



The Commodore's Corner

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FROM YOUR COMMODORE

January was certainly different this year from what we normally expect. It started off with a serious cold period, and finally moderated in time for the 2018 Annual Gala. We missed some of our normal fare for January, as Key West Race Week was cancelled this year. In a normal year a dozen or more SMSA sailors would head for Key West for a week of fun in the sun. Our Smallboat sailors were still able to find some relief, and our cruisers were well represented in the Caribbean. We were well represented at the Annual Dead Dogs & Tin Whistles Regatta in Key Largo again this year, while yours truly missed the regatta for the first time in many years. We did have 3 boats make the trek to the flat water and healthy breezes of Buttonwood sound. This year Jimmy & Kristi Yurko took *Wasabi*, Jennifer Marbourg-Miller & Erik Gyorgy took *Christopher Dragon*, and Scott Patterson & Priscilla Bradley took their new boat, *Dragon Fly*. Jimmy Yurko and team ended up tied for First Place but lost the tie breaker. Sounds like there were some good stories we may hear around the bar.

Mark & Robin Witte --plus his crew Hannah Dickmyer --took *Water Rat* to the VX One Winter Series at Sarasota Sailing Squadron. Again, the weather was warmer than here with a wide range of sailing conditions (6 to 26kts). From the reporting it sounds like the VX One crowd is much more intense than the fairly laid back crowd at DD&TW. I hope we hear more from all groups in the future.

Also, up last month was the SMSA Ski Trip to Sunday River. This was followed up closely by the 2018 Annual Gala. Jody Keen was once again the driving force and team leader for the large group of volunteers that made this year's event a great success. The Olde Breton Inn once again provided a great venue. Food was great, and the desserts were AWESOME. Like last year, the cookies and cupcakes were a group effort by the Social Committee.

Key recognition from this year's event: Cruiser of the Year was Jerry and Donna Taylor in their boat *No Sched*, the Smallboat High Point Winners were Jeff Moore (Laser) and Jenn Marbourg-Miller & Erik Gyorgy (Portsmouth), the Keelboat High Point Winner was Norm Dawley on his big blue boat *Pursuit*. Member of the Year went to Barbara Whited for her outstanding work with our growing Junior Program.

So while we are only half way through winter it is time to begin the 2018 sailing season. One of the first actions of the new year is our annual membership renewal. This year we are changing the process to be more like other yacht clubs, and allowing the annual dues to be paid as be paid as a single annual payment or automatic monthly installment payments. The process will be fully explained in a memo mailed to all of our members on January 31, 2018. Another new feature for 2018 will be the ability to charge your bar or merchandise purchases at the club. This feature, like the new dues process, utilizes credit/debit card processing by Square. We have been testing this at the bar for the past couple of months and believe it is ready for regular use. Initially it will only be used on Friday nights or for special events.

The New Year also means publishing a new yearbook. Patty Kimmel has begun the process and appreciates any pictures, input or assistance you may be able to provide. Please send all material to communications@smsa.com. A key part of the yearbook is the membership information. This year the process of updating membership information will be moved to an online process. Existing membership information will be automatically rolled into the new system. If you would like to check the information and make updates we will provide a link on the club home page and a code to access your data.

Thank you all for your continued support of our Club and I look forward to a great 2018.

**Jim Whited,
SMSA Commodore**



THE SOCIAL SCENE WITH DODGE AND KEEN

Betsy Dodge and Jody Keen, co-chairs
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I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday and a Happy New Year!

I would like to welcome Betsy Dodge as my new co-chair for social. I intend to be bowing out of the lead role but will certainly stay on and be active with this wonderful group.

January was relatively slow around the clubhouse with members off skiing or heading South to race in warmer climes.



We did host our annual Gala at Olde Breton Inn again this year. Once again, The Olde Breton Inn provided a wonderful venue with a delicious buffet and even photo ops of the beautiful sunset view from the dining room windows. It ended up being a wonderful evening of great food, awards, and dancing. Many thanks to all who helped to make that evening a remarkable success. We had many challenges to overcome to make the evening seamless. There was a previous party who left the venue around 3:30 leaving us with 2 hours to set up all the awards and decorate the tables, etc. Thanks go out to Betsy Dodge, Susan St. George, Pat Schroeder, Mary Ruth Raley, Robin Witte, Hannah Bulynko, Pete LaRouch as well as Barbara and Jim Whited, for coming en masse and making everything come together for everyone to enjoy. I would also like to send out a special thanks to Pat Schroeder, Valerie Walters and Terry Farman for baking the cupcakes for the gala. Special thanks go out to Valerie Walters and Rod Schroeder for decorating the cupcakes. (Rod?) (Who Knew?) Also, a special thanks to Susan St. George for baking the anchor cookies and overseeing the decorating of the cookies at my home.

Our new Commodore, Jim Whited, hosted his first Commodore's Dinner on January 26th. The theme was Meat & Potatoes. And boy, did we have meat and potatoes... not a green veggie in sight. A great turn out of SMSA families and friends gathered at the clubhouse and everyone was happy to see former member, Michelle Januzzi, who was visiting from her new home in San Francisco. We also were delighted to congratulate Norm and Rosemary Dawley on their 55th wedding anniversary.

The Commodore's dinner was paired with Movie Night where the feature Show was "Wind." Everyone couldn't wait to see the "Whomper" put up for the downwind leg as the Americans vied with Australia to take back the America's Cup. Both Betsy and I would like to encourage everyone to come by and enjoy our monthly dinners. There is always plenty of good food at these pot-luck events.

February brings us an informal Super Bowl gathering on the 4th and a Race Management Seminar paired with the Commodore's dinner on the 24th.

CRUISERS CORNER



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2017 was a very active year for SMSA cruisers. The 14 scheduled cruises were wide ranging in destinations and duration and the level of participation is reflected in the number of Cruising Awards distributed at the Annual Gala.

2017 Cruising Program Awards

One Thousand Mile Cruising Awards

Joe & Jody Frost *Gemini*
Jerry & Donna Taylor "No Sched..."
Chris & Karen Eggert *Destiny*
Rich Freeman & Patty Kimmel *Patty K Too*
Kyle & Stephanie Potts *Cefalu*

Dennis & Carolyn Chandler *Safina*
Carl & Martha Kemp *Serenity*
Curt & Dottie Hamilton *Serenity (Cat)*
Les Griffith & Donna Maneely *Cloud 9*
Andy Bachelor & Lisa Frailey *Kinetic*

Distinguished Cruising **Joseph T. McGrath Trophy** Chris & Karen Eggert *Destiny*

Cruising High Point Awards

Jerry & Donna Taylor "No Sched..."
Dennis & Carolyn Chandler *Safina*
Les Griffith & Donna Maneely *Cloud 9*
Rod & Pat Schroeder *Ruste Naylor*

Carl & Martha Kemp *Serenity*
Curt & Dottie Hamilton *Serenity (Cat)*
Lloyd & Barbara Conley *Tanqueray III*
Fred Siessinger *Kalypso*

Cruiser of the Year Award **Happy Hour Cruising Trophy** Jerry & Donna Taylor "No Sched..."

In early January, with temperatures in single digits, 18 cruisers and the Commodore gathered at the clubhouse to plan the 2018 cruising schedule. As a result of that meeting, 15 cruises, ranging from two days to two weeks and with destinations from top to bottom of the bay and including Philadelphia, have been placed on the SMSA calendar. Cruises begin in April and continue until the end of October. Cruise Leaders are busy finalizing details for each cruise and these will be printed in the 2018 Year-book. All SMSA members are welcome to participate in the cruising program.

2018 promises to be another great year on the bay. We look forward to seeing everyone under sail. Until then, THINK CRUISING



PARTYING CRUISERS AND PLANNING CRUISERS.

Cruising members at the annual Gala (above) and at the Cruise Planning Meeting (below)



FROM THE BAR MANAGER

If you have a favorite beer, wine or drink, please contact the SMSA Bar Manager at Barmanager@smsa.com. The bar manager, Todd Porter, will endeavour to stock what you are looking for.

February's special drink is **Bad Cat**, a unique mixology concocted by Bad Cat's skipper! Anyone wearing a Bad Cat logo (e.g., shirt, hat etc.) at the SMSA Bar and receives 25% off the February drink special.

But don't let Bad Cat take over the bar . . . the Commodore and Bar Manager challenge other race skippers to come up with their unique boat drink and compete in the SMSA Best Beverage Competition at the end of the racing season!

Just pass your mixology to Barmanager@smsa.com. The first to reply will be the March drink special!

Cheers, Todd Porter

SAVE \$\$\$\$\$\$

HELP the JUNIOR PROGRAM

Join or renew your US Sailing Membership via the MVP Program!

You save \$ off your membership and SMSA junior program gets credits for books and training materials. Everyone benefits!

Join/renew at ussailing.com/membership and choose 'MVP'. Then select SMSA in the club list and JOIN!!!

Our sailing campers & high school sailors thank you.

YEARBOOK 2018

It is time for the 2018 yearbook preparation. We are working to remind our advertisers and thank them for support. Please consider asking businesses you know to participate.

We need your pictures and articles at some point. It is early, but I want to remind you so in your spare time, ha, ha, you can send some pictures along.

We will also select a few 2017 articles to highlight in the Yearbook for 2018. Any suggestions from you would be welcome.

Thanks,
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Igloo 128 Cooler for sale!

Great for fishing or large parties. Only used twice! Lists for \$368, asking \$175.00. Please contact Todd Porter at portertodda@gmail.com if interested.



HIGH SCHOOL & SUMMER SAILING SCHOOL OPENS FOR ENROLLMENT

The SMSA Summer Sailing School Registration

and information are up on the SMSA web site. Please urge your friends and neighbors, grandchildren, etc., to participate in sailing school. Enrolling for two weeks is what really gets a student going - learning the boat, the wind, and having lots of fun.

Summer sailing is at smsa.com, click on Junior Camps.

High School/Middle School Sailing

starts in March 2018. Here is a flyer you can print and give to others to publicize the program. Let's get that next round of sailors on board!!

Questions: junior@smsa.com

OPENINGS FOR HIGH SCHOOL & MIDDLE SCHOOL SAILING TEAM

WHEN

**Mon, Tues, Thurs
3:30pm – 6:30pm**

**[Optional: Racing on Selected Weekends
against other HS teams]**

WHERE

**Southern Maryland Sailing Association
14490 Solomons Island Rd, Solomons, MD**

PARENT/STUDENT INFO NIGHT OPEN HOUSE

**Thursday, March 8, 2018
6pm – 9pm**

**PHOTOS AND INFO AT SMSA.COM
CLICK ON HIGH SCHOOL SAILING
PROGRAM**

**LEARN TO SAIL
FOR FUN OR TO
COMPETE**



SPRING SEASON

Practice

M, T, Th 3:30 – 6:30pm

**At SMSA Clubhouse
in Solomons**

10 week season/\$330

Starts March 13, 2018

SEASON FEE INCLUDES:

Use of Club 420 Sailboats

Coaching/Safety Boats

Sailing/Racing Instruction

**Thursday Night Small Boat
Racing (Optional)**

**Racing w. other High School
teams**

Friday, February 02, 2018	Happy Hour at the Clubhouse	5:30 PM
Saturday, February 03, 2018	Officers and Chairs Orientation Day	9:00 AM
Sunday, February 04, 2018	SUPER BOWL SUNDAY AT SMSA	4:00 PM
Monday, February 05, 2018	BOD Meeting	7:00 PM
Friday, February 09, 2018	Happy Hour at the Clubhouse	5:30 PM
Friday, February 16, 2018	Happy Hour at the Clubhouse	5:30 PM
Tuesday, February 20, 2018	CLEW INPUTS DUE	
Thursday, February 22, 2018	YEARBOOK INPUTS DUE	
Friday, February 23, 2018	Happy Hour at the Clubhouse	5:30 PM
Saturday, February 24, 2018	Race Management Seminar	1:00 PM
	Commodore Dinner	6:00 PM

FEBRUARY/MARCH 2018 CLUB CALENDAR

Friday, March 02, 2018	Happy Hour at the Clubhouse	5:30 PM
Monday, March 05, 2018	BOD Meeting	7:00 PM
Friday, March 09, 2018	Happy Hour at the Clubhouse	5:30 PM
Sunday, March 11, 2018	Daylight Savings Time	
	Racing Rules Seminar	
	Frostbite race	1:00 PM
Tuesday, March 13, 2018	High School/Middle School Sailing	3:30 PM
Thursday, March 15, 2018	High School/Middle School Sailing	3:30 PM
Friday, March 16, 2018	Happy Hour at the Clubhouse	5:30 PM
	Commodore's Dinner	7:00 PM
Sunday, March 18, 2018	Racing Rules Seminar	
	Frostbite race	1:00 PM
Monday, March 19, 2018	High School/Middle School Sailing	3:30 PM
Tuesday, March 20, 2018	High School/Middle School Sailing	3:30 PM
Tuesday, March 20, 2018	CLEW INPUTS DUE	
Thursday, March 22, 2018	High School/Middle School Sailing	3:30 PM
Friday, March 23, 2018	Happy Hour at the Clubhouse	5:30 PM
	Calvert Artists Guild Art Show (Till 3/25)	
Sunday, March 25, 2018	Frostbite race	1:00 PM
Monday, March 26, 2018	High School/Middle School Sailing	3:30 PM
Tuesday, March 27, 2018	High School/Middle School Sailing	3:30 PM
Thursday, March 29, 2018	High School/Middle School Sailing	3:30 PM
Friday, March 30, 2018	Happy Hour at the Clubhouse	5:30 PM



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IT'S YEARBOOK TIME!

We need your pictures and your assistance.

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for more information!