



Commodore's Signal

April began with Opening Day at SMSA on April 2nd. It was moderately attended but all had plenty to eat and there was a nice social atmosphere. Let's see if we can overload the next social weekend on June 4 at the SMSA Luau sponsored at Zahniser's Yachting Center. The weather should be warmer and the drinks colder.

There have been a couple of noteworthy results for SMSA racers during April. The *Pursuit* crew participated in the EYC Star Wars Regatta and it's been reported that they came in second in an abbreviated event due to low winds. The Spring Frostbites at SMSA had increasing participation as March moved along. Some of the Sundays were very nice weather-wise and the winds were a challenge each week. *Splash* sailed consistently for three of the four weeks to take the top spot. Good times were had by all.

One of the largest regattas this year was held in Charleston, SC on April 15-17. *Rhumb Punch* attended with a bunch of anxious Yankees aboard and once they fired all their shells, Charleston was a city that could still be putting out the flames. *RP* ran a string of five firsts to take the Sportboat Class over the very strong *Waiwere*. Congratulations go out to Norm Dawley, Tom Attick, and John and Linda Edwards along with their crews who participated at these events.

As the bulk of our schedule is just getting started at SMSA, I would like to thank all members who have gotten their renewals and fees in on time. It makes life a lot easier on the ones that keep the records straight, the program chairs and the Treasurer. By renewing on time it allows the programs to move forward with plans versus having to spend the time tracking down late payments. As you can probably tell, it benefits the whole membership to be prompt.

While we participate this year, let's be mindful of the numerous hours that have been spent to assure each of us are getting a fulfilling program, whether cruising, socializing, training, or racing. If you see some area where SMSA could better fit your needs, don't hesitate to bring it up with one of the program chairs or one of your officers. SMSA is flexible and will continue to best serve its membership, sometimes changes can't come as quick as some would like but with time and support SMSA can be a perfect fit. Don't give up the ship, it means too much for organized sailing activities in the Southern Maryland area.

See you on the water,

Clarke

Bringing New Members into SMSA

By Ellen Aulson

Have you successfully encouraged a sailing friend to join SMSA and need to know what to do next? It is easy.

First, go to the SMSA website and click the membership tab on the top left hand side of the page. Then download and print the membership application. Fill in your name on the bottom of the form in the Sponsor section and sign the form. Next ask your friend to fill out the rest of the form and mail it to: SMSA Membership Chairperson attn: Ellen Aulson PO Box 262, Solomons, Maryland 20688.

If your friend would like to speak to someone directly have them call 888-714-3777 and leave a message. The right person will get back to them as quickly as possible.

SMSA Has A New Phone Number. Please Don't Use It!

In the past, if you were not a member, it could be very tough to contact SMSA. To fix this problem, about three months ago we set up a new telephone number, 888-714-3777. The number is answered by a professionally recorded voice which directs the caller to leave a voice message. The recording is sent to Ellen Aulson, who listens to the message and either returns the call or asks the appropriate member to return the call. Members should directly call other members. Phone numbers are available in the yearbook. BOD and Chair numbers are printed in the Clew.

SMSA Opens For 2011

By Roger Bayer

SMSA Officially opened for the 2011 season, Saturday, April 2nd, a day with blue skies, 55 degrees and gentle breezes. Club members were welcomed by Megan Hildenberger who passed out her beautiful, all color 2011 yearbook, and a redesigned club brochure. Membership Chair Ellen Aulson handed out new membership cards. Then the racers met Marc Briere who was distributing his redesigned 2011 Racing Circular which contains color signal flags and a much more user friendly form factor.

Courtesy of the Flag Officers and the Directors, with some additional help from the members, a great brunch was served. The Bloody Marys and Mimosas flowed as well as other beverages. John McKinney did the oyster shucking duties this year.

At 11:00 AM everyone proceeded to the backyard for the official opening ceremony. Commodore Clarke McKinney, assisted by Past Commodore Don Behrens welcomed the membership and opened the club. Past Commodore Smitty Smith manned the cannon. The US flag and the club burgee



Opening Day Flags

Social Inputs

By John Dixon

Welcome to the new sailing season; this is always an exciting time of year for the club! The opportunities are there to enhance the social programs at the club, which is a large part of maintaining and increasing membership. I encourage everyone to submit any new ideas for social events to supplement the normal SMSA social activities. I would like to also thank all who have offered their services for the upcoming year's events. This year will offer challenges for me to cover events due to a crazy travel schedule, but please be assured I'll work with everyone to keep events rolling and planning new social events.

I'd like to offer a huge shout-out to Terry Walters and John McKinney for stepping in and making open day activities happen! Thanks also to all who pitched-in with the event! The next social event on the calendar is scheduled for June 4th. That is the annual SMSA Luau which will start at 4:00 pm and last until 7:00 PM and will again be held at and sponsored by Zahniser's Yachting Center. Dress to your Hawaiian "nines" and join us for an evening of grilled goodies and member delights along with tropical beverages. Event details will be provided on the SMSA website and through weekly SMSA updates provided by Ellen. Volunteers are needed for set-up and manning the grille and any tropical themed decorations for use at the event are welcomed.

Have a great Spring and cheers, John



Megan Hildenberger and John Smith distribute yearbooks and brochures.

were raised by members of the Junior program and each of the flag officers raised their flag.

If 2011 goes as well and is as much fun as the Opening Day, it is going to be a great year!



Marc Briere and assistant pass out the new racing circular.



John McKinney shucking oysters.

Sailing Is Fun

Education Makes It Even Better

Junior Programs

by Jimmy Yurko

If you're reading this in your May issue of the "Clew" you wouldn't know that it was turned in many days after the submission deadline. I'm telling you this because having been the editor of this newsletter I know that Roger has his hands full putting it all together and getting it out to you in a timely fashion. So thanks Roger.

Those of us who write for this newsletter are working hard to get the news out to you. There are many challenges to getting this together on time. Not the least of which is figuring out what to write each month. It's not that there isn't anything to say, quite the opposite is true. There's so much going on at the club, especially now in the spring we don't know where to start. The Junior program is gearing up for busy summer & spring seasons. We have classes scheduled for everyone ages 5-adult. We are planning "Kids Intro" classes on Tuesday and Wednesday nights. We are planning "Adult Learn to Sail" classes (which are FREE to members!) on Monday nights, "Kids" and "teen" dinghy camps are scheduled for every day throughout the summer. "Family Fun Friday" sessions are planned for every Friday starting in June and going through September...it's going to be a great season!

Registration is open for all of our sailing classes, and is available on the SMSA website on the Junior or Training pages.

During the last month we worked on the club equipment to get it up to speed, and are getting close to having all the boats & other equipment ready for the season in better condition than it has been in years. We still have much to do but are having a good time putting it together and messing about with boats.

If you're interested in helping out with any of the programs please contact me, Jimmy, through email (junior@smsa.com), phone (240-434-1312), or you can find me at the club just about every evening.

We have much planned in the coming months, and will have more details to follow. Keep an eye out for more activities upcoming for both Juniors and Adults. We're working on scheduling CPR &

First Aid classes, as well as holding some on & off the water sailing technique clinics such as racing basics, tactics, trailer towing & maintenance... if you have an idea for a class you would like to attend please let us know.

Adult Programs

by Kristi Yurko

Well, it's been a very busy winter/spring for the training team at SMSA. But before we get into the full swing of the sailing season, I just wanted to take the time to recap the sessions and say thank you to all the volunteers, instructors, and participants who took part in the classes.

In January, Max Munger led an Intro to SMSA Bartending. The SMSA bartenders are a key aspect of running many of the club social events. Max covered the procedures for opening and closing the bar, running the register, bar rules, and how to make a few of your favorite sailor drinks! Anyone wanting to bartend but not knowing what to do can always contact Max or Kristi who are willing to step you through the process as needed – TAM certification not required!

In February, Guy Barbato taught the Maryland Basic Boating Safety class. All proceeds from this course were donated to the SMSA Junior program. There were numerous high school and young adult sailors who took advantage of this opportunity to earn their MD Boater's safety card.

In March we held a new course focused on an Introduction to Racing. We had an amazing turnout of over 25 prospective racers who were interested in crewing or getting their boat on a starting line. Sail Solomons and the Navy Patuxent Sailing Club were also on hand to provide input on their perspective programs. Thanks to Jimmy Yurko for leading the discussion/session and to Eric Smith who recorded

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Splash Wins Spring Frostbites

By Roger Bayer

Tom Attick's J29 *Splash* lead the Spring Frostbite fleet with a first, a second and a fourth. Norm Dawley's custom designed *Pursuit* was second with a second, a third and a fifth. Barney Hathaway and Tom Moulds' Olson 30 *O'Yeller* took the third place trophy with a third, a third and a fourth. The series had a race each weekend in March. The low scoring race for each boat competing in the series was discarded, so each boat was scored on three races for the series. *Splash* was so confident, that she did not compete in the first race of the series! For safety reasons all boats compete Non-Spinnaker, which is a series requirement.



The JWorld Experience

by Sandy Leitner

No doubt most of you have heard of JWorld and many have probably taken sailing courses there. Jean McDougall, myself and 2 other lady friends decided we wanted to hone our sailing skills someplace warm, so we packed our sailing gear and headed to Key West.

We signed up for the four day sailing class that included classroom instruction and lots of time on the water sailing a J24. I had crewed for many years on various boats, but had never really learned to skipper a sailboat.



The instructors at JWorld were incredibly knowledgeable and patient. The class exceeded my expectations. We learned so much in a short time and had a great time on the water. The first day was the best day for wind. It was blowing 15-18 knots. Day 2 was a bit lighter and there was not enough wind to sail on the 3rd day so we had classroom instruction on navigation, right of way, anchoring, etc. The last day we learned light air tactics and how to fly the spinnaker. Each student took her turn at the helm, trimming the sails, working the pit and learning the bow.

JWorld has schools in Annapolis, Key West, Newport, San Diego, and San Francisco. They offer different classes based on the level of experience. There are classes for beginners, advanced sailors, racers and live aboards. We also took the Keelboat certification test while we were there. Check out the website at www.jworldschool.com I encourage anyone who wants to learn how to sail, become a better racer or just refresh their skills to take a sailing course whether it be at JWorld or in a class offered by our own club. Our two other friends enjoyed sailing so much they are talking about joining SMSA!

Taking the course has given me more confidence in myself and I am looking forward to the sailing season. See you out on the water.



SMALL BOAT RACING IS BACK!

- THURSDAY NIGHT RACES START MAY 5 AND END SEPTEMBER 8.
- RACE FEE IS \$90 FOR SMSA MEMBERS AND \$180 FOR NON-MEMBERS. THIS INCLUDES THE ENTIRE SEASON OF THURSDAY NIGHTS AND THE SMALL BOAT ONE DAY REGATTA ON JUNE 11, 2011
- ENTRY FORM AND RACE INSTRUCTIONS ARE AVAILABLE ON THE SMALL BOAT RACE PAGE AT SMSA.COM.
- CALL ROBERT HERBIG, JR. FOR MORE INFORMATION.

2011 Smallboat Race Season Begins!

By Robert Herbig, Jr.

SMSA Small Boat racing starts Thursday evening, May 5th. The racing season includes 19 Thursday night races and two weekend regattas. Members and non-members are welcome to sign-up and participate.

The current Small Boat fleet includes Albacores, Buccaneers, a Flying Scot, a Front Runner, Interlakes, a JY 15, Lasers, Lightnings, a Mobjack, a Satellite and Vanguard 15's. The most popular boats currently racing are the Lasers and the Buccaneers.

The Portsmouth Yardstick handicapping system, administered by US Sailing, is used for scoring boats racing in the mixed fleet. The Lasers race as a one-design class since they have the active numbers to support at least 7 boats on the start line every week.

The fleet is open to any small centerboard boat with a Portsmouth rating. Contact the Small Boat Race Chair, Robert Herbig, for more information.

SMSA's Racing Programs: Options for Both Members & Non-Members

By Roger Bayer

Do you have friends who are interested in racing? SMSA runs the only racing program in Southern Maryland! Both the Smallboat and Keelboat racing programs are open to non-members with a higher racing fee. It is a very good way to introduce your friends to SMSA. Call Marc Briere for information on the Keelboat Race program and Robert Herbig, Jr. for information on the Smallboat Race program.

If you are thinking about racing, SMSA offers you multiple ways of starting. For those who have time and love models, build a Victoria and race these remote controlled sailboats with our Vicky sailors. Contact Max Munger or Dan Schneider for more information.

Learn about the Smallboat race program by joining the Thursday night race committee. No experience is necessary. Whoever is assigned meets at the SMSA race committee boat on 'G' dock at Zahniser's Yachting Center between 5 - 5:15 PM; help is always appreciated. This will get you oriented with some of the rules and the start sequence. You

2011 Smallboat Race Schedule

Week Day	Month	Day	Race
Thursday	May	5	Thursday Night Series
Thursday	May	12	Thursday Night Series
Thursday	May	19	Thursday Night Series
Thursday	May	26	Thursday Night Series
Thursday	June	2	Thursday Night Series
Thursday	June	9	Thursday Night Series
Saturday	June	11	Invitational Regatta
Thursday	June	16	Thursday Night Series
Thursday	June	23	Thursday Night Series
Thursday	June	30	Thursday Night Series
Thursday	July	7	Thursday Night Series
Thursday	July	14	Thursday Night Series
Thursday	July	21	Thursday Night Series
Thursday	July	28	Thursday Night Series
Thursday	August	4	Thursday Night Series
Thursday	August	11	Thursday Night Series
Thursday	August	18	Thursday Night Series
Thursday	August	25	Thursday Night Series
Thursday	September	1	Thursday Night Series
Thursday	September	8	Thursday Night Series
Saturday	September	17	Invitational Regatta
Sunday	September	18	Invitational Regatta

also get to see the different boats and talk with the sailors afterwards about the good and bad of each design.

Then join in as crew on either a keelboat or smallboat! If you are a cruiser, this is the best way to learn the difference between cruising and racing.

Most important is to learn the Racing Rules of Sailing. SMSA provides classes along with US Sailing. Racing is a sport with rules usually monitored by each participant without the use of referees. A basic understanding of the right of way rules makes racing more fun and safer.

Of course if you own a Keelboat and have a current PHRF certificate, join the Keelboat Race program and race either with or without a spinnaker. If you own a centerboard Smallboat that is rated by the Portsmouth handicapping system, talk to Robert Herbig, Jr. about joining the Smallboat Race program. In either case, fun is always the goal!

Adult Education Continued

it so we could do it again :) Thanks to those who attended and provided feedback for additional content/topics. Based on the feedback we will be offering this class again soon as well as offering a class on basic racing rules and tactics. Watch the Clew and weekly emails for more information!

This year, our favorites were also back: Race Management Seminar led by Keith Jacobs and the Racing Rules of Sailing Seminar led by Dan Trammel and Stovy Brown. This season we moved back to a single session format for both classes which was very useful and allowed for easier participation. We had new and old racers alike discussing scenarios and learning together which always brings different perspectives to what may seem like the same old topic. Based on member feedback, look for a potential second session of these classes this summer.

The spring seminars finished in April with a seminar on Introduction to Cruising. A big thanks to Dave Zonderman for leading this discussion. Students braved rain and hangovers from the Tiki Bar opening (yes, poor planning on my part) to attend the session. We discussed many options for overnight and weekend trips from Solomons, places to go on the Bay, useful equipment, what to pack, dinghys – and most importantly (at least to me...) - what to do about food!

A big thanks to Max, Guy, Dan, Stovy, Keith, Jimmy, and Dave for donating their time to teach these classes. Without them being willing to volunteer their time, this program would not be as successful as it is.

We look forward to the next batch of classes! Still to come: TAM training, First Aid/CPR, more racing and tactics, etc. If there are any additional session ideas for topics, or just things you want to learn about – let me know - training@smsa.com - we'll see what we can do! This program is for you, the SMSA sailor, so let your voice be heard!

SMSA Needs:

- Jugs that can be cut into bailers for Opti's.
- Tennis Balls for use in the boat storage yard.

If you have old tennis balls or old jugs, please drop them off at the club.

**Going to the NPSC
Adult Opti Challenge?
Saturday, May 7, 12:00 PM**

This geezer squeezer Opti event looks like it will be fun and benefits the Wounded Warriors. There is no charge for attendance. Donations are welcome, but not required.

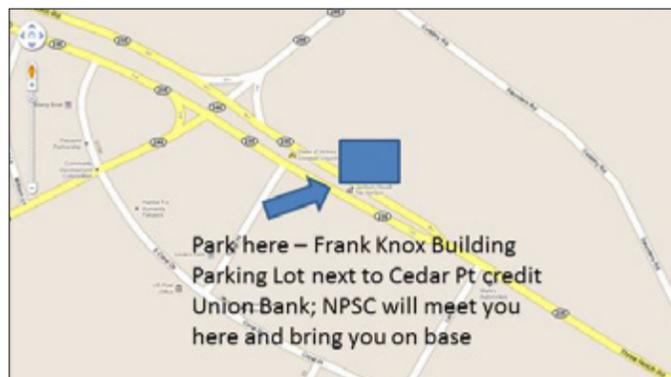
Spectators are welcome. The West Basin, where the races will be held, is small - perhaps 300 yards by 600 yards, providing great views from the end of the piers. SMSA is working on a secret weapon. Come and see if we can make it work!

RSVP

If you are planning attend, please send an email to junior@smsa.com with an estimate of how many people and how many cars. Here's why: NPSC is providing hot dogs/hamburgers and beverage at no charge. They need to know how many folks will most likely be there.

Very Important Directions:

If you have a sticker on your car that allows you access to the base and you know the location of the West Basin, just go there. The fun starts around noon on May 7. *If you do not have a base sticker or you do not know how to get to West Basin, you have to arrive in the Frank Knox building parking lot 9 off 235, near gate 2 before 12 PM. NPSC will organize a caravan to move all the cars through base security and on to West Basin. When you RSVP to junior@smsa.com, please indicate that your car will be part of the caravan.*



Frank Knox Building Parking Lot

SMSA Is A Yacht Club & Has Been One!

By Roger Bayer

For a number of years, SMSA has been a member of the Chesapeake Bay Yacht Clubs Association (CBYCA), an organization of around 125 clubs on the bay and in Pennsylvania and New Jersey. Most of these clubs offer reciprocity to other CBYCA club members. The reciprocity that SMSA offers other clubs is transient dockage and use of the bar when it is open. Membership in the CBYCA and offering reciprocity to other yacht clubs makes us a yacht club.

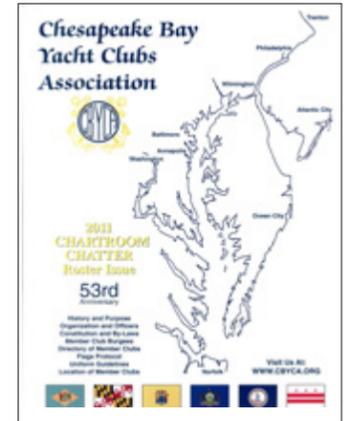
The CBYCA Chartroom Chatter Roster Issue lists all of the member clubs and the facilities that they offer. There is a copy at the club bar. The roster lists clubs by club name, which can make it a challenge if you don't know the name of a club in the area where you plan to cruise. Most Cruise Guides list yacht clubs in an area. The guides usually do not provide any details but just list the name of the club. Using the name from the guide, you can look up the club in the CBYCA roster.

Another approach is to use the CBYCA website, www.cbyca.org to find all of the clubs in an area. This is a bit more complex, but it works. CBYCA organizes the clubs into 12 districts. Go to www.cbyca.org. Click the "Enter" button on the first screen. Now click "District Reps" on the second screen. It is in the first column. The next screen that appears lists each of the 12 districts. Click on the name of the district that includes the area to which you wish to cruise. The resulting screen lists the names of all the clubs in that district. If a club has a website, clicking on the club name will take you to their website.

Once you determine the club name, you can look it

up in the roster to determine the facilities offered by that club. Most important, always call well in advance, *i.e.*, days, not hours, to make a reservation. Consider trying to just show up at SMSA looking for dockage. If you didn't call in advance, it might be difficult.

If we wished, SMSA could become even more of a yacht club by joining the Yacht Club of America (YCA), annual cost \$400. SMSA would be listed in the Register of American Yacht Clubs. This would expand the number of clubs with which we would have reciprocity. For example, Annapolis Yacht Club is not listed in the CBYCA roster, but it is listed in the Register of American Yacht Clubs. More important, membership in the YCA would give our members privileges with most yacht clubs in America.



Club Name	Location	Initiation Fee	Annual Fee	Racing Program	Racing Fee	Cruising Program	Junior Program	Bar
Corinthian Yacht Club	Ridge	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,060.00	N	\$ -	Y	N	Y
Lord Calvert Yacht Club	Solomons	\$ 150.00	\$ 225.00	N	\$ -	Y	N	Y
Rotary Yacht Squad of Chesapeake Bay	Edgewater	\$ -	\$ 60.00	N	\$ -	Y	N	N
Solomons Island Yacht Club	Solomons	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 750.00	N	\$ -	Y	N	Y
The Yacht Club @ Swan Point	Swan Point	\$ -	\$ 50.00	N	\$ -	N	N	N
Harbor Point Yacht Club	Solomons	\$ -	\$ -	N	\$ -	N	N	N
Southern Maryland Sailing Association	Solomons	\$ 150.00	\$ 475.00	Y	\$ 300.00	Y	Y	Y
Drum Point Yacht Club	Lusby	\$ -	\$ 200.00	N	\$ -	N	N	N

If SMSA is a Yacht Club, How Do We Measure Up?

Pretty good! The CBYCA groups member clubs by district. The Clew called each club in the Southern Maryland District and asked some basic questions. The results are shown in the table above. If you want to race or have your young ones attend a Junior program, SMSA is the only option. Some of the clubs offer a cruising program, but none of the programs seemed as complete as ours. Most have very limited or no club house facilities. The Yacht Club @ Swan Point, Harbor Point Yacht Club and the Drum Point Yacht Club are community marinas. You have to be a resident. You have to be a member of the Rotary to join the Rotary Yacht Squadron. A quick look at fees shows that while we are not the cheapest, we are not out of line.



MOTHER'S DAY WEEKEND CRUISE

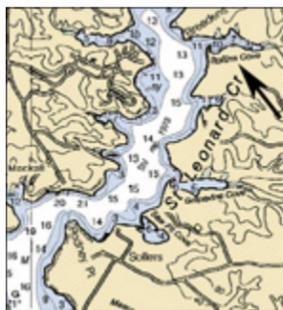
By Ken Mowbray

It's time to make plans for the first SMSA cruise of the 2011 season the weekend of May 7th. Weather Permitting, SWAN will anchor in Rollins Cove off Saint Leonards Creek. If the cove is already occupied when we arrive, we will anchor close by.

We have chosen MOTHERHOOD as the theme for this cruise. Therefore a special advisory is issued to

all mothers who join us. At the raft-up we plan to honor all the mothers aboard by oohing and aahing over any pictures you bring of your children. We will also marvel over stories of your children's achievements, and laugh if you relate any amusing stories of their childhood. After all it is your day to revel in your motherhood.

If you plan to join us, and/or have questions call Ellie or Ken at (410) 326-1272 or e-mail us at kenellieswan@yahoo.com.



Favorite Stops

Reedville & Crazy Crab/Reedville Marina

By Roger Bayer

Heading South from Solomons and would like a place to stop for the night at about 40 nautical miles or if you are heading home from points South and would like a stop a bit closer to home than Deltaville? Take a look at the Reedville Marina and Crazy Crab Restaurant. We have stopped there in 2009 and 2010 and have been delighted both times.

Reedville has a mixed reputation due to the fish processing plants. We have not yet experienced a problem. If you have avoided Reedville in the past, take a chance. Here's why:

The Crazy Crab restaurant is excellent. It is heads and shoulders above other restaurants with crab in their name! We went back in 2010 just to eat at the restaurant.



The marina consists of 16 slips plus a long pier. The pier accommodation is fine. The slips are

adequate. If you make a reservation, ask to tie up along side the pier. Assuming that anchoring is allowed, the water off the complex is very protected. We have always tied up, so we have no experience anchoring. Give them a call to ask about anchoring.

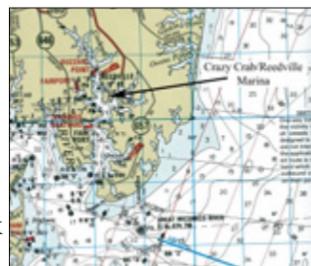
This facility is unique in that they do not monitor VHF. You have to call them by telephone to both make a reservation and announce your arrival. The number is 804.453.6789. Likely as not, a waitress

will answer. Just ask for Charlie.

Rather than making this article any longer, if you are interested, take a look at their website, www.reedvillemarina.com. Check out the restaurant menu.

Chesapeake magazine reviewed the restaurant in the May 2010 issue. This review is available on the their website.

Do you have a favorite stop when cruising? Please write it up for the Clew and share it with your fellow members! Send it to: clew@smsa.com.



View behind Crazy Crab.

Making Boating Easier

By Roger Bayer

Are you using a bucket and a long handled scrub brush to clean the decks of your boat? It's a lot of work and as you move to a larger boat, it gets even harder. About 15 years ago, a friend was cleaning his boat with power washer. I borrowed it and never went back to the brush and bucket.

The power washer makes the job go much faster and much easier. You run the head of the gun over the deck and the dirt is gone. I bought an electric unit that puts out 1,900 PSI pressure that cost a little more than \$300 and it works great. The unit has the ability to suck in and spray out a soap mix. I used this feature once or twice, and then determined that it was not necessary. Soap is not needed. The hard spray does the job. I bought my washer roughly 15 years ago. There are great units priced for less. The Karcher pictured sells for less than \$250 on the web. It puts out 1,800 PSI and rolls.



The unit I purchased consists of a pump body to which you attach a water hose from the dock spigot. The hose for the spray gun is also attached to the pump body. The advantage of this design is that you are not carrying the weight of the pump while holding the gun. You will see units that have the pump and the gun as one piece. They have to be heavier.

Depending on how picky you are about your teak, the power washer is also a great teak cleaner. A pass of the head scrubs the teak. Let it dry and it's ready to oil. I have been told that using the power washer will raise the grain of the teak, but I have done it for years and not noticed any deterioration of the teak.

I learned to wear a bathing suit while using the washer because I always manage to soak myself. Wearing old boat shoes is necessary. You don't want to run the spray over a bare foot.

A smaller sized electric unit makes much more sense than a gasoline powered unit. The gas powered units are much bigger, which makes hauling them around in a car or storing them more difficult. They do put out twice the pressure, but you don't need it.

Have an idea which makes boating easier? Share! Write it up and email it to clew@smsa.com.

FAMILY FUN FRIDAYS START MAY 27TH

5:30pm – dusk, Fridays, Age: All

SMSA offers a low key practice sailing program open to anyone involved in any of the other SMSA programs. Family Fun Fridays is designed to help improve students' sailing skills and introduce them to the fun and excitement of sailing with friends and family. Use one of our boats or bring your own. This is a no charge program and is scheduled to run every Friday from May 27 to September 2. If you need more information, contact Jimmy Yurko, junior@smsa.com, 240-434-1312.

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HELP NEEDED!

WE NEED TO GET THE WORD OUT!

By Roger Bayer

If you are interested in sailing, SMSA is one of the best organizations available. It provides an excellent offering of cruising, racing and junior programs. Actually, the only racing and junior programs in Southern Maryland. With more members, we can make it even better. One way to attract good people is to educate the Southern Maryland community on SMSA programs. No bragging or puffery is needed. We are good enough to just tell it as it is.

Information is provided to the local community by press releases to the media and by distributing copies of the Clew and the club brochure to places where sailors meet. A copy of the Clew that does a good job telling what is going on, makes for both better member communications and better community communications.

The Communications committee could use some help gathering information on our programs and telling both members and non-members about them. A number of members do this already - however we could use some more help. The more members who are involved, the better we can do and less time should be needed from each member. The following would really help:

Program Sources: We need one or more members active in each of the various programs to make sure we know what is going on either by taking photos, writing articles or getting others to write an article. Interesting things happen on the race course, while cruising, during the junior program or at a social event. Most of the Chairs do a good job talking

about their programs, but we could use some more depth. If you are active in a program and don't mind talking about it, let's talk.

Graphic Design: Do you have artistic talent? Do you look at the Clew, Yearbook, Website or other club publications and think, "This could be done better!" Can you work with graphics programs like Photoshop, Illustrator, Indesign, etc.? We could use your help!

Information Distribution: Help is needed distributing copies of the Clew and brochures to the right locations. Some community oriented websites allow us to directly update their community calendars. We need some help doing this.

If any of the above interests you, please know that only a small amount of your time is required. Drop an email to communications@smsa.com or call me (Roger Bayer 301-934-3925) to discuss participation.



Reflections for Sale: Catalina 34 MkII Tall Rig 1996, Main, 150 furling headsail, Garmin 3210 GPS chart-plotter, st4000 autopilot with upgrade x2, maxwell 500 windlass, washdown, micro fico solar vent, new marine vhf radio 2008, handheld radio microphone in cockpit, wireless tacttic wind system and many other extras. Painted, polished, sails washed and ready for the season. Rich Freeman and Patty Kimmel (Reflections) 703 569-1413 or c 703 618-0886. Asking \$68,000.

 **First Aid/CPR Training**
coming in May!



June 4th - 4:00 PM until ?
Party Location: Zahniser's - The Hillside near the pool.
Music, Meat entrees, charcoal, and grilling provided by Zahniser's
Beverages provided by SMSA
Members are encouraged to bring side dishes and desserts
Dress code: Grass skirts (that's all, just grass skirts) or Hawaiian Shirts

Held in conjunction with the Women's Spring Series Races

Sponsored by Zahniser's and SMSA

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May		
1 Sunday	Spring Invitational Race	
1 Sunday	Laser Frostbites	1:00
4 Wednesday	Wednesday Night Racing	6:30
5 Thursday	Small Boat Racing	6:30
6 Friday	Social at SMSA	5:00
7 Saturday	NPSC Geezer Squeezer Chal.	12:00
9 Monday	BOD & Program Chair Meeting	7:00
11 Wednesday	Wednesday Night Racing	6:30
12 Thursday	Small Boat Racing	6:30
13 Friday	Social at SMSA	5:00
14 Saturday	Frost-Goode Race	
15 Sunday	Clew Input Due	
15 Sunday	Double-Handed Race	
18 Wednesday	Wednesday Night Racing	0.27
19 Thursday	Small Boat Racing	6:30
20 Friday	Social at SMSA	5:00
25 Wednesday	Wednesday Night Racing	6:30
26 Thursday	Small Boat Racing	6:30
27 Friday	Social at SMSA	5:00
27 Friday	Family Fun Friday	5:30

June		
1 Wednesday	Wednesday Night Racing	6:30
2 Thursday	Small Boat Racing	6:30
3 Friday	Social at SMSA	5:00
3 Friday	Family Fun Friday	5:30
4 Saturday	SMSA Luau	4:00
6 Monday	Adult Learn to Sail	5:30
7 Tuesday	Kids Intro to Sailing	5:00
8 Wednesday	Kids Intro to Sailing	5:00
8 Wednesday	Wednesday Night Racing	6:30
9 Thursday	Small Boat Racing	6:30
10 Friday	Social at SMSA	5:00
10 Friday	Family Fun Friday	5:30
11 Saturday	Small Boat Regatta	10:00
13 Monday	Adult Learn to Sail	0.23
13 Monday	BOD & Program Chair Meeting	7:00
14 Tuesday	Kids Intro to Sailing	5:00
14 Wednesday	Kids Intro to Sailing	5:00
14 Wednesday	Wednesday Night Racing	6:30
15 Sunday	Clew Input Due	
16 Thursday	Small Boat Racing	6:30
17 Friday	Social at SMSA	5:00
17 Friday	Family Fun Friday	5:30
20 Monday	Adult Learn to Sail	5:30
21 Tuesday	Kids Intro to Sailing	5:00
22 Wednesday	Kids Intro to Sailing	5:00

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22 Wednesday	Wednesday Night Racing	6:30
23 Thursday	Small Boat Racing	6:30
24 Friday	Social at SMSA	5:00
24 Friday	Family Fun Friday	5:30
27 Monday	Adult Learn to Sail	5:30
28 Tuesday	Kids Intro to Sailing	5:00
29 Wednesday	Kids Intro to Sailing	5:00
29 Wednesday	Wednesday Night Racing	6:30
30 Thursday	Small Boat Racing	6:30

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