



BRING A GUEST AND TAKE SOMEONE SAILING!!

The Commodore's Corner

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Never fear, Spring is almost here! SMSA has a full slate of stuff coming up to prove it! Opening Day is April 5th, with breakfast at 9:30am, ceremony at 11am and lunch and/or sailing afterward. Before April even gets here, we have the Mardi Gras/Glow In The Dark Party on March 1st, keelboat frostbites beginning on Sunday, March 2nd, and Gary Jobson coming near the end of the month on Saturday the 29th.



Getting more people out sailing and to join SMSA is a primary mission of many of the Officers, Chairs and Board members. With this in mind I have started Meetup.com group called the "Southern Maryland Sailing Meetup." Quite simply, the goal is to get together people who are interested in sailing so they can hook up to be crew on each other's boats. People without boats, including newbies, are encouraged to join, as are those with boats willing to take out crew.

That last point is important, as I keep hearing from SMSA racing skippers about how difficult it is to find crew. Captain, the Sailing Meetup is another chance for YOU to mingle with eager people and put them on your boat for a few races or even the season.

Cruising skippers and any non-boat owning SMSA members are also encouraged to join the Meetup group and come to the meetings. Although the this group is not technically part of SMSA, some of its meetings will be held at the clubhouse, and the Meetup will be a terrific way to introduce new people not only to sailing in Southern Maryland, but to SMSA.

If you've never heard of Meetup.com, check it out now. It's a fun way for folks to start informal clubs and gather people of like-interests. Many organizations like SMSA use Meetup to attract new members. Join the Southern Maryland Sailing group and plan to come to our first event on Sunday, March 16th at 5pm at The Ruddy Duck in Solomons. That gives you plenty of time to do the frostbite and still go to results at SMSA beforehand!

If that's not enough, we have scheduled our 2nd annual Solomons Crew Listing Party for May 18th at 5pm. This will take place after the Frost-Goode Race. SpinSheet Magazine is going to sponsor and help us get the word out. We are still working on details, so look for more later.

Membership renewals are still coming in. If you haven't paid yet for 2014, you are technically overdue. Megan Hildenberger is already hard at work on the yearbook, so make sure you don't delay in getting your payment in soon. We don't want your listing left out, and she must get your info from the membership chair ASAP!

Most of our events are open to invited guests (although admission / participation prices are usually higher for those folks) so bring someone along and get them interested in sailing and SMSA. What's the best thing you can do to get them hooked? TAKE THEM SAILING!

Join us for Cajun and Creole appetizers, Hurricanes and glow in the dark drinks!

Wear glow in the dark apparel or be amazed by the black lights.

We hope to see you there!

Lisa, Robin, Nichole, and Kristi



March 1st

Cruise Planning Meeting

Where do you want to go this season?
Help plan this season's cruises.

9am
SMSA Clubhouse

RC Boat Checkout

Want to run RC but don't know how to operate the RC Boat?
Get checked out and learn the tricks.

10:30am
Zahniser's Yachting Center, G Dock

Launch Race Marks

It's Racing Time!
That means its time to splash the marks.
Help get us ready for the season.

11am
Zahniser's Yachting Center, G Dock

Opening Day

April 5th, 2014

Schedule of Events:

9:30AM Doors Open - Brunch!

10:30AM Opening Ceremony

Come and join us for Mimosas, Bloody Marys, and brunch!

Bring a Dish to share.

Yearbooks will also be ready for pick up.

Afternoon:

Go for a sail during the afternoon, bring your kids, play some games or just hang out at the club.

The clubhouse is open all day.

Evening Party:

Let's Celebrate the Start of a new Season!

6pm: Hourly drink specials starting at 6pm

Hors d'oeuvres and music all night.

Hang out with friends—new and old!



A view of the ice from the SMSA docks during February...



Celebrating Sailing

A Lecture by Gary Jobson

Sat 29 Mar, 7:00 PM at the SMSA Clubhouse

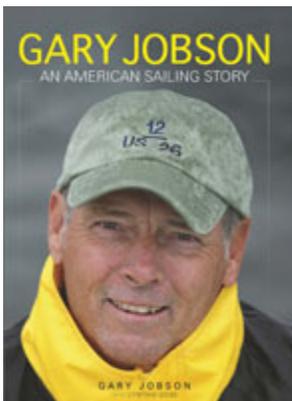
\$10 for SMSA Members (Advance Purchase)

\$15 for Non-members and all door sales (if available)



The 34th America's Cup proved to be one of the most exciting comebacks in all of sports. NBC commentator, Gary Jobson, was on the water every day for the Louis Vuitton Challenger Trials and the America's Cup broadcasting live. Gary will present an exclusive inside look of this amazing story.

In addition Gary will present a preview of his new film, *Unfurling the World*, the Voyages of Irving and Exy Johnson 1933 -1958, and a feature on speed sailing, the quest to be the fastest sailboat on the water.



On Sale Now!

"Gary Jobson: An American Sailing Story"

Gary Jobson's memoir published in 2011.

\$26.95

Pre-Order yours from the SMSA Website today!

Also available the day of the lecture.

SMSA receives 40% of all sales during his visit to our club.

Commodore's Dinner

March 21st, 7pm

Carnivores' Delight

Bring something with MEAT in it.

(Ok, veggies are acceptable too...)



Looking for SMSA swag?

Check out the SMSA website for a variety of SMSA Polos, t-shirts, tech shirts (long and short sleeve, hats, visors, bags, fleece vests, pendants, and more!



Order online by **March 18th**.

Merchandise will be available at Opening Day (April 5th).

By the time you are reading this, we will have finalized our SMSA Cruise Schedule for the 2014 season. Check the website and the yearbook for the complete schedule of destinations and cruise activities. As in the past, we will include email cruise reminders and itinerary changes on the "This Week at SMSA" announcements sent out each week during the season. Thanks to those who provided input and/or have volunteered to be a cruise leader. There are plenty of cruise leader opportunities still available – please contact me (cruise@smsa.com) if interested. Hope to see all of you at Opening Day ceremonies on 5 April.

Cruising Corner

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Cruise Planning Meeting

March 1, 0900

Season Opener Cruise

April 12-13

Racing Rules Seminars

4:30—5:30 pm

Following the Frostbite Races

02 March: Definitions and Starting

09 March: Upwind and Upwind Mark Roundings

16 March: Downwind, Downwind Mark Roundings and Finishing

SMSA is looking for....

1. 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?

2. Training and Education Chairperson

Do you like learning new things and providing others with the opportunity to learn? What do you want to learn about? Others probably want that too!

If you're interested email commodore@smsa.com

Spring Clean Up Day

Sat, March 22nd, 9am

Help give the clubhouse and grounds a spring cleaning just in time for opening day!

Hi everyone! Please plan to join us for our "Spring Club Clean up Day"! We have projects and cleaning that need to get done as our programs gear up for the new Sailing season! We hope to get things started around 9 am and go until tasks are done! Whether you can pitch in just an hour, or you can volunteer more time, we have a job for you! Please contact facility@smsa.com and let your Facility Chairs, Mardy and Jolie, know if we can count on your help! Thank you in advance! :)

2014 Junior Sailing Camp Registration

Now OPEN!!!

Go to www.smsa.com to register today!

Intro to Sailing Open House

Friday, April 18th, 6pm

Invite your friends and pass the word. SMSA is having an Intro to sailing Open house. Learn some basics about sailing, see what is available in the local area for sailing, find out how to learn to sail, and meet some new folks.



Intro to Racing Tactics

Sunday, May 4th, 4pm

Already know how to sail and want to know how to Race? Come join us for an evening of introductory tactics and an intro to racing. Perfect for the beginner racer or for those that want to hone their skills.

Volunteers Needed

Whether you are new to the club or an old salt, we need you to come and contribute. The SMSA programs are staffed by all member volunteers. We don't keep a paid staff so that means you own 100% of your experience with SMSA. If you want to see something happen here...all you have to do is volunteer and make it happen.

There are still plenty of opportunities for you to help. Keep an eye out for calls for volunteers. Of course if you just want to get involved, and don't want to be in charge, then you can contact any of the current program chairs or officers and jump onto a committee and contribute that way.

Thank you in advance for your contribution to YOUR club! Its going to be a GREAT year!

Please contact the Commodore at commodore@smsa.com with ideas or to volunteer to help.

Membership Renewal Time!

It's that time of year again – time to renew your SMSA membership.



Renewals were due on February 15th.

Go online at www.smsa.com to renew today!

There is so much going on at SMSA, that we had to move the calendar off the back page! Check out what's happening. There is something for everyone.

March	
01 Sat 9:00a	Cruise Planning Meeting
01 Sat 10:30a	RC Boat Checkout Class
01 Sat 11:00a	Launch Race Marks
01 Sat 7:00p	Mardi Gras Glow in the Dark Party
02 Sun 1:00p	Spring Frostbite Race #1
02 Sun 4:30p	Racing Rules Seminar: Definitions and Starting
07 Fri 5:00p	Friday Happy Hour
09 Sun 1:00p	Spring Frostbite Race #2
09 Sun 4:30p	Racing Rules Seminar: Upwind and Upwind Mark Roundings
10 Mon 7:00p	BOD meeting
14 Fri 5:00p	Friday Happy Hour
14 Fri 7:00p	Small Boat Kickoff Meeting
16 Sun 1:00p	Spring Frostbite Race #3
16 Sun 4:30p	Racing Rules: Downwind, Downwind Mark Roundings and Finishing
20 Thu —	Clew Inputs Due
21 Fri 5:00p	Friday Happy Hour
21 Fri 7:00p	Commodore's Dinner
22 Sat 9:00a	Spring Clean Up Day
23 Sun 1:00p	Spring Frostbite Race #4
28 Fri 5:00p	Friday Happy Hour
29 Sat 7:00p	Gary Jobson Seminar

April	
04 Fri 5:00p	Friday Happy Hour
05 Sat 9:30a	Opening Day—Doors open for Brunch
05 Sat 10:30a	Opening Day Ceremony
05 Sat Noon	Games and Sailing!
05 Sat 6:00p	Opening Day Evening Party
09 Wed 6:30p	Keelboat Race Series
10 Thu 6:30p	Small Boat Summer Series
11 Fri 5:00p	Friday Happy Hour
12 Sat —	Season Opener Cruise
16 Wed 6:30p	Keelboat Race Series
17 Thu 6:30p	Small Boat Summer Series
18 Fri 5:00p	Commodore's Dinner
18 Fri 5:00p	Friday Happy Hour
18 Fri 6:00p	Intro to Sailing Open House
20 Sun —	Clew Inputs Due
23 Wed 6:30p	Keelboat Race Series
24 Thu 6:30p	Small Boat Summer Series
25 Fri 5:00p	Friday Happy Hour
26 Sat	Little Choptank Race
27 Sun	Spring Invitational Race
28 Mon 7:00p	Chair Meeting
30 Wed 6:30p	Keelboat Race Series

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



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April 5th, 2014

Schedule of Events:

9:30a: Doors Open. Mimosas, Bloody Marys, and Brunch (Bring a Dish to Share and pick up your yearbook)

10:30a: Opening Ceremony

Afternoon: Go for a sail or paddle—use the club boats and kayaks. Bring the kids to play air hockey, darts, ping pong, and corn hole. Or just come and enjoy the day.

6pm: Hourly Drink Specials Begin

Evening Party: Let's Celebrate the Start of a new Season!

Hors d'oeuvres and music all night.