



The Commodore's Corner

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COMMODORE'S MESSAGE MAY 2016

Let the Season Begin!

As SMSA Commodores have declared for 44 previous years, and with the traditional cannon blast, we defied the final bluster of winter on Saturday, April 9th and declared this the 45th opening of the SMSA sailing season.

What a great turn-out! Thank you to all for your spirited attendance, for the great spread of food, and for braving the really crummy weather to make our Opening Day Brunch and Flag Raising Ceremony a great success.

Thank you to **Jody Keen** and her Social Committee for the clubhouse set-up, nice decorations, and 45th birthday cake; to **Jolie Homsher** and all who helped put the clubhouse in great shape a week ago; to **Dan Schneider** for the heart-felt blessing; to **Merrie Ruth Raley** and **Mary Szcylowski** for their re-creation of the tradition of Bloody Marys and Mimosas; to **Rod** and **Pat Schroeder** for such a nice job in picking up on the **Ollie/Katie** burritos; to **Shawn Stanley**, **Eddie Sierra**, **Jim Whited**, and **Don Behrens** for their expert help in orchestrating the "innovated" Flag Raising Ceremony; to **Tim Flaherty**, **Megan Hildenberger** (another great yearbook Megan! Thank you!), **Mark Gyorgy**, and **Kristi Yurko** for manning the check-in desk; and again to all who came out on a cold, rainy, windy morning, brought lots of food, and made it a wonderful day to start our 45th season.

Now that we're into May, it's full-on summer sailing ops. The Junior Program is ramping up and reservations are filling fast. Wednesday Night and Weekend Keelboat Racing are underway. The Small Boat Racers are out there on Thursdays and are looking forward to their first weekend regatta on June 11th. [Reminder: Racers please sign up for your Race Committee Duties.] The Cruisers have had a couple weekend rendezvous on the hook and are provisioning for the 9-day Ports-mouth Cruise South to be led by **Rich Freeman** and **Patty Kimmel**. Additionally, our clubhouse continues to get a lot of quality use with Friday Happy Hours, Movie Nights (w/ great, new hi def projector), Special Events (i.e. Comedy Night, Ping Pong Tourney, TV Sports Events), Race Results, and other impromptu use by members.

Thanks again to all the many volunteers who enable all the activity that our membership enjoys. This month I'd like to shine the spotlight on one such invaluable volunteer... our Bar Manager, **Scotty Roland**. Scotty is a tireless and devoted steward of one of our club's most popular shore-side assets. In a task that leaves no room for compromise, Scotty's attention to detail and thorough accomplishment of his many and varied duties, gives meaning to the term... *excellence*. From management of inventory, to monitoring expenses and receipts, to maintaining the bar area and use to State and County Health and Legal Standards, to coordinating Bartenders and TAMs, Scotty does it all, and does it to the highest standards. Thank you Scotty!

Of course, Scotty is but one of the many SMSA members who volunteer their time and energy to make the club an enjoyable experience for all of us. If you don't have an active role in one of our various committees, and would like to, give one of the Committee Chairs a call and see if you can help out. Their names, phone numbers, and e-mail addresses are in the year book.

It's getting warm... time to go sailing. Hope to see you all out there on the water and around the clubhouse.

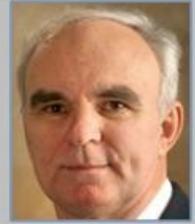
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Mike Ironmonger makes sailing preps. Paint for a day; sail for a season...



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With the crazy weather, no boats were in the water to make the Opening Day cruise to Rollins Cove.

Our next overnighter is to Mill Creek (St. Mary's) on April 30th with Dave and Lois Zonderman on **Walkabout** as cruise leaders. Come over for happy hour around 4:00, even if you cannot spend the night. Look for the Catalina 400 with huge **Walkabout** letters on the sides.

The first long cruise of the season is to Hampton/Portsmouth/Cape Charles, Va. leaving on May 21st and returning on May 30th. Patty Kimmel on **Patty K Too** will be our cruise leader for the ten day cruise.

NOTICE: There has been a change to the Hampton/Portsmouth/Cape Charles cruise. Go to the Program - Cruise tab on our website for the updated cruise information. There is a lot to see at Hampton and Portsmouth, so don't miss this one.

Marina contact information for the Hampton/Portsmouth/Cape Charles cruise:

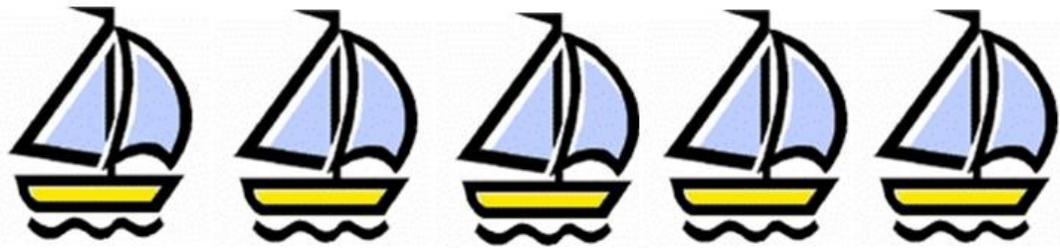
May 24, 25, 26: **Tidewater Yacht Marina** (Portsmouth, Va.) - 757.397.2092

May 27: **City of Cape Charles, Va. Marina** - 757.331.2357

May 28: **Chesapeake Boat Basin** (Indian Creek, Va.) - 804.436.1234

Let the dock master know that you are with the SMSA group so they can try to keep us close together. Please let the cruise chairman know of your reservations so we know how many boats to expect.

Jerry Taylor
SMSA Cruise Chair
410-474-6834



We're hosting the HSA Women's Regatta this year on Sunday June 5th. We'd love to have SMSA members come race here again if available.

Please encourage any women at SMSA to bring a boat up, or join us as crew or tactician. We plan to have a spinnaker class and non-spin class, and we have some new racers at HSA who could use help.

The event is in the Green Book this year and we're hoping to get boats from Solomon's, West River, and Annapolis too - so talk it up and send some women and their boats our way!

Emily Manders



At the last BOD meeting, the Directors agreed to sell the club's five extra Optimis. These are not in the best of shape but the hulls are sound. The Club would like to solicit interest from club members first. We do not have specific prices in mind ... but will entertain any offers from Club members prior to putting them on the market. If you are interested in making an offer on one or more of the boats, email Jim Whited at vicecommodore@smsa.com.



The Training Corner

Les Griffith, Training Chair



We completed a training seminar on CPR/First Aid in April. The seminar was given by Rebeca Humpal a Registered Nurse and American Heart Association (AHA) certified instructor. Rebecca provides training to various organizations throughout Southern Maryland. Attendees received an American Heart Association (AHA) Certificate which is the same training that First Responders receive.

Coming up in May we are hosting another CPR/First Aid seminar. The class will be held on 7 May 2016 beginning at 9:00 AM and will last about 8 hours plus a break for lunch. We must have a minimum of 6 participants and up to 12 members in the class, we currently have 6 members who have expressed an interest so there is plenty of room to get in on this training.

Later in May Jim Black from the *Dee* of St Mary's is scheduled to conduct a talk on the famous skipjack including a tour of the vessel. The ship will be docked at the end of the SMSA dock assuming it can safely do so. If unable to dock at SMSA they will dock it at the Lore Oyster Museum just down the street, either way it will be an interesting presentation/tour. There may also be an opportunity to sign up for volunteering on the *Dee*, a great way to help preserve the maritime history of Southern Maryland. The presentation/tour will be on 22 May 2016 (time TBD) so come on out and bring your friends and family and experience sailing the way it used to be.

On the same day we are looking to schedule the Patuxent River Sail and Power Squadron (pending availability) to do a demonstration of hand held flares, give you an opportunity to participate in lighting a flare, and explain why the flares expire and how to inspect your flares to be sure they will work when you need them. All in all this will be a great way to spend a Sunday afternoon in May.

Keep an eye on "This Week at SMSA" for details as they develop.

Les Griffith
Training Chair
training@SMSA.com

FOR SALE!

**1996 Vanguard
15 - Hull #897**

- 1 set main & jib class sails in race condition.
- 1 intensity main new
- 1 set main & jib Intensity sails in very good condition
- 1 set main & jib Intensity sails weekday race condition
- 1 Intensity practice jib

- All lines in excellent condition, several jib sheets for different winds and hands

- Centerboard and rudder good condition and in carry bag with 2 carbon tiller extensions of different lengths

- Hull to deck joint dremmeled, epoxied, and coated, very dry boat.

- Trailex aluminum trailer, new tires stored indoors, includes mast crotch for travel

- Sailors Tailor travel cover, top and bottom

- Yard cover, recently serviced with zipper re-inforced



Asking \$2500.

**Interested parties can contact Dan at
443 745 5220**

8' Fatty Knees Rowing Dinghy/Tender for Sale



Designed by Lyle Hess, famous for his Bristol Channel Cutter and the Pardey's cruisers, she's a chunky little boat, with plenty of room, exceptional stability, and appealing yet graceful lines.



Includes 2hp 4-Stroke Honda Engine, Shaw & Tenney Oars, Teak Floor Boards, Lifting Eyes and Drain, Boat Cover and Outboard Pad.

Price: \$3250 OBO

(Replacement Cost: \$6600)

Contact Jim Keen @ 240 925-1173 or at williwaw66@hotmail.com

SMSA CALENDAR

Sun, May 01, 2016		SMSA Happy Hour Raft Up
Wed, May 04, 2016		SMSA Wednesday Night Races
Thu, May 05, 2016		SMSA Small Boat Races
Fri, May 06, 2016	5:30 PM	Happy Hour
Mon, May 09, 2016	7:00 PM	BOD Meeting
Wed, May 11, 2016		SMSA Wednesday Night Races
Thu, May 12, 2016		SMSA Small Boat Races
Fri, May 13, 2016	5:30 PM	CALVERT ARTS GUILD AWARDS ART SHOW Happy Hour
Sat, May 14, 2016	10:00 AM	CALVERT ARTS GUILD AWARDS ART SHOW Double Handed Race
Sun, May 15, 2016	12:45 PM	CALVERT ARTS GUILD AWARDS ART SHOW Frost-Goode Race
Wed, May 18, 2016		SMSA Wednesday Night Races
Thu, May 19, 2016		SMSA Small Boat Races
Fri, May 20, 2016	5:30 PM 7:00 PM	Happy Hour Commodores Dinner
Fri, May 20, 2016		CLEW INPUT DUE
Sat, May 21, 2016		Portsmouth Cruise South (Till 5/30)
Sun, May 22, 2016		Dee of St Marys Presentation
Wed, May 25, 2016		SMSA Wednesday Night Races
Thu, May 26, 2016		SMSA Small Boat Races
Fri, May 27, 2016	5:30 PM	Happy Hour

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Wed, Jun 01, 2016	6:25 PM	SMSA Wednesday Night Races
Thu, Jun 02, 2016	6:30 PM	SMSA Small Boat Races
Fri, Jun 03, 2016	5:30 PM	Happy Hour
Sat, Jun 04, 2016	3:30 PM	Spring Women's Keelboat Regatta Luau party at Zanheiser's YC
Mon, Jun 06, 2016	7:00 PM	BOD meeting at the clubhouse
Wed, Jun 08, 2016	6:25 PM	SMSA Wednesday Night Races
Thu, Jun 09, 2016	6:30 PM	SMSA Small Boat Races
Fri, Jun 10, 2016	5:30 PM	Happy Hour
Sat, Jun 11, 2016		Philadelphia Cruise North (till 6-20) SMSA small boat one-day regatta
Wed, Jun 15, 2016	6:25 PM	SMSA Wednesday Night Races
Thu, Jun 16, 2016	6:30 PM	SMSA Small Boat Races
Fri, Jun 17, 2016	5:30 PM	Happy Hour
Mon, Jun 20, 2016		CLEW INPUT DUE
Mon, Jun 20, 2016		Summer Solstice Cruise
Wed, Jun 22, 2016	6:25 PM	SMSA Wednesday Night Races
Thu, Jun 23, 2016	6:30 PM	SMSA Small Boat Races
Fri, Jun 24, 2016	5:30 PM	Happy Hour
Sat, Jun 25, 2016		Teen Sailing Clinic SMSA Distance Race 2
Sun, Jun 26, 2016		Teen Sailing Clinic Summer Invitational Race
Wed, Jun 29, 2016	6:25 PM	SMSA Wednesday Night Races
Thu, Jun 30, 2016	6:30 PM	SMSA Small Boat Races



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See You at the Club!