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April 14th, SMSA OPENING DAY & BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

9:30am. Doors Open.

Bloody Marys and Mimosas are \$2 at the bar. Officers and Directors provide continental breakfast. Coffee, tea, water and juices available.

Yearbooks and Race Circulars ready for pickup.

10:30 am. Opening Ceremony

11:00 am Brunch

SMSA provides oysters and warming pads for member's hot pot-luck brunch items.

Bring the family and a brunch dish to share. Meet old friends, make new friends and greet the Officers, Directors and Program Chairs.

The Commodore's Corner

By Jimmy Yurko



Spring is here! Wow...with the way the weather has been it is hard to believe that winter was ever here...our spring frostbite series was hardly "frostbitten"...but sure has been a good series.

Our Opening Day celebration will be Saturday April 14....bring your family and friends. You know Carol Smith (social@smsa.com) and her crew will host a great party. At the event we will welcome the opening of our Wednesday night and weekend race season, the cruising season and all the great events planned through the season. Is your boat ready?

Much happened in March, the clubhouse has seen its spring cleaning. Keep an eye out for all the great improvements. Our back yard is filling up fast and we're near capacity so be sure to check with Jolie Homsher, facilities@smsa.com, before you bring your boat into the yard to get a parking spot.

Typically I try to stay as far away from political discussions as possible, but currently there is much being discussed off the water in Annapolis and DC that affects us on the water. Here in MD the DNR will be modifying boat registration requirements, there are also proposals for new fuel taxes, changes to GPS laws and other requirements that you should be aware of. SMSA is a member of several organizations that are working together to look out for your best interest in these talks, and while you can't stop every challenge that comes down the pike, be assured that folks are looking out for us. Check out the progress at BoatUS Government affairs website <http://www.boatus.com/gov/> if you're interested in all the details.

Commodore's Dinner

Friday, April 13th 7:00 p.m.

To keep with the playfulness and the spirit of spring, our Commodore's Dinner theme for April is "Rabbit Season, Duck Season". Have fun, be whimsical. Let's enjoy something inspired by your favorite furry or feathered creatures.



Bugs & Daffy argue who is in season... they're both wrong...it's Sailing Season!

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. Don't have enough for a table? SMSA will have a club table and is soliciting donations. Income will go to SMSA. For information contact:

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!!!OPENING DAY CRUISE!!!

21-22 April to Rollins Cove

Happy hour begins when you get there!

Just because it's not opening day, don't miss Kalypso's return to her once-famous leadership of the opening day cruise to Rollins Cove in St Leonard Creek.

If the weather is good, come because of that. If it's bad, come for Mary's spiked hot mulled cider. (See photo)

Let the Bergsmans know your plans:

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Cruising Activity

By Rod Schroeder, rodschroeder@comcast.net

The 2012 Cruising Schedule has been finalized and has been posted on the SMSA Web Site so that you can start planning your summer activity. As noted in the schedule, there are still a couple of cruise leader opportunities up for grabs – just give me a call or email.

With the warm summer-like weather in mid March, many of us have been able to get an early start on spring projects to get our boats ready for cruising. Hopefully, this will translate into a nice raft of boats for the Opening Day Cruise (actually one week after opening day) hosted by Joel & Mary Bergsman in St Leonard's Creek on 21-22 April. Even if you are not ready for an overnight cruise, feel free to join the raft for an afternoon/evening of camaraderie and happy hour. As I write this article in 80 degree weather in mid March, I figure we should be at 90 degrees by mid April! (maybe not).

As many are aware, Annapolis will be hosting an Annual Spring Sailboat Show on 27-29 April. In conjunction with the show, Cruisers University will be offering a series of informative seminars during a four day period of 26-29 April. For those of you who might be interested in some long range cruising, some of these seminars might help get your juices flowing, and provide some worthwhile information. Details can be found on-line at <http://www.usboat.com/cruisers-university/program-options>.

Training

by Jenn Marbourg-Miller, training@smsa.com

In addition to the First Aid (on March 31), Intro to Sailing and Race Management classes coming up soon (see ads in this Clew), we are planning for sessions on Remote First Aid and SMSA Race Committee Boat Checkout. Keep watching The Clew and the SMSA Calendar online.

If you have any questions or ideas for courses that you would like to see, please email me.

Have Questions? Call.

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2nd Annual SMSA Ski Weekend

by Jim Keen

The skiing was great and the people even better; fast snow in the morning, good company in the evening enjoying a few drinks and a bite to eat. What more could a sailor want in February.

Joe and Tracy Kubinec, Steve Allen, Donna Maneely, Les Griffith, Dak and Hannah Schneider along with Joseph and Jarrett, Tim Flaherty, Clint Patrick, Marc and Cheri DeLavergne, and Jim and Jody Keen joined forces to attack the slopes of Western Pennsylvania on a great weekend that included a bit of fresh powder, a fair amount of the man-made stuff, and peeks of sunshine.

Seven Springs is located in the Laurel Highlands about an hour east of Pittsburgh, PA. It's a 4-5½ hour drive from Solomons, depending on Beltway traffic. Ski Magazine rates Seven Springs as one of the top family ski resorts in the mid-Atlantic region. As Joe Kubinec remarked upon arrival, "this place is great! I didn't realize this was such a cool place." Donna added, "Staying at the hotel was so convenient. The rooms have been totally remodeled and are very comfortably designed."

Most of the SMSA gang arrived late Friday, checking into the Lodge in time for dinner. Earlier, Tim had taken off for the slopes next door at Hidden Valley, and Joe and Tracy started their two days of lessons. After dinner, Donna, Cheri, Marc, and Hannah made off for the Tubing hill.

After a hearty breakfast at the Tyrol Banquet Room Saturday morning, the skiers set off for the first full

day of skiing. Grey skies, flat light, and heavy snow-fall didn't deter the fun.

At the end of a great day of skiing, the group rode the shuttle bus over to Jim and Jody's condo at Swiss Mountain for wine and cheese. After suitable libation and many mountain (sea) stories, the gang rode the shuttle back over to the main lodge for a group dinner at the Tyrol Buffet where they were all totally over-served. Afterward, fifteen tired sailor-skiers hit the rack early that night in anticipation of another great day on the slopes Sunday.

We were not disappointed, as Sunday we awoke to partially blue skies and 2 more inches of fresh powder, every skier's dream. The lift lines were short and the snow was good... the kind of freshly groomed powder that squeaks as your skis glide through it. The group made several runs before having to give it up to make the afternoon drive home.

Two days of skiing on the slopes had perfect conditions. Lift lines were short, snow was well groomed, and crowds were a little heavy on Saturday but non-existent on Sunday. The weather partly sunny (on Sunday), yet cold enough to not sweat as we skied to our heart's content. All of us SMSA friends had a chance to ski with each other and enjoyed the friendly company. All participants agreed that the great time was worthy of a repeat performance next year. And at print time, ski weekend organizers are negotiating with the Seven Springs Event Coordinators to reserve 8-10 February 2013 for the SMSA 3rd Annual Ski Weekend. Put it on your 2013 plans and come join your friends. Good times!

Volunteers Clean up at SMSA!

by Jolie Homsher, facilities@smsa.com

Over the last couple of months, Mardy Millen and I have been tackling many projects- repairing faulty lighting, adding our web address to the front of the building, cleaning up the flower box and adding new tennis ball markers to the yard. We've also removed the barbed wire on the chain link gates and have begun painting them in an effort to improve the exterior look of our club. Other volunteers have installed the new side door, bar wall and an overhead projector. Soon our new sign will arrive and with a fresh coat of paint our club will be a place we can be proud of!

Thanks to more than 20 hardworking volunteers and a delayed rain shower our Club Clean-up Day was a big success! We spent much of the day cleaning up the yard and sorting through items found in cabinets, the office, back room, shed, bar and the attic! Things are now organized and everything has a place, but

in doing so we now have large pile of usable but unwanted items up for grabs! Giveaways include: holiday decorations, serving bowls, electronics, pictures, 2 desks, 2 old gas grills (be sure to ask which ones) and other misc items! Please help yourself!

Our Bar now has 2 refrigerators, plus a cabinet for snacks, mixers, etc. which we hope will make the job of bar tending even easier! A Lost and Found area was also established- so be sure to check it for any of your missing items: shirts, hats, gloves, glasses, etc...

A big Thank You goes out to Carol & Smitty Smith, LG & MerryRuth Raley, Mark & Emily Williams, Ken Kramer, Shawn Stanley, John Durniak, Glenn & Terry Walters, Mike Pleva, Max Munger, Jim Whited, Mardy Millen, Rod Schroeder, Megan Hildenberger, Joe Szymanski & Sandy Leitner and John & Robert Herbig for their time and hardwork! You guys made short work out of a daunting job! THANK YOU!

Social's Corner

by Carol Smith, social@smsa.com

I would like to start by introducing myself as this year's Social Chair. My name is Carol Smith and I have been a member of SMSA since around 2001. I started out with small boat racing; yes I used to race on Vitamin Sea with Smitty, and have migrated into the rest of the club from there. This will be my third year (though they have been spread out a little) serving as your Social Chair.

Our first event will be Opening Day/Birthday. This is steeped in tradition where SMSA members celebrate the anniversary of the club's founding and recognizes its Founding, Charter and Emeritus Members along with past Commodores. Following a Flag Ceremony, a brunch is donated by the membership along with oysters and non-alcoholic beverages provided by the club. Bloody Mary's and Mimosas are offered during the event. The doors will open at 0930 with the ceremony starting at 1030. Everyone is asked to bring a dish to share. This is a great time to meet and interact with other members, so please take a few hours off the spring chores and come on over to the clubhouse. I am looking forward to seeing all and meeting all of our new members that I may have missed this last year.

As always in a strictly volunteer organization, if you have interests in assisting in social events throughout the year, please contact me via the website (email), phone or catch me on opening day (or any other day at the club). Looking forward to a great year!

Junior Program

by Rob Miller, junior@smsa.com

The big news for the Junior Program this month is the website has been updated, courtesy of Kristi Yurko. The website is again able to accept online registrations and payments. The Junior Committee held a meeting on February 28, where maintenance was the issue of the day. The schedule of classes has been finalized for most of the summer camps. The Beginner Dinghy and Intermediate Dinghy classes both begin June 18th and go through August 13th. Our Teen Beginner Class will be held the week of July 9th. This year our Advanced Teen Racing will be held at the Tall Timbers Marina in conjunction with Sailing Center Chesapeake. The Adult Learn to Sail class has undergone the biggest changes. The class is now offered to SMSA members only and has moved from an evening class during the week to a weekend class. The first class starts June 16th. More information can be located on our website www.smsa.com. The next Junior Committee meeting is still being planned. Look for the announcement in the News of Week. If you are interested in participating in any of the upcoming Junior program activities, or would like to help with a class please email or call anytime. Hope to see you there!

Articles and pictures for The Clew are always welcome and always needed. Have a new boat, have an interesting cruise, race or other experience, please write it up and send it to clew@smsa.com and it will make the next issue. Please have your submission in by the 15th of the month to make the next month's Clew.

Intro to Sailing

April 13th, 6pm
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.

Contact Jenn at training@smsa.com with questions.



Keelboat Audibles

by Marc Briere, race@smsa.com

The frostbites are over indicating the race season warning. All the boats are under the prep flag for the start of the season and we're all doing our final timing legs to the first Wednesday Night and Formal race event starts. This is an exciting part of the season when all of us are eager to get back into the racing scene. The question is - Are our boats, crew and ever-aging bodies as ready as our minds and enthusiasm for this awesome sport?

Speaking of sports, as was reiterated in our racing rules seminar by Stovy and Dan, let's all bring our Corinthian competitiveness and crew to the race course. We ALL spend valuable time and resources to compete AND enjoy our time on the water. The beauty of SMSA is that we've got a pretty competitive keelboat fleet that get along on and off the race course. We should all take this time to remind each other and our crews to bring our game faces and positive sportsmanlike attitudes to and away from each and every race no matter the outcomes. Let's face all of this year's water, weather and racing conditions following

true Corinthian sportsmanlike traditions. We have a few new boats on the water and a couple of new captains and crew anticipated to join our fleet and a whole lot of long-standing competitors with established boats and crew. THANK YOU ALL for rejoining the program for 2012.

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTICE -- Each of the boat captains are expected to sign up for informal AND formal event RC. I don't want to play nanny to the race schedule RC assignments and have to resort to threatening to drop race events from the schedule due to the inability or unwillingness of some of us to sign up early and often. Let's PLEASE fill up the RC assignments ASAP especially for all of April and May. Also, be sure to pay your race fees and have your 2012 PHRF Chesapeake Bay certificate in to Jim Whited BEFORE you show up at the start line or you will not be scored.

Thanks again to Jim Whited for volunteering to be our scorer for 2012, to John McKinney for getting the RC boat ready, to Mardy Millen for helping get the race marks ready for the season and to Bill Riddell for his tireless support in prepping race marks, launching them and for tirelessly working on the new(er) Cheetah that will be getting me and the rest of my family to the start line.

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)
\$25 @ door if available
www.smsa.com
*Purchase on site
Fridays after 5:00pm
888.714.3777

18+ to enter
21+ to drink
*cash bar

Hosted by



Maureen Andary & her girls!

doors 7:00
show 8:00

Starring



Captain Chesty



Reverend Valentine



Candy del Rio

14490 Solomons Island Road, Solomons Island, MD 20688

Port Events

by Hannah Schneider

Burlesque By the Bay on Cinco De Mayo, **May 5th**, promises a literary, dramatic musical work for laughter by caricaturing our bay life through ludicrous treatment of it's subjects. A theatrical extravaganza from the Victorian era performing right here at SMSA. BOOK NOW while tickets are available! Invite your friends for an entertaining night out!

Saturday, June 30th from 5:00 – 7:00 PM., cruise back to SMSA for a Happy Hour filled maritime music and humor with the **Eastport Oyster Boys**. As the musical goodwill ambassadors of the City of Annapolis, the Maritime Republic of Eastport and the Chesapeake, The Oyster Boys have shared the celebration of boating and life on the Chesapeake Bay to thousands both at home and abroad.

For almost two decades, they have educated, amused and delighted thousands with their wit, wisdom and special message of stewardship and appreciation for the Bay and maritime culture, so come aboard and let your winter blues melt away. Their philosophy is wrapped up in the three basic necessities of life: "a good hat, a good dog and a good boat."

Bad Cat Joins the SMSA Fleet



Jim and Barbara Whited celebrate the arrival of their beautiful, new J111, Bad Cat (above).

Barb gently christens her with poured champagne (below)



The christening party was at SMSA on a lovely spring afternoon.

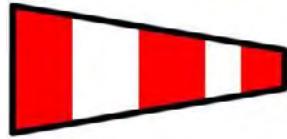
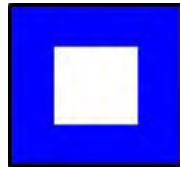
Bad Cat on the race course for the third frostbite (below)



Race Management Seminar

April 15th, Noon
SMSA Clubhouse

If you missed the session on Feb 11th,
here's another chance to learn about Race Management!



Focused on race committee training.

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!

Want to decipher what those flags are on the race course? Don't know how to set a square starting line? Come join us and meet some fellow sailors!

Contact Jenn at training@smsa.com with questions.

The Spring Frostbites Were Not Frosty at All!



Akoni and Splash in Race #2



Pursuit close to S in Race #1



Easy Button approaching S in Race #1



Rhumb Punch (right and already finished), making sure she saved her time on Splash, Bad Cat, and everyone else, in Race #3

SMSA Spring Frostbite Final Results

Series Place	Sail	Boat	PHRF	Series Total	Race 1 K S L K 6.05 nm	Race 2 K T V K Y 6.12 nm	Race 3 K A Y 4.5 nm	Race 4 K V T V Y 5.58nm
1	23798N	Pursuit	57	7	2	4	6*	1
2	93084N	Easy Button	159	7	4*	1	4	2
3	93227N	Akoni	180	8	3*	2	3	3
4	USA41N	Rhumb Punch	54	8.5	1	6.5	1	9*
5	USA 173N	Splash	111	10	5*	3	2	5
6	63383N	Stingray	129	19.5	7	6.5	8*	6
7	30714N	O'Yeller	108	22	12*DNC	5	5	12 DNC
8	60177N	Valiant	93	22	6	8	9*	8
9	063N	Bad Cat	48	23	12*DNC	12 DNC	7	4
10	43162N	Elan	153	29	8	9	12*DNC	12 DNC
11	93121N	Wicked Good	132	31	12*DNC	12 DNC	12 DNC	7

* indicates throw out race



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April		
1 Sun	Laser Frostbites	1300
6 Fri	Friday Happy Hour	1700
6 Fri	Small Boat Kickoff	1900
9 Mon	BOD Meeting	1900
11 Wed	Keelboat Wed. Night Races	1830
13 Fri	Friday Happy Hour	1700
13 Fri	Commodore's Dinner	1900
14 Sat	Opening Day	900
15 Sun	Clew Input Due	
15 Sun	Laser Frostbites	1300
18 Wed	Keelboat Wed. Night Races	1830
20 Fri	Friday Happy Hour	1700
21 Sat	Opening Day Cruise	
21 Sat	SMSA Flea-Market	800
22 Sun	Laser Frostbites	1300
25 Wed	Keelboat Wed. Night Races	1830
27 Fri	Friday Happy Hour	1700
28 Sat	Smith Point Race	1000
29 Sun	Spring Invitational	1300

May			
2	Wed	Keelboat Wed. Night Races	1830
3	Thu	Small Boat Thursday Night Race	1830
4	Fri	Friday Happy Hour	1700
5	Sat	Happy Hour Raft/Cruise Mill Crk	1600
6	Sun	Burlesque By The Bay	2000
7	Mon	Program Chair Meeting	1900
9	Wed	Keelboat Wed. Night Races	1830
10	Thu	Small Boat Thursday Night Race	1830
11	Fri	Friday Happy Hour	1700
12	Sat	Frost-Goode - ALL Boats	1000
12	Sat	SMSA Rendezvous	1600
13	Sun	Double-Handed Race	1000
14	Mon	BOD Meeting	1900
15	Tue	Clew Input Due	
16	Wed	Keelboat Wed. Night Races	1830
17	Thu	Small Boat Thursday Night Race	1830
18	Fri	Friday Happy Hour	1700
18	Fri	Commodore's Dinner	1900
19	Sat	Southern Bay Cruise	
23	Wed	Keelboat Wed. Night Races	1830
24	Thu	Small Boat Thursday Night Race	1830
25	Fri	Friday Happy Hour	1700
30	Wed	Keelboat Wed. Night Races	1830
31	Thu	Small Boat Thursday Night Race	1830

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