



Greetings! The sailing season is fully underway. The only program we are still waiting to start is the Junior Program next month. Intrepid dinghy sailors have braved the chilly air and water temps in April, and the keelboat program has faced some breezy and challenging days. Even the cruisers have had a couple of events and braved this cool spring.

### The Commodore's Corner

By Tim Flaherty  
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May will be particularly exciting for SMSA because this is the month when we expect to take delivery of our new (to us, anyway) fleet of 420 International Dinghies. We will have six of these boats that will come in very handy for our Junior Program and for adult and kid's sail training. We expect them to be available for members to take out on Thursday night races, and we will put a system in place where a member can check out a boat for a leisurely sail whenever they aren't in use by one of our programs. The 420s are a big part of our goal of making sure SMSA is the best, most complete sailing organization in the area, if not the state. All of our members will have access to sailing and to the water, and our children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews will always have a place to learn and grow as sailors and as people at SMSA.

I'd like to thank everyone who came out to make Opening Day a success. Special thanks go to Rear Commodore Jimmy Yurko, Facilities Co-Chair Jolie Homsher and the crew they put together to get the clubhouse ready and to put on the days festivities. Special shout-outs go to Jason Mead and Mike Major. Jason, because he provided us with a sound system for us to use for the Flag Raising Ceremony. Mike, because he does a terrific job of stocking and managing the bar. I also mistakenly skipped over his name when introducing club leaders at the ceremony. To make up for this, I will start a "Member Profile" column in a future Clew, and Mike will be the first member featured.

Finally, please come out Sunday, May 18th at 5:00 pm for our annual Crew Listing Party sponsored by Spinsheet Magazine and Miller Lite Beer. This is a great way to get crew for boats, or to find people to sail with. We will be featuring \$2 Miller Light beers and free food! Bring your friends and non-sailing neighbors, and let's see if we get them to be part of our scene!



## Commodore's Dinner

May 16th, 7pm

**Seafood!**



# Crew Listing Party

May 18th, 5pm



Want to join a sailing crew or know someone who does? Meet skippers and other sailors, find the boat that fits you.

Need Crew? Want to meet some excited new faces who want to sail?  
Come join us at SMSA on the evening of May 18th and find a perfect fit!

Sponsored by MillerLite beer—distributed by Buck Distributing. Free Food!

## 6th annual Calvert "Green Expo" Saturday, May 3 (10am to 5pm)



This is a **free** community fair. SMSA will be there with a booth to share information about our club and sailing with us.

The Green Expo is an opportunity for you to get out & see a variety of presentations on ways to save money & have a healthier life and home.

We're going to be there all day sharing info on sailing with SMSA. Come on by & check us out.

### Looking for SMSA swag, but didn't pre-order?

### You're in Luck!!!!

The following are available for purchase at the clubhouse:

#### **Tee Shirts (White and Charcoal Grey), \$15:**

Men's: S, M, L, XL

Women's: S, M, L, XL

Youth (White only): XS, S, M, L, XL

#### **Tech Shirts— Long Sleeve (Silver), \$17:**

Adult: M, L, XL

#### **Tech Shirts—Short Sleeve (Silver), \$17:**

Men's: M, L, XL

Women's: S, M, L

**Essential Tote Bags:** \$11.50

**Pendants, Tie Tacks, Pins:** \$3

**Hats:** \$15

**Visors:** \$11



Our season opening cruise on 12/13 April has passed us by with little fanfare. Jerry Taylor (*Piper*) was the only cruiser to make it out on this beautiful weekend. Many of the rest of us were still busy doing spring commissioning or

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waiting to be re-launched after the long cold winter. Thanks to Jerry for keeping this traditional cruise alive.

The month of May gets our cruise program going in full gear with several events planned. Now would be a good time to review the cruise program guidelines published in your SMSA Yearbook. Let me know of any changes/improvements that you recommend. As we all enjoy cruising with SMSA this summer, I encourage you to take lots of pictures and forward the best to me for use in our Clew articles, web page, yearbook, etc.

**3/4 May** is our next cruise event which includes an SMSA Raft Up in Mill Creek. We plan to have the hook down at about 1600 (weather permitting) - look for the boat flying an SMSA burgee. Go for a day sail or a day of fishing and then join the raft for some on-the-water camaraderie with your fellow club members for happy hour (approx 1700 – 1900). Bring your favorite beverage and a hors d'oeuvre to share. Hope for some nice weather and spend the night at anchor, or do an evening sail back to Solomons.

**10 May** begins our week long cruise south to Pocomoke, Onancock, Urbanna, and a few anchorages along the way. Check the cruise schedule for details. Please let cruise leader Rod Schroeder know if you plan to join the cruise, [rodschroeder@comcast.net](mailto:rodschroeder@comcast.net), (C) 301-752-5515, (H) 410-326-0167 in case there are changes to the itinerary. Advance reservations for slip space at marinas in Onancock and Urbanna are recommended.

**31 May/1 June** is another opportunity to join an SMSA Raft Up in Mill Creek for an on-the-water happy hour.

**13 – 15 June Annapolis Summer Garden Theater:** Although this cruise is still over a month away, now is the time to make your theater reservation for the outdoor theater presentation of "42<sup>nd</sup> Street" on 14 June. You can call 410-268-9212 to make a phone reservation, or you can make an on-line reservation with a credit card at [www.summergarden.com](http://www.summergarden.com). We also plan to get together for a group dinner on 14 June before the play for those who are interested (probably at the Federal House Bar & Grill). Please let the cruise leader, Rod Schroeder, know if you are attending the cruise, dinner, and/or play. [rodschroeder@comcast.net](mailto:rodschroeder@comcast.net), (H) 410-326-0167, (C) 301-752-5515.

**CRUISERS - PLAN AHEAD for your Marina Reservations:** Check out our cruise schedule and consider making your marina reservations early (like now) for some of the popular and/or limited facilities that we will be visiting. See the next page for a list of marinas.

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Here is a list of marinas where I recommend making advance reservations to coincide with our planned cruise schedule: Let them know that you are traveling in company with the SMSA club. Contact me if you have any questions: [rodschroeder@comcast.net](mailto:rodschroeder@comcast.net) or (H) 410-326-0167 or (C) 301-752-5515.

11 May & 13 May: Onancock Warf and Marina (757-787-7911)

16 May: Urbanna Town Marina (804-758-5440)

6 Aug: Chestertown Marina (410-778-3616)

9 Aug: Tilghman on Chesapeake (410-268-9212)

1-2 Sep: York River Yacht Haven (804-642-2156)

3-4 Sep: Cape Charles Town Harbor (757-331-2357)

9-11 Sep: Baltimore Inner Harbor East (410-625-1700)

(Will probably be on a wait list unless already reserved earlier this year)



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## **Keelboat Race Audibles**

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Dan Shannon, our outstanding RC for the first 2 Wed night races, summed up Wed #2 well when he said "Welcome to Frostbite #5". Great breeze and cold temps had just about everyone in full foulies. As I write this, Wed #3 is in about 4 hours time, and NAS Pax is reporting 24 knots gusting to 31. Yikes! I think there will be some stories after tonight.

When this article is in front of you we will have had our first weekend of keelboat racing. The first middle-distance race to Little Choptank on Saturday and the Spring Invitational on Sunday. John McKinney volunteered to do Race Committee for both. Way to go John!!

That's a good lead in to my pitch for a program that runs on the support of volunteers. Our website allows online sign up for open Race Committee dates; please take a look and let's fill it out early!

In the last issue of the Clew I introduced our 3 Fleet Building/Mentoring races May 28, June 4 & 11. The idea is to make the events easy and welcoming for new boats, skippers, and crew to learn (and fall in love with) keelboat racing. In addition to the normal post-race camaraderie, Elliott Peterson has volunteered to facilitate a white board discussion in the middle room at the clubhouse on what questions came up on the course. Maybe it was a rule, or right-of-way, or how should you set up for a good start (There may be video evidence to debrief). It will be an open forum to learn from and anyone, any age, or experience is welcome.



Mark

See you on the water.



# LUAU!!!

**Saturday, June 7th at 4pm**

**Join the Party with our friends at Zahniser's  
Yachting Center**

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*A letter from Dave Vigeant: former member of SMSA and a fantastic Screwpile Challenge volunteer. David and his wife were very active in the SMSA for many years until they moved out of the area.*

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It's hard to believe that over 20 years has passed since we had discussions regarding *Screwpile* and yet, here we are with a regatta still going strong. I was fortunate to have raced the first three years of the event, serve as a PRO on one circle for seven years and helped out in other capacities for 12 years. Since moving to South Carolina in 2004, the draw of the water and *Screwpile* was still with me and when I returned each year to join in the activities, I was always made to feel welcome. Actually, I am proud to say that except for one day, I have attended every day of the regatta since its inception in one capacity or another.

That said, it is with regret that I am advising you that I am unable to participate in *Screwpile* this year. As you know, David and Shirley Butler have moved to Florida; and with their exit, I lost my convenient accommodations. In addition, I had back surgery this past November and while recovery is going well, though longer than I had anticipated, there are still some minor issues lingering that make it difficult to be on a boat (even as a "boat potato").

I think it goes without saying that I will miss seeing all my sailing friends in July as it was always a treat for me to return. In addition, please accept my heartfelt thanks in finding a position for me in the regatta each year since leaving Maryland. It is my sincere hope should circumstances change in the future, I will be welcomed back to work with this wonderful group of volunteers.

It has been my honor and privilege to be associated with such a wonderful organization as SMSA, as well as, the *Screwpile Lighthouse Challenge*. Please feel free to share this email with anyone you so choose as I thank everyone for wonderful memories of a regatta that is second to none.

Hope to see all my friends again in the future.  
David Vigeant

# The Little Choptank and Spring Invitational Races from Cheetah

By Marc Briere

John McKinney set up a reverse course for the Little Choptank Race. With a NW wind we started with a Dacron JibTop and led the fleet up to abeam Cove Point where the wind lightened up and it became a drifter for a little while. Bad Cat caught up...then the fleet caught Bad Cat and she got rolled by everyone (including the yawl). While Bad Cat was abeam us to leeward we switched to the light #1, caught the wind first and squirted out ahead of the fleet to abeam the power plant where the NW land breeze clocked left to the W and the competing SE sea breeze created a nice hole along the rhumb line. We went with the re-cut A1 and Bad Cat put up her Code 0. The re-cut A1 kept us at the same speed as Bad Cat's Code 0 although a few degrees lower angles. The B and C boats were fading back but not far enough to cover our rating delta. They are a bunch of well sailed boats for sure. As Cheetah made it back to the rhumb line, the apparent wind went aft. We dropped the A1 for the S1 (white with the logo from the old Cheetah as allowed in our new rating) and squared the pole back, which compensated for the apparent switch to the SE and kept the speed we had with the A1 but were now heading right for R78. Two gybes later and we were rounding the northern mark 5 minutes ahead of Bad Cat and 20 ahead of the rest of the pack— some of whom we owe 1 hour to — so they were still winning. The wind clocked to the W-SW and it was a 2 tack close reach/beat all the way to PR1. The wind stayed steady in the teens and gusted to the mid 20s which put everyone at hull speed. Bad Cat cut our lead to 1:50 by the time we rounded PR1 and was coming on fast on the drag race to PR3. The rest of the spin fleet was still too close to us to make up for time owed. We finished ahead of Bad Cat by 1:30 even though she had her new 3Di Main and Jib up and their Bermuda off-shore crew pushing hard. We felt good, but had we used a #3 instead of the heavy 1, we might have done a couple of minutes better on Jim's very fast J-111. Lickety Split and Stingray beat us handily on time, finishing only 45 minutes after us. It was a fun race and a great first chance to use both Symmetric and Asymmetric kites. Congrats to all. There are no "gimmies" with this club.

The Spring Invitational Race was on Sunday. Sunday started out well alongside PR5 with the windward mark at G77. Initially Bad Cat took the lead by a few boat lengths so we split with Jim ¼ mile east of Drum and opted to go to the crab pot lines along the northern shore and lay the mark on Port from there. Jim went to the



*Mark Gyorgy driving Cheetah, leading Bad Cat*

middle of the river and came in on Starboard. We met up where we barely ducked him and he lee-bowed us. After rounding G77 several seconds after Bad Cat, we were both doing 10-12kts on beam reaches to K with our downwind asyms. Just west of Drum, Cheetah sailed into a growing hole and. despite our best efforts, never got out of it until the entire fleet sailed by. Cheetah and Bad Cat both spent too much time drifting. It turned into another B boat romp with Bad Cat pulling out a third. It was great to be out on the water. The entire fleet reminded us yet again that faster boats don't always finish first. Another challenging day for Team Cheetah.



*Cheetah leaving the dock with their new mainsail graphics*

## **LITTLE CHOPTANK RACE FINAL RESULTS**

Race Committee: Tennonce

Distance: 32.5nm

### Spinnaker Class (StartTime: 10:10:00)

Pos	Order	Sail	Boat	PHRF	Elapsed Time	Finish Time	Corrected Time
1	3	43067	Lickety Split	168	16:15:49	06:05:49	04:34:49
2	4	63383	Stingray	129	16:16:34	06:06:34	04:56:42
3	1	50473	Cheetah	39	15:39:59	05:29:59	05:08:52
4	2	063	Bad Cat	39	15:40:21	05:30:21	05:09:14

Speed as VMG of winning boat: 5.3 knots

### NonSpinnaker (StartTime: 10:05:00)

1	5	93643N	Blue Goose	168	16:25:52	06:20:52	04:49:52
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Speed as VMG of winning boat: 5.1 knots

## **SPRING INVITATIONAL RACE FINAL RESULTS**

Race Committee: Tennonce

Distance: 10.84nm

### Spinnaker (StartTime: 13:10:00)

Pos	Order	Sail	Boat	PHRF	Elapsed Time	Finish Time	Corrected Time
1	3	63383	Stingray	129	15:12:09	02:02:09	01:38:51
2	2	USA158	Rakali	120	15:11:49	02:01:49	01:40:08
3	1	063	Bad Cat	39	14:58:44	01:48:44	01:41:41
4	4	USA47	Ray Jay	114	15:15:17	02:05:17	01:44:41
5	5	93121	Wicked Good	132	15:24:20	02:14:20	01:50:29
6	7	43067	Lickety Split	168	15:33:09	02:23:09	01:52:48
7	6	50473	Cheetah	39	15:26:43	02:16:43	02:09:40

Speed as VMG of winning boat: 5.3 knots

# Check-Out our upcoming Training Events!

Welcome to Todd Porter  
our new Training and Education Chair!

## RC Boat Checkout

Tuesday, May 13th, 5:30pm

Want to learn how to operate the RC Boat? Come by and we'll show you! The perfect opportunity to prepare for your upcoming Race Committee nights!



## Intro to Racing Tactics

Sunday, May 4th, 4pm

Interested in getting our racing?  
Want to get started? Don't know how?

Come to SMSA Sunday afternoon starting at 4:00pm— we're going to be having an Intro to Racing & Tactics Seminar.

We will start with the most basic concepts regarding finding & crewing a boat. We will progress through the afternoon/evening to cover tactical situations around the racecourse from start to finish.

We'll order pizza or fire up the grills to keep you charged up for the event.

See you Sunday!

## 2014 Junior Sailing Camp Registration Now OPEN!!!

Go to [www.smsa.com](http://www.smsa.com) to register today!

### 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](mailto:commodore@smsa.com)**

Southern Maryland Sailing Foundation and Sailing Center Chesapeake would like to extend our sincere thanks to the members of SMSA for their sponsorship and the use of your facilities and grounds on Sunday, June 22, 2014, for our annual Sail 4 Youth event. This weekend should be entertaining and quite exciting! The date coincides with a visit of four Tall Ships that will be docked in Solomon's Harbor for the weekend in support of the reenactment of the War of 1812 (which happened in 1814 in this area).



Sail 4 Youth originated many years ago by long time member Stovy Brown. The fundraiser supports three youth charities in the area: Calvert Hospice in support of their summer youth bereavement program called Camp Phoenix; Prince Frederick Rotary who provide a great deal of support in the way of scholarships and materials to deserving students enrolled in Calvert County schools; and the Southern Maryland Sailing Foundation who supports many youth sailing programs, High School sailing, water safety and promising sailor scholarships to promising sailors in the Southern Maryland area.

This year, we will once again be providing a small boat race and a large boat race. Calvert Marine Museum has requested that our "fun race", open to Sail and Power Boats, accompany the Tall Ships as they make their way to Jefferson Patterson Park, much like it happened in 1814! Additionally, there will be crafts and events on site for young children and possibly a quick opportunity to get a few squeakers out for a short boat ride.

Again, thank all of you for the very generous donations in the canister on your bar area - I understand it needs a replacement!

For registration and additional information, please visit [www.sail4youth.org](http://www.sail4youth.org). You can also like us on Facebook at [facebook.com/sail4youth2014](https://www.facebook.com/sail4youth2014). You can even follow our tweets on the day of the event! <@sail4youth>

Donations in-kind and volunteer help is very much appreciated. Please contact Laurie for more information. Donations are cheerfully accepted and appreciated online at: <http://sail4youth.com/12-2>. As a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, all donations are considered tax deductible to the fullest extent allowed by federal law.



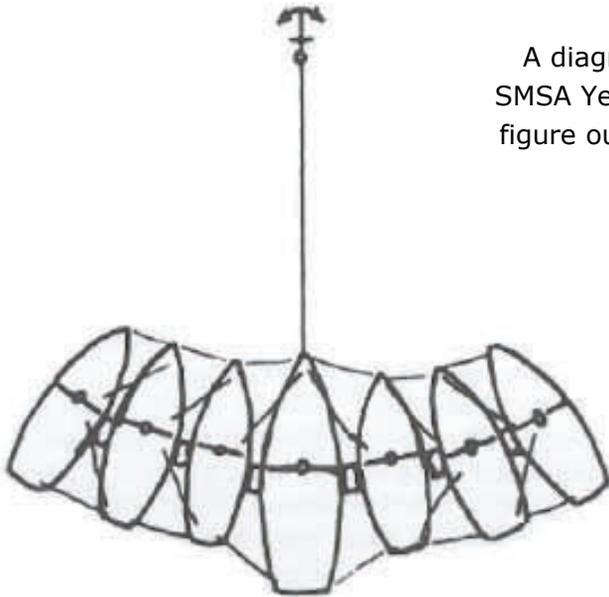
Notice of Race and Race information will soon be placed on the site, but for now, mark your calendars for Sunday, June 22!

For additional information about Sail 4 Youth or Sailing Center Chesapeake, [facebook.com/sailingcenterchesapeake](https://www.facebook.com/sailingcenterchesapeake), please contact

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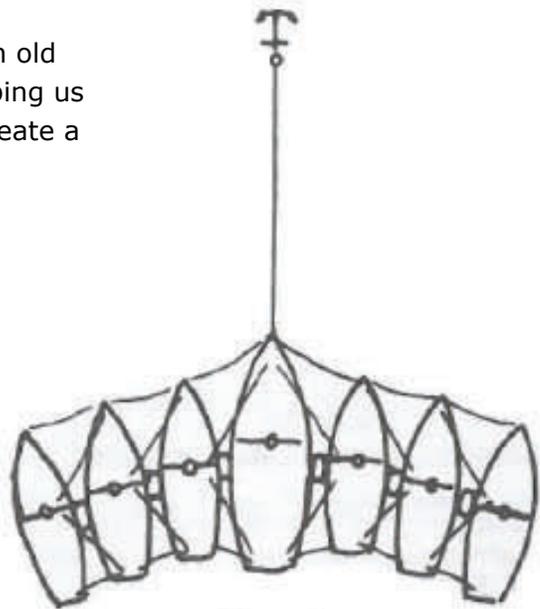
# MAKING THE RAFT

A diagram from an old SMSA Yearbook helping us figure out how to create a raft-up.



**Incorrect.**

Bows too close together.  
Insufficient clearance of spreaders.



**Correct.**

Good bow separation.  
Good spreader clearance.



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## Southern Bay Race Week

May 30th, 31st and June 1st,  
Hampton Yacht Club has posted the NOR.  
Register online at [www.yachtscoring.com](http://www.yachtscoring.com).

Register early for early bird rates. A Cruising class is also available.

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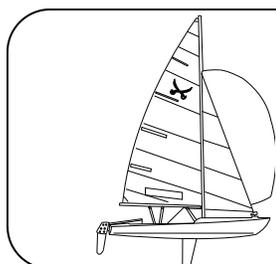
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John McCarthy, who many of us know from Screwpile, is the PRO for SBRW.

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.

May				June			
01	Thu	6:30p	Small Boat Summer Series	01	Sun		Happy Hour Raft Up
02	Fri	5:00p	Friday Happy Hour	04	Wed	6:30p	Keelboat Race Series
03	Sat	—	SMSA Happy Hour Raft-Up	05	Thu	6:30p	Small Boat Race Series
04	Sun	4pm	Intro to Racing and Tactics	06	Fri	5:00p	Friday Happy Hour
07	Wed	6:30p	Keelboat Race Series	07	Sat	4:00p	Luau at Zahnisers
08	Thu	6:30p	Small Boat Summer Series	07	Sat	-	Women's Race Training Day
09	Fri	5:00p	Friday Happy Hour	08	Sun	-	Women's Regatta
10	Sat	—	Cruise South to Pocomoke Begins	11	Wed	6:30p	Keelboat Race Series
12	Mon	7:00p	BOD meeting	12	Thu	6:30p	Small Boat Race Series
13	Tue	5:30p	RC Boat Checkout Class	13	Fri-Sun	-	Annapolis Summer Garden Cruise
14	Wed	6:30p	Keelboat Race Series	13	Fri	5:00p	Happy Hour
15	Thu	6:30p	Small Boat Summer Series	14	Sat	-	Smith Point Race
16	Fri	5:00p	Friday Happy Hour	16	Mon	7:00p	Program Chair Meeting
16	Fri	7:00p	Commodores Dinner: Italian	18	Wed	6:30p	Keelboat Race Series
17	Sat	—	Keelboat Double Handed Race	19	Thu	6:30p	Small Boat Race Series
18	Sun	—	Frost-Goode Race	20	Fri	5:00p	Happy Hour
18	Sun	5:00p	Crew Listing Party	20	Fri	7:00p	Commodore's Dinner
20	Tue	—	Clew Inputs Due	21	Sat	—	Small Boat One Day Regatta
21	Wed	6:30p	Keelboat Race Series	22	Sun	—	Summer Challenge Regatta & Summer Invitational
22	Thu	6:30p	Small Boat Race Series	25	Wed	6:30p	Keelboat Race Series
23	Fri	5:00p	Friday Hapy Hour	26	Thu	6:30p	Small Boat Race Series
26	Mon	7:00p	Chair Meeting	27	Fri-Sun	—	San Domingo Creek Cruise
28	Wed	6:30p	Keelbaot Race Series	27	Fri	5:00p	Happy Hour
29	Thu	6:30p	Small Boat Summer Series				
30	Fri	5:00p	Friday Happy Hour				
31	Sat	—	Happy Hour Raft Up				

For more details, visit [www.smsa.com](http://www.smsa.com), click on Calendar, then click the item that interests you.



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