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CELEBRATING 50 YEARS

*****SMSA GALA—DATE CHANGE*****

Saturday, April 2, 2022
For more information see pages 5 & 6

Commodore's Dinner

Friday, February 18, 2022

Happy Hours

Friday's 5:30—9:00 pm



PHOTOS WANTED FOR THE YEARBOOK!!!

Looking for last year's photos as well as those taken of our club and its members since 1972. If you have something to share please contact the Communications Chair (communications@smsa.com) and Clew Editor (clew@smsa.com)



Commodore's Corner

By David Meiser
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Happy February! This is the season where either we embrace the cold or pull out another blanket and wish for summer. No matter which camp you are in, it's also the time to start planning for the sailing season. Personally, I am in the "embrace the cold" camp, but.....in between ski weekends, I am renewing my CBYRA and PHRF memberships, making sure that the insurance coverage on the boat is up to date, trying to remember all the little things that I was going to fix over the winter, renewing my slip contract, and registering for the races in which we plan to participate.

Speaking of registering for races, if you are considering participating in the Screwpile Regatta, now is a great time to register. There are classes for both hard core racers and hard core cruisers. The registration page is up and it's always good to have as many boats registered as early as we can. Remember that Screwpile is once again a three day event in July and promises to be the same great, warm, sunny, mid-summer, fabulous-sailing, fun-party event, we all remember. So mark you calendars, order your crew shirts, and get your boat registered!

Last month I took the helm and held my first BoD meeting as Commodore. Our current efforts are geared towards preparing for the season ahead. One of the main focuses of my newly-commenced, Commodore-ship is to make SMSA more efficient and easier to manage and run. To that end, this month we (by "we" I mean the entire able and willing Board of Directors and Program Chairs) have reviewed the club insurance, approved the budget, established a committee to review the bar operations, performed a comprehensive accounting of the club assets, and started looking at an IT platform from which we can run all of the club business. Vice Commodore Scotty Roland has taken-on the particularly onerous but important, and much needed, task of preparing maintenance schedules for the safety boat fleet and ensuring that all of our safety equipment is organized and current.

If all of this fun sounds like something you'd like to join, we do have one spot still available, and it could be yours if you act fast! You, yes you... could be the next Safety Boat Fleet Captain. This exciting position includes ensuring completion of the safety boat fleet maintenance and keeping this fleet in good working order. This doesn't mean that you have to do all of the work.... you just need to make sure that it gets done. If you may be interested in this role, please contact Scotty (vicecommodore@smsa.com).

As always, if you have any thoughts on how to improve the club, or would like to help out with any program, please reach out to any of the Board members or Officers.

Stay warm,
David

MEMBERS CORNER

COVID PROTOCOL: This is a reminder that the Board of Directors instituted a change to our COVID Protocol on January 5, 2022 which remains in effect. Please refer to the guidance sent via email. Contact a member of the Board if you have questions or need additional information. In summary the changes are as follows:

1. When inside the clubhouse, members and guest should wear masks when not actively eating or drinking.
2. We will increase the through ventilation in the clubhouse by partially/fully opening the front, middle room, and garage doors.
3. We will need to Social Distance and will remove the bar stools to care for our bar tenders who will be masked.
4. We will have disinfectant wipes, hand sanitizer, etc., available for members to wipe down surfaces in the club before and after use.
5. Our bar staff and cleaning service will sanitize the bar area, the bathrooms, and high touch surfaces.
6. Members should evaluate their specific situation and condition and remove or avoid putting themselves and others at increased risk.
7. Prior advice was to limit contact to about 15 minutes. Omicron seems to have reduced this further.

GALA—Celebrating 50 Years: With the date change to April 2, 2022, tickets already purchased are good for the new date.

If you purchased tickets and can no longer attend on the rescheduled date, please contact Social (social@smsa.com) and Treasurer (treasurer@smsa.com)

Tickets refunds for the original Gala date can be refunded through March 24th.

Questions should be sent to Social (social@smsa.com)

POLICY MANUAL UPDATE—February 2022: The SMSA Policy Manual will be updated and available to members on the SMSA Website in February (<https://www.smsa.com/location.php>).

2022 SUMMER SAILING CAMP OPPORTUNITIES

Camp Director & Instructors

The club has job openings for a Sailing Camp Director and for Instructors for the summer of 2022.

Camp Director: The camp director needs to be at least 21 years of age and be able to go out daily on the water with the students and instructors. The director does not have to be a sailing instructor, but if capable, that is an advantage for the campers and SMSA. The director needs to learn to operate the SMSA safety boats and is responsible for the daily operations and management of the camp and its personnel. The director would work with and be trained by the SMSA Junior Chair. In the past, retirees, teachers, and college student sailors have all held the position.



Instructors: Instructors supervise and teach the students on land and on water. Instructors need to enjoy working with children and be good communicators. Instructors must be at least 16 years old, be seasoned dinghy sailors, competent in operation of powerboats, and eligible to obtain a US Sailing Level I Small Boat Instructor Certification. SMSA will be hosting an instructor class prior to the summer season to assist in instructor certification.

If you or anyone you know is a potential candidate for the positions, please contact the Junior Chair, Barbara Whited, at junior@smsa.com for additional information.



Discounts at West Marine—Solomons

SMSA Members can receive a discount at our local West Marine during checkout. Just tell them you are an SMSA Member to receive the discount.

Due to some non-member use of this privilege, West Marine will be checking names against our membership roster and a photo ID may be requested.

Please note: the West Marine Pro discount is only available at the Solomons West Marine.

Don't miss out on this great SMSA benefit!





THE SOCIAL SCENE WITH JODY KEEN

Jody Keen, Social Chair
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The month of January was pretty quiet around the club. The only "social" event was to undecorate the club. It is always a sad day when the Christmas decorations come down. Many thanks to Lois and Dave Zonderman, Joan and John Blaney, Kristi and Jimmy Yurko, and Robin Witte for helping to take down and store the Christmas decorations. Many hands make for light work!

Looking forward to the next couple of months, we have a Commodore's dinner on Friday, February 18th and Friday, March 18th. Themes are yet to be determined.

Things will really start heating up at the club the first weekend of April. We will kick off the 2022 sailing season and our SMSA 50th anniversary year with **two blockbuster events** on Saturday April 2nd. Drumroll please...Opening Day, followed by the Annual Gala! We figured we would make a day of it by starting the sailing season in style! Join us at SMSA as we kick off 2022 with **Bloody Mary's, a pot-luck brunch, the firing of the cannon, introduction of officers** and the **raising of the flags**. Later we will finish it off with a **Grand Celebration of Dinner, Dancing, and Awards** in the evening.

The Gala will be held at **Olde Breton Inn** in Leonardtown. Invitations have been sent with registration details. Four of the first 100 people to sign up will **still** have an opportunity to win the price of admission! The price per person is \$65.00. Be sure to register early as seating is limited to 120 people. If you have already purchased a ticket and are unable to attend please let me know by March 24th and we will make sure to provide a refund. Otherwise, your ticket will roll over to the new date. Be sure to mark your calendars for a busy day!

Welcome to SMSA's 50th year! Let's make it a great one!

50th Anniversary

CELEBRATION

Saturday, April 2, 2022

Cannons, Bloody's & Brunch



*Doors open at 9:30 am
Opening Day Ceremonies*



Start the sailing season in style. Join us as we kick off 2022 with Bloody Mary's, Brunch, the firing of the cannon, introduction of the officers and raising of the flags.

Dinner, Dancing & Awards

Gala starts @ 5:30 pm

Olde Breton Inn, Leonardtown



An evening to celebrate our love of sailing, enjoy some music, acknowledge the hard working volunteers and hand out a few awards



CRUISERS CORNER



John Blaney
Cruising Chair
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Think Cruising and We Did!

A cruise (maybe a Raise is a better word combination) is 2 or more boats agreeing to go somewhere providing an email notice is made to at least the cruise group 48 hours beforehand. A cruise isn't limited to cruisers only, if you're social people we'll even condone racers and power boaters. A cruise can be for as long as you can make it whether that be a portion of the journey to or back from the overall destination. We recognize not all are retired.

We will be publishing our plans and updates to the complete SMSA membership so if you would like to participate you can.

A group 20 SMSA folks interested in cruising got together in person and online for our annual cruise planning meeting on Sat Jan 8th. Our new cruise chair John Blaney (moi) thanked Carl Kemp for his prior years of admirable service (pun intended). Lucky for me Carl has promised to assist me this year and I've already had the phone call not to ruin his reputation for always submitting Clew articles on time. Thank You Carl and his people Martha.

Below is what we came up with for cruises. We picked dates, destinations, and dictators. Each dictator/leader will be fleshing out the specific details of their cruises i.e. anchorages, marinas, Long and Lats, distances etc., by the end of Feb so we can consolidate them into our publishable plan. Thanks to all who volunteered. The WtWB or Where the Wind Blows cruises are shorter ones where the destination is determined by the forecasted wind direction which then immediately reverses so we can get back home easily. Murphy is an optimist. When even Murphy can't be optimistic we may abandon a cruise for weather reasons but we have sat out a hurricane's eye passing over us in Cambridge.

You'll notice we have competing cruises in June. One is to Cape Charles and back. The other will require you to get to Bermuda so you can "cruise" back with those who are doing the Annapolis to Bermuda Race, starting Jun 3rd. Technically if there are two or more boats doing this return and it's published then it fits our definition of a cruise.

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Apr 23-24	Rollins Cove Cruise	Jerry Taylor
May 14-15	Where the Wind Blows #1	Shawn Stanley (Local event to get back for Blessing of the Fleet)
May 15	Blessing of the Fleet (SIYC)	SIYC
May 21-22	San Domingo Cruise (tentative)	Elliott & Alexa Peterson
May 27-31	Oxford, Cambridge Cruise	Carl & Martha Kemp
Jun 10-18	Cape Charles Cruise	Todd & Jennifer Porter
Jun 12-20	Bermuda/Hampton/Solomons Cruise	Jim Whited (Badcat & Pursuit doing fleet A2B)
Jun 24-26	Herrington Harbor South Cruise	Phil Sibley
Jul 1-3	4th of July Cruise	Carl & Martha Kemp
Jul 9-10	Pick a PAX Creek Cruise	John & Joan Blaney (Again a local creek)
Jul 22-31	Delaware City Cruise	John & Joan Blaney (Our longest cruise)
Aug 6-7	Cuckold Creek Cruise	Jerry Taylor (Local)
Aug 13-14	Mixed Couples Race / Battle Creek Cruise	Race is on 8/13 Cruise is overnight 8/13 - 8/14
Aug 19-23	Annapolis Summer Garden Theater, Harness Creek, Bay Bridge Marina Cruise	Warna Gillies assisted by Carolyn Chandler
Sep 1-6	Urbanna/Crisfield Cruise	John & Joan Blaney
Sep 16-18	Where the Wind Blows #2	Carl & Martha Kemp
Sep 28-Oct 4	Chestertown Cruise	John & Joan Blaney
Oct 22-23	JTs Mill Creek Raft-up & Dock Party	Jerry Taylor
Oct 28-30	Weather Dependent Cruise	John & Joan Blaney
Nov 10-14	Navy Football Cruise	Elliott & Alexa Peterson

It's one way to get to Bermuda if you're so inclined. Bermuda to Virginia Beach is 650 nm or at least 4 days at sea @ 6 kts. Have you prepared for that the way the racers are required to?

Do you know there are two types of people who cruise the Bay - those who have grounded and those who haven't yet.

Happy Cruising!

Eight Bells.....

It is with great sadness that the Captain and Master of the s/v *Patty K Too*, Patty Kimmel passed away peacefully on Thursday, January 27, 2022 at 1300 hours.

Her First Mate & Deck Hand
Rich Freeman



When thinking of Patty Kimmel, the Unsinkable Molly Brown comes to mind. For years Patty and Rich were main stays in the SMSA Cruise Program, participating in most cruises and leading many. In recent years, Patty remained active in the Cruising program in spite of ever increasing medical and advocacy demands. A smiling and determined face was always there.

If you arrived at a cruise location, Patty and Rich on *Patty K Too* were usually there already with the anchor set and ready for a raft up, or on the dock of a marina ready to assist with dock lines. A "Arrive First / Leave Last" award for cruise leadership should be established in her name since this was her advice, with a gleeful conspiratorial smile, when asked what was involved in leading a cruise. In spite of her increasing illness, Patty could always be found walking around cruise destinations and then hosting a great Happy Hour on *Patty K Too*.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Rich.

Thank you Patty, and may you watch over all of our future cruises. You will be missed.

SMSA Cruisers



US Sailing Basic Race Management Seminar Hybrid Version

What Heck is the Race Committee doing?

Learn about their decision making process by taking the US Sailing Basic Race Management Course. Once you understand their process you will have a better day on the race course! Maybe you will enjoy the course enough that you might want to give Race Management a try. Come see what this is all about!

What: US Sailing Basic Race Management Seminar (BRMS), hybrid version

When: February 19, in person 0900-1400, February 22, via Zoom 1900-2130

Where: Severn Sailing Association, 311 First Street, Annapolis MD 21403

Who: Sharon Hadsell, National Race Officer, US Sailing Area C Race Officer, Past Commodore, Eastport Yacht Club,

Cost: \$40** for the course, \$15 for lunch.

Sponsored by CBYRA so.....if you are a CBYRA member or in the CBYRA racing areas your \$40 will be reimbursed. Limit 15 persons

US Sailing has revamped their BRMS and it is now available as a full online course (3 nights, plus your homework) or an in person course. We will attempt an in person session on Saturday February 19 and finish up on Tuesday February 22 online with the final session. We hope that COVID will not change our plans, but if it does the Seminar will turn into three nights of Zoom Seminar, Sunday Feb 20, Tuesday Feb 22 and Thursday Feb 24.

Here is the Link and the US Sailing Description of the Seminar:

Basic Race Management Seminar link:

<http://www1.ussailing.org/enrollment/selectregistrant.aspx?courseid=13496539>

Basic Race Management Seminar at SSA Course Description:

This is a Hybrid IN-PERSON/ONLINE Basic Race Management Seminar. Instructor is Sharon Hadsell.

Schedule:

Session 1: IN-PERSON Saturday, February 19, 2022, 9:00am to 2:00 pm EST.

Session 2: ONLINE Tuesday, February 22, 2022, 7:00pm to 9:30pm EST.

The IN-PERSON session will be held at Severn Sailing Association, 311 First St, Annapolis, MD.

There is approximately 90-120 minutes of course pre-work required before the seminar begins. Attendance at all sessions is required to complete and pass the course.

About ten days before your course begins, you will receive an email from US Sailing (notifications@instructure.com) inviting you to log into in the course. Please click the "Get Started" link right away to complete your profile and access the course materials.

The lead instructor will email you with course information, including directions for course pre-work and food/beverage options, if applicable.

Course fee: \$40. Registration closes February 9. Walk-In registrations are not allowed.

KEELBOAT RACING



Dan Shannon

Keelboat Race Chair

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Greetings and welcome to February. We are 5 weeks from our first keelboat race in 2022, Spring Frostbite #1 on March 13th. While we are all waiting for the warmer days for boat maintenance, time to attend to the paperwork side of racing. PHRF renewals can be accomplished at PHRF of the Chesapeake web site. Copy this link, <http://www.phrfchesbay.org/>, into your browser of choice and you are on your way. Most PHRF certificates are on a 2-year cycle and expire on April 1st.

The 2022 Keelboat race schedule is posted on the Keelboat tab of our SMSA website. Each year we ask our skippers to volunteer for at least 2 races. Rakali, One Trick Pony and The Doghouse have signed up for the Spring Frostbite and First Wednesday Night races and they can mentor folks who need Race Committee training. Please reach out to them.

We are planning to remove all of the COVID restrictions in the 2022 Sailing instructions. Should we need to implement future COVID protective behaviors in our racing program, we will address those parameters in a Sailing Instruction Amendment.

For those of us, me included, that pay our racing fees in a lump sum, 2022 racing fees are just around the corner. Go to SMSA.com, click on Membership tab and then Payment. Use your Valentine's budget to pay for race fees. Or maybe that is not the best idea!

We are going to try out a simple method to crewmembers looking for a ride and skippers looking for crew. The signup sheet will function similar to the RC sign-up sheet. Below is an example of what we are planning to post on the Keelboat web site.

Skippers looking for Crew			Crew looking for Skippers	
Boatname	Skipper	Contact number or email	Name	Contact number or email
The Doghouse	Dan Shannon	abc@gmail.com	Jane Doe	efg@gmail.com

Lastly, please join me in thanking Terry Reese for volunteering to be the next Keelboat Chair and remember we still need volunteers to help, this is not a one person job.

Happy Ground Hog Day!.....Dan



30 Years of Screwpile

This year we celebrate 30 Years of Screwpile! And, back to the warm breezes of summer and bigger and better than ever! As I wrote last month, Screwpile 2022 will return to a 3-day regatta the weekend of 15-17 July, with parties back under the tent at Zahnisers.

This year, Screwpile will be hosting the Chesapeake Multi-Hull Open. The Chesapeake Bay Yacht Racing Association (CBYRA) is teaming with the Chesapeake Multi-Hull Association (CMA) and Screwpile to promote this event which could add as many as 40 boats and a 3rd racing circle to Screwpile.



In addition to adding multi-hulls, this year we will also open registrations for an ORC Cruiser Division. So, we will see a mix of ORC, PHRF, and One Design boats on one course, CRCA and ORC Cruiser Racers on another, and the Multi-Hull racers on a third course. Promises to be a LOT of racing and a LOT of partying!

The Screwpile website, <http://screwpile.net>, is updated, and the Yacht Scoring website, <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=14923> is currently taking registrations. So, check out the Notice of Race and Amendment #1, which added the ORC Cruisers and the Multi-Hulls to the regatta. I would urge all SMSA racers and cruiser/racers to go ahead and register now so we can show Bay racers that we are supporting Screwpile.

With a regatta that is expanding to roughly double the size it was last year, we will need more volunteers to serve on mark boats and help with shoreside duties. If you are not racing yourself, please consider volunteering your time either on the water or shoreside and be a part of the fun. Please contact me or Don Behrens if you can help out. If you're an Screwpile veteran, we'll be in touch.

Screwpile is a prestigious, signature event for SMSA, with a large footprint across the Bay. There are literally thousands of Chesapeake racers who have very fond memories of their experiences racing with us, and our 30th will not disappoint.

Jim Keen
2022 Screwpile Chairman



SMALLBOAT RACING



Steve Birchfield

Smallboat Race Chair

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Happy New Year Smallboat Sailors!

For those who do not know me, my name is Steven Birchfield and I will be your Smallboat Chair for the 2022 season. I'm really looking forward to getting our boats back on the water and racing!

With that in mind we only have 11 weeks until we race again! The schedule is up on the SMSA website so please go and sign up to volunteer for at least 2 nights of Race Committee (RC). I know we all like to be on that winning boat or boats each week, but we need your help so everyone gets an opportunity to race! I have already primed the pump and signed up for 4 evenings.

If you are unsure how to perform the RC duties, or uncomfortable driving the RC boat, please still sign up, I am more than willing to teach you or help you on your RC night! Team work makes the Dream work!

So get those winter repairs and upgrades finished and sign up for some RC time!!! I'm really looking forward to seeing all of you and your fast boats again! Stay tuned for more information on the season's events in the coming months!



HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM



Andy Wilson
High School Program Chair
hssailing@smsa.com

Come join the FUN!! Patuxent River Sailing Team



WHEN:

Tuesday & Friday 3:30pm—6:30pm
Team Free-Sail on Thursdays 3:30pm—6:30pm
Regatta on selected Weekends

WHERE:

Southern Maryland Sailing Associate
14490 Solomons Island Road
Solomons, Maryland

WHO:

Students in 7th—12th Grade
...No experience required!



**LEARN TO SAIL
FOR FUN OR TO
COMPETE**



SPRING SEASON: This 12 week season begins on Tuesday, March 1, 2022

SEASON FEE INCLUDES:

- ⇒ **Sailing Instruction**
- ⇒ **Racing Coaching**
- ⇒ **Interscholastic League Competition**
- ⇒ **420 Sailboats Season Use**

Find us at smsa.com/hssailing OR via email hssailing@smsa.com
See you on the water!

CLASSIFIED ADS

Brand new, never used – Snapit Versatile Curved Binnacle Drink Holder. I bought this summer and it didn't fit my boat, and I missed the return window. Retailers new for \$80 (you can look up on Amazon or Snapit website). Selling for \$45. Please contact Bill at kingwg@gmail.com or 703-987-8276 if you're interested.



NEW never used NORTH Pacific Blue sunbrella sail cover with zipper in front of mast./11'8" long measured at bottom of cover./41" high in front of cover gradual taper down to 10" at back of cover./Common sense fasteners along bottom of cover Web ties on top of mast collar and on back of cover near clew of sail.

The inside of the cover near mast is mesh lined. \$225. Call Elliott 443 624 8662.



Stern anchor webbing reel- for small racing or cruising sailboats/ power boats. Reel is plastic with a metal insert for reeling it in with a winch handle. This webbing is in excellent condition with a reinforced eye on the business end. We used this as the racing anchor rode because it is lighter than almost any other comparable anchor rode/line/ rope, and took up very little space, but was quick and easy to deploy if needed. \$150 Call Elliott 443 624-8662.



Boat Foundation at St Mary College is selling their 2007 Melges 32, Hull #157—lots of sails, covers, trailer. Rates 24 PHRF

\$50K

Contact Bill Ward—wjward@smcm.edu





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Social—Ana Silveria has stepped down as the Social Chair (thank you Ana for volunteering) and Jody Keen is filling in on a temporary basis. So we are in need of someone willing to take this on. If interested please contact Commodore Meiser (commodore@smsa.com).

Safety Boat Fleet Captain—This exciting position includes ensuring completion of the safety boat fleet maintenance and keeping this fleet in good working order. This doesn't mean that you have to do all of the work.... you just need to make sure that it gets done. If you may be interested in this role, please contact Scotty Roland (vicecommodore@smsa.com)