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COMMODORE'S SIGNAL

This year at SMSA has been a good one for me and I hope for you as well. The programs are working well keeping us active. New faces are showing up at SMSA functions. And there are discussions and actions in place that could help shape the future of SMSA for the future. I am grateful to each of you for your efforts in the continued support of sailing in the local community, especially the Officers, Directors and Program Chairs that I've had the pleasure working with this year.

I hope each one of us can take a moment to think what sailing would be like in Southern Maryland had it not been for the efforts of the charter members to get this organization in motion. Would there be a location to gather with others that have the enthusiasm for sailing? A place that has now exposed and trained several generations of people that say "yes sailing is a fun and challenging activity"? A place to organize and conduct regattas? A place to conger up the ideas of the next cruise? A place to interact with the community, hoping that they too will experience the fun that each of us had? It is through the initial efforts of a few individuals that have allowed the sailing life to flourish here in Southern Maryland.

Will there be organized sailing activities here in the future? You bet there will be. The actions of the current members will see to that. Our programs will be enjoyed for years to come through all of our efforts. I do want to thank each of you for promoting this way of life. I look forward to the upcoming years with optimism. See you on the water.

Clarke

Locust Inn Update

By David Meiser

As a result of the membership vote on the purchase of the Locust Inn property, SMSA submitted an offer to purchase the property. Included in that offer were all of the contingencies discussed in the motion that was voted on. We have not heard back from the realtor representing the owner, but hope to hear back shortly.

As most of you know, real estate transactions can be long and complex. Worse, it's not a done deal until the last document is signed and the last check is passed. Please stay patient, we will keep you updated.

YEARBOOK PHOTOS NEEDED!

2010 photos are needed for the yearbook. Please e-mail photos relating to SMSA to webmaster@smsa.com, or mail copies (either hard-copies or electronic -- on CD/DVD) to:

Attn: Yearbook Editor
P.O. Box 262
Solomons, MD 20688

Want to sell something or do you have an idea for the Clew? Please send words and pictures to clew@smsa.com. Questions? Call Roger Bayer 301-934-3925. The Clew is published the first of each month. Submission deadline is the 15th of the month. The Clew is edited by Ellen Aulson and Roger Bayer.



Sailing Is Fun

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The 2011 Junior Program is getting off to a great start this year. We had our first committee meeting Dec 6th and had a banner turnout. Our theme for this year is “Sailing is Fun”. Throughout the course of the 2011 season we will be organizing a variety of programs for youth and adults alike all with the common theme, “Sailing is Fun”.

We can't start the 2011 year without thanking the folks who volunteered for the very successful 2010 program. I would like to thank Laura Comeau-Stanley for her tireless effort managing the program registration and records; Jolie Homsher, Robert Herbig, Jim Whited, and everyone else who pitched in to keep all the equipment in order. I would like to thank Robert “Smitty” Smith for helping with the advertising, and I think everyone owes my wife Kristi a huge thanks for preventing me from actually implementing many of the really bad ideas that frequent my overactive imagination. (Hmmm....how 'bout we mount a Laser rig & bow sprit on an opti for the “advanced” class... or the Christmas break “Icebreaker Jr. Regatta” anyone? ...seemed like a good idea at the time).

Our 2011 committee will be broken into sub-committees charged with tackling each of the preparation and management tasks for the program in order to assure success.

The Sub-Committees currently forming are:

- **Kids Intro Team:**
- **Day Camps Team:**
- **Advanced Team Racing Team:**
- **Family & Adult Sailing Team:**
- **Family Fun Fridays Team:**
- **Marketing Team:**
- **Website & Financial Team:**
- **Maintenance Team:**

With the momentum of a successful program building we aim to continue to improve and grow the programs. We will be updating the Junior Program page to include online course registration & payments with real-time updates so potential students will know immediately if their desired course is available or full and verify their registration.

We will be promoting events & activities for families to sail together. We will be working to assure



that our classes have clear goals that align with our theme “Sailing is Fun”.

Our goal for the 2011 program is to provide quality, fun sailing instruction to beginning and advanced sailors alike.

If any of the programs/teams above appeal to you, or you feel you could assist, contact Jimmy Yurko via phone or email with questions or to volunteer.

Our next meetings will be January 5 and February 1. We meet from 7:00pm to 8:00pm at SMSA.



SMSA LASER FROSTBITE REPORT - SUNDAY DECEMBER 19TH

by Jolie Homsher

Despite SMSA Fleet Captain Jeff Moore's predications that the forecast "was not looking good"-nine SMSA sailors arrived at the club with gear in hand ready to survey the sailing conditions. With the sun shining brightly and not deterred by snow-covered boats, an RC boat needing shoveling, a mast step full of ice to unfeeze, and the 37 degree air and 37 degree water temps, all 9 sailors decided conditions were favorable and racing would take place!

Six brave (or some would say crazy) sailors rigged their boats and suited up for racing. Racers were SMSA regulars- Scott Patterson, Tom Moulds and Jimmy Yurko, plus 3 sailors new to the SMSA Laser Fleet- Jon Phillips, Mike Danko, Jr. and Mark Williams. The remaining 3 sailors, Jeff Moore, Rob Miller and Jolie Homsher helped make preparations for the racing and manned the RC boat.

Five races were held, the first race began from the launching area with directions to find the RC



Scott Patterson rigging his Laser in the snow.

boat after keeping Molly's Leg to port. The following 3 races were windward/leewards between Mill Creek marks and the channel mark near Molly's Leg. The last race was the longest with an upwind start at the mouth of Mill Creek, rounding a Mill Creek mark to port then rounding Molly's Leg (Nascar style), finishing at the Club's T dock. Conditions for the sailors included 10-15 knot winds, strong current, a 15+ foot ice floe and a few occasional gusts of about 18 knots.

All sailors enjoyed both racing and warming up at the SMSA bar while sharing their racing tales over drinks and a beautiful sunset over the Patuxent River. The only complaints were some chilly fingers and a few pairs of numb feet. Jon Phillips commented early in the day that he was "a bit rusty" but his 5 bullets proved otherwise! Jimmy Yurko discovered, after a quick dunk before the first race, that a "dry" suit is a bit "wet" when left unzipped and Scott Patterson displayed how a perfect execution of a "step over" allows one to stay "dry" even in a "wet" suit...



Jon Phillips leading the leeward run.

*****The next scheduled SMSA Laser Frostbite race and Party will be Sunday January 2, 2011 at 1300, last race of the day will start no later than 1500 and all are welcome!! A party at the clubhouse will follow and will include some very informal awards. Mark your calendars and plan to join in the fun! This will be the first SMSA race of 2011!! Come on out and be one of the first to sail in the New Year! If sailing a Laser at this time of year is not your thing... there's room on the RC boat to watch the antics or just show up for the party! All Laser and Non Laser sailors are welcome! For more information or to RSVP for the race or party please contact jeffrey.moore@l-3com.com**

2011 Officers & Directors

Edited by Roger Bayer

The 2011 Officers, Directors and Program Chairs officially start their duties January 1st. If you are like me, you know some, but not all of these folks. Here is a short paragraph on each, written by each. For space reasons, this article presents the Officers and Directors. Next month the 2011 Program Chairs will be presented.

SMSA Officers

Clarke McKinney, Commodore: Occupation sail maker with Quantum Sails, Solomons. Since joining SMSA in 1978, my family and I have enjoyed big boat racing (*Snuzuluz, Willin, Project X, and The Riddler*), small boat racing (Byte, Laser, and Vanguard 15), as well as going to socials and an occasional cruise. In addition to monitoring and supporting all of the club activities, I plan to work hard to get a permanent home for SMSA. It is only then that we can start long range planning.



Jeff Moore, Vice Commodore: Occupation - Information Technology Manager Air Vehicle Engineering with L-3 Communications. I enjoy both keel and dinghy racing but also like to cruise or just go out for a sail and goof around on the water. I currently race my Antrim 27 *Little Latitudes*, Buccaneer 18 *Kick'em Jenny* and Laser 191967 along with crewing on several other club boats. My goals for SMSA is to continue to improve all the on the water activities to benefit club members as well as attract and recruit new members. I also plan to work with the Board of Directors in acquiring a more permanent home for SMSA.



Tim Flaherty, Rear Commodore: Occupation: Sales & marketing, television producer. My wife Lisa and I own *Turnabout*, a Catalina 27. I also enjoy occasional racing and do RC on occasion. My goals for SMSA in the coming year are to increase membership, increase member participation, improve the value of membership, and make sure our facility is fully utilized.



Betsy Dodge, Secretary: Retired computer programmer. I crewed for several years on *SherMax* and *Toby* before buying *Spinnster* with co-owner Barbara Miller. I enjoy spending as much time as possible on the water in any form, whether it's sail, power, race or cruise. My goal is to make our social events as enjoyable as possible to all members. Some of the best times have been during our Friday socials. Everyone should stop by on Friday evenings and join in the fun!



Joe Kubinec, Treasurer: Principal Analyst with Tecolote Research, Lexington Park. My wife (Tracy) and I enjoy small boat racing, big boat racing, and race committee work. I have been treasurer for 5 years or so, but I have not yet been able to leverage a new boat for myself from the slip of a decimal point or two in SMSA's accounts. (Just kidding!) My goal is to provide sound financial reporting to the officers and directors for prudent decision making, and I am hopeful that my efforts will assist with acquisition of a permanent home for SMSA to ensure continuity of our programs and community outreach.



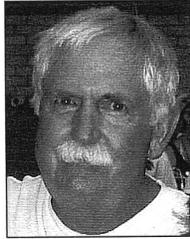
SMSA Directors

Don Behrens, Director: Occupation - Software Engineer / VP at Heron Systems Inc. My wife Melissa and I have two boys aged 13 & 9 - Sam and Pete. We own and race a Lightning, *Permanent Accessory*. I have been involved with SMSA since about 1986 when I started crewing on big boats during SMSA races as a member of the SMCM big boat sailing team. I joined SMSA just



a few years later and have been enjoying club membership ever since. I have previously served as Commodore, Rear Commodore, Vice Commodore and the Junior Program Chair. I am very involved in the Screwpile event each summer and one day even hope to race in it :) I look forward to helping to define the future direction and plans of SMSA.

Jim Keen, Director: Occupation - Program Manager with GENERAL DYNAMICS Information Technology at Patuxent River. Retired Navy Captain. Member of SMSA since 1978. One son, Matthew, age 19. My wife, Jody, and I have enjoyed racing with our *Foxtrot Corpen* (Beneteau 36.7) crew for the last 8 years. Prior to racing, I had a succession of cruising boats... *Jayhawk* (Columbia 26), *Aileron* (Southern Cross 31), and *Williwaw* (Tartan 3500). We also snow ski, and recently added riding motorcycles to our activities. In my Navy tours, I lived/sailed in many wonderful waterfront sites... Newport, Pensacola, San Francisco Bay, Hawaii, Corpus Christi, Norfolk (ok... not so great). But, nothing matches the Chesapeake Bay as a cruising and racing venue. I look forward to the continued growth of SMSA and to our eventual settlement into a permanent clubhouse on the Island.



David Meiser, Director: Occupation Engineer. I have three children ages 20, 18 & 6. My wife Jacki and I both enjoy racing our Colgate 26, *Easy Button* and our Lightning. (small boat racing). I look forward to getting our son, Henry J, involved in the Junior program. I joined the club with my family in 1973 and crewed for many years before buying my first Lightning in 1996. I look forward to working on finding a permanent home for SMSA so that we can continue to expand the great programs that SMSA has to offer.



Max Munger: SMSA Director & Bar Manager: Retired Dept of Navy Civilian, former USAF and Vietnam vet. Wife Sherma and I enjoy racing, cruising, gunkholing and most social activities of SMSA including Screwpile. I also sail the Victoria RC boats, have held sail



training sessions aboard *SherMax*, rewrote the current Bylaws and revised the Racing manuals. I welcome all the new members of the club to come sail with us, learn to race aboard *SherMax*, hope to acquire a new clubhouse soon, expand all our sailing programs and increase participation at all events. Hey! Everybody come to the Friday evening socials at the bar!

LG Raley-Director: As a Director my most important job is to represent the wishes and views of the membership and the fiscal well being of the club. Merrie Ruth and I have been members of the SMSA for about 30 years. With our children David and Karen, we have been involved in racing (big and small boat) and junior programs. As Chairman of Screwpile Challenge I've promoted SMSA as a top notch racing event that brings out our members to volunteer for race committee, shore side and to race.



Rod Schroeder, Director: Occupation - Navy Acquisition Program Manager at Pax River (hopefully soon to be retired). Pat and I learned to sail by participation in the SMSA Racing program 26 years ago. For the past 20 years we have enjoyed cruising the Chesapeake aboard *Ruste Nayle* (Catalina 380) in company with other Club boats, and participating in SMSA social functions ashore. I look forward to supporting SMSA's strategic plan and initiatives for establishing a facility for long term growth and operations in the Solomons area.



HAVE YOU CHANGED YOUR ADDRESS OR CONTACT INFORMATION IN 2010?

By Laura Comeau-Stanley

If you have changed your address (snail or email), phone or other contact information during 2010, please take a moment to notify me by email (membership@smsa.com) or by telephone (301-737-4201). Updates made to the Membership Database will ensure that you receive all club notifications in a timely manner.

The 2011 Membership Renewal Period is right around the corner. It is expected that all renewal notices will be mailed in early January and become due in mid-February.

Building the 2011 SMSA Calendar

By Roger Bayer

If you are into almost any form of sailing activity with the exception of ice boating, you can find one or more events offering that activity on the SMSA calendar. This makes for a busy calendar. Amazingly, there are few to no conflicts between the events because of the work done at the Annual Planning Meeting.

The Annual Planning Meeting is open to all club members, but is generally attended by the officers and the program chairs. Thirteen folks worked through the 2011 calendar on November 13th. The group did include members who were not officers or program chairs. The Annual Planning Meeting is always one week after the Annual Membership Meeting.

Most of the events hosted by SMSA occur every year. Year to year, the dates change slightly. And of course, there may be a need to reschedule an event to a very different date. The calendar for the next year is built by going through each month, starting with January, assigning events to dates. This year Rear Commodore Kate Miller ran the meeting gathering dates from the program chairs and other attendees.

The process is not as simple as just gathering last year's event dates and moving them to the equivalent dates in the new year. There are a number of outside influences on the dates. During this year's meeting, some of the influences were: holidays, CBYRA, Tiki Bar Opening and the Annapolis Boat Show. Screwpile is a regularly scheduled event and it also impacts the Junior Sailing Camp schedule.

The meeting was scheduled to run from 9 AM to 11 AM. At about 10 AM this year, the June calendar was completed and we were moving on to July. The meeting did finish at 11 AM. It produced a draft 2011 calendar. Concurrently, major interest groups are working on their needs. Racing skippers are having meetings discussing the racing program, the training chair is working on the training schedule, the cruisers won't meet until next year. Generally, placeholder dates were put in the calendar for these activities. Dates will be refined over the winter.

Club members are always the major influence on the calendar. By working with other members who have your interests and the program chair for the interests, the calendar is built. Please let your thoughts be known.

(Editors Note: Held from December issue due to lack of space.)



Some of the meeting attendees: L to R, Joy Dorethy, Robert Herbig, Jr., Clarke McKinney, Joe Kubinec (back) Kate Miller, John McKinney (back) "Smitty" Smith, Rod Schroeder, Jeff Moore

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Audibles from the Race Chair

Frostbites, Race Marks and revised PHRF minimums.

By Marc Briere



This audible goes out to the big boat racers and other boat owners in the club who may be considering participation in our events but who may be reluctant to invest in all the specified PHRF safety gear in order to participate.

Last month we concluded the 2010 Big Boat Racing Program with our informal Fall Frostbites. These non-spinnaker, single start, 3-5 mile races are a big attraction to regulars on the race course and some of our more schedule challenged boats. It's always fun to watch 15-20 boats ranging from 26 ft up to 48 ft start together. With the light air conditions we had, the challenge was to find the zephyrs, play the wind shifts, be prepared for strong gusts and play the current. The lighter boats and those with high sail area to displacement ratios had the advantage this series and scored highest. Next year the wind may fill and we'll see some of our more comfortable and stable boats roar ahead.

The camaraderie of all of our informal series races, including frostbites is always strong and bring the largest on-water and after-race participation of any of our races. Thanks to all the race committees and participants. It was a fun conclusion to the season.

After the last frostbite, Joy lead a team of brave souls to recover the SMSA race marks for the winter and give us a chance to inspect and service before they are relaunched in February. We met with a cold, wet, muddy crew at the clubhouse to help bring the marks ashore before the team spent over an hour rinsing off the RC boat whose workboat design made it a perfect match for the assignment. Thanks to all who helped. Good luck getting the muck out of those clothes!

Next year PHRF of the Chesapeake will be issuing rating certificates with spinnaker

AND non-spinnaker ratings on the same slip for the first time ever. In addition, SMSA will be revising our Sailing Instructions (SIs) for each race to call out the minimum PHRF safety configuration for each of our races. The categories are 4P (for races conducted in the main body of the Chesapeake), 5P (for races conducted in protected waters of creeks, rivers, etc) and 6P (for short races in protected waters). The minimum safety equipment, sail configurations, *etc.* get more comprehensive and require a bigger investment by the boat owners and crew as you go from 6P to 4P.

In order to make it easier for ALL of our club's boats to consider participation we are "rightsizing" our minimums. However, it is always up to the boat owner to determine their configuration and the safety of their boat and crew.

The gist of the SI modifications: river mark informal series such as the Wednesday night series will only require 6P configuration. Frostbites and mouth of the river invitational and series races will require 5P configuration. Only our middle distance races require full 4P configuration. We hope this helps increase participation in our shorter informal programs and that participation and camaraderie get more boats out to consider participation in our formal and longer racing events.



Fall Frostbiting—November 21, 2010.

Yurko Teaches Fiberglass

By Roger Bayer

If you have to have your boat's fiberglass repaired, it is amazingly expensive. So when I learned that Jimmy Yurko was hosting a fiberglass repair & construction clinic, Friday night, December 17th I jumped at the opportunity to attend.

Jimmy did a really good job. A one hour session (which went closer to two hours) will not make you an expert in working with fiberglass, but I walked out with a much better understanding of the subject. His presentation was very organized, starting with what fiberglass is, showing different types of glass fabrics. He moved on to a fairly in-depth discussion of the differences between polyester and epoxy resins. Time was spent discussing the construction of fiberglass parts, like a chute launcher for a Buccaneer. The lecture portion of the program concluded with an important discussion of safety procedures.

Jimmy really brought the program home by demonstrating a repair on an Opti. This poor abused little boat had about an inch of its rail chipped off. Jimmy first showed and demonstrated the equipment he was using. Then he proceeded to repair the chip, carefully discussing what he was doing and why he was doing it as he went along. Watching him actually working with fiberglass helped us understand the lecture material and, in my case, magazine articles read on the subject.



Jimmy explaining different types of fiberglass cloth.

January & February Commodore 's Dinner Themes

By Commodore Clarke McKinney

The **January** theme is a Key West fling. Whip up conch chowder, key lime pie and if you are a real sport, stone crabs! It is time to be creative.



For **February** we will try again to have a local seafood theme. I can't wait to see the weather we will have! Try your hand creating a variety of entrees using the seasonal local seafood that is available. Supporting dishes don't have to include seafood.



Everyone's invited to bring a dish to share. So far there has always been a variety of appetizers, salads, entrees, and desserts. I hope that the luck continues. The bar will be open for those interested.

Discover the SMSA Member Forum

By Ellen Aulson

SMSA Member Forum on the SMSA website is designed to be an active communication tool supplementing the weekly emails and the monthly Clew. It also has the purpose of being a sounding board for club members to discuss club issues. It allows members to reach Board and Chair Members, express their opinions, and hash out plans with other members without a formal meeting. Some of the recent topics on the forum have included, BOD Board Minutes, announcements from different club chairpersons such as Big Boat and Small Boat Racing as well a spot for ongoing classified ads for sailing items. Since this has been an underutilized tool we are taking this opportunity to reintroduce the Forum and encourage active participation.

Accessing the Forum

The Forum can be reached at the SMSA Home page at <http://www.smsa.com/>. Looking at the far right hand side of the page click on Forum.

The first time you try to access the Forum, you will have to register to create a screen name and a password. It is simple and painless and takes only a minute. Agree to the terms and condition, then the next screen asks for some basic contact info. Since you are already club members and have given it this information it should not be a problem. The only info required is an email address, user name, password, first name and last name.

Once you press the submit button, a message goes to the administrator. If you are a member in good standing approval is granted but it takes a couple of days (volunteer labor!). The approval process is done to limit the Forum to SMSA members only. Once the process is complete, you will get a welcoming email.

You only need to register **once**. In fact, if you have not done this yet, do it now, so you can access the Forum in a couple of days.

Once approved, the next time you enter, simply log in with your user name and password.

Voila! You are now in the forum. The site is easy to navigate, search, and post a topic or a reply.

Time to Pay to Play



Message from Ski Master Jim Keen: If you signed up for the February 11–13 ski trip and have not yet made your final payment and you really want to go, final payment is due no later than January 7.

Make & mail payments to James Keen, PO Box 1488, Solomons, MD 20688.

Adopt an Opti Program

Our Adopt an Opti program is up and running. We have 12 opti's that need a home for the winter, three have been spoken for...how about you? This is a fun winter project. The boats will need minor dings and dents repaired, some touch up paint & varnish and a bit of TLC to the rigging. We will be organizing work times at the clubhouse for folks who want to pitch in but don't have a garage (or space in the garage) for an opti.

NAUTICAL FLEA MARKET

MARCH 12, 2011—9 AM TO 5 PM, CLUBHOUSE

- Buy gear you really need at great prices!
- Sell gear you no longer need! Table charge \$10 \$15 for non-members).
- Donate gear you no longer need to SMSA for sale!

The Nautical Flea Market is being managed by Frank Gerred. He needs help setting up and managing the club table selling donated items.

Interested in a table or helping: Contact Frank at gerred@verizon.net or (410) 326-2785

We still have the US Sailing **Handy Guide to the Racing Rules** which was a group buy. They are available through Kristi Yurko (240-725-0475), Kristi.Yurko@gmail.com for \$5....a nice discount off of the US Sailing websites





The Yurkos Take The Quaich (pronounced quake)

By Jimmy Yurko

Little do most folks realize, but Cooperstown, NY, home of the baseball hall of fame, is also a sailing town! Just outside of town is Lake Glimmerglass. Glimmerglass is a beautiful, natural mountain lake with clear water and very interesting winds. The wide section of the lake at its southernmost end is perfect for racing small boats. For Kristi and I this was our first trip to Glimmerglass, a Buccaneer sailor “must do at least once” type of regatta. It seems just about every sailor in the class has a Glimmerglass story, this is ours.

The regatta was slated to be a top notch event for our class this year, it was the site of the class’s “MacAlpine-Downie/Gibbs Cup” regatta which honors the designers of the Buccaneer 18: Rod MacAlpine-Downie and Dick Gibbs. Folks traveled far and wide to attend, including our current class champions who traveled from Colorado & California to compete. For us it was scheduled to be a nine hour drive but a nail in our back tire added an hour and a half to the event. Fortunately we were close to a service station in PA whose employees were more than happy to help us out quickly.

Saturday and Sunday were beautiful days with light breezes coming down the lake from the south end and quite unpredictable shifts coming left and right. The locals seemed to have an advantage, but the randomness of the shifts seemed to even the odds quite a bit. We sailed a total of eight races, five on Saturday, three on Sunday - each lasting nearly an hour. For the first time in quite a few years we sailed triangular courses for over half the races, which proved to be quite challenging because while the winds shifted often, the shifts were rarely large, so holding a spinnaker in the building breeze at the bottom end of the triangle (in the widest part of the lake and dead downwind of the mountain pass) was quite challenging. Dousing the spinnaker from the reach was quite

exciting since you couldn’t go to leeward to bring it in!

The awards ceremony was like many other, there were AAARRGGHH!’s from the Buccaneers as the trophies were handed out. We were excited because we knew we had placed and earned a nice engraved mug, 2nd place. We were pretty happy with that finish especially considering the tough field of competitors. What was different about this scenario was that when they called our names for the glass, they didn’t let us just walk away as they had the others. They began to read a two page nomination from our classmates. The nomination commended Kristi and I for our contributions to our class and our Commodore handed us the Quaich (pronounced quake). The Quaich is our class’s perpetual trophy given to one sailor (or team) per year for stewardship and contributions to the Buccaneer class. Of all of the birthday’s I’ve had in my (still short) life, this one will be marked as the best one yet!

Bucctoberfest

By Megan Hildenberger

Saturday, October 30 on the Patuxent River saw plenty of sun, 10-15 Kts of breeze, brisk temperatures ... and a bucket-load of Buccaneer sailors! These hard-core, fun-loving sailors raced to SMSA race mark 'S' to start the day off, and RC got one race off just south of the Gov. Thomas Johnson bridge before moving the rest of the races to the mouth of the harbor.

Despite one buccaneer capsizing during the second race, and several boats dropping out to assist with the rescue, every competitor appeared to enjoy and thoroughly appreciate the event planning and coordinating efforts of Jimmy and Kristi Yurko. And a big 'Arrrgh!' goes out to RC volunteers John Smith, Ryan Fitzgerald, and Jolie Homsher's daughter, Sarah.

Saturday, January 29th, 9 to 11 AM

SMSA Bartending Intro:

Want to help with bartending at SMSA but unsure of what to do? Come join us on Jan 29th from 9a-11a at the SMSA clubhouse.

We'll discuss the procedure for opening and closing the bar, bar sales and the register, bar rules, and how to make a few of your favorite sailor drinks! TAM certification not required. Bartenders are volunteers, so come join the fun! Questions? Contact Kristi at 240-725-0475.

BAR OPERATIONS!

The SMSA bar is open for all social and programmed events at the clubhouse. One or two bartenders need to be provided by the social organizers. In the case of race days, the Small Boat or Race Committees usually tend the bar while the results are prepared. Every Friday Night Happy Hour (5 to 8) needs volunteers. It is an easy way to meet other members and to keep up with SMSA happenings. The profits support the club's general fund and help pay the rent! There is an online signup sheet at SMSA.com. Lots of dates are available.

We serve bottled products that do not require mixing knowledge to prepare. Just share with your friends. Rum and tonic for example. Maybe Vodka and juice. Pour some wine. Add some ice. There is a guide book at the bar. The products are all there, ready to go each week. Bartenders clean up the area, restock the fridge and tally the proceeds. That's it! Questions? Call Max Munger 410-353-1150

Need a Buccaneer To Sail?

2005 Buccaneer 18 built by Nickels Boat Works
2005 Nickels boat trailer
North Sails, Skirted Top Cover
Ready to sail, ready to race...fast fun boat.
\$8500

Jimmy Yurko
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Victoria Radio Control is Fun to Sail.

The Victoria model sailboat is one of the largest classes in the world, so you can sail them anywhere. The VIC is very responsive to sail trim and is a fast boat. You can learn a lot at <http://www.victoriarc.org/>. The factory kit costs about \$100 and typical radio gear adds another \$100. The internet is the best place to find a retailer – Tower Hobbies is a good bet. Maybe even a pre-built boat! It is an easily assembled kit with one piece hull. Just fit in the rudder and keel posts, add radio gear and linkages, raise the mast and included sails and go sailing.

There is a score of Vics owned by SMSA members (a dozen more at CMM). Check with us for available radio channels before specifying the RC channel or applying sail numbers. Many of the boats have been modified from the kit, with carbon fiber spars and simplified rigging. Some skippers think they are faster!

This year's SMSA Vic racing program has so far been beset with bad weather, but we hope to continue on Sundays (1:00pm) from the SMSA docks with as many members as will show up. There is the "Vicky Cup" at stake. The cup was created last year by Dan Schneider, and I was fortunate to be the first recipient. Come out this winter and sail!

Call Max Munger 410-353-1150c for more information.



Dan Schneider sailing his Victoria Radio Control.

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January			
5	Wednesday	Junior Committee Meeting	7:00
7	Friday	Social at SMSA	5:00
8	Saturday	Annual Awards Banquet	6:00
10	Monday	BOD & Program Chair Meeting	7:00
14	Friday	Social at SMSA	5:00
15	Wednesday	Clew Input Due	
21	Friday	Social at SMSA	5:00
27	Thursday	Commodore's Dinner	6:00
28	Friday	Social at SMSA	5:00
29	Saturday	Training: Intro to SMSA Bartending	9:00

February			
1	Tuesday	Junior Committee Meeting	7:00
4	Friday	Social at SMSA	5:00
5	Saturday	Training Session (Subject TBD)	6:00
7	Monday	BOD & Program Chair Meeting	7:00
11	Friday	Social at SMSA	5:00
12	Saturday	Cruise Planning Meeting	9:00
15	Wednesday	Clew Input Due	
15	Wednesday	Annual Membership Dues DL	
17	Thursday	Commodore's Dinner	6:00
18	Friday	Social at SMSA	5:00
25	Friday	Social at SMSA	5:00
26	Saturday	Training Session (Subject TBD)	1:00
28	Monday	Yearbook Inputs Due	

For more details: Go to www.smsa.com, then click on Calendar, then click on the item that interests you.