



Well ladies and gentlemen, as I write this column I am sitting at the clubhouse in a racing rules seminar that is pretty darned interesting. Not so much because of the subject matter, which is always interesting, or the presenter, (Dave Perry, who I could read about or see in person at numerous appearances) but because of the new presentation technique. We're currently sitting in a group of about 20 sailors, watching an interactive "Webinar". If you haven't participated in this type of training before, it surely is different than other trainings I've participated in the past, and it's great to be here sharing the experience with so many good friends.

The Commodore's Corner

by Jimmy Yurko
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We've got much to be excited about, and I've got to keep this column short...since the racing and cruising season is upon us...though some folks never took a break! Frostbites are starting this weekend, and the training schedule is really heating up!

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Clubhouse Cleanup

March 23, 9 am

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

Contact either:

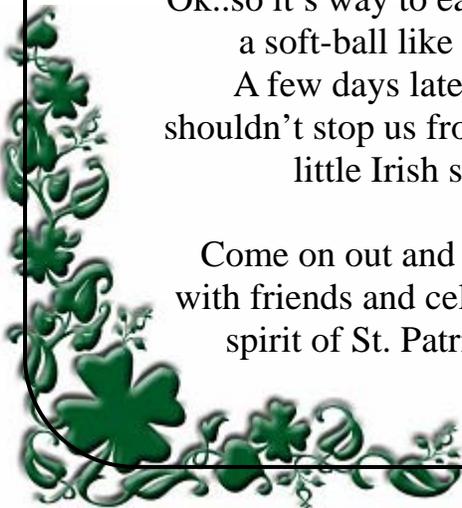
Jolie Homsher or Marty Millen
facility@smsa.com

Commodore's Dinner for March "A Touch of Green" March 22nd, 7pm

Ok..so it's way to easy to pass up a soft-ball like this one.

A few days late, but that shouldn't stop us from enjoying a little Irish spirit.

Come on out and spend time with friends and celebrate in the spirit of St. Patrick's Day



Opening Day

April 6th

Check out the social column for the Opening Day schedule of events!

SMSA is looking for a Clew Editor. Do you like desktop publishing? Are you interested in keeping up with SMSA events. Would you like to help others keep up with SMSA events? If you're interested email commodore@smsa.com

The weather is getting warmer. Are you ready to set sail?!?

Thanks to everyone that came out for Race Management Training – we had a *great* turn-out, so I am expecting every race committee to be a great race committee this year!

Coming up in March and April, we've got the following events scheduled for your edification:

Racing Rules Seminar: March 3rd after the first Frostbite Race

First Aid/CPR: April 13th, 10am-5pm

Re-Certification for First Aid/CPR: April 14th, 9-1pm

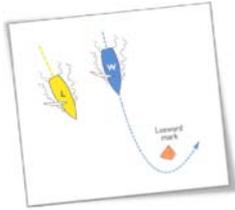
Maryland Boater's Safety Course: April 20th & 21st, 1-5pm

Look for Flyers at the clubhouse or the weekly email newsletter for details.

Jenn Miller

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Racing Rules of Sailing Seminar



Don't understand a situation
you've been in on the race
course?

Bring the scenario and
we'll figure it out together!

- March 3rd 5pm (after race results)
- SMSA Clubhouse
- Focused on The Racing Rules of Sailing for 2013—2016

Topics include Mark Roundings, What to do when boats meet on the course, Starting Rules, Finishing Rules, and Protest Hearings.

Come Join us and meet some fellow sailors!

Contact **Jenn** at training@smsa.com with questions.

Junior Program

Ed Sierra
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The Junior Program has made some great strides this past month! We have hired on a US Sailing Certified Head Sailing Instructor, two Assistant Sailing Instructors, and are currently looking for

any teenage volunteers who are interested in helping out with the Junior Program. If you have anyone in mind who you think would make a great volunteer, and would one day like to become an instructor, please refer them to the Junior Program. Registration for all Summer 2013 courses is currently open on www.smsa.com. Sign up soon and don't miss out on these great opportunities! Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis. If you have any questions please email junior@smsa.com.

Are you familiar with this button?

Find crew, a ride, or both!

This button lives on the front page of the SMSA website. Click on it to link to the SMSA crew and “crew finder” Yahoo! group. This is an email group, easy to join & use. This website is a group that we set up last fall to help people match boats/crew...

Originally I had racers in mind, but it would probably work even better for people looking for casual daysails etc...If you don't have the SMSA homepage bookmarked, or you really like typing...here is the direct URL to the group site:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/SMSAcrew/>

Cruising Corner

By Rod Schroeder
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While some of our cruisers are still enjoying fair weather down south, either by land or sea, the rest of us should be completing our winter boat projects and contemplating spring commissioning in order to get ready

for the 2013 cruising season. A full schedule of cruises has been planned and the final schedule has been submitted for publication in the Yearbook and is also available on the Cruise section of the SMSA web site. Note that there are still several opportunities for someone to volunteer as a cruise leader, and there are also a couple of “Where the Wind Blows” cruises that need leaders and destinations identified. We will make these adjustments to the on-line web schedule as we move forward into the season.

Note that our plans include a Labor Day cruise that will meet up with our Cruise South participants in Crisfield over the Labor Day weekend from 30 Aug through 2 Sep to enjoy their annual Crab Festival with crab races, crab picking, boat docking contest, parade, fireworks, etc. This was a favorite event for SMSA sailors in years past, so we thought it was time to go back again. Since this is a popular weekend at Crisfield, it is highly recommended that reservations be made early at Somers Cove Marina as they will begin to fill up soon. Reservations can be made by contacting Susan Ford at the Somers Cove Marina office (410-968-0925) or on-line at their web site. Let them know that you are with the SMSA group so that they can try to keep our group close together for slip assignments.

Hope to see you all at the SMSA Opening Day festivities, and perhaps we can get more than a couple of boats out for the Opening Day Cruise the following week in April.

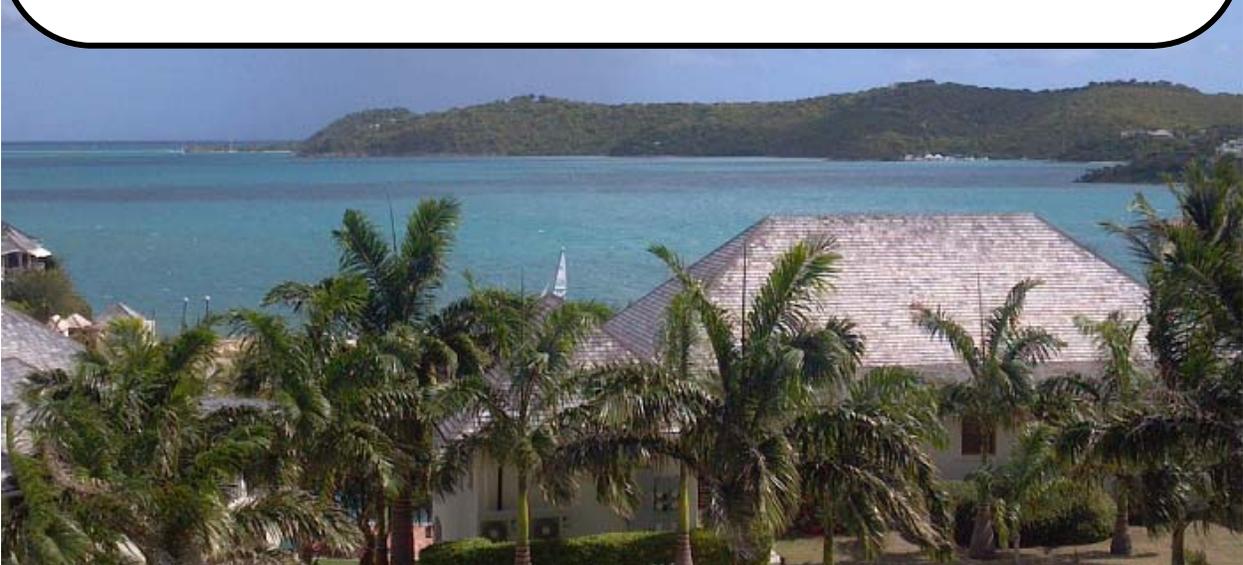
Rod Schroeder, SMSA Cruise Chairman, 410-326-0167, rodschroeder@comcast.net

**How about small boat sailing in January?
Without freezing your bucc off?**



Attention! Attention! Try out a warm, Caribbean resort in Antigua that has RS Q'ba's, Hobie 15's, RS Vega's and RS Elites for sailing. It's fun and you don't freeze your bucc off! And the only problem is sometimes it can be too windy! What a nice problem to have. Because then all you can do is laze on the beach under a palm tree, or learn how to kite board, or go sightseeing around the island. And the other neat thing to do is to dance in the sand when you hear it's snowing back home. Anyway, I feel it's my job to try out new resorts and report back to small boat sailors about new locations to try. So check out Nonsuch Bay Resort in Antigua. It's on the east side of the island and very, very windy. It's great!

Tracy Kubinec



Re-Certification Class for First Aid/CPR/AED

When: April 14th, 9am-1pm

Where: SMSA clubhouse

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).

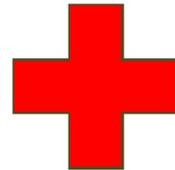
SPACES ARE LIMITED and course will only be offered if there is significant participation. Contact Jenn at training@smsa.com to register!

First Aid/CPR/AED Certification Course

When: April 13th, 10am-5pm

Where: SMSA clubhouse

Cost: \$65/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).



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Off-site Training Opportunities

North U: North U is the Education Division of North Sails. Check out their website for more information about their Seminars and Webinars. <http://www.northu.com/>

Basic Marine Weather – Chesapeake Area Professional Captain's Association: April 20th and 21st in Annapolis. For more information visit <http://www.capca.net/Education.asp>



Port Event

Speak Easy

By Hannah Schneider

On Saturday evening the Pax Rats brought the club down with kick backs from the 1920's, it was as though we had invited Frank Sinatra himself! Though, we did have our own Frank Gerred starring as a Funeral home director at first glance & Speakeasy doorman upon password. You can really turn a sailor into a gentleman with a vest, black tie, suit pants & a fedora & a sailing club toward a Prohibition Era with white table clothes, candles, boa's & more. Friends from the St. Mary's tennis club joined us



as 1920's tennis players. Tim Flaherty showed everyone his machine gun. All of the flapper ladies showed their legs. Everyone sported & downed one or two or three of Betsy Dodge's Aquamarine martini's! Myself, I especially enjoyed meeting the twenty-five year old side of Lois Zonderman, swing dancing, and seeing Robin Witte happily dancing! It was evident everyone enjoyed dressing up for the evening just as much as the evening. Every club member asked if we could have the Pax Rats band back for



our Awards banquet. What a fun way to pass the blistery winter till sunnier sailor days!

Many thanks to our volunteers who made this event fun for us all. Thank you for helping in big ways Frank Gerred, Betsy Dodge, Mike Major, Hannah & Daniel Schneider, and Terry Walters!

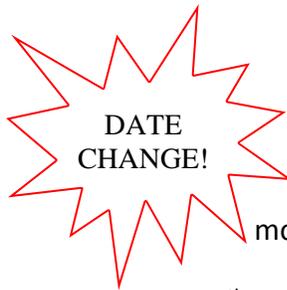
- Be at the club Friday March 1 at 1800 hrs for the small boat kickoff mtg. Subjects to be covered include the new Spring Warm Up and Fall Sun-down small boat series, race committee assignments, and open discussion about the Small Boat Program.

- The Spring Warm Up Series has been moved from Thursday nights to Saturday afternoons to allow us to take advantage of more daylight and the warmer temperatures likely during midday. Please be advised that suitable cold weather sailing attire(wetsuit or drysuit) will be required for all participants.

Smallboat Race Program

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Maryland Boater's Safety Class



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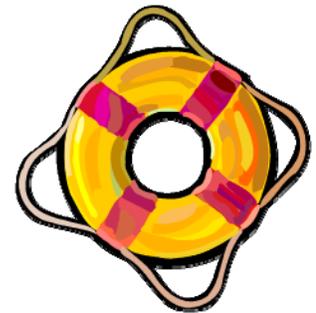
If you were born ON or AFTER July 1, 1972, MD law requires that you possess a certificate of boating safety education to operate any motorized vessel. The certificate is good for life.

When: April 20th and 21st 1-5pm (4 hours each day)

Where: SMSA Clubhouse

Cost: \$20 course fee

Students must attend all classroom sessions & achieve a score of 80% on the exam to pass. The exam will be administered following the second session. Certificates will be issued upon successful completion of the course.



REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED by April 15th!

Contact Jenn Miller at training@smsa.com to sign up!

Social Update

Eric Smith
social@smsa.com

I would like to start by introducing myself as this year's Social Chair. My name is Eric Smith and I have been a member of SMSA since 2010. I am a small boat racer, racing on a Buccaneer 18 named The Dragon Warrior. This is my first year serving as your Social Chair.

Our first event will be Opening Day/SMSA's Birthday. This is a SMSA tradition where members celebrate the anniversary of the club's founding and recognizes its Founding, Charter and Emeritus Members along with past Commodores. Opening Day will be a full day and night event. Following a Flag Ceremony, a brunch is donated by the membership along with 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, the party will continue on into the night with music and drink specials. For the brunch, everyone is asked to bring a dish to share. The night event will have hors d'oeuvres provided by the club. 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 anytime. I am looking forward to seeing and meeting all of our new members.

As always in a strictly volunteer organization, if you have any interest 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!



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contact harney yacht rigging at: (703) 283 - 2317

Membership News

membership@smsa.com

SMSA 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.

Chris Helmkamp is a new young adult member sponsored by John Kriz. Chris lives in Mechanicsville, MD, and is interested in participating in our club activities and sailing/racing with us. Chris is the new owner of Cheetah (New York 36). Welcome aboard.

Spencer and Rebecca Wait are new members sponsored by Shawn Stanley. Spencer and Rebecca and their children Jacob (6) and Adeline (1-1/2) live in California, MD. They are just returning to the area and are excited to participate in SMSA events again. Welcome aboard.

Jason and Jenna Mead are new members sponsored by Jimmy Yurko. They live in Lexington Park, MD, and are excited to race their Olson 30 Sloopy with us. Welcome aboard.

Welcome Aboard!

Eric and Lisa Smith are the proud parents of Zoey, born Feb. 24, 2013.

Her big brothers are Eric, William, and Ashton.



Fore Sail

Seidelmann 25 sailboat

Joy Point Marina

Contact: wfrye@smcm.edu

I lived this sailing/racing hybrid and sailed her for two years and I was going to revamp her but sadly met financial hurdles. She has no outboard currently. Priced to move at \$800 OBO.

Comes with:

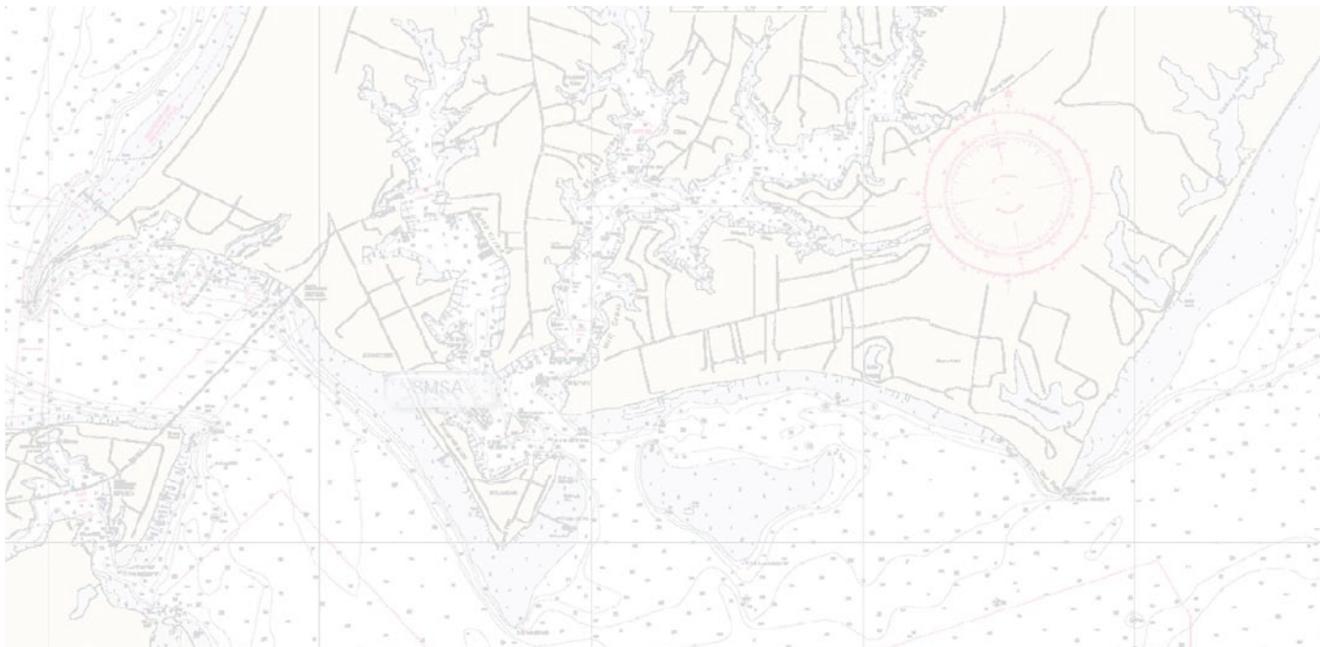
- (2) 50 lb Bruce anchors for serious seas
- (1) 25 lb danforth anchor
- LOTS OF ROPE
- 4 new dynamic nylon dock lines
- Cushions for cockpit
- Solar panel, batter and charger
- Brand New handheld Waterproof VHF radio
(2 Li batts)
- LED cabin lights (runs off solar)
- Boathook
- Small Galley
- 1 V-berth
- 1 extended berth on port side
- 1 small couch on starboard side
- 4 Bumpers
- Flare Gun and Flares (flares are expired)
- Marine Extinguisher (Fully charged)
- 2 Large water jerry's
- Clean Title
- Main Sail, Jib, and Genoa (110?)
- (2) 12' Oars
- Type IV Floation device
- Main Sail Cover
- Basics charts of Solomons Area
- Work ongoing/progress on her:
 - New Fabricated Tiller
 - New Lifelines
 - Brightwork
 - Installation of new Main sheet





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March			
3	Sun	Racing Rules of Sailing Seminar	1700
6	Wed	North U Racing Rules & Tactics	1800
8	Fri	Friday Happy Hour	1700
10	Sun	Keelboat Frostbite Racing Series	1300
15	Fri	Friday Happy Hour	1700
16	Sat	Small Boat Warm-up Race Series	1300
17	Sun	Keelboat Frostbite Racing Series	1300
18	Mon	SMSA's 41st Birthday	
22	Fri	Friday Happy Hour	1700
22	Fri	Commodore's Dinner	1900
23	Sat	Club Cleanup Day	0900
23	Sat	Small Boat Warm-up Race Series	1300
24	Sun	Keelboat Frostbite Racing Series	1300
25	Mon	Chair Meeting	1900
29	Fri	Friday Happy Hour	1700
30	Sat	Small Boat Warm-up Race Series	1300
31	Sun	Keelboat Frostbite Racing Series	1300

April			
6	Sat	Opening Day	
6	Sat	SmallBoat Warm-Up Series Race	1300
7	Sun	Laser Frostbite Race	1300
8	Mon	Board of Directors meeting	1900
10	Wed	Wed Night Race Series	1830
11	Thur	Small Boat Summer Series	1830
12	Fri	Friday Happy Hour	1700
13	Sat	First Aid/CPR	1000
14	Sun	First Aid/CPR Recertification	0900
14	Sun	Laser Frostbite Race	1300
17	Wed	Wed Night Race Series	18:30
18	Thur	Small Boat Summer Series	1830
19	Fri	Friday Happy Hour	1700
20	Sat	Clew Inputs Due	
20	Sat	Boaters Safety Course	1300
21	Sun	Boaters Safety Course	1300
21	Sun	Laser Frostbite Race	1300