



# The Clew

**Spring Frostbite Series Starts  
Sunday, March 17, 2019, followed by a Racing  
Rules Seminar at the Clubhouse**

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**Friday nights—join us for the Weekday  
Winddown (aka “Happy Hour”) starting at  
5:30 pm. Junior Members, this means you too!  
Bring your families, join in the camaraderie,  
come meet other sailors, learn more about  
SMSA, and bring a game to share with your  
friends.**

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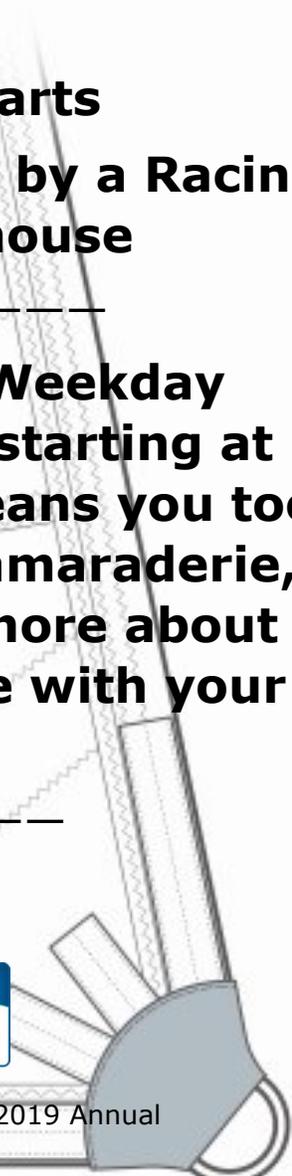
Please update your membership information for the 2019 Yearbook.

There are still a few more days to get your updates in!



Its that time! Pay your 2019 Annual Fees today!

Annual fees are due by March 31st.  
MONTHLY INSTALLMENT OPTION???  
Check the SMSA Website for more info.





## Commodore's Corner

By Jim Whited  
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### Winter is OVER!

According to the meteorological calendar, Spring starts on the first of March, and by definition Winter ends. For sailors, this means that our boats can come out of hibernation and we can once again enjoy sailing. At SMSA your Program Chairs have already done a lot of work for the new season. Some of the work already underway: a new look to our web site, plans for expansion and improvements to our smallboat storage and docks, major repairs and improvements to the RC boat, and planning for Opening Day.

This is a time of the year that there is a lot going on at the club, but it is not always obvious or visible. For example, I know that Jody Keen has been quietly conspiring with the tulip bulbs in our flower box to appear and amaze all before the "sock burning". Sock Burning? More on that later. The Junior Program staff for 2019 is taking shape. Instructors and camp director have been hired, and the High School team will have their first meeting on March 5<sup>th</sup>. The Facility and Dockmaster program chairs have aggressive plans for the new season and will be looking for help to implement them. So, it is time to shake off the winter rust and get back to sailing. The first Frostbite race will be Sunday March 17<sup>th</sup>. There will be a social at the club after the race and all are welcome to hear the results and perhaps a few tall tales. Since it is St. Patrick's day, I suspect a celebration might break out.

All of this happens because of the dedicated volunteers. Since we are a volunteer organization we really can't operate without volunteers. We are trying to find ways to make volunteering easy and fun, and in fact it can be educational. Please see the article that our Rear Commodore has written this month on the subject.

Sock Burning! Many sailing organizations in our area like to celebrate the end of winter with a ritual burning of socks. The concept of burning socks on the vernal equinox began many years ago when Capt. Bob Turner, who managed the AYC yacht yard at the time, shed his dirty socks, dropped them into a paint-roller tray, sprinkled them liberally with lighter fluid and set them on fire. Of course he saluted the occasion with a beer and some attitude. SMSA's first celebration of the tradition was in 2018, and we will celebrate again this year. I know that in Annapolis and Deltaville the events are scheduled for March 23<sup>rd</sup> (more details available upon request). For SMSA we will have two events: a die-hard event on March 20<sup>th</sup>, and a more commercialized celebration on March 23<sup>rd</sup>.

I mentioned the web site improvements briefly at the top. Kristi Yurko has been working on this for a quite awhile and is now ready to launch parts of the improved site. This will be a sort of soft launch over the coming months, and will require input from all of our Program Chairs. As with any project of this magnitude, there are a lot of design and production tasks. The initial work was to create a fresh look and navigation approach for the web pages. Additionally, we wanted to support the way people now use web pages on their mobile devices.

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## **SMSA Members,**

Our pool of volunteers continues to dwindle. In order to continue offering certain services to the membership without hiring a staff or eliminating the service we are in need of your help.

To assist you in finding where you can serve at SMSA here are some (not all) of the available opportunities. If you want to volunteer for any of these positions or know of something not listed please send me an e-mail (rearcommodore@smsa.com) and I will get you connected with the appropriate Chairperson.



Training will be provided where applicable (ex. Clew Editor).

Please give some of your time to supporting our club.

## **SMSA NEEDS YOU!!!**

Robin Witte  
SMSA Rear Commodore

P.S.—I know many of you during your membership dues update are making selections on where you would like to help. Please note that the items below represent some of the specific tasks available. Kristi and I will be reviewing the online database to help you get connected.

### **Immediate Needs:**

<u>Facilities:</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• SPRING PROJECT DAY— April 6, 2019</li><li>• Front Planter - assist with pulling weeds, plant flowers</li></ul>
<u>Bar:</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Meet Alcohol deliveries once a month on either Wed, Thurs or Fri</li></ul>
<u>Communications:</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Clew Editor</li></ul>
<u>Junior:</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Varsity HS Regatta hosted by SMSA— Various opportunities (ex. Check-in, boat prep, Race Committee, etc.)</li></ul>
<u>Keelboat:</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Preparing racing marks</li></ul>

### **Longer Term Needs:**

<u>Facilities:</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Store holiday décor</li><li>• Shovel Snow (as req'd clear sidewalk and club entry)</li></ul>
Communications Chair (current term ending Dec 2019)	
Bar Manager (current term ending Oct 2019)	



# SMSA

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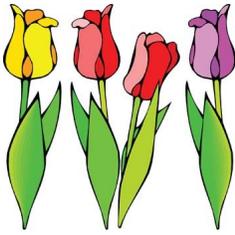
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So, we encourage folks to use the site and provide feedback. Since there is a lot of work to do we will try to keep the improvements coming, but are limited in resources (have to do some sailing too).

One last item for March, the Commodore's Pot Luck dinner will be on March 15th. The theme for this month will be **Irish**. So, start thinking about your favorite Irish dishes, including deserts, and I hope to see all of you there.

James Whited  
SMSA Commodore



## THE SOCIAL SCENE WITH JODY KEEN

Jody Keen, Social Chair  
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It's hard to believe that Spring is around the corner. The month of March brings a couple of events around the club. On Saturday, the 23rd we will be gathering around 3 pm to celebrate the coming of the Spring Equinox. As Dan Bowman has so eloquently stated, "The 1st day of spring is when sailors chuff at winter's bite, start a fire with yard debris and other improperly discarded flammables, then add worn holey socks to the conflagration in celebration to the end of dark winter days. Now properly warmed by fire and perhaps a libation, together they relive past sailing exploits and maybe fib a little about how good the wind was the year prior."

With Spring arriving, the season of racing begins. On Saturday the 30th of March, at 4 pm, there will be the annual Spin Sheet Crew Listing Party. This is a great opportunity for captains and crew alike to connect. Come on out, enjoy lite fare and meet fellow sailors.

April brings us the Opening day brunch at the club, followed by an Easter egg hunt for the little ones. Doors open at 9 am and the egg hunt is at noon. Please bring a breakfast item to share.

In the meantime, enjoy the remainder of the winter.

See you in the Spring!



**Noon, April 13, 2019**

# KEEL BOAT RACING



**Hawk Caldwell**

*Keelboat Race Chair*

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Hello Racers,

Hope that you all have been surviving the winter, I know that I have been religiously watching sailing videos online to get some sort of sailing fix! Don't be alarmed though as our Spring Frostbites are about to get started come mid March. Remember the sailing instruction for the Spring Frostbite series is in the 2018 Race Circular.

At the moment we are still short one race mark but we hope to have this resolved in the next couple of weeks. Additionally all of the marks need to be prepped in order to go back in the water for the year so if anyone would like to help with the mark prep please let me or Mark Gyorgy know. Also, if anyone has left over bottom paint that they want to get rid of we can use it on the marks to keep the growth down. That's about all I have at the moment. Looking forward to seeing you all back out on the water soon!!!

Cheers,

Hawk



## **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!**

**See the SMSA Website Homepage for the link!!!**

**Our sailing campers & high school sailors thank you.**

# CRUISERS CORNER



**Carl Kemp**  
*Cruising Chair*  
cruise@smsa.com

The 2019 Cruise Schedule has been finalized and is available on the SMSA website under the Cruise tab. Thanks to all the cruise leaders for the time and effort spent on planning the cruises.

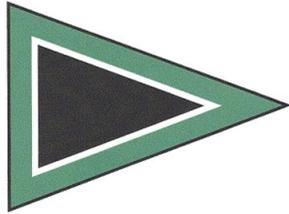
Fourteen cruises totaling over 1450 nautical miles and covering the entire bay are scheduled for this year. The cruises range from three two-day trips, of various distances and destinations, to an eleven-day cruise to Cape May, NJ and the Northern Bay. One cruise incorporates a race, the Mixed Couple Race to Battle Creek. Anyone interested in cruising should be able to find a cruise on the schedule that fits their needs.

In addition to the schedule, there is a wealth of information and pictures of previous cruises in the Cruise section of the SMSA website. If you want to find out more about our cruising program take the time to take a look.

SMSA Opening Day is only a month away. Soon boats will be back in the water. What a great time of year.

**THINK CRUISING!!!**





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Pre-order NOW to get the  
color and size you want!



## Opening Day is Fast Approaching!!!



Join us on Saturday, April  
13, 2019 for the start of  
the sailing season with  
brunch, the opening day  
ceremony and specialty  
drinks.

# FACILITIES CORNER



**Jolie Homsher**

*Facilities Chair*

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Happy Spring to everyone! Please plan to join us on Saturday, April 6th for Spring Project Day! We will be starting at 9 AM and going all day until tasks are done, rain or shine!

As we gear up for our Opening Day and the 2019 sailing season there's a long list of tasks to tackle- so whether you can volunteer for an hour, or help longer, there is a task for you!

Projects include: yard clean up- leaves & winter debris, moving items up to and removing other items from the attic, the reoccurring list of Spring maintenance items plus more.

Limited tools and supplies will be available so please plan to wear clothing and bring tools that are appropriate for the type of jobs you are willing to help with. (ie. rake, leaf blower, gloves, tool bag, etc.)

Please let [facility@smsa.com](mailto:facility@smsa.com) know the timeframe you plan to help and any special skills or specific area you would prefer to help with- so we can plan accordingly.

Lastly, if you'd like to be a part of the facilities team and you have a suggestion for a future task or improvement please let us know!

Thank you in advance! Your help and ideas will make our club even better! :)



## **CPR/AED/1ST AID TRAINING** **CLASS OFFERING**



Do you need to get certified or renew your certification in CPR, etc?

A class will be offered on April 28 from 11am - 3pm at the SMSA club house. The course will be taught by Kristin Quinn and costs \$70 per person. Successful completion of the course generates certification or renewal in First Aid/AED/CPR as recognized by the American Red Cross.

**To enroll, please send an email to [junior@smsa.com](mailto:junior@smsa.com) for instructions and payment details.**

**DATE: Sunday, April 28**  
**TIME: 11am - 3pm**

**HAPPY  
HOUR**



**Todd & Jennifer Porter**  
*Bar Managers*  
barmanager@smsa.com

Sailing season is around the corner and the bar stock is ramping up in anticipation! You will notice the SMSA facilities team has been making some improvements around the bar including a new beer fridge and upgrading the storage cabinet with locks to support bar operations.

The "Name the Bar" vote is in, with SMSA "The Bar" and the "The Barnacle" at the top two spots. To complete the vote, please contact barmanager@smsa.com between March 1st through 15th to decide on "The Bar" or "The Barnacle". The name with the most votes wins – with the name adorned on a plaque mounted in the bar!

Our paid bartenders, Sarah and Rani, are a huge help to bar operations. However, Sarah is moving to a key position in her current job and leaving the SMSA paid bar position. Rani, our other paid bartender is reducing her hours at SMSA, so as the sailing season ramps up...

**VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!!** Bartending is a great way to meet club membership and help-out. If you wish to sign-up, just let me know at barmanager@smsa.com and I'll ensure you get trained and are ready to go. If you do not have a Techniques in Alcohol Management (TAM) certificate then we will need to have a TAM on the premises until you can acquire one. If you are already on our bartending/TAM list, please sign-up to bartend for three events at <https://www.smsa.com/BarSchedule.php>! The bar can't operate without your help! (A Techniques in Alcohol Management (TAM) must be on SMSA's premises to serve alcohol. The TAM listed is posted in the bar.)

Next time you're at the SMSA bar, please check with the bartender to see if you still have a tab. If you have an outstanding tab, please pay-up and close-out. Credit cards are accepted.



Bar prices have remained static for many years, but unfortunately inflation and distributor costs have not. By focusing on common stock, purchased in quantity from our distributors, SMSA bar prices will only slightly increase ensuring SMSA members receive the maximum benefit from bar operations while ensuring the bar remains well- positioned for years to come.

For any feedback, comments or questions, please me know.

Stay Thirsty my friends!

Todd Porter

**REMINDER!!!** Please don't bring your own alcohol into the clubhouse. Alcohol purchased at the club must be consumed on the premises. This ensures SMSA retains its liquor license.

## ***Upcoming Events***

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Time</b>
Friday, March 1, 2019	Friday Happy Hour	5:30 PM
Tuesday, March 5, 2019	Parent/Sailor Info Night & Potluck Dinner	6:00 PM
Wednesday, March 6, 2019	Board of Directors Meeting	7:00 PM
Friday, March 8, 2019	Friday Happy Hour	5:30 PM
Monday, March 11, 2019	High School Sailing	3:30 PM
Tuesday, March 12, 2019	High School Sailing	3:30 PM
Thursday, March 14, 2019	High School Sailing	3:30 PM
Friday, March 15, 2019	Friday Happy Hour	5:30 PM
Friday, March 15, 2019	Commodore's Dinner / St. Patrick's Day Party	6:30 PM
Friday, March 15, 2019	VX One Winter Series #3 - Sarasota	
Friday, March 15, 2019	Smallboat Meeting	7:00 PM
Sunday, March 17, 2019	Spring Frostbite	
Sunday, March 17, 2019	Racing Rules Seminar	3:00 PM
Monday, March 18, 2019	High School Sailing	3:30 PM
Tuesday, March 19, 2019	High School Sailing	3:30 PM
Wednesday, March 20, 2019	Clew Inputs Due	
Thursday, March 21, 2019	High School Sailing	3:30 PM
Friday, March 22, 2019	Friday Happy Hour	5:30 PM
Friday, March 22, 2019	Artists Guild	
Saturday, March 23, 2019	Junior Varsity Regatta (Kent Island)	
Sunday, March 24, 2019	Spring Frostbite	
Monday, March 25, 2019	High School Sailing	3:30 PM
Monday, March 25, 2019	SMSF Meeting	6:30 PM
Tuesday, March 26, 2019	High School Sailing	3:30 PM
Thursday, March 28, 2019	High School Sailing	3:30 PM
Friday, March 29, 2019	Friday Happy Hour	5:30 PM
Saturday, March 30, 2019	Crew Listing Party	4:00 PM
Sunday, March 31, 2019	Spring Frostbite	
Sunday, March 31, 2019	Racing Rules Seminar	3:00 PM
Monday, April 1, 2019	High School Sailing	3:30 PM
Tuesday, April 2, 2019	High School Sailing	3:30 PM
Thursday, April 4, 2019	High School Sailing	3:30 PM
Friday, April 5, 2019	Friday Happy Hour	5:30 PM
Saturday, April 6, 2019	Project Day - AM	9:00 AM
Saturday, April 6, 2019	Project Day - PM	12:00 PM
Saturday, April 6, 2019	Junior Varsity Regatta (Kent Island)	
Sunday, April 7, 2019	Spring Frostbite	
Monday, April 8, 2019	Board of Directors Meeting	7:00 PM
Monday, April 8, 2019	High School Sailing	3:30 PM
Tuesday, April 9, 2019	High School Sailing	3:30 PM
Thursday, April 11, 2019	High School Sailing	3:30 PM

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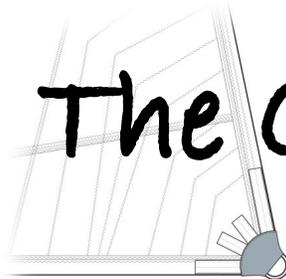


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***Upcoming Events, continued***

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Friday, April 12, 2019	Friday Happy Hour	5:30 PM
Saturday, April 13, 2019	Opening Day	9:00 AM
Saturday, April 13, 2019	Easter Egg Hunt	12:00 PM
Saturday, April 13, 2019	Junior Varsity Regatta (DC Sail)	
Sunday, April 14, 2019	SMSA Varsity HS Regatta (@SMSA)	
Monday, April 15, 2019	High School Sailing	3:30 PM
Tuesday, April 16, 2019	High School Sailing	3:30 PM
Wednesday, April 17, 2019	SMSA Wednesday Night Series A-1	
Thursday, April 18, 2019	High School Sailing	3:30 PM
Friday, April 19, 2019	Friday Happy Hour	5:30 PM
Friday, April 19, 2019	Commodore's Dinner	6:30 PM



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## ADDENDUM

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Smallboat Activities Starting to Ramp Up

Please make time to attend the first meeting of the season  
on Friday March 15th at 6:00PM

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**YEARBOOK  
Data  
Update**

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# SMALL- BOAT RACING



**Dan Bowman**

*Smallboat Race Chair*

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It's still cold out and the SMSA Smallboat fleet sits quiet under covers and at homes in wait for spring sailing to begin. Planning has begun for the 2019 season for the Thursday Night Racing series, the first Saturday races in April and May, as well as the weekend of the Dinghy Distance Race (Broken Rudder) & Spring Invitational. But first we have a general meeting for all Smallboat participants regarding the season and what we want to do this year to improve the Smallboat program.

Please make time to attend our first meeting of the season on Friday March 15th at 6:00PM. The meeting will be held in the middle room during the club happy hour in the front room. There will be an announced agenda but do come with ideas and issues you feel should be discussed.

Calling on all club members for volunteers! Sailboat racing does not occur without the selfless assistance of volunteers from all parts of the club. Whether you are interested in running races, spending time on the water, and helping other members in the club, we need your time and help. If you want to volunteer but are unsure how, please contact me and we can discuss how you can learn to run races, assist with event planning and event execution, and many other ways to volunteer. You will be matched with your abilities and desires; any amount of assistance is gratefully appreciated. We have positions such as a event staff to assists racers on the morning of the invitational races by taking registration information and answering questions from participants, especially from sailors visiting from other clubs. This type of volunteer is only required to be at the club on the morning of racing and can move on to their day as the racers take to the water. We are also looking for members who can open the bar for the fleet on weekends and Thursday evenings. There are several TAM's in the Smallboat fleet who can cover bar openings.

Smallboat fleet members, it is time to register for Race Committee slots. Each club member with a boat in the yard is being asked to volunteer for a minimum of three (3) days, this time can be spent as Race Committee or with boat yard improvement projects. Go to the Smallboat fleet page and click on the "Click Here to Sign up for 2019 Race Committee!!!" link for the sign-up sheet. Those looking to help with boat yard projects can contact myself or Mark Witte and all volunteer work is counted even if not RC related. There will be other announced volunteer needs as we decide upon the format of the Spring Invitational, the Fall Invitational, and coming boat yard projects.

There are interesting improvement projects being planned for the boat yard. Look to see requests for assistance in repainting the crane hoist, installing a second ramp for the dolly launched dinghys, clean up in the yard, skiff boat maintenance, and more to be announced as the projects develop. We are working this year to improve the use of the yard for the Smallboat Program and the Junior Program's High School sailors and Summer Camp sailors.

For those who did not attend the SMSA Gala, here are the results for Smallboat awards for 2018.

SMSA SMALLBOAT FLEET 2018	1st	2nd	DETAILS
SMALL BOAT CHAMPIONSHIP	Jimmy Yurko & Les Griffith / Wasibi		Won during challenging fall Bay storm.
BROKEN RUDDER ANNUAL	Dan Bowman / Torched Flamingo	Mark Witte / Water Rat	
HIGH POINT - LASER	Doug Hayes / Still Looking		Doug's first High Point award.
HIGH POINT - BUCCANEER 18	Jenn Marbourg-Miller & Eric Gyorgy / Christopher Dragon		New award for 2018!
HIGH POINT - PORTSMOUTH	Mark Witte / Water Rat		
MOST IMPROVED	John Durniak		
PARTICIPATION	Doug Hayes		
HERO AWARD	Jim Whited & Robin Witte		Jim sacrificed sailing for much of the season to ensure that the RC had a driver and was properly manned on Thursday evenings, he could have spent those evenings racing. Robin stepped up to take over as PRO for the Fall Invitational and had she not done so the event would have been cancelled due to many club members being absent due to the overlap of the AYC Solomons Race.