



The Clew

Social Events

Sunday, August 8 @ 4pm—Scott Kirby Concert

Smallboat Racing

Thursday Night Racing Continues

Keelboat Racing

Wednesday Night "B" Series Aug 4,11,18,25; Sep 1,8 2021
Mixed Couples Race/Battle Creek Cruise Aug 14-15, 2021

Cruises

Chestertown Cruise Aug 5-10, 2021
Mixed Couples Race/Battle Creek Cruise Aug 14-15, 2021
Annapolis Summer Theater/Bay Bridge Marina Cruise, Aug 19—24,
2021

Adult Learn to Sail (On the Water/Classroom)

Aug 2,15,16,30, 2021; Sep 4,
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!

There is plenty to read about in this month's Clew. We had a lot of activities, participation and fun in July including another successful Luau, Happy Hours, several cruises (with happy hours), summer camps, adult learn-to-sail classes as well as several small boat and keel boat races each with post-race festivities. Thank you for all the behind-the-scenes volunteers who made all of this possible. We invested in some upgrades to our safety boats to support our Junior and Racing programs. The new-to-us, larger skiff tracks better than our other skiffs, is easier to drive than the RC boat and can support all of our programs. Investing in hard tops for our skiffs will provide shelter for safety boat and RC volunteers in the heat of the summer and in inclement weather.

August is scheduled to be just as much fun with the Scott Kirby concert, more Happy Hours, more Cruises, two more weeks of Summer Camp and learn-to-sail classes and plenty of weekday racing. In addition, we will be supporting this year's Dragon Boat races 21 Aug 9am-3pm by providing a resting/respice place for participants and visitors who need a break from the heat and to hydrate (water). Solomons United Methodist Church was the respice center for all these years but can not support the event this year. This is a non-profit fundraising event benefiting local community members with differing abilities. The fundraisers also asked us if we could provide on-the-water safety boat support for the practice on Thursday evening the 19th and for the multiple heats of the racing. We could use a couple of volunteers to help out in the clubhouse, if needed and two per safety boat to support practice and racing. Please contact me via email or on my phone 301-904-5141 to support this worthy cause.

Thank you for volunteering. Thank you for participating. Have a great month on the water.

Marc

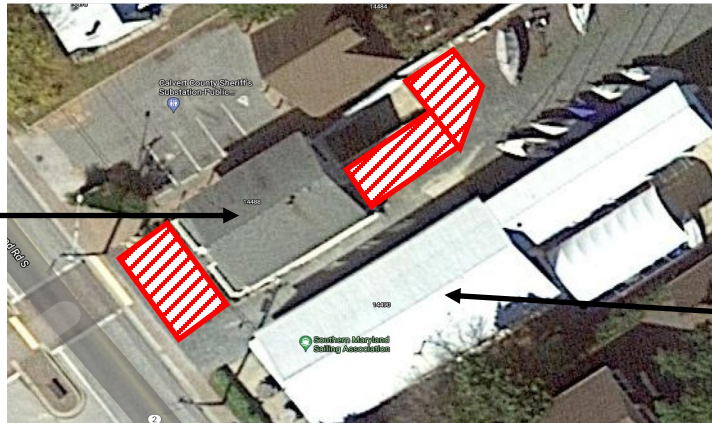
MEMBERS CORNER

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



Our landlord has received complaints from our neighbors at McNelis that our members are parking in their spaces. Please do not park in front of or behind the McNelis building at any time, including non-business hours.

McNelis



SDSA

Adult Sailing Lessons Updated!

We've been making new friends and spending time on the water.

Do you want to join us?

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

Our classes are filling up fast, but we're still taking lesson requests

Sign Up on the website: smsa.com/ALTS.php

Questions- Email (learntosail@smsa.com)

Let's get sailing!

See page 19 for more info

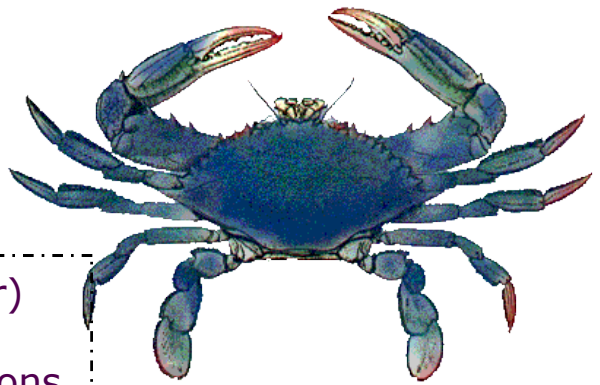
SMSA CRAB FEAST & BBQ

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER

18th, 5:30PM

\$20/ticket (\$12 Kids 12 and under)

**Includes crabs, non-seafood entrée options,
numerous sides, and dessert.**



Purchase tickets at
www.smsa.com

**Tickets must be purchased
by
September 14th**

so we can order crabs & plan
sides.

Limited tickets available for sale
after Sept 14th. No refunds
after Sept 14th.



SCOTT KIRBY CONCERT

Sunday, August 8th @ 4pm

Club Members: \$15

Guests: \$20

Tickets: available on the SMSA Website

(<http://www.smsa.com/ShoreEvents/ScottKirby.php>)



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. Corona Beer and Bozick Distributors are once again the Official Beverage sponsors of Scott Kirby at SMSA.

CRUISERS CORNER



Carl Kemp
Cruising Chair
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The 2021 season is now half over but there are still six cruises of various durations and destinations remaining. See the Cruise Schedule on the SMSA website or in the 2021 Yearbook for details. If you have not been on a cruise, pick one and give it a try.

Three of the six remaining cruises are scheduled for August. The Chestertown Cruise is a six day cruise beginning August 5. Our popular Mixed Couples Battle Creek Race/Raft-Up is scheduled for August 14 and 15. This event is well attended by both racers and cruisers and provides a great weekend on the water. The final August cruise is the Annapolis Summer Theater/Bay Bridge Marina Cruise from August 19 to August 24. Details and cruise leaders for each of these cruises can be found on the Cruise Schedule.

THINK CRUISING!



SOUTHERN BAY CRUISE

Rich Freeman & Patty Kimmel

Five boats of adventuresome cruisers ventured south on the Chesapeake Bay for an exploration of Onancock, Cape Charles, Hampton, and more. The group took advantage of favorable wind conditions when available and used the iron sail for much of the trip. Some cruisers were more hearty than others, tacking back and forth across the bay. Some just went the more direct route and motor-sailed (**Patty K Too**).



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The cruise began on the morning of 5 June with four boats departing Solomons. The first night **Thisilddous, Serenity, Walkabout** rafted up with **Patty K Too** for a happy hour in Mill Creek off the Great Wicomico. It was a peaceful night. The next day we took advantage of the southwest winds (9 to 13 knots) and reached across the bay to the winding channel into Onancock. It takes about eighty minutes to go from the outer marker to the marina in Onancock. The weather was HOT so we were happy to have our A/Cs. Martha made

us dinner reservations at The Blarney Stone the first night and Bozzotto's the second night. The food was good at both establishments but service could have been better. John rented a golf cart for the group to use. The town has a few good spots but is not too exciting. However, the bakery is excellent. The flower gardens at the several historic homes were beautiful.



Tuesday morning, 8 June, we were off for Cape Charles, winding our way into their channel. Winds were out of the SW at 20 to 21 knots. A couple of pods of dolphins paralleled our track for several miles. As we began lining up for the entrance to Cape Charles we noticed there were channel markers missing going into, and in, the Cape Charles channel. **Patty K Too** had to stop and stare at one naked pole – was it a red or green? **Safina**, who came up the previous day helped clarify the status and we passed it along to the other cruisers. The cross winds made it difficult for most of us to get into our slips without dock hands assistance.

Cape Charles is a fun town with shops and several nice restaurants. Some cruisers demonstrated their corn hole skills at the Shanty where we had dinner one night. The next night we went to a favorite, Kelly's Irish Pub, where Guinness stout was a on tap and plentiful. Martha, Carl, Carolyn and Patty tooled around the town with their bikes where they viewed the historic houses and a packed beach.



Off to Hampton on 10 June with the group, except **Walkabout** who headed north. We were once again fighting the breeze on the nose. Why is it that it seems the wind is always on the nose when we are doing destination sailing? It was an easy run to Bluewater Yachting Center where we had our choice of slips on D dock. Nice accommodations and a pool to enjoy. We took the complimentary water shuttle to downtown and walked around. Our group enjoyed a beer at a waterfront brewery before taking the shuttle back to the marina. We took in the NASA Air and Space Museum and the Hampton Museum. Both were enjoyable. Not much to see beyond that in

Hampton, unfortunately. We had our evening meals at the restaurant at the marina and a big happy hour the last evening. Service at the marina restaurant was the best of the cruise.

Saturday morning, 12 June, the forecast was for 20 to 30 knots from the NE with the

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bay chop. **Safina** and **Patty K Too** left Hampton and faced the high winds and two to three foot waves, with some approaching four and five foot troughs. We traveled as far as Jackson Creek then anchored to collect our shaken brains. **Serenity** and **Thisilldous** smartly stayed in Hampton.

Sunday morning was clear and calm with light winds out of the ENE and **Patty K Too** and **Safina** left for Solomons. **Walkabout** magically joined our march north by coming out of the Great Wicomico where they had stayed for three nights awaiting better weather. **Patty K Too's** chart plotter went Tango Uniform coming out of Jackson Creek and went old school with the chart book and handheld GPS to complete the trip. These three boats ended the southern cruise on Sunday evening.

Serenity and **Thisilldous** started their trip home on Sunday and anchored in Mill Creek for a happy hour. They made the final trek home on Monday.



SUMMER SOLSTICE CRUISE

Dennis Chandler

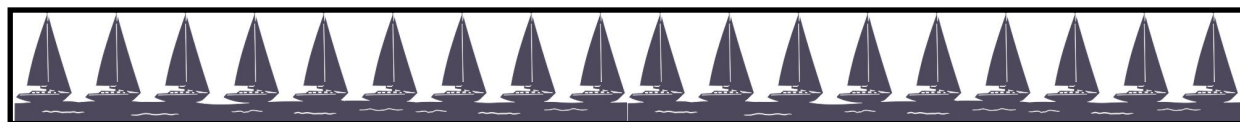
As many of the SMSA members know, June 20, 2021 was the Summer Solstice, the longest daylight day of the year and the first day of summer. Last year, the Non-such Sailing Group organized a cruise up the Patuxent River to celebrate the day as well as the river up to the Benedict or route 231 bridge, 17 nm from Solomons. This year, because SMSA was asked to lead this cruise, it was included in the 2021 SMSA cruising plan.

As such, three intrepid SMSA cruisers (**Sabrena**, **Tanqueray IV** and **Safina**) headed out from red marker 6A at Sandy Point between 8 and 9 am on Sunday to sail as far as possible up the river as part of this Solstice or "Sailstice" celebration. The group was joined by one of the "wish-bone rig" Non-such Sailboats (Whiskers 2) to the bridge and back. Because there was minimal SMSA interest in adding an overnight anchorage on the return trip, that portion was canceled.

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The WNW winds were light and variable initially, but eventually settled down to a steady 5-10 kts. Because the winds died near the bridge, most of the boats either tacked around then or turned on the "iron genny" for a while on the return leg. Coming down the river, it was a robust WSW close haul to Solomons.

In all, it was a pleasant day out on the Patuxent and a great way to spend part of Fathers' Day. The SMSA cruisers will have to decide next year whether they want to make this cruise an annual tradition.



July 4th 2021 Cruise

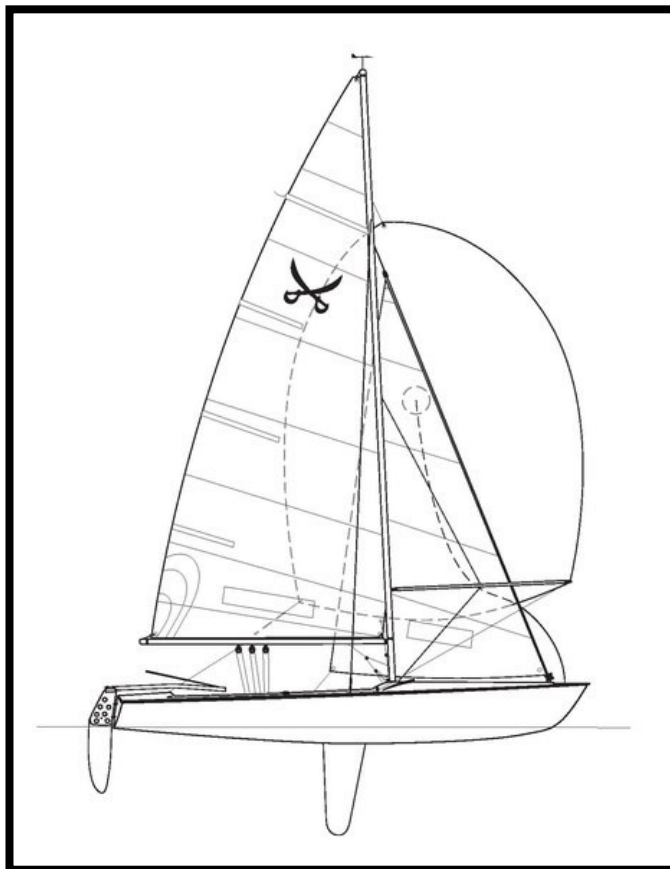
Carl & Martha Kemp

Sabrena (Todd, Jen & "Wookie" Porter), **Thisilldous** (John & Joan Blaney), **Stingray** (Elliott and Alexa Petersen) and **Serenity** (Carl & Martha Kemp) departed on July 2nd for St. Mary's City. With lite winds out of the west, a combination of sail and motor sail made the ride to Horseshoe Bend pleasant uneventful. Since the fireworks were cancelled, everyone dinghied ashore for the concert and dinner from a wide choice of venders. The music included Dvorak's New World Symphony, Gershwin's Rhapsody in Blue, and an excellent jazz quartet. It doesn't get any better than that. The evening at anchor was uneventful and after a few hours on shore in the morning, everyone made the short sail to Price Cove for the picnic on the beach. **Kalypso** (Fred Siesseger) was there to greet us. Once the anchors were set everyone dinghied ashore for the Fifth Annual Martha Kemp "Picnic on the Beach." Good food, drink, and conversation were had by all. In addition, everyone took turns playing a great beach game called "Throw the Ball for Wookie". In spite of a short but strong storm, we all had a great time and a peaceful night. On Sunday there was a light SW breeze as everyone headed back to Solomons for the fireworks. Another great 4th of July Cruise and Picnic on the Beach completed.





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 SKIPPER, 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!

KEELBOAT RACING



Dan Shannon

Keelboat Race Chair

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Greetings, fellow Keelboat Skippers and Crew. -I was reminded by a fellow skipper recently that we are moving into the last **3rd segment of our sailing season**. Hard to believe. Not to worry, we have Wednesday Night racing, Governor's Cup, Screw-pile and our weekend races. After that 4 Sundays of Frostbite racing. I appreciate all crews that have signed up for RC duties. However, we still need volunteers for Wednesday August 18th & September 1st. If you have not volunteered for RC duties, please take one of those dates. If you have completed one RC duty this year, try a second one out.



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 are experimenting a bit this year. We scored the first Wednesday Night series using our traditional windward/leeward PHRF ratings and for the Z-series we used the random/circular PHRF rating. However, **for the third Wednesday Night series, B-series, we will use the Random/Circular ratings as the default and score Time on Time.** The default wind setting will be light. Here are the formulas that will be used. Be patient with the RC each week as we work through math. If anyone has great excel skills, please let me know.

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I will be working with each RC to process the results.

Light is averaging 8 kts or less and the formula is $TCF = 650 / (600 + \text{boat rating})$. The time correction factor (TCF) is then multiplied by the elapsed time to obtain the corrected time. **This is the default for Wednesday night racing.**

Medium is averaging more than 8 kts and less than 16 kts and the formula is $TCF = 650 / (550 + \text{boat rating})$. TCF is then multiplied by the elapsed time to obtain the corrected time. This is the recommended default for Weekend and Distance races.

Heavy is averaging more than 16 kts and the formula is $TCF = 650 / (480 + \text{boat rating})$. TCF is then multiplied by the elapsed time to obtain the corrected time.

Good luck to our SMSA Governor's Cup racers. Be safe and have fun!





Screwpile News Update



This pic is what the Screwpile Harbor Start looked like in 2006. We had 154 boats that year charging out of Back Creek upon the 0900 cannon blast signal. We are not going to see participation numbers approaching anything like that many boats this year, but it sure would be great to see 60 registered Screwpile

boats. And, with two months of registration to go, we are one-third of the way to that modest goal. Many of our club members have already registered. If you are an SMSA racer or cruiser/racer and are yet to register, please do so at our Screwpile website...www.screwpile.net. You can also register by going directly to the Yacht Scoring web site... <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=14296>.

For the many of you who attended our very successful Luau, you partied under the large tent on the grassy hill next to Zahniser's Pool Bar. That will be the sight of our Screwpile awards and parties. We will have live music both Sunday and Monday nights, along with Mt Gay Rum punch and draft beer. Screwpile parties have always been great events. After a year and a half of hunkering down and wearing masks, it will be great to resuming normal ops of story telling and socializing with other race crews and club friends.

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, willi-waw66@hotmail.com, or by phone... 240 925-1173. If you're not racing, please help out.

We certainly don't want to wish the summer away. But that last weekend in September will be here before we know it 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

SCREWPILE **CREW SEARCH**

Lighthouse Challenge

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.

Name: Scott Thurston
E-mail address: scott.thurston@comcast.net
Phone number: 804-572-9926

Position: Mast,Grinder,Jib Trimmer,Main Trimmer

Experience: Intermediate



HELP the JUNIOR PROGRAM

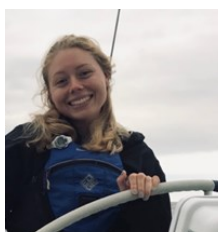
Join or renew your US Sailing Membership via the MVP Program!

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.

JUNIOR PROGRAM



Lauren Miller

Junior Program Chair

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As we move into August with only two weeks of summer camp left, the campers are becoming pros. Camp was sold out all summer with a fully booked class each week totaling almost 200 sailors. Although we had some blistering hot days followed by a barrage of jellyfish, everyone managed to have fun on the water and learn how enjoyable sailing can be.

I want to give a shout out to all of the volunteers that came in over the summer. If it wasn't for your helping hand, camp would not have been the same. Thank you to Clara Wilson, Drake and Regan West, and Everett Moulds!

Below are the last introductions to the summer camp staff. Loch Ludwig is one of the head instructors followed by Sophia Shiffer who is working her first year at SMSA as an instructor.

Meet Our Instructors!



Hi! My name is **Loch Ludwig**, and I am a Freshman at Maine Maritime Academy. I am attending MMA for Marine Transportation Operations and will be on their sailing team racing Flying Juniors and 420s. My favorite sailing memory is attending a varsity regatta at the Gold Team race championships at SUNY Maritime. I have learned a ton from teaching sailing camp this summer and I hope to see some of my campers out on the water again some day .

Hi! My name is **Sophia Shiffer** and I am a Sophomore at Patuxent High School. I have been sailing since I was about 8 years old, but I am currently racing for Sailing Center Chesapeake on Flying Junior sail boats. My biggest achievement is **almost** going to world championships in Italy. I love learning new things and looking into the future I hope to get better at racing





Summer Camp July Fun!

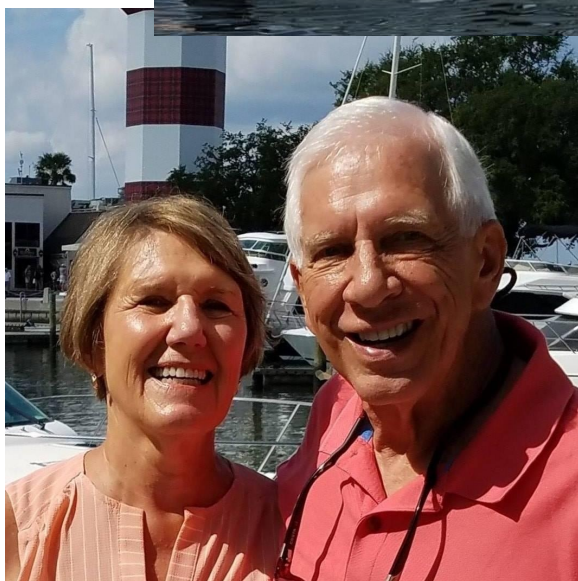


IN MEMORIAM—REMEMBERING TOM MEISER

Fair Winds and Following Seas to a long-time SMSA member, sailor, mentor, husband, father, grandfather and friend.

It is my sad duty to inform you that long time SMSA member Tom Meiser passed away this Thursday. Tom and his wife Shonna have been active members of SMSA since 1973 and Tom has assisted in many volunteer roles over the years. Tom introduced his sons David and John to sailing at an early age and both have become very avid racers and share his love of the water. His grandchildren have also continued the tradition with several participating in High School racing. Locally, grandson Henry J has been a regular on the small boat scene and teaching at the SMSA camp for several years. More recently Tom and Shonna could be found on their powerboat watching Wednesday night races with friends, out fishing or just enjoying being out on the water.

Our condolences go out to Shonna and Tom's family and friends.



Adult Learn to Sail

"So how does the Adult Learn to Sail program work?" "Does SMSA have boats we can check out?" "How long does it take to learn to sail?"

These are typical questions I get regularly when talking about learning to sail with SMSA.

And the most accurate answer to all of these questions in most situations is...It depends and it varies.

So far this season we've worked with over 20 NEW SMSA members to help them get started on their path to enjoying a life-long passion for sailing (we hope!) Our committee has also utilized the talents and efforts of approximately 20 experienced member volunteers to get these people sailing.



"I'm not here to teach you how to sail, I'm here to teach you how to replace me."

I often use the quote above when I'm describing to a new student what to expect. Our program's goal is to generate new SMSA sailors, not just any sailor. Long time SMSA members understand that there *is a difference*. SMSA sailors are not only people who like to sail, but like to give back, and share in the experience in many ways. SMSA sailors daysail, race, cruise, socialize, volunteer on committees, run for board offices and help GIVE BACK to the sport.

So, What can we expect a class/lesson to be like?

We have two basic types of lessons, on the water and shore based.

Shore based lessons are classroom style lectures with videos, demonstrations, Q&A sessions, learning the vocab...all the basic stuff you would expect from a classroom lesson. This season John Auman has run all of our shore lessons and has been doing an amazing job. The lessons are divided into Part 1 and Part 2. The sessions last approximately 2 hours and are full of important information. Students are encouraged to attend/repeat the sessions until they feel confident in the content.

On the water lessons are exactly that. We go out rig the boats, and sail them in and out of the slips, out to the river, round marks practice tacks, gybes, man-overboard drills and other relevant scenarios. Each boat will have one instructor

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and typically one or two students. This allows for custom tailoring the session to the exact conditions for the day and needs of the students aboard. Most lessons are taught using the 20 foot keelboats (Holder 20's) so there is plenty of room for the students and instructors to sail comfortably as students' skills grow. When appropriate we also run lessons using the club 420 (14 foot dinghy).

Additionally we link the new SMSA members up with our experienced members who get together and will go sailing on the members own personal boats as they are comfortable. Some of the learn to sail participants have joined race crews, and others have spent days on the water with some of the cruisers.

All together this program in 2021 has been a spectacular opportunity to transition people from strangers on the street to SMSA sailing friends.

Jimmy Yurko
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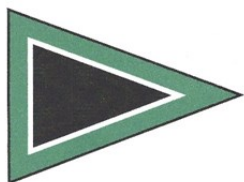
HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM



Andy Wilson

High School Program Chair

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PATUXENT SAILING TEAM!!

OPEN TO CALVERT COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL, MIDDLE SCHOOL,
AND HOMESCHOOL STUDENTS

Learning, Fun, and Competition!

Who: Junior Sailors in 7th - 12th grades

Where: Southern Maryland Sailing Association, Solomon's, MD

When: Fall Season (9 weeks) August 30 – October 29, 2021 (est.)

Practices held: Tuesday, Thursday, Friday - 3:30 to 6:00 pm (est.)

Contact: Andy Wilson (hssailing@smsa.com)



CLASSIFIED ADS



Selling a Boat, Hardware or Boat Accessories?

In search of any of these items?

Send your ads to clew@smsa.com, there is no charge to advertise.



SOLOMONS ISLAND DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL

Volunteers Needed to Man Respite Station (Clubhouse) and On-the-Water Safety Boat

On 21 Aug from 9am-3pm SMSA will be providing a resting/respice place for participants and visitors who need a break from the heat and to hydrate (water). We need volunteers willing to help out in the clubhouse.

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Southern Maryland Sailing Association
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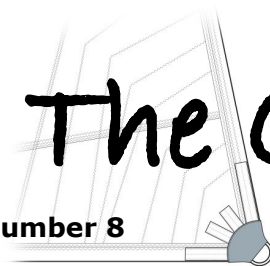
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HELP WANTED!



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.