



Racing Starts Again in March

Keelboat Frostbite Races

every Sunday in March. The first race starts **March 4 at 1 p.m.**

Even if you aren't sailing come to the clubhouse afterwards (3:30 or so) for stories, awards, and the



Keelboat Race

Planning Meeting (4:00)

The bar will be open.

Laser Frostbites the last 3 Saturdays in March and 3 Sundays in April. The first race starts March 10 at 1 pm.



Commodore's Corner

by Jimmy Yurko



As I write this, my wounds recover...OK, not real wounds, but the "gunshot" from the Murder Mystery night at SMSA. A great cast of SMSA members and friends came out to enjoy the night and plot to kill me. We eventually did solve the crime and moved on... it was a fun time in every way.

March is great: longer days, warming air, warming water and boats breaking out for the first races and cruises of the year. Throughout February SMSA volunteers worked hard to prepare for the upcoming sailing season, and provided us with a great time. This winter, while many of us took time to sleep in, haul our boats out, and enjoy some colder temps....

- Our race marks were cleaned, repaired, repainted & placed back in the water to be ready for Frostbite racing
- Members attended the Cruise Planning meeting and set up a cruise schedule that has more opportunities than ever before
- We hosted a great race committee training seminar by Keith Jacobs
- We hosted a Murder Mystery Night
- Members raced in the Florida Keys

This month will bring us Frostbite racing, SMSA's Birthday, a Cajun themed Commodore's dinner, several seminars and workshop opportunities...and of course spring starts March 20!

Thanks for being here and continuing to make SMSA the place to be in Southern Maryland.

Clubhouse Cleanup March 24, 10 am

Everyone, please come bear a hand to get the clubhouse ready for Opening Day. Contact either:

Jolie Homsher 301-481-8609
jolie.homsher@gmail.com

Mardy Millen 240-561-5919
moose.22@live.com

2nd Nautical Flea Market April 21, 8 am to noon

Sell your extra gear or get great prices on things you need at the SMSA club house. Tables are \$10.00 for members \$15.00 for non members. For information or to reserve a table contact either:

Frank Gerred 301-247-1876
gerred@verizon.net

Pat Schroeder 4103260167
patsc@csmd.edu,

Yearbook Photos Needed!

2011 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

2012 Dead Dogs & Tin Whistles

SMSA Buccaneers in Florida by Jim Whited

Once again this year, a hearty group of SMSA sailors made the great sacrifice of going to Florida in January to sail Buccaneers. The fifth annual "Dead Dogs & Tin Whistles" regatta was held at the Upper Keys Sailing Club on January 13 – 15. This year we had 9 folks representing SMSA and 1 from the PRSA in a 4 boat contingent. The 9 included Annabelle Yurko making her first trip to Florida to watch Mommy go sailing. The 4 boats made the trip on 2 stacked trailers, and arrived in Key Largo within minutes of each other. The Yurko's claimed line honors on the trip with Kristi reaching the bar first. We enjoyed a wonderful meal at Sharky's on Friday night and got some great news on family expansion plans from my crew, but that will be a story for another day.



Jimmy & Kristi



Mark and Nicole

some just a lot better than others. The strong winds carried over to Monday to give the Key West crowd some entertainment. The conditions did create some equipment problems and some near spills and one actual spill. Mark Gyorgy and Nicole Doud capsized on a spinnaker run on Sunday in very heavy air. Nicole righted the boat, dropped the spinnaker and pulled Mark back onboard. They reset the spinnaker and took off, finishing fourth in that race. The shore side part of the regatta was as good as the on the water portion. The Pirate Pig Roast was awesome with great entertainment and the club staff made sure we were well served at the bar. The regatta was won by Rick Scarborough of Birmingham Alabama, with Jimmy and Kristi in close pursuit. Mark and Nicole were third. While the results are important, I think that all would agree that everyone won and all are looking forward to next year.

The weather for the regatta varied from mild to WILD, with generally mild temperatures. We had 9 Buccaneers and 8 Mutineers from 10 different clubs check in this year. This year's 3 day event started off with a 7.7 nautical mile race from Upper Keys Sailing Club (UKSC) around Porjoe Key and back. The conditions were fair with 7 to 9 knots of breeze heading out of the NNE which made for a mild fetch to the key and a gentle run back under overcast skies. Jimmy and Kristi Yurko won and received the coveted Captain Morgan statue (and a bottle of the same good stuff!). The trophy is a traveling trophy that must be returned next year, a hardship that Jimmy says he is willing to endure.

The race committee and the PRO for Saturday and Sunday did a spectacular job in challenging conditions. They ran 5 races on Saturday and 3 on Sunday. The conditions on Saturday were around 15 knots with gusts to about 18 from the north and were building through the day. On Sunday we stepped it up a bit to 20 knots with higher gusts. All of the participants were good in these conditions,

March is Cajun Time



Commodore Yurko has thrown down the challenge for March, Cajun food! As this style of food is not readily found in Southern Maryland, here is some background:

Cajun is a rustic cuisine where locally available ingredients predominate,

and preparation is simple.

An authentic Cajun meal is usually a three-pot affair, with one pot dedicated to the main dish, one dedicated to specially made sausages, or some other seafood dish with steamed rice, and the third containing whatever vegetable is plentiful or available. Ground cayenne & fresh black pepper are used often.

SMSA Scoring Notes for 2012

by Jim Whited

I thought I would highlight the changes to scoring for 2012 and review some of the key points in the SMSA scoring process before we get too deep into the new season. The official keelboat scoring details are included in Section 19 of the SMSA General Sailing Instructions.

The Dual Rating System implemented by PHRF of Chesapeake Bay is expanded slightly in 2012. All PHRF certificates will have a provision for two ratings, Spinnaker and Non-spinnaker (NS). This dual rating system eliminates the need for boat owners who carry rating penalties for spinnaker rig modifications to request a rating change when they want to switch over to NS racing. The process now automatically includes a NS rating for all boats that apply for a Spin rating. The only single rating certificates will be NS boats that do not include any Spinnaker dimensions on the application.

PHRF of Chesapeake Bay is also implementing a new Distance Racing High Point award in 2012. The qualifying events and the scoring rules will be published the 2012 Green Book. There are no changes to the class splits this year. So we will see the same splits: the upper limit for Class A will be 109, the upper limit for class B will be 145, and Class C will be 146 and up. This change has resulted in a pretty good balance for our Wednesday night program. The Class participation for A / B / C / NS was 10 / 7 / 8 / 6 boats.

Within SMSA Scoring, we will still use the normal (Low point) scoring for all Keelboat events. For our Season High Point trophies we will use a High Point Percentage system. The rules for qualifying do not change. Competitors are still required to participate and be scored in at least 50% of the Qualifying Events. There are 11 events this year. For each event a competitor will have a percentage result. The calculation of this percentage varies based on the event type. For a one day buoy event, the percentage is the competitor's finish position divided by the number of competitors. For Distance races, the calculation would include a constant added to the finish position and to the number of competitors to calculate the percentage. The result of this is to add more weight to a distance race score versus a buoy race score. The constant used for each of the distance races will be published in the Scoring section of the General Racing Instructions. The competitor with the highest average score is the winner. The one change that I will propose for the year is that we allow throw-outs in the calculation for boats that participate in more than 6 events. The purpose of this change would be to encourage greater participation and allow competitors to improve their results through greater participation.

Junior Committee Report

by Rob Miller

The Junior Committee held their first official meeting on January 31st. The meeting was attended by Jim Whited, Mark Williams, Rob Miller, Jenn Marbourg-Miller, Kristi Yurko, and Jimmy Yurko. The search continues for instructors for the summer camps, with the hope of being wrapped up in the near future. The schedule of classes is also being planned. Once again we are planning on holding the Kids Intro to Sailing, Beginner Dinghy Sailing, Intermediate Dinghy Sailing, Teen Beginner Sailing, Advanced Teen Racing, and Adult Sailing. One of the biggest changes this season is that the Adult Sailing class will be only offered to SMSA members. You will be able to register for all of the classes via our website, smsa.com.

We will again have presence at the Calvert County Library Summer Camp Fair on March 26 from 6:30 to 8:00 in Prince Frederick.

All of the details of our programs will be posted on smsa.com under the Junior page before the end of the month. We are also looking for volunteers to help out with the preparation of the Optis and other equipment needed to make this upcoming season a complete success.



Scoring Continued:

Finally, the scoring spreadsheets to be used by RC for all events will be posted to the web site. Each RC team should check the web site prior to their event and download the applicable spreadsheet for the event; Wednesday night, weekend or distance race. I will continue to provide worksheets that support Excel 2003 and later releases. If necessary, I can provide Open Office versions of the spreadsheet to those users who do not have Excel. All RC teams are asked to send the resulting spreadsheet to score@smsa.com as soon as possible after the event. This will allow timely posting of results to the web site.

If anyone has questions or comments on event scoring you can drop me a note at score@smsa.com.

April Commodore's Dinner

Friday April 20 7:00 pm

The theme is: "Rabbit Season/Duck Season"

Membership

by Ellen Aulson

The goal of the membership chair is twofold: obtaining new members and keeping old ones. While our membership has stayed consistent in the past couple of years, growth is essential to adding new programs and expanding existing ones. You, our members, have been crucial to the success of adding to our rosters. You are our best advertising tool.

Retaining existing members is and continues to be of prime importance. Because of our ability to provide up-to-date and better communication via the Clew, weekly emails, Facebook, and the SMSA website, members can obtain detailed information of upcoming events. Social events, racing events, open houses, happy hours, training classes, and more, focus on making the SMSA experience a well-rounded one both on land and on the water.

Continuing programs throughout the year focus on reaching new potential recruits and providing entertainment and enjoyment for existing members through special Port Events such as Scott Kirby Concert, Comedy Night, Oktoberfest and special racing events such as Screwpile. We are maintaining a presence during special events on Solomons such as the power boat races, restaurant days, and PRAD. In creating an open and inviting environment we are attracting new members and keeping old ones.

You asked and we heard. New in 2012 members can renew and pay for fees and events online by credit card. Dues were lowered to \$385 for Regular members, \$193 for Emeritus and Young Adults, and \$60 for Youth. Additional information can be found on www.smsa.com under membership, or by sending an email to Ellen Aulson at membership@smsa.com.

Southern Maryland Sailing Association
presents

BURLESQUE BY THE BAY

Saturday
May 5th

tickets:
\$18 member/\$22 guest
(Become a member or
come as a guest)
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Membership continued:

Another key to membership recruitment and retention is member participation in club activities as a participant and as a volunteer. We encourage members to become actively involved at both levels. Not only is it rewarding to be able to contribute time and skills to building a better club but it is fun. Help is needed from bartending on Friday nights, to painting racing buoys once a year. All skill levels are needed from young to old and from expert to beginner. Send a note to membership@smsa.com and we can help match you to volunteer opportunities.

We look forward to an exciting 2012 filled with a myriad of activities that are all focused on making the membership experience rewarding. A calendar of events is kept on smsa.com. Check it out and we will see you at the club or on the water.

2012 Cruise Program

by Rod Schroeder

Start making your 2012 cruise plans now. SMSA Cruisers kicked off the 2012 season with a Cruise Planning Meeting on Saturday, 4 February. Although many of our dedicated cruisers were out of town in their winter hideaways, we still had a good turnout and drafted an ambitious cruise schedule that hopefully includes enough variety to capture your interest.

Before tackling our scheduling tasks, Stovy Brown provided us information about the "Sail for Youth 2012" charity fund raiser to be held in Solomons on 25 August. This charity event benefits Calvert Hospice, Southern Maryland Sailing Foundation, and Prince Frederick Rotary Foundation Scholarships. Big and small boats can participate in fun races, fun cruises, and a shore party at Zahniser's for charity. Details will be available on their web site at www.sail4youth.org or check with Stovy. If you're in the Solomons area on 25 August, consider making "Sail for Youth 2012" your cruise destination.

Next on our agenda was a discussion by Jenn Marbourg-Miller to solicit ideas for SMSA training opportunities. Check your calendar for an informative Weather Seminar to be presented on 3 March.

By the end of the meeting, we had made plans for 13 cruises. Three of the cruises are long week (9-10 days) in duration. The other cruises cover a weekend or extended-weekend.

Subsequent to the meeting, the Cruise Chair added two local (Mill Creek) "No Host Happy Hour Raft-up" events to fill in some weekend gaps with an on-the-water social/cruise opportunity close to home. Our Opening Day Cruise to St Leonard Creek will

be on 21-22 April, departing after the SMSA Flea Market which plans to end at noon on the 21st. There are a total of 111 cruise point opportunities for the 2012 season – only 35 cruise points are needed to earn a cruising award at the end of the year. To assist with your 2012 planning, the following table is a summary of the draft cruise schedule. By the



time you are reading this article, most of the cruise details will be finalized. Check your Yearbook and/or the cruising web page for complete itineraries. Most importantly, I still need cruise leader volunteers for 4 of the cruises as shown in the schedule below. Please consider enhancing your cruising experience by stepping up to lead one of these orphan cruises – just send me an email and/or phone call to claim your cruise.

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Date	Destination	Cruise Leader
Apr 21 - 22	Opening Day Cruise to St Leonard Creek	Bergsman
May 5 - 6	Happy Hour Raft-up at Mill Creek	No Host
May 19 - 28	Southern Bay Cruise	Freeman
Jun 9 - 17	Baltimore (OPSAIL 2012)	Schroeder
Jun 22 - 14	Summer Sailstice Cruise to Hudson Creek	Freeman
Jun 30 - 4 July	4th of July Cruise to Chrisfield	Need Volunteer
Jul 7 - 8	VC Race/Cruise to St Leonard Creek	Need Volunteer
Jul 21 - 22	Oxford	Zonderman
Jul 28 - 29	Happy Hour Raft-up at Mill Creek	No Host
Aug 18 - 19	Couples Race/Cruise to Battle Creek	Need Volunteer
Aug 24 - 26	Annapolis Summer Garden Theater	Schroeder
Aug 31 - Sep 3	Where The Wind Blows	Carlson
Sep 15 - 23	Choptank Exploration	Freeman
Oct 13 - 14	Where The Wind Blows	Need Volunteer
Oct 26 - 28	Halloween Cruise to Cambridge	Miller

Key West Race Week Tales

by John Edwards

When Norm Dawley asked me to share our Key West Race Week adventure by way of a Clew article, I first thought no one would want to read about our cheeky results at the world's end. It is actually the world's end if you trailer a boat to the regatta as we do. You are in Key West when the road stops 1260 miles from Solomons.

The Mile Zero sign is only a couple of blocks from our 401 United Street address in Key West. We have shared that address for a week of every January for the last 10 years with Clarke and Mary Anne McKinney, Shawn and Laura Stanley, and for 8 years with Joe Symanski and Sandy Leitner. With a few other friends and family members along



the way we have shared every possible moment, smell and emotion of a big regatta in this crazy and deviant town. Together we have been to the podium at the front of the big tent many times and forged bonds and memories that will last a lifetime. Not all the memories are good. That would be too easy.

This year, Clarke and I barely beat the girls to Key West because of a three hour pit stop in Fayetteville, NC where we had the diesel's computer retuned to 2005 factory specs and a fuel filter changed. We made it to Truman Annex without further issues and unhooked the boat and released the straps. Somehow the cockpit was covered with ripe persimmons and 2 stanchions were bent inward and back. I won't

mention who was driving when we went under that tree in North Carolina, but it was not me. Clarke and I immediately got back in the truck and went to the airport to pick up the girls who had just landed. After a nice lunch at the Southernmost Beach Café we checked into the house where we reminisced with Tony, who owns the house, and his pool boy. In the middle of a nap shortly after Tony left in his golf cart and the girls went back to the airport to pick up the rest of the crew, I got a call on my cell.



A train wreck was on the horizon but I didn't know it was coming. John Coffin, who owns the mobile marine service in Key West that launches all the boats for the regatta wanted me to help him with a new Farr 30 that was at the lift but didn't have a lifting strap. I agreed to be there in 10 minutes with my lifting strap. I left the house on my bicycle without Clarke, which was my first mistake, and did not call anyone else, my second mistake. I did not expect to be gone more than a few minutes. Using my strap we got Farr 2 Tangley in the water. Once in the water the boat captain did not know how to get from the submarine basin to Key West Bight where the other Farr 30's would be moored for the week. By this time I am known by this bunch of funny talking Canadians as "Johnny" of the famous J-29 called Rhumb Punch. There is a big fleet of 29's in Nova Scotia and they had heard of me and I was flattered. That went to my head and I volunteered to go with Shaney on their boat to the Bight. Meanwhile, Willie, a half sensible Canadian, would take my bicycle to the Halfshell Raw Bar at the Bight. We would meet him there in a few minutes and I would bicycle back to the house. That was the plan.

Shaney hits the key and the trusty OGM-I starts



up. I look over the stern and purple is splashing out the exhaust, as it should the engine having been winterized. We cast off the floating dock and made it just barely out of the submarine basin. I noticed the mast wobbled and it was loosely stayed. Then came smoke from the main companionway. Shaney disappeared into the smoke and in a few moments



the little diesel stopped. For the first time I went below and looked around. There was one crumpled up jib in the forepeak, a straight slot screwdriver, one PFD and two full sets of golf clubs in their bags. Shaney, in his zeal to shut the motor down had pulled the shutoff knob all the way out of the bulkhead, but that was to be the least of our problems. The newly painted diesel was still smoking when I opened the engine box and saw the water intake hose lying next to an empty bottle of Arctic Marine antifreeze in front of the motor. Using the straight slot I connected the intake water line to the water intake filter. Then we restarted the trusty one cylinder and in a few minutes the smoke reappeared and the rest of the new paint cooked off. It was clear we had melted the water pump impeller. I began to worry as the current and a building breeze carried us past Fort Zachary Taylor and out to sea, past Rod Jabin who was returning to port after his practice. Rod thought I was just waving and asked what I was doing on a Farr 30 that was not mine. He did not hear my shameful low cries for help and went on to his dock. With him went my last hope. It was time to put my wallet and phone below.

Things were starting to get serious but only to me. This crazy Canadian was having the time of his life. I think it was because the chill factor in Nova Scotia was -25 degrees when he left there 3 days earlier. He was warm and I guess that was all that mattered to him. Reefs, sharks, drowning, and darkness coming never entered his hitherto frozen little brain.

Sailing was the next option and I asked Shaney to hank on the jib that was below. There was no mainsail or even the boom! As Shaney was preparing the jib

I began tightening the rig using the trusty straight slot screwdriver again. I noticed the turnbuckles were stiff to turn. Shaney said that was probably because they dragged on the road somewhere along the way from Nova Scotia to Key West. Earlier in the day I thought persimmons were a Problem but this trumps persimmons! The mooring lines became sheets and Shaney handed me the end of the sheets. I asked him to put them through the jib sheet blocks first and he said it has been a long time since he was on the bow of a boat. He was still having fun.

Up goes the sail and it fills, but very shortly afterwards the windward turnbuckle grunts then separates from the chain plate. Fortunately the lowers held and we got the sail on deck. At about this time Geoff Rhodes calls from Alexandria, Virginia. He wanted to know how Key West was going. I told him Key West was fine but getting smaller by the minute as I was adrift on a crippled boat with an insane Canadian. I said goodbye to Geoff and called Linda and Shawn. Neither one of them picked up their phone. I was putting the phone back in the sink, which is oddly the driest place on a Farr 30, when I noticed some pieces of spectra line. In short order they became the terminal end of the shrouds at the chainplates and Shaney and I were sailing back to Key West under a jib alone.



When we finally got to the floating dock at the basin I caught my sandal on the lifeline and landed hard on my butt on the wet dock. I finally get away from Shaney and Farr 2 Tangley and approached my crew. Shawn, Laura, Clarke, and Joe had our boat almost ready to launch! They all wanted to know where I had been, how I got wet, and how did I rip my shorts. Sandy had to take a picture of my butt sticking out of my shorts. I don't imagine that was a picture to post anywhere.

That was the first day of Key West Race Week. The next morning we launched the Punch and had a good heavy air practice day. We made it back to

Turtle Crawls just in time to watch the Saturday NFL playoffs.

Sunday came in cold and howling. We went to breakfast at Blue Heaven among the trees and chickens walking all around the tables. This was to be the coldest day of the week and the restaurant staff brought blankets to cover us while we drank our Mimosas and Bloody Marys. Practice Sunday was short, scary and wet. Neal and I agreed that it was the fastest either of us had ever been on a sailboat. At 20+ knots boatspeed, a Farr 30 is about half sailboat and half submarine. I should say that the boatspeed is an estimate because the speedo was on the fritz at the time. Shawn and I sorted that problem out later when we were back at the dock and it appeared we might get to live another day. The whole practice Sunday was one long run and one successful gybe with Clarke at the helm and then a beat back to the dock. On the beat everyone



Left to right : Patrick Edwards, Clarke McKinney, Joe Szymanski, Neal McKinney, Shawn Stanley, Laura Stanley, and John Edwards

suddenly developed an interest in the early NFL playoff game. We had enough practicing survival!

On Monday the music starts and we could not buy a clear air start or the right gate at the bottom of our runs. Through Monday and Tuesday we finished in the pack but not in the front of the pack. The 4-5-6 place finishes were beginning to pile up and it was discouraging when you are in a 7 boat fleet.

Meanwhile back at 401 United Street dark clouds were forming over Mary Anne. We knew when we left Maryland that her brother was hanging on to life. We considered no news from home the first few days to be good news, but that changed on Monday afternoon. While most of the crew were having rum drinks in the hot tub, Mary Anne was on the phone with her brother, Jenks. I noticed she was speaking louder than she usually spoke as if he could not hear her well. I could hear her say, "I love you.. I wish I could be there with you." That would be the last

time she ever spoke to her brother. Within minutes and even before any of us finished our drink, Mary Anne got another phone call. Jenks had passed.

The scramble was on to get Mary Anne home immediately. Clarke and Linda drove Mary Anne to Miami and with only a couple hours to layover at my sister's home in Coral Gables. Clarke and Linda then drove back to Key West to meet the boat at the dock Tuesday morning. This would be Clarke and Neal's last day on the boat. They flew out of Key West on the next morning's flight to be with family. It is hard to speak of, even now, the grief and emptiness we all felt.

The next day the wind died. A lay day Wednesday had to be in Mary Anne's prayers for us to regain our composure. Our son, Patrick, flew in to replace Clarke for the rest of the week and an SMSA friend named Scott Kirby, who most of us in SMSA know to be a musician, recommended a friend who was a J 105 and J 120 sailor. Scott brought his friend to replace Neal to our dock Thursday morning and we were back in business! We posted a 6-6-2 on Thursday with a rusty Patrick at the helm. The second in the last race on Thursday lifted our spirits and made for an upbeat debrief on the hour plus sail back to the island. We were confident we had Hawk Channel wired and we would put the Punch up front again on Friday.

We did not have good finishes in either race on Friday but fared well at haul out. John Coffin, the owner of the marina crane who still felt some guilt over the Farr 2 Tangley adventure on the Friday before offered us an early haul out. That was nice.

Shortly after sunrise on Saturday, Patrick, Allie, and I left Key West with the boat in tow. Twenty five hours and 120 gallons of diesel fuel later we were in our driveway. We took showers and a quick nap while Linda cooked a big lunch that included shrimp. First Joe and Sandy showed up, then Shawn and Laura and finally Clarke and Mary Anne. We unpacked the boat and truck then separated everyone's bags. We ate shrimp, drank a beer and watched more NFL playoffs together. Everyone was home and safe. Best of all we were together again.

Papa Punch



March 2012

Audibles

by Marc Briere, Race Chair

Ahoy clubmates! Warming weather has many of us preparing for the rapidly approaching race season. The time for frostbites is close at hand. Race marks will be in the water and ready for the first frostbites. Thanks to Mardy, Duane, Bill and Les for the supplies and assistance in getting the marks ready.

Now is the time to finalize preparations for our boats and crew, align calendars with the race schedule and set aside races for RC duty. We really need folks to sign up for MULTIPLE Wednesday Night RCs and AT LEAST one weekend event per boat captain to make the 2012 season work. It would be awesome if we could fill up the RC assignments BEFORE the circular gets published in mid-late March!

Spring Frostbite Race Management is still from land as documented in the 2011 Race Circular!!

There was a low turnout for the Race Management seminar. Let our training program know if we need to schedule another course (training@smsa.com).

Remember to send your 2012 valid PHRF Chesapeake Bay certificate and your RC signup races/dates to score@smsa.com.

See you on the water!

Marc



2012 Keel Boat Race Schedule

Date	Month	Day	Event	Time	RC
4	Mar	Sun	Spring Frostbite #1	1:00 PM	Capt Midnight
11	Mar	Sun	Spring Frostbite #2	1:00 PM	Pax River Sail Club
18	Mar	Sun	Spring Frostbite #3	1:00 PM	Elan
25	Mar	Sun	Spring Frostbite #4	1:00 PM	Ol' Yeller
11	Apr	Wed	Weds Night #1	6:30 PM	Status Quo
18	Apr	Wed	Weds Night #2	6:30 PM	
25	Apr	Wed	Weds Night #3	6:30 PM	
28	Apr	Sat	Smith Point	10:00 AM	
29	Apr	Sun	Spring Invitational	1:00 PM	
2	May	Wed	Weds Night #4	6:30 PM	
9	May	Wed	Weds Night #5	6:30 PM	
12	May	Sat	Frost-Goode Combo Race Event	10:00 AM	
13	May	Sun	Double-Handed	10:00 AM	
16	May	Wed	Weds Night #6	6:30 PM	
23	May	Wed	Weds Night #7	6:30 PM	
30	May	Wed	Weds Night #8	6:30 PM	
2	Jun	Sat	Women's Spring Series	10:00 AM	
6	Jun	Wed	Weds Night #9	6:30 PM	
13	Jun	Wed	Weds Night #10	6:30 PM	
16	Jun	Sat	Hooper/Pt-no-Pt	10:00 AM	
17	Jun	Sun	Summer Invitational	1:00 PM	
20	Jun	Wed	Weds Night #11	6:30 PM	
27	Jun	Wed	Weds Night #12	6:30 PM	
30	Jun	Sat	Stars n Stripes	1:00 PM	
4	Jul	Wed	Weds Night #13	6:30 PM	
7	Jul	Sat	Vice Comm.s Combo Race Event	10:00 AM	
11	Jul	Wed	Weds Night #14	6:30 PM	
13	Jul	Fri	EYC Solomons Race (from Annap)	6:30 PM	
15	Jul	Sun	Screwpile	10:00 AM	
16	Jul	Mon	Screwpile	10:00 AM	
17	Jul	Tue	Screwpile	10:00 AM	
18	Jul	Wed	Weds Night #15	6:30 PM	
25	Jul	Wed	Weds Night #16	6:30 PM	
1	Aug	Wed	Weds Night #17	6:30 PM	
3	Aug	Fri	Gov Cup (Annap)	6:30 PM	
8	Aug	Wed	Weds Night #18	6:30 PM	
15	Aug	Wed	Weds Night #19	6:30 PM	
18	Aug	Sat	Mixed Couples' Combo Race Event	10:00 AM	
22	Aug	Wed	Weds Night #20	6:30 PM	
29	Aug	Wed	Weds Night #21	6:30 PM	
5	Sep	Wed	Weds Night #22	6:30 PM	
8	Sep	Sat	Little Choptank	10:00 AM	
12	Sep	Wed	Weds Night #23	6:30 PM	
22	Sep	Sat	Fall Series	10:00 AM	
29	Sep	Sat	Women's Fall Series	10:00 AM	
30	Sep	Sun	Women's Fall Series	10:00 AM	
13	Oct	Sat	Sharp's Island Race	10:00 AM	
20	Oct	Sat	Fall Invitational	1:00 PM	
4	Nov	Sun	Fall Frostbite #1	1:00 PM	
11	Nov	Sun	Fall Frostbite #2	1:00 PM	
18	Nov	Sun	Fall Frostbite #3	1:00 PM	
25	Nov	Sun	Fall Frostbite #4	1:00 PM	

Weather Seminar

March 3rd, 10 - 1130 am SMSA clubhouse

- What do those clouds on the horizon mean?
- What weather tools are available to help you plan your course?
 - Want to know more about weather's affect on your race or Cruise?
 - Come by the Club and get a better understanding of how to interpret and predict the weather.

Contact Jenn at training@smsa.com with questions



Introduction to Racing

March 10th, 10 am - 11:30 am at the SMSA clubhouse

Curious about racing? Want to introduce new sailors to racing? Come join us as we discuss the basics of sailboat racing.

- How do you find races?
- What to do when you get to the course?
- What are the basic racing rules?
- Let us help you make sense of the chaos and join in the fun!
- Meet other local sailors interested in racing.
- Don't own a boat but want to get involved in racing? Come join us! We can help you find a skipper looking for crew!

Contact Jenn at training@smsa.com with questions



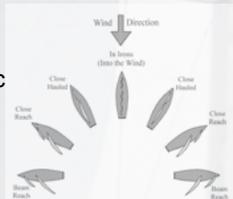
Introduction to Tactics

March 10th, 11:30 am - 1:00 pm at the SMSA clubhouse

Join us discuss the basics of racing around a course.

- How do you find where and what the course is?
- What about all or those other boats, the basic right-of-way rules?
- How to start?
- How to approach and round marks?
- How to keep your wind clear?
- How to use wind shifts to your advantage?
- Having Fun!

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First Aid and CPR Class

March 31st, 10 am - 5 pm at the SMSA clubhouse
14490 Solomons Island Road

Cost: **\$60/person**, includes Book and Certification Card
in this 6 hour class you will learn

- Basic First Aid
- Administration of CPR and handling breathing and cardiac emergencies for adults, children and infants.

Upon course completion, you will earn a 2 year certification from American Safety Health Institute (ASHI).

SPACES ARE LIMITED. Contact Jenn at training@smsa.com to register!



Intro to Sailing

April 13th, 6 pm at the SMSA Clubhouse
Interested in Learning about Sailing?

Join SMSA Members at the Clubhouse on Friday, April 13th for information about the club, information on our classes for children and adults, and basics of sailing and sailboat terminology.

Stick around for our Happy Hour and Commodore's Potluck Dinner.

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Race Management Seminar

April 15th, 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm at the SMSA Clubhouse
If you missed the session, here's another chance! Topics include:

- Anchoring the Race Committee (RC) Boat;
- Setting a Square Starting Line;
- Starting and Finishing Races;
- Scoring the Race;
- What RC can and cannot change, and More!

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Sailing Can Be Murder

By Hannah Schneider



It was quite the evening for character and personality revelation. Suspects truly embraced their characters! Those who were innocent abused the magnifying glass like adolescents in science class! A wholly comical time and classy evening was had by all.



Jimmy & Ronnie

Ronnie made quite an escort service hottie as "Scarlet". Smitty was "The Rock", a retired drill sergeant. John Smith was the club's mob connection formally, "Tony Manzitti". Jim Whited was

"Ben Missin" (Ask him about his alien abduction's). Marc Briere was/is an escaped mental patient (He may still be on the loose). Hannah as Claire Voyant read palms with a s t o n i s h i n g accuracy. Betsy, quite the hunter, i n c i n e r a t e d ghosts. Sherma was "The Black Widow" always on the lookout for her next husband or should we say victim. Our own Commodore, Jimmy Yurko, quite self-sacrificingly agreed to be the victim. Oh, and Carol was the screamer!



Max and Hannah



Port Events is a great opportunity to include spouses, neighbors and those on the outskirts of our sailing community in FUN and unique affairs. Oktoberfest, the Comedy Show, and Murder Mystery were all sold out.

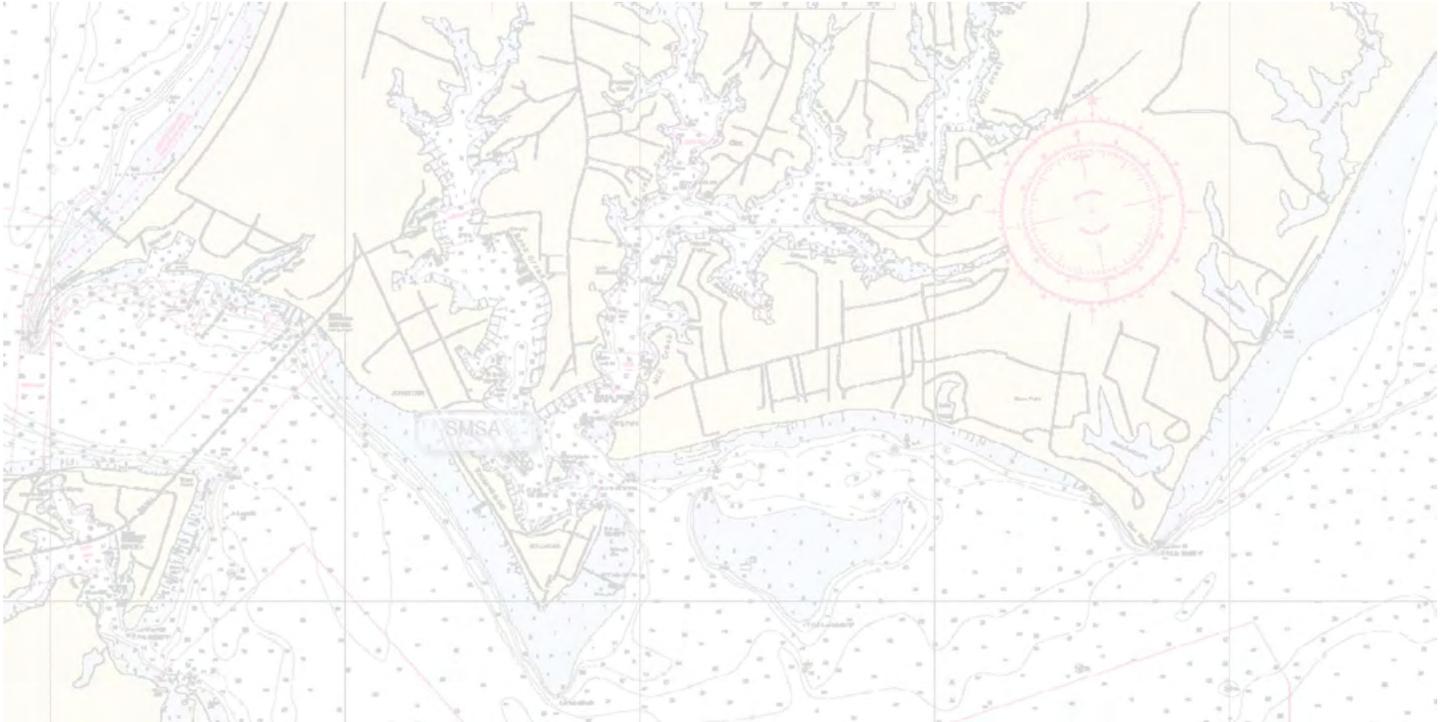
Advance purchase is highly recommended for Burlesque By the Bay on May 5th, which I am quite excited about. This week Rev. Valentine reviewed our club house, announcing the Ukulele Host is writing Cruisin' Bay tunes just for us!!! She also expressed the excitement of the burlesquer's in theming their acts to the Chesapeake Bay, embracing our love for the water and sailing!

Volunteer for Port Events and see your ideas materialize! Have kids or grandchildren? I don't. Help me, help you!



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March				April			
2	Fri	Friday Happy Hour	5:00	1	Sun	Laser Frostbites	1:00
3	Sat	Weather Seminar	10:00	2	Mon	Program Chair Meeting	7:00
4	Sun	Keelboat Frostbite Race	1:00	6	Fri	Friday Happy Hour	5:00
4	Sun	Keelboat Planning meeting	4:00	6	Fri	Small Boat Kickoff	7:00
5	Mon	Program Chair Meeting	7:00	9	Mon	BOD Meeting	7:00
9	Fri	Friday Happy Hour	5:00	11	Wed	Keelboat Wed. Night Races	6:30
10	Sat	Introduction to Racing	10:00	13	Fri	Friday Happy Hour	5:00
10	Sat	Intorduction to Tactics	11:30	13	Fri	Commodore's Dinner	7:00
10	Sat	Laser Frostbites	1:00	14	Sat	Opening Day	9:00
11	Sun	Keelboat Frostbite Race	1:00	15	Sun	Clew Input Due	
12	Mon	BOD Meeting	7:00	15	Sun	Laser Frostbites	1:00
13	Tue	SMSA's BIRTHDAY!		18	Wed	Keelboat Wed. Night Races	6:30
15	Thu	Clew Input Due		20	Fri	Friday Happy Hour	5:00
16	Fri	Friday Happy Hour	5:00	21	Sat	Opening Day Cruise	
16	Fri	Commodore's Dinner	7:00	21	Sat	SMSA Flea-Market	8:00
17	Sat	Laser Frostbites	1:00	22	Sun	Laser Frostbites	1:00
18	Sun	Keelboat Frostbite Race	1:00	25	Wed	Keelboat Wed. Night Races	6:30
23	Fri	Friday Happy Hour	5:00	27	Fri	Friday Happy Hour	5:00
24	Sat	Clubhouse Clean-Up	9:00	28	Sat	Smith Point Race	10:00
24	Sat	Laser Frostbites	1:00	29	Sun	Spring Invitational	1:00
25	Sun	Keelboat Frostbite Race	1:00				
30	Fri	Friday Happy Hour	5:00				
31	Sat	First Aid/CPR Training	10:00				

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