



# The Clew

## **COVID-19 SMSA UPDATE**

See the **SMSA COVID-19 Safety Plans and Guidelines** policy document which is being sent to members via email, can be found on the **SMSA Website** and will be updated to keep pace with the changing environment

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## **SCOTT KIRBY CONCERT—VIRTUAL**

Monday, August 3 @ 6:30

<https://www.facebook.com/scottkirby.keywest/>

See page 5 for more details

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## **Happy Hour**

Friday's 5:30—8:30 pm

Last call will be at 8:20 pm. At 8:30 pm we will ask members to please depart so the club can be sanitized.

## **Racing and Cruising Return!**

Please check the respective webpages for more information

Questions contact:

Keelboat: Dan Shannon (keelboatrace@smsa.com)

Smallboat: Need Volunteer! (smallboatrace@smsa.com)

Cruise: Carl Kemp (cruise@smsa.com)

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**Please continue to watch your e-mail for any changes due to COVID-19**

**NOTE: There will be no hard copy distribution of the Clew until further notice**



## Commodore's Corner

By Marc Briere  
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Ahoy SMSA shipmates!

I am excited to see ever improving participation in several on-the-water and ashore activities. Our Wednesday Night informal races continue to bring out the largest census of keel boats and crew despite our current pandemic environment. Our Thursday night races do not have the numbers of their peak a few years ago, but we do have several active racers and some close competition. It is great to see crews mitigating the risks of this situation by wearing face coverings and reducing crew congestion in order to enjoy the therapeutic benefits of getting out on the water and having some level of normalcy in 2020. As of 31 July, the wearing of face coverings has been changed from recommended to required when within 6 ft of those with whom we don't reside both indoors and outdoors. In stark contrast to the Wednesday and Thursday races, our weekend formal race participation has unfortunately continued its decline as it has in our pre-Covid seasons. We need to figure out what to do to boost formal race participation going forward. Cruisers are getting out on the water but some destinations and activities at destinations have been adjusted.

Some good news, SMSA requested and received \$10K from the Federal Grants, administered by Calvert County which are intended to mitigate the impact of COVID closures to non-profit organizations. This helps offset monies we would have received from Summer Camp.

We have a volunteer page in this newsletter that highlight our ongoing need for help. Please contact me or any of the officers and let us know how we can improve your participation in club activities. There are no one-size-fits-all solutions to participation challenges. Organizations have to repeatedly poll membership and adapt to the changing membership feedback, personal situations and desires to contribute. We realize the current situation with a highly contagious virus adds to skepticism and caution for many of our decisions including volunteerism. We will not ask you to perform where you do not feel safe and comfortable.

We have our second "virtual concert" this year coming up shortly after you receive this newsletter— on 3 August. Scott Kirby will perform a concert exclusively for SMSA members. See page 5 of the Clew or visit our facebook page for more details.

Once again we have to wish fair winds and following seas to long-standing member, father, husband, grandfather, racer, cruiser, club volunteer and close friend to many. On 28 July we bid farewell to Curt Hamilton. A dedicated email contains a memoriam in his honor. Please keep Curt and his family in your thoughts and prayers.

See you around the clubhouse and on the water! — Marc

# COVID STATUS



**Robin Witte**

*Rear Commodore*

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Members,

As I've mentioned in some of my e-mails it's amazing how fast the rules continue to change and your Board of Directors is working diligently to keep up and provide you the members with the latest and greatest information and how we're applying that to our facility and sailing programs.

The last week of July was no exception when Governor Hogan issued Executive Order #20-07-29-01 which changes recommending the use of face coverings to a requirement and which reads as follows:

"All persons in Maryland over the age of five (5) years old are required to wear a Face Covering when they are outdoors and unable to consistently maintain at least six feet of distance from individuals who are not members of their household"

This requirement applies to all of us regardless of whether we're inside or outside. We have updated our club's *COVID-19 Safety Plans and Guidelines* document accordingly. In addition, corresponding changes are flowing down to our Sailing Instructions and program activity instructions to ensure all SMSA operations are compliant at the facility and on the water. Updates were provided via email and are posted on our website.

The clubhouse continues to be "open" for Happy Hour on Friday evenings with access being limited to the front/back patios and front room only. The rest of the clubhouse is still closed to members with the exception of essential personnel.

Remember that there are HANDWASHING ONLY (gray water) basins in the yard. Please give us your feedback on how that is working.

Once again, thank you for your patience as we continue to work through many of details needed to ensure your safety while offering as many activities as possible while remaining compliant with Maryland Law and Executive Orders.

If you have any questions or concerns feel free to give us a call or send an email.

On behalf of your Officers,

Robin Witte  
SMSA Rear Commodore

# WE VOLUNTEERS

## SMSA Members,

Please join me in thanking Cristin Shiffer for volunteering to be our new Communications Chair. Cristin is no stranger to SMSA and recently returned with her family from being overseas with her husband who was stationed in Italy. Now that's jumping right in!

For those of you that have been here a while and haven't volunteered, what's your excuse? Let us know what is holding you back. We need to know how we can make volunteering easier and more desirable for a larger number of our members.

**Try your hand at being our Clew editor.** This month our Commodore is taking a shot at being the Clew Editor. How about giving him a break and taking that on? This is something you can easily do from home. Please contact me at rearcommodore@smsa.com

**Volunteer needed for RC Boat Captain.** No, you do not drive the RC boat for Race Committees. That is the RC's responsibility. You primarily take care of routine checks on the boat, assure it has adequate fuel, and interface with Zahnizer's on routine and not so routine maintenance. Not terribly time-consuming and you have the run of your very own 32 foot work-boat! We'll do an orderly transition with plenty of boat familiarization for whoever takes it on. If you are interested, please contact Lowell Martin, 301 325-4877, martin-lowell@comcast.net for more details.

**Volunteer needed for Smallboat Race Chair.** Please contact Mark Gyorgy at vicecommodore@smsa.com if you would like to volunteer to be our small boat race chair for the remainder of the season.

**Volunteers needed for Race Committee.** We are always looking for volunteers to perform race management for keelboat and small boat races. Contact us to volunteer.

**Volunteers needed for a special committee.** Marc Briere is standing up a special committee to review our administrative and accounting procedures to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of our treasurer functions. Please contact Russell Miller and Kristi Yurko at treasurer@smsa.com if you have the experience, interest and talent to help us find better ways to integrate and streamline our current procedures and activities.

**Thank You to those of you who volunteer. Your support is greatly appreciated.**

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# SOCIAL



**Cori Grant**  
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## Greetings SMSA Members,

There is not much news to share on the Social Scene as we are open with restrictions on clubhouse use etc. We continue to organize the warming kitchen and look forward to using it for our next social event.

Tim Flaherty has once again championed the Scott Kirby concert coordination including obtaining sponsorships. We hope many of you will sign on to enjoy Scott's concert this Monday August 3rd at 6:30pm. (see below for details)

The Friday Happy Hours are still our leading socializing events ashore. Thank you for participating.

Stay safe out there.

Cori



## **Scott Kirby Concert—Virtual**

Benefitting the SMSA Junior Program

Monday, August 3 @ 6:30pm

Use the following link:

<https://www.facebook.com/scottkirby.keywest/>

Scott will set up a Tip Jar via PayPal so viewers can make a contribution.

Normally tickets to the show are \$20 to the general public and \$15 for SMSA members. All are welcome to view the webcast, donation or not, but if you are able to donate equal to the price of a normal ticket, that would be great!

Presented by Coors Light and Solomons Holiday Inn Conference Center and Marina. Also by AMEWAS and by Primary Residential Mortgage, Inc. of California, MD

## CRUISERS CORNER



**Carl Kemp**  
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The 2019 season is now half over but there are still seven cruises of various durations and destinations remaining. See the Cruise Schedule on the SMSA website or in the 2020 Yearbook for details. If you have not been on a cruise, pick one and give it a try.

Our popular Mixed Couples Battle Creek Race/Raft-Up is scheduled for August 15 and 16. This event is well attended by both racers and cruisers and provides a great weekend on the water. More details can be found on the SMSA website under the keelboat race tab. ***Right Shift***, David and Jacki Meiser's 46' Markley, will set the one anchor for the raft-up. Current separation and face mask guidelines should be followed, large groups should be avoided, and food should not be shared. Please make sure to have adequate fenders and lines to raft. Depending on weather conditions, the raft will break up for the night and any boats anchoring nearby should allow adequate swing between boats.

Think Cruising!

### **July 4<sup>th</sup> 2020 Cruise — Jerry and Donna Taylor**

***Kalypso*** (Fred Siesseger), ***Sabrena*** (Todd, Jen and "Wookie" Porter), ***"No Sched..."*** (Jerry, Donna and Emerson Taylor) and ***Stingray*** on her inaugural cruise with new owners (Elliott and Alexa Petersen) departed on July 2<sup>nd</sup> for St. Mary's City. It was a reach down the bay in light north winds which increased during the day. The happy hour raft up was with ***"No Sched..."*** practicing social distancing. We watched a beautiful sunset over ***Stingray*** as Alexa worked on their dinghy. Fred tried to depart at zero dark thirty on Friday, but got delayed getting the anchor up due to a broken windlass and decided it was best to return to Solomons for repairs. The college grounds were very quiet, although Alexa found a crowd at the bakery getting fresh goodies. Emerson and I went by dinghy to Tippity Witchity Island where the motor died and resulted in rowing back to Horseshoe Bend!! A little behind schedule, we motored to Price Cove and bumped at the same place that got me six years ago!



With two out of three dinghy motors out of service, Todd had to transport all personnel & equipment ashore for the Fourth Annual Martha Kemp "Picnic on the Beach." It was not the same without Martha and Carl in attendance. In spite of setbacks, we all had a great time and a peaceful night.

I got my dinghy motor running the next morning and we made plans to go to Smith Creek. We sailed out of St. George's Creek to the Potomac in a light northerly. All three boats anchored in separate areas. With two dinghies now in service, we departed for Courtney's Restaurant for an early dinner with no one else in the restaurant. We all celebrated Todd and Jen's wedding anniversary. Todd provided glasses of champagne for everyone to have a toast with our seafood dishes of very fresh soft shell crabs and rockfish. As the evening ended, it was wonderful to just sit on our decks with a bright red full moon rising, a pleasant breeze blowing and fireworks lighting the sky in every direction.

On Sunday there was a light SE breeze at Pt. Lookout that built throughout the day to take us home. All in all, it was a great long weekend!



## **SUMMER SAILSTICE CRUISE**

The local Non-Such sailing group, based at the Holiday Inn marina in Solomons, organized an open cruise up the Patuxent River to celebrate the beauty of this river and the Summer Sailstice. Originally scheduled for Saturday, June 20, it was postponed a week because of bad weather and re-scheduled for June 27. This inaugural cruise was open to all sailboats and power boats in the Solomons area. 17 boats participated in this 34.5 nm round trip cruise from Solomons to the Benedict bridge and back. While the original plans for some included anchoring overnight in one of the scenic creeks afterwards, the prevailing very hot weather canceled that plan for most. Three SMSA cruising boats – No Sched (Jerry Taylor); Cloud Nine (Les Griffith); and Safina (Dennis Chandler) made the journey in fantastic 10-20 kt. northerly winds. It was a wonderful sail! Hopefully this Non-Such group in Solomons or the SMSA cruisers will consider this as an annual tradition for the future Summer Sailstice celebrations.

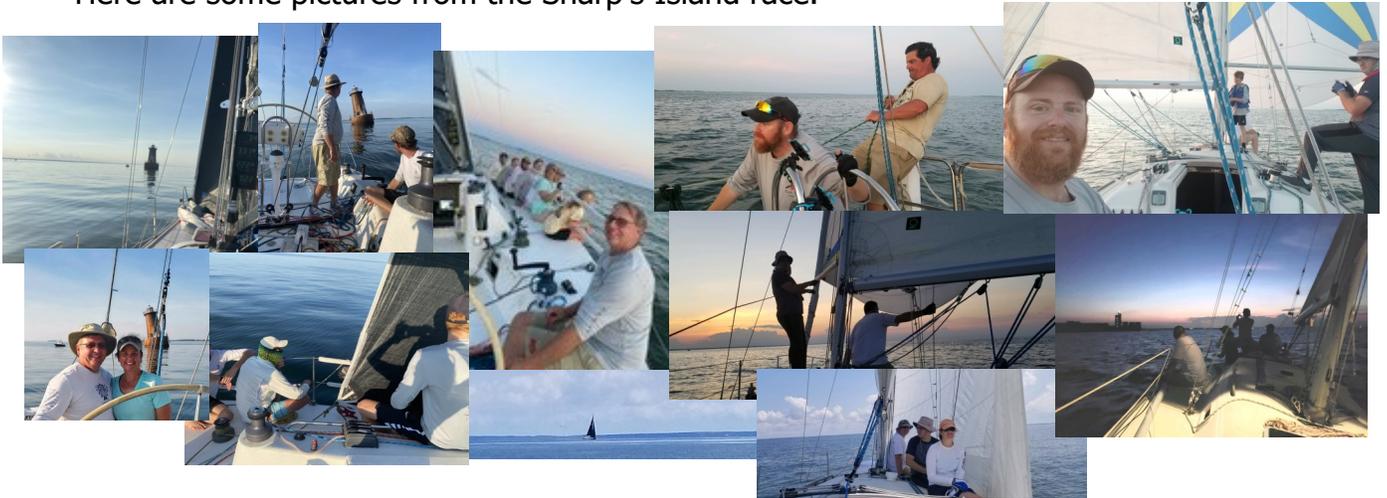


# KEELBOAT RACING

Here are some Wednesday Night racing fun thanks to Polly!



Here are some pictures from the Sharp's Island race.



Thank you to our  
Race Committees



picture yourself here



## KEELBOAT RACING



**Dan Shannon**

*Keelboat Race Chair*

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We had a full schedule of racing in July. Five Wednesday night races and our Sharps Island middle distance race. Five to sixteen boats have been on the starting line for our Wednesday Night races. I would like to thank Polly and Terry for being our consistent Wednesday night race crew. They were joined by crews from Cheetah, Whirlaway, One Trick Pony, J Ray, J Reese and J Taylor. We have nine spots open on our racing schedule for race committee. Please visit the website to volunteer for one of the open spots. We are an all-volunteer organization...Thanks again for your help!

July 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday Night Race found 5 boats in both the NonSpin and Spinnaker starting lines. Light air resulted in a 1.09NM race with American Flyer finishing first, followed by C2, Whirlaway, Barba Roja and St Mary's College. Wild Horses took the gun (1<sup>st</sup>) followed by One Trick Pony, Cheetah, Rakali and Wicked Good. Our July 8<sup>th</sup> race resulted in a better wind range which supported a 4.36NM race. Thirteen boats on the starting line for this race. Wicked Good won the Non-spinnaker division followed by Pursuit, Wild Thing, Barba Roja, Blue Goose. C2 did not finish and USA4201 did not start. One Trick Pony won the Spinnaker race followed by Wild Horses, Rakali, Cheetah, Splash and American Flyer. Wednesday Night, 15 July, had 16 boats, our largest fleet, on the water. In a 3.45NM course Wild Thing won the Non-Spinnaker race followed by C2, Baba Roja, USA4201, Blue Goose, Artic Tern and Seas The Day. With a longer race at 5.16NM, One Trick Pony won the Spinnaker division with Wild Horses, Cheetah, American Flyer, Splash, Rakali, Spice and Wicked Good. Weather prevented our Out-N-Back race on 22 July to occur. It is good to see our fleets enjoying racing in our restricted COVID19 environment.

The race circular was printed before COVID19 hit in Maryland and Governor Hogan restricted boating in Maryland Waters. We adjusted the document so much that we decided to post the document to our Keelboat page only and not reprint the document. So where am I going with this news. I have dropped off the original Race Circular at the SMSA clubhouse for you to stop in an pick up your souvenir copy.

Looking forward, August continues with five Wednesday Night races. Mixed Couples race will be on August 15<sup>th</sup>.

Hope to see you on the water!



## Screwpile News Update

Taking into account CDC guidelines for prudent health and safety considerations, Screwpile is officially a GO. Unfortunately, the regatta this year will be without the customary tent parties and award ceremonies. Protest hearings will be held on-line. **The good news is that we will be out there on the water... racing sail-boats!** Trophies and Mt Gay red hats will be made available to racers soon after the regatta.

**Register, Register, Register** — Now that the decision has been made to host Screwpile despite Covid-19, it's time for SMSA members to rally in support of our long-standing regatta. We need all of our SMSA racers and cruiser/racers to register soon in order to show skippers around the Bay that the entries are building to a critical mass. It's going to be two days of great fun that no one would not want to miss out on. We are working the Race Committee/Mark Boat crew lists now and are soliciting volunteers to serve in those positions. Contact Don Behrens or Jim Keen to express interest in spending two fun days on the water serving in that capacity.

**Special Note to Screwpile Cruiser/Racers...** In Yacht Scoring, you will see two scoring classes for the Cruising/Racers Circle... "CRCA ORR-Ez" and "CRCA (Cruiser Assigned Rating)". The CRCA ORR Ez class is for cruising boats that have a valid ORR-Ez rating certificate. The CRCA (Cruiser Assigned Rating) is for those boats who will have a free, courtesy assigned rating based on their boat's characteristics. The Cruiser Assigned, free Rating, as well as the ORR-Ez rating recognize that heavy boats struggle in light air. The ratings also take into account various wind speeds. The cruiser race circle will be scored time-on-time as will the PHRF/OD race circle. You can read more about the ORR-Ez rule at <https://offshoreracingrule.org/>.

Racers and Cruiser/Racers... Register your boat for two great days of racing (27/28 Sep) on-line at <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=11776>. NOR Amendment #1 reflecting Covid-19 modifications to be posted soon, along with the reduced registration fee of \$65.

Thank you and stay safe!



### **Doug Hays, John and Derick Fahnestock, Joe Frost**

Thanks to these Smallboat Sailors and a Cruiser, they looked around the yard, recognized there was a need to do some major cleanup, cutting down branches, weeding, picking up leaves, etc. and took the initiative to get it done. The yard is looking so much better and we appreciate their efforts. Please thank these folks for their efforts, or better yet contact them to ask where you can help continue the cleanup process.



### **Cristin Shiffer and Cindy Tater**

Without the help of these ladies the 2020 Yearbook would not have been possible. Patty Kimmel who has done an outstanding job with our Yearbook passed the torch in January and did provide an assist with our advertisers, but the content coordination, picture selection and working with our printer was done by Cristin Shiffer. With the COVID environment most of our Yearbooks needed to be mailed and that would not have been possible without the help of Cindy Tater who put together all of the packets, getting them ready to be mailed out.

These are just some of our members who deserve a BIG shout out  
for their willingness to volunteer.

Heartfelt   
**THANKS**  
**TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!**

## CLASSIFIED ADS

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.

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: 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@ccollins218@gmail.com or 240-577-1004



View listing on Southern MD Craigslist

## SMSA Merchandise Order!



**Need a new t-shirt, tech shirt, or vest?**  
**Did you lose your hat in the last race?**  
**Want to sport your SMSA burgee at work?**  
**Just need to feel like you are going sailing?**  
**Starting to shop for Christmas? (less than 150 days away!)**



### Order your SMSA merchandise today!

Current inventory is listed on the SMSA Website store. Go to <https://www.smsa.com/Membership/Merchandise.php> for pricing and to order

Pre-order specialty items by August 31<sup>st</sup> for pick up mid-September.

Men's, Women's, Youth and Tall sizing available.

Contact [membership@smsa.com](mailto:membership@smsa.com) with questions on sizes, colors, and for other unique personal items.



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