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Social

Sat. June 11—Luau

Keelboat Racing

Wed. Night Fleet Building—June 1

Sat. June 25—Smith Point Race

Sun. June 26—Summer Invitational Race

Wed. Night Z-Series—June 8, 15, 22, 29

Smallboat Racing

Sat. June 11—Smallboat Invitational

Sun. June 12—Broken Rudder Regatta

Thur. June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

Cruise

Fri.—Sat. June 10-18—Cape Charles Cruise

Sun.—Mon. June 12-20—Bermuda/Hampton/Solomons Cruise

Fri.—Sun. June 24-26—Herrington Harbor South Cruise

Fri.—Mon. July 1-4—4th of July Cruise

Adult Learn to Sail

Tue. June 7, 21—On-Shore Lessons

Friday Happy Hour

Fri. 5:30pm—9:00pm



Commodore's Corner

By David Meiser
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It's amazing how the sailing season just creeps up on us. It seems like just yesterday we were getting ready and planning for the season and then BOOM it's here. Racers are racing, cruisers are cruising, and there has been a lot of activity at the Club on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday nights. In addition, the membership is growing. Both with seasoned sailors, and those looking for a little more seasoning.

It is great to be back out on the water in full force and enjoy all the offerings of SMSA. Just over the past week, I was able to compete in the Frost-Goode weekend race, sail Wednesday Night, and race a Laser against my son, Henry J, in the Thursday Night Smallboat Series. It's great to see many new faces on Thursday Nights. What a great way to build skills and confidence, as well as learn rules and tactics. Everything that you learn in these dinghies is directly transferable to anything else that you sail. My boating fun did not stop there. Although it was not a club sponsored event, we took a cruise up Mill Creek, a whopping 1 mile from our slip and had a family sleep-over on the boat, rafted up with a few other club members. We are so fortunate to have so many anchorages so close. Even if you can't take the time to participate in one of our fabulous SMSA cruises, such as the one to San Domingo Creek a few weeks ago, or the one that is currently happening to Oxford and Cambridge, it is still fun to pack up the boat and head to one of the nearby anchorages such as Cuckhold Creek, St. Leonard's Creek, or one of the many spots in the Solomons area, for a Saturday night with friends.

Although there are fun things to do locally, several of our club members are venturing out of the area to do some racing this month. This week, Dauntless (Keen) and One Trick Pony (Meiser) will be heading to Hampton, VA to participate in Southern Bay Race Week. About the same time, Bad Cat (Whited), Graybeard (McKinney), and Pursuit (Dawley) will be racing from Annapolis to Bermuda. Finally, in Mid-June, Crocodile (Ward), will be racing from Newport to Bermuda. Again, SMSA will be well represented in these popular events.

Finally, all good things must come to an end. For many years, Zahniser's Marina, under the ownership of Skip & Ellen Zahniser, founding members of SMSA, had generously provided the opportunity for SMSA members to use the pool for a daily, per-person fee. As most of you know, Skip and Ellen sold the marina a few years ago, and as of this season, that generous benefit will no longer be afforded to SMSA. While we appreciated this significant benefit, we also realize that things change. For those of you who don't keep a boat at Safe Harbor, Zahniser's, but would like to continue to use the pool, they are offering seasonal pool memberships. Please stop by the marina office to inquire if you are interested.

See you on the water.

David

2022 Sailing Summer Camp for Members' Young Sailors

Registration for Junior Sailing Camp is now open for SMSA members only!

Current SMSA Members can register their young sailors during the members-only registration period from now to **June 3, 2022**.

As of **June 4**, camp registrations will be opened to non-members. Members will still be able to register sailors, but once registration is open to the public (non-members), registration will be on a first come, first served basis.

To register, go to the SMSA Junior page. Current members may login with their SMSA Club Spot account. Please contact treasurer@smsa.com with Club Spot login questions.

Members can register their own children/grandchildren or other children that are part of their extended household. Camp will run for three(3) weeks: **July 18-22, July 25-29 , August 1-5**. We will run both Opti and Club 420 classes. A reminder, while you may think your sailor should be sailing a C420, our instructors will determine where they actually sail based on their abilities, just so we are all safe and having a good time.

Our goals for camp, in order of importance, have always been: be safe, have fun, and learn to sail.

If you have camp questions(not Club Spot) questions, please contact Junior@smsa.com.





THE SOCIAL SCENE WITH JODY KEEN

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After all the excitement in April, with our opening Day and Gala all in one day, May was a very quiet month for the social committee.

This month, we have the time honored tradition of our annual Luau at Safe Harbor Zanhisers on June 11th from 4:30 to 7:30. If you are new to the Luau, it is a pot-luck of sorts. We bring appetizers, sides and desserts while Zahnishers provide the venue under the tent and the meat. SMSA does provide alcoholic and non alcoholic drinks. So, make your favorite dish, don your best Hawaiian garb and come out and enjoy!

Looking forward to July, mark your calendars for the annual Solomon's Business Association's fireworks on July 4th. Again we have a potluck at the club. SMSA provides hamburgers and everyone is encouraged to bring a side. Usually we have dinner around 6pm. Look for more info in next month's Clew.



Photos from the 2021 Luau



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CRUISERS CORNER



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Shawn & Laura Stanley

Where the Wind Blows Cruise #1

Twice Around, with crew Shawn & Laura Stanley aboard, led a "Where the Wind Blows" cruise on May 14-15 with a pre-determined destination..yeah..not really where the wind blows. The SIYC Blessing of the Fleet was scheduled for Sunday, so a short hop to Cuckold Creek was decided as the destination, so we could have a great Happy Hour on Saturday, a nice steak on the grill Saturday evening, a leisurely Bloody Mary Sunday morning, and a short easy cruise down the Patuxent to join in with the fleet blessing in early afternoon. Well, none of that actually happened, except the great Happy Hour part!



It poured rain on Saturday, but with no severe weather in sight on the radar, TA left the dock about 1PM, with bimini over the cockpit and foul weather gear on the crew. The rain mercifully and thankfully let up not long after the anchor was down across the creek from Blackstone Marina.

I had been in touch with new-ish members Bill King and family, and assured him we would be there despite the weather. Out of the cloudy haze about 5PM, S/V **Lexicon** arrives with running lights and full crew, Bill, Jennifer, Alexis & Connor!



The evening was great, allowing the opportunity with the small crowd for Laura and Shawn to get better acquainted with new club members and share stories about Shawn & Bill growing up sailing. Lexicon and Twice Around brought happy hour bevs, snacks, and Lexicon brought pizza to share! The younger crew of Lexicon (Alexis & Connor) marveled in the old school vibe of Twice Around (a 1977 Catalina 30), and the crew of Twice Around marveled in the conveniences and engineering of Lexicon, a much improved and modern Catalina 350.

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Sunday morning unfortunately brought heavy fog and pets calling. Using a fabulous innovation called the chart plotter (even on old school TA with a recently added AIS receiver and iPad for a plotter!), we were able to navigate safely back to Solomons for a wonderful afternoon fleet blessing later in the day after the fog cleared. Thanks to SMSA/SIYC member Dennis Chandler for the invite to SMSA members and coordination. I had several non-boating friends ask me about the Sunday afternoon 'boat parade' they saw out on the Patuxent River. a real treat for them.



The most important part is racers Shawn and Laura acquired some early season cruise points!

Elliott & Alexa Peterson

Cruise to San Domingo Creek

On Saturday 21 May The Crew of **STINGRAY** led our first small but enjoyable SMSA cruise to San Domingo creek near St Michaels MD.

For STINGRAY it was our shakedown cruise for 2022 and we only needed a minor sail repair at the end of the weekend.

Vessels attending included **Calypso** (Fred Siesseger), **Festina Lente** (Perspective members Charlie and Elaine) and **STINGRAY** (Elliott and Alexa Peterson)

We met for a jovial happy hour aboard STINGRAY featuring Italian meatballs, fresh pineapple and salmon lettuce appetizers.

Most of the group proceeded by dingy into St Michaels to dine at Limoncello, where we enjoyed a fabulous Italian meal.

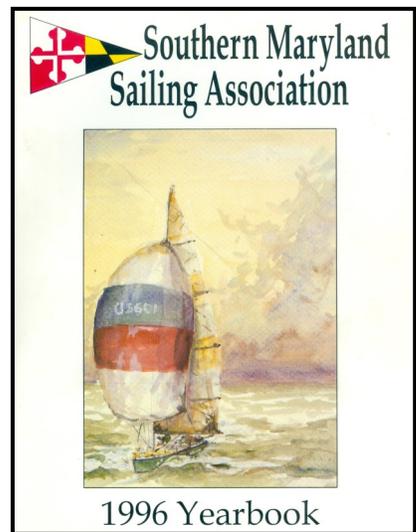
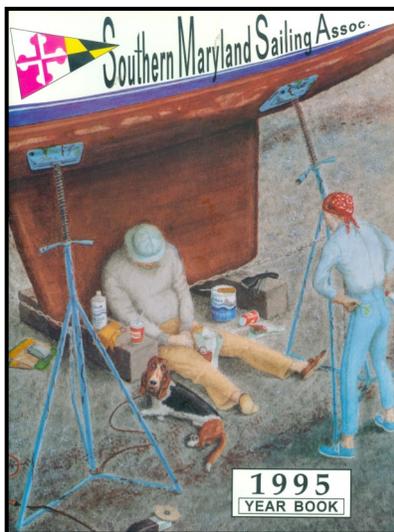
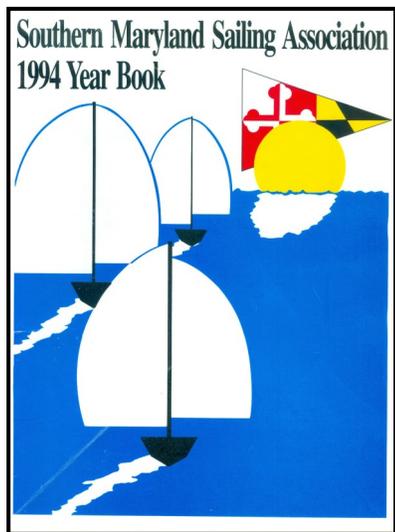
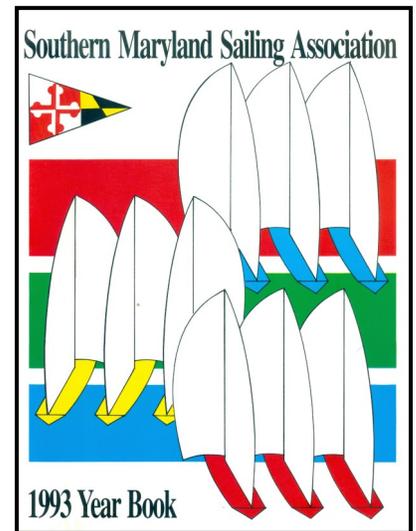
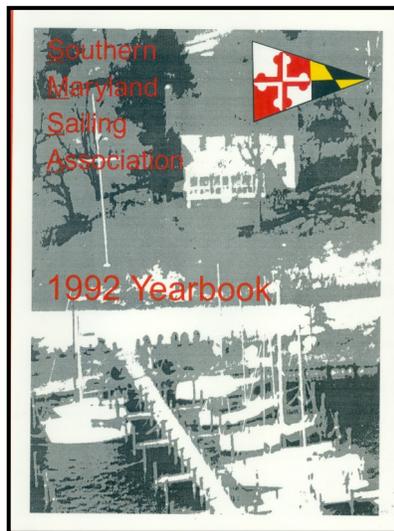
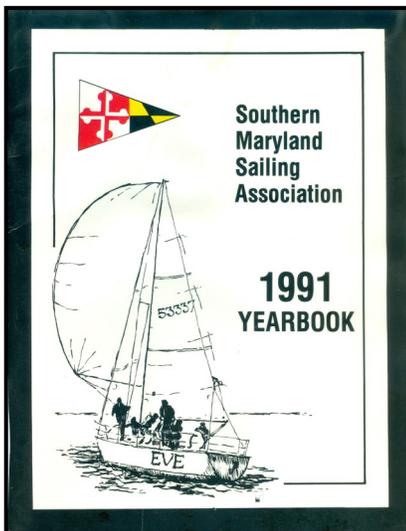
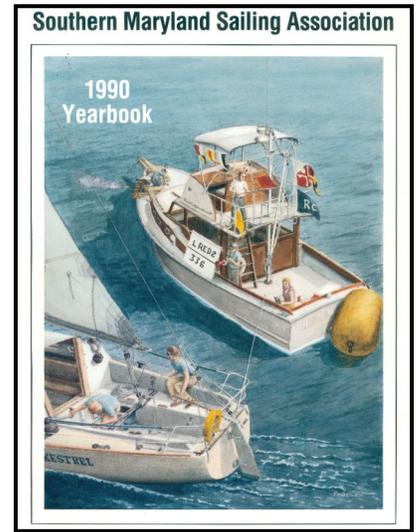
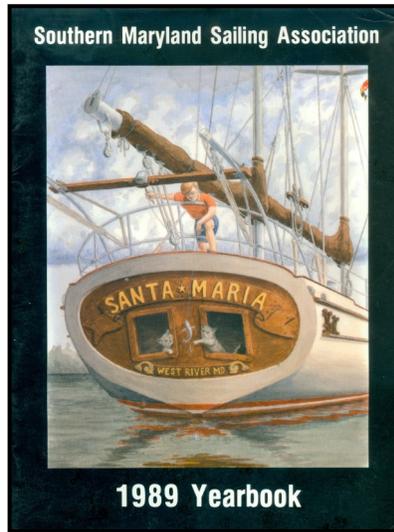
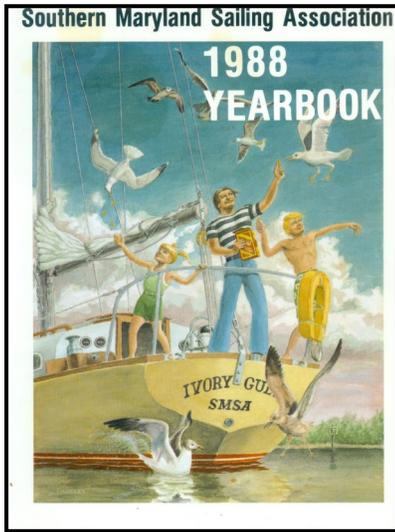
The night on the hook was comfortable and dry but extremely windy and there were rumors of at least one anchor dragging a little.

Most of the group returned to Solomon's on Sunday, but Festina Lente headed on to Oxford before returning safely to Solomon's.

THINK CRUISING!!!

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SMSA YEARBOOK COVERS (1988-1996)



KEELBOAT RACING



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We have Wednesday Night Award Glasses that we will be distributing shortly to the positions awarded as per Wed Night Race Circular.

Thank you to Spice for Volunteering to RC the Frost Goode Race. Had a great time meeting and spending the day on RC with you guys and couldn't have picked a nicer day to be on the water.

Wed, June 1	Fleet Building—Wed. Night	Pony Express
Wed, June 8	Zanheiser's Wed. Night Race Z-1	Pony Express
Wed, June 15	Zanheiser's Wed. Night Race Z-2	Barba Roja
Wed, June 22	Zanheiser's Wed. Night Race Z-3	Cheetah
Sat, June 25	Smith Point Race (SMSA High Point)	Wicked Good
Sun, June 26	Summer Invitational (SMSA & CBYRA High Point)	Dauntless
Wed, June 29	Zanheiser's Wed. Night Race Z-4	(RC Needed)

Wednesday Night Series A-4
A: One Trick Pony, B: Wicked Good, C: Elan, NS: Cheetah
Wednesday Night Series A-5
A: One Trick Pony, B: Wicked Good, C: Elan, NS: The Doghouse
Wednesday Night Series A-6
A: One Trick Pony, B: Wicked Good, C: Elan, NS: The Doghouse
Wednesday Night Series A-7
A: Rakali, B: JRay, C: Elan, NS: Dauntless
Frost-Goode Race (SMSA High Point)
Spin: One Trick Pony Non-Spin: Dauntless

RC Volunteers needed for racing. Please remember to sign up for Race Committee duty if you have not done so already.

28.2 ALL race registered SMSA keelboat owners are required to serve as Race Committee for two or more keelboat races. We cannot conduct a viable racing program without EVERYONE doing his or her part to make it successful.

Race Fees: Just a reminder that 2022 annual racing fees are due - \$366.00 lump sum payment or \$30.50 monthly payments which runs April 2022 through March 2023. Go to SMSA.com, click on Membership tab and then Payment.

Don't forget to renew your PHRF Certificate if this is the year to do so.

We are always looking for feedback/input in order to improve or if we forgot something, so please feel free to email the keelboat address.

See you soon.

Terry





Screwpile Volunteers... Making it Happen



If you're not racing in Screwpile, a great way to enjoy a sunny 3-day weekend in mid-July is to serve in one capacity or another as a Screwpile volunteer. Many hundreds of SMSA members and club friends have been doing so since the first Screwpile in 1993. Some of you are among those old timers and have seen a lot of action on the racecourse and the party tent. For newcomers in the club, we hope you'll get involved in this year's Screwpile... on the water, shoreside, of both.

We are currently Looking for SMSA members (or others) who would be interested in volunteering to operate your powerboat to serve as one of our Race Committee Mark Boats for the Screwpile Lighthouse Challenge Regatta... Friday-Sunday, 15-17 July. No race committee experience required. We will put a qualified/experienced Race Officer and two other volunteers on your boat with you to conduct race duties. We need boats that are 25 ft plus that are capable of operating in the Bay. Fuel costs will be re-imbursed. Lunch provided. Regatta parties with live music all three nights after races. We are also recruiting volunteers to work on these mark boats... placing marks and anchors, pulling anchors, managing the race signal flags, generally assisting the Race Officer with performing the duties of the Mark Boat. If interested in helping out, please contact Jim Keen at (240) 925-1173 or e-mail chairman@screwpile.net.

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 lined up, Notice of Race posted, live bands are contracted, and at 45 days out, the Yacht Scoring Scratch Sheet is filling up. July 15th-17th will be here before we know it, and the fun will begin.

If you are an SMSA racer or cruiser/racer, please register now 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=14923>. We need to show the Chesapeake Bay racing community that we are supporting our own regatta. See you on the water and at the tent...

... Jim Keen, Chairman Screwpile 2022

SMALLBOAT RACING



Steve Birchfield

Smallboat Race Chair

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Thursday night racing is well underway, and our competitors are having a great time! As the weather warms up it seems like there's more boats on the line every week.

The smallboat program has an exciting weekend of racing coming up on June 11-12. On Saturday, June 11, we will host the Smallboat Spring Invitational. On Sunday, June 12, we will host the annual Broken Rudder Regatta distance race.

We are still in need of volunteers for RC for Thursday nights and for the upcoming weekend events. Please consider helping out. Our volunteers make the smallboat racing program possible.



HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM



Andy Wilson

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This CLEW marks the end of the High School Spring Sailing 2022 Spring season. Thanks to all the volunteers who helped make it happen! Especially to Coach Jimmy Yurko and John Blaney (the man of many SMSA hats!). Your time is very much appreciated and we couldn't have this Team without you! Whether teaching safety, how to gain boat speed, or advanced tactics, your efforts were instrumental in fielding a team.

Meeting three days a week, our first practice of the season was in an almost dead calm creek, and our last practice was in the creek, and the basin, and out in the River, in a solid wind...and Pirates were seen (!)

Our season showed excellent progression, at both the JV and Varsity level. Our sailors went to a total of 8 regattas with a 2nd out of 11 at Gunston and 4th out of 13 at North East River Yacht Club. We topped off the season with a Tie at 4th out of 17 boats in the Tier 2 Championships!

You'll see the youth sailors at some of the Thursday night racing as they keep their skills up during the summer.

Thanks to the Club for hosting High School Sailing!



High School Sailing at MDSIA Regionals



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. Retail 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



Social—We are still in need of someone willing to take this on. If interested please contact Commodore Meiser (commodore@smsa.com).

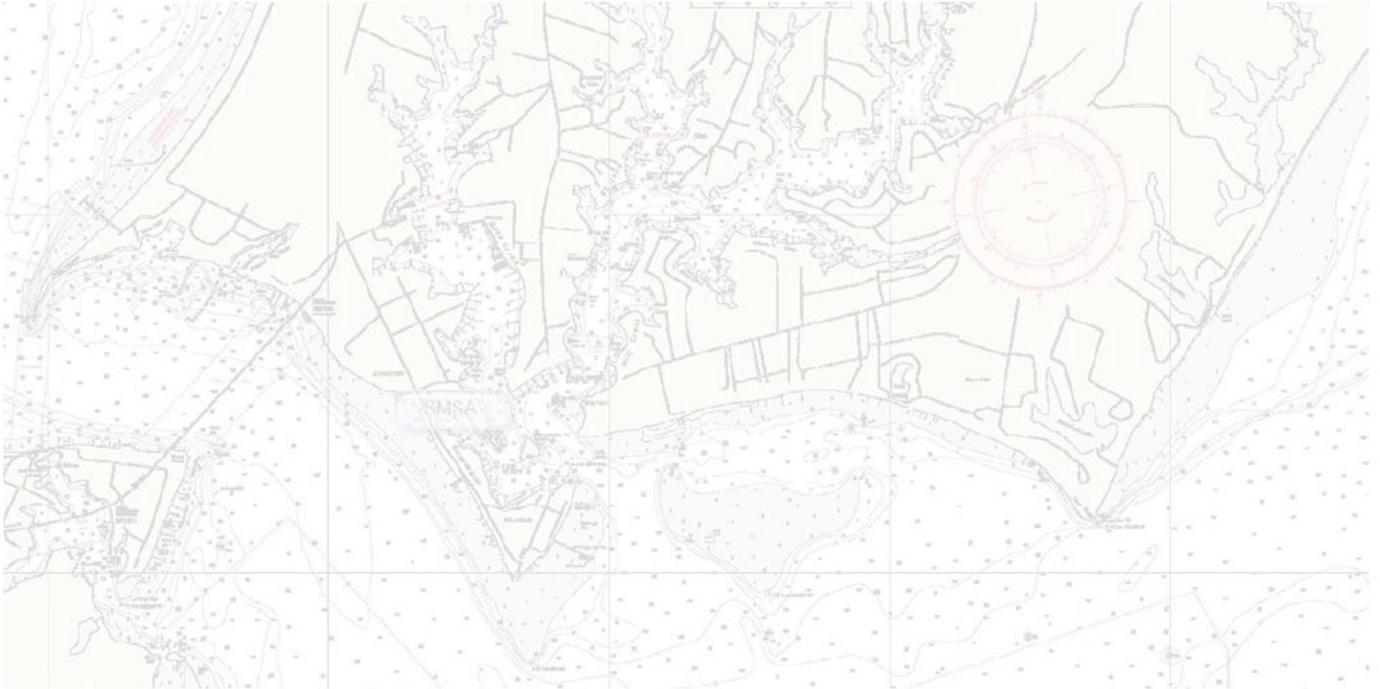
Safety Boat Fleet Captain—This exciting position includes ensuring completion of the safety boat fleet maintenance and keeping this fleet in good working order. This doesn't mean that you have to do all of the work.... you just need to make sure that it gets done. If you may be interested in this role,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

contact Scotty Roland (vicecommodore@smsa.com)



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 **West MarinePro**

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!

