



It used to seem that when we got to August, things kind of slowed down around SMSA.

The Commodore's Corner

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We would have a cruise or two, but most attention was focused on vacations, going back to school, and what we were going to do in the Fall. It was like we needed a post-Screwpile and Governor's Cup snooze.

Well, no more! SMSA has a full slate of activities going on in August. I will run down the list in a moment, but first....

We need YOU to volunteer! The Social Chair remains unfilled. This person organizes and plans a set schedule of events that are our regular "legacy" events at SMSA. Things such as the Crab Feast, Oyster Scald and Chili Cookoff, and the Christmas Party, are what this chair works on. I won't tell you there's no time involved, but it won't take over your life either. It's a great way to have fun and give something back to the club. You will also meet a whole bunch of new friends here at SMSA.

Mike Major, our bar manager for the past two years, would like to step down this fall. The bar manager takes inventory and places orders, and generally makes sure the bar is stocked and is in order. The manager also recruits our volunteer bartenders. This is another fun position that will ensure you get to meet more people in the club, and is a "give back" opportunity.

We have a good core of volunteers, but we need some new blood. Those of you who enjoy all the fun stuff we do but have never stepped forward, **now is your chance to be more involved and get something more from SMSA.** Contact me at commodore@smsa.com or Jimmy Yurko at rearcommodore@smsa.com.

And...speaking of new blood...***Much thanks to Larry Mattivi for jumping in as the new Clew editor!***

OK, back to August! The cruisers are embarking on a weeklong ***Chestertown Cruise*** up the bay, and they have another ***Cape Charles to Baltimore week*** set to begin at the end of the month.

We have two more ***Adult Learn-To- Sail weekends*** in August: The 9th and 10th, and the 16th and 17th. These classes are FREE to our members.

Singer/songwriter ***Scott Kirby comes back*** for his seventh annual concert at SMSA on Sunday, August 10th. This is sponsored by Holiday Inn, Corona Extra and Scott Allen Sailing Services.

COMMODORES CORNER
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We will resume the Commodore's **Pot Luck Dinner** on Friday, August 15th. We will do "Summer Food" for the theme. Bar opens around 5pm, we will have dinner at 7pm. The **Mixed Couples Race/Cruise** has become our biggest on-the-water raft of the year. We will sail to Battle Creek on the day of the 16th, and most of us will spend the night on the hook for what is usually a heck of a party! We had 23 boats last year, and look to have more this time around. On August 23rd, SMSA is hosting **Patuxent Habitat and their Warrior Regatta** that benefits veterans who need assistance with home repairs and even a domicile. Check out PatuxentHabitat.org right now and register for this one-day fun regatta. This is all in addition to a couple of weeks of **Sailing Camp**, Wednesday and Thursday night racing and Friday night Happy Hours. WOW!

You will have plenty of time to catch your breath in January!

BARTENDERS NEEDED: Please remember to sign up for bartending for upcoming events. We currently need a bar tender for every Friday night social and most major functions. The Race Committees have been great at helping out with bartending on Thursdays for small boat racing. After the summer, Wed night race rendezvous will be back at the club house through November. Give the Race Committees a hand and sign up to help them open the bar during Wednesday and Thursday night racing in case they running late. Remember, you don't have to be TAM certified to open the bar, you just have to have a TAM on site with you. Bartending is fun. Don't know how to do it? Its easy. Just ask for someone to show you how. Its a great way to meet, and keep up with, all the new club members, too. Sign up is easy: you can sign up on the bartender link on the SMSA website, or on the white board at the club, or drop a note to barmanager@smsa.com.

TRAINING AT THE CLUBHOUSE

First Aid / CPR

Saturday August 9th
SMSA clubhouse
8am -12pm.

\$55.00 per person

Wilderness First Aid

**(Off-shore sailing
advanced First Aid)**

September 13-September 14th
SMSA clubhouse
starting at 8am.

\$190 per person

PLEASE CONTACT TODD PORTER

Training and Education Chair

(portertodda@gmail.com)

IF YOU PLAN ON ATTENDING EITHER CLASS

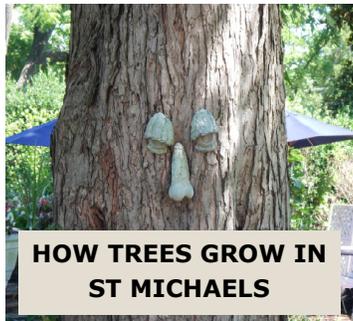
SAN DOMINGO CREEK CRUISE....FOURTH OF JULY CRUISE ...UPCOMING SAILING EVENTS

Cruising Corner

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SAN DOMINGO CREEK CRUISE



HOW TREES GROW IN ST MICHAELS

On 27 June SMSA sailors surrounded the Eastern Shore town of St Michael's with four boats cruising to their anchorage in San Domingo Creek on the south side of town and one boat going the long way around to the north side to take a slip in the harbor at St Michael's. Breeze out of the North East greeted us as we made our way up the bay and allowed for some sailing on a long starboard close reach along the western shore before having to tack back across the bay with little progress being made. Eventually all boats wound up motor sailing to reach our destination in time to enjoy the evening.

Cruise Leaders on **Patty K** (*Rich & Patty Freeman*) were first to arrive in San Domingo Creek and stake out a good location. **Ruste Nayle** (*Rod & Pat Schroeder*) and **Piper** (*Jerry & Donna Taylor*) set anchors nearby and we gathered on **Patty K** to enjoy a nice happy hour (s). A bit later, **Lickety Split** (*Donna Maneely & Les Griffith*) called on the radio to let us know that they were just entering the creek. **Lickety Split** rafted up on **Patty K** to complete our happy hour party for the evening until breaking up for the remainder of the night at anchor. On Saturday morning most of us dinked into town to explore the shops and to rendezvous with *Elliott and Alexa Peterson* (**Stingray**) who had discovered that the unique Chesapeake Log Canoes were having a regatta this weekend.

Some of our cruisers enjoyed a close up view of Log Canoe racing on Saturday as **Stingray** offered to ferry us out to the racecourse for a good look. A few of us found time for an afternoon nap aboard our boats after the exhausting shopping trip earlier in the day. In the evening we gathered at the **Crab Claw** restaurant to feast on good seafood and enjoy the great view. We followed up with many flavors of ice cream at the local creamery, **Justine's**, for dessert.

On Sunday the cruisers were once again burdened with a light southerly zephyr for yet another motor sail passage back to Solomons, while *Elliott and Alexa* motored across the bay to Annapolis where **Stingray** was scheduled to receive some bottom maintenance to make her go fast during the upcoming Screwpile regatta. Great weekend with great friends in spite of the meager wind conditions.



FIRST...FINE DINING AT THE CRAB CLAW



THEN...DESSERT AT JUSTINE'S ICE CREAM PARLOR



VC RAFT AND RACE RESULTS



RIGGING A LOG CANOE



LEARNING TO PADDLE (SAN DOMINGO CREEK)

JULY 4TH CRUISE by Jerry and Donna Taylor

On Thursday we started off with an overcast sky and We spent the night in Price Cove with a couple of other boats, which was very pleasant.

Due to warnings of potential storms associated with hurricane Arthur, **Piper** ended up as the lone SMSA boat on the 4th. With a building SW wind, it turned into a great sail to St. Inigoes Creek. **Piper** anchored in Molls Cove, which is deep and protected across from the St. Inigoes Coast Guard station. A front was predicted to come in along with the remnants of the hurricane. *Alex Kampf* who lives nearby and is the Ensign Class Coordinator for St. Mary's River YC came out for happy hour.

Friday morning we had a little rain with 25-knot winds out of the North, so we motored up to Horseshoe Bend in the afternoon and anchored with very few boats around. We stayed on the boat and could barely hear the concert over the wind. The winds subsided for a really great fireworks show! The best part of the show was not sitting in the onshore traffic for a couple of hours.

Saturday we had winds out of the North at 10-15. We gybed from shore to shore taking in all the beautiful scenery on the river and sailed up St. George's Creek beyond the Harry Lundeberg School of Seamanship. We anchored off the *Ruddy Duck Seafood & Ale House* restaurant close to their dock in 12 feet of water. We went by dinghy over to Price Cove to check out the beautiful sandy beach. *Rod and Pat Schroeder* came by car for dinner along with *Donna's* brother and wife (*Jay and Pam Ridgell*).

Sunday we had SW winds 15-20 knots and had a great sail to Pt. Lookout slightly cracked off with a reef in the jib doing 7 -8 knots! Finally, the wind gods cooperated! The wind was on the quarter going up the bay and we had a good sail, but slowed down a lot. I think we set a record doing the trip in 5.5 hours sailing the entire way, but a little shorter distance than usual.

The best we have ever done under motor is 6 hours. It was a great four-day weekend with very pleasant weather.

Jerry and Donna

COMING UP

Here are the highlights of what's coming up over the next couple of months.

2 – 10 AUGUST: Chestertown Cruise: This cruise will work its way north to Chestertown and includes a stop at Tilghman-on-Chesapeake on the way back.

If you think you might do this cruise, it is strongly recommended that you make your slip reservations now for the Chestertown Marina (410)-778-3616, and at Tilghman-on-Chesapeake (410)-886-2389.

Let them know that you are traveling with the SMSA group. Contact cruise leader Jerry Taylor (Piper) at jerry@jerrytaylorhomes.com, or (410)-474-6834 (C) for details.

16 – 17 AUGUST: Battle Creek Mixed Couples Race/Cruise. Informal race and/or cruise up the river to Battle Creek for one of our most popular on-the-water events. Join a raft of over 20 boats for happy hour and fun in the sun and water. Spend the night at anchor or enjoy an evening sail back to homeport.

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30 AUGUST – 7 SEPTEMBER: Cruise South to Yorktown and Cape Charles. Make your slip reservations now at York River Yacht Haven (804-642-2156) and at Cape Charles (757-331-2357) for this one-week cruise south. Let them know that you are with the SMSA group.

8 SEPTEMBER – 14 SEPTEMBER: Cruise North to Baltimore. Confirm your reservations at Baltimore Inner Harbor East Marina (410-625-1700) for our 3 night stay as the tall ships visit during the Star Spangled Spectacular celebration.

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Olson 29 Sailboat for sale

Olson 29 sailboat Race winning performance. The Olson legacy. The Olson 29 was immediately fast on the race course. The sleek lines of the 29, are very attractive. The 29 has the same hull as the Olson 30. Everything else is different. Beautiful teak inside, with an interior ambiance. Production commenced in 1986, and is believed that only 27 Olson 29's were built. The down wind sail area is higher as the 29's mainsail is larger than the 30, and utilizing the "stock" penalty pole, the 29 has the same sized spinnaker as the 30. A side-by side comparison of the 29 and 30, is notable. Olson 29 Open Transom, Keel Elliptical, Rudder Elliptical, 15/16ths fractional mast. Olson 30 Closed Transom, Regular Keel, Regular Rudder Olson 29 LOA 29'8", LWL 27'6", BEAM 9'4", DSPL. 3700 LBS, BALLAST: 1950 LBS, DRAFT: FIN 5'7", SAIL AREA (SQ FT) MAIN + 100% F/T 365, SAIL AREA (SQ FT) SPINNAKER 650, PHRF 9. Comes with Race sails and Cruising sails; all in great condition. Boat cushions, and stove are like new; taken off the boat when purchased. Has always been kept on a lift, has a new mast and rigging (2012), also have current boat survey. Lift can be purchased separately.

call or email me for more info [301-481-9797](tel:301-481-9797) Brian Spicuzza brian@spicuzza.com





SCOTT KIRBY TICKETS NOW ON SALE SUNDAY, AUGUST 10th at 4:00 PM

This marks the **seventh year in a row** the singer songwriter has come to Solomons to grace our SMSA stage. **Every show has sold out.** This one will be no exception.

See *Lisa Flaherty, L.G. Raley* or *Tim Flaherty* to **buy tickets** with an old-fashioned check!

You may also mail a check to:
SMSA/Scott Kirby,
PO Box 262,
Solomons, MD 20688.

Log onto **SMSA.com** to buy your tickets via PayPal.

Tickets are **\$12 for members** and **\$20 for non-member guests**
(No tickets...We will put your name on a list at the box office)



SCREWPILE

by Megan Hildenberger

This year there were big changes to the SPLC format. The regatta dates shifted from Friday through Sunday (versus Sunday through Tuesday), a 'Strictly Cruising' class was added, and there was a distance race for all fleets on the second day (versus the same old round-the-buoys). The cruising class addition was a big hit, with the new class being the largest fleet of all.





SCREWPILE (Continued)

The typical no-wind conditions of Screwpile threatened immediately from Day 1, with most racers wishing Friday hadn't happened. Winds were forecast for 5 Kts building to 7 from NE pretty much all day. There was enough of a light breeze to get the first race started at 10:30, but it shifted unexpectedly NW and quickly died. No wind combined with a strong ebbing tide led to 56% of boats being scored TLE for the first race. Rhumb Punch reported tactical-anchoring 3 times on the South Course ... and still did not manage to finish within the time limit. After a few hours of waiting for more breeze to fill in, RC on both courses (N and S) canceled racing for the day based on reports from the various weather buoys located all over the bay -- much to the relief of the racers.

Saturday's single distance race for all boats was an exciting change that was highly anticipated by all competitors. Given light wind forecasts for Saturday, combined with outgoing current, most people were dreading a slow drift race to end in a shortened course and necessary motor-ing to get home.

Fortunately, Saturday brought continuous cloud cover with steady ENE winds at 4 Kts building nicely to 9. With RC boats strategically scattered between the Gov Thomas Johnson Bridge and a point several miles south of Cedar Point, all 75+ competitors started at the mouth of the river, headed out to their fleet-assigned marks in the bay, then converged back into the river for a glorious finish just off the Solomons Boardwalk Gazebo. The long string of white sails and colorful spinnakers was definitely an uplifting sight, not only for racers and Race Committee, but also for the numerous visitors who lined up ashore to watch the exciting finish.

MEGAN HILDENBERGER
COMMUNICATIONS CHAIR



NOTICE OF RACE
for the
FOULED ANCHOR REGATTA
23 AUGUST 2014



The Organizing Authority of the Fouled Anchor Regatta 2014 is the Southern Maryland Sailing Foundation, Inc. (SMSF), with the help and support of the Southern Maryland Sailing Association (SMSA). Racing will be held either near the mouth of or on the Patuxent River depending upon weather conditions.

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta shall be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS), except as modified by the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2 Racing Rule 35 will be changed as follows: boats still racing that do not finish within 45 minutes of the first boat finishing in their class will be scored the number of finishers +2, but no worse than DNF.
- Racing Rule 44.3 will be changed as follows: an "I" flag may be used as a "yellow flag".
- Racing Rule 62.1 will be changed as follows: failure to broadcast, or failure to receive/hear, VHF broadcasts from the Race Committee will not be considered grounds for redress.
- The changes will appear in full in the sailing instructions. The sailing instructions may also change other racing rules.

2 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 The Fouled Anchor Regatta 2014 is open to all monohull boats racing under PHRF, and all monohull boats 20 feet and under racing under the Portsmouth rating system.
- 2.2 Entries shall be submitted on the Fouled Anchor Regatta 2014 online entry form at www.patuxenthabitat.org. Entries must be received by Tuesday Aug 19, 2014. Entry fee will be \$50.00 for boats 21' and over, or \$30 for boats 20' and under.
- 2.3 Late entries will be accepted with a late fee of \$10.
- 2.4 The entry fee will give you a skipper's packet to include one complimentary Warrior t-shirt. Additional t-shirts can be purchased when you register on-line. Any additional t-shirts purchased will be included in your skipper's packet.

3 CLASSES

The regatta is open to boats in the following handicap divisions or classes: Racing PHRF, Cruising PHRF, and Portsmouth. Other handicap divisions or classes may be added at the discretion of the organizing authority. Contact the Race Chairman, Guy Barbato at 240-538-4577 or email; gjb172@gmail.com.

4 SCHEDULE

Friday 22 August 2014

- 1700 - Skipper / Boat check in & late registration (at SMSA)
- 1900 - Skipper's Meeting
- 1930 - Warrior / Navy Crew boat assignment

Saturday 23 August 2014

- 1000 - Warrior Parade of Boats (rendezvous near Patuxent River mark R"2")
- 1040 - Anchors Lowered (race start area - SMSA race mark S)
- 1045 - National Anthem
- 1053 - Anchors Up
- 1055 - First Warning
- 1100 - First Start

- 1600 - Regatta Awards Ceremony (at SMSA)

5 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Preliminary Sailing Instructions will be available on or about August 1, 2014 on the Warrior Fun Run and Sail information page at www.patuxenthabitat.org. The final official copy will be provided at the skipper's meeting.

6 VENUE

Event headquarters will be the Southern Maryland Sailing Association (SMSA) clubhouse in Solomons, Maryland. All skippers/boats must check-in to receive the skipper's packet and sailing instructions. Check-in and late registration will be located at the SMSA Clubhouse on Friday Aug 22, 2014 between 1700 and 1845 hours. The Skipper's meeting will begin at 1900 hours.

7 COURSES

Racing will be conducted on August 23, 2014. The number of races will be determined by the Race Committee based on the weather conditions on the day of the regatta. The warning signal for the first start is anticipated for 1055. No more than 4 races will be sailed.

8 PENALTY SYSTEM

The Scoring Penalty, rule 44.3, will apply as modified by the sailing instructions.

9 SCORING

- 9.1 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series. There shall be no throw outs.
- 9.2 Boats may have rating adjustments assigned by the Fouled Anchor Regatta PHRF Committee by accepting, as additional crew members, Warriors and/or Navy Crew members. Indicate on your entry form how many additional Warrior/Navy Crew your boat can host. The Warrior/Navy Crew will be assigned and introduced at the conclusion of the skipper's meeting.

10 PRIZES

There will be boat/skipper awards for the top three finishes in each class.

11 FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

Contact Race Chairman, Guy Barbato at 240-538-4577 or email; gjb172@gmail.com. Additional information may be available at www.patuxenthabitat.org.

AUGUST 2014		
1	FRI	5:00 Friday Happy Hour <i>Chestertown Cruise</i>
2	SAT	<i>Chestertown Cruise</i>
3	SUN	<i>Chestertown Cruise</i>
4	MON	<i>Chestertown Cruise</i>
5	TUES	<i>Chestertown Cruise</i>
6	WED	6:30 Keelboat Race Series <i>Chestertown Cruise</i>
7	THUR	6:30 Small Boat Summer Series <i>Chestertown Cruise</i>
8	FRI	5:00 Friday Happy Hour <i>Chestertown Cruise</i>
9	SAT	<i>Chestertown Cruise</i>
10	SUN	4:00 Scott Kirby Concert <i>Chestertown Cruise</i>
11	MON	
12	TUES	
13	WED	6:30 Keelboat Race Series
14	THUR	6:30 Small Boat Summer Series
15	FRI	5:00 Friday Happy Hour <i>Commodore's Dinner</i>
16	SAT	Mixed Couples Race Cruise to Battle Creek
17	SUN	Mixed Couples Race Cruise to Battle Creek
18	MON	
19	TUES	
20	WED	CLEW INPUT DUE 6:30 Keelboat Race Series
21	THUR	6:30 Small Boat Summer Series
22	FRI	5:00 Friday Happy Hour 5:00 <i>Warrior Fun Run & Regatta</i> <i>packet pickup</i>
23	SAT	10:00 Habitat Warrior Boat Parade and Regatta 4:00 <i>Awards Reception for Warrior</i> <i>Fun Run and Regatta</i>
24	SUN	
25	MON	7:00 <i>Chair Meeting</i>
26	TUES	
27	WED	6:30 Keelboat Race Series
28	THUR	6:30 Small Boat Summer Series 6:30 Small Boat Sundown Series
29	FRI	5:00 Friday Happy Hour
30	SAT	<i>Cape Charles to Baltimore Cruise</i>
31	SUN	<i>Cape Charles to Baltimore Cruise</i>

SEPTEMBER 2014		
1	Monday	<i>Cape Charles to Baltimore Cruise</i>
2	Tuesday	<i>Cape Charles to Baltimore Cruise</i>
3	Wednesday	<i>Cape Charles to Baltimore Cruise</i> Keelboat Race Series (6:30)
4	Thursday	<i>Cape Charles to Baltimore Cruise</i> Small Boat Sundown Series (6:30)
5	Friday	<i>Cape Charles to Baltimore Cruise</i> Happy Hour (5:00)
6	Saturday	<i>Cape Charles to Baltimore Cruise</i> Sharps Island Race
7	Sunday	<i>Cape Charles to Baltimore Cruise</i>
8	Monday	<i>Cape Charles to Baltimore Cruise</i>
9	Tuesday	<i>Cape Charles to Baltimore Cruise</i>
10	Wednesday	<i>Cape Charles to Baltimore Cruise</i> Keelboat Race Series (6:30)
11	Thursday	<i>Cape Charles to Baltimore Cruise</i> Small Boat Sundown Series (6:30)
12	Friday	<i>Cape Charles to Baltimore Cruise</i> Happy Hour (5:00)
13	Saturday	<i>Cape Charles to Baltimore Cruise</i> Womans Fall Series
14	Sunday	<i>Cape Charles to Baltimore Cruise</i>
17	Wednesday	Keelboat Race Series (6:30)
18	Thursday	Small Boat Sundown Series (6:30) Plein Air Festival Quickdraw Competition (6-10pm)
19	Friday	Happy Hour (5:00) Commodores Dinner (7:00)
20	Saturday	CLEW Inputs due Fall Series Regatta
25	Thursday	Small Boat Sundown Series (6:30)
26	Friday	Happy Hour (5:00)
27	Saturday	Where the Wind Blows Cruise Small Boat Fall Invitational
28	Sunday	Where the Wind Blows Cruise Small Boat Fall Invitational
29	Monday	Chair Meeting (7:00)



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ENTER THE "FOULED ANCHOR REGATTA" AND HELP AREA VETERANS!

Your chance to do some sailing and help local military veterans in need is coming up August 23rd as Patuxent Habitat for Humanity is holding their second annual Warrior Fun Run and Fouled Anchor Regatta.

To register in advance, go to PatuxentHabitat.org and follow the links for the Fun Run and Regatta.