



COMMODORE'S MESSAGE JULY 2015

SMSA will be open July 4th! Starting at 7pm there will be a potluck party at the clubhouse. Fireworks will begin right in front of our building at about 9:15. Parking on big weekends can often be a bear, with July 4th being the biggest bear of them all. However, the SMSA organizers are establishing a shuttle service. If you have to park far away, call 240-434-1312 and someone will come get you!

The Commodore's Corner

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Screwpile will be here in a couple of weeks. Once again, the Holiday Inn will be the headquarters for the 23rd edition of this premier event. Racing will take place July 17, 18 and 19. Great parties every afternoon and into the evening. More volunteers are always welcome! Contact LG Raley at LGraley@wildewood.net.

If you feel like being a landlubber Screwpile weekend, the Calvert Artists Guild will be having one of their art shows and sales at our clubhouse Saturday and Sunday. Stop by and check them out!

One of the great benefits of membership in SMSA is the Adult Learn To Sail program. One of our US Sailing certified instructors will be on premises July 11& 12 and July 18 & 19 for a four-part class. It's included in your membership, so take advantage of it. We do collect a \$20 registration fee to reserve your spot. Contact junior@smsa.com or see the website.

Looking ahead to next month, we have a brand new event on the schedule. I'm not sure we even have a name for it yet, but it incorporates the Vice Commodore's Cup into a cookout party hosted by the Corinthian Yacht Club in Ridge. Friday night, racers and cruisers will sail down the bay and up to Potomac to Smith Creek and Corinthian where they will spend the night. On Saturday, we will have cookout and party on the grounds of CYC. Plan NOW to attend, either by sailing down or driving there Saturday in your land yacht. We've been wanting to try something new, and CYC has been eager to host us. Let's have a terrific turnout and start a new SMSA tradition!

Speaking of traditions, Scott Kirby will make his 8th annual appearance at SMSA on Sunday, August 9 at 4:30pm. The singer/songwriter is reminiscent of James Taylor with a little Jimmy Buffett thrown in, and he puts on a terrific show in our pleasing venue. Tickets are \$15 for members and \$20 for guests, and will be available soon on the SMSA website.

Have a Great Fourth!



4th of July at SMSA

Join us for a 4th of July Potluck starting at 7pm – bring a dish to share and enjoy prime fireworks viewing!

Can't find parking near the clubhouse? Call Jimmy at 240-434-1312 for a van pick up to get to the clubhouse from your parking spot. Other options? Bring your dinghy and tie up to the clubhouse docks.

SBA Fireworks start at 9:15pm – the clubhouse has a front and center viewing location!

Join the Boat Parade: Decorate your boat and join the parade or come to the clubhouse to watch the parade of decorated boats and crew showing their patriotic colors! Parade begins at noon, and can be viewed from many waterfront locations in Solomons (including the clubhouse). See the map at <http://www.solomonsmaryland.com/> for the boat parade route. Captains – rendezvous start at N38.34018 W76.4599.



CRUISE TO OXFORD CRUISE TO PHILADELPHIA

Cruising Corner

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Oxford Cruise 23 – 25 May:

The **Patty K Too** (Rich Freeman & Patty Kimmel) took responsibility of the Oxford Cruise on June 23, 24 and 25. We cruised over on Saturday with **Serenity** (Carl & Martha Kemp), **Safina** (Dennis & Carolyn Chandler), and **Walkabout** (Dave & Lois Zonderman). Winds were not favorable as we left the morning but lessened throughout the day and we had a bit of sailing time in the Choptank River.

Doctor's Orders (Van Plummer) came up on Sunday to join us and had more favorable winds. Happy hour on Saturday was aboard the **Patty K Too** with great hors d'oeuvres and adult beverages. Some crashed soon after, some had ice cream at the wonderful creamery on the back side of Schooners, and we also went to Schooners for a late night snack.

Sunday was a beautiful day. The group spent the day walking around town, riding bikes, and doing a little shopping. Ice cream was also included. Rich bought a book at his favorite bookshop and we had a chance to visit two little gift shops that were open. Of course, the mandatory stop at the grocery store happened on the way back to the boat.

Happy hour was brief as we enjoyed a light snack and beverage in the marina's picnic area. Dinner was at one of our favorite restaurants, Latitude 38. Some of the group braved it out and walked from the marina. Others managed to ride in the vehicle the restaurant provided. The entrees were yummy as usual. The mussels are probably Rich's favorite.

Monday we traveled home under motor for the large part of the trip. Some grabbed the winds as we entered the Patuxent River to sail a bit. It's odd how the wind is on the nose leaving for the trip and on the nose coming home. Guess we cannot say it is blowing in the wrong direction; we are just going in the wrong direction. After all, it was a destination cruise...Looking forward to our next cruise! **Rich & Patty**

Philadelphia Cruise North 9 – 18 June:

Last winter an eclectic group of us like-minded cruisers agreed that a trip out of the bay to Philadelphia would be fun (and it is was). Our fleet of participating boats came from various local clubs including SMSA, CCYC, SIYC, and unaffiliated, and included **Ruste Nayle** (Rod & Pat Schroeder), **Patty K Too** (Rich Freeman & Patty Kimmel), **Walkabout** (Dave & Lois Zonderman), **Safina** (Dennis & Carol Chandler), **Unruly Seahorse** (Jerry Budnick & Kat Tyrrell), **Kalypso** (Joel & Mary Bergsman with guests Jerry Seinwill & Carol), and the other **Kalypso** ("Toothpick Fred" Siesseger). **Kalypso** (Bergsman) won club burgee honors (no prize) by flying six different burgees from the spreader. **Walkabout** departed Solomons a couple of days early to take advantage of a favorable wind forecast and to spend more time in Annapolis. **Kalypso** (Bergsman) departed Solomons area a day early in order to gunkhole on the way and spend the night at anchor in the Rhode River.

Safina had planned to join up with group a couple of days late, but had to cancel at the last minute. The rest of us departed Solomons as scheduled on Tuesday morning and had a decent combination of sail & motor sail up to Annapolis where we all met at McGarvey's Saloon & Oyster Bar for happy hour, which ultimately turned into a cordial group dinner. As we ate and swapped sea stories we planned our next move, which was to the local ice creamery to sample some of their Continuing the trip on Wednesday morning, **Kalypso** (Fred) elected to forego the trek to Philly due to some "electronic gremlins" afflicting his boat. **Kalypso** (Bergsman) also decided to stay back in the Chesapeake in favor of exploring some of their favorite haunts in Baltimore, Wye River, St Michael, etc. with their onboard guests. With two more long passages ahead of us, our pathfinder, Jerry Budnick, had charted out the optimum tides and currents to get up through the C&D Canal and up the Delaware River over the next couple of days.

Therefore, the four Philly bound boats (**Unruly Seahorse, Ruste Nayle, Walkabout, and Patty K Too**) left Annapolis at about 0600 in the morning for a day of motor sailing up the bay into the canal for a night at anchor in Chesapeake City. Some of us explored the quaint city before enjoying a happy hour gathering Jerry's calculations for the next leg showed the optimum departure time to ride the current from Chesapeake City to Philly on Thursday was either a very early morning (no later than 0400) departure, or a noon departure that would result in a late arrival at Philly. We all opted for the early departure, and all were underway in the canal before 0400.

A beautiful sunrise greeted us as we neared the end of our serene ride through the canal and into Delaware Bay. We enjoyed a favorable current (over 2 kts part of the time) all the way to our destination at Penn's Landing in Philadelphia. A gentle breeze afforded us some opportunity for a sail assist going up the Delaware River. We all arrived at Penn's Landing by noon and immediately hiked to Jim's Steak House South Street to get our first Philly Cheesesteak. After lunch we explored some of the historic sites, took naps, and then gathered onboard **Ruste Nayle** for happy hour before going to a rustic Italian restaurant, Bistro Romano, for a great dinner. On day two in Philly, we all went on our own adventures exploring the city and relearning our nation's history. Many of us found a good lunch at the famous City Tavern where the first 4th of July celebration was held. That evening a delightful happy hour was hosted onboard **Unruly Seahorse**, followed by a very mediocre dinner experience at a local Irish Pub.

The next day **Patty K Too** departed a day early in order to meet up with family visitors back at Chesapeake City. The rest of us engaged in another day of experiencing Philadelphia's offerings, including the South 9th Street Italian Market, Reading Terminal Market, Museum of Art, Rocky Statue, more cheesesteaks, and lots of great architecture. Jerry declared that Geno's wins the best cheesesteak award. We concluded the day with happy hour onboard **Walkabout**, and another meal at the City Tavern when we were unable to get reservations at the popular German restaurant we had planned on (save that for next time). With a reasonable departure time from Philly on Sunday morning our passage back to Chesapeake City was faster than anticipated, so we took advantage of the favorable current and pushed on through the canal to anchor in Still Pond for the night where our happy hour was cut short by approaching thunder storms. From Still Pond, **Walkabout** and **Unruly Seahorse** headed back to Solomons via a stop in Annapolis to spend a night with the replica of General Lafayette's ship **Hermione** that is making its maiden voyage up the North American East Coast.

Ruste Nayle crossed the Bay to Baltimore to meet back up with **Patty K Too** for two nights at Inner Harbor East Marina. Some needed relaxing, a little shopping, and a couple of good meals at local restaurants consumed our time in Baltimore. Leaving Baltimore on Wednesday, **Ruste Nayle** made it a long day by motor sailing all the way back home to Solomons, and **Patty K Too** continued to bounce around the upper bay area for a couple of days before meeting up with their Catalina 445 group in Rock Hall for their annual rendezvous. Overall, a little more wind and a little cooler temperature would have been nice, but all agreed that the trip was fun and worthy of consideration again in the future.

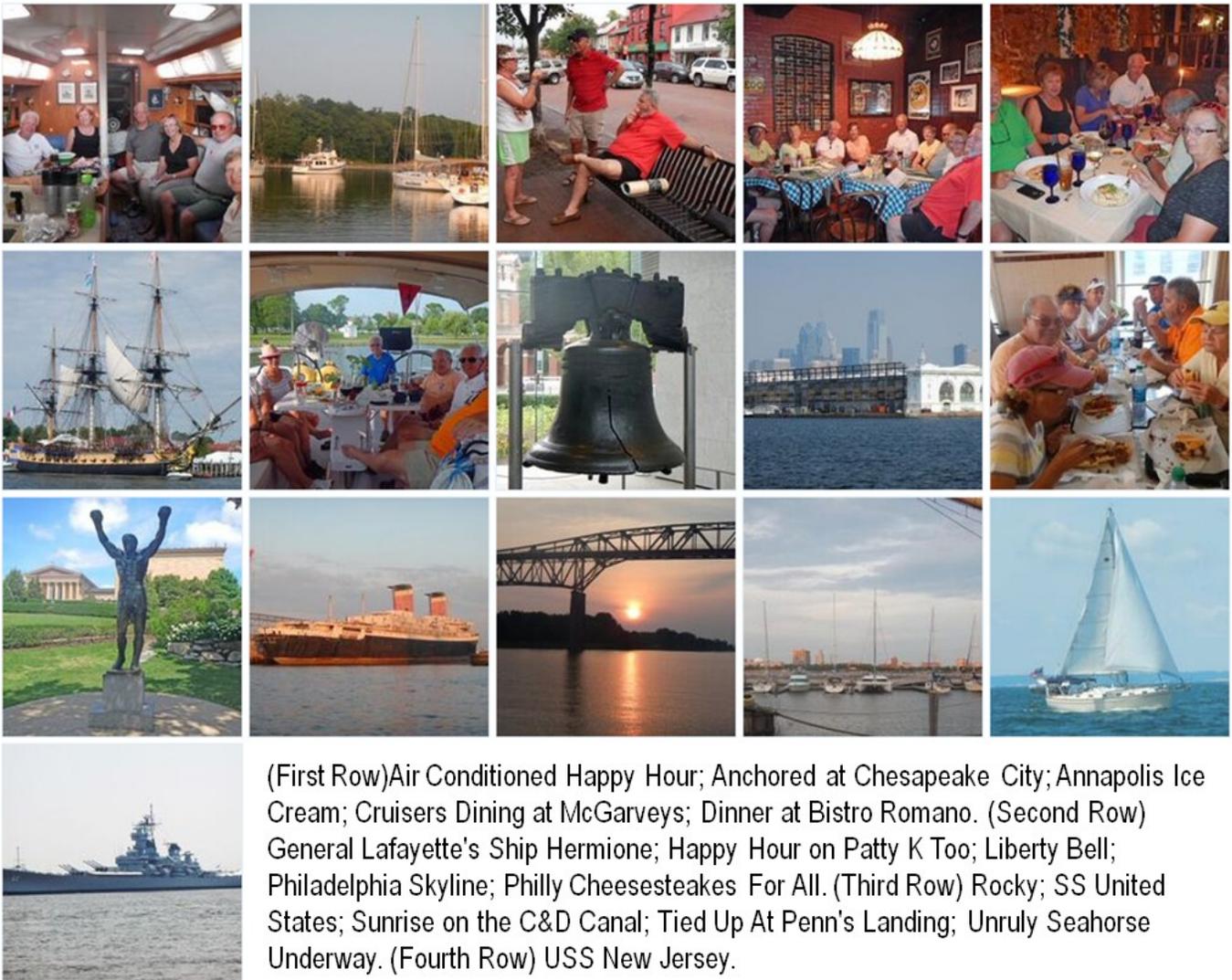
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Dinner at Latitude, Oxford, MD



Puppy's first cruise to Oxford



(First Row) Air Conditioned Happy Hour; Anchored at Chesapeake City; Annapolis Ice Cream; Cruisers Dining at McGarveys; Dinner at Bistro Romano. (Second Row) General Lafayette's Ship Hermione; Happy Hour on Patty K Too; Liberty Bell; Philadelphia Skyline; Philly Cheesesteaks For All. (Third Row) Rocky; SS United States; Sunrise on the C&D Canal; Tied Up At Penn's Landing; Unruly Seahorse Underway. (Fourth Row) USS New Jersey.

Summer Invitation to Race at Leisurely Speeds

By: Megan Hildenberger

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The afternoon of Sunday, June 14th brewed sunny, hot and slightly still.

The fleet of 8 race keel-boats played follow-the-leader behind the RC boat, in search of good consistent breeze. Not too long after flying the AP flag, a Gold Cup Course (SMSA course "G") was set near the north side of the mouth to the Patuxent River at 3.29 NM.

The breeze wasn't great, just 2 Knots, thankfully building to almost 5 Knots by late afternoon: just enough to scratch the itch. And there were no complaints that the thunderstorms left us alone.

Clarke McKinney prevailed over the fleet to win the 1-hr long race, followed by Bad Cat in second and Wicked Good in third.

Thank you to Mark and Robin Witte on the signal boat, and Jeff Moore and Dan Bowman on mark boat!





The Yurko's new Holder 20



Downwind from a distance



Downwind



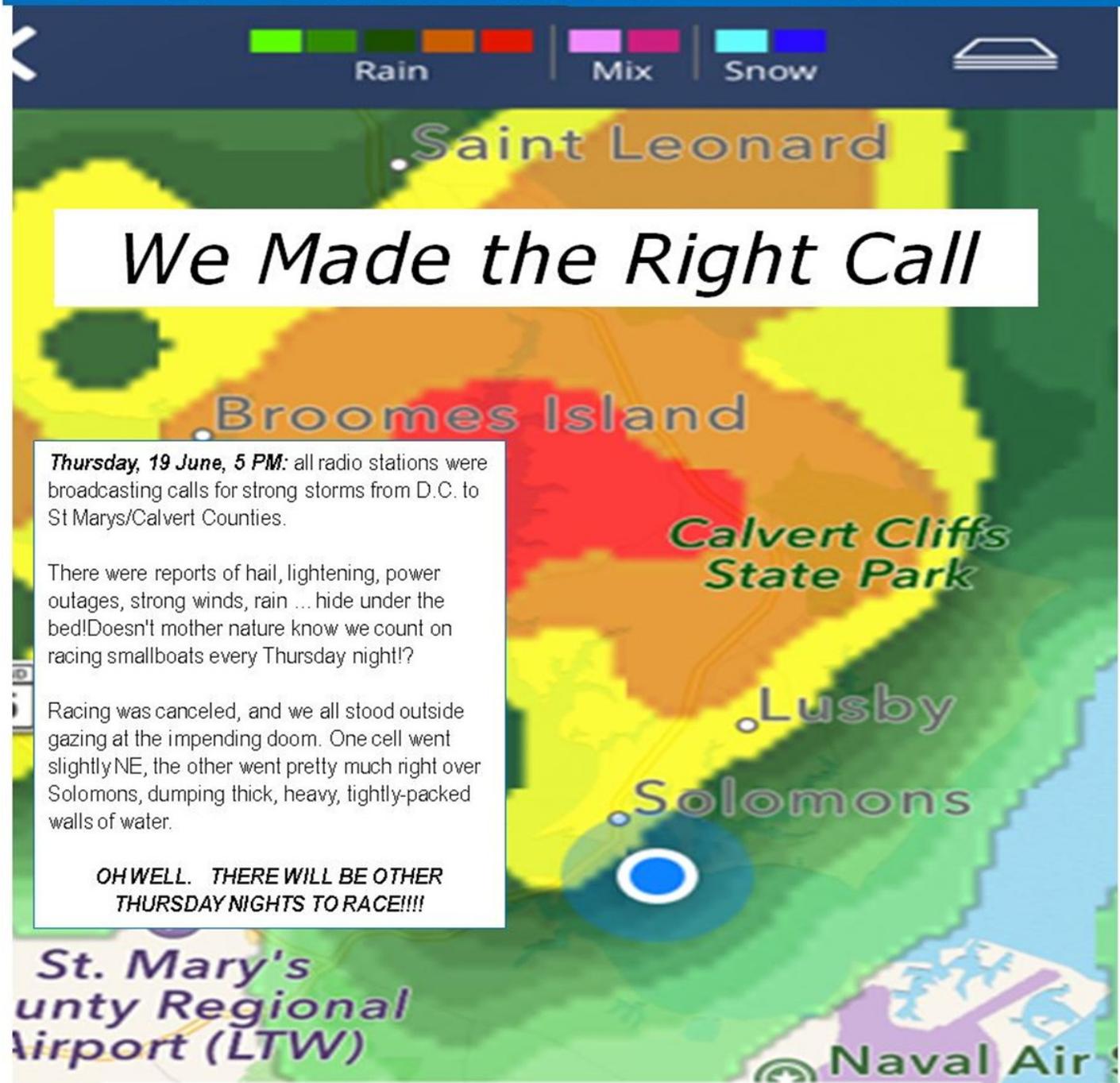
Kraken under sail



Luau Luck! Rain, Rain ... thank you for staying away!

Despite forecasters calling for late afternoon and evening thunderstorms on the day of the annual Luau, June 6th in Solomons saw only partly cloudy skies, although areas as far west as Leonardtown were pummeled with storms. Mid-seventies temperatures were perfect for Hawaiian-style shirts -- a building breeze, as the afternoon went on, made it feel brisk at times. Live music complemented the experience. Thank you to all the volunteers and to Zahniser's for hosting yet another wonderful Luau!





Thursday, 19 June, 5 PM: all radio stations were broadcasting calls for strong storms from D.C. to St Marys/Calvert Counties.

There were reports of hail, lightening, power outages, strong winds, rain ... hide under the bed! Doesn't mother nature know we count on racing smallboats every Thursday night!?

Racing was canceled, and we all stood outside gazing at the impending doom. One cell went slightly NE, the other went pretty much right over Solomons, dumping thick, heavy, tightly-packed walls of water.

OH WELL. THERE WILL BE OTHER THURSDAY NIGHTS TO RACE!!!!



HOW I LEARNED TO STOP WORRYING AND TRUST MY TETHER

BY
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Not all things end as planned. This is what I reminded myself as I noted a brief glimpse of the Atlantic Ocean upside down before next admiring Zahniser's work on the bottom paint of Bad Cat.

How did I get here, you might ask? Well, I violated the golden rule so eloquently stated by Tristan Jones:

"One hand for the ship and one for yourself".

We were on the Annapolis to Newport race, enjoying being at sea and headed north. Bad Cat had just endured a brief but exciting 60 knot micro burst which peaked at 75 knots. This caused some damage which officially ended our race.

Rob and I had been doing some sail handling at the mast and on the foredeck during this event. We were wearing our tethers and life jackets and were clipped into the jack lines. This had been standard practice on all overnight sails, and on the previous year's Annapolis to Bermuda race. I had gone back to the bow to unclip the head on the jib, which had so recently tried to escape the boat.

TRUST MY TETHER (Cont)

Adrenaline was still running high as the wind had only just died off to the 20 or 30 kt range. The seas, which had been calm 20 minutes before, were still churned up. I honestly wasn't looking outside the boat much, so I may not have totally been aware of the sea state. After unclipping the halyard from the jib, I held it in my right hand and looked for a place to clip it so I could deal with the sail.

I picked up the 'frac' line in my left hand; this is a short line we use to hold the jib in the pre-feeder in a ready-to-launch position. This was the last thing I remember before I caught the port lifelines in the back of the legs.

The bow must have pitched off a wave and bounced me off the boat. When the tether caught, I was hanging under underwater headfirst. I quickly found the tether and pulled myself upright only to find Rob staring down at me, calling Man Overboard. I knew at that point that I had been kicked off the foredeck for the foreseeable future.

Foredeck privileges removed.

In all seriousness, other than being extremely mad at myself and drinking copious amounts of saltwater as Bad Cat plowed through waves, I was fine. Some things to note: 1) the tether was not stressed to the point of ripping the safety stitches, 2) the life jacket never inflated because I did not go deep enough for the required time delay. (This is a condition which is not reassuring while you are hanging off the side of the boat and notice your jacket hasn't inflated.) In other words, I was wet but really lucky.

At this point the crew did everything we had trained for. "Man Overboard" was called, everyone came on deck, and they waited for me to shoot out past the back of the boat, not counting on the tether holding me on the side of the boat. The life sling was on the stern rail and the MOB Danbouy was ready to be thrown to mark my position. Additionally, the A2N race required that we all have AIS transponders on our life jackets, which would have activated and marked my position when the vest inflated. A rescue hoist was strapped to the boom to haul me back in if needed.

I use a double tether, so we decided to clip my second tether to the port spin sheet, captured between two blocks. Rob and Brian unclipped the original tether from the port jack line and slid me back along the boat, to the gate in the lifelines. At this point I was unceremoniously hauled back on board, minus one shoe, with knees adorned in blue bottom paint.

I hadn't been in the water very long, but I was truly exhausted. The whole swim was less than 5 minutes.

Considering all the other things that could have happened, including the sharks that Brian had been pointing out less than an hour before, things turned out well. I have the crew of Bad Cat to thank for that.

We always joke about our accidental good luck 'hat overboard' drills that tend to happen before races and we have fun with 'Hank,' our weighted 5 gallon bucket with a lifejacket that keeps falling overboard for training.

I would highly recommend that all SMSA crews make it a habit of taking the time to do a few MOB drills under multiple points of sail, with the crew rotated through all positions. It could be you observing the real thing from the water next time.

Mike Major
BAD CAT USA 063

Wed, Jul 01, 2015	6:30 PM	Wednesday Night Keelboat Races	Sat, Aug 01, 2015		Adult Learn To Sail Class
Thu, Jul 02, 2015	6:30 PM	Thursday Night Dinghy Races	Sun, Aug 02, 2015		Adult Learn To Sail Class
Fri, Jul 03, 2015	5:00 PM	Happy Hour Independence Cruise (TBD)	Mon, Aug 03, 2015	7:00 PM	SMSA BOD Meeting
Sat, Jul 04, 2015	7:00 PM	July 4th Pot Luck Independence Cruise (TBD)	Wed, Aug 05, 2015	6:30 PM	Wednesday Night Keelboat Races
Sun, Jul 05, 2015		Independence Cruise (TBD)	Thu, Aug 06, 2015	6:30 PM	Thursday Night Dinghy Races
Wed, Jul 08, 2015	6:30 PM	Wednesday Night Keelboat Races	Fri, Aug 07, 2015	5:00 PM	Happy Hour Vice Commodores Cup Race
Thu, Jul 09, 2015	6:30 PM	Thursday Night Dinghy Races	Sat, Aug 08, 2015		Vice Commodores Cup Rendezvous Adult Learn to Sail Class
Fri, Jul 10, 2015	5:00 PM	Happy Hour	Sun, Aug 09, 2015	4:30 PM	Adult Learn to Sail Class Scott Kirby Concert at the Clubhouse
Sat, Jul 11, 2015		Happy Hour Raft Up Adult Learn to Sail Class	Wed, Aug 12, 2015	6:30 PM	Wednesday Night Keelboat Races
Sun, Jul 12, 2015		Happy Hour Raft Up Adult Learn to Sail Class	Thu, Aug 13, 2015	6:30 PM	Thursday Night Dinghy Races
Wed, Jul 15, 2015	6:30 PM	Wednesday Night Keelboat Races	Fri, Aug 14, 2015	5:00 PM	Happy Hour
Thu, Jul 16, 2015	6:30 PM	Thursday Night Dinghy Races	Sat, Aug 15, 2015		Mixed Couples Race/Cruise
Fri, Jul 17, 2015		NO HAPPY HOUR Screwpile Lighthouse Challenge Regatta	Sun, Aug 16, 2015		Mixed Couples Race/Cruise
Sat, Jul 18, 2015		Screwpile Lighthouse Challenge Regatta Calvert Artist Guild Show Adult Learn to Sail Class	Wed, Aug 19, 2015	6:30 PM	Wednesday Night Keelboat Races
Sun, Jul 19, 2015		Screwpile Lighthouse Challenge Regatta Calvert Artist Guild Show Adult Learn to Sail Class	Thu, Aug 20, 2015	6:30 PM	Thursday Night Dinghy Races CLEW INPUTS DUE
Mon, Jul 20, 2015		CLEW INPUTS DUE	Fri, Aug 21, 2015	5:00 PM 7:30 PM	Happy Hour Commodores Dinner
Wed, Jul 22, 2015	6:30 PM	Wednesday Night Keelboat Races	Sat, Aug 22, 2015		Warrior Fun Run and Sail
Thu, Jul 23, 2015	6:30 PM	Thursday Night Dinghy Races	Wed, Aug 26, 2015	6:30 PM	Wednesday Night Keelboat Races
Fri, Jul 24, 2015	5:00 PM	Happy Hour Commodore's Dinner	Thu, Aug 27, 2015	6:30 PM	Thursday Night Dinghy Races
Sat, Jul 25, 2015		Choptank River Cruise (to 8-2)	Fri, Aug 28, 2015	5:00 PM	Happy Hour Annapolis Summer Garden Theater Cruise (Schroeder)
Wed, Jul 29, 2015	6:30 PM	Wednesday Night Keelboat Races	Sat, Aug 29, 2015		Annapolis Summer Garden Theater Cruise (Schroeder)
Thu, Jul 30, 2015	6:30 PM	Thursday Night Dinghy Races	Sun, Aug 30, 2015		Annapolis Summer Garden Theater Cruise (Schroeder)
Fri, Jul 31, 2015	5:00 PM	Happy Hour St Mary's College of Maryland Governor's Cup Race			

SMSA CALENDAR July—August



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