



## **COMMODORE'S MESSAGE**

**NOVEMBER 2014**

### **The Commodore's Corner**

By Tim Flaherty  
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Mark your calendars now for the Annual Meeting on November 8th — bring something along with a good appetite. (Last month in The Clew it was announced the meeting would be on November 1st ... a change in the date was considered by the BOD but rejected ...keeping the meeting on the 8th.

The annual meeting is the place where votes are counted in our annual officers and directors elections. By now, you should have received your ballot in the mail. Be sure to mail it back in time for it to reach the SMSA PO box by Friday, November 7th. If you think there is not enough time, you may hand your ballot in at the door. They will then counted by a tally committee.

Frostbites begin on November 2nd and continue for four weeks. Results will be in the bar every Sunday after the race and the bar will be open, so it's another reason to stop by SMSA!

On Friday, November 21st there will be another potluck Commodore's Dinner. I can't think of anything good for a theme right now so how about "Anything BUT Turkey and Stuffing," since we will get plenty of that in the weeks to follow.

We had a terrific showing for the Chili Cookoff and Oyster Scald in October. About 60 members and guests sampled nine different chilies. The winner of the contest received a \$50 gift card to Isaac's Restaurant. Oysters were plentiful and cheap! Many thanks to Jerry Taylor for handling most of the oyster cooking. He was assisted by Carl Kemp. Other volunteers for the day included Martha Kemp, Donna Taylor, Mike and Becky Ironmonger, Hawk and Steph Caldwell, Betsy Dodge, Chris Helmkamp, and Nicole Hutchins. Thanks to several others who stayed to help cleanup.

Looking ahead to December, please plan to attend our Christmas Open House during the Solomons Christmas Walk on Friday, December 5th from 5pm – 9m. We will be doing the free boat-building and model boat sailing for kids, and free holiday refreshments. Santa will probably also stop by. The following night it's our annual SMSA Christmas Party. The day of the party, the Race Chair is planning on having the race marks pulled. Racers, please contact Mark to volunteer to go out and help complete this important task.

I want to thank all our volunteers who came to the club cleanup day last month, including those who assisted Facilities Chair Jolie Homsher with getting the carpeting replaced and in planning improvements to our facility. The place is looking great!

Our docks should be looking great real soon, too. Ward's Marine Construction should be finished the re-build this month. Stay on the lookout for messages about another work party to re-install hardware!

That's all for now! Go sailing! The water is still kind of warm, and there's breeze!

*Tim!*



## **BOAT FOR SALE:**

### **1986 Boston Whaler**

16'0" Montauk w/ 2001 Johnson Ocean Pro 90hp motor, dry stored (boathouse or trailer) , depth finder, USCG equipment, anchor, new bimini top (2008), new battery. Engine just serviced and new gas tank and fuel lines July 2014. \$9,000

**1986 COX Trailer** , inspected, storage only. \$800

**2009 Jet Dock Floating dock**, 8'x17' (fits 16' Whaler type), winch and Tide Manager mooring poles. \$4600

Max Munger, Lusby , MD 410-353-1150  
[maxmunger@verizon.net](mailto:maxmunger@verizon.net)

**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. 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](mailto:barmanager@smsa.com).



*SMSA members Max Munger, Rich Freeman and Patty Kimmel worked the Catalina Owners Association booth at the US Sailboat Show in Annapolis last month.*

*Photo by Tim Flaherty*

WHERE THE WIND BLOWS....HAPPY  
HOUR RAFT UP...NEW SMSA CRUISE  
CHAIR NEEDED

### Cruising Corner

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### ***Cruise South to Yorktown & Cape Charles: 30 Aug – 7 Sept 2014***

### **Where The Wind Blows: 27 – 28 September 2014**

***Serenity*** (Carl & Martha Kemp) was the only cruiser to make this trip up river to St Leonard Creek for a night at anchor. Although the weather was decent, this weekend seemed to be a busy one with schedule conflicts for most of our regular cruisers. Carl and Martha reported having a nice getaway on the water and enjoyed a great sunrise over St Leonard Creek.



Sunrise Over St Leonard Creek

### **Happy Hour Raft Up: 11 - 12 October 2014**

Our last raft up for the season enticed 4 boats to join up in Mill Creek on a cool windy afternoon to social-ize with some great appetizers and our favorite libations. ***Ruste Nayle*** (Rod Schroeder) arrived early to scope out the anchorage area to find some shelter from the cold northerly that was briskly blowing.

## **CRUISING CORNER (continued)**

**Serenity** (Carl & Martha Kemp with visiting grandson Sterling) arrived by mid afternoon and rafted up to **Ruste Nayle**. It was too cold and windy for Martha to enjoy her new favorite sport of "stand-up paddle boarding" so we started the libation portion of happy hour a bit early. **Piper** (Jerry Taylor with grandsons Wyatt and Emerson) arrived next, followed by **Patty K** (Rich & Patty Freeman).

At about 1600, the **Ruste Nayle** dinghy made a quick run further up the creek to pick up late arrival co-captain Pat Schroeder from a friend's dock to join the group. As the youngsters delighted in roving from boat to boat, playing games, and watching videos, the adults ate and drank in the shelter of **Ruste Nayle's** cockpit enclosure until near sunset which comes all too soon this time of year.

**Serenity** returned to homeport that evening in order to make an early airport run the next morning. The rest of us anchored separately for a cozy night and then made our own way back to Solomons in the morning to move on with other activities. This cruise reminded us that the cool fall weather and brisk winds offer up some of the best cruising conditions on the Chesapeake. Although our formal cruises are about to end, we hope to enjoy a few more great adventures before winter sets in.

### **Cruising Notes:**

By the time you read this we will have completed our last formal cruise activity of this year. Check out next month's Clew for a review of our annual Halloween Cruise on 25 - 26 Oct to St Leonard Creek.

In preparation for the January Awards Banquet please let the Cruise Chairman ([cruise@smsa.com](mailto:cruise@smsa.com)) know if you think you are eligible for any of the following awards, and provide justification:

**1000 Mile Award:** cruised over 1000 miles during the 2014 season (Jan - Dec).

**J.T. McGrath Trophy:** displayed the SMSA burgee over the widest area while cruising on their own during the season. (probably someone who went South for the winter, or North for the summer).

**Individual Cruise Points:** Final totals for high point awards will be compiled and updated on the SMSA web page soon after completion of the last cruise.

Cruisers should start thinking about what we want to put on the schedule for next year. Although our Cruise Planning Meeting is tentatively scheduled for 24 Jan 2015, please forward your cruise dates and/or ideas to [cruise@smsa.com](mailto:cruise@smsa.com) as soon as possible since SMSA long range planning is already underway.

A new SMSA Cruise Chairman is needed to coordinate the 2015 season. Please contact Rod Schroeder at [rodschroeder@comcast.net](mailto:rodschroeder@comcast.net) or 301-752-5515 to discuss if interested.

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SMSA Cruise Chair

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Shirts \* Hats \* Visors \* Tote Bags \* Tech Shirts

Available for purchase at the Annual Meeting on Nov 8<sup>th</sup>!

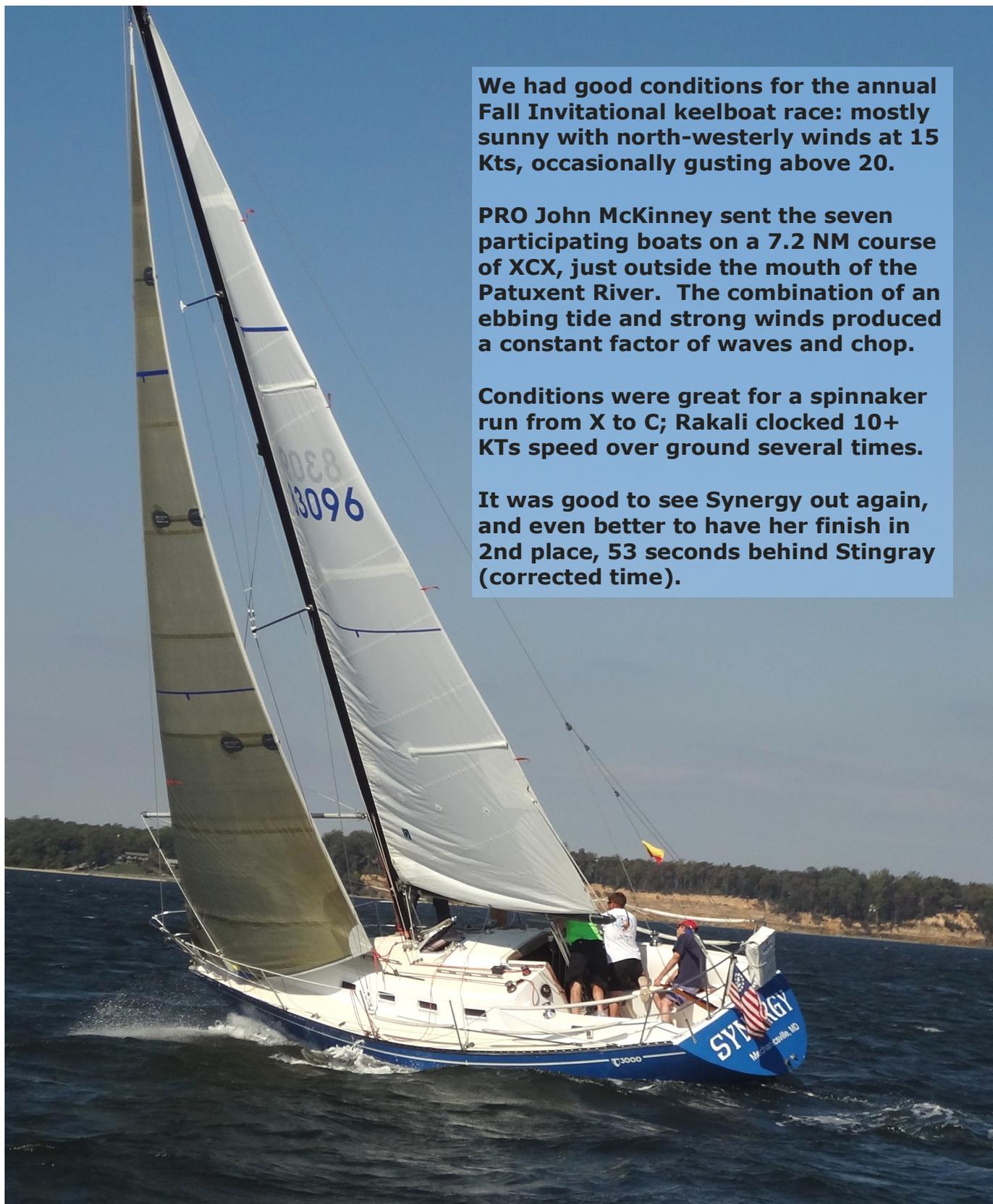
Get your SMSA items in time for Christmas!



Pendants \* Stickers \* Tie Tacks \* Pins \* Burgees

## Fall Invitational Followed by Chili and Oysters

By Megan Hildenberger



**We had good conditions for the annual Fall Invitational keelboat race: mostly sunny with north-westerly winds at 15 Kts, occasionally gusting above 20.**

**PRO John McKinney sent the seven participating boats on a 7.2 NM course of XCX, just outside the mouth of the Patuxent River. The combination of an ebbing tide and strong winds produced a constant factor of waves and chop.**

**Conditions were great for a spinnaker run from X to C; Rakali clocked 10+ KT's speed over ground several times.**

**It was good to see Synergy out again, and even better to have her finish in 2nd place, 53 seconds behind Stingray (corrected time).**

Most competitors cleaned up and headed to the clubhouse after the race for the Annual Chili Cookoff and Oyster Scald. There was a good crowd, plenty of oysters, an overabundance of cornbread and corn muffins, and 9 crock pots filled with hot chili.

Winning the Grand-Prize of the Chili Cookoff was Aaron Shiffer and daughter Sophia, whose crock-pot was completely empty by the time the Commodore collected ballots. It was the perfect event for members to see the newly refurnished floor of the front room!

Big thanks to Jerry Taylor and Chris Helmkamp (oyster shuckers), Carl Kemp (oyster scald), Becky and Mike Ironmonger (bar tenders), and any other volunteers I may have omitted!





Oyster scald camaraderie on the  
Nice new floor!

THANKS TO ALL MEMBERS WHO HELPED OUT  
WITH THE FALL CLUB CLEANUP WHO HELPED TO  
MAKE THIS FLOOR POSSIBLE!

## SMSA Social Corner

While the racing and cruising are coming to a close for the year, the social scene is heating up. September and October saw great club turnout for the Crab Feast and Chili Cookoff & Oyster Scald.

**ANNUAL MEETING**  
**NOVEMBER 8th**  
**0930 Potluck Brunch**  
**1000 Meeting**

Bloody Mary's **\$4** Mimosa **\$3**,  
Kahlua & Bailey's Coffee



### **FROSTBITE RACE and SOCIAL SCHEDULE:**

November will bring Frostbite Socials after the Sunday afternoon Frostbite Races.

Looking for a warm meal on a Sunday evening? Come and join us! Food usually starts at about 3:30pm and runs about \$5 per person.

**Nov 2nd:** Broccoli Cheddar soup, Potato soup & salad

**Nov 9th:** Spaghetti & garlic bread

**Nov 16th:** Seafood Boil

**Nov 23rd:** Clam Chowder

Last year many SMSA members and families joined together to **celebrate Thanksgiving at the SMSA clubhouse**. If you are in need of a place to go for Thanksgiving or wish to join your SMSA family for a meal, please email [social@smsa.com](mailto:social@smsa.com) so we can start a list. The format will be a coordinated potluck for those wishing to attend.

We will be **decorating the SMSA clubhouse for Christmas** on *Monday evening, December 1st* at 5:30pm. We are in need of volunteers to help hang lights, put up the Christmas tree, garland, etc and get the clubhouse ready for the season. Please contact [social@smsa.com](mailto:social@smsa.com) to help with decorating.

SMSA will begin celebrating Christmas with the **Annual Christmas Walk Open House** on *Friday, December 5th* starting at 5pm. Join us for cookies, hot chocolate and cider as well as boat building and racing for the kids. Christmas Tree lighting will occur at the Solomons Boardwalk Gazebo. Santa will arrive on a fire truck and will visit SMSA!

The SMSA **Member's Christmas Party** will be *Saturday, December 6th* at 6pm. Bring the family and join us for a potluck Christmas party. The SMSA clubhouse is a prime spot for watching the Solomons Boat Parade of Lights as they pass by in the river. Enjoy the fireplace and the company of your fellow club members. Those wishing to enter their boats in the boat parade can contact find more information at <http://www.solomonsmaryland.com/solomons-christmas-walk.html>.



## US Sailing and SMSA Partnership



SMSA and US Sailing have entered into a partnership with the Member Value Partner (MVP) program. By joining US Sailing through this program, **you receive a discounted US Sailing membership!**

\$20 for youths (20% discount)  
\$50 for individuals (17% discount)  
\$75 for families (17% discount)

SMSA in turn receives credits for each member who participates (either by joining or renewing) that we can apply to bring more training programs, seminars and activities to the club; as well as purchase supplies and educational materials that our sailing program will use throughout the season.

Already a US Sailing member? Please let us know if we can include you within the SMSA MVP program and receive credit for your participation.

**The more club members that participate, the more high quality programs can be offered at the club.**

Included in your US Sailing membership, you will receive a copy of *The Racing Rules of Sailing* and, enjoy a discounted or complimentary subscription to *Sailing World & Cruising World* (depending on membership level)

### **Thank you for your participation. Membership Matters!**

Please join us in supporting training at SMSA and supporting the sport through US Sailing.

Contact Jimmy Yurko, at [rearcommodore@smsa.com](mailto:rearcommodore@smsa.com) or go to the SMSA MVP page at [ussailingmvp.com/SMSA](http://ussailingmvp.com/SMSA) to sign-up today!



## **CONTRIBUTE TO THE SUCCESS OF YOUR CLUB**

**We are looking for program volunteers and committee members for each of the SMSA programs. Give a little or a lot. Every member's contribution helps us achieve our club goals.**

|                       |                        |                   |               |
|-----------------------|------------------------|-------------------|---------------|
| <b>Keel Boat Race</b> | <b>Small Boat Race</b> | <b>Junior</b>     | <b>Cruise</b> |
| <b>Communications</b> | <b>Membership</b>      | <b>Facilities</b> | <b>Social</b> |
|                       | <b>Training</b>        | <b>Bar</b>        |               |

**Please contact [vicecommodore@smsa.com](mailto:vicecommodore@smsa.com) for on the water committees and [rearcommodore@smsa.com](mailto:rearcommodore@smsa.com) for shore side activities.**

# SMSA CALENDAR

| NOVEMBER 2014 |          |  |
|---------------|----------|--|
| 2             | Sunday   | Fall Frostbite Series                          |
| 7             | Friday   | Happy Hour (5:00)                              |
| 8             | Saturday | Annual Meeting                                 |
| 9             | Sunday   | Fall Frostbite Series                          |
| 14            | Friday   | Happy Hour (5:00)                              |
| 16            | Sunday   | Fall Frostbite Series                          |
| 20            | Thursday | Clew Inputs Due                                |
| 21            | Friday   | Happy Hour (5:00)<br>Commodore's Dinner (7:00) |
| 23            | Sunday   | Fall Frostbite Series                          |
| 24            | Monday   | Chair Meeting (7:00)                           |
| 28            | Friday   | Happy Hour (5:00)                              |

| DECEMBER 2014 |           |   |
|---------------|-----------|---|
| 1             | Monday    | Clubhouse decorating for the holidays (5:30)                    |
| 5             | Friday    | Happy Hour (5:00)<br>Christmas Walk<br>Open house (5:30 - 9:00) |
| 6             | Saturday  | SMSA Christmas Party (6:00)                                     |
| 12            | Friday    | Happy Hour (5:00)   |
| 13            | Saturday  | Freeze Your Bucc Off!   |
| 19            | Friday    | Happy Hour (5:00)<br>Commodore's Dinner (7:00)                  |
| 20            | Saturday  | Clew Inputs Due   |
| 26            | Friday    | Happy Hour (5:00)   |
| 29            | Monday    | Chair Meeting (7:00)  |
| 31            | Wednesday | New Years Eve Party   |
| Jan 2         | Friday    | Happy Hour (5:00)   |

**The SMSA membership continued to grow this summer.  
Please welcome our newest members:**

Daniel Bowman  
 Jessica and Alfred Hass  
 Kenneth and Rebecca Mathe  
 Carlos Montes de Oca  
 Victoria and Keith Sandvig  
 Polly Traynham  
 Bruce Worster

Hawk and Stephanie Caldwell  
 David and Sara Hruda  
 Jerry Mister and Erin Hennessy  
 Richard and Jana Rutkowski  
 Aaron and Cristin Shiffer  
 Raymond Unterbrink and Jean Nicoletta

**Nichole Doub  
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**See you at the**  
**SMSA ANNUAL MEETING**  
**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8th**

***0930 Brunch 1000 Meeting***