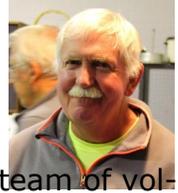




Bring on the Fall Wind

The Commodore's Corner

By Jim Keen
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Another great Scott Kirby concert! Huge thanks goes to Tim Flaherty and his team of volunteers who organized and supported another terrific, fun Sunday afternoon concert at the clubhouse. And once again, a sellout crowd!

This summer's Junior Sailing Camp Program was a great success. A record number of 170 campers, ages 6-16, participated in the 9 week program which culminated in a two-week Advanced Dinghy Sailing/Racing Introduction for some of the older campers. Hats off to our Junior Chair, Barbara Whited, for her superb management of a top notch program that succeeded on every level, including passing the Maryland State Inspection with "no exceptions of work items". Her camp staff, led by Camp Director, Hannah Dickmyer, ensured a safe environment, taught the campers boat handling and sailing skills that will give them the foundation for a life-long sport, and made it fun for them while they were at it. Congratulations and thank you to Barb, Hannah, and the entire Junior Camp Staff for a very successful and productive summer camp!

At our August Board of Directors meeting the BOD voted to establish a High School/Middle School Sailing Program. The SMSA coach has been identified, and the team will practice and race during 10-week periods in the Spring and the Fall. This is a very positive step and helps to advance SMSA's stated goal of promotion of the sport. The Fall season starts Monday, September 11th. See the "High School Sailing Program" tab in our website for more details. If you have a student who may be interested, Wednesday and Thursday, September 6 & 7 are available for trying it out prior to the start of the Fall season.

This month the BOD also voted to join the Yachting Club of America. The Yachting Club of America, <http://ycaol.com/>, is an association of over 700 US yachting and sailing clubs with **reciprocal member benefits** and an annual register of American yacht clubs.

As I mentioned in last month's CLEW, the November 4th annual meeting and elections will be here before we know it. As per our bi-laws, the slate for Officers and Directors must be received by the membership 15 days prior to the election. So, the ballots will be mailed out by October 16th to ensure receipt by 20 October. As such, the BOD has set a firm deadline of October 12th for members submitting names for the Officer and Director positions. It was also decided that all candidates should provide a short, one paragraph resume that summarizes their past activity and service with the club, along with a photo of you. The bio and photo should be submitted with your request to be placed on the ballot. Please submit these to our immediate past Commodore, Tim Flaherty, at timfsmsa@gmail.com

THE SOCIAL SCENE WITH JODY KEEN

Jody Keen
Social Chair
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Where has the summer gone? It's hard to believe that fall is just around the corner. This past month, **Scott Kirby** returned to the SMSA clubhouse on August the 13th to a sold out crowd. Thanks much to Tim and Lisa for spearheading this event, as well as multiple social committee members for support!

On August 26th the **Vice Commodore's Cup** brought a number of cruisers (by water) and racers (by land) to the Corinthian Yacht Club for a BBQ. We enjoyed a beautiful evening with a nice breeze. What a beautiful setting for a great get together. Everyone who attended had a great time!

We have a couple of events happening at the clubhouse in the upcoming month. On September 20th, we will host the **Pleine Air** artists for the quick draw competition. Come out to the boardwalk and watch these talented artists complete a painting in a timed, juried competition. It is incredible what these artists can do in a matter of a few hours! Afterwards, their art work will be displayed, and for sale, in the clubhouse.

Finally, for September, we will have a **Crab Feast** on September 23rd in conjunction with the Small-boat 2 day regatta. Join us at 5:30 pm for Maryland steamed crabs and sides, as well as great camaraderie. Please see the advertisement in this month's Clew.

Please tune into the Clew for exciting upcoming events later in the fall.

CRUISERS CORNER



Jerry Taylor
SMSA Cruise Chair
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The Crisfield/Salisbury cruise will be underway when you receive this. Our next extended cruise is to the Northern Bay on September 23rd with Carl and Martha Kemp on **Serenity** as cruise leaders. There are several marina stays, so make your reservations early. Please let Carl/Martha and myself know if you plan to join so we can plan things. This time of year is always very nice with some great sailing! See you on the water!

Mixed Couples Race/Cruise

19-20 August 2017

By Rod Schroeder



BATTLE CREEK RAFT UP

Somewhere around 24 (plus or minus a few) SMSA boats participated in our annual mixed couples race/cruise to Battle Creek for a beautiful afternoon/evening raft-up and to enjoy- a wide array of food and beverage from one end of the raft to the other end.

Unfortunately, it was a motor-sail type of day up the river for the cruisers, and a light wind struggle for the racers. Not sure how many boats started the race, but only 4 boats finished the race due to the light winds and adverse current. Talk around the raft-up was that *Bad Cat* (sailed by Robert Herbig & Sandy Leitner) may

have edged out *Short Bus* (Hawk & Stephanie Caldwell) for the win, but as of this writing that had not yet been confirmed. As in years past, three of our couples, Rose & Larry Ray, Robin & Mark Witte, and Jacki & David Meiser, who all have identical wedding anniversaries on 17 August, celebrated their day with the fleet.

Next year will be the 50th for Rose & Larry.

As twilight approached, several boats broke off from the raft to either anchor for the night, or to head back to Solomons. Late into the evening, a good time could still be heard across the still waters from those who were still rafted and continuing the party. *Destiny* (Chris & Karen Eggert) had the honor of anchoring the raft with their 65lb CQR and a lot of chain. The rest of the boat count included: *Right Shift*, *Gemini*, *Serenity*, *Vivo*, *Safina*, *Irazu*, *Short Bus*, *Cefalu*, *Stingray*, *Splash*, *Noon Somewhere*, *Ruste Nayle*, *Bad Cat*, *Rakali*, *Twice Around*, *Easy Button*, *Cloud 9*, *White Spy*, *Black Spy*, *Holiday*, *Crash Pad*, a Grady White, and a Mako. Apologies to any that may have been missed.



VIVO CATCHING THE BREEZE

The trip back to Solomons on Sunday morning brought just enough breeze for a slow sail for some, while others were relegated to yet another motor-sail. Check out the SMSA Facebook page for additional pictures posted by participants. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/64514590917/>

NOTE: Many thanks to Rod for filling in as Cruise Leader on very short notice, and for writing the article. "No Sched..." decided to let me down the day before by giving up all three batteries at one time!! She has promised to never do that again! Jerry

Mill Creek—St. Mary's Raft Up 29 July 2017

By Dave and Lois Zonderman

Well the rough weather kept us all onshore on Saturday 7/29, but a small but fun group met in Mill Creek for a Happy Hour Raft up anyway on Sunday. Walkabout (Dave & Lois Zonderman) was anchored by mid-



Mill Creek Raft-up

afternoon, and were joined by No Sched... (Jerry Taylor), Vivo, (Steve & Linda Keiser, Cloud 9 (Donna Maneely & Les Griffin) and the Patty K Too (Rich Freeman, Patty Kimmel and granddaughter from Georgia) by small power boat.

We enjoyed a fun afternoon of food, drink and fun conversation. New members, Steve and Lisa Kiser got to know our cruising group and we enjoyed hearing their stories of how they relocated on their Island Packet 440 to Southern Maryland from Ohio. Thanks to all who were able to join us.

Dave & Lois Zonderman on-board Walkabout

Annapolis Summer Garden Theater Cruise

20-24 July 2017

By Rod Schroeder

On the fourth weekend in July ten SMSA sailors made their way to Annapolis to attend the Summer Garden Theater production of "The Full Monty". *Ruste Nayle* (Rod & Pat Schroeder), *Cloud 9* (Les Griffith & Donna Maneely), and *No Sched* (Jerry Taylor) departed Solomons on Thursday in a mostly light breeze to rendezvous at anchor in the West River for happy hour aboard *Ruste Nayle*.



CLOUD 9 LOOKING FOR AIR

On Friday morning, the three boats sailed into Annapolis where *Cloud 9* and *No Sched* grabbed mooring balls for the weekend, while *Ruste Nayle* decided to plug into shore power in Ego Ally to run air conditioning due to the oppressive heat forecast for the weekend. *Safina* (Dennis Chandler) joined the mooring ball group later in the day after motor sailing up the bay from Solomons.

After spending Friday afternoon and most of Saturday entertaining ourselves in town, we gathered at The Federal House Bar & Grill for our traditional group dinner and ice cream at Kilwin's before the play. For dinner and the play, we were joined by land-cruiser crews of *Vivo* (Steve & Linda Kiser) and *Walkabout* (Dave & Lois Zonderman).

Unfortunately, mother nature only let us see the first half of the play as a heavy rain shower moved in on us right on cue at the intermission. Guess we will have to watch the movie to see how it ends. All four boats headed back to Solomons on Sunday with a mix of sailing and motor sailing. *No Sched* decided to spend one more night on the hook in the local Solomons area to close out another great weekend away from the dock. Thanks to all who participated.



DINNER AT THE FED HOUSE

SCOTT KIRBY SHOW SELLS OUT FOR 10TH TIME AT SMSA

Singer-songwriter Scott Kirby has now played at SMSA 10 years in a row, and has sold out 10 times! Kirby and accompanist Dave Edmisten played the clubhouse on Sunday, August 13th, bringing Kirby's brand of James Taylor-esque, sailing and harbor music to SMSA members and guests.

Volunteers for the afternoon included: Merrie Ruth Raley, Mary Szyglowsky, Susan St. George, Betsy Dodge, John Auman and his friend Cathy, Donna Maneely, Rob Herbig, Polly Traynham, Lisa Flaherty, and Tim Flaherty. Several other members assisted in cleanup.



Sponsors for this years event were the Holiday Inn Conference Center and Marina, and Corona Extra beer.

SMSA CRAB FEAST
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23rd, 5:30PM

\$20/ticket

Includes 6 crabs,
numerous sides,
non-seafood
entrée options,
and dessert

Additional crabs for sale
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NOTE FROM THE EDITOR: CHECK SMSA.COM FOR THE SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER 2017 CALENDAR!

HIGH SCHOOL & MIDDLE SCHOOL SAILING PROGRAM

WHEN

Mon, Tues, Thurs
3:30pm – 6:30pm
(Optional: Regattas on Weekends)

WHERE

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PARENT/STUDENT INFO NIGHT

Tues, September 12th
6:00pm

Potluck: bring a dish to share



FALL SEASON

Practice starts Sept 11th
M, T, Th 3:30 – 6:30pm
At SMSA Clubhouse
10 week season, \$300

SEASON FEE INCLUDES:

Use of Club 420 Sailboats
Coach
Team League Fees

Regatta Fees Extra
SMSA Membership required
(Fall Season Junior fee: \$30)
Students responsible for
personal sailing gear.

CALL FOR OFFICER AND DIRECTOR NOMINATIONS: The Immediate Past Commodore is collecting names of those being nominated or who wish to run for an SMSA elected office this fall. Officer positions include: Commodore, Vice Commodore, Rear Commodore, Treasurer, and Secretary. Additionally, two Director positions will be voted on. The Officer posts are one-year terms, while Directors serve three-year terms.

To be an eligible candidate for Commodore, the nominee must have previously served at least two years in an Officer position or as a committee chair. There are no prerequisites for the other open positions. All nominees must be SMSA members in good standing.

Nominations can be made in writing or via email to Tim Flaherty, Immediate Past Commodore. Please look for an email confirmation before assuming you will be on the printed ballot. timfmsa@gmail.com or at PO Box 262, Solomons, MD. 20688. Nominations, a short bio of previous SMSA activity and service, and a recent photo must be received and confirmed by the Immediate Past Commodore no later than 5pm on October 12th, 2017.



FOR SALE

'89 WAHOO! 16.2 Striper Center Console

2011 Yamaha 4-Stroke , 70 hp O/B (very low hrs)

New Fish Finder/Depth Sounder, '96 Trailer

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