



Commodore's Corner

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This is not the clew article I was planning to write for our April 2020 newsletter a month ago. Our personal, professional and social lives have had significant departure from what we were all planning and expecting. This may very well be the first time in the history of the club that we've closed down and deferred opening day and our season. I still feel this is going to be a great year, we've just got to keep our wits about us for a few weeks. Thank you for your understanding in our suspension of operations and closure of the clubhouse.

I hope and pray that this month's newsletter finds you all healthy, safe and dreaming about sailing. I have faith in our nation's ability to rise above challenges. That faith extends from the positive can-do attitude that we all share in our sailing experiences. We can't control the wind and waves, but we can adjust crew weight, set sail and trim. Similarly, we can't control this pandemic nor the economics it is driving, but as sailors we can adjust what we are doing and weather any storm.

Wouldn't it be wonderful if we had a mega-yacht that could carry the entire club so we could be out to sea for a month or two, returning when this has all passed? It's a wonderful thought to keep us all focused on the pleasure we all share in sailing alongside one another. Let's all keep each other in our thoughts and prayers as we anxiously await the opportunity to share our sailing kinship face-to-face in the near future. On the Brightside, for those of us who have a few "to do" items left to complete on our boats, we have an extended off-season timeframe to complete them in preparation for the upcoming sailing season that WILL happen. It will just be a bit warmer when it does.

In this time when our face-to-face communications is constrained, we will be having telework conferences among the officers, directors and program chairs during at least the month of April to continue our planning and keep things moving forward.

Take care of yourselves, one another and dream about upcoming club activities together.

SMSA Members,

THE WORK CONTINUED 6 FEET APART!



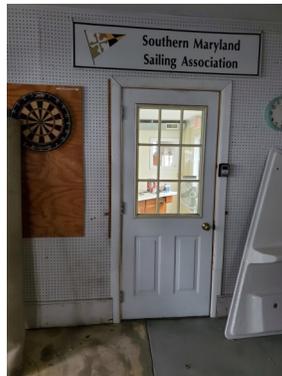
John Blaney (Facility Chair) has moved the door to the social room and trimmed it out, worked on closing the old door opening, working the electrical for lights, outlets, and circuits for the dishwasher, microwave, countertop appliances, disposal as well as re-routing water for the refrigerator.

With the help of Joan Blaney and Dave and Lois Zonderman (A BIG THANK YOU!) the cabinets and appliances we are re-purposing from Solomons Landing Condo Association were dismantled and are ready to be moved to SMSA. Although we are currently under a Maryland State "Stay at Home" mandate, once we can get back to some normalcy can you spare some time to help get them to the clubhouse???? How about helping John with the electric or plumbing??? This should not be a one person job, step up to the plate and find a way to contribute even in these unique times. For more information please contact John (facility@smsa.com).

What about volunteering to be our Communications Chair which is more than just the Yearbook????? For now we're just managing getting the 2020 Yearbook pulled together, but we shouldn't have to be struggling. We need new ideas for communicating with our SMSA family and our community. Please contact myself (rearcommodore@smsa.com) for additional details.

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

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New items are in bold text

Immediate Needs:

<u>Communications Chair</u>	Communications Chair (term ended Dec 2019)
<u>Bar</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meet Alcohol deliveries once a month on Wed, Thurs or Fri • Volunteer Bartenders
<u>Screwpile Webmaster</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop/Maintain Screwpile 2020 web presence

SOCIAL SCENE



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In case you missed it, we had a great turnout for Trivia Night with ~50 people in attendance. There was a smorgasbord of appetizers and finger foods to share with lots of fun and laughter throughout the evening.

Our Trivia Host Tom Currier and his wife Emily led the event which consisted of 4 rounds of 10 questions each round. Between rounds everyone got the opportunity to answer a question to earn them a free drink and those who answered correctly were Jody Keen, Hali Kilbourne, Marilyn Martin and Aaron Shiffer.

There were 7 Teams competing for bragging rights (The Bar Team, Blue Boat Home, Hallpass, Hellcat, Rakali, SDM, and Wicked Good) with all teams having a variety of players of all ages. In the end 1st Place went to Rakali, with a tie for 2nd Place between SDM and Wicked Good, with Wicked Good winning the tie-breaker. Congratulations to all of our teams.



Rakali



Wicked Good



SDM



CRUISERS CORNER



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IT'S TIME TO GO CRUISING.....SOON

The days are longer and warmer, boats are going back in the water, it's time to go cruising. However, because of the current situation, the status of each cruise is uncertain. Additional information will be communicated as we get closer to the date.

With all SMSA activities cancelled through April 30th we are revising the dates of the cruising schedule.

The first scheduled cruise of the year is moving from April 25 & 26 to May 2 & 3 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. The decision to raft up or anchor out will be determined the day of the cruise. 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. Boats can anchor in the area or head back to Solomons after a day of sailing. 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 second cruise to San Domingo Creek originally scheduled for May 2 is now cancelled.

The first longer cruise of the season is the 11 day Southern Bay Cruise beginning on May 18. Patty Kimmel and Rich Freeman on **Patty K Too** are cruise leaders. Slips for May 20 and 21 in Cape Charles can be reserved at the **Cape Charles – Town Harbor Marina** (757-331-2357). Slips for May 22 and 23 in Portsmouth can be reserved at **Tidewater Yacht Marina** (757-393-2525). Slips for May 24 and 25 at Yorktown can be reserved at **York River Yacht Haven** (804-642-2156). Be sure to inform the marinas that you are with SMSA when reserving a slip so they can try to keep our boats together. Also, always let the cruise leader and cruise chairman know that you plan to go on a cruise and have made reservations.

Information about these, and future, cruises can be found in the Cruise Schedule on the SMSA website under the Cruise tab and in the 2020 SMSA Yearbook. Six 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 marina are included on the Cruise Schedule.

There are numerous 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.

Please watch your e-mails for changes to the published schedule due to the COVID-19 pandemic. In the mean time.....

BE SAFE AND THINK CRUISING!



KEELBOAT RACING



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Welcome to Spring! Frostbite races started on March 15th. Ten boats were on the starting line. One Trick Pony took the gun followed by J Ray, SNUZULUZ, Cheetah, Wicked Good, C2 (squared), Baba Roja, Whirlaway, Blue Goose and Artic Turn. Thanks to Rakali owners, Mark and Robin Witte, and crew for running an efficient race. They had an awesome tailgate party going on.

A shout out to Rakali, Cheetah, Elan Ten-nounce, J Ray, Short Bus, Arctic Tern, Whirlaway and The Doghouse skippers and Crews for signing up for race committee. Thanks to those early birds to committing to race committee duties.

However, with all SMSA activities cancelled or postponed until after 30 April our immediate race committee need is for the Wednesday Night Series (May 13, 20, 27) and Froste-Goode (May 17). Please visit the Keelboat webpage and sign up today.

New Sailing Instructions for 2020 are available on the SMSA Keelboat website. Printed copies have been picked up from the printer and we will get them distributed as soon as possible. Now that our opening day moved to May 2nd, I would like to get the race circular in your hands and maintain proper social distancing! Some items have changed for the 2020 racing season. We have added Screwpile to the highpoint formula and will give bonus points for the three middle distance races. The safety definitions for 4P, 5P and 6P are no longer used by PHRF of the Chesapeake. Screwpile will occur in late September so we moved Sharps Island to July. Please browse through the sailing instructions online under SMSA Keelboat.

Our racing season has been suspended until after April 30th in keeping with social distancing as the COVID 19 virus sweeps through our country. So for now please stay safe and we hope to see everyone on the water very soon!





Screwpile News Update



Our friend at Hampton Yacht Club, Lin McCarthy, publishes a weekly racers' blog via e-mail called, **Southern Bay Racing News You Can Use**. It's a great resource for Chesapeake Bay racers. If you don't already subscribe to it, you should. I recently sent Lin a note asking her to publicize Screwpile in her weekly news blog. She responded by writing the following entry in the March 17th edition of her racing news...

SCREWPILE LIGHTHOUSE CHALLENGE REGATTA. . . refreshed! This 27 year old favorite of Chesapeake Bay racers has had a "lift" and changed its date. Screwpile is still based in Solomons, but the **regatta headquarters for awards/parties has returned to Safe Harbor Zahnisers Marina.** Check-in Saturday, September 26th, is at the SMSA clubhouse on Solomons Island Road. Racing, and the ensuing parties and awards, will be on Sunday, Sept 27th & Monday, Sept 28th. Screwpile is an inviting option for participants in the AYC Fall Race to Solomons (Sat, Sept 26th) to stick around and race some more. **Regatta Chairman Jim Keen** invites all racers to Screwpile Lighthouse Challenge 2020 to partake of cooler temperatures, early Fall breezes and, of course, parties, music, and rum drinks at the tent on Z's hill. Check out the event website at www.screwpile.net and/or register directly at <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=11776> For additional info contact Jim Keen at chairman@screwpile.com or (240) 925-1173.

Thank you, Lin!

To subscribe to SBRNYCU, send an email to mcbear@earthlink.net, put SBRNYCU on the subject line, give your name, and say, "Sign me up!" SBRNYCU is free.



SMALLBOAT RACING



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With local, state, and federal officials requesting and/or mandating that people not congregate, the Yard Clean-Up Day on March 28th was cancelled. There is some work that can be done safely for those that want to get out of the house and complete independent clean-up tasks. The list is straight forward, the yard is full of leaves and there is ivy and weeds on the patio side of the club that need removed or cutting back. The large skiff needs some electrical re-wiring for the bilge pump and Mark Witte has donated a larger, less used pump for the task. Here is how you can contribute.

- To volunteer for yard clean up, contact me by email, text, or phone, for tasks that are available that you wish to work on.
- When done, report what was done and what you think is left.
- If you need me to come by, I will attempt to do so during your shift and make helpful suggestions from a comfortable distance.
- Note, the club closed so please plan on bringing what you need such as a rake, hand trimmer, trash bags, and tools. You can use the club bathroom facilities but general club access is prohibited and using it as a work space is also prohibited.

With the efforts of individual members, we can keep the club yard in good maintenance for the future. It would also keep the yard ready for individuals or families seeking relief from a lack of activities. If you do go out, please remember to do so in conditions that are well under your abilities so that we do not put any additional load on local emergency services.

As previously noted, the volunteer signup page for 2020 has been updated. We have no idea when racing will resume but let's keep planning for the future. Be safe, stay well, and I look forward to seeing each of you at the club again.



Members—please be aware that with the State of Maryland “Stay at Home” mandate we thought it would be a good idea to lock the gate at the club as a deterrent, keeping our property a little safer, preventing it from disappearing. Maybe unlikely, but why take the chance. Access to your boat is available by going through the clubhouse. If you need gate access please contact myself or one of the officers, directors or chairs who can provide you with the combination.

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SMSA Rear Commodore

CLASSIFIED ADS

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.



FOR SALE: Slocum 43 blue water cruiser. Perfect liveaboard. Updates and refit include replaced decks, new seacocks, pumps, sump pumps, plumbing, sinks, faucets, toilet, counter tops, many new electronics, transducers, refrigerator, blinds, canvas, air conditioning new engine, etc. Recently installed a hot air heating system. New Quantum sails. Asking \$100K. Contact Charlie Collins @ cco-lins218@gmail.com or 240-577-1004



Contact Donna Maneely dsmaneely@verizon.net 301-863-2231.

View listing on Southern MD Craigslist





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