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The Commodore's Corner

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Happy New Year!

December was a very busy month at SMSA with one final sailing event and lots of Social activity. I would like to thank all the volunteers that made our Holiday gatherings and socials such a big success. They also provided support for several private events for club members. Our club is a great resource for our members and it is great to see it used for member parties.

We still have a few more things to do for 2018, and then it is on to 2019. One of those things for 2018 is The Greatest Event Off the Water. Our SMSA 2019 Annual Gala and Awards Banquet will be held on January 26th at the Olde Breton Inn. This is a great time to review the accomplishments and fun times from 2018. Invitations were mailed in late December. If you have not received your invitation, please drop me a note and I will get a replacement mailed. You can also view the event details on the SMSA website at www.smsa.com, then click on "Annual Gala" in the menu bar. Please RSVP by January 18th, either by mail or online. You may also RSVP and pay for the event by credit card online. If you are unable to attend and want to RSVP electronically, please send an email to social@smsa.com.

Another final item for 2018 will be the installation of the new club sign. At this writing we are set to do the installation on Dec. 28th. This is the last step of the 2018 facelift of the club exterior. I will send out a picture in my first email of the new year and get the web page updated with the new image.

In Solomons Island, we are blessed with one of the most beautiful sailing venues on the Bay. For 2019, our priority should be to increase participation in all areas of sailing. For the cruising community, this will begin with a planning session on January 5th at the clubhouse (look for more info in the Cruising section). All are welcome to attend and participate in the planning process. For other areas, the Program Chairs are soliciting ideas and planning meetings for early in the year. If you have any ideas or suggestions for our sailing or social programs, please send them to the appropriate Program Chair. A list of the Programs and the contact emails are contained on the Club Info web page. Your input and participation are critical to a successful program.

We are also approaching the annual dues and fees part of the year. In 2018 we implemented a new credit card processing approach for dues/fees and our Bar operation. It allowed members to sign up to pay the annual dues in monthly installment payments instead of a one-time full year payment.
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THE SOCIAL SCENE WITH DODGE AND KEEN

Betsy Dodge and Jody Keen, Co-Chairs
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December brought all kinds of activity to the club this year. The social team decorated the clubhouse during the first week of December to prepare for the Christmas walk and our annual Christmas dinner. Many thanks to everyone for making the club look beautiful this year. The Christmas dinner was a great success with a great turnout! It was wonderful to see so many club members.

Looking forward to January, please be reminded that the invitations for the Annual Gala and Awards banquet have been mailed. Once again the event will be held at Olde Breton Inn. Please put January 26th on your calendar for an evening of great food, entertainment, and awards. You may RVSP by mail or you can sign up online at the website. Hope to see everyone there!

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The monthly billing is handled by Square, and about 20% of our membership enrolled in this process (including yours truly). It turns out to be very convenient and helps with cash flow. We will offer the option again this year and I would encourage all to consider it. The credit card processing for the bar has greatly improved our management of member tabs and offered a great convenience to bar patrons. I know it has been a learning experience for our volunteer bartenders, but the benefits for the operation and our inventory management are very much worth it.

One last item for January: the Commodore's Pot Luck dinner will be on January 18th. The theme for this month will be ***Italian***. So, start thinking about your favorite Italian dishes, including desserts, and I hope to see all of you there.

Thanks for all your support and participation in 2018 and let's do it again in 2019.

Jim Whited,
SMSA Commodore

ANNUAL SOUTHERN MARYLAND SAILING ASSOCIATION GALA AND AWARDS

Saturday, January 26, 2019

5:30 pm to 10 pm

RSVP with Payment by January 18th

Olde Breton Inn
21890 Society Hill Road
Leonardtown, MD 20650

Questions? Email social@smsa.com

CRUISERS CORNER

Carl Kemp
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It seems like we just had our last cruise of 2018, but it is now time to start thinking about next year. Our first overnight cruise, to St. Leonard Creek, is only three and a half months away. All other cruises are yet to be determined at the **Cruise Planning Meeting** on Saturday, January 5th, at the SMSA clubhouse. A lite breakfast will be provided at 09:30 and the meeting will begin at 10:00. All cruisers and anyone interested in cruising are welcome to attend. Please let me know if you plan to attend so I can get a head count for the food. Also, please let me know if there are any destinations you would like to consider for cruises. Some already suggested are Long Island Sound/Block Island, Herrington Harbor South, Mid and Eastern Bay Region, Oxford, Onancock, and Yorktown. We will begin the meeting with a discussion of these and other options.

By this time everyone with 1,000 or more miles in 2018 should have notified me. These and other awards will be presented at the SMSA Gala on January 26.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the Planning Meeting and the Gala. Until then, **THINK CRUISING**.

CRUISE PLANNING MEETING

Saturday, January 5

9:30am at the Club House

rsvp to cruise@smsa.com for breakfast headcount

It's SMSA Yearbook Time!

It's that time of year again to be thinking about our 2019 SMSA Yearbook. We need your help please!! Please email communications@smsa.com to receive a link to upload pictures from the 2018 season. A title to the picture would be helpful - name of the boat, person, race, cruise, etc. You all did a great job for the 2018 Yearbook, lets have a repeat.

We also need to expand the advertisers. Yes, we have a good base, but think about potential businesses that you frequent and who should support our organization. You may assist us in recruitment or pass along the name of the business. Costs of advertising will remain the same as 2018.

Thank you,

Patty Kimmel

SMSA Communications Chair

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JUNIOR SAILING

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Junior Program 2019

The High School Sailing Team and Summer Sailing Camp programs will be starting again before we know it. Our Patuxent HS combined team will be back working on projects and getting on the water in late March. Summer camp will start as soon as Calvert Schools are out in June.

Registration for summer camp should be open in mid-January at smsa.com. Go look over the schedule and enroll your young sailors in their preferred weeks. Last year, we did sell out several of the weeks and had waiting lists. So, reserve your spots as soon as possible.

The high school sailing program is open to students in the 7th - 12th grades. Registration for high school sailing is also at smsa.com. This season, some of our high schoolers will be stepping up their competition level and attending a few varsity regattas with the Maryland Interscholastic Sailing Association. They've come a long way after only two seasons of competition in junior varsity. And we continue to participate in junior varsity with all our young sailors.

We will be doing some maintenance on our 420s in the early spring and NEED HELPERS for measuring, cleaning, and rigging. If you'd like to help, please just let me know. We do so appreciate the support for our young sailors from Club members. And our team's parents get involved as well!

Lastly, if you know of a young adult who is interested in teaching sailing in our summer program, please have them contact me. As always, getting instructors is a major effort and something we do every year, as our seasoned instructors graduate and move on to their professional careers.

Looking forward to the 2019 season!

Clew Editor Still Needed

Signing up to be Clew Editor is a great opportunity to serve the club! The Clew Editor assembles the various Clew inputs in the pre-made Microsoft Publisher (similar interface to PowerPoint) template and distributes the electronic version of the Clew. The job requires only about 8 hours of time per month! Training and assistance is readily available.

Contact the Commodore (commodore@smsa.com) or Rear Commodore (rearcommodore@smsa.com) for a detailed responsibility description if you're interested!

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THE TRAINING CORNER

Les Griffith
Training Chair
training@smsa.com

Early Spring is the time to refresh our racing knowledge!

We will have our yearly Racing Rules Seminars on Sunday, March 17 and Sunday, March 31 from 3 to 5 pm at the club house.

In addition, we are tentatively planning an Advanced Race Management Seminar given by US Sailing for Saturday, February 16. More details to come soon.

HELP THE JUNIOR PROGRAM

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

You save money off your membership and the SMSA Junior Program gets credits for books and training materials. Everyone benefits!

- Youth — $25 (discounted from $30)
- Individual — $55 (discounted from $65)
- Family — $85 (discounted from $100)

Go to www.smsa.com and click the MVP button on the main page.

Thank you!!

Date	Event	Time
Friday, January 4, 2019	Friday Happy Hour	5:30 PM
Saturday, January 5, 2019	Cruising Planning Meeting	9:30 AM - 12 PM
Saturday, January 5, 2019	Placeholder - SCC Holiday Party	4:00 PM
Monday, January 7, 2019	Board of Directors Meeting	7:00 PM
Friday, January 11, 2019	Friday Happy Hour	5:30 PM
Saturday, January 12, 2019	Private Event	TBD
Friday, January 18, 2019	Friday Happy Hour	5:30 PM
Friday, January 18, 2019	Commodore's Dinner	7:00 PM
Saturday, January 19, 2019	VX One Winter Series #1 - Sarasota	
Sunday, January 20, 2019	Clew Inputs Due	
Friday, January 25, 2019	Friday Happy Hour	5:30 PM
Saturday, January 26, 2019	Annual SMSA Gala & Awards	5:30 PM
Friday, February 1, 2019	Friday Happy Hour	5:30 PM
Sunday, February 3, 2019	Super Bowl	4:00 PM
Friday, February 8, 2019	Friday Happy Hour	5:30 PM
Saturday, February 9, 2019	VX One Winter Series #2 - Sarsota	
Monday, February 11, 2019	Board of Directors Meeting	7:00 PM
Friday, February 15, 2019	Friday Happy Hour	5:30 PM
Friday, February 15, 2019	Commodore's Dinner	7:00 PM
Saturday, February 16, 2019	TENTATIVE - Advanced Race Management seminar by US Sailing	
Wednesday, February 20, 2019	Clew Inputs Due	
Thursday, February 21, 2019	Yearbook Inputs & Draft Race Circular Due	
Friday, February 22, 2019	Friday Happy Hour	5:30 PM
Saturday, February 23, 2019	Discussion - Local Keelboat Racing	1-3 PM

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