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CELEBRATING 50 YEARS

Keelboat Racing

Sat. May 7—Double Handed Race

Sat. May 14—Vice Commodore's Cup

Sat. May 21—Frost-Goode Race

Wed. Night A-Series—May 4, 11, 18, 25

Wed. Night Fleet Building—June 1

Smallboat Racing

Thur. May 5, 12, 19, 26

Cruise

Sat.-Sun. May 14-15—Where the Wind Blows #1 Cruise

Sat.-Sun. May 21-22—San Domingo Cruise (tentative)

Fri.—Tue. May 27-31—Oxford, Cambridge Cruise

Adult Learn to Sail

Tue. May 3, 10, 17, 24—On-Shore Lessons

Friday Happy Hour

Fri. 5:30pm—9:00pm



Commodore's Corner

By David Meiser
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Well, the season has opened with a bang. We started out with a well-attended, sunny, Opening Day at the club. It was great to see all the familiar smiling faces as well as many of the new ones. There was a ton of food, and the bloodies and mimosas were enjoyed by all ... who were old enough to have them. Thanks to everyone who helped set up, tend the bar, coordinate and arrange the food, and those that made the preparations for the formalities of the opening ceremonies. I can't think of a better way to ring in the season than with a 10 gauge cannon.

Opening Day was followed that evening by the 50th Gala Celebration at the Olde Breton Inn, in Leonardtown. We dined, celebrated, socialized, and danced among a packed house of sailors dressed to the nines. Congratulations to Mark & Robin Witte, and the crew of Rakali, for walking away with a table full of silver. Because of our family's commitments during the winter, it has been several years since I have attended this event and I had forgotten how much fun it is. Thanks to Jody Keen and her team for coordinating this exceptional event. The decorations were beautiful, food was perfect, and who could not pass up those hand-crafted cookies. Rumor has it that more than one bottle of wine was exhausted in the creation of those masterpieces.

But... it's not all about the social. Plenty of sailing has already taken place and the wind has been abundant. I'm not sure that I can remember a much more cold and windy Frostbite Series and start of Wednesday Night Races. This month our cruising program gets cranked up, with cruises almost every weekend.

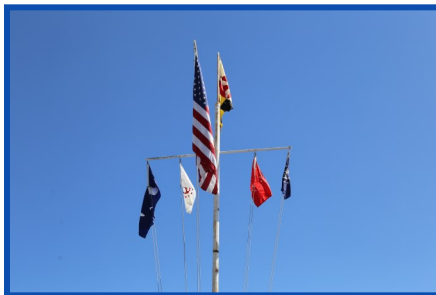
Finally, I am always excited to meet new members in the club. In an effort to do so, I have just started introducing myself to some of the people at the club that I don't know well, or at all, and have I met some super people. Some have boats and are trying to get integrated into our programs, and some are new to the sport and just want exposure and the opportunity to learn. Regardless, I have enjoyed meeting them and look forward to getting to know them better as the season continues to gain momentum. I would challenge all of you to meet someone new next time you are at the club. I am quickly learning, or being reminded, it's a lot of fun to broaden your network.

See you on the water,

David

MEMBERS CORNER

OPENING DAY—2022



**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED!**

Social—We are still 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)

2022 Sailing Summer Camp for Members' Young Sailors

SMSA is planning to conduct a few weeks of summer sailing camp for the children and relatives of members only in 2022. The planning is underway for three weeks of sailing camp utilizing both our Optis and Club 420 (C420) sailboats. Tentative dates are the weeks of July 18 – 23, July 25 – 29, and August 1 – 5.

We will announce more information and the registration process to members soon. In the meantime, you can help us gauge participation and plan the focus of the weeks. It might be good to offer an all Opti week or an all C420 week depending on the participants.

Please send an email to junior@smsa.com to inform us if you have a youngster(s) who would like to sail. We would like to know their age and which boat type they would want to learn.

We are disappointed that we are unable to conduct our full summer camp due to a shortage of labor. The lack of available instructors/labor shortage has hit sailing organizations all over the US. Many clubs are also planning members only camps utilizing club personnel/volunteers.

SMSA will also be asking for adult member volunteers to assist with camp. Both on shore and on the water. If you are willing, feel skilled, and would like to help, please send an email to junior@smsa.com. It will be a while before we fully understand what help we need, but finding out who is potentially available is a good start.

We look forward to having your youngsters on the water with us this summer. For other questions, please send an email to junior@smsa.com.





THE SOCIAL SCENE WITH JODY KEEN

Jody Keen, Social Chair
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The first week-end in April was very busy around the club. On Saturday April 2nd, we celebrated our 50th anniversary and kicked off our 51st year with Opening Day in the morning and then our Annual Gala in the evening. As can be imagined, there were many moving parts requiring the help of many volunteers.

All in all, our celebration was a roaring success! Beginning with Bloody Mary's, Brunch, the firing of the cannon, the introduction of officers and the raising of the flags to finishing with a wonderful evening of celebrating our love of sailing, handing out awards, acknowledging volunteers, and enjoying some music. I would say that we started the sailing season in style!

All the action started on previous Wednesday and Thursday. Cookies and cupcakes needed to be baked, and then they needed to be decorated. The "pre-party" crew met at the Keen's house on Thursday evening to frost the cupcakes and decorate the cookies.

The next evening during Happy Hour an army of women descended on the club to prepare for the next morning's festivities. From wrapping silverware, designing centerpieces, prepping Bloody Mary fixings and setting up all the tables, many hands made for light work.

After the Opening Day brunch, a few of us raced off to Olde Breton Inn to decorate the tables and set out the desserts.

I would like to acknowledge the following volunteers for all of their help, hoping not to miss anyone since we had so many involved. Jen Marbourg-Miller, Evie Miller and Terri Farmam for baking the cupcakes, Lois Zonderman for baking many of the cookies, Pat Schroeder, Lois Zonderman, Donna Maneely, Joan Blaney, Norma Floyd and brother Chuck and Nancy

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Riddell for decorating the cupcakes and cookies, Evie and Robin Witte for the balloons, Asha Andreas for running to the store for more frosting supplies and helping me pre-position centerpieces and desserts at Old Breton Inn, Betsy Dodge for helping set up the clubhouse and for manning the check-in table at OBI, Warna Giles, Robin Witte, and Lois Zonderman for designing flower arrangements for both events, Terri Farman and Nancy Riddell for providing greens and Camelias to decorate, Beth Ann Caccivio and Paula Mueller for wonderful Bloody Mary's and clean-up Opening Day, Cori Grant, Cristin Shiffer, and John Blaney for helping set-up Opening Day, Barb Whited for washing the tablecloths and running for ice, Dave Zonderman for running for ice and finally Kristi Yurko for keeping tabs on who signed up for the Gala. All in all, it was a wonderful week-end! Thank you so much to all who participated in our 50th celebration!

One last note; as advertised, we indicated that there would be 4 lucky winners who would have their tickets reimbursed for the Gala. Using a random number generator, we drew the following folks: Hawk Caldwell, Martha Kemp, Joe Frost and Scotty Roland. Congratulations!



COOKIE DECORATING

50th Anniversary

GALA CELEBRATION



Special Thanks to Polly Traynham for the photos

GALA CELEBRATION—Part 2



CRUISERS CORNER



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Jerry & Donna Taylor

Opening Day Cruise to Rollins Cove/St. Leonard's Creek THE CRUISING SEASON IS UNDERWAY!

FINALLY, a warm and sunny weekend!!! Nice sail up the river with the wind from behind and building the entire time. When the sails were doused at Vera's it was blowing a steady 15 knots. **No Sched...** (Jerry and Donna Taylor) set the hook at 14:00 and hosted the party. Everyone obligingly faced the camera for this shot. Great to see the kids enjoying themselves.



They were soon joined by **Serenity** (Carl and Martha Kemp).



Aurora (Sibley Family - Phil, Haley, Ashton, Devin and Chase) arrived at 17:00 for their first SMSA cruise. Phil has been refurbishing his CSY 37 for

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the past five years and has a great family set up for cruising.

They are the cruise leaders for Herrington Harbor South in June. Welcome Aboard!! We had a couple of happy hours eating, drinking and talking about all the news on the boating front. The boys had fun exploring the

other boats in the raft and munching Haley's yummy chocolate chip cookies.

It was a peaceful night followed by a bright, warm morning. **Aurora** woke up early for pancakes at 5:30 and left at 7:30 since Haley had to get to the airport. They later reported wind down by the bridge so they got a good sail in before heading home to Lewis Creek. **Serenity** departed at 10:00 for a scheduled tee time. **No Sched...** who didn't want to leave, but finally pulled anchor at 16:00 for a motor down the river. This was Donna's first time cruising in quite a while. She had an ankle replacement in January and is on the way to a full recovery after three years of constant pain due to the pooch pulling her down the hill in our backyard.

It was a great weekend enjoyed by all.

Thanks to Jerry & Donna for their leadership and this article. A big welcome to the Sibleys, and welcome back Donna.

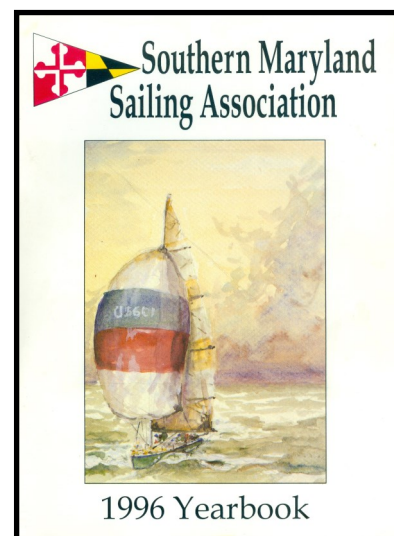
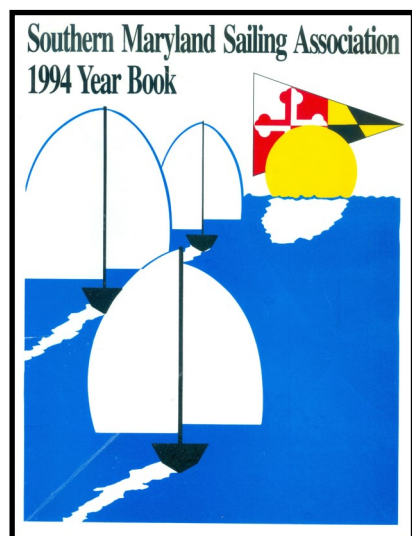
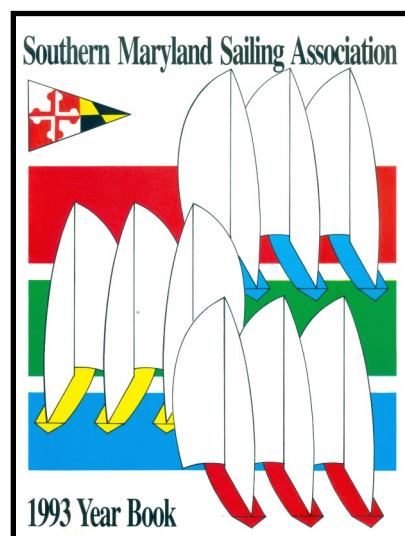
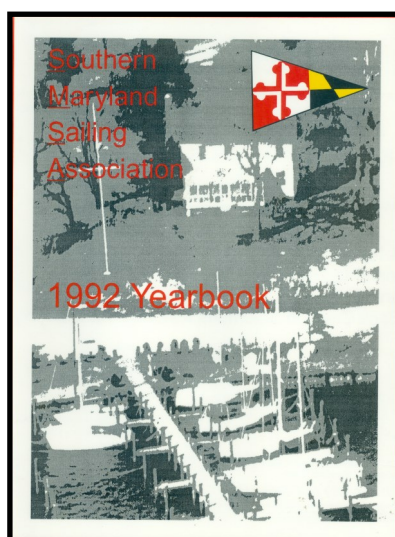
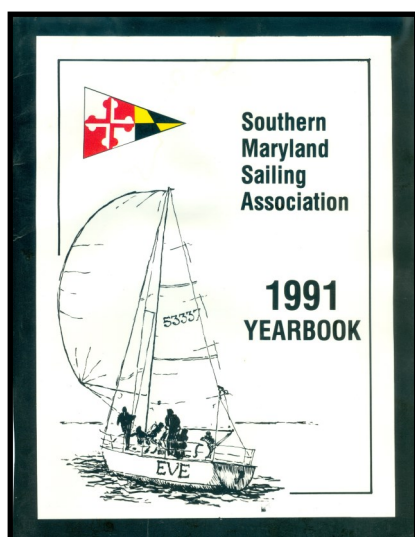
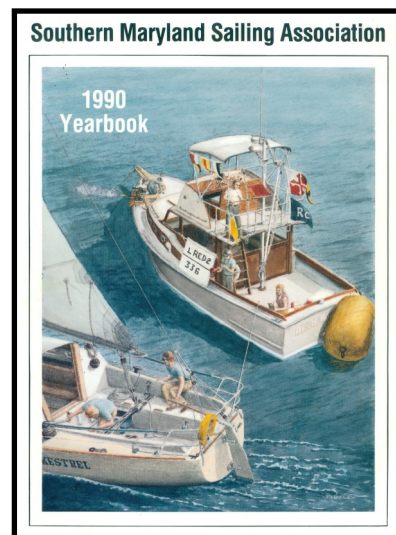
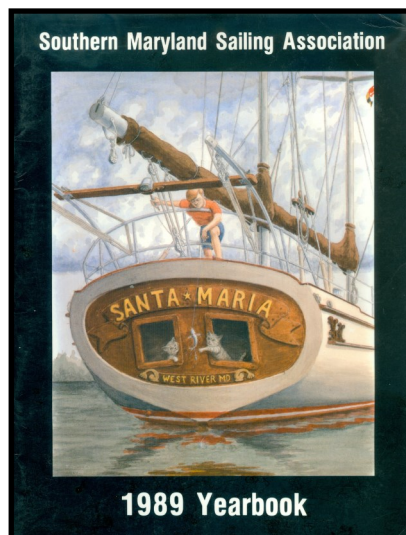
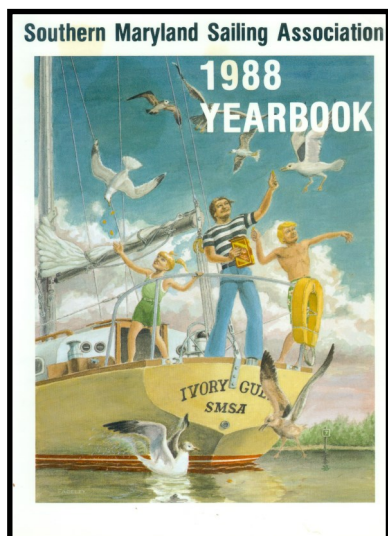
Phil and Carl will probably be on your case to get reservations for their cruises to Oxford, Cambridge and Herrington Harbor South. Annapolis Summer theater tickets are also on sale per Randy Gilles.

Given that we appear to be heading out of the acute phase of Covid, there is pent up demand by everyone to get out and do things with friends and family. That means all our cruising marinas are likely to be busy. Get your reservations made.

Think Cruising !!!

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS

SMSA YEARBOOK COVERS (1988–1996)



KEELBOAT RACING



Terry Reese

Keelboat Race Chair

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Ahoy Fellow Racers! Our Wednesday night series is well underway with more and more boats coming out and some competitive races. Our weekend races are also heating up and we are entering a busy race schedule with lots to look forward to, so please note the following:

Upcoming Races:

Wed, May 4	Wednesday Night Series A-4	Wild Horses
Sat, May 7	Double Handed Race	(RC Needed)
Sat, May 14	Vice Commodore's Cup	(RC Needed)
Wed, May 11	Wednesday Night Series A-5	(RC Needed)
Wed, May 18	Wednesday Night Series A-6	Whirlaway
Sat, May 21	Frost-Goode Race (SMSA High Point)	(RC Needed)
Wed, May 25	Wednesday Night Series A-7	(RC Needed)

Recent Results:

Sun. April 3 Spring Frostbite Race #4:
1. Rakali, 2. Pursuit, 3. Pony Express
Spring Frostbite Overall:
1. Pursuit, 2. American Flyer, 3. Pony Express
Sat. April 9, Little Choptank Race (SMSA High Point)
Spin: 1. Pursuit, 2. One Trick Pony, 3. Cheetah; Non-Spin: N/A
Sun. April 10 Spring Invitational (CBYRA & SMSA High Point)
Spin: Barba Roja; Non-Spin: Whirlaway
Wed. April 13 Wednesday Night Series A-1
A. One Trick Pony; B. J Ray; C. Barba Roja; NS. Dauntless
Wed. April 20 Wednesday Night Series A-2
A. Rakali; B. Wicked Good, C. Barba Roja, NS. Dauntless
Wed. April 27 Wednesday Night Series A-3
TBD

Vice-Commodore Scotty Rowland has purchased new Race Marks for L & V. Once prepped, the old marks will be replaced and match the rest of the race marks in the

river. Also, special thanks to Mardy Millen for prepping the marks with high visibility wrapping.

Please note that unless we get Race Committee volunteers for most of the races in May the races will be self-started and finished as per the Race Circular.

Finally, a date for a Race Committee Seminar will be scheduled for a late Saturday morning/early afternoon in the near future – so please stay tuned!

Fair Winds and Following Seas.

Talk to you later.

Terry Reese



Solomons Island Yacht Club (SIYC) - Invitation to the Blessing of the Fleet

The annual Blessing of the Fleet ceremony, organized by Solomons Island Yacht Club (SIYC) will take place on Sunday, May 15, between 2 and 4 PM. All SMSA members are invited to bring their sailboats and participate in this annual event.

Boats will gather at Sandy Point near red marker 6A and proceed north in the Patuxent River along the boardwalk where the M/V Turtle Island will be anchored about 100 yards off the shore and where the SIYC Fleet Chaplain will be stationed to bless each boat and its captain as they pass by. The participating boats will then proceed a bit further up river to the anchored M/V Tennyson from the Calvert Marine Museum before the bridge where the present and past senior officers of SIYC will be on board and dressed in white uniforms, who will salute every boat that passes by.

This parade of boats will be led by the Sea Tow vessel with a flashing light and supported by 1-2 DNR boats and perhaps a Coast Guard or Coast Guard Auxiliary boat. At that point, the ceremony will be over and the boats will individually turn to port and return to their home ports.

If SMSA members have any questions please contact Dennis Chandler via email (chandlerdm@comcast.net) or via cell phone at 443-624-1577.



30th Year for Screwpile



This July we are celebrating our 30th year of hosting the Screwpile Lighthouse Challenge. 30 years...that's a lot of starts, a lot of mark roundings, a lot of Mount Gay Rum Punch, and a lot of happy sailors!

Those of us serving on the 2022 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 produce a regatta that lives up to the standards set by LG Raley, our Screwpile mentor. Sponsors are engaged, vendors are lined up, the Notice of Race is posted, live bands are contracted, and at 75 days out, participants are beginning to register. July 15th-17th will be here before we know it.

Don Behrens will be out there in his familiar spot on the Signal Boat as Principal Race Officer for the ORC/PHRF/OD course. Jim Whited will serve as PRO on the Cruiser course. Jon Anthony, the President of the Chesapeake Bay Yacht Racing Association, will serve as the PRO on the Multihull course. They will be supported by many SMSA volunteers, most of which have performed Signal and Mark Boat duties for several years. Thank you to all the many volunteers who will be out there on the water supporting your fellow sailors.

The awards parties are all set to go. After last year's break-out from the Covid lockdown, it was great to see all the Mt Gay red hats under the tent again, and, we are certainly excited to be back at Zahniser's. We'll see the traditional crowd around the swimming pool, nursing their beverage of choice after full day of racing. The Z's Pool Bar will be open, hungry sailors who cannot wait until after the party to get something to eat, will be able to pick up something there or from a local food truck that will be on site. Additionally, Dave Lundwall will be on hand with his familiar Hot Dog cart. Of course, our expert Screwpile bartenders will be mixing their delicious Mt Gay Rum Punch, and Bosick Distributors will have a Beer Truck at the tent with cold draft Corona, Coors Light, and a heavy lager. We will have live bands all three nights... Robbie Boothe and his band on Friday and John Luskey and band on Saturday and Sunday. Chesapeake Embroidery will be back selling the customary Screwpile regatta apparel, and look for another raffle drawing with West Marine giving out free boat stuff.

The Screwpile 2022 Planning Committee is soliciting volunteers to help with the regat-

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ta... 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 2022 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 now at our Screwpile web-site... www.screwpile.net. You can also register by going directly to the Yacht Scoring web site. <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=14923>. We need to show the racing community that we are supporting our own regatta...

Jim Keen
2022 Screwpile Chairman



HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM



Andy Wilson

High School Program Chair

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April saw our young sailors at three regattas - Ryken, Baltimore, and Gunston.

Ryken provided 12 boats, with shifty and strong winds throughout the day. The start was right off the pier, so it was fun to see the FJ's crossing back and forth vying for the start.

Baltimore County continues to be a fun venue with a wide beach for parents to observe the races. A 14 boat fleet, and some solid winds provided for excellent racing, with an extra round at the end. Our crews came in with some solid finishes, even a 2nd and a 3rd place!

The month culminated in a JV regatta over the Bay Bridge in Gunston where our pairs came away with several 2nd place finishes!

We continue to hone our skills (both skippering and crewing) and are getting more and more experienced with regatta formats.

You'll see some of our sailors out on Thursday nights (sometimes you'll hear them first, because they might be singing!)

We have continued working start tactics / tacking and gybing drills with Jimmy and John. Also, sometimes you'll see us from the Solomons bridge as we race under the bridge and back, or up Back Creek racing to the lighthouse at Calvert Marine Museum.

Thanks! Andy



SMALLBOAT RACING



Steve Birchfield

Smallboat Race Chair

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Racing has started for the 2022 season!

Unfortunately our first night racing was called off for foul weather. Our second evening was a blast and we had Lasers, Bucc's, Mutts, Flying Scott's and even our PAX High School team members on our Club 420s! A great Portsmouth mix on the start line. Thank you to Fat Bottom Girl for taking RC duties.

Is your boat still not ready to race? Come be a part of the fun and run the races from the RC boat for the evening! It's not hard or scary, we can teach you!

I hope to see you on the water either as a competitor or as RC!





SBRW 2022 Y'ALL COME RACING!

Event Website: <https://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=14948>

Regatta Headquarters located at Hampton Yacht Club,  **Hampton, VA**

Dates: June 2 – June 5, 2022

Welcome/Opening Night: *Thursday, June 2nd*

Racing, Awards, Social: *Friday, June 3rd - Saturday, June 4th - & Sunday, June 5th*

EVERY NIGHT SHORESIDE:

- SBRW Racers Beer Raffle
- BOAT of the DAY Award Flags – each of the 3 circles
- Beer and Food under the Regatta Tent
- Cash Bar and Food in the HYC clubhouse next to the tent
- Regatta Apparel on sale at the CHESAPEAKE CUSTOM EMBROIDERY Tent

Racing Program:

PHRF & ONE DESIGN FLEETS:

- 3 days of racing in the Harbor on two circles
- Windward/leeward and triangle/windward/leeward racing.
- 8-10 head-knockin', gear bustin', feel good races!

CRUISING FLEETS: SBRW Cruising, ORC Cruiser, ORC Double Handed, & Multihull

- 2 days of racing, including all 4 nights of parties, at a reduced entry fee
- All racing in the Bay off Buckroe/Salt Ponds
- Saturday and Sunday – one open course, middle distance race each day

SOUTHERN BAY RACE WEEK 2022:

With the same low entry fees, the Old Point Bank Loyalty Discount, and the Early Bird Discount SBRW is STILL the best bang for your racing buck anywhere!

NEW – morning pre-race virtual weather briefing by recognized expert on the big screen

NEW – post-race de-briefs in the regatta tent, led by sailing notables on-site

FREE – admission to all regatta social events and ceremonies + FREE – boat and trailer storage prior to the regatta + FREE – launch and haul from any of HYC three lifts + FREE – rafting for boats (or slips available at low cost) + Special regatta rate for HYC slip (pending availability)

TO ENTER: Enter ON-LINE at <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=14948>

OR mail paper entry to: SBRW, c/o Lin McCarthy, 4401 Chesapeake Ave, Hampton, VA 23669

ENTRY FEES: PHRF & ONE DESIGN FLEETS Early Bird = \$155. Entries after April 30th = \$170.
CRUISING FLEETS Early Bird = \$ 84. Entries after April 30th = \$ 99.

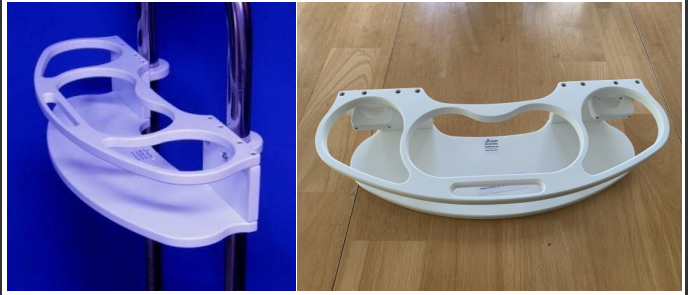
OLD POINT BANK LOYALTY Savings - All 2021 SBRW returnees may deduct \$25 from each above fee.

SBRW Event Chairman: Jack Pope SBRW Principal Race Officer: John McCarthy

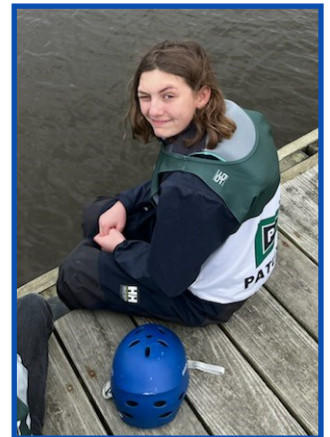
For information: Contact Lin Mc at (757) 850-4225, or email mcbear@earthlink.net

CLASSIFIED ADS

****Price Change**** 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. Retails new for \$80 (you can look up on Amazon or Snapit web-site). Selling for \$40. Please contact Bill at kingwg@gmail.com or 703-987-8276 if you're



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

Don't miss out on this great SMSA benefit!

