

**COMMODORE'S MESSAGE**  
**APRIL 2015**

**The Commodore's Corner**

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**April is finally here!**

That means springtime and Opening Day at SMSA. I hope you will join us on Saturday, April 11th, as we officially kick-off the sailing season in Solomons.

Of course, at this point the sailing pre-season has been going strong. Our Frostbite Series got off to a late start on March 15th after being delayed for two weeks by ice in the harbor. Many of us were delayed in getting our boats ready by much colder than average temperatures that would not allow compounds to properly cure, or just plain kept us out of the boatyard.

Finally, the cold has relented and we are busy bees with projects and shake-down sails!

We did have some great social and training events in the warm confines of our clubhouse over the colder months, and we will continue to do so into the spring. For example, ask your friends and neighbors to come to the Opening Day Open House from noon until 4pm at the club. This will take place right after our normal, official Opening Day Brunch and Ceremony.

Visitors will have a chance to come into the club and take a look around, and perhaps have a drink at the bar and chat. We hope many members will be able to stick around for a while and enjoy our sailing fraternity while we try and recruit new members.

A brand new event just announced for Thursday, April 30th is a presentation entitled "Cruising – In the Bay and Beyond." SMSA members and Sail Solomons founders Lisa Batchelor Frailey and Andy Batchelor will show slides and talk and answer questions about how anyone can go cruising for a week or for a lifetime. More details are in this issue of the Clew.

Our regular Happy Hours continue on Fridays. On the water, keelboat racing's Wednesday night series starts on April 15th (a great way to relieve the stress of tax season), and the cruising program gets underway the following weekend with the Season Opener Cruise.

**Bay racing begins on April 25th with the Little Choptank Race.**

See you at the clubhouse and see you on the water!

*Tim!*

# Opening Day

**Saturday, April 11, 2015**

## Schedule of Events:

**9:30 AM Doors Open for Potluck Brunch!**

**10:45 AM Opening Ceremony**

Join us for the flag raising ceremony along with Mimosas, Bloody Marys, and brunch! Bring a dish to share.

Members are highly encouraged to stop by to pick up their complimentary yearbook!

**12 - 4PM Open House**

Make a day of it — go for a sail during the afternoon, bring your kids, play some games or just hang out at the club. The clubhouse will be open all day.

**6 PM Evening Party**

In the evening, we'll continue celebrating the start of a new sailing season. There will be hourly drink specials, hors d'oeuvres and music. Come hang out with friends — new and old!



## SPRING HAS SPRUNG

### Cruising Corner

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### Spring has sprung, and the local cruising season will soon begin.

Checkout the cruise schedule posted on the web page and in your yearbook to see where like minded SMSA sailors are planning to venture. Our Opening Day Cruise on 18-19 April will travel just a few miles up the river to Rollins Cove to provide a nice shakedown for those who have been laid up all winter – hope that several boats will be back in commission in time to join up with cruise leaders Dave & Lois Zonderman on Walkabout.

Some long range cruise planning is strongly recommended for some of our early season port visits due to marina popularity and/or limited slip availability. Following are points of contact for your convenience:

- 13 May: **Onancock Wharf** – (757) 787-7911.
- 15-16 May: **Urbanna Town Marina** – Diane at (804) 758-5440.
- 23-24 May: **Brewer Oxford Boat Yard & Marina** – (410) 226-5101.
- 11-13 Jun: **Philadelphia Penn's Landing Marina** – Richard Goodman at (609) 206-4037.
- 15-16 Jun: **Baltimore Harbor East** – Millie at (410) 625-1700.

Let the dock master know that you are with the SMSA group so that they can try to keep our boats close together. Also, please inform the cruise leader and the cruise chairman of your reservations so that I will have a sense of who will be cruising. We still need to identify cruise leaders for most of the scheduled cruises – give me a call or email to volunteer.

Hope to see you at Opening Day ceremonies on April 11 and on the water soon.

### **HAPPY HOUR RAFT UP!**

**SATURDAY, MAY 2ND**

**RAFT UP STARTS AT 4PM**

**LOCATION: Mill Creek  
(Solomons)**

**N 38° 20.1' / W 76° 26.5'**

Let's get those boats out of their slips and sailing! Join us for the season's first Happy Hour Raft Up (it's a real close one!)

Bring snacks and beverages to share.

Stay the evening rafted up to sleep under the stars or return home.

Prizes awarded for the boats that sail the most distance and sail the fastest between 1-4pm on May 2nd

(GPS or phone app track required for proof)

## **SURFBOARDS AND SAILING: CREW LISTING 2015 WAS A HIT!**

The 2015 SMSA Crew Listing Party had it all: A Start Sailing seminar, burgers, dogs, lasagna, stuffed cabbage, a skippers panel, new sailors, not so new sailors, skippers looking for crew, pizza, crew looking for rides, cruisers, racers, dreamers.

Did we say there was lots of food?

Sponsored by SpinSheet Magazine, Miller Lite Beer and SMSA, the March 22nd event drew 60-plus people to the SMSA clubhouse. Attendees ate, drank and met new sailing pals. The day was kicked off by SpinSheet's Molly Winans who led a Start Sailing Now seminar for about 15 would be/will be sailors.

"Fifteen people for this talk is really great," Molly told the Clew afterwards. "Most of the time, I'm lucky to get 10. It really shows you've got a lot of interest in sailing (in Solomons)."

Afterward, the food came out and more people piled in the door. Some were the Frostbite racers who had just finished for the day. Many were non-member sailors, curious about what was going on. More than 60 names were logged on the sign-in sheet.

Elliott Peterson organized a Skippers Panel at 5pm that answered questions from the audience. "What do I need to bring?" and "Can you teach me?" were popular questions.

The day was capped by a drawing for door prize provided by SpinSheet. The big prize was a 6ft. pink surfboard won by Mark Gyorgy. We don't know if Mark will go surfing this year, but his prize will sure come in handy at summer raft-ups!

SMSA volunteers for the Crew Listing Party were Bitsy Unangst and Vicky Sandvig, who were the grill chefs; Cristin Shiffer, who staffed the oven and served the food; Polly Traynham and Jennifer Porter, who worked the door; and Mary Szczyglowski and Todd Porter, who tended bar. The event was organized by Commodore Tim Flaherty.

Thanks again to everyone at SpinSheet Magazine and at Buck Distributing for helping make the day a great success!



## START SAILING NOW SEMINAR



SpinSheet Editor, Molly Winans, leads the *Start Sailing Now* Seminar on March 22nd at the Crew Listing Party

## SMSA: Bringing BOATS and CREWS together since 1972!



Rear Commodore Jimmy Yurko (right) with a visiting skipper at the Crew listing party.



Larry Ray and Dak Schneider talk up a visitor at the Crew Listing Party.



Elliott Peterson, Jim Whited, Mark Gyorgy, and Hawk Caldwell served as the skippers panel.



MARK GYORGY TAKES HOME THE DOOR PRIZE PROVIDED BY SPINSHEET



Bitsy Unangst and Vicky Sandvig on the grill at the Crew Listing Party.

# WELCOME to our newest members!



Above: Lorelai Walz, daughter of Roger and Kat Walz

Left: Avery William Shiffer, son of Aaron and Cristin Shiffer and brother to Sophia!

## CRUISING PRESENTATION ON APRIL 30TH IS NEW ON TRAINING SCHEDULE!



Last summer, SMSA members Lisa Batchelor-Frailey and Andy Batchelor put the finishing touches on the new ASA text and guidebook, "Bareboat Cruising Made Easy". The book, being used as a textbook in some ASA courses, was released in the fall.

On Thursday, April 30th, Lisa and Andy will present a slide show and discussion at the SMSA Clubhouse about writing the book and about the joys of cruising.

The title of this event is: "Cruising – the Bay and Beyond"

It will be a combination of tips for people who wish to do short-term bareboat charter cruising or cruise on their own boat," Lisa told The Clew. "Not everybody has their own boat or the time to sail off to the islands, but that doesn't mean they can't go cruising."

Lisa and Andy, the founders of Sail Solomons, a local sailing school and charter outfit recently sold to fellow SMSA member Jeff Carlsen, have extensive experience cruising in a variety of latitudes. For a number of years they have taught cruising courses on the Chesapeake and in the Caribbean. Since selling Sail Solomons, they have been working on founding a new company specializing in captained charters and deliveries.

To promote the new book, the pair has been on a promotional tour presenting a slide show and cruising tips at winter and spring boat shows. Lisa said the SMSA presentation "Will be tailored to the local audience of new sailors interested in charter cruising and in long-term cruisers with more experience, "and will be slightly different than what they present at the boat shows."

The April 30th event will begin at 7:00pm, and is free of charge for SMSA members and guests. Also invited are members of the Southern Maryland Sailing Meetup, an informal group that meets to promote interest in sailing in the Solomons area.

Although this presentation is free of charge, it would be helpful to RSVP so we may keep track of how much space and how many chairs we need. Please drop a note to [commodore@smsa.com](mailto:commodore@smsa.com) or call Tim at 301-481-7474 if you think you are going to attend.

The evening will include a Q&A period, and Lisa and Andy will have copies of the books for sale. They will be happy to sign copies they sell, or sign copies you already own.



## **Kato Davits For Sale.**

### **(attached to Catalina 387)**

One set of 2013 Kato Davits. Included with this sale is the attached 2004 Catalina 387, Hull # 36, *s/v Patty K*. LOA is 39 feet 10 inches, beam of 12 feet 4 inches, minimum draft of 4 feet 10 inches and bridge clearance is about 59 feet.

Powered by a 40 horsepower Yanmar (3JH4E) diesel with 1142 hours of cruising. 3-blade MaxProp at the business end. Sleeps seven (7) comfortably; more, less so. Carries 100+ gallons of water, 37 gallons of fuel and a holding tank of 24 gallons. Nice three burner stove, deep double SS sink, fridge/freezer and 20 gallon hot water heater.

Comes with dodger (with new windows) w/window covers, bimini and connector. Also comes with a full cockpit enclosure w/four screen panels (2012). Charleston Spar furling mainsail and a NEW (2015) 135% furling Genoa on a Shaefer roller furling. Also included are Genoa car adjusting lines into the cockpit. Good cruising electronics package: Raymarine ST60 Tridata instruments (w/wind repeater remote at NavSta), Raymarine CL70c chartplotter, 24 mile Raymarine radar, Raymarine Smart Pilot autohelm. Standard Horizon Matrix AIS+ VHF Radio GX 2150 w/cockpit remote, Sirius WX module, AGM batteries, 250 watt Kyocera solar panel w/Blue Sky Solar Boost 3000i MPPT Solar Charger Controller (2014). AM/FM stereo w/ six CD changer; Sirius ready.

Insignia 24 inch HD TV w/DVD player in main salon. There is a bunch of other stuff on board that is useful for cruising. And she has a full Fairclough canvas winter cover, which came in useful this year. She is now on the hard at Spring Cove Marina with the mast stepped. Ready for survey now.

***Asking \$159,900.***

**Reason for sale:** we are purchasing a new Catalina 445. So be on the lookout for the *s/v Patty K, Too* on the Chesapeake Bay this summer and heading south this fall.

***Interested parties can contact Patty or Rich @ 703.569.1413 or 703.618.0886 for more information.***

# SMSA CALENDAR

## April—May 2015

APRIL		
Fri, Apr 03	5:00 PM	Happy Hour
Mon, Apr 06	7:00 PM	Chair Meeting
Fri, Apr 10	5:00 PM	Happy Hour
Sat, Apr 11	9:30 AM	SMSA Opening Day
Wed, Apr 15	6:30 PM	Wed Night Keelboat Race
Fri, Apr 17	5:00 PM	Happy Hour
Sat, Apr 18		SMSA Season Opener Cruise
Sun, Apr 19		SMSA Season Opener Cruise
Mon, Apr 20		Clew Inputs Due
Wed, Apr 22	6:30 PM	Wed Night Keelboat Race
Fri, Apr 24	5:00 PM	Happy Hour Annapolis Spring Sailboat Show
Sat, Apr 25		Little Choptank Race Annapolis Spring Sailboat Show
Sun, Apr 26		Spring Invitational Race Annapolis Spring Sailboat Show
Wed, Apr 29	6:30 PM	Wed Night Keelboat Race
Thu, Apr 30	7:00PM	Cruising Lecture

MAY		
Fri, May 01	5:00 PM	Happy Hour
Sat, May 02	4:00PM	SMSA Happy Hour Raft Up
Sun, May 03		SMSA Happy Hour Raft Up
Wed, May 06	6:30 PM	Wed Night Keelboat Races
Thu, May 07	6:30 PM	Thurs Night Dinghy Races
Fri, May 08	5:00 PM	Happy Hour
Mon, May 11	7:00 PM	BOD Meeting
Tue, May 12		Urbanna Cruise South
Wed, May 13	6:30 PM	Wed Night Keelboat Races Urbanna Cruise South
Thu, May 14	6:30 PM	Thurs Night Dinghy Races Urbanna Cruise South
Fri, May 15	5:00 PM	Happy Hour Urbanna Cruise South Calvert Artist Guild Show
Sat, May 16		Urbanna Cruise South Calvert Artist Guild Show Double-Handed Race
Sun, May 17		Urbanna Cruise South Calvert Artist Guild Show Frost-Goode Race
Mon, May 18		Urbanna Cruise South
Wed, May 20	6:30 PM	Wed Night Keelboat Races Clew Inputs Due
Thu, May 21	6:30 PM	Thurs Night Dinghy Races
Fri, May 22	5:00 PM	Happy Hour
Sat, May 23		Oxford Cruise (TBD)
Sun, May 24		Oxford Cruise (TBD)
Mon, May 25		Oxford Cruise (TBD)
Wed, May 27	6:30 PM	Wed Night Keelboat Races
Thu, May 28	6:30 PM	Thurs Night Dinghy Races
Fri, May 29	5:00 PM 7:00 PM	Happy Hour Commodore's Dinner



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Join us to help  
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