



The Clew

COVID-19 SMSA UPDATE

Continue to refer to the SMSA *COVID-19 Safety Plans and Guidelines* sent via email and located on the SMSA Website

SCREWPILE 2020: Sept 27—28

Although we won't have classic Screwpile après race festivities, we are looking forward to some close racing and on-the-water camaraderie

(Cancelled) FIREWORKS/POT LUCK—Sept 5

This event was cancelled due to COVID restrictions

Happy Hours Continue

Friday's 5:30—8:30 pm

Last call at 8:20 pm. At 8:30 pm we kindly ask members to depart so the club can be sanitized per CDC Guidelines

Racing and Cruising Continue!

Please check the respective webpages for more information

Keelboat: Dan Shannon (keelboatrace@smsa.com)

Smallboat: Henry Meiser/Megan Roberts (smallboatrace@smsa.com)

Cruise: Carl Kemp (cruise@smsa.com)

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

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Commodore's Corner

By Marc Briere
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Ahoy SMSA shipmates!

What a year it's been. If any of us could have predicted the many abnormal events happening in 2020, we'd have played those numbers and won! A guy walks into a bar in New Orleans and orders two hurricanes and a Corona. The bartender says, that'll be \$20.20. :-)

The stick-to-itiveness of sailors is peerless as far as I am concerned. Cancelled regattas. Racing with masks on. Racing without after parties. Handwashing stations and social distancing in the yard while launching and recovering dinghies. Wearing masks while on Race Committee. Social distancing Happy Hours. Sanitizing the club after each and every use. It hasn't been easy and it's not as much fun as we are all used to but darn if we aren't still going out sailing and spending time with sailing kinfolk. Congratulations and Thank You to all who are working through these temporary setbacks in how and what we can do safely under a set of changing rules. Hearty Souls—all of you.



I haven't gotten much input on your thoughts for our 50th anniversary celebration assuming we get to the other side of this COVID weather front. I look forward to hearing your thoughts and ideas.

Thank you to Robin and Mark for their 3 years as Rear and Vice Commodore. Their experience and understanding in management of SMSA operations have made my job easier and have been instrumental in our ability to tack and gybe around the obstacles we've come across when navigating through 2020. Thank you to all of our program chairs who have helped us mitigate the risks of sharing COVID while managing program operations. I know it hasn't been easy and we appreciate your efforts.

As we enter the ninth month since I have had the privilege of beginning my service as your Commodore, we have to once again turn our attention to the election of next year's board members. Please consider submitting your name to fill one of the available positions (see page 3 for details).

See you around the clubhouse and on the water!

Marc

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.

Nomination packages must be received and confirmed by the Election Committee no later than 5 pm on Friday, October 9th, 2020.





SMSA Members,

Please join me in thanking Henry Meiser and Megan Roberts for volunteering to be our new Smallboat Co-Chairs. Henry is an avid dinghy and keelboat sailor and camp counselor. Megan is another camp counselor and also an avid keelboat sailor. Thanks Henry and Megan for your willingness to take this on in addition to your schoolwork and other ac-

tivities you support.

For those of you that have been here a while and haven't volunteered, what's your excuse? Now is as good a time as any to get involved. The pace may be a little slower but what better opportunity to learn the ropes. 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. Once again our Commodore is taking a shot at being the Clew Editor (with some help). How about taking this on? 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! 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.

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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COVID STATUS



Robin Witte

Rear Commodore

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Greetings SMSA Members!

Here we are entering the month of September and I never imaged back in January that my third term as the Rear Commodore would primarily be focused on helping to set policy to address a pandemic. Regardless, here we are and your Board of Directors continues to monitor the national and state policies and guidelines.

As of this newsletter Governor Hogan's Executive Orders have not changed since the beginning of August when he issued Executive Order #20-08-03-01 which amended and restated the order of July 29, 2020, but this didn't change how we need to operate.

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.

As we head into the fall we continue to look at the calendar and search for opportunities to still hold some of our events. Please remember to check the weekly emails for the latest information about SMSA activities.

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

We 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

CRUISERS CORNER



Carl Kemp
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By the time you receive this issue of the Clew the Baltimore Cruise should be getting underway. There is one additional cruise in September. The five day Onancock Cruise begins on September 17 with two nights at Onancock Wharf Marina (757-787-7911), September 18 and 19. Reservations are required. See the Cruise Schedule in the 2020 SMSA Yearbook for cruise details and notify Carl Kemp if you plan to join this cruise.

The SMSA cruising season is in full swing and it is never too late to get involved.

Think Cruising!

Happy Hour Raft-Up Jerry & Donna Taylor

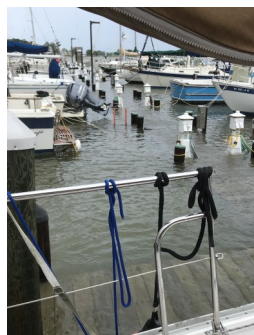


With calm winds and lots of sun, six boats made the short trip to Cuckold Creek on July 25. **No Sched...** (Jerry and Donna Taylor) set the anchor and **Cloud 9** (Les Griffith), **Patty K Too** (Rich Freeman and Patty Kimmel), **Safina** (Dennis and Carolyn Chandler), **Serenity** (Carl and Martha Kemp), rafted up while **Walkabout** (Dave and Lois Zonderman) anchored nearby. After several hours of good food, drink, and conversation, **Safina** broke away from the raft to anchor out and **Patty K Too** returned to Solomons. The calm conditions lasted throughout the evening and morning. Following a relaxing morning and sufficient coffee the raft broke up and everyone departed. This cruise will go on record as one of the most restful and uneventful ever.



Oxford/Cambridge Cruise Dave & Lois Zonderman

Six SMSA boats departed Solomons harbor on Saturday, August 1, in clear skies and a hot breeze, headed for Oxford, Maryland. The group included **Serenity** (Carl and Martha Kemp), **Safina** (Dennis and Carolyn Chandler), **Patty K Too** (Rich Freeman and Patty Kimmel), **Thisilldous** (John and Joan Blaney), **Cloud 9** (Les Griffith), and **Walkabout** (Dave and Lois Zonderman). It became a motor run, as the slight breeze we had was right "on the nose". After all got situated in their slips at Safe Harbor- Marina & Boatyard, some headed for the pool while others just



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settled into "Vacation Mode". Everyone later met for dinner/happy hour at Capsize Restaurant and enjoyed a wonderful dinner outside at "socially distanced" tables. Over dinner we discussed options for activities in Oxford and plans for Cambridge.



Sunday was also a warm and calm day so walks were taken, Oxford explored, but mostly we ended up at the pool throughout the afternoon. The evening's happy hour in the marina's airconditioned lounge consisted of a selection of assorted "heavy hors d'oeuvres" while we discussed our day. In addition, the next few days, two in Cambridge and one at anchor in La Trappe Creek, were discussed, due to the pending arrival of the hurricane/ tropical storm predicted to arrive on the Bay. Cruise Leaders, Dave and Lois, decided to return to Solomons the next day while the others decided to continue on to Cambridge.



Monday morning, as Walkabout headed for Solomons, the remaining five boats motored to Cambridge under sunny sky and light winds. After an afternoon of exploring the streets of Cambridge everyone gathered at Ava's Pizzeria & Wine Bar for a relaxing dinner. Once back at the marina, dock lines were checked and adjusted in anticipation of the approaching storm. Heavy rain and strong winds continued throughout the night but all boats did well with the help of our 'dock hand' John Blaney. By morning the storm had passed and all that remained was the back of the storm with winds from the opposite direction. During line adjustment it hit with no warning, a sheet of HEAVY rain and sustained winds in excess of 55 MPH. It arrived so fast that Patty Kimmel, still out walking her boat dogs, had to rush back on docks mostly under water. In the span of less than an hour the docks, bulkheads, and surrounding areas were all under water. As quickly as it came the storm passed and after a few hours the tide had gone down and land and docks reappeared. The evening was very pleasant and the group gathered for happy hour, dinner, and shared stories on the outside terrace of Snapper's Waterfront Café.

Wednesday was a beautiful day with light winds out of the north. Quite a contrast to the previous day. Four of the boats returned to Solomons with a combination of motor and sail, while **Cloud 9** decided to spend an additional night anchored out in La Trappe Creek. The cruise ended as it started, with beautiful weather and, even with the storm, it was enjoyed by all.

Mixed Couples Race / Battle Creek Raft-Up Robin Witte and Carl Kemp



Despite the moderate threat of rain on Saturday, August 15, seven boats participated in the Mixed Couples Race / Battle Creek Cruise. Four boats that ventured from Sandy Point at the allotted starting times were **Bad Cat** (Jim & Barbara Whited), **Cloud 9** (Les Griffith), **Rakali** (Mark & Robin Witte) and **Thisilldous** (John & Joan Blaney). Even with the skies being overcast it was



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a beautiful sail with the winds out of the northeast 8-13 knots, a close starboard reach all the way up to Battle Creek. **Cloud 9**, **Rakali** and **Thisilldous** continued into Battle Creek for the raft-up while **Bad Cat** ventured back to Solomons.

Soon after getting settled in the raft-up, **Walkabout** (Dave & Lois Zonderman) and **Serenity** (Carl & Martha Kemp) were heard over the radio telling us they were on their way. As we waited for their arrival there was a persistent light rain but that didn't damper anyone's spirits. **Walkabout** arrived at Red "18" and then notified us that she was heading back due to issues with her depth sounder. Around 3:30 pm **Serenity** arrived at the raft up swapping places with **Rakali** who headed back home based on the predicted overnight/early morning weather report. On her way home **Rakali** passed the other **Serenity** (CAT) with Dottie Hamilton, Russell Miller and Will Miller who were headed to the raft-up.



A short time later **Serenity** (CAT) entered the creek and joined the other boats. After several hours of conversation and catching up with Dottie, good food, and a tour of **Cloud 9** "the boat that crossed the Atlantic", **Serenity** (CAT) departed to return home. In spite of increasing winds, the three remaining boats decided to stay rafted for the evening. Everyone said "see you in the morning" and settled in for the night. The morning came early. At 1AM Les, who had activated his anchor drag alarm, awoke everyone with the news that, with the ever increasing winds, the anchor was dragging and the raft was very near shallow water. Everyone hit the decks, John motored **Thisilldous** while Les took in the anchor. Once free the raft was moved to the center of the cove and the anchor was dropped again, with more chain. Once satisfied that the raft was secure, another "see you in the morning". The raft was secure the rest of the night. When morning finally arrived, extensive amounts of coffee and tea were required. Mid morning the raft broke up and with winds out of the north, everyone sailed back to Solomons. Another Battle Creek Cruise to remember.



KEELBOAT RACING



Dan Shannon

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We had another full schedule of racing in August. Five Wednesday night races and our Sharps Island middle distance race. Eight to fifteen boats have been on the starting line for our Wednesday Night races. I'd like to thank Polly for being our consist Wednesday night race crew. She was joined by crews from Splash, Artic Tern and Barba Roja. The first opening for race committee volunteers is 12 September's Double Handed Race. We also need volunteers and competitors for Screwpile on 27-28 September. Visit <http://screwpile.net/> for more details. Please visit the website to volunteer at https://www.smsa.com/Race/KBRace_Nav.php for one of the open spots. We are an all-volunteer organization...Thanks again for your help!



August 5th Wednesday Night Race #19 found 11 boats total in both the NonSpin/Light and Spinnaker fleets starting lines. The Doghouse claimed first place in the Non-Spinnaker fleet followed by Barba Roja, C2, Whirlaway and Artic Turn. Windover was a DNF as the breeze lightened. One Trick Pony took the gun (1st) in the spinnaker fleet followed by Spice, American Flyer, Cheetah and Rakali.



Our August 12th Wednesday Night race #20 resulted in a good wind range which supported a 3.38NM race. Eight boats on the starting line for this race. Pony Express won the Non-spinnaker/Light Fleet followed by C2 (squared), Barba Roja and Blue Goose. Cheetah won the Spinnaker race followed by Rakali, American Flyer and Wild Horses.



Wednesday Night, August 19th, had 15 boats on the water. Race #21 had a course length of 2.22NM. It was planned to be a longer course; however, mother natural relaxed the breeze and most boats floated into a finish at "V". USA4201 finished first in the Non-Spinnaker/Light fleet, followed by Pony Express, Wicked Good, The Doghouse, Whirlaway, Barba Roja and Artic Tern. C2 (squared), Blue Goose and Windover did not complete the



race.

Wild Horses made it across the finish line first in the Spinnaker fleet, One Trick Pony 2nd, Cheetah 3rd, Rakali 4th and American Flyer 5th. A night for lighter vessels! Racers continue to comply with a mix of COVID19 restrictions and fun on the race course.

Our only weekend races for August, Mixed Couples Race, attracted two boats. They enjoyed a nice breeze evident by completing the 10.4NM race in 1:16.29 and 1:40;49 with a VMG of 6.8 knots. Rakali won the race followed by Thisilldous. Looking forward, September continues with the final two Wednesday Night races. Double Handed race on the 12th and the Screwpile Regatta at the end of September. Hope to see you on the water!

Thank you to our Race Committees. For those who haven't recently enjoyed doing race management this year...picture yourself here

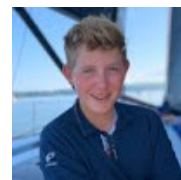


Small Boat Program

Henry Meiser

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The Small Boat Fleet numbers continue to grow every week! We had our largest showing at Thursday Night Races on the 20th with 11 boats out, and our Broken Rudder/Dinghy Distance Race went off without a hitch. The club owned 420's are available for charter use by club members, contingent upon prior experience with dinghy-style sailboats and as documented in Appendix B of the Policy Manual and amended by the COVID-19 Safety Plan and Guidelines. Please contact myself or the Vice Commodore for more details.

The yard still needs your help! Any amount is not too small—from weeding to cleaning rain debris and everything in between, the yard is in need of it all! We will have a focused yardwork day on September 12th from 11:00 AM to 2:30 PM. We are also in need of race committee for our events. Big thank you to Russell Miller and Crew aboard Serenity for covering race committee for the past three weeks.

Be safe and stay well! I hope to see you all out on the water this season. There is still time to get out and race for the 2020 season!

Check out the youth membership promo US Sailing put out to help promote our sport to the next generation of sailors and boat captains. (page 11)



Youth sailors, there have never been so many reasons to join US Sailing!



US Sailing's Youth Racing Central, featuring racing tips and development strategies from sailing experts, including US Sailing Team members and coaches!

2020 Virtual Junior Olympic Sailing Festival, featuring four festive challenges that sailors can virtually participate in and share. Register by August 4th!

US Sailing's Skill Up mobile app. Ask your coach to record your personal skill progress so that you can attain new skill badges!

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Screwpile Update... September Breeze!

This summer blew past and September is upon us. That means cooler temperatures, more sunny skies, and better wind... all ingredients for a great set-up for this year's Screwpile Regatta at the end of the month... September 27th and 28th. As of August 31st, we have 31 boats registered, and momentum is starting to build.

Thanks to all of you who have volunteered to help out with Screwpile. Don Behrens is working on the mark boat crew rosters and still has a few slots to fill. So, if you are interested in spending two fun days on the water working Race Committee, or other assorted tasks, please let us know... Don Behrens at 310 481-8665 or Jim Keen at 240 925-1175. Next year we'll be back to normal Screwpile Ops which will include tent parties, music, and Mt Gay Rum, and we'll be looking to recruit the full team of volunteers.

Although we will be missing out on the parties this year, we will still be able to buy Screwpile T-shirts. Chesapeake Embroidery, one of our long-time sponsors, has agreed to produce a run of traditional Screwpile T-shirts via pre-order. It wouldn't be Screwpile without a Screwpile T-Shirt! Details will be forthcoming.

Cruisers... check out Jim Whited's article on the innovative changes to the Cruiser race format. If you have thought about entering Screwpile with your cruising sailboat, but weren't sure, now's the time.

We're now less than a month away. 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 is posted, along with the reduced registration fee of \$65.

Thank you and stay safe!

Jim Keen
Screwpile Chair

Screwpile 2020 Cruise Fleet Racing

Norm Dawley invited several of our member boats this year to participate in "Fun Races". The idea was to get boats out sailing in a fun way while recognizing the limitations of today's social distancing requirements on sailboat racing. The format was a staggered pursuit style start over a fixed course. For Screwpile 2020, the Cruiser Fleet will follow a similar format. We will have a staggered pursuit style start. Boats will be assigned a start window, and actual scoring will be based on when they cross the starting line. The PRO will assign the starting windows based on the estimated performance of each competitor over a medium course under medium conditions. The actual scoring will be based on a wind conditioned handicap calculation over the actual course.

The three classes for the Fleet are: Racer/Cruisers, True Cruisers, and Non-Spin. The intent is to provide levels of racing based on the individual boats, their crew, and desired configuration. Some racers may wish to sail Non-Spin based on crew limitations, and some cruisers may want to go all out and fly spinnakers. The choice of Spin versus Non-Spin can be made up to the close of registration.

The handicapping system to be used for the event is ORA-1. This is a single course, multi-number handicap system based on the Offshore Racing Rule (ORR) Velocity Prediction Program (VPP). I am posting a fuller explanation of the system on the SMSA web site. An example of ratings for some of our local boats would be:

<u>Boat Type</u>	<u>VL</u>	ORA-1 Spin		
		<u>L</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>H</u>
Bene 473 SD	1024	398	111	-26
J 105	821	311	84	-21
J 111	667	224	33	-59
J 35 ODR	800	294	72	-23
Melges 32	566	175	9	-100
Ranger 33	1100	468	187	71

There are 4 ratings for each boat based on wind ranges. In this example under medium conditions the Bene 473 SD would get 78 seconds per mile from the J/111. In Very Light (VL) conditions the delta would be 357 seconds per mile. Again, a more complete discussion is available on the SMSA web site.

All participants in the Cruiser Course will have the option of a complimentary ORA-1 certificate for the event, based on a best fit with existing ratings for comparable boats, or applying for an official certificate. Official ORR certs are available in a several levels. An individual event level custom certificate would run \$35.

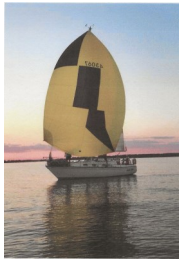
Our PRO for the event, Jay Tyson, has said he is available via phone or email for any questions on the event. Jay can be reached at jay.tyson@yahoo.com or 813-220-1584

Jim Whited

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: 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@ccolins218@gmail.com or 240-577-1004 View listing on Southern MD Craigslist



FOR SALE: New 2020 (unused) 8-1/2 ft WEST Marine RIB-260, Rigid Hull Inflatable; retail cost \$1,200. Also for sale is a 2020 (unused) Suzuki 4-stroke 2- 1/2 hp engine; retail \$810. Offering dinghy/motor package for \$1600. More details and/or inspection by request. Call Jim Keen @ 240 925-1175.



SMSA Merchandise Order!



Need a new t-shirt, tech shirt, or vest?
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Want to sport your SMSA burgee at work?
Just need to feel like you are going sailing?
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Order your SMSA merchandise today!

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