



SCREWPILE CHALLENGE 2012



Saturday July 14

1400-1700 Registration / Check-In Required

1715-1730 Skippers meeting under the party tent.

1700-2000 SMSA Welcoming Party at the club house across from the gazebo in Solomons.

Sunday July 15

0900 Harbor Start

0945 Rendezvous

1030 Warning

1600 Protest Hearings

1700-1945 Beverage Ticket Sales

1700-2000 Sunday Tent Party live "The 25th Hour Band".

1900 Awards

Monday July 16

0900 Harbor Start

0945 Rendezvous

1030 Warning

1600 Protest Hearings

1700-1945 Beverage Ticket Sales

1700-2000 Monday Tent Party live "The Piranha's Band".

1900 Awards

Tuesday July 17

0900 Harbor Start

0945 Rendezvous

1030 Warning

1600 Protest Hearings

1700-1945 Beverage Ticket Sales

1700-2000 Tuesday Tent Party DJ "The Pirate Girl".

1900 Awards

The Commodore's Corner

by Jimmy Yurko,
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Mid summer is an extremely busy time. With summer cruises, races, river series concerts, family vacations, etc.... In the middle of all of this is SMSA. We are having great, and growing turnouts at events of all types. Last month's Commodore's dinner, 'on a stick', was a great hit with more than forty people in attendance. Our Oyster Boys concert packed the house and put smiles on the youngest and oldest faces in the room.

I've had plenty of opportunity to spend time with our junior program, and boy are these kids having fun. We have a new lead instructor this season, Shannon Briere, who is doing a real bang up job. There are still a handful of spots in the camps available... so if you know anyone looking for a great way to spend a week on summer break, send them our way! All the info you need is on the smsa.com website, or give us a call.

Congratulations are in order: Norm Dawley, and the rest of his crew aboard Pursuit competed in the Annapolis to Bermuda race and finished first in class. While on the small boat side of the house, we had two boats head to North Carolina to race in the NC Governor's Cup regatta who brought home substantial hardware...."Kick 'em Jenny" sailed by Jeff Moore and Jolie Homsher took second in the 14 boat Buccaneer fleet, while "Silent But Deadly" sailed by Jimmy and Kristi Yurko, yep...us...took home first. This claimed the overall regatta trophy by beating the most boats in the regatta. This is the first time that has been achieved by the Buccaneer class.

We are quickly passing the halfway point of our summer sailing season, so be sure to get out there and have a good time on the water. Hope to see you at the July 20th Commodore's Dinner, Theme: Finger Food!



ARC Gloria in Baltimore Harbor

First Aid/CPR/AED Certification Class



- July 21st, 10am-5pm
- SMSA clubhouse
14490 Solomons Island Road (located on Solomons Island across from the gazebo)
- Cost: **\$60/person**, includes Book and Certification Card

In this 6 hour instruction you will learn to administer CPR and to handle 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!

Cruising Corner

By Rod Schroeder, cruise@smsa.com



Our SMSA cruisers have already logged a lot of miles with some great spring sailing as we reach the end of June with two week long cruises behind us. See separate articles in this issue of the Clew for a recap of the Southern Cruise to Yorktown led by Patty Kimmel and Rich Freeman (*Patty K*), and a recap of our Baltimore OPSAIL 2012 Cruise led by Rod & Pat Schroeder (*Ruste Nayle*).

By the time you read this, we will also have completed the traditional Summer Sailstice cruise to Hudson Creek led by Rich Freeman (*Patty K*). Following are the upcoming cruises that you can start planning for:

June 30 – July 3/4: 4th of July Crisfield Cruise. Join *Walkabout* cruise leaders Dave and Lois Zonderman on a cruise South to Smith Creek for a night at anchor, and then cross the Bay to Somers Cove Marina in Crisfield with a lay day to relax at the pool, eat crabs, & sightsee. Depending on the weather, the return trip will be Cruise Leader's Choice, but we will get back to Solomons in time for fireworks on the 4th.

July 7 – July 8: VC Race/Cruise to St Leonard Creek. Racers and cruisers can mix it up in an informal race/cruise/raft-up/happy hour near the finish line at White Sands. Test your skills at getting the most out of your boat, or just cruise up the river for a good time. No cruise leader has been identified, but all participating boats will get cruise points.

July 21 – July 22: Oxford Cruise. Join *Walkabout* cruise leaders Dave and Lois Zonderman for an overnight trip to Oxford to check out what's new and try one or more of their great restaurants.

July 28 – July 29: Happy Hour Raft-Up to Mill Creek. This event is an opportunity for all SMSA boaters (keel, small, race, cruise, dinghy) to get together at nearby Mill Creek (near Clarks Landing) for a happy hour raft-up. It is only a few miles up the river it can easily be reached by all. First big boat to arrive can set the anchor for rafting. Spend the day on the water and come just for happy hour or spend the night. Bring a snack to share and your own favorite beverage.

Looking ahead into August and September, we have the following cruising opportunities:

August 18 – August 19: Couples Race/Cruise. This is our traditional and very popular race/cruise up the river to Battle Creek. I still need a volunteer cruise leader to help keep track of participants and write a cruise article. Whether you race or cruise to

Battle Creek, this is always a good time with often over 20 boats rafted up, good sailing, good swimming, good food, and good company.

August 24 – August 26: Annapolis Summer Garden Theater Cruise. For those of you who are planning to cruise with us to Annapolis in August, it's not too early to think about getting your theater tickets to the musical "Xanadu". You can reserve them by calling the theater at 410-268-9212, or purchase on-line. See <http://www.summergarden.com/> for more info. Rod and Pat Schroeder (*Ruste Nayle*) are the cruise leaders.

August 31 – September 3: Where the Wind Blows. Led by Peter Carlson (*Carpincho*), this long weekend cruise will lead us away from Solomons in whichever direction the Wind Gods choose to send us.

September 15 – September 23: Choptank Exploration. Led by Rich Freeman and Patty Kimmel (*Patty K*), this is our last week long cruise of the year. The plan is to spend a week in the Choptank exploring some new anchorages and revisiting some favorites.

Keep your eye on the "Upcoming Events" scroll on the web page, and on "This Week at SMSA" email reminders for additional information. Contact me if you have any questions or would like to volunteer for something.

Southern Cruise to Yorktown/ Urbanna, 19–28 May 2012

by Rich Freeman & Patty Kimmel (Cruise Leaders)

We departed Solomons about 0700 hours Saturday morning. As soon as we entered the Patuxent River, the cloth went up. We had some nice winds from the northeast and made pretty good time down the Bay. First stop on our southern cruise was Mill Creek, off of the Great Wicomico River. We traveled about 41 miles, our longest leg of the trip. *Walkabout*,



Happy Hour in Mill Creek

Southern Cruise to Yorktown/Urbanna, continued

Serenity, Ruste Nayle, Swan and *Patty K* anchored apart and had a fun happy hour aboard the *Patty K*. Just before dark everyone returned to their boats and settled in for a quiet evening.

Sunday morning broke clear with gusts up to 23 knots+ on the aft quarter and 2 – 4 foot waves. We changed the destination from Fishing Bay to Jackson Creek, off of the Piankatank River, for some additional protection from the wind. Apparently a tropical disturbance in the South Atlantic was creating additional winds in the Bay. Who knew? A very nice happy hour was held aboard *Rustye Nayle*.

The next morning our anchors were dug in well and covered with mud after a night of blow. *Swan* decided to stay in the Wicomico River area because of the winds and will rejoin us on our return trip in Urbanna. *Walkabout* spent the day in Mill Creek and headed back to Solomons the next day

Our most southern stop was the York River Yacht Basin in Sarah Creek, off the York River. The marina is very nice with floating docks, pool, a car that may be borrowed to go to the store, transportation to tourist locations and clean rest rooms and laundry. The three boats (*Ruste Nayle, Serenity* and *Patty K*) that went to Sarah Creek had a lay day; some went to Williamsburg (Pat was kind enough to bring back pilgrim cookies for the group that were a reminder of their visit many years ago) and some went to Yorktown for sightseeing. We had dinner in the restaurant at the marina. The food was very good and we learned a new trick to help deter flies. Take a large plastic Zip-lock bag, put about 4 to 5 pennies (only pennies) in the bottom and fill half way up with water. Hang around the area affected and you will find fewer flies, or maybe even no flies. We didn't believe it would work but it did! Thanks for the tip to Curt!

Rich departed the *Patty K* on Tuesday to fly to Phoenix and their friend Kris Bradley arrived as a relief to help Patty take the boat home. The flotilla departed Sarah Creek Wednesday morning for Fishing Bay on the Piankatank River. This was the first time some of us had anchored in 17+ feet of water... had to use a calculator to figure out the scope. We were joined by *Piper* and *Safina*. Happy hour was delicious with many veggie treats. Storms were all around threatening the anchorage but none hit.

Off to Urbanna the next day with a full complement of boats docking at the Urbanna Town Marina. Diane, the Dockmaster, was pleased to see the SMSA fleet once again. We had *Swan, Ruste Nayle, Safina, Piper, Serenity* and *Patty K*. The

crews enjoyed a great dinner at MoJo's with many prizes being won. The grand prize was a \$25 gift card to West Marine, hauled in by Curt & Dottie.

After a lay day in Urbanna we traveled to Indian



Dinner at MoJos

Creek and anchored between #9 and #10 markers. It was rather busy and rough at that location but the water settled down in the evening.

We cruised to the Coan River, off the Potomac River, the next day. They are still cultivating lots of oysters in this river, with oyster cages on both sides of the channel. It was a little nerve racking coming through the markers to the anchorage... a very tight channel. We rafted for happy hour aboard *Piper* then anchored apart for our last beautiful evening on the water on this cruise.

Monday we headed home for Solomons. It was a motor day, all day, with very warm temperatures. The end of another successful cruise to the environs south of Solomons. Where shall we go next year for the Labor Day Cruise South? Suggestions, anyone?



Coan River Raft-up

Baltimore OPSAIL 2012 Cruise

9 - 17 June 2012

by Rod & Pat Schroeder (Cruise Leaders)

Seven SMSA boats cruised north to Baltimore to welcome the arrival of Tall Ships and Navy vessels from several countries participating in OPSAIL 2012 as they near the end of their journey from New Orleans, LA to New London, CT. Their arrival in Baltimore coincided with Baltimore's Star-Spangled Sailabration to commemorate the Bicentennial of the War of 1812.

Our cruise began on 9 June with a night at anchor in Fishing Creek in the Little Choptank River. The trip from Solomons was light on wind as we mostly motor sailed to our quiet anchorage. *Patty K* (Patty Kimmel & Rich Freeman) arrived first and provided the hook for our raft up which also included, *Ruste Nayle* (Rod & Pat Schroeder), *Piper* (Jerry & Donna Taylor), and *Calypso* (Frank & Rita Gerred). After Pat and Patty finished exploring the area by kayak, an enjoyable happy hour was held aboard *Ruste Nayle* as we solved world problems and discussed strategy for the next day's journey to St. Michaels. The raft broke up for individual overnight anchoring and a pleasantly cool night for sleeping. Jerry and Donna also had time to do some exploring with their brand new dinghy and to calibrate the gas tank in their new outboard motor. I'm sure that Jerry let the gas tank run dry just so that he could test out the oars on the dinghy and give Donna a romantic sunset rowing back to *Piper*.



Calypso arriving at Fishing Creek

On 10 June a beautiful morning greeted us as we arose from a quiet night's sleep. *Calypso* seemed to be having a problem with her house battery bank, but her starting battery worked just fine to get her motor started. Our fleet traveled via three different routes from Fishing Creek to St. Michaels. *Patty K* decided to take the short route by ducking into the Choptank River to transit through Knapps Narrows,

east of Poplar Island, and into Eastern Bay. *Ruste Nayle* and *Piper* left the Little Choptank and transited east of Sharps Island, but west of Poplar Island. *Calypso* stayed west of both Sharps Island and Poplar Island. All arrived at St. Michaels in a timely manner (mostly motor sailing again). In St. Michaels we were joined by *Serenity* (Curt & Dottie Hamilton along with grandchildren Lauren and Will) who left from Solomons early that morning. We were also joined by *Walkabout* (Dave & Lois Zonderman) who had been in Annapolis for a couple of days with the Chesapeake Catalina Yacht Club. *Ruste Nayle* took a slip at the Maritime Museum, *Patty K* and *Calypso* took slips at St. Michaels Marina, and the rest of the fleet anchored in the harbor. There was time to stroll the shops in town and check out the Museum before the fourteen of us got together to sample the local seafood at the Crab Claw restaurant. Several of us also treated ourselves to the obligatory ice cream cone at the local creamery.



Dinner at the Crab Claw

Our destination for Monday 11 June was scheduled to be nearby Dividing Creek in the Wye River; however, we decided to change our anchorage to Shaw Bay in the Wye River to give us more anchor room, good swimming water, and better breeze. Dividing Creek is a quaint hurricane hole, but was not needed on this cruise. With a late departure from St. Michaels (only 5 miles from St. Michaels to Wye)



Relaxing in Shaw Bay

OpSail Cruise continued

Ruste Nayle and *Piper* explored the east side of Wye Island all the way up to the Wye Narrows Bridge before returning to anchor with the rest of our fleet, *Patty K*, *Serenity*, and *Walkabout*, already anchored in Shaw Bay. Before departing St. Michaels, *Calypso* was diagnosed with a set of dead house batteries, and spent their day locating and installing new batteries – hoping to join us the next morning for the trip to Baltimore. Back in Shaw Bay, there was time for some kayaking, relaxing, and some great swimming except for the snake that was trying to slither up *Patty K*'s swim ladder. Happy hour was hosted aboard *Patty K* where we reviewed details of our sail plan to Baltimore via Kent Narrows, Baltimore harbor restrictions, marina facilities, and group dinner in Little Italy. It was noted that we would probably be transiting Kent Narrows early in the morning just after low tide, but all felt this should be no problem.

Tuesday morning 12 June was cool and overcast with a forecast for rain later in the day. The



Powering Through Kent Narrows

wind was strengthening from the SE as the early risers (*Patty K*, *Ruste Nayle*, *Serenity*, and *Piper*) motor sailed from the Wye River towards the Kent Narrows to catch the 0830 bridge opening on our way to Baltimore. *Walkabout* was a little later and caught the 0900 opening. With the increasing wind and nasty weather forecast for rain and possible thunderstorms, *Calypso* elected to stay another day in St. Michaels and try to join us in Baltimore the next day. We arrived at the south side of Kent Narrows bridge about 10-15 minutes early with brisk wind and strong current as we danced around the basin while *Serenity* attempted to contact the bridge tender to make sure he knew we were there. He never did acknowledge our presence until it was time to open up. As we passed through, the bridge tender remarked how surprised he was to see so many boats this early on a nasty weather day. Dottie

explained that we were all headed for OPSAIL 2012 in Baltimore and he wished us well on our trip as she thanked him for the opening. The transit through Kent Narrows was uneventful and as soon as we cleared the channel on the north side, the sails went up for a great broad reach/run the rest of the way to Baltimore. The wind continued to build to about 24 knots as the skies darkened with the approaching rain. Following a couple of cargo ships into the Patapsco River, we all arrived at Inner Harbor East Marina at about the same time, just as the heavens opened up with some heavy rain. The marina staff cheerfully mobilized to get us safely into our slips and accommodate our needs. *Safina* (Dennis & Carolyn Chandler) had arrived in Baltimore a day earlier to join our cruise, and they help augment the dock crews as we stressed their capacity for a short time. Our first evening plans included a group dinner at Amicci's in Little Italy. Just before it was time to walk a few blocks to the restaurant the rain stopped and was done for the rest of the cruise. Jerry and Donna's daughter Katie, who lives nearby, joined us for dinner to round out our dinner reservation for 15. With such a large group, we were seated in an upstairs party room; however, another group of equal size was also squeezed into the same room. Our guess is that this may have been a group of college kids who were celebrating (very loudly) final exams. Although we had difficulty talking over the din, it was great to see them having a good time. In spite of the noise, we managed to conduct our cruise raffle in which *Patty K* won the grand prize which appropriately was a book about the War of 1812 in the Chesapeake. We finished the meal with a hearty rendition (accompanied by our friends at the college table) of "Happy Birthday" to Donna Taylor.

On Wednesday, 13 June, our missing boat *Calypso* left St. Michaels to join us in Baltimore, but unfortunately the wind was still strong and had shifted northerly so that they were unable to make good headway in very uncomfortable seas. Alas, *Calypso*, and several other vessels, returned to St.



ARC Gloria Salutes Fort McHenry



Her Salute is Returned by Fort McHenry

Michaels vowing to join us after we left Baltimore. This day was also the kickoff for Baltimore's Star-Spangled Sailabration and arrival of the fleet of Tall Ships with OPSAIL 2012.

For the ship arrivals, some of us took the water taxi to Fort McHenry to tour the fort and to watch some of the arrivals as cannon salutes were exchanged between the ship and fort during each arrival. A



HMS Bounty in Annapolis

variety of cannon were used for saluting, depending on the type of ship and country of origin. Some of our cruisers stayed at the Inner Harbor for a close up view as ships arrived with flags flying, sailors standing in the rigging, and even live music on some. The grey ships and tall ships trickled in all day long, providing an impressive sight. Great viewing venues were discovered as some took dinghy excursions into the harbor as tall ships were arriving. If you watched any of the news coverage of this celebration, you probably saw us on TV. There was a constant buzz of news helicopters flying over our marina during the day as we were right in the middle of the action.

Thursday, 14 June, was another lay day in Baltimore to give us more opportunity to visit some of the Tall Ships, and/or to take advantage of other attractions in the Inner Harbor area. As we were touring the

ships, we were also treated to an air show by the Blue Angels as they conducted two practice sessions in preparation for their official shows scheduled for the upcoming weekend. *Safina* had to leave our party early due to other commitments, and made a long uneventful run from Baltimore back to Solomons.

We planned an early departure from Baltimore on Friday, 15 June, because the Captain of the Port (COPT) of Baltimore would be restricting vessel traffic on portions of the Patapsco River between the hours of 1000 – 1700 as the Blue Angels continued practice and rehearsals. Also, by popular consensus, we scrapped our original destination of Swan Creek in favor of going into Mill Creek off of Whitehall Bay (near Cantler's Riverside Inn) for a night at anchor. We had a decent breeze out of the north east which provided us with another great day under sail from Baltimore to Annapolis. *Calypso* finally got out of St. Michaels and joined us in Mill Creek to catch up on our adventures. We enjoyed another eating event as we dinghied into Cantler's from our anchorage for a great seafood meal.

On Saturday, 16 June, *Serenity*, *Calypso*, and *OWalkabout* left Mill Creek to return to Solomons.



On Our Way to Cantler's

Ruste Nayle, *Patty K*, and *Piper* made the short trip into Annapolis City Dock to catch a mooring ball for the last night of the cruise. As a bonus, there was a Greater Washington Corvette Club car show going on at the City Dock. Also, the tall ship replica of the *HMS Bounty* was tied up at City Dock. This is the ship that was built for the movie *Mutiny on the Bounty*. Rod and Pat introduced Rich & Patty to the history and tradition of Chick & Ruth's Deli – still as good as ever.

On Sunday, 17 June, the winds turned light and the trip from Annapolis to Solomons was another day of motor sailing as we left port early in order to get home for some Father's day activities. Another great cruise with great friends and sailors.

Membership News

by John Kriz
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SMSA 2nd Quarter New Members

The SMSA Board of Governors has approved the following new memberships. Please welcome our newest members to SMSA and seek them out at our various SMSA activities.

Tara Chaidez is sponsored by Jenn Marbourg-Miller. Tara lives in Lusby, MD, is interested in keelboat and dinghy racing and our Adult Learn to Sail training. Welcome aboard.

Jeff Robbins is sponsored by Jimmy Yurko. Jeff lives in California, MD, and is interested in both large and small boat sailing and racing with SMSA. He's a Laser sailor from Buffalo and is registered for the Thursday night series in his boat "Speedy". Welcome aboard.

Thurman Hill is sponsored by Kristi Yurko. Thurman lives in Lexington Park, MD, and is interested in keelboat racing, cruising, and our Adult Learn to Sail training. Thurman also sails with the Navy Patuxent Sailing Club (NPSC). Welcome aboard.

Christopher and Ashley Vincent are sponsored by Jolie Homsher. Christopher and Ashley recently relocated to Calvert County from Los Angeles. Christopher is an experienced Pacific Mariner who enjoys both keel boat cruising and dinghy racing. Christopher also has Laser regatta experience and is interested in sailing with us. Welcome aboard.

Bill Crystoff and Vincenza Cumbo are sponsored by Megan Hildenberger. Bill and Vincenza live in Lexington Park and they are interested in dinghy racing and our Adult Learn to Sail training. They have a Zuma sailboat named "LWoods" that they will be keeping at SMSA and sailing with us. Welcome aboard.

Bill and Carol Chase are sponsored by Jimmy Yurko. Bill and Carol have their home port in North Myrtle Beach, NC, and are making an extended stay with us here in Southern Maryland. They enjoy racing and cruising aboard their C&C 40 "Spirit" and have found a home here with us at SMSA to socialize, sail, and enjoy the water. Welcome aboard.

Helen Seawell is sponsored by Jimmy Yurko. Helen lives in Dowell, MD, and is interested in learning to sail and participating in our Adult Learn to Sail training. Helen enjoys kayaking, and as a Mathematics, Engineering, Science and Achievement (MESA) sponsor at Calvert Middle

School, she helped build two canoes in two years through the Calvert Marine Museum. Welcome aboard.

Heather and Jason Stumpf are sponsored by Rachel Clift. Heather, Jason, and their two children Caroline and Hunter live in California, MD, and they are interested in Keelboat racing, Cruising, Adult Sail Training Classes, and joining in activities with SMSA. Welcome aboard.

Port Events

by Hannah Schneider
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Aspirations of a Pirate!

This summer I have aspired to learn to sail a Laser. Starting with reasonable goals. First, to not sabotage Commodore Jimmy's, "Moped" (as he affectionately refers to the yellow bottomed boat, he has generously lent me for my endeavor). Second, to not decimate fellow Thursday night small boats/boaters. My 2nd Thursday night race ever. Winds promised to die down... Upgraded to the full rig. Make the 1st race start for my first time ever (I undeniably missed this, two Thursday's past)! And wait for it, wait for it, didn't finish last!!! I am elated!!! 2nd race. Winds build... Mark boat motors out to inform me my position is established. 3rd race. High winds... "Moped" attempts to take out as many of the Portsmouth fleet as possible. Thankful for that failure. Left questioning if I know how to sail at all. "Moped" then flings me from it, refusing to be remounted. Mark boat returns for my rescue. At this point I really want to throw myself on the floor pound hands and feet and give it a good cry. So, I think I am beginning to realize why it took Gilligan so long to get off the island. BTW, the Club does have a Laser for others aspiring to get off the island. Contact Vice Commodore, Jeff Moore vicecommodore@smsa.com to take it out. New to single handed sailing... like me? Girls talk to Jolie, she's the girl kicking the boys' butts. Fellas, talk to Jeff Moore.

Nothing about your event in The Clew?

Write it up and send it to clew@smsa.com by the 20th of the month and it will make the next month's Clew. For best results submit the text and high resolution pictures as **separate** files. For even better results use Picasa to add captions to the pictures. The caption then travels with the picture in the jpeg file.

SMSA Training

by Jenn Miller
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Hope everyone has had a pleasant summer so far! In July, we are planning to offer several First Aid/CPR/AED courses, including a re-certification class and one for Remote First Aid. See the flyers in this edition of the clew for specific details. Remember to contact me to reserve your spot!

If you have any ideas or suggestions for other courses you would like to see, please feel free to contact me.

Communications

by Megan Hildenberger
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Wow Luau

Perfect weather graced the Annual Luau on June 2nd. Colorful leis and Hawaiian shirts swarmed the lawn near Zahniser's Pool Bar following the first day of the Women's Spring Race Series.



Jeff Moore, Hannah Schneider and "Smitty" Smith in the luau mood

Many SMSA members and several Zahniser's slip-holders came together to eat, drink, talk, listen to music, and play games. Life doesn't get much better than being able to stand on the sunny lawn in flip-flops, soaking in the blue sky and mouth-watering scent of food on the grill, sharing tales and drinks with friends. On behalf of all who attended, I would like to extend big thank you's to Zahniser's for hosting, and Carol Smith for organizing, the event!



Great Food

Re-Certification Class for First Aid/CPR/AED

- **When:** July 22nd, 9am-1pm
- **Where:** SMSA clubhouse
14490 Solomons Island Road (located on Solomons Island across from the gazebo)
- **Cost:** \$50/person
- **Pre-requisite:** Attendees must have a must have current card or no more than 30 days expired



In this 4 hour instruction you will be re-certified to administer CPR and to handle 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 and course will only be offered if there is significant participation. Contact **Jenn** at training@smsa.com to register!

Wilderness & Remote First Aid

- July 28th-29th, 9am-5pm (Total Course Length:16 hours)
- SMSA clubhouse
14490 Solomons Island Road (located on Solomons Island across from the gazebo)
- Cost: \$220 (students must be >13 years old & CPR certified)



This emergency response training covers: patient assessment, musculoskeletal & soft tissue injuries, splinting, hypothermia, heat stroke, and a variety of associated topics. This **2 day course** focuses on **providing primary care in remote locations** and extreme weather with non-standard equipment, coping with long-term care when **advanced medical care is more than 30 minutes away**. Upon completion of the course, students earn a 2 year certification from American Safety Health Institute.

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The Women's Spring Series

aka: Broads on Boats

by Megan Hildenberger

It blew for the Women's Spring Series, as usual. What seemed unusual was that the wind was not unmanageable. Saturday morning brought at least 15 knots from the north. Prior to the first start, we on Rakali noticed the other three competitors reefing their mainsails as we all circled around RC near SMSA mark V. Erring on the side of caution, we too began to reef our main. Several minutes later we bagged that idea as we realized the reef line 'lost' its stopper knot and was sucked into the boom as we worked. Robin (our fearless skipper) drove wonderfully under full main, and as the day went on the breeze let up and shifted NNW. That morning also had everyone (RC included) staring towards the sky, as Jolie rose up the mast of Wicked Good! RC set up two W-L races, then finished the day with a course of Windward Mark to V to S and back to V. Sunday brought more sun and slightly less breeze, though the morning ripples displayed remains of whitecaps, with a NW wind around 12 dropping towards 5 closer to Solomons. The RC got in two races starting near race mark B. I spent most of the first leg of race one fixing a snapped cunningham, and the rest of the time wishing I had my camera in my hand! The competition was excellent. With five races and one throw-out, three boats tied for first place with 8 points each! Even taking the 5 second-a-mile penalty for having a man on-board, Bad Cat won the day, with Rakali and Spinnster extremely close, and Wicked Good not far behind.

Women's Spring Series Continued



Rakali, Wicked Good (by a nose), Spinnster and Bad Cat

Small Boat Two-Day Regatta

by Megan Hildenberger

The forecast for the Small Boat Two-Day Regatta (June 9-10) should have warned us all to stay indoors, where air-conditioning and fans would provide better breeze than we would have on the water. Perhaps that's another reason the competitor turnout was smaller than in previous years. Drifting on the glassy river, the breeze would build enough to sucker us into starting a race, then before the first boat got half-way through the course, the breeze would trickle away. But that didn't stop Race Committee from getting 5 races in on the first day, and 2 (almost 3) on the second! Big thanks to RC and Shore Support: Joe and Tracie Kubinec, Terry and Glenn Walters, John Smith, Robin and Mark Witte, Carol Smith, Jim and Jodie Keen, and Jim Whited.



Jolie spends a little quality time aloft on Wicked Good



I might as well get something useful done



This seems a bit crowded!

Pursuit Wins Her Class in the Bermuda Ocean Race

by Norm Dawley

Pursuit, with SMSA members, “Smitty” Smith, Bob Stratton and Norm Dawley aboard and other crew members Ed Shine, Gregg Baldwin and Warren Jones won Class II in the 18th running of the 752 mile race from Annapolis to St. Georges, Bermuda. 25 boats started the race off R2 in Annapolis in the early afternoon of June 6th. We finished 4th boat-for-boat at 0240 on June 13th, 31 hours after the RP 45 Sjambok, 5 hours after the J160 Condor and 1 hour after the J120 Heron. The next boat, Crocodile, a Beneteau First 40.7 also from Solomons did not finish for nearly 15 more hours. For the ocean leg we averaged 6.9 knots rather than the 8.9 knots of our 2008 rocket ship ride.

This was the gentlest of any of my 8 trips to Bermuda, little rain, little water on deck and nothing over 20 knots. There was not a cloud in the sky in the Gulf Stream going to, or returning from Bermuda. The water temperature was about the only way you could tell that you were really in the Gulf Stream.

Most of the serious racing boats are enjoying freeze dried food, but that is not our way. We even manage to convince the oven to cook a filet mignon roast for the half-way dinner and round it out with some champagne.



Bob Stratton, "This is the way to travel."

VX ONE Visits SMSA

by Megan Hildenberger

Brian Bennett, designer and builder of the VX One, brought Hull # 3 to SMSA on June 23rd (along with owner Dave Guggenheim). Our Commodore and Vice Commodore shuttled over a dozen SMSA members, and several guests, to and from the boat all day long for hands-on demonstrations. The early morning saw only light northerly breeze under a hot sun, but by noon a nice sea breeze moved in for more lively test drives. I found it to be a very spacious, well-organized, simple, elegant, and highly addictive dinghy. From the surrounding smiles, most others seemed to agree with my view. It's certainly not your grandparents' boat. We couldn't thank Brian and Dave enough for traveling 10 hours to put on a wonderfully interactive show for us. Thanks are also due to Mark Witte for initiating the visit, and to both Robin and Mark for hosting the VX One team. <http://vxonedesignracing.com>



The Race

We had a good, if very slow start. The current was pushing us towards the line and there was little wind so we were very conservative, but we came out well in a huge shift and started on starboard with the spinnaker while most were on port making very little distance down the course. Soon we were ahead of everyone but Sjambok. The wind came ahead for a slow beat into a SE breeze until dark. We did well and defended the western side of the course but still lost to Heron, Integrity and a few others when it finally went to the SW. We think we passed most of them except Heron in this heavier air. We

got out of the bay at 0800 Saturday, which is quite good considering the slow beat for much of Friday afternoon. We were 4th out of the bay and could see Condor and Heron ahead. But we could also see Gallant, Integrity and Poco a Poco a few miles behind us. So no glory on time for the leg out of the bay.

The rest of Saturday we had to sail very deep in a light WSW breeze. Sunday and Monday it picked up and went more southerly. We were getting up to 8 knots and most boats slid over the horizon astern. We stayed north of the rhumb line to hopefully have a bit more breeze and to get the expected NE shift sooner.

The NE shift did come and by early Tuesday morning we were close reaching with the double head rig and a reef at well over eight knots which we kept up much of the day, mostly without the reef. Then the wind went aft and we set the fractional



Warren, winner of the Weems & Plath Navigator's Trophy, shows off his leech line adjusting skills.

reaching chute and later the big masthead reaching chute. As we got closer to Bermuda the wind was shifting frequently and annoyingly between nearly downwind, NW, and too close for the spinnaker, NE, but we worked it well with no major foul ups or spinnaker wraps. We did break a guy with a very large bang, but amazingly the much smaller and weaker foreguy held and there was no ensuing spinnaker flogging off to leeward. We hardly even slowed and were soon re-rigged using the lazy guy.

As we approached Bermuda the large seas made identifying the characteristic flashes of each navigation mark very difficult as we would miss flashes when we were in the troughs, until we were within less than a mile. Bermuda is a very nasty place to approach from the west. In many places if you had the wrong mark and did not figure it out



Smitty relaxing at the nav station

until the last mile you would be on the reef. But being very careful with eyes, sounder, GPS and radar we had no problems. With the radar we could also see Heron and closed to within 4.5 miles, but as she was turning the marks first thereby getting faster angles she gained a bit, but we saved our time for a second in fleet on corrected time.



The Return

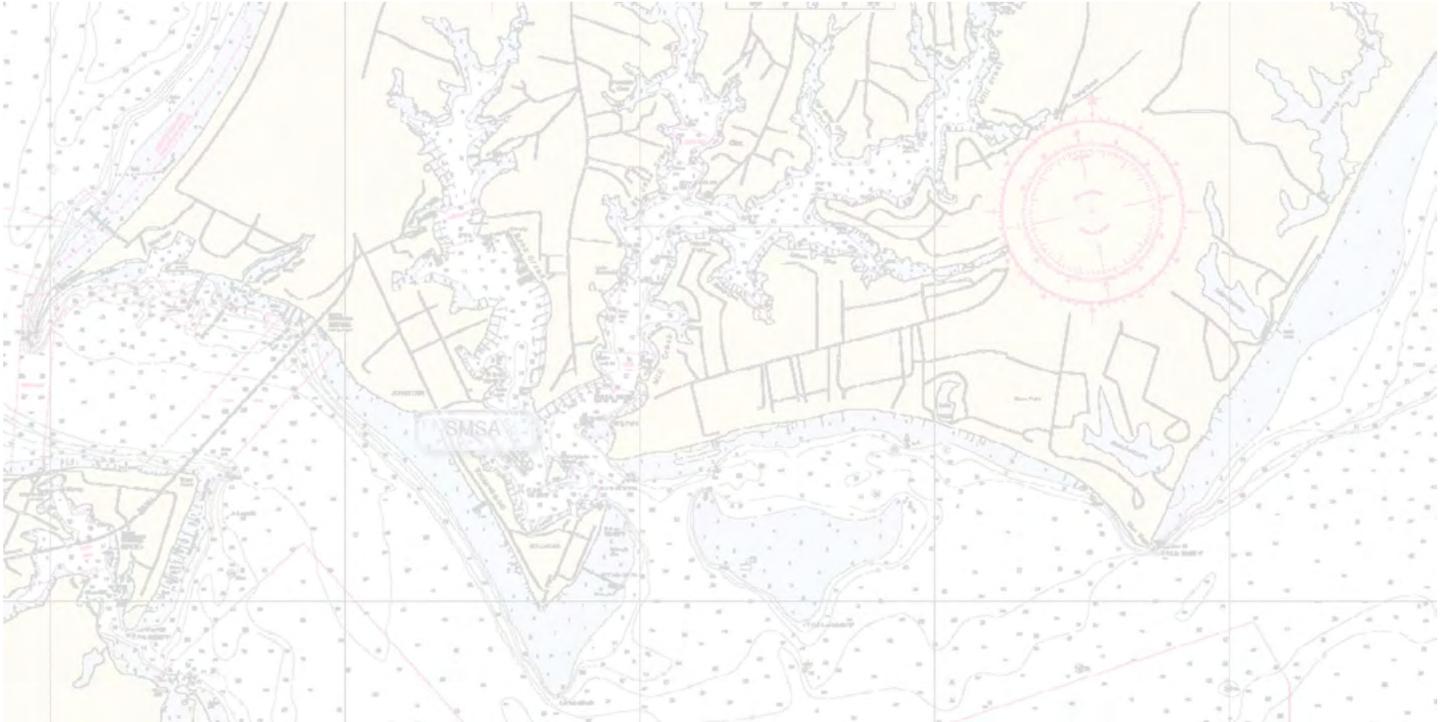
Much of the fleet left Sunday noon to return. The forecast was for a weak front to pass with 25 knots and some rain in the morning and then to clear up. We headed out into the 25 knots and rain at about noon and set the main. When we got to Kitchen Shoal it was blowing 35 and pouring rain. We reefed. At the NE Breaker it was blowing 40. In another half hour it was blowing 45 and peaking at 50. Luckily we had plenty of sea room so we took the main down and bare poled it as the wind moved into the 50s. It turned out that we were in the beginning of what later became hurricane Chris. Very ugly.

After that it went dead flat and we motored for 80 hours at 1600 rpm (5 knots) to conserve fuel. We stayed well south to get a good slant when the westerly came in and had a very nice sail through the gulf stream and into Little Creek, VA for Customs.



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5	Thu	Small Boat Thursday Night Race 1830
6	Fri	Friday Happy Hour 1700
7	Sat	Adult Learn to Sail Class 0900
7	Sat	Vice Comm Cup Race/Cruise to St. Leona 1000
8	Sun	Adult Learn to Sail Class 0900
9	Mon-Fri	Junior Summer Camps 0900
9	Mon	BOD Meeting 1900
11	Wed	Keelboat Wed. Night Races 1830
12	Thu	Small Boat Thursday Night Race 1830
13	Fri	Friday Happy Hour 1700
14	Sat	Adult Learn to Sail Class 0900
14	Sat	Screwpile Welcome Party 1700
15	Sun	Adult Learn to Sail Class 0900
15	Sun-Tues	Screwpile Lighthouse Challenge 1030
16	Mon-Fri	Junior Summer Camps 0900
18	Wed	Keelboat Wed. Night Races 1830
19	Thu	Small Boat Thursday Night Race 1830
20	Fri	Clew Inputs Due
20	Fri	Friday Happy Hour 1700
20	Fri	Commodore's Dinner 1900
21	Sat	Adult Learn to Sail Class 0900
21	Sat	First Aid/CPR/AED Class 1000
21	Sat-Sun	Oxford Cruise
22	Sun	Adult Learn to Sail Class 0900
22	Sun	Re-Cert First Aid/CPR/AED Class 1000
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27	Fri	Friday Happy Hour 1700
28	Sat	Happy Hour Raft/Cruise
28	Sat-Sun	Wilderness & Remote First Aid 0900
30	Mon-Fri	Junior Summer Camps 0900
30	Mon	Chair Meeting 1900

August		
1	Wed	Keelboat Wed. Night Races 1830
2	Thu	Small Boat Thursday Night Race 1830
3	Fri	Friday Happy Hour 1700
6	Mon-Fri	Junior Summer Camps 0900
8	Wed	Keelboat Wed. Night Races 1830
9	Thu	Small Boat Thursday Night Race 1830
10	Fri	Friday Happy Hour 1700
11	Sat	Adult Learn to Sail Class 0900
11	Sat	Crab Feast Rendezvous 1600
12	Sun	Adult Learn to Sail Class 0900
13	Mon-Fri	Junior Summer Camps 0900
13	Mon	BOD Meeting 1900
15	Wed	Keelboat Wed. Night Races 1830
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17	Fri	Friday Happy Hour 1700
17	Fri	Commodore's Dinner 1900
18	Sat	Adult Learn to Sail Class 0900
18	Sat	Mixed Couples Race/Cruise
19	Sun	Adult Learn to Sail Class 0900
19	Sun	Mixed Couples Race/Cruise
20	Mon	Clew Inputs Due
22	Wed	Keelboat Wed. Night Races 1830
23	Thu	Small Boat Thursday Night Race 1830
24	Fri-Sun	Annap Summer Garden Theater Cruise
24	Fri	Friday Happy Hour 1700
26	Sun	Scott Kirby Concert 1630
27	Mon	Chair Meeting 1900
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