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Spring Project Day
Saturday, April 6, 2019, starting at 9am
Lots of opportunities to help
For more info contact facilities@smsa.com

Opening Day 2019
Saturday, April 13
1000—Doors Open
1030—Pot-Luck Brunch
1130—Opening Ceremonies
1200—Easter Egg Hunt

Varsity High School Regatta
Sunday, April 14
Volunteers needed for RC, Safety Boats,
On-Shore support
For more info contact junior@smsa.com





Commodore's Corner

By Jim Whited
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Sailing Season is Open!

Our club sailors got back on the water in March. First the High School Team pulled our club 420s out of their winter slumber and got back on the water for their first on the water practice on March 14th. In addition to practicing for away regattas, the team this year is sprucing up the fleet for our first club hosted Junior Regatta in many years. The High School Regatta on April 14th will cap off a very busy two weeks.

First up for the month is our Club Cleanup day on April 6th. Please drop by the club and help the Facilities team get the Club ready for Opening Day. This year's project day will be held as two separate sessions. A morning and afternoon session. Please set aside time to stop by the club for one of the sessions. It is a great opportunity to reconnect with both old and new members and spruce up the club.

Opening day Brunch and Flag Raising this year is April 13th, we will be celebrating SMSA's 49th year of operation. Clubhouse doors open at 10:00 starting with Bloody Marys and Mimosas; brunch is served at 10:30, and we will have the flag raising at 11:30. Please bring a brunch dish to share. 2019 club yearbooks and race circulars will be available for pickup. Also, this year we will be holding an Easter Egg hunt for our younger club members in the afternoon.

The High School Varsity Regatta at SMSA with 10 High School teams will compete in the waters off the Solomons boardwalk. It is a big undertaking for the club and Barbara Whited is looking for members to volunteer to support the event, please contact Barbara at 410-474-9083 or junior@smsa.com to help.

Wednesday night racing will begin April 17th, and Smallboat racing will begin the following week on the 25th. The first Cruise of the Season is on April 27th, to St Leonard Creek.

Our Adult Learn to Sail program will be back bigger than ever this year. The program will start with shore side sessions at the club in April, and we will then schedule on the water sessions for the new sailors. This year we will try to support both keelboat and smallboat on the water sessions. We hope to include some cruising exposure for these new sailors also. See the website to register, and if you want to help with the program, contact Jimmy Yurko.

All of this happens because of the dedicated volunteers. Since we are a volunteer organization we really can't operate without volunteers. Send me a note if you are having trouble finding a volunteer opportunity.

One last item for April, the Commodore's Pot Luck dinner will be on April 19th. The theme for this month will be **Asian**. So, start thinking about your favorite Asian dishes, including deserts, and I hope to see all of you there.

James Whited
SMSA Commodore

SMSA Members,

Thanks to those of you that are stepping up to the plate and volunteering for a wide variety of jobs to keep our clubhouse, dock and sailing programs available to our membership. However, in order to continue offering certain services to the membership without hiring a staff or eliminating the service we are still in need of your help.



Below please find a list of opportunities (some not all) where you can serve at SMSA. 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 if needed (ex. Clew Editor).

Please give some of your time to supporting our club.

SMSA STILL NEEDS YOU!!!

Robin Witte
SMSA Rear Commodore

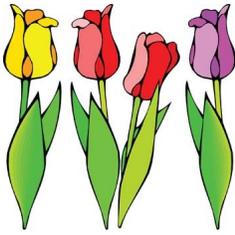
New items are in bold text

Immediate Needs:

<i>Facilities:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SPRING PROJECT DAY— April 6, 2019 • Front Planter - assist with pulling weeds, plant flowers
<i>Bar:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meet Alcohol deliveries once a month on either Wed, Thurs or Fri • Volunteer Bartenders
<i>Communications:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clew Editor
<i>Junior:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Varsity HS Regatta hosted by SMSA on April 14 — Various opportunities (ex. Check-in, boat prep, Race Committee, etc.)
<i>Smallboat</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Large Skiff Cleanup (Coat & Paint—April 6-7)

Longer Term Needs:

<i>Facilities:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Store holiday décor • Shovel Snow (as req'd clear sidewalk and club entry)
Communications Chair (current term ending Dec 2019)	
Bar Manager (current term ending Oct 2019)	
Social Chair (looking for Co-Chair who can then take the lead in Oct 2019)	



THE SOCIAL SCENE WITH JODY KEEN

Jody Keen, Social Chair
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March was a month of sock burning and the welcoming in of Spring. There were two separate sock burning events at the club. One was on the true Spring Equinox and the other was the following Saturday. On both days, quite a few of our club members rid themselves of their winter wool socks and went bare footed in their Sperry's. Later in the month, we hosted the Spinsheet Crew Listing party. A great time was had by all.

Upcoming events for April include SMSA's Opening Day with an Easter Hunt to follow on April 13th. Please bring a brunch item to share. Bloody Mary's and Mimosas will be served up in the back room. After the festivities, we are hosting our first Easter Egg Hunt for the smaller sailors in the crowd. May they have happy and successful hunting!

In the meantime, I hope to see you around the club. Happy Sailing!



Noon, April 13, 2019

KEEL BOAT RACING



Hawk Caldwell
Keelboat Race Chair
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Hello racers,

Well looks like some of us are already out and racing and from what I can tell a lot of others were feeling the same need to get on the water that I was, we had a total of 6 boats on the line for the start of the first spring frostbite! Additionally April brings along opening day which will also signal the start of our first Wednesday night series starting. Furthermore April also brings along our first two high point series races, Little Choptank and the Spring Invitational. So much to be excited for and I really hope that you can find the race that you fancy.

Lastly those new to the racing program or who have let their PHRF of the Chesapeake certs expire, SMSA now has the ability to grant you a rating just for use within informal club racing. The same can be said for any cruiser who may fancy a trip around the cans (though not as relaxing as a nice pleasant cruise around the bay), if you would like to participate or would like more information please let myself or our Vice Commodore know and we can help you get setup. Our goal is to make sure that all of our members are able to get out on the water and race when they want to, just remember though if you want to participate in the High Point Series a PHRF of the Chesapeake rating is still required.

That's all for now, see you on the water!

Cheers,

Hawk

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 for instructions and payment details.

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

SMALL- BOAT RACING



Dan Bowman

Smallboat Race Chair

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To all SMSA Members:

The Smallboat program is asking for your help with running races and organizing events. The Smallboat & Keelboat racing programs at SMSA try to be as self sufficient as possible but clubs that see the most success often have member volunteers that are interested in being on the water, being social with fellow club members, and developing new skills and friendships in the process. You do not have to be a Smallboat sailor to be involved, though we would be happy to convert you. Please contact me about becoming involved with the Smallboat program, we need your help.

The Smallboat sailing schedule is published on the SMSA Calendar but now it is also at other online publications. The Spring & Fall Invitationals have been published on US Sailing's event calendar, the entire schedule has been listed on Spinsheet's online calendar and monthly events will appear in the print editions. By the time you read this, events will have been submitted to the calendars at Bay Weekly, Calvert Beacon, County Times, Southern Maryland Newspaper Online, Southern Maryland News Net, and The Bay Net. There is also an effort to better link the club's sailing programs with the PaxNAS Marina and Sailing Center. This promotional effort is to find future sailors or sailors that have travelled to the area and are unaware of the opportunities at SMSA.

At the February Board meeting, a proposal for upgrades to the SMSA yard were submitted for the purpose of improving its use by Junior & Smallboat sailors. Last fall a survey was solicited to the Smallboat membership to vote on a list of yard improvements which was curated from recommendations from current Smallboat sailors, past Smallboat Chair's, current Junior Chair, and current and past Officers. The survey recommendations were trimmed down based on costs and then presented to the Board of Directors for consideration. Mark Witte, SMSA Yard Master, crafted a knowledgeable and financially quoted presentation and based upon the expenses and needs of both the Smallboat and Junior groups, a short list was agreed to for 2019. Here are the changes you can expect to see this spring.

- Small Skiff on single point lift off South Dock: Save space in yard, improve skiff launch access to Junior program. *Completed - March 2019.*
- Add second ramp to Floating Dock in Wharf 1: Improve safety and comfort for launch and retrieval of small boats, provide simultaneous access to two boats.
- Longer poles Floating Dock, Wharf 1: stabilize the dock to prevent shifting.
- Cleats added to Main Pier and seawall near lift.

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CRUISERS CORNER



Carl Kemp
Cruising Chair
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IT'S TIME TO GO CRUISING

The days are longer and warmer, boats are back in the water, SMSA 2019 Opening Day is only a few days away, it's time to go cruising.

The first cruise of the year is on April 27 & 28 to Rollins Cove in St. Leonard's Creek. Jerry and Donna Taylor on **No Sched...** are the cruise leaders and plan to arrive and set the anchor around 3:00 PM. Arriving boats can then raft up for a 4:00 PM Happy Hour on **No Sched...**

For those unfamiliar with Rollins Cove, enter the cove in the center of the channel and stay away from the sandbar on the starboard side of the entrance. After Happy Hour the raft will break up and boats can anchor in the area or head back to Solomons. This short two day cruise is a great chance to get the boat ready for the sailing season and, for new cruisers, a chance to become more familiar with the cruise program.

The first longer cruise of the season is the nine day Southern Bay Cruise beginning on May 13. Patty Kimmel and Rich Freeman on **Patty K Too** are the cruise leaders. Slips for May 15 and 16 can be reserved at the **Cape Charles - Town Harbor Marina (757-331-2357)**. Be sure to inform the marina that you are with SMSA when reserving a slip so they can try to keep our boats together. Also, please let the Cruise Leader and Cruise Chairman know that you plan to go on the cruise and have made reservations.

Additional information about these, and future, cruises can be found in the Cruise Schedule on the SMSA Website under the Cruise tab and in the 2019 SMSA Yearbook. Seven of the scheduled cruises have nights at marinas and it is a good idea to make marina reservations now to insure a slip. Phone numbers for each marinas are included on the Cruise Schedule.

There are 14 cruises of various lengths and destinations this year. If you have never been on a SMSA cruise, pick one that fits your schedule and give it a try.

THINK CRUISING!!!



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 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! :)



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There are additional maintenance tasks for the coming year, expect to see requests for volunteers.

Service both electric chain hoists.

Completed - February 2019.

Scrape and paint hoist structure.

Scheduled for April 6, club work day.

Renew parking space markings as necessary.

Clean, sand, barrier coat, and bottom coat Large Skiff. *Scheduled for March & April.*

Hull maintenance work on Large Skiff.

We will begin the Smallboat racing season April 25th with Thursday Night Racing series followed by the Spring Fling on Saturday April 27th. More racing news to come next month.

Volunteers! The Race Committee sign-up sheet is on the club website under the Smallboat link. The Smallboat Vice Chair and Portsmouth Fleet Captain positions are open and we need a Communications person and a Social coordinator to help with organizing events.

See you at the club and on the water.

JUNIOR SAILING



Barbara Whited

Junior Chair

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High School sailing has started and our sailors are on the water learning new tricks and tips. We will be participating in 5-6 regattas this year from Baltimore, the Eastern Shore to the Annapolis area.

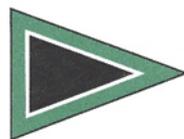
One BIG thing we have coming up is hosting a Varsity High School regatta on Sunday, April 14. We will sail in the Patuxent River below the bridge and swap boats on the beach. Bill Glascock and his family have generously allowed us to use the beach for launching the 420s and having crews swap boats between rounds of the regatta. 40 sailors will be coming from 10 high schools to experience the current and winds below the bridge in Solomons. Should be a great time! If you want to stop by and see them, the races begin at 10am and will run through the afternoon. You can view them from the Solomons boardwalk.

Summer camp registration is moving right along. Some weeks are already full. If you have friends and family whose kids need to get registered, now's the time to do it. We have a great line up of instructors for the season and they are looking forward to lots of fun sailing with the kids.

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We still need volunteers to help us with the running of the regatta. Our sailing team and their parents are already committed to doing a lot of work during this event. We could use Club members help on shore as well as experienced Race Committee folks to help with the safety boat operation on the water. We have to move our 420s over to the beach and back at the end of racing on Sunday. If anyone is available to help after 4pm – we'd love to have you help with the 420s and it's probably only a one hour job if we have enough strong backs and hands.

If you can help us, even if it's only half a day for the shore side, please let me know. If you can help with RC chores, it is a full day commitment. Just call, text, or email: [junior@smsa.com](mailto:junior@smsa.com); Barbara 410-474-9083.



**HAPPY  
HOUR**



**Todd & Jennifer Porter**  
*Bar Managers*  
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Sailing season is finally here and the bar is stocked with your favorites!

**VOLUNTEERS ARE STILL NEEDED!!** Bartending is a great way to meet club members 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.

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

Stay Thirsty my friends!

Todd Porter



### **Third Annual SMSA Commodore's Open Golf Tournament**

Please join us on Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup> for the Third Annual SMSA Commodore's Open Golf Tournament. Whether you're a duffer or scratch golfer, it will be a fun event for all. We'll play 9 holes at **Chesapeake Hills** Golf Course, best ball format. Nine holes with cart will cost \$29<sup>00</sup>. Meeting at 0930, first T-off at 1000. Lunch and awards to follow. The driving range will be available for warm-up with a ball pail included in the registration fee. Prizes will be awarded.

Please contact Jim or Jody Keen to reserve a spot. This tournament is open to SMSA members and guests. Jim... 240 925-1173 or [williwaw66@hotmail.com](mailto:williwaw66@hotmail.com) / Jody... 301 904-3178 or [jmkeen@smcps.org](mailto:jmkeen@smcps.org).

***Hosted by Commodore James Whited***



## ***Upcoming Events***

| <b>Date</b>               | <b>Event</b>                                  | <b>Time</b> |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|-------------|
| 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     |
| Friday, April 12, 2019    | Friday Happy Hour                             | 5:30 PM     |
| Saturday, April 13, 2019  | Opening Day                                   | 10:00 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     |
| Saturday, April 20, 2019  | Clew Inputs Due                               | 12:00 AM    |
| Saturday, April 20, 2019  | PRSA - Easter Bucky                           | 12:00 AM    |
| Saturday, April 20, 2019  | Little Choptank (SMSA High Point)             | 12:00 AM    |
| Monday, April 22, 2019    | High School Sailing                           | 3:30 PM     |
| Tuesday, April 23, 2019   | High School Sailing                           | 3:30 PM     |
| Wednesday, April 24, 2019 | SMSA Wednesday Night Series A-2               |             |
| Thursday, April 25, 2019  | Small Boat Fleet Thursday Series              |             |
| Thursday, April 25, 2019  | High School Sailing                           | 3:30 PM     |
| Friday, April 26, 2019    | Friday Happy Hour                             | 5:30 PM     |
| Saturday, April 27, 2019  | Smallboat Fleet - Spring Fling Regatta        |             |
| Saturday, April 27, 2019  | St. Leonard's Opening Cruise                  |             |
| Saturday, April 27, 2019  | Varsity HS Regatta (DC Sail)                  |             |
| Sunday, April 28, 2019    | Spring Invitational (CBYRA & SMSA High Point) |             |
| Sunday, April 28, 2019    | First Aid/ CPR Class (for Summer Instructors) | 10:00 AM    |
| Monday, April 29, 2019    | High School Sailing                           | 3:30 PM     |
| Tuesday, April 30, 2019   | High School Sailing                           | 3:30 PM     |
| Wednesday, May 1, 2019    | SMSA Wednesday Night Series A-3               |             |

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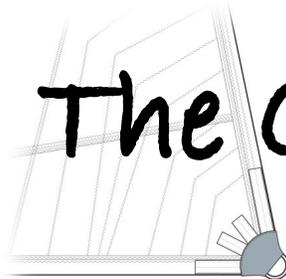


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***Upcoming Events, continued***

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|------------------------|----------------------------------|---------|
| Thursday, May 2, 2019  | Small Boat Fleet Thursday Series |         |
| Thursday, May 2, 2019  | High School Sailing              | 3:30 PM |
| Friday, May 3, 2019    | Friday Happy Hour                | 5:30 PM |
| Friday, May 3, 2019    | Annapolis NOODs                  |         |
| Saturday, May 4, 2019  | Varsity HS Regatta (@ BCSC)      |         |
| Saturday, May 4, 2019  | Junior Varsity Regatta (@ SCC)   |         |
| Sunday, May 5, 2019    | Ladies HS Regatta (@ Tred Avon)  |         |
| Monday, May 6, 2019    | High School Sailing              | 3:30 PM |
| Tuesday, May 7, 2019   | High School Sailing              | 3:30 PM |
| Wednesday, May 8, 2019 | SMSA Wednesday Night Series A-4  |         |
| Thursday, May 9, 2019  | Small Boat Fleet Thursday Series |         |
| Thursday, May 9, 2019  | High School Sailing              | 3:30 PM |
| Friday, May 10, 2019   | Friday Happy Hour                | 5:30 PM |
| Saturday, May 11, 2019 | Double Handed Race               |         |
| Saturday, May 11, 2019 | Junior Varsity Regatta (@ Ryken) |         |