



# The Clew

**SMSA Opening Day / 2020 Sailing Awards**

**Saturday, May 1, 2021 @ 0930**

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**Smallboat Racing**

Thursday Night Racing Continues

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**Keelboat Racing**

Double Handed Race, Saturday, May 8, 2021

Frost-Goode Race, Saturday, May 15, 2021

Wednesday Night Series A continues through May 26, 2021

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**Cruises**

Cuckold Creek 8-9 May, 2021

Urbanna & Other Points Cruise 17-23 May, 2021

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**SMSA LUAU—Friday, June 4, 2021**

Watch your email for details

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**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

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

**NOTE: Since COVID we do not publish and send hard copy Clews.**



## Commodore's Corner

By Marc Briere  
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Ahoy fellow sailors. Our 2021 season is officially kicked off! Some of us are super anxious to drop the mask and get back to the way things used to be. Some ascribe to the "once we're all vaccinated everything can return to normal" viewpoint. Others are still cautious, even after vaccination and have reservations on rushing back to normal operations. We are listening and have heard the different perspectives and leave it to each of you to return to participation as your comfort level allows based on your individual situation. As we s-l-o-w-l-y return to more of the pre-COVID executive order permitted activities, let's continue to be patient with one another and with our ability to bring our club's social and sailing operations back to full capacity. We continue to monitor the situation to ensure we remain compliant and will announce changes to this operational posture as allowed by the Governor and as recommended by the CDC.

This month's calendar is definitely increasing opportunities to participate. The weather is getting nicer and we can do more of our activities outdoors. Hopefully more of you have had the chance to work on your boats and we will see more boats at the start line for our keelboat and small boat races. Without sounding too much like the old salty captain regaling "the good old days" I do remember when we had 30+ boats on a weekday practice race and more than a dozen at the start line for our formal race events. Our cruising fleet is always welcoming to larger raft ups and groups to meet up at many scheduled destinations. Please look through your yearbooks, look for updates on our webpage and read the email reminders of the many opportunities we offer to participate.

We can do things more quickly and do bigger things when we work together. Many hands make light work. We realize that each of our schedules have to balance work, retirement, family, hobbies, church, etc and there are only so many hours in your week to share. Please consider volunteering your time and talents to our all-volunteer social club. We can offer more and larger activities when more members contribute to planning, setting up and running events. Through an abundance of volunteers we can offer more events and keep our fees affordable.

We hope to meet each of our new members in-person as the season opens up and our restrictions are lifted. We also hope to spend more time with you sailing or talking about sailing.

Stay well. Be patient. Participate. Volunteer. Think Sailing.

*Marc*

## **MEMBERS CORNER**

This is a new section of our newsletter to help highlight important information for the membership.

- **OPENING DAY CHANGED TO SATURDAY, MAY 1, 2021**
  - **Doors open @ 0930**
  - **Bar will be open and serving libations**
  - **Catered light brunch will be available and served from the warming kitchen**
  - **Yearbooks available for pickup**
  - **Merchandise available for purchase**
  - **Cleanup help would greatly be appreciated**
- **Policy Manual**: an update manual is now available on the SMSA Website (Change 30 dated 11 January 2021)
- **COVID-19 Guidelines**: an update document is now available on the SMSA Website (Change 5 date 25 February 2021)

\*\*As of March 1, 2021, the Officers, Directors and the Program Chairs, will have the combination to the Clubhouse should you need access.

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### **PAST DUE: MEMBERSHIP FEES!**



**2021 Annual Membership Dues and Annual Fees were due by March 31<sup>st</sup>.**

There are no changes to dues or fees for 2021.

Members wishing to change from the lump sum payment to installment payments or modify their installment payments: Please submit forms by **15 March**. Forms are available on the SMSA Website (smsa.com) Membership page via the Payment button.

See the Membership page at [www.smsa.com](http://www.smsa.com) for more information.

Please contact Membership at [membership@smsa.com](mailto:membership@smsa.com) with questions.

REMINDER: Membership year runs from April 1, 2021 — March 31, 2022

## CRUISERS CORNER



**Carl Kemp**  
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### IT'S TIME TO GO CRUISING!!!

The first scheduled cruise of the year, to Rollins Cove in St. Leonard's Creek, is complete, the SMSA 2021 Opening Day is here and it's time for more cruises.

The second cruise of 2021, a two-day cruise, begins May 8. After a day of sailing as the wind allows, the boats will gather in Cuckhold Creek around 4:00 PM with a raft up for Happy Hour and then anchor for the evening. Dave and Lois Zonderman on **Walk-about** are the cruise leaders.

The first longer cruise of the season is the 7-day Urbanna VA Cruise beginning on May 17. John and Joan Blaney on **Thisilldous** are cruise leaders. Slips in Urbanna for May 19 and 20 can be reserved at the **Urbanna Port Marina** (804-758-0000). Slips for May 21 and 22 in Chrisfield, MD can be reserved at **Chrisfield Somers Cove Marina Marina** (410-968-0925). 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 know that you plan to go on a cruise and have made reservations.

Beginning June 5, the 10-day Southern Bay & Cape Charles Cruise is the longest of the year covering 240 nautical miles. Patty Kimmel and Rich Freeman on **Patty K Too** are the cruise leaders. The cruise includes two-day stops at three marinas. Slips in Onancock for June 6 and 7 can be reserved at **Onancock Wharf** (757-787-7911 or on DOCKWA). Slips in Cape Charles for June 8 and 9 at **Cape Charles Town Harbor Marina** will be reserved by Rich Freeman for all boats. Email boat name, length, beam, depth, and power requirements to Rich ([teknikr2004@yahoo.com](mailto:teknikr2004@yahoo.com)). Slips in Hampton for June 10 and 11 can be reserved at **Hampton Bluewater Yachting Center** (757-723-6774). Be sure to inform the marinas that you are with SMSA. Also let the cruise leader know if you plan to attend.

The Summer Sailstice Cruise, beginning Sunday, June 20, is a two day cruise up the Patuxent River to the Benedict Bridge and back, with an overnight stop in Battle Creek if desired. Dennis and Carolyn Chandler on **Safina** are cruise leaders. This cruise, open to both sail and power boats, celebrates the longest day of the year, June 21, as well as the beautiful Patuxent River. The cruise will begin between 8 and 9AM at

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Sandy Point red marker 6A. Let the cruise leader know if you plan to attend or have any questions.

The final cruise in June is the 4 day Oxford & San Domingo Creek Cruise beginning June 26. Patty Kimmel and Rich Freeman **on *Patty K Too*** are the cruise leaders. Slips in Oxford for June 26 and 27 can be reserved at **Safe Harbor – Oxford Marina & Boatyard** (410-226-5101). Once again, let the marina know that you are with the SMSA and inform the cruise leader that you plan to attend the cruise.

Information about these, and future, cruises can be found in the Cruise Schedule on the SMSA website under the Cruise tab and in the 2021 SMSA Yearbook. For cruises that have nights at marinas 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. If you have any questions, contact Carl Kemp, Cruise Chair, or the specific cruise leader.

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

## THINK CRUISING



### **SMSA MERCHANDISE PRE-ORDERS!!**

- Need a new t-shirt, tech shirt, polo, or fleece vest?
- Want a shirt in a special color?
- Did you lose your hat in the last race?



Now taking Merchandise Pre-Orders!

Order your SMSA merchandise by May 28<sup>th</sup> for delivery mid-June.

Watch the SMSA website for a list of our current inventory for purchase.

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

## KEELBOAT RACING



**Dan Shannon**

*Keelboat Race Chair*

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Greetings, fellow Keelboat Skippers and Crew. -**Racing program is in full swing!** Many thanks to Wild Horses, SNUZULUZ, JRay and Cheetah for being our Race Committee for our April races. May Race Committee signups are a little slim so far. SO, cut the grass, plant your flowers and sign up for Race Committee. We don't have a race program without volunteers for Race Committee.

**Race Fees:** You got to **pay to play** in our racing program. If you pay your race fees monthly, great. If you pay annually, like me, please visit our website with your credit card. Another cost that is due this time of year is your **PHRF certificate**. I like the two-year PHRF cycle, but I always forget which year I am in. Dig out your certificate or look online at [www.phrfchesbay.org](http://www.phrfchesbay.org).

**CREW:** New members are posting to our SMSA Facebook page looking to race on a boat. Please reach out to them and fill your empty spots. I will email to all that are racing, anyone who contacts me looking for a ride.

**Race Program:** Sailing Instructions (SI) have been mailed. If you did not receive a copy in your mail box, please let me know via email [keelboatrace@smsa.com](mailto:keelboatrace@smsa.com) or call/text at 301-481-8824. Keelboat web pages also have the current Sis. If you had not noticed, your PHRF certificate contains two sets of rating numbers. Each boat is given a Windward/Leeward and Random Circular ratings for spinnaker and non-spinnaker configurations. SMSA has only used Windward/Leeward PHRF rating numbers for all of our races regardless of the race course. We will continue to score our formal events (weekend racing) using your PHRF Windward/Leeward rating. Our Wednesday night racing is informal, therefore, we can experiment a bit this year. We will score the first Wednesday Night series, currently in progress, using our traditional windward/leeward ratings. For the second Wednesday Night series, Z-series, we will use the Random/Circular ratings as the default. The 3<sup>rd</sup> and final Wednesday Night Series will use Time on Time Random/Circular default scoring. Time on Time PHRF racing also accounts for wind conditions during the race. Here is a description of what PHRF offers to us.

1. **PHRF of the Chesapeake** - Our current scoring system is PHRF of the Chesapeake. SMSA Keelboat Racing Program uses **Time on Distance** with no correction for wind conditions. We also have the ability to score boats using a Windward/Leeward or Circular Random. This method allows the competitor

to quickly gage finish order after the race but does not take into account different wind conditions.

2. **PHRF of the Chesapeake** also has the capability to score sailboats using a **Time on Time** (TOT) calculation and account for light, medium or heavy winds. TOT results is arrived at by simply multiplying the time correction factor (TCF) by the elapsed time. The length of the course is not required in this calculation. The wind ranges would be:

- **Light** is averaging less than 8 kts and the formula would be  $TCF = 650 / (600 + \text{boat rating})$ . TCF is then multiplied by the elapsed time to obtain the corrected time. This is recommended as the default for Wednesday night racing.
- **Medium** is averaging more that 8 kts and less than 16 kts and the formula would be  $TCF = 650 / (550 + \text{boat rating})$ . TCF is then multiplied by the elapsed time to obtain the corrected time. This is recommended as the default for Weekend and Distance races.
- **Heavy** is averaging more than 16 kts and the formula would be  $TCF = 650 / (480 + \text{boat rating})$ . TCF is then multiplied by the elapsed time to obtain the corrected time.

The race committee would announce the course type (Windward/ Leeward or Circular Random) and the wind condition (light, medium or heavy) before the start of the race. PHRF recommends that CR ratings be the default for all races unless the RC overrides that by announcement prior to starting the race(s).

**Cost: \$20.00 per year** – no change from current pricing

Another opportunity for Wednesday Night Racing in the non-spinnaker division for Wednesday Night Z & B series could be using the **CRCA** (Chesapeake Racer Cruiser Association) scoring process. Here is how it would work. For those Non-Spinnaker boats that do not already have an assigned ORA or ORAez rating should obtain one by contacting the Cruiser Course PRO and SMSA member, James Whited, at (410) 474-8198. Here is a brief description for the using an ORA or ORAez rating from CRCA. There is not cost to SMSA members to try this scoring system. I am looking for all members to provide feedback on using this scoring system.

**Email me at [keelboatrace@smsa.com](mailto:keelboatrace@smsa.com) with a Yes or No interest in using the CRCA scoring opportunity.** Details are provided below or you can reach out to Jim Whited.

1. **CRCA** (Chesapeake Racer Cruiser Association) CRCA uses ORR-Ez certificates and Velocity Prediction Program (VPP) based scoring (ORA-1). A VPP scoring system offers Time on Distance, supports multiple wind conditions and supports multiple course conditions.

- **V.Light** Average wind less than 6 knots.....(appx. 100% 4 kts)
- **Light** Avg. wind between 6 & 10 kts.....(appx. 50% 6 kts, 25% 8 kts, 25% 10 kts)
- **Medium** Avg. wind between 10 & 16 kts.....(appx. 25% 10 kts, 50% 12 kts, 25% 16 kts)
- **Heavy** Avg. wind over 16 kts.....(appx. 25% 16kts, 50% 20kts, 25% 24 kts)

**Cost: free to SMSA racers for the first year.** ORR-Ez remain at **\$100 new** and **\$80** renewal.

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Much data has been collected for all scoring systems. Last month Clew provided some insight into different scoring systems. We participate in a sport that have many variables affecting the outcome on the race course. Both scoring changes will give us all on opportunity to see how the different scoring systems play out in our informal schedule. Any changes in for Wednesday Night races will be described in a Sailing Instruction (SI) amendment and each race committee will receive instruction from me prior to the race. Between seasons, we have time to discuss and decide how we want to be scored in the 2022 racing season.



## ***IN MEMORIUM—A TRIBUTE TO STOVY BROWN***

It is with a heavy heart and most sincere condolences that I have to again announce the passing of one of our own. This week we mourn the passing of a highly respected member of the sailing hall of fame, a gentle giant with a legacy of successful, competitive yacht racing, SMSA Emeritus member, a leader, mentor, friend, nationally recognized sailor and judge, lifelong volunteer and an inspiration to many of us. Fair Winds and Following Seas to George (Stovy) Brown.

Stovy had persevered through a long debilitating illness while continuing to support the next generation of sailors and demonstrating his love for others to the very end. His life exemplifies the gentle strength and selflessness we all aspire to have. His wife Ann notified us late Monday that he passed earlier in the day. My most sincere apologies this took longer to compile, but I believe that for all he's done for us, this memorial note deserved the extra effort. A Memorial has not yet been planned.



Stovy was a Baltimore native who loved to sail. He sailed his Father's Triton, Traveler. He learned how to sail on a Snipe on Deep Creek Lake in Garrett County. He became a very competitive racer even as a young man becoming a Snipe Junior National Champion. Stovy crewed in International 14s for Stuart Walker locally and internationally including the prestigious Prince of Wales Cup in England. His competitive racing success continued into and throughout his college days at Yale where he raced in many collegiate regattas while at Yale. He was tactician on Yale's 1963 winning McMillan Cup Team.

Stovy Graduated from Yale in 1963 with a BS in Physics. He had a very successful career at IBM for their large mainframe systems with assignments in Baltimore, Tokyo, New York City and Hong Kong.



Stovy owned a Pearson 30, Varsity Letter sailing her from his Annapolis home just upstream of the Spa Creek bridge during the 70 and early 80s. After returning from the Orient and building his house on St Leonard's Creek, he owned an Evelyn 32 named Zingarella and later a Bristol 35.5 named Age of Reason. Age of Reason was his keelboat platform for bringing a love of yacht racing to many high school sailors who have become life-long sailors by crewing

for him in SMSA and Bay races including the Governor's Cup. He was instrumental in bringing team racing with on-the-water judging to St Mary's College sailing.

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Stovy was a US Sailing Certified National Judge and he brought his in depth understanding for the rules and guidance to many SMSA rules seminars. He co-authored "on the water judging" appendix to the RRS which has now evolved into appendix P and was inducted into the Inter-Collegiate Sailing Hall of Fame. One of the highlights of his life that he often regaled to young sailors was judging the sailing for the Athens and Shanghai Special Olympics.

In 1999, he established the high school competitive sailing program at Southern Maryland Sailing Association (SMSA). His training program soon outgrew SMSA's facility so he moved from location to location, tirelessly finding sponsorship and support to keep the students sailing. Today the program occupies Chancellors Point in Historic Saint Mary's City. Along the way, he established Southern Maryland Sailing Foundation (SMSF) as a charitable organization to support youth and community sailing in SoMD. He created Sailing Center Chesapeake (SCC) as the division of SMSF to run multiple sailing programs, host regattas and fund daily operations. He poured tremendous energy into the Southern Maryland Sailing Foundation and the High School Sailing teams he started and supported with the help of fellow SMSA leadership. He built enduring relationships with St. Mary's College, a premier collegiate sailing program, and Spirit of America (SOA), a nation-wide boating safety organization. Both of these organizations provide significant support enabling SCC to reach hundreds of Junior High School aged children each year.



As a community outreach, he initiated the Sail 4 Youth charity regatta, Age of Reason regatta, Blanton Memorial regatta, high school STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) camp, Sea Scout Camp and supported Special Olympics sailing.

Stovy was a significant contributor to collegiate sailing and was inducted into the Inter-Collegiate Sailing Association (ICSA) hall of fame and honored with the Lifetime Service Award in 2017.

Stovy touched the lives of many. His life and legacy will live on through many of us. On behalf of SMSA, thank you Stovy for all you've done to enrich our lives. And thank you Anne for sharing him with us.

Please keep Stovy and his wife Anne Brown in your thoughts and prayers.

Marc Briere, Commodore  
Southern Maryland Sailing Association



### **Screwpile News Update**

We have been eagerly looking forward to Screwpile 2021 since last Fall. As noted in past CLEW articles, prospects for a very successful regatta are enhanced by the return of the Screwpile party and awards to Safe Harbor Zahnisers, coupled with teaming with AYC for a late September weekend, taking advantage of their "feeder race",

cooler temperatures and more wind.

Despite the chaos and uncertainty of the times last year, we managed to have a successful regatta albeit shortened to one day, for most, due to lack of wind on day one. And of course, it was unfortunate to have to cancel the awards parties last year. But with Covid vaccinations now becoming more readily available, and infection rates dropping, it looks like we will be able to host a traditional, full-on Screwpile this year on the late September dates.

Our Screwpile planning committee has continued to work a myriad of details, coordinating with event sponsors, vendors, and advertisers to target 26/27 September for Screwpile 2021. Members of our planning team include Shawn Stanley, Cyndi Tatar, Don Behrens, Jeff Jeffries, Jody Keen, Joe Frost, David Meiser, and Jim Keen. Please support our loyal sponsors which include Mt Gay Rum, Toyota of Southern Maryland, Anne Arundel Dive Services, Calvert Marine Museum, AMEWAS, Chesapeake Embroidery, Safe Harbor Zahnisers, Weather Routing Inc., Holiday Inn, and SpinSheet. You probably have seen the full page Screwpile ads in the March and April SpinSheet issues. They are nice attention getters! Look for three more to follow.

The Screwpile web site is up and running <[www.screwpile.net](http://www.screwpile.net)> with the Notice of Race posted. If you are an SMSA racer or cruiser/racer, please register early. You can also register by going directly to the Yacht Scoring web site... <<https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=14296>>. The Chesapeake Bay J-35 One-Design Class has already committed to a start, and other 1D classes have expressed interest. Again, I encourage all SMSA racers and cruiser/racers to register early to help build momentum on the Yacht Scoring "Current Registration List" and "Scratch Sheet". BTW... you can register now and pay later.

The Screwpile 2021 Committee is soliciting volunteers to help with the regatta... on-the-water, shoreside, and other miscellaneous tasks. It takes a lot of volunteers to successfully prepare for and execute a big-time regatta like Screwpile. Whether you are an old-timer working Screwpile or a newcomer volunteer, please contact Jim Keen, Screwpile 2021 Regatta Chairman at [chairman@screwpile.net](mailto:chairman@screwpile.net), [williwaw66@hotmail.com](mailto:williwaw66@hotmail.com), or by phone... 240 925-1173. Thank you and stay safe!

Jim Keen  
2021 Screwpile Chairman

# HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM



**Andy Wilson**

*High School Program Chair*

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The month of April was a busy time for the High School sailing program! We had two Bronze (Junior Varsity) regattas and two Silver (Varsity) regattas, and joined in the SMSA Thursday Night Racing.

## Regattas

We sent a team of six of our younger sailors to West River Sail Center on April 10th to compete in a 6-boat Fleet regatta. West River provides for a very pretty venue with a nice hill to let the parents have a good view! Our newer sailors got to hit the water in a sailor-friendly environment, with calm winds, to enjoy putting in to practice what Coach Jimmy has been teaching.



On that same weekend, we sent our varsity sailors down to Historic St. Mary's City, to the new Sail Center Chesapeake venue to compete in a qualifier for a follow-on championship. The sailors fared well against a very competitive field, and on a very hot day, and it looks like they placed well enough to compete in the finals in May.

Mid-month we sent a Varsity group to Ryken in Leonardtown where they sailed in light to medium winds. Our kids had solid performances across the board, enabling them to have a solid finish among eleven other teams.



The 24th saw us again with a JV team headed all the way across the Annapolis Bay Bridge to Gunston School, in Centreville - who were hosting their first regatta in some time. The pretty venue and shifty winds made for some good sailing! We appreciate the parents who made the drive!

Thursday nights! - The team has enjoyed participating in Thursday night small boat

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racing and we appreciate the race committee and other adults out there on the River. Our team has had great experience in heavy weather sailing, bailing water out of the 420s, and teamwork!

Looking forward - We have May regattas coming up at Ryken, Kent Island, and a potential Girl's qualifier / championship penciled in. We are looking forward to warmer weather, and sailing without wetsuits!

We will see you around the Club!



# JUNIOR PROGRAM



**Lauren Miller**

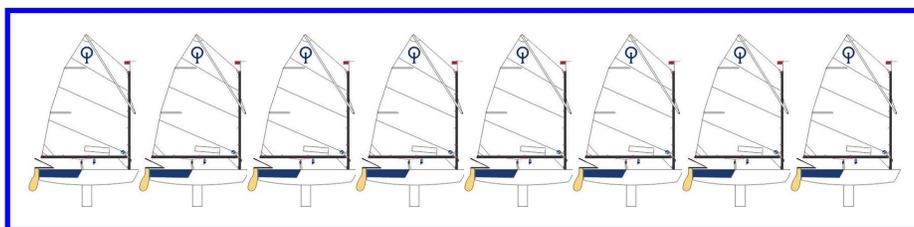
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The summer camp staff has been working hard to pass the level one US sailing certification course this past month as well as update other certifications such as CPR/ First Aid. I am excited to say that most of our instructors have been, or are in the process of being vaccinated for COVID-19 in order to be as safe as possible this summer.

Registration is almost fully booked with only a few spots left open in the Osprey class. Although you may register for camp later in the summer, this is a reminder that May 31st is the last time you may withdraw from camp and receive a refund.

Over the next month our instructors are focusing on developing a new course curriculum and fine-tuning activities for this summer. We are all very excited for summer camp to be getting closer and cannot wait to be on the water with our young sailors!



## HELP the JUNIOR PROGRAM

**Join or renew your US Sailing Membership via the MVP Program!**

**You save \$ off your membership and SMSA junior program gets credits for books and training materials. Everyone benefits!**

**See the SMSA Website Homepage for the link!!!**

***Our sailing campers & high school sailors thank you.***

## **CLASSIFIED ADS**

### **1988 Gemini 3000 CATAMARAN.**

Serenity- 30' x 14' wide (fits in most standard slips). Draws from 2'-5'. Great for gunk-holing! 50 HP Honda outboard (serviced 2020). Three double staterooms. Cockpit enclosure and many upgrades. Comfortable for cruising and sailing. USCG Documented.

Contact Dottie at 301-863-2454 for more information.





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