



The Clew

Social Events

Sunday, July 4th Event: doors open @3pm, potluck at the Clubhouse
Saturday, July 17, 2021: SMSA LUAU, 4pm @ Safe Harbor Zahnisers
Sunday, August 8 @ 4pm—Scott Kirby Concert

Smallboat Racing

Thursday Night Racing Continues

Keelboat Racing

Sharps Island Race, Sat., July 24, 2021
Wednesday Night "Z" Series July 7-14, 2021
Out n Back Race July 21, 2021
Wednesday Night "B" Series July 28, 2021

Cruises

4th of July Cruise 2-4 July, 2021
Sassafras/Rockhall Cruise 18-25 July, 2021

Adult Learn to Sail (On the Water/Classroom)

July 3,5,17,19,31,2021; Aug 2,15,16,30, 2021
contact Jimmy Yurko for details (learntosail@smsa.com)

Happy Hour

Friday's 5:30—9:00 pm



Commodore's Corner

By Marc Briere
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Ahoy SMSA members!

July marks the halfway point for our 2021 summer season. This month we will see the return of our Independence Day and Luau traditions. Many thanks to our volunteers led by Ana Silveira, our wonderful Social Chair.

On the water activities are fully trimmed and making way at hull speed. Lauren Miller is doing a great job with the Summer Camp supported by a crew of great instructors and volunteers. Jimmy Yurko has several adults signing up to learn to sail. Both of these training programs are helping us increase the pool of sailors to participate in racing and cruising programs. Henry Meiser and Dan Shannon are doing a great job with our Smallboat and Keelboat race programs, respectively. Competition numbers are still way below their peak of years ago but we have a great bunch of highly competitive captains who keep it close. I have a request for your support. Once again getting folks to sign up for RC duty continues to be a challenge. Please take your turn signing up for and doing race management so we can keep these two core programs operating. Carl Kemp and the cruisers are always enjoying a variety of reasons to be on the water. Check in with them for a guaranteed fun time.

Ashore Jim Whited keeps the bar stocked and the beer cold. Our wonderful bartenders do a great job serving libations to members and guests. Joe Frost and Megan Roberts are doing a great job keeping up with our aging but functional RC and safety boats, respectively. Please coordinate with them if you come upon any malfunctions or any maintenance issues as they need to add them to the maintenance logs. Ana's social committee is ramping up decorations, setup and coordination for several activities in July and August. Please consider volunteering to help with at least one event. Kristi Yurko is working to get paddleboards and kayaks for SMSA members use and Robin Witte is putting together the Clew each month to keep you up to date on club activities.

I can't say thank you enough to all of our volunteers for committing time to maintain, coordinate, administrate, plan and execute our programs. Huzzah!

I hope to see you on the water or around the clubhouse.

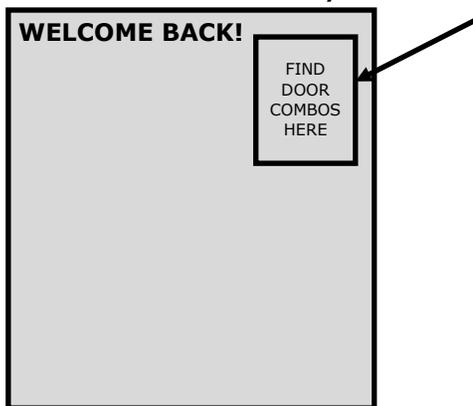
Stay well. Participate. Volunteer. Sail-Sail-Sail.

Marc

MEMBERS CORNER

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

- **Policy Manual**: admin update in work to remove reference to COVID Guidelines
- **Message from Facilities**: In case you may have not noticed but we have replaced the shrink wrap plastic awning cover that covers the Picnic tables are. It had suffered through a few years and storms but it also has some heat damage in the top corner as a result of using the gas grill underneath. We would request that if you plan on using the grill that you move it out from under the awning or into the middle so it doesn't cause damage. Thanks you.
- **COVID-19 Guidelines: Rescinded. Normal club operations.** Codes can be found in your Welcome Back letter



Adult Sailing Lessons Updated!

We've had 20 members join us so far for the adult sailing classes,
Do you want to join us?

We're welcoming new sailors and experienced sailors who want to sail with new friends.

See class schedules and sign up on the SMSA website (smsa.com)

Questions- Email (learntosail@smsa.com)

Let's get sailing!

CRUISERS CORNER



Carl Kemp
Cruising Chair
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The 2021 Cruise Program is well underway and more great opportunities are scheduled for this month.

Two cruises are planned for July. The first is the 4th of July Cruise to Mill Creek (St. Mary's) July 2 to July 4. The first night, July 2, will be at St Mary's City (Horseshoe Bend) where everyone can enjoy the concert (unfortunately there won't be fireworks this year). The traditional picnic on the beach in Price Cove will be on the second day, July 3. If you plan to attend, bring beach chairs/blankets and picnic type food. A grill will be provided but feel free to bring a portable grill if you wish. Contact Carl & Martha Kemp, the Cruise Leaders, if you have any questions.

The second cruise is the is the Sassafras / Rock Hall Cruise, July 18 – July 25. If you plan to attend this cruise, for the Sassafras River Georgetown Yacht Basin, you will need to provide me with your boat LOA, draft, and power requirements and I will provide this information to the marina. For the two nights at the Rock Hall Landing Marina, everyone should make their own reservations. Call or email me if you have any questions or comments about this cruise.

Looking ahead to August, mark your calendars for the Mixed Couple Race/Battle Creek Raft- up on August 14 - 15.

As you can see, we have something for every SMSA member on our cruise schedule, so.....

THINK CRUISING!



Urbanna, VA Cruise John and Joan Blaney

cruising

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See SMSA definition:

The art of going somewhere in a sailboat at a leisurely 5-6 kts, usually against the wind, to enjoy raft-ups, heavy hors d'oeuvres aka dinner and the company of other like-minded folks.

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Some want to get there fast so iron genoas get used a lot. Some prefer at least some peace and quiet achieved using Dacron.

This was our (The Blaney's) first foray into cruise planning. The task was to leave Monday May 17th, and get to Urbanna, VA, by Wednesday May 19th with a couple of anchor stops on the way there. But where? So, some cruising guide research generated a plan to anchor in Kinsale, anchor in Cockerill Creek off Reedville, dock in Urbanna, cross the bay to Crisfield for two marina days and then back to Solomons.

I found a recommended anchorage in Kinsale on the West Yeocomico off the Potomac. I chose it because many moons ago we honeymooned in the Irish version. **Thisilldous (John & Joan Blaney)** did little sailing getting there unfortunately with little wind or per Murphy's normal modus operandi - in the wrong direction. We then spent a warm sunny evening rafted up with **Patty K Too** (Patty Kimmel and Rich Freeman) and **Serenity (Carl & Martha Kemp)** before separating and anchoring for the night along with **Stingray (Elliott & Alexa Peterson), Kalypso (Fred Siesseger), and Sabrina (Todd & Jennifer Porter with Wookiee).**



Stingray picked up **Sabrina** and brought them to the raft-up while **Kalypso** demonstrated his high-speed aerodynamic dinghy helming posture i.e. lie down in the bottom of it and go like hell. We doubt much scenery was involved. Joan was serenaded by all who joined us on **Thisilldosus**. (To celebrate her birthday)



We changed our plans for May 18th and ventured to Mill Creek instead of Cockerill Creek since both are off Ingram Bay one N and the other SW. The weather was to deteriorate and Reedville's Mendenhall processing plant can be smelly, the anchorage has poor holding, and Covid meant nothing would be open, hence we went SW. **Thisilldous** was disappointed as they only got in about an hour of sailing as did **Sabrina. Safina (Dennis & Carolyn Chandler)** and **No Sched (Jerry Taylor)** joined us in this beautiful safe anchorage. It's a bit of a challenge to get into but you're protected from the elements



and its obviously well known by the cruising community. This time we rafted up to **Patty K Too** for a joint session and **Thisilldous** became the champagne boat celebrating Joan's decreasing age. We still haven't figured out how she does it.

The following day it was up the Rappahannock to Urbanna. Some of us got in some nice sailing under the Rt 3 bridge before dealing with the narrow shallow entrance to



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Urbanna and a warm welcome. **No Sched** anchored in the creek while the rest of us docked at the Port Marina. Jerry demonstrated another style of helming his dinghy standing up with the tiller in one hand and the bow line in the other. Whereas Elliott and Alexa sat down on the job in their dinghy exploring the creek and surrounds. For dinner, Jerry's request was soft shell crab and we were able to provide that on both nights. On day 2 of adventures in Urbanna, it's a small town, uphill from the marina, Martha, Joan and others used this for their exploratory exercise walks. Other features were the Ice Cream shop, and the newly opened incognito farm to table restaurant where our hostess made us a superb lunch and told us her story of how the farm and the table came about. She certainly wasn't afraid of long hours, new locations or new challenges. Her pioneer spirit was alive and well represented. Fred meanwhile was displaying his menagerie of a crocodile and stuffed parrot while also relearning social skills post Covid and joined us for an entertaining dinner at the Half Shell. **Patty K Too** departed for Solomons to participate in the MADD Walk and an TV interview on technology being developed to prevent drunk driving.



On Friday May 21st six of the eight boats departed for Crisfield on our longest leg of the cruise. **Kalypso** was staying behind in Urbanna to meet up with family. Again, we got in some pleasant sailing but mostly it got hot while heading up Tangier Sound. All arrived successfully. Again, Crisfield has suffered the effects of Covid with the closure of The Watermans restaurant. The other dinner options suffered a lack of staff so dinner was very French with lots of time between drinks and courses to digest it including the bill.



On Saturday, Jerry Taylor had arranged a trip to Tangier Island for all of us. We were joined by a missionary group, who blew horns of Jericho to announce our trip. Tangier is an interesting island that is suffering shrinkage due to sea level rise and a diminishing fishing industry. On arrival you are offered golf cart tours which seem to be predominantly conducted by the wives of the island. Our guide was at pains to point out that their connection with the mainland was through Crisfield MARYLAND even though the island is part of Virginia. Upon return we opted for the marina shanty bar and basic beverages and food. A major corn hole competition broke out with the ladies getting quite competitive. Jennifer came out on top with great fun had by all who participated or observed.

On Sunday 23rd we woke to cloudy skies and a head on wind out of the NW making sailing home difficult, but we did get a long tack or two in. All made it back safely.

The other aspect of cruise leadership that **Patty K Too** made us aware of was that the leader should be last to leave, last to ensure everyone got their suspect motors started while also achieving the impossible feat of arriving first at the destination to

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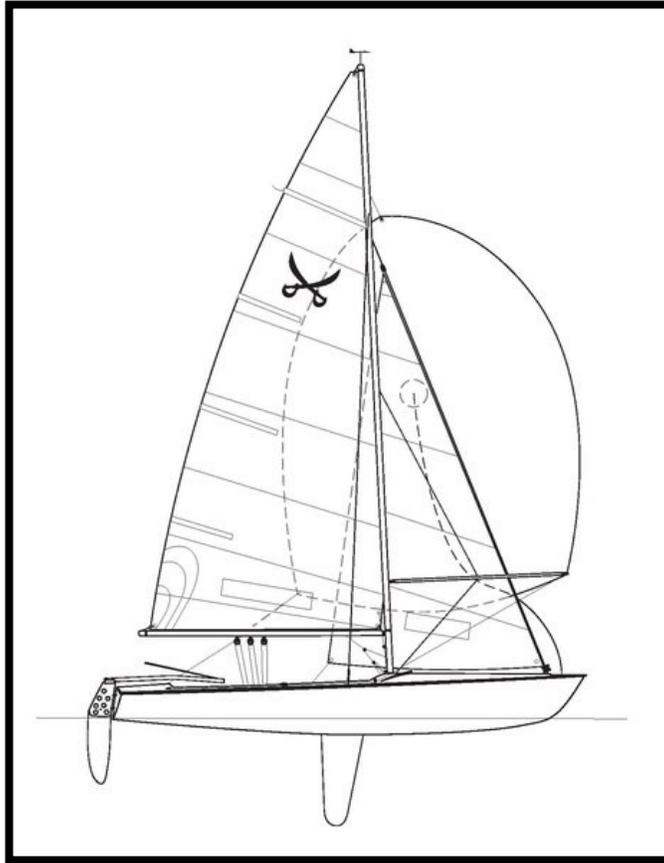
provide navigational updates and channel sounding information.

Thanks to all who made the cruise or part of it. Fred relearned some social interaction skills post Covid while also managing to not hydrate sufficiently. Jerry got his softshell crab fix. The ladies got to walk and explore. We visited some beautiful spots, some others where better economic times were unfortunately in the past, and Tangier where a way of life is being passed by modern society.





Have you ever
considered piracy?



SAILORS AND VOLUNTEERS WANTED!!!

SMSA IS HOSTING THE 50TH BUCCANEER NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIPS THIS SEPTEMBER 17TH-19TH. THIS IS GOING TO BE A GREAT EVENT AND THERE ARE LOTS OF OPPORTUNITIES TO BE INVOLVED.

WE ARE LOOKING FOR SKIPPERS, CREW, RC, AND SHORE SUPPORT. THERE WILL BE THREE DAYS OF SAILING AND FUN ONSHORE EVENTS WITH A FUN AND FRIENDLY FLEET OF BUCCANEER SAILORS!

TO GET IN ON THE ACTION, EMAIL NICHOLEDUB@SMSA.COM FOR MORE INFORMATION.

ARRRRRGGGGHHHH!

SOCIAL SCENE



Ana Silveira
Social Chair
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4th of July Event



This event will be a full potluck. Setup will be on July 3 @10am, so please let me know if you're available to help. Clubhouse doors will open at 3pm and dinner will be served at 5pm. Members are asked to provide main dishes, sides, and desserts. Please send your R.S.V.P to social@smsa.com so I help ensure we don't have too many of one thing and not enough of something else. Also, let me know if you can stay afterwards to help with cleanup.



LUAU, Saturday, July 17 @ 4pm

It's back! Goodbye COVID, Hello Luau!

This popular event will be held at Safe Harbor Zahniser's. We're still looking for volunteers to help with the setup/cleanup on the 17th, so please contact me if you are available to help.

Now that we're back in full swing, keep checking the Clew for upcoming events such as Scott Kirby in August and the Crab Feast in September.

Hope to see everyone on the 4th for Food, Fireworks and Fun!

Ana Silveria

SMSA Social Chair



Sunday, August 8th at 4pm, singer/songwriter **Scott Kirby** returns to the Clubhouse for his 14th Annual SMSA Concert on . SMSA has become one of Scott's favorite stops on his annual East Coast Summer tour, so join us and find out why. Admission is \$15 for Club members and \$20 for guests, and tickets are available at the club website. Corona Beer and Bozick Distributors are once again the Official Beverage sponsors of Scott Kirby at SMSA.

KEELBOAT RACING



Dan Shannon

Keelboat Race Chair

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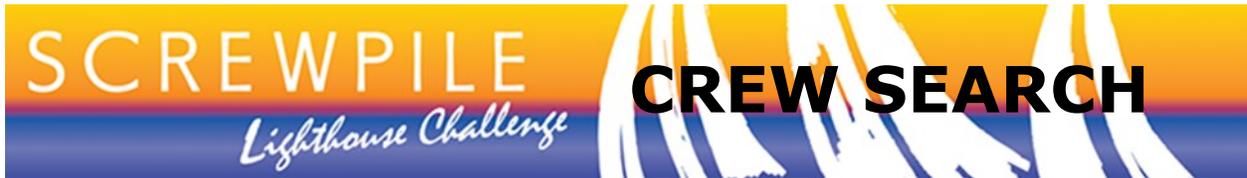
Greetings, fellow Keelboat Skippers and Crew!

We are at the half way point in our 2021 season! Many thanks to One Trick Pony, Barba Roja, JRay, Whirlaway, and Pony Express signing up for RC duties in June. We have RC openings for our Wednesday Out N Back race and Wednesday B-1 race on 28 July. We request that all racers sign up for RC duties for at least two races per year.

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: 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 and the default and score Time on Distance.





CREW LOOKING FOR A BOAT

Name: Alan Horowitz
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Phone number: 917-573-5775

I'm interested and have experience in the following positions on a boat: Foredeck, Mast, Pit, Sewer, Grinder, Jib Trimmer, Main Trimmer, Helm

I consider my sailing experience on a boat to be: Advanced

I have included the following comments on my listing:
Originally from Long Island, residing in Maryland, I am a motivated and competitive sailor with over eight years' racing experience. Races include Pensacola to Havana and Trans-Superior. Having worked pit, jib, main, spinnaker, sewer, guy and helm in races of various formats. Have crewed sloops, yawls and cutters ranging from J/24 to Frers 46 and I welcome the opportunity to join a team seeking a sure and active participant. Full resume and references upon request.



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.

Small Boat Program



Henry Meiser

Smallboat Chair

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The Small Boat Racing program successfully hosted 11 boats for our Spring Invitational/Dinghy Distance Race. Thank you to David and Jacki Meiser, Don Behrens, Ryan Lacey, and Lauren Miller for their help in running 2 days of fun racing for all. With Summer Camp in full swing, please remember that 420's may not be checked out during Camp Hours (8:00 am – 4:30 pm).

Several fleet members are beginning to head to out of town regattas. Wish our fleet members the best of luck as they continue to represent our club well across the Chesapeake Bay Region.

As a reminder, RC slots must be filled by the prior Wednesday at 11:59 PM, or racing will not occur. Thank you to those who have completed their RC Duties, and to those who have signed up ahead of time.



JUNIOR PROGRAM



Lauren Miller

Junior Program Chair

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Summer camp has now begun! As of July 1st all COVID-19 restrictions will be removed for camp. I am beyond excited to see how happy the campers are to be back on the water. I have not had to say "this is sailing camp not swimming camp" yet which is a huge accomplishment. Now that the first week of camp has ended our instructors are getting into a groove of how to teach again and are thrilled to teach more complex topics as summer progresses.

I wanted to continue to introduce a few instructors each month to highlight some amazing things they are doing. Pictured below is one of the lead instructors, Emily Williams, and myself, Lauren Miller, who is the Director of Summer Camp.

Meet Our Instructors!



Hi! My name is **Emily Williams**, and I am a Sophomore in college. I want to be a nurse in the future, and I am currently working as a nursing assistant in a nursing home. In 2007, I started sailing but I am not on a sailing team right now. My most exciting sailing accomplishment was when my high school team, Leonardtown high, won silver fleet at Washington College. This summer is my fourth instructing at SMSA, and I am looking forward to being back on the water! I love seeing all the kids again and being able to teach sailing to a new generation of sailors.

Hi! My name is **Lauren Miller** and I am a Senior in college at the University of New Hampshire. I am preparing to graduate with a degree in Nutrition and become a licensed Dietitian in a hospital. I learned how to sail at the SMSA summer camp over 10 years ago and have since volunteered or worked for over 8 years now. I am very excited to see a new side of summer camp and be able to see all the young sailors on the water again!



Summer Camp Week 1 Fun!





Screwpile News Update



We have been planning Screwpile 2021 since last Fall. As noted in past CLEW articles, prospects for a very successful regatta are enhanced by the return of the 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.

Due to the terrible Covid-19 Pandemic that affected all of us in one way or another, last year's racing season was severely truncated all across the country, and this season it got off to a slow start with Charleston Race Week being cancelled again. But now, with most of the country approaching herd immunity, and Maryland's testing % positive rate having plummeted to 0.65% (as of June 22nd), racing events across the country are on a roll. Southern Bay Race Week had 79 boats, the Annapolis to Newport Race had a record number of 82 participants, and Block Island Race Week had 157 boats! From my personal experience, race boats are selling as soon as they come on the market. There exists a pent-up demand for racing and a lot of momentum to get out there on the race course.

Those of us serving on the 2021 Screwpile Planning Committee (David Meiser, Jeff Jeffries, Cyndi Tatar, Shawn Stanley, Joe Frost, Jody Keen, Don Behrens, and Jim Keen) have been working hard to help SMSA satisfy that pent-up demand for fun on the race course as well as at post-race parties. Sponsors are engaged, vendors lined up, Notice of Race posted, live bands are contracted, and at 85 days out, participants are beginning to register. September 26th (and 27th) will be here before we know it.

The Screwpile 2021 Planning 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, williwaw66@hotmail.com, or by phone... 240 925-1173. If you're not racing, please help out.

If you are an SMSA racer or cruiser/racer, please register early at our Screwpile website... www.screwpile.net. You can also register by going directly to the Yacht Scoring web site... <https://yachtscoring.com/emenue.cfm?eid=14296>.

We don't want to wish the summer away. But, can't wait until that last weekend in September when we will re-engage in the 29th annual running of the Screwpile Lighthouse Challenge Regatta. Hope to see you there! ...**Jim Keen, Chairman Screwpile 2021**



Over the past years, we (I) have gotten out of the habit of formally announcing and welcoming the new members in the Clew after formal acceptance by the Board of Directors. As we are getting back to 'normal' (whatever that really means), I want to take this opportunity to start introducing some of the new members that have joined in 2020 and 2021 that you may not have had the opportunity to meet yet. Each new member I have had the opportunity to meet has an amazing story that has brought them into our lives and club. Please welcome our newest members to SMSA and seek them out at our various SMSA activities.

-Kristi Yurko, Membership Chair

Charlie Judge

Charlie Judge is a new member who lives in Prince Frederick, MD. Charlie has lived in the area since the early 1980s and bought a Buccaneer 18 shortly after arriving in Maryland and kept it at a friend's dock off Rousby Hall Road, then at Battle Creek, and then on the Patuxent River near the bridge at Benedict. Along the way, Charlie acquired a 19' powerboat, and as his children were much more interested in wakeboarding and tubing, he lost his sailboat crew. The sailboat fell into some disrepair, but last year Charlie and a friend (John Smutniak - who also learned to sail on the Charles with MIT and just joined SMSA) started restoring the boat. Charlie and John ran across Jimmy Yurko's YouTube videos on Buccaneer 18 maintenance and became interested in SMSA. Charlie learned to sail at Community Boating in Boston and had some experience crewing a 38' wooden sloop in the Buzzards Bay-Martha's Vineyard area in the 1972-1981 time frame. Charlie doesn't have extensive racing experience but is willing to learn the rules and gain a better understanding of sail trim. Charlie is excited to join the club and is looking forward to meeting more members. Welcome Aboard!

Kyle & Jordan Tomaszewski

Kyle, Jordan and baby Quinn Tomaszewski are new members who live in Arlington, VA. Kyle, Jordan, and Quinn joined the club to sail together as a family in this beautiful area of MD. This is their second season sailing (first for baby Quinn), and they are excited to get out on the water and learn as much as possible about this new hobby. Kyle is planning to participate in Wednesday night race committee and/or crew on race nights. As a family, they hope to get at least one cruise in this season - any tips on sailing with an infant are welcomed! Their Kirby 25' (name: Rainier) is parked out back on the dock at SMSA so please say "Hi!" when you see them! Welcome Aboard!



Kyle & Jordan Tomaszewski

Bill & Jennifer King

Bill & Jennifer King and their kids Alexis (Lexi) (13) and Connor (10) and dog JinMee, who is a Korean Jindo, aged 5 are new members who split time between Solomons (Windward Harbour) and their home in Vienna, VA. Bill and Jennifer have a Catalina 350, named "Lexicon" – named both as a nod to the sailing language that is all its own, and second as a combo of the names of their children. Bill & Jennifer joined SMSA because they want the kids to learn to sail and meet friends at SMSA Sailing Camp, Bill wants to race some (probably not racing Lexicon, but has crewed on Barba Roja), and they want to meet people who also enjoy sailing through cruises and social events.

Bill grew up racing and cruising in the Florida panhandle and has always loved sailing. Bill introduced his wife, Jennifer to sailing through several incredible bareboating trips in BVI. When they decided their two kids were finally old enough to also enjoy BVI (and could swim!), they brought them with them over New Years 2019 and all had a great time! In Summer 2019 they built upon that experience by renting C2 from Sail Solomons for the entire day (thanks Jeff Carlsen and Chris Staley). They sailed to Vera's for lunch and loved seeing the kids on deck having fun and not on their devices! This validated their long-term plan to get a boat of their own. Later that year they visited SMSA for a Friday Happy Hour, received an excellent tour from Robin Witte, and joined shortly after. Little did they realize COVID-19 was about to change things dramatically for us all. They enrolled the kids in SMSA sailing camp for Summer 2020, which obviously didn't happen (they are enrolled again this summer). COVID also thwarted them in finding a boat, despite their best efforts. On the plus side - they did succeed in getting connected with some awesome fellow boaters! They met Steven Birchfield using the Crew's Corner on the Screwpile site – from Bill: "Steven couldn't have been more welcoming and terrific to sail with and they look forward to more crewing in the future!"

Finally in Spring 2021 they found the perfect boat – a used Catalina 350 on the hard in Havre De Grace, MD. They named her Lexicon, which serves as a double entendre – first it is a nod to the sailing language that is all its own, and second it is a combo of our two kids names – Alexis (Lexi) and Connor. Lexicon is now happy to call Solo-

mons her home, and they can't wait to take her on lots of adventures. Now that COVID is on its way out, they look forward to meeting more SMSA members to share in these adventures and participating in more SMSA activities. Welcome Aboard!

Brian & Samantha Goode

Brian and Samantha Goode are new members from Solomons, MD. Brian & Samantha have a Caliber 38 (hull #3822) named 'The Gritty Kitty'. Brian and Samantha are currently half-way through a 5-year refit over at Washburn's and can't wait to launch and sail her again - but until then, they're enjoying SMSA Friday Happy Hours. Welcome Aboard!



Brian & Samantha Goode

Steve & Nancy Tuttle

Steve & Nancy Tuttle are new members from Lexington Park, MD. Steve & Nancy are parents of grown children (3) that live in the Metro DC area and have 4 grandchildren.

Steve & Nancy do not currently own a boat but hope to use club boats and join with others as crew in cruising. Steve and Nancy's sailing experience started in NJ with a small Pintail Daysailer on the Cooper River, and NJ/PA lakes. Steve completed the sailing classes at the Cooper River Yacht Club. Nancy and Steve are both taking the SMSA classes this summer. They also owned 2 power boats, boating in the Isle of Wight bay on the Eastern shore. Steve and Nancy look forward to volunteering in activities at SMSA and supporting the club – they are open, available and very willing to help out for races on Wednesdays wherever help is needed, on the race crew boats or in any other way. Welcome Aboard!

Mark Musil

Mark Musil is a new member from Callaway, MD. Mark recently moved to Southern Maryland from Oregon for work and as an outdoor enthusiast, is deeply fascinated by the sailing and water sport opportunities here in Maryland. Mark enjoys the experience of being on the water as an exercise in respect for nature and as a chance to be intellectually challenged to skill-build in sailing and rowing. Mark also enjoys the comradery of working with a crew. Mark is "thankful for the adult learn to sail classes which have given me a great jumping-off point and have helped me build foundational skills of sailing. Since joining the club I've found that everyone is very welcoming and opportunities abound." Mark is seeking a crew to join for Wednesday night keel boat racing so please contact him if anyone is looking for crew. Welcome Aboard!

Meghan & Chris Pope

Meghan & Chris Pope are new members from Lusby Maryland. Meghan & Chris and their 2 boys – Mason (10) and Wyatt (8) – joined the club to start getting the boys involved in sailing early and Meghan & Chris are also very interested in learning about sailing themselves. They are very excited to finally be able to participate in the club activities now that their schedule has opened up a bit for the summer. Welcome Aboard!

Jonathan Nepini

Jonathan Nepini is a new member who lives in California, MD. Jonathan grew up across the bridge in St. Mary's and moved back to the area last summer after finishing graduate school. Jonathan joined the club to fulfill a lifelong dream of learning to sail and to participate in the club's racing opportunities.



Shawn & Giuliana Bullard

Shawn & Giuliana Bullard are new members from Arlington, VA, where they live with their 2 children Claire and Sophia. Shawn and Giuliana informed me that joining SMSA was the first thing they did when they moved their Dufour 32 "Blast" south to Spring Cove Marina earlier this year. When asked why they wanted to join SMSA, Shawn and Giuliana replied that "SMSA has a reputation for being an all-around great organization full of folks who love to sail". Welcome Aboard!



Claire, Shawn, Giuliana and Sophia (Twins)

Scott "Gus" & Beth Ward

Scott "Gus" Ward (LtCol USMC(Ret)) & Beth Ward are returning members out of Hollywood, MD. Gus and Beth have 2 children – Jessica (16) and Sam (14). Scott "Gus" & Beth have a First 50 Crocodile and a Hatteras 43 Southern Cross. Scott "Gus" Ward is the Skipper of Crocodile and has been racing sailboats for over 45 years at a world and national championship/professional level: Hobie 18 National Champion; USYRU Championship of Champions (1st); 4th Worrell 1000; 4th Hobie 18 World Championships; and 16th overall as Helm/Watch Capt of TP52 Koa in 2018 Sydney Hobart. The Crocodile offshore race team has successfully competed in major ocean events and inshore/bay distance races and has other SMSA members in crew positions. Scott "Gus" and Beth look forward to continuing to represent SMSA in ongoing Crocodile Race events. Welcome Aboard!

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.



Summer Campers at the Bridge



Southern Maryland Sailing Association
P.O. Box 262, Solomons, MD 20688

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**HELP
WANTED!**



The SMSA Dockmaster is looking for two volunteers to assist with yard improvement and maintenance.

We have acquired several sets of tie down stakes that need to be installed in small boat parking spots. We also need someone to arrange for, and manage weed control in the yard.

Please contact Dockmaster Mark Witte at 240-298-8253 if you can assist with these tasks.