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**Annapolis Boat Show
October 10th—14th**

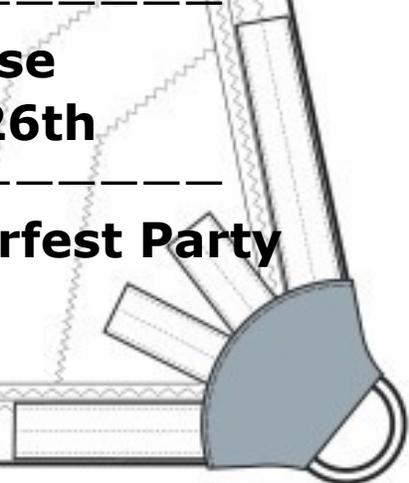
**Tilghman Island Cruise
October 18th—20th**

**Hooper Island/Pt-No-Pt Race
October 19th**

**Fall Invitational & Chili Cookoff
October 20th**

**Halloween Cruise
October 25th & 26th**

**Bucctoberfest & Octoberfest Party
October 26th**





Commodore's Corner

By Jim Whited
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Fall has arrived!

It's hard to believe that summer is over already. But, October does usher in a couple months of exceptional sailing weather, and a time to check our list/plans for this year to see what is still left undone. In addition, October is Annapolis Boat Show month! So, we can start planning for the next season.

September was a great month for sailing and socializing, with some great events and sailing results. Our High School sailors are coming on strong this year. They participated in two regattas in September. At the Ryken Regatta, the team ended up in a tie for third place. One of the teams, Grace Wilson and Cara Mederos, scored 1st and 2nd place finishes in two of their races. Congratulations to the team and their coaches. Our Keelboat sailors had a very strong showing in the AYC Fall Solomons Race. There were 6 SMSA boats in the fleet of 37 boats that raced from Annapolis to Solomons on September 21st, in fact it was an SMSA boat that took line honors as first to finish, Congratulations to **Cheetah**. In the PHRF A0/A1 Class **Cheetah** was first with **One Trick Pony** getting second place. In the very competitive PHRF class A2, **Hellcat** score 3rd, and **Rakali** took 3rd in the J/105 class. A truly great showing for our sailors. For our Smallboat sailors, the Fall Invitational on September 28th and 29th, was a perfect weekend to sail. The distance race on Sunday was a seven-mile excursion with one of the closest corrected time finishes for a fleet that I have seen. The top three boats were separated by only 16 seconds. The top 3 finishers in order were: **Spanish Mackerel**, **Still Looking**, and **Black & Tan**. Full results are posted to the SMSA web site. The Social team served up two great social events, the **First Annual Wednesday /Thursday Night Informal Awards Potluck**, and the **Crab Feast**. Both were well attended, and we even had live music at the awards event. Thanks to all the volunteers that made these events such a success.

This may be a good time to talk about volunteers and how important they are to our club programs. We owe a great debt to the volunteers that organize and run our events. The Crab feast is a great example of this with the team spending Friday and Saturday getting ready for the event. It was a great event, and the work did not end with arrival of the crabs. The hard core team cleared away all of the debris Saturday evening so the club was ready for the awards social for the Smallboat Fall Invitational Sunday afternoon, and a special thanks for the left overs that the sailors took advantage of on Sunday. We have a small dedicated group that manages these challenges, but they could always use more help. I would ask all our members to consider volunteering their time to these efforts. The best way to do that is to send a note to one of our program chairs and ask if they could use assistance. In the case of Social programs that address is social@smsa.com. For a full list of program chairs and their email addresses, please go to our web page (smsa.com) and click on the Club Info link, then click on the Officer, Directors & Program Chairs link.

October will be another busy month as we try to get as much sailing and socializing in as possible. One special event will be the Chili Cookoff & Buctoberfest on Oct. 20.

Our Annual Business Meeting, election of Officers/Directors and Potluck Brunch is scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 2nd. 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. As per our bi-laws, ballots will be mailed on Oct. 14th. Nominations for Officer and Director positions should be sent to our immediate past Commodore, Jim Keen election@smsa.com, by no later than 5 PM on October 11th.

As always, I hope you have time to slow down and go sailing!

Jim Whited

SMSA Members,



TIME IS RUNNING OUT! WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?

Many of our mainstay volunteers are working multiple positions to help keep this club running. They are trying not only to reach out to those who have expressed interest to help, but they also have to keep the club running simultaneously. Not an easy feat.

There are several Chair positions that are either currently vacant or will be vacant in less than 2 months, so we need your help. It does not mean you have to do all the work. It means understanding what needs to be done and in most cases delegating to our group of volunteers.

We have lots of talented members of SMSA with a wide variety of skillsets. Please consider using your talents to help keep our club running smoothly.

So please pick up the phone or send an email to those you know or can see are already overtasked and say "what can I help you with".....OR.... if you see something that they're doing that you can do, just tell them you'll do it for them. Let's give these overworked volunteers a break, be pro-active and step up to the plate. Not sure where to start, send me an email (rearcommodore@smsa.com), we can start a dialogue and I can point you to the right person. We really are trying our best to get everyone connected.

Thanks to those of you who have already volunteered, your service is greatly appreciated.

THIS IS YOUR CLUB, IT CAN'T RUN WITHOUT YOU!!!

New items are in bold text

Immediate Needs:

<u>Facilities</u>	• Facilities Chair needed NOW. Contact the Rear Commodore for more info if interested.
<u>Bar Manager</u>	• Our Bar Manager's term is ending very soon (Oct 2019). We are need of a replacement within the next month so we can have a turnover with our current Bar Manager.
<u>Bar</u>	• Meet Alcohol deliveries once a month on either Wed, Thurs or Fri • Volunteer Bartenders
<u>Keelboat</u>	• Race Committee for Wednesday nights & Weekend races
<u>Smallboat</u>	• Race Committee Volunteers for Thursday nights
<u>Treasurer</u>	• Various. Everything from data entry to filing, inventory to stuffing envelopes. Near term help needed with merchandise pre-orders sorting mid-June.

Longer Term Needs:

Communications Chair (current term ending Dec 2019)

Yearbook Editor



THE SOCIAL SCENE WITH GRANT & KEEN

Cori Grant & Jody Keen, Co-Chairs
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It is hard to believe that September is almost over. This month, around the club, the big event was the Crab Feast. We had about 60 members attend and enjoy heavy crabs, and great food.

The Vice Commodore and Race chair also had an awards dinner for the Wednesday night and Thursday night series.

October brings the Chili cook off on Saturday the 20th. Please cook up you favorite Chili and bring it in for everyone to try. The following Friday, we will celebrate Octoberfest during Happy Hour. More details to come.

Looking forward to November, the SMSA Annual Meeting will be on Saturday, November 2nd at 9 am.

In the meantime, we hope to see you on the water and around the club.

KEEL BOAT RACING



Hawk Caldwell
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Well it seems that the season is now starting to wind down a bit. Our Wednesday night races are officially over and we had a very well attended awards ceremony. Hopefully everyone enjoyed themselves and the new format and I would like to extend another thank you the Social Committee for putting it all together! Congrats to all the boats that participated in outside events this month I know that SMSA was well represented at many different events and performed well!

We still have a few more keelboat races we have left before the season is over. The Hopper Island/Point No Point Race and the Fall Invitational are on the books for mid October and then we have the good old Fall Frostbites. Hope to see you all out on the water either racing or just enjoying the fall weather!

Cheers!

CRUISERS CORNER



Carl Kemp
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October is here and that means only two cruises remain from our 2019 schedule. The Tilghman Island Days Cruise has been cancelled and replaced with a cruise to Cambridge departing on Friday, October 18, and returning on Sunday, October 20. Reservations for two nights at Cambridge Municipal Yacht Basin Marina can only be made through Snag a Slip online or by calling them at 443-808-2700. Be sure to mention that you are with SMSA and to also call Fred Siesseger, the cruise leader, if you plan to attend this cruise.

Our last cruise of the year is the Halloween Happy Hour Raft-Up in Mill Creek (Solomons) on October 25 and 26. Happy hour begins at 4:30 PM. Costumes are optional, treats are mandatory. Call Jerry Taylor, the cruise leader, with questions. Mark your calendars, the Annapolis Sailboat Show is October 10-14. What a enjoyable way to spend a day and to stock up on all the things you always thought you needed.

Think Cruising!



Annapolis Summer Garden Theater Cruise – August 8 – 12

Rod & Pat Schroeder

Seven SMSA boats participated in our traditional trek to Annapolis for a weekend of camaraderie, food, drink, ice cream, and the outdoor Summer Garden Theater performance of *Mama Mia*. The first leg of the trip on Thursday took us to the Rhode River where, as usual, **Kalypso** (Fred Siesseger) arrived well ahead of the fleet. **Ruste Nayle** (Rod & Pat Schroeder with guest Bob Airis) arrived next and set the happy hour raft-up anchor to be joined by **Patty K Too** (Rich Freeman, Patty Kimmel, & guest Donna Maneely), **Safina** (Dennis & Carolyn Chandler), **Serenity** (Carl & Martha Kemp), **Walkabout** (Dave & Lois Zonderman), and **No Sched...** (Jerry Taylor). On Friday we made our way to Annapolis where **Ruste Nayle** and **Patty K Too** plugged into the seawall in Ego Alley while the rest of our fleet found mooring balls for the weekend. Friday evening was highlighted with an impromptu gathering at The Boatyard Bar & Grill for happy hour and to celebrate Carl's birthday. Good food, drink and atmosphere. It was also parent's weekend at the US Naval Academy, so plebes and families filled the town with lots of extra people which made for a more festive atmosphere as young men & women (mostly teenagers) in their crisp white naval uniforms were everywhere (Go Navy, Beat Army?). The Iron Rooster restaurant did a great job hosting our large group for dinner on a busy Saturday evening, and we followed up with our traditional ice cream stop at Kilwins on our way to attend the well-done musical production of *Mama Mia*. The return trip on Sunday was mostly a motor sail with a light following wind to finish up a nice 4-day cruise.



Impromptu Cruise to the Choptank – September 10 – 13

Patty Kimmel & Rich Freeman

After our scheduled cruise to Cape May was cancelled, we thought we could take **Patty K Too** for a short cruise to the Choptank River and see if any of the other cruisers could join. Our first stop was Dun Cove, off Harris Creek. This is a large anchorage with a great holding bottom. We had a nice wind for cooling us off and spent a restful night.

Our second stop was San Domingo Creek, off Broad Creek, where **Kalyпсо** joined us for two nights. The first night we had happy hour aboard **Kalyпсо**. And the gourmet chef Fred keeps hidden aboard **Kalyпсо** didn't disappoint; the happy hour fare was excellent as usual.

The next day we all dinghied into St Michaels to walk around town and pick up a few trinkets. The ACME building has been remodeled and a Chesapeake Outfitters and the women's dress store, Charisma, opened. The white bank building is now a nautical-themed gift shop and the Galley restaurant where the BLT sandwich is very good. Otherwise, the town looks the same.

We enjoyed dinner at Ava's with salad and pizza and draft Guinness Stout. Fred heard of a forecast for a storm that evening and we did experience a brief drizzle on the way back to the boats. Other than that, it was a quiet evening with far off lightning and thunder.

Friday the 13th dawned chilly and windy with small craft warnings. We all decided to head back to Solomons with a nice easterly wind, gusting to 19 knots, and two to three foot seas. The day was cloudy but rewarding to finally be sailing with enough wind to push the **Patty K Too**. We were able to sail from Broad Creek to Drum Point, nearly three and one-half hours, with minor adjustments to the headsail.

Of note, we noticed a harbinger of the end of the sailing season. Most of the ospreys have left their nests and the bald eagles have returned to fishing in the Bay. As we rounded Drum Point coming in we counted five bald eagles fishing and riding the air currents. What a beautiful sight...

Mixed Couples Race/Battle Creek Cruise

Robin Witte

Unlike years past this year's Mixed Couples Race/Battle Creek Cruise was lightly attended, but that didn't stop everyone from having a great time. For a change we had some wind which was blowing out of the north between 8-12 mph making for a very nice sail up to Battle Creek.

Our Cruise Leaders Carl and Martha Kemp were there to host the festivities but unfortunately, they had to depart early as they noticed their bilge pump working a little too often and headed back to Zanhisers Marina. Good thing too since they had a nice crack in the hull, so Serenity is currently on the hard awaiting repairs.

Dave and Jacki Meiser brought their boat Right Shift to serve as the anchor boat for the event as well as hosting the "drive-in movie" for the evening, *The Greatest Showman*. Henry J brought up the Meiser's skiff and did a yeoman's job shuttling folks to/from the shore. Other's coming out to the raft-up included Jerry Taylor (No Sched), Jim and Jody Keen (Hellcat), Larry and Rose Ray (Iretsu), Shawn and Laura Stanley (Twice Around), and Mark and Robin Witte (Rakali). But one didn't have to have a boat to enjoy the fun. Marianna and William Rutherford, Laura and Jim Van Dien, and Scotty and Lynn Roland (who paddle boarded out to the raft up from the McDougal's) joined in the fun, too.

Everyone celebrated the beautiful day, nice breeze, comfortable temperatures and our love for the water. By days end, Happy Hour was occurring across the flotilla and even some of the racers had barbeque grills onboard to prepare the evening meal. A great day to relax and enjoy our friendships. So, if you missed this year's fun, mark your calendars for 2020 as this event won't disappoint.

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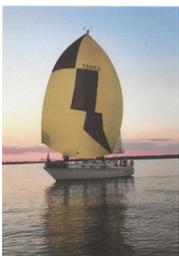
FOR SALE: 1986 Nelson/Marek Merit 28 Safe, Fast, Fun, & Ready to Race. Grand prix deck w/open transom. Includes trailer but will sell separately. \$20K Contact Elliott Peterson 443-624-8662



FOR SALE: SHERMAX, 1981 Catalina 30 #2276 is a classic family cruiser/racer designed by Catalina Yachts owner Frank Butler in 1974. Stable, safe, friendly sailboat for any coastal/inland sea. Cruised extensively in Chesapeake Bay and raced in Wednesday night beer can series with Southern Maryland Sailing Assn. Asking \$14,000. Contact Max Munger (maxmunger@verizon.net) 410-326-9024



FOR SALE: LICKETY-SPLIT, 1980 Pearson 32. Well maintained performance racer-cruiser, in very good condition, actively raced and cruised in Chesapeake Bay by same owner for 35 yrs, racing PHRF rating 168. Rebuilt engine and new interior cushions. Comes with a treasure of sails, dinghy, bimini and many extras. Asking \$14,000. Contact Donna Maneely dsmaneely@verizon.net 301-863-2231.



HAPPY HOUR



Todd & Jennifer Porter

Bar Managers

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As summer turns to fall, there's still plenty of on-water time available, and the Barnacle Bar is open and available to quench your thirst following a round around the buoys or return from an extended cruise. Friday happy hours events in particular is a great way to meet new and old sailors alike.

Our new paid bartenders are a huge help but there are still volunteer bartending opportunities as well. Bartending is a great way to meet club membership and socialize! If you wish to sign-up, check out <https://www.smsa.com/BarSchedule.php>! I'll coordinate any required training you may need.

If you have a specific mixology that you enjoy and wish to add to the Boat Name Drink inventory, let me know! One dollar off a Boat Name drink if wearing boat apparel adorned with your boat's name at the Barnacle Bar!

As reminder, please don't bring your own alcohol into the bar and alcohol purchased must be consumed on the premises. This ensures SMSA retains its liquor license.

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 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.

It's time for Jennifer and I to step down from Bar Manager duties October 31. Bar Manager is a great way to contribute to the club and with a little TLC, runs smoothly. Please let me, or one of the Club Officers know if interested in the Bar Manager position.

For any feedback, comments or questions, please me know. The Barnacle Bar is here for you!

Stay Thirsty my friends!



SMALL- BOAT RACING



Dan Bowman

Smallboat Race Chair

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The season is officially complete, though we have a few events left on the schedule such as Bucctoberfest on October 26 and Freeze Your Bucc Off on December 14.

Travel Events this Fall: The Buccaneer 19 fleet has the 2019 BNAC in Phoenix AZ from Oct 21-26.

Smallboat Activities:

A meeting request for all Smallboat participants has been sent out. RSVP and please attend, as it is important that the future of the SMSA Smallboat fleet have strong input from the membership.

On September 25th the Smallboat & Keelboat fleets held a season end party. The results of High Point were corrected for an error in not counting a boat that performed RC duties, the official Smallboat results are as follows.

FLEET	FINISH	COMPETITOR	BOAT
Buccaneer 18	1st	Mark Gyorgy	Kick'em Jenny
Laser	1st	Doug Hays	Still Looking
Laser	2nd	Scott Patterson	
Laser	3rd	Joe Szymanski	
Portsmouth	1st	Dan Bowman	Torched Flamingo
Portsmouth	2nd	Mark Witte	Water Rat
Portsmouth	3rd	Robert Brunger	Koopa Troopa

See you at the club and on the water.

YEARBOOK VOLUNTEERS WANTED

The SMSA Yearbook needs a volunteer to help recruit advertisers. Most are repeat businesses, so it's reminding them of the opportunity and sending out a letter or two, or email. Typically the Yearbook pays for itself so the job is not that difficult.

Also for the Yearbook we need an Editor to gather the articles, organize the content and coordinate the job with our printer. Printing Press has done an outstanding job each year so again not that difficult.

Consider stepping up. Patty and Rich Kimmel will be around to assist you.

JUNIOR PROGRAM



Barb Whited

Junior Chair

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Junior Program Keeps on Rolling - *Bring Us Your Laundry Bottles*

Summer Camp is over and we've almost got everything cleaned up and put away. We had 165 students this year for 1115 camper days of sailing. Many students sailed 420s for the first time this year and loved the two man boats. Our instructors did a fine job of teaching as well as making the days fun for the kids. Many games were invented when the wind died, including 'Tie Up Ryan' (the senior instructor). It was, as we all know, very hot and the jelly fish returned big time. So, pool time at Z's was part of our regimen this year as well. Many thanks to all the instructors and adults who helped out with the camp. Kimi Egbert was our great, new director. Nichole Doub and Cristin Shiffer were wonderful when I needed onsite help.

We need your empty plastic laundry detergent bottles!!! Bigger ones please, around the 80 ounce size. Just leave them in the middle room. We'll wash them and cut them into bailers for the Optis. Every summer we loose most of them overboard even though we try to keep them afloat. Think of us as a destination for recycling those bottles.

High School sailing has started. We have 5 new team members who have joined us and are learning to sail the 420s. The team went to its first regatta and placed 7th out of 17 teams. So, congrats to them!! Jimmy Yurko, Kip Koonce, John Blaney, and Megan Roberts support and teach the team to 'ease, hike, trim'. Many thanks to them for their participation.

Here's a photo of all the Optis in use during summer camp. *Yes, we get enough kids to use every boat! And the 420s as well.*



Upcoming Events

For all SMSA events see our Website
<https://www.smsa.com/calendar.php>

Date	Subject	Time
Tuesday, October 1	Baltimore Cruise	
Wednesday, October 2	Baltimore Cruise	
Thursday, October 3	Baltimore Cruise	
Friday, October 4	Baltimore Cruise	
Friday, October 4	Friday Happy Hour	5:30pm
Monday, October 7	Board of Directors Meeting	7:00pm
Thursday, October 10	Annapolis Boat Show	
Friday, October 11	Annapolis Boat Show	
Friday, October 11	Friday Happy Hour	5:30pm
Saturday, October 12	Annapolis Boat Show	
Saturday, October 12	Western Carolina Hospice Regatta	
Saturday, October 12	Calvert Artists Guild (Day 1/2)	
Sunday, October 13	Annapolis Boat Show	
Sunday, October 13	Western Carolina Hospice Regatta	
Sunday, October 13	Calvert Artists Guild (Day 2/2)	
Monday, October 14	Annapolis Boat Show	
Monday, October 14	Last day for SMSA Ballots to be mailed	
Tuesday, October 15	SMSF Board Meeting	5:30pm
Friday, October 18	Tilghman Island Cruise	
Friday, October 18	Friday Happy Hour	5:30pm
Saturday, October 19	Tilghman Island Cruise	
Saturday, October 19	Hooper Island / Pt-No-Pt Race	
Sunday, October 20	Tilghman Island Cruise	
Sunday, October 20	Chili Cook Off	
Sunday, October 20	Clew Inputs Due	
Sunday, October 20	Fall Invitational	
Monday, October 21	Smallboat Meeting	6:30pm
Friday, October 25	Halloween Cruise	
Friday, October 25	Friday Happy Hour	5:30pm
Saturday, October 26	Halloween Cruise	
Saturday, October 26	Octoberfest Party	
Saturday, October 26	Smallboat Fleet / Bucctoberfest	
Friday, November 1	Friday Happy Hour	5:30pm
Saturday, November 2	SMSA Annual Meeting	9:00am
Sunday, November 3	Fall Frostbite	1:00pm
Friday, November 8	Friday Happy Hour	5:30pm
Sunday, November 10	Fall Frostbite	1:00pm
Friday, November 15	Friday Happy Hour	5:30pm
Saturday, November 16	BOD Meeting & Planning Meeting	9:30am
Sunday, November 17	Fall Frostbite	1:00pm
Monday, November 18	Smallboat Meeting	6:30pm



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CALL FOR OFFICER AND DIRECTOR NOMINATIONS

The Election Committee is collecting names of those being nominated or who wish to run for an SMSA elected office this fall. Officer positions include: Commodore, Vice Commodore, Rear Commodore, Treasurer, and Secretary. Additionally, two Director positions will be voted on. The Officer posts are one-year terms, while Directors serve three-year terms. To be an eligible candidate for Commodore, the nominee must have previously served at least two years in an Officer position or as a committee chair. There are no prerequisites for the other open positions. All nominees must be SMSA members in good standing.

Please send your nomination package (desired position, bio, and photo) to the Nomination Committee [**election@smsa.com**](mailto:election@smsa.com).

Nomination packages must be received and confirmed by the Election Committee no later than 5 pm on October 11th, 2019.