/22	Mixed Couples Race/Cruise	
Thurs	19	Commodore's Dinner	6:00
Sat	29	SMSF/Hospice Summer Challenge	



"Hmm, I wonder if he is using the same wind that we are using?", John Kriz

Annapolis Cruise, Dinner, & Theater

August 27 – 29, 2010

It's time to start making your August cruising plans. We plan to get an early start on Friday morning (27 Aug) and head north (45 miles) to Whitehall Bay, just south of the Bay Bridge, for a happy hour raft up and a night on the hook. From there we will have an easy run into Annapolis on Saturday morning to pick up a mooring buoy for the rest of the day and night. We plan to get together for dinner at the Federal House Bar & Grille, and then attend the Annapolis Summer Garden Theater in the evening to see the "*Buddy Holly Story*". If you have not yet made your reservation, you can visit their website at www.summergarden.com for more information and on-line ticket purchase, or you can still call the theater at 410-268 9212 to make a reservation. Tickets must be picked up before 8:00 pm and the show begins at 8:30 pm. Please let us know if you plan to join us. We look forward to a fun weekend.

Rod & Pat Schroeder

"Ruste Nayle"

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Buccaneer 18

North American Championships

June 20-25

~~Volunteers and Sailors
Needed~~

Thank You!

The BNAC regatta was a
HUGE Success!

Thanks to all of the amazing volunteers who helped in many ways. We had dozens of people helping with race committee. We had volunteers cleaning up before and after each day. We had bartenders, cooks, and countless others. There is no limit to what this club can offer. (and apparently no limit to how much beer the Bucc sailors will drink!)

The BNAC regatta brought in 33 teams of sailors from all across the country and Canada. We held 12 races over 4 days, not including the practice day... We served dinners on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. We had 4 great parties. We had a great time. The visitors will talk about this regatta for years!

None of this would have happened without the dedication of our membership, the courtesy, hospitality and generosity is unparalleled. Words are not enough to thank all who contributed...but that's what we have to give.

Thank You!

Small boats—BIG FUN!

The small boat race season is in full swing. We've had dozens of boats out racing lasers, buccaneers, albacores, Lightnings...even a Satellite. The Small Boat program is a "bring what you've got" type of program open to sailboats 21' and down. We race 2-3 races on a typical evening, then follow up the race with a social gathering at the clubhouse. We usually pitch in for Pizza, and tell great stories about the heroic moments on the water, true or not. Small boat racing is not just for super athlete types..we have 12 year old members and members who would prefer we don't reveal their ages all competing together to see who can have the most fun. This season we've had over 30 boats register for the series, and still have room for you. So if you think you might not have anything to do this next Thursday, or any Thursday for that matter, come on by the clubhouse around 5:00...and see if you can hop on a boat.

You can follow the weekly results on the small boat page of the SMSA website, www.smsa.com.



Robert "Smitty" Smith and Mike Ironmonger racing in the SMSA one day regatta June 12



SMSA COOKBOOK



SMSA has a wealth of expert chefs who, as we all know, contribute delicious food at club events. Over the years from sampling the variety of pot-luck rendezvous meals, cruising happy hour refreshments, spicy Chili Cookoffs, and recent themed Commodore's Dinners many of us have probably replied, "This is really good! Who made it? Tell me how you made it or send me the recipe." Well, SMSA friends – it's time to gather some of these well-loved recipes into a cookbook. Then we each can prepare the delicious recipes. At the March Board of Directors meeting, the request was approved to let us pursue this fundraising project.

I have volunteered to be the "chief cookbook connoisseur" (really just the interested chairperson) to organize this new SMSA Cookbook. I do need a committee to help with the whole process. **If you are interested, please let me know.**

Meanwhile, all SMSA members are invited to start browsing through your favorite recipes and then submit them to me. Include the recipe title, recipe, and name of the contributor (also boat name, if desired). Recipe notes may be added if relevant or of interest to others. Here is a list of probable categories for the cookbook:

BEVERAGES, APPETIZERS, AND SNACKS
BREADS AND ROLLS
SOUPS AND SALADS
VEGETABLES AND SIDE DISHES
THREE SQUARES- BREAKFAST, LUNCH, AND DINNER
COOKIES AND CAKES
OTHER DESSERTS

If there are any questions, feel free to ask me. Many thanks in advance!

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Green Fleet Fridays

Do you have a crew member who wants some more time on the tiller? Would you like to try small boat racing out? Are there any recent or new sailors or students you know interested in learning about racing?

Green Fleet Racing is here. This is a Friday night program scheduled throughout the remainder of the season. We have Sunfish Sailboats, Opti's and a few other boats available for you to come out, try out, and learn a little more about small boat sailing and if you want...racing. This is an open opportunity to come and try out something new. Anyone ages 8 and up can participate.

We will Start at 6:00 with a short chalkboard session providing basic instructions and answering questions. Sailing will follow shortly after.

Sessions are \$5 (donation to the junior program) payable on site.

For more info on this program please contact the junior chairman at junior@smsa.com

Summer Camps

As expected, our Junior Opti sailing camps are progressing quite well. We've had multiple students enjoy the class so much they have signed on for additional weeks. That's right, these kids had so much fun, they are going to do it again!

Sailing is fun and these classes are too. These students are learning that first hand.

We still have a few spots available for camps, go to www.smsa.com/junior to check it out.

Adult Training

We're moving along with adult training on Monday nights. Our Class is open to anyone 12 years old and up. We will utilize a variety of boats to teach people the basics of sailing.

Students can sign up anytime. Sessions will continue into the fall until we are out of daylight. Email questions to Jimmy at junior@smsa.com or call 240-434-1312.

Cruise Reports

The cruise portion of the 5/6 June Race/Cruise to Herrington Harbor was cancelled for lack of a cruise leader.

The 2nd Saturday Cruise to Mill Creek took place in mixed weather. Patty and Rich departed Spring Cove Marina aboard *Reflections* about 1400 hours in very light winds. Once reaching the Coast Guard Station, the winds had increased to 14 knots, or so, and out came the headsail. Although the winds diminished in the Patuxent River, they were able to sail into Mill Creek. Ellie & Ken Mowbray on *Swan* were already there. They rafted up and were soon joined by new members Bill Ostrander & Gayle Craig aboard *Atlas*. Happy hour was interrupted 45 minutes later by a darkening sky, an increase in wind velocity and an ominous warning on NOAA Channel 2. The raft broke up and *Atlas* and *Swan* anchored separately. But the nasty weather never developed in Mill Creek. The only rain came at 0400 hours Sunday morning, and it was sparse.

Sunday morning dawned clear and calm. *Swan* departed first, followed by *Reflections*. The folks aboard *Atlas* decided to sleep in. When *Reflections* departed, Bill was lowering his kayak off the bow to do some exploring in Mill Creek.

With the winds at 4 knots, or less, we motored back to Solomons and our slip in Spring Cove Marina. It was a very nice week-end cruise and it was great to spend some time with both new and old members of SMSA.



First Second Saturday Cruise of 2010

The first SMSA on-the-water cruise for 2010 got off to a good start on May 8th. Eight boats made their way to St. Leonard's Creek despite the poor weather predictions, including forecast gale force winds. Dave & Lois Zonderman onboard "Walkabout" were joined by the following boats: Patty Kimmel & Rich Freeman onboard "Reflections"; Rod & Pat Schroeder onboard "Rusty Nayle"; Ellie & Ken Mowbray onboard "Swan"; Michael & Judy Zoll, family & friends onboard "Talisman"; Joel Bergsman onboard his powerboat "Circe"; Rona & Roger Bayer onboard "Zara" and former members Matt & Marty Miller onboard "Runaway."

The Pot Luck Dinner theme went over well and we all enjoyed various appetizers, entrees and desserts (recipes were exchanged), as well as many adult beverages to keep the crews happy. Tales of former cruises, as well as future plans for the upcoming season, were discussed. The only thing nature threw at us was a continuous gusty wind, anywhere from 16 to 22 knots, making it unsafe to raft the boats together. So everyone anchored individually and met on "Walkabout", thanks to launch duty being performed by Joel, Dave and Matt.

Our weary but happy little group spent the night 'rockin and rollin' in Rollins Cove but all were still safely at anchor on Sunday morning. Hopefully, all the Moms celebrated a lovely Mother's Day after a windy trip home. We hope all who attended enjoyed themselves as much as we did planning this cruise.

Dave & Lois Zonderman

Addendum:

Patty and Rich departed around 0930 hours, followed by Rod and Pat. Once in the river "Reflections" hauled out about 25% of her headsail and was able to make the Coast Guard station at the mouth of Solomons Island, averaging 5 plus knots. Not to be outdone, "Rusty Nayle" popped her headsail coming out of the creek and was quickly catching up before furling just before Point Patience. It was a great morning sail and a nice ending to the first cruise of 2010.

Patty Kimmel & Rich Freeman





Left to right, Barbara Miller, John Smith, JR Johnson

Small Boat One Day Regatta

The small boat one day Regatta took place June 12. We had 7 boats competing in the Buccaneer fleet and 5 boats competing in the Portsmouth fleet. Our race committee led by JR Johnson (right pictured above) did a great job organizing 5 races in shifting conditions and made for a very fun regatta. The wind was coming out of the NW to start, which made getting out to the race a super smooth, easy sail. The conditions immediately upon the start got challenging. As the sea breeze filled in, the land breezes fought, shifted and fizzled out completely at times, but then shifted to the SE with a vengeance. The first three races were held in 0-5 knot breezes that were extremely shifty, while the last two races were twenty minute, hang-on, hold tight and go fast 20 minute 18 knot drag races! Check out the results page by going to www.smsa.com and clicking on the Small Boat page.

Clew Volunteer Needed

As you are reading this newsletter you will be aware that we are running a few weeks behind on the publication of the Clew. As summer heats up so do our volunteer schedules. I have been working on producing this newsletter for almost the last two years, and really enjoy doing it. However as I enjoy creating the newsletter, I am finding it increasingly difficult to produce the quality of newsletter that you deserve in a timely manner. So I am asking for help. I am capable of continuing to provide assistance in editing and composing pages for the newsletter, but we really need a new person to lead the effort. I'm looking for someone who can be a deadline junky...someone who can set a timetable and stick to it, and someone who is savvy with word processing, and can help with layout. If you would like to assist with producing the Clew, please contact me, Jimmy at clew@smsa.com

This week at SMSA composer needed

Laura Comeau-Stanley has been producing the "This week at SMSA" email since its inception over a year ago, and has done a very fine job keeping us posted on what is happening weekly. Due to a change in work schedule, Laura is no longer able to continue to produce those very helpful weekly emails. In the interim, Kate Miller is producing the email for us. We are in need of someone who is email capable to produce a weekly email to our membership with updates with our weekly club activities.

"A Mark Of Appreciation"

Think back a few months ... it's much cooler and the sailing season has just barely begun. Imagine a Wed evening at the beginning of the racing season: you're on a boat (maybe you're own) heading out for a long-overdue SMSA Wednesday Night race. RC posts the course and you search your dusty memory for the relative location of those infamous battle-ground marks. Before long you've crossed the start line with the rest of the fleet, pushed along by a good strong breeze. The crew diligently lines the rail, not too shabby from being holed-up all winter. Your position near the top of the fleet has you grinning from ear to ear.

The wind propels the boat nicely along the first leg and you ask if anyone has spotted the first mark, knowing that only a few eyes on-board are strong enough to pinpoint it yet. You take a brief moment to smile at the fleet behind you, then continue searching for the mark. Again, you poll the crew - a few tentative replies confirm the boat is heading in the correct direction, but there is no definite sign of the mark yet. Meanwhile, one boat has gained on you and you keep a watchful eye on her. Position at the mark is important. Speaking of which, you're positive a blind man should be able to see the mark by now. Everyone on-board agrees: the boat should have come up on it already. There is not much navigable water left between the boat and shore. After short discussion, the crew maneuvers the boat in a 'virtual' rounding of where the mark ought to have been and heads to the next mark. Not long after, the radio transmits a hail from RC that the race has been abandoned due to missing mark.

A very similar incident occurred this year for one of our sister associations -- one of their marks was swept away by winter storms and washed onto a beach, with no one the wiser! Hearing the story made me realize how much we SMSA racers owe to the efforts of our Race Program Chair, Joy Dorethy. She dedicates endless amounts of planning, forethought and time to ensure we enjoy another wonderful ('markedly' hitch-free) season of sailboat racing. The next time you see Joy, tell her how much you appreciate what she does for SMSA!

First Annual SMSA Ski Trip... 11-13 February 2011

Plan on joining us for the first annual SMSA Ski Trip to Seven Springs Mountain Ski Resort in Champion, Pennsylvania. Seven Springs has been voted the *Best Family Ski Resort in Mid-Atlantic*. We will drive up Friday afternoon/evening on 11 February and return home Sunday, 13 February. Your weekend lift tickets, which are included in the package, provide skiing from Friday night through 7 PM Sunday. The package includes two nights stay at the lodge, 2 breakfasts, weekend lift tickets, Apres Dinner Buffet Saturday night, taxes and gratuities. Newly renovated lodge rooms include either a King bed or two Queens. Costs are as follows:

- \$557.90 per person single occupancy
- \$344.26 per person double occupancy
- \$273.04 per person triple occupancy
- \$237.44 per person quad occupancy
- Children ages 6-11, \$110.11 per child
- Rentals for weekend: Skis/boots/poles - \$36; Snowboard/boots - \$52
- Lessons – Group \$30/Private \$70
- Non-skiers receive a \$50 card for credit at the resort

Lodge check-in time on Friday is 5 PM; check-out time on Sunday is 11 AM.

For those non-skiers, there are plenty of other activities to take part in. These include Tubing, Shooting Sporting Clays, Indoor Pool, Bowling, Game Room, (bar, of course).

Make reservations with Jim or Jody Keen at (410) 326-9452 (hm), (240) 925-1173 (Jim's mobile), (301) 904-3178 (Jody's mobile), williwaw66@hotmail.com or jodyskis@hotmail.com

Deposit of \$100 per person is due by 10 October. Next payment of \$100 per person is due on 19 November. Balance due by 7 January 2011. Mail deposits/payments to Jim Keen, PO Box 1488, Solomons, MD 20688; checks payable to James Keen.

If we have as many as 20 reservations, we will hold a drawing for one free full weekend ski package to be discounted from your cost.

Last year Seven Springs had record snow fall. We hope to see that again this year. However much snow we have, it's a great resort with lots to do. Please help make it a great weekend.

Passing of a former Commodore

It is with much sadness that I announce the passing of former member and past commodore Bill Mahood. Bill passed away on June 10. A full obituary for Bill appears in the June 14 edition of the Washington Post.

Please keep Charlotte and the rest of the Mahood family in your thoughts and prayers at this difficult time.

Thank you, Laura Comeau-Stanley

SMSA Membership Chair