



## The Commodore's Corner

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## Another Beautiful Fall Season... Great Sailing Weather

As the sailing season starts to wind down, activities around the clubhouse begin to increase with the annual membership meeting/election, planning for next year's activities, budget creation, and the many social activities approaching the holidays.

Bar management transition... This past month, Scotty Roland stepped down as our Bar Manager after three years of an excellent job of keeping our favorite adult beverages well stocked and providing a very professionally managed facility. As we thank Scotty for his years of dedicated service, we welcome his reliefs, Todd and Jennifer Porter who have graciously volunteered to take on the responsibility. Thank you, Todd and Jenn, for coming forward to assume management of our club's bar facility.

We can never have too many TAM qualified volunteer bartenders. If your certification is (or has) lapsed or you would like to volunteer to become newly certified, please contact Todd or Jenn at [barmanager@smsa.com](mailto:barmanager@smsa.com) to sign up for the upcoming December 10<sup>th</sup> TAM class.

We have happy hour every Friday at SMSA. There seems to be a core cast of members that frequent happy hour, and those regulars have joked about a likeness to the cast of the old TV show, *Cheers*. So, come on out to Friday Happy Hour and see our own cast of characters... Norm, Carla, Cliff, and Diane. We still need help with identifying Sam and Frasier.

All members should have received your election ballots by October 20<sup>th</sup>. If you haven't mailed them back yet, please bring yours to the Annual Membership Meeting on Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup>. Doors open at 0900 for Bloody Mary's, brunch at 0930, with meeting at 1030. We'll tally the Officer and BOD election votes and overview the previous year's business.

I want to thank our Facility Manager, Jolie Homsher, and the other eight SMSA members who came out on Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup> for our Fall Projects Day. The team of volunteers (Les Griffith, Jim Whited, Lowell Martin, Clarke McKinney, Chuck Dohrman, Doug Hayes, Jody Keen, and yours truly) assisted Jolie in tackling a six-page project list. In addition, Les Griffith and Lowell Martin started a few days early in putting a temporary fix to our storefront SMSA sign which had been peeling off the building. Thanks to Jolie and the members who came out to work on Saturday. For those members who missed out on the action, you'll have another chance to help spruce up the clubhouse next April in preparation for opening day.

COMMODORE LETTER (CONT)

As David Meiser and Betsy Dodge step down from the Board of Directors, I wish to thank each of them for their many years of dedicated service to SMSA. David has served the last eleven years (four terms!) as a Director after having served two terms, years ago, as the Public Relations Governor. Betsy is completing a three-year term as Director after serving a year as Rear Commodore and five terms as our Secretary. David and Betsy have been key players in SMSA's leadership team, and we will miss their experience, insight, and valuable participation. Thank you David and Betsy!

As we move into November, many of us are winterizing our boats. But for hardy racers, November means Sunday Frostbite Races. We also look forward to Thanksgiving and the first weekend in December when we can enjoy the Solomons Christmas Walk and our SMSA Open House on Friday December 1<sup>st</sup>, immediately followed by our Christmas Party on Saturday night.

In the mean time, I hope to see you all on the first Saturday in November at our SMSA Annual Meeting and Potluck Brunch.

**Jim Keen**  
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<b>THE SOCIAL SCENE</b> <b>WITH JODY KEEN</b>	Jody Keen Social Chair social@smsa.com	
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There are lots of social activities coming up in the next month...something for everyone. But first, let me re-cap the past month. On Friday, the 13th of October we had the 1st Commodore's Dinner of the

season. The theme was German food in celebration of Oktoberfest. The evening was well attended and the food was fantastic. November's Commodore's dinner will be on the 17<sup>th</sup>. The food theme is BBQ. So bring your best!

On October 28.th we hosted the Chili cook-off and Oyster scald in conjunction with Bucctoberfest. Lots of yummy chili was enjoyed by everyone. Terri Farnham and I tied for first place, with Jim Keen a close second. Oyster lovers were in seventh heaven; chowing down on raw, steamed and grilled oysters.

Don't forget about the Annual Membership Meeting and pot luck brunch on Saturday, November 4th. The doors open at 9:00am for Bloody Mary's, brunch starts at 9:30 and the meeting starts tentatively at 10:30.

**\*\*\*Returning to SMSA on November 10th is our Comedy Night with Kelly Tarranova. This evening will feature Kelly as well as two additional comedians. Emcee: Julie Fox - Julie was selected as a finalist on the reality TV show - "Funniest Mom in America." Feature Act: Mark Matusof- One of the top comics to come out of D.C., Mark has been described in the press as "funny without being vulgar or nasty" and "going the smarter, hipper direction to the joke." Headliner: Kelly Terranova- Described by Joan Rivers as "The Funniest Comedian in His Price Range", Kelly Terranova is a natural storyteller combining a wicked sense of humor with infectious energy and a genuine, likable persona. Make sure to reserve your tickets on-line or you can purchase them at the door.\*\*\***

Believe it or not the Christmas Walk and Christmas party/parade of lights are right around the corner. This year's Christmas walk will be held on Friday, December 1<sup>st</sup>; and our Christmas party will be held on Saturday, the second. The Social committee will provide turkey and ham. Please plan on joining us for good eats and the Parade of Lights.

## CRUISERS CORNER



Jerry Taylor  
SMSA Cruise Chair  
[cruise@smsa.com](mailto:cruise@smsa.com)

Many thanks to Carl and Martha Kemp (**Serenity**) who are taking on the role as Cruise Chairman for the 2018 season. They will soon be working on destinations for another exciting year of cruising our beloved Chesapeake Bay. All suggestions should be sent to [\*\*carlfkemp@gmail.com\*\*](mailto:carlfkemp@gmail.com).

The date for the 2018 Cruise Planning meeting will be on Jan. 6<sup>th</sup> at 10:00. A light breakfast will be served, please contact Carl if you plan to attend so that we can get an accurate head count for the goodies.

The following SMSA snowbirds have departed for warmer waters for the winter: Joe and Jody Frost (**Gemini**), Rich Freeman and Patty Kimmel (**Patty K Too** – [www.sailblogs.com/member/pattyktoo/](http://www.sailblogs.com/member/pattyktoo/)) and new members Steve and Linda Kiser on (**Vivo**).

Please let me know if your boat is eligible for the **One Thousand Mile Cruising** award that will be given out at The Awards Banquet on January 20, 2018. This is for the owner of boats that have cruised 1,000 or more miles during the season on their own boat.

See you on the water....

Jerry

## SMSA BAR - TAM CLASS!

SMSA is fortunate to have a fully operating Bar. Volunteers keep the Bar running, and per Maryland State Law, a Techniques of Alcohol Management (TAM) licensed representative must be on premises to legally sell alcoholic beverages. A TAM is not required to serve as a bar tender, but must be present on the premises.

Without TAM licenses volunteers, SMSA can't run the bar.

There is a TAM class offered at SMSA clubhouse,  
December 10th, Sunday 12 to 4pm.

**If interested please contact the Bar Manager ([barmanager@smsa.com](mailto:barmanager@smsa.com)) or Todd Porter, [portertodda@gmail.com](mailto:portertodda@gmail.com), if you can attend.**

# Northern Bay Cruise

## Carl and Martha Kemp

**September 23—October 1, 2017**

The Northern Bay Cruise proposed to the Sassafass River and Havre de Grace, from Sept 23-Oct 1 was modified in both destination and trip length. This was because of two off-shore hurricanes with strong winds directly out of the north. Staying close to home port in these conditions was agreed upon by all cruisers.

On Sat., Sept 23 four boats departed Solomons for San Domingo Creek. Cruisers included **No Sched** ... (Jerry/Donna Taylor), **Tanqueray III** (Lloyd/Barbara Conley), **Ruste Nayle** (Rod/Pat Schroeder), and **Serenity** (cruise leaders Carl/Martha Kemp). Facing northern winds, all motored up the bay until reaching the Choptank. Turning into the river, winds were more favorable which let us to turn off the motor and raise the sails. Happy hour took place on No Sched, hosted by Jerry and Donna.

Cruisers were joined by **Serenity** (Curt and Dottie Hamilton) and **Cloud 9** (Les Griffith) on Day 2, a lay day in San Domingo Creek. Paddle boarding, crabbing, reading, and boat repairs took up a large part of the morning. During the afternoon cruisers in dinghys went ashore to explore the sights of St. Michaels, have dinner at St. Michaels Steak and Crab House, and eat ice cream at Justine's.

Continuing to stay closer to home, anchors were pulled on day 3 and after a last minute scramble to get reservations all left for the Brewer Boatyard in Oxford. Winds in the Choptank were calm on this unusually hot fall day. Luckily the marina pool was open and everyone changed in into their bathing suits and headed over. Happy hour was held at the water front area adjacent to the pool. Later, some went out to dinner at the new Capsize waterfront restaurant.

With increasing north winds projected, we decided to cross the bay to West River. **Ruste Nayle** took advantage of strong north winds to sail back to Solomons. Others had a strong close/broad reach sail across the Bay. Ultimately all ended up motoring north to reach West River. Only **Serenity** and **SERENITY** (Cat) went ashore in Galesville for dinner at Pirates Cove restaurant.

With continued winds out of the north, four boats motored to Annapolis on day 5. **Tanqueray III** departed for Solomons to take advantage of the great wind from behind. Once secure on mooring balls we enjoyed the sights and sounds of the harbor. We took dinghys and water taxis ashore and had dinner at the well-known Chick & Ruths Delly on Main St and strolled through town after.

Cloud 9 left on day 6 to take advantage of strong winds and sailed to Solomons. Others spent the day exploring the streets, shops and coffee houses of Annapolis, as well touring the Naval Academy. In the evening, the group walked to Eastport for dinner at the Boatyard Bar and Grill, a regular stopover for hungry sailors.

The trip was shortened by two days as most needed to get back early. On Friday, day 7, the remaining three boats headed for Solomons. North winds that had been strong all week, were calmed, so while sails were raised in anticipation of wind, motors were turned on to get us home. In spite of not reaching our north bay destination, all agreed that St. Michaels, Oxford, and Annapolis were good alternatives to the original trip – and no one missed going to the Northern Bay, bucking wind and waves.

Carl/Martha Kemp  
s/v Serenity



***Clockwise from top left:***

Ruste Nayle leading the fleet up the Choptank;

Dessert after dinner in St. Michael's;

Martha & Pat on a morning stroll;

Riding out Maria at the pool in Oxford;

Happy Hour at Brewers/Oxford Marina.

# THE ADVENTURES OF WATER RAT IN TEXAS

by Robin Witte

Saturday, October 14, 2017 at 0530 the crew of Water Rat (Mark Witte & Hannah Dickmyer, Robin Witte as shore support) departed from Maryland to head to the VX One North Americans. The regatta was held at Rush Creek Yacht Club (RCYC) located in Heath, Texas on Lake Ray Hubbard. The crew arrived midday on Sunday, October 15, dropped off the boat and headed to Fort Worth to visit with friends and some sightseeing. First stop.....Fort Worth Boat Club.

The Wittes gave Hannah a tour of the club and she immediately noticed the Optis and 420s on their own dinghy dock. Think she's putting it on her wish list for SMSA, sorry Barb Whited. The tour was followed by dinner with the FWBC Commodore, his wife and several other friends of the Witte's.

Monday was the obligatory tour of the Fort Worth Stockyards, where the west began and we experienced one of the daily Cattle Drives. That evening was a tour of downtown Fort Worth to include the Fountains at Sundance Square. Tuesday the crew headed back to Heath to put the boat together in preparation for the practice race scheduled for Wednesday. Thursday, it was go time for the crew. Having attended several regattas at RCYC before Mark and Robin knew this was going to be a great event and the folks at RCYC didn't disappoint. RCYC managed to get Mark Foster as the PRO which probably was no small feat since he had just finished running the J70 Worlds in Porto Cervo, Italy. There were 26 boats competing with quite a few of the participants being a College All-American Sailor, National Champion, or World Champion as well as Sail Makers so this regatta was definitely going to be a learning experience for the Water Rat crew. The RC was shooting for a minimum of 10 races, trying for 4 each day.

Day 1 the wind strength was up and down as well as shifty (~40-degree oscillating shifts). After Race 1 the RC postponed for 90 minutes waiting for the wind to fill in and were not having any luck so the fleet was sent ashore to wait and see if any wind would materialize. The wind finally filled in around 3:00pm with the conditions the same as the morning, wind strength up and down and shifty. A really tough day for the Water Rat crew where they found themselves at the back of the pack after 2 races. So what better way to make the future look brighter than Mexican food and Margaritas.

Most of the fleet was using North Sails and the Water Rat crew was using Quantum's. Paul Currie who is typically at the front of the fleet was also using Quantum sails and had a much better Day 1. The crew consulted with Paul about his rig and sail settings and were planning on making some adjustments for the next day.

Day 2 saw more velocity as the day progressed but then lightening for the last race but the wind was still very shifty all day (~40-degree oscillating shifts). The Water Rat crew was working hard and definitely had better boat performance with their best race of the day being a 14<sup>th</sup>. Overall, they were no longer at the back of the pack. One unique aspect of Day 2 was the RC took a poll of the fleet after the 3<sup>rd</sup> race of the day asking if they wanted more than 4 races. The PRO said this was not his regatta and would do whatever the fleet wanted, he was only there to push the "Go" button.

Day 3 was the most breeze yet, 15-17 with gusts to 24 and bigger waves. Oscillating shifts were only 10-15 degrees. The Water Rat crew hung in there and fared better than one boat that capsized and another where the skipper fell off the boat and was rescued by the safety boat. Due to the high winds the PRO once again took a poll of the fleet after the 3<sup>rd</sup> race of the day and the fleet elected to call it a day. So, at the end of the regatta the Water Rat crew finished 23<sup>rd</sup> out of 26. Not where they might have wanted to finish but racing handicap doesn't always help improve one's skillsets. Only when you race one design do you really start to see how well your boat preparation, skills and tactics are working.

Although the crew didn't bring home a trophy they did win two raffle items, a race signals sticker and spectra spinnaker sheets. The farthest travelled went to Beat Steffan from Lenzburg, Switzerland and there were some folks who thought Maryland was too far away. Finally, we did an informal burgee exchange with the RCYC Commodore Mary Anne Hopper. All in all, and ~3200 miles later it was a great experience and the crew is looking forward to the next VX One Regatta in Sarasota, FL.

**You're Invited to Celebrate . . .**

**'THREE SHEETS TO THE WIND'  
NEW YEAR'S PARTY  
At SMSA Club House!**

**Dec 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017**



*Our Drinking Team has a Sailing Problem*

**Free soda/water for Designated Drivers!**

Doors Open 6pm  
Potluck Starts 7pm  
Music Begins 8pm  
BALL Drops at Midnight!

Attire . . . Island Time  
Sail Trivia Prizes!  
Boat Movies  
Drink Specials  
Corn-hole  
And much more!



# SMSA Annual Membership Meeting

## Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Doors open at 0900

**BLOODY MARYS AT 0900.**  
**POT LUCK BRUNCH at 0930.**  
**MEETING at 1030.**

**KEEL  
BOAT  
RACING**



**Mark Gyorgy**  
*Keelboat Race Chair*  
keelboatrace@smsa.com

Ahoy!

As I write this we are winding down the keelboat racing season. There are still frostbite races in November and we start to do some planning for next year's season. Let me know what we can change to improve the racing experience.

The Vice Commodore has asked me to remind the holders of perpetual trophies to bring them back to the club at the annual meeting so that we can prepare them for this year's award banquet.

We'll pull the race marks shortly after the last frostbite race. If anyone would like to assist or come out and see what kind of marine life attaches itself after a season to our ground tackle you are welcome to bundle up and go for a ride. There may be rum!

Cheers  
Mark Gyorgy



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Tickets are \$20 per person in advance, \$25 at the door. Make sure to reserve your tickets on-line on the SMSA website or you can purchase them at the door.

An advertisement for a boat for sale. The background is a photograph of a white boat on a trailer. Overlaid on the image is a dark blue semi-transparent box containing white text. The text reads: "FOR SALE" in large letters at the top left. Below it, in larger bold letters, is "89 Wahoo! 16.2 Striper Center Console". Underneath that, in smaller text, is "2011 Yamaha 4 Stroke, 70 HP O/B (very low hours)" and "New Fish Finder/Depth Sounder, 1996 trailer". At the bottom of the box, it says "\$7500 OBO" and "Jim Keen 240 925 1173 williwaw66@hotmail.com".

**SMSA SKI TRIP**  
**Sunday River, Maine**  
**Jan. 14 – Jan. 19, 2018**  
**Non-Flyer \$670.00 per person**  
**Flyer \$935.00\* per person**  
**Senior (65)/Junior (12) Discount \$20.00**

\*estimate based on airline cost, final cost may be adjusted at the time of airline reservation.  
 Single occupancy is an additional \$249.00

Additional pricing is available for non-skier option or more than 2 people per room, contact trip leader for cost.

**Includes**

- Flight from BWI via Southwest Airlines (TBD)
- RT Ground transportation between Sunday River and Airport (gratuity included)
- Five nights at The Grand Summit Hotel
- Amenities: Pool, health club, Spa, Massage, camp
- 5 day lift ticket plus Sunday night arrival (4-8 pm) ticket (pending night ops schedule)
- 1 Group Lessons (additional lessons \$10.00/day advance reservations required)
- Discount Learn to Ski rates (first time skiers)
- Daily full breakfast buffet (gratuity included)
- Group Dinner (gratuity included) (details to follow)
- Pizza Party on Thursday

Due	Flyer	Non-Flyer
Deposit	\$200.00	\$160.00
1 <sup>st</sup> Payment 10/14/2017	\$245.00	\$170.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> Payment 11/11/2017	\$245.00	\$170.00
3 <sup>rd</sup> Payment 12/09/2017	\$245.00	\$170.00
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$935.00</b>	<b>\$670.00</b>

All payments are fully refundable before 11/11/2017, 50% refundable before 12/31/2017, no refunds after 12/31/2017. If flying no refunds for airline tickets.

A **SECURITY DEPOSIT or credit card for each unit** is required on arrival by the resort. Charges will be incurred for unit damage, excessive cleaning, and/or unreturned keys. NOTE: Pets are not allowed on Sunday River properties.

Make checks payable to St. Mary's Ski and Sports Club and provide to the Trip Leader.  
 A completed reservation form is **REQUIRED** for all participants.

**Contact Les Griffith for Reservation form**

Trip Leader:  
 Lester Griffith  
 43231 Cedarwood Ct.  
 Leonardtown MD 20650  
**cell/text 240-434-6823**  
**e-mail: lgriffith@hotmail.com**

Thursday, November 02, 2017	HS/MS Sailing Practice	3:30 PM	Friday, December 01, 2017	Christmas Walk/SMSA Open House	5:30 PM
Friday, November 03, 2017	Happy Hour at the Clubhouse	5:30 PM	Saturday, December 02, 2017	SMSA Christmas Party/Boat Parade	5:00 PM
Saturday, November 04, 2017	<b>SMSA ANNUAL MEETING</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>	Friday, December 08, 2017	Happy Hour at the Clubhouse	5:30 PM
Sunday, November 05, 2017	<b>FALL FROSTBITES</b>	<b>1:00 PM</b>	Saturday, December 09, 2017	FYBO	
Monday, November 06, 2017	HS/MS Sailing Practice	3:30 PM	Sunday, December 10, 2017	TAM Training Class	12:00 PM
Tuesday, November 07, 2017	HS/MS Sailing Practice	3:30 PM	Monday, December 11, 2017	BOD Meeting	7:00 PM
Thursday, November 09, 2017	HS/MS Sailing Practice	3:30 PM	Friday, December 15, 2017	Happy Hour at the Clubhouse	5:30 PM
Friday, November 10, 2017	Happy Hour at the Clubhouse	5:30 PM		Commodores Dinner	7:00 PM
Friday, November 10, 2017	<b>KELLY TERRANOVA COMEDY NIGHT</b>		Wednesday, December 20, 2017	<b>CLEW INPUTS DUE</b>	
Sunday, November 12, 2017	<b>FALL FROSTBITES</b>	<b>1:00 PM</b>	Friday, December 22, 2017	Happy Hour at the Clubhouse	5:30 PM
Monday, November 13, 2017	HS/MS Sailing Practice	3:30 PM	Friday, December 29, 2017	Happy Hour at the Clubhouse	5:30 PM
Tuesday, November 14, 2017	HS/MS Sailing Practice	3:30 PM	Sunday, December 31, 2017	<b>NEW YEAR PARTY AT THE CLUBHOUSE</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>
Thursday, November 16, 2017	HS/MS Sailing Practice	3:30 PM			
Friday, November 17, 2017	Happy Hour at the Clubhouse	5:30 PM			
	Commodores Dinner	7:00 PM			
Saturday, November 18, 2017	HS/MS Sailing Program Finale	6:00 PM			
Sunday, November 19, 2017	<b>FALL FROSTBITES</b>	<b>1:00 PM</b>			
	<b>CLEW INPUTS DUE</b>				
Friday, November 24, 2017	Happy Hour at the Clubhouse	5:30 PM			
Sunday, November 26, 2017	<b>FALL FROSTBITES</b>	<b>1:00 PM</b>			

**NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2017**  
**CLUB CALENDAR**



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