

COMMODORE'S MESSAGE

FEBRUARY 2015

**TIME TO RENEW
FOR 2015!**

The Commodore's Corner

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It is that time of year for us to renew our SMSA memberships. Emails recently went out to all members for whom we have email addresses, with a link to the on-line payment page.

If you did not get an email, don't worry. Log onto www.smsa.com and click the big green button on the middle of the page. This will take you to the renewal site. You may pay by credit card, or just fill out the renewal and mail a check.

You may also pay race fees, slip fees and register for Summer Camp while renewing. For those of us that don't have email, letters will go out around February 1st with a hard-copy renewal form.

Renewals are due by February 15th. After February 15th, renewed members will receive the new passcode for the doors at the clubhouse and other pertinent information.

This year our regular memberships will be \$395 for the year. Hard work and careful spending has allowed us to keep membership costs low while giving you improved benefits of membership. Our leased Holder 20's and Sunfish will be available for member use in addition to our Optis and International 420's, when available.

We have also allotted money for a paid bartender at the club for certain days and events. While the paid bartender won't completely replace our need for volunteers at the bar, it will reduce the pressure to always have someone come forward to man the bar. We also may experiment with having the bar open additional days over the sailing season, say Saturday or Sunday afternoons or evenings.

Some fun and exciting events are coming up at the clubhouse in February. On Friday, February 6th, it's the first annual (we hope) Think W*A*R*M Happy Hour! Wine, Appetizers, Rum, and Music are promised. The acoustic group "Coastline" will play, and tastings will be \$5-7 for a flight of wine or rum.

On Saturday, February 7th, SMSA will host a Race Management Seminar starting at 8:30am.

A Commodore's Pot Luck Dinner will be held on Friday the 20th, and the next afternoon there is a Painting Party. Check this issue or our website to find out more about all of these events!

We are all eagerly waiting for sailing weather to return to the Chesapeake.

With that in mind, take note that keelboat Frostbites begin on March 1st, while Opening Day is scheduled for April 11th. **WE CAN'T WAIT!**



FEBRUARY EVENTS—Socials and Trainings



Superbowl XLIX

Party at SMSA!

Sunday, February 1st

Doors open at 5:30pm; Kickoff at 6:30pm

Bring a Superbowl snack to share with your friends while we watch the game on the big screen!

Painting Party

Saturday, February 21st, 3 PM

Come to the clubhouse for a guided painting lesson

... and keep your unique creation!



The painting is of a wooden ship wheel on a beach background:



You must register and pay \$35 through the vendor's website by Feb 19th.

Email communications@smsa.com, or call Megan, for registration details.

Think 'WARM'
Wine * Appetizers * Rum * Music

Feb 6th, 6pm—9pm

SMSA invites you to join us on this cold February night to enjoy time around the fire with new friends and old.

Enjoy appetizers and live music from a local acoustic group: Coastline; compliments of SMSA.

Tastings will be \$5-7 for a flight of wine or rum. Invite your crew and your friends!



Race Management Training

Feb 7th

8:30am — 12:30pm

Focused on race committee training



Topics include:

Anchoring the Race Committee (RC) Boat
Setting a Square Starting Line
Starting and Finishing Races
Scoring the Race
What RC can and cannot change...& More!

Want to decipher what those flags are on the race course? Don't know how to set a square starting line? Come join us and meet some fellow sailors!

Contact our Training Chair at training@smsa.com with questions.

AWARDS BANQUET CONGRATULATIONS.
2 MONTHS AND COUNTING.
2015 LONG CRUISES SCHEDULED.
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Cruising Corner

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Congratulations to the following cruisers who were recognized at the Awards Banquet for their extensive cruise activity during the 2014 season:

Joe Frost (Gemini);
Dennis & Carolyn Chandler (Safina);
Jerry & Donna Taylor (Piper);
Sarah Southworth (Moolight Serenade);
Rod & Pat Schroeder (Ruste Nayle);
Rich & Patty Freeman (Patty K); and
Dave & Lois Zonderman (Walkabout).

And many thanks to the other 24 boats and crews who participated in the cruise program throughout the year.

The 2015 season cruise schedule has been drafted and will be finalized by the end of Feb for publication on the web and in the yearbook. If you missed making your cruise input for our planning meeting in January, there is still time to consider additional inputs by sending your details to the cruise chairman (cruise@smsa.com) within the next couple of weeks.

Cruise Leader and/or Raft Captain volunteers will be needed in order to execute the schedule - please consider stepping up to help.

For those who are looking for some extended cruising experience, it looks like we will have two cruises this year that will take us out of the Bay. These include a cruise to Philadelphia, and a cruise around DELMARVA. Should have more details on these options next month.

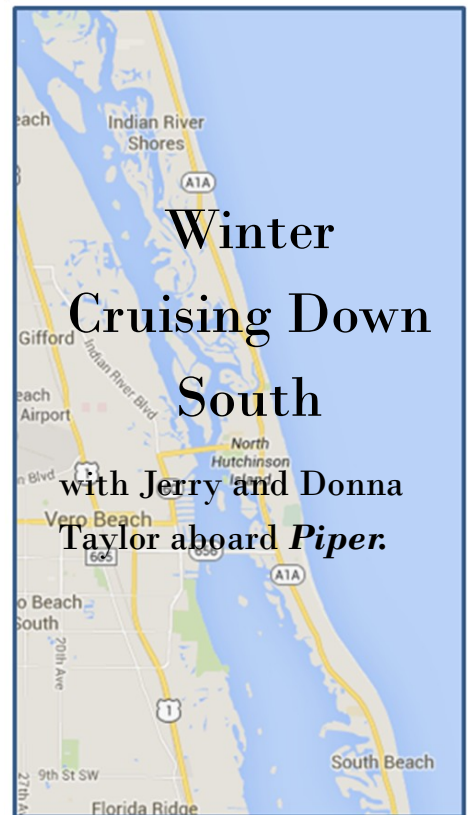
Only 2 months until the opening cruise, so press on with your winter/spring projects.

Thanks

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2015 SMSA Cruise Chair
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Piper Crossing the Gulf Stream



Donna at the Helm to Vero Beach



**SMSA
COMMODORE
TIM FLAHERTY**
recently
exchanged club
burgees with
**Back Creek
Yacht Club
(Annapolis) VICE
COMMODORE
JAMIE RITTER.**

The BCYC burgee
will hang in the
SMSA
clubhouse, while
the SMSA signal
will be hung with
others at official
BCYC events.



Racing Rules Seminar

**March 1 and 8
4:00 to 5:30 pm**

(after Frostbite
Races)



Topics include:

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

Have a rules question? Don't understand a situation
you've been in on the race course?
Bring the scenario and we'll figure it out together.

Come join us and meet some fellow sailors!

Contact our Training Chair at
training@smsa.com with questions.



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 or go to the SMSA MVP page at ussailingmvp.com/SMSA to sign-up today!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY SMSA!!!



Join us as we celebrate SMSA's birthday on
March 20th at the Commodore's dinner.

Cake and Ice Cream will be served



The Southern Maryland Sailing
Association presents

MARYLAND BOATING SAFETY COURSE

Saturday, Feb 21st & 28th

9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

\$25 registration fee. \$20 for SMSA members.
2 day course.

Space is limited, Pre-registration required.
Please bring your lunch.

For more information please visit www.SMSA.com
or contact Gary Smith at fsope.232@hotmail.com
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Across from the Solomons Island Boardwalk Gazebo



U.S. Department of Homeland Security
United States Coast Guard Auxiliary



The two-day course covers everything a boater needs to know about watercraft safety, including:

- Introduction to Boating
- Boat Handling
- Boating Problems
- Trailing
- Legal Requirements
- Personal Safety
- Navigation

Participants who successfully complete the two-day course will be awarded a Maryland Boating Safety Education ID Card, which is required to operate a motorized vessel for people born on or after July 1, 1972.

Many insurance companies offer discounts on boat insurance for completing the course.





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

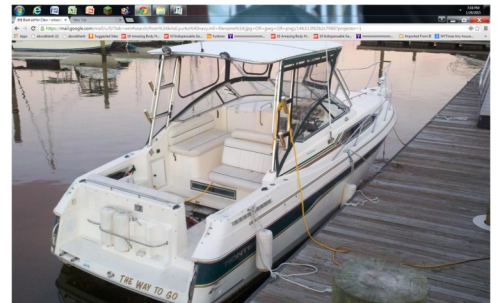
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1996 Monterey 296 Cruiser FOR SALE \$11,000

Twin inboard-outboard Volvo Pentas 5.8 Liter, with dual stainless steel props. New starboard engine with less than 50 hours; the other has ~250 hours and needs manifolds and plugs re-installed (new gaskets included). 32 foot length with 10 foot beam. Electronics package w/fish finder/marine radio/GPS, lower-deck air-conditioning and heated, bathroom w/vanity/sink/shower, kitchenette w/sink/refrigerator/coffee maker/microwave, seating and sleeping quarters for 4 adults and 2 children. Upper/outdoor seating re-upholstered, large metal frame w/fishing pole holders, canvas covers (bimini-top, fully enclosed also has hard top), swim platform w/ ladder. Also has electric anchor winch and directional spotlight. Locally dry docked for the past 2 years. Hardtop has a few cracks but can be repaired. Both outdrives have been rebuilt and need to be painted and mounted. Will include a brand new Lowrance HDS-7 and 4 boat stands. Boat bumpers, lines, and vests also included.



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SMSA CALENDAR

February—March 2015

Sunday, February 01, 2015	5:30 PM	Super Bowl Party at the Clubhouse
Tuesday, February 03, 2015	7:00 PM	BOD Meeting
Friday, February 06, 2015	5:00 PM 7:00 PM	Happy Hour Think WARM
Saturday, February 07, 2015	8:30 AM	Race Management Seminar
Friday, February 13, 2015	5:00 PM	Happy Hour
Friday, February 20, 2015	5:00 PM 7:00 PM	Happy Hour Commodore's Dinner CLEW inputs Due
Saturday, February 21, 2015	3:00 PM	Painting Party
Friday, February 27, 2015	5:00 PM	Happy Hour

Sunday, March 01, 2015	1:00 PM 4:00 PM	Spring Frostbite Season #1 Racing Rules of Sailing Seminar
Friday, March 06, 2015	5:00 PM	Happy Hour
Sunday, March 08, 2015	1:00 PM 4:00 PM	Spring Frostbite Season #2 Racing Rules of Sailing Seminar
Friday, March 13, 2015	5:00 PM 5:00 PM	Happy Hour Calvert Artist Guild Show
Saturday, March 14, 2015		Calvert Artist Guild Show
Sunday, March 15, 2015	1:00 PM	Spring Frostbite Season #3 Calvert Artist Guild Show
Friday, March 20, 2015	5:00 PM 7:00 PM	Happy Hour Commodore's Dinner HAPPY BIRTHDAY SMSA! CLEW inputs Due
Sunday, March 22, 2015	1:00 PM	Spring Frostbite Season #4
Friday, March 27, 2015	5:00 PM	Happy Hour
Sunday, March 29, 2015	12:00 PM	Clubhouse Cleanup Day



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Membership Renewal Time!

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



Renewals are due by
February 15th.