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CELEBRATING 50 YEARS

Social

Scott Kirby Concert—Aug 7 Doors open @ 3pm, Concert @ 4pm

Keelboat Racing

Wed. Night B-Series—Aug 3, 10, 17, 24, 31
Sat. 13 Mixed Couples Race

Smallboat Racing

Thur. Aug. 4, 11, 18, 25; Sept. 1

Cruise

Sat.—Sun. Aug. 6-7: Cuckold Creek Cruise
Sat.—Sun. Aug. 13-14: Mixed Couples Race/Battle Creek Cruise
Fri.—Tue. Aug. 19—23: Annapolis, Bay Bridge, Harness Creek Cruise

Junior Sailing Camp

Mon.-Fri—Aug 1-5

Adult Learn to Sail

Tue. Aug 2, 16—On-Shore Lessons

High School Team Practice Starts

Tue. Aug 23

Friday Happy Hour

Fri. 5:30pm—9:00pm



Commodore's Corner

By David Meiser
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One of the great things about sailing is that it's a life sport and SMSA facilitates that. Having been associated with SMSA since 1973, I have been able to take advantage of and share many of the evolving aspects that SMSA has had to offer. As I think back over the years, my family never actually owned a boat, except for my Sunflower and my brother John's Laser. However, through our association with SMSA, it seemed that we spent a lot of time on the water. Whether it was enjoying a day sail with friends of my parents, crewing on a race,

or sailing a small boat during one of the club events at St. Mary's College. I'll never forget sailing in my first Governor's Cup Race in 1981 with Charlie McCormick on his Irwin 30, Unicorn. I'll also not forget the first time I got to share that experience with my son, Henry J, sailing in his first Governor's Cup Race, with Gus Ward on his Beneteau 50, Crocodile. There are not many sports that several generations can enjoy together.

From the time when the kids hoist the flag at opening day, to the memories of summer camps, first as campers and then graduating to camp instructor. Then crewing on your first race boat and helping with the deliveries.... learning about maintenance, navigation, weather, and tactics. Then doing your first delivery without the owner onboard, accepting the responsibility of taking someone else's boat and knowing that you have the experience and their trust to do the job. To one day maybe being fortunate enough to own and skipper your own boat. This sport is so multifaceted, the competition of racing, the serenity of cruising and spending the night on the hook or the excitement of exploring new destinations. The friends and memories that you make along the way begin at childhood and are still continuing to be made well into senior years. I am always inspired by those that are well into their 60's, 70's, and 80's, that still enjoy this sport. That is why many consider sailing as a lifestyle, it's something that sucks you in and gets into your blood. It also connects you with others that identify themselves as sailors.

As I reflect on my 50 or so years of sailing, passing my love of the water and sailing on to my three children, friends that I have made, my involvement with SMSA, and now my continued role as Commodore, I realize that sailing is different than many other sports or past-times, and the sailing club, yacht club, boat club, or whatever you are associated with, is what pulls it all together and facilitates this lifestyle. I am thankful that SMSA has been here for 50 years to facilitate the sport that so many of us love. And it makes me happy to think about what the next 50 years of SMSA will hold for generations to come.

See you on the water.

David

MEMBERS CORNER

Club Cleanliness

Please remember to pick up your trash, put away items you may have borrowed and leave the clubhouse as neat and tidy for the next group of individuals using the clubhouse. We are a volunteer organization so your help would be greatly appreciated.



Alcoholic Beverages

We are licensed by the state and therefore *no personal alcoholic beverages are permitted in the clubhouse*. This includes bringing your beverages and placing them in one of the refrigerators to keep them cold. Violation of this could imperil the club's alcoholic beverage license and therefore your cooperation is essential for us to continue serving beverages from the bar.

Dragon Boat Races—Volunteers Needed

As SMSA has done in the past, we are looking for volunteers to help man a respite station (Clubhouse) on August 13 and assist John Blaney with the On-the-Water Safety Boats on August 9-11 from 5pm—8pm.

If you are interested in helping with this effort, please contact John Blaney (rearcommodore@smsa.com)

Scott Kirby is Back August 7th for his 15th SMSA Show



Singer-Songwriter Scott Kirby returns to Solomons for his 15th SMSA show on Sunday, August 7 at 4pm. Tickets are \$15 for members, and \$25 for guests available at <http://SMSA.com>. You can also write us at scottatsmsa@gmail.com and let us know you are mailing a check to Box 262 in Solomons, 20688.

"I always like the SMSA show because it's a great listening room," Kirby told *The Clew* recently. "People come to listen to the songs and not yack at a bar, and the acoustics are phenomenal."

Last year, the weather cooperated and a socially distanced show was held out back on a beautiful August late-afternoon. In case we get a repeat of that cool and less humid weather, we will try and move the 2022 show outside. Otherwise, plan on being in the front room.

Our main sponsors again this year are Corona Extra and Solomons Inn. Another pizza party might be in the works, but that will be a week-of decision.

Kirby's music can be described as a mix of James Taylor and Stephen Stills with a dash of Jimmy Buffett thrown in. The Kittery, Maine, resident spends part of the year in Key West where he once lived and co-owned The Smokin Tuna Saloon. His music is tinted with songs about the coastline from Acadia to Florida.

Money raised by this annual show can buy us a couple of new suits of sails for the 420's or even a new kayak. Come on out and bring some friends and enjoy the great acoustics and atmosphere we have at SMSA.



THE SOCIAL SCENE WITH JODY KEEN

Jody Keen, Social Chair
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July was a busy month around the club. First we had our 4th of July potluck and Solomon's fireworks, and then just 11 days later we had Screwpile and finally Dave Rowe performing Irish Jigs at the club. As always, the 4th was a wonderful time to gather and celebrate the 246th birthday of the US and enjoy new and old members alike. The Solomons business association put on an awesome fireworks show and we are lucky to have had front row seats!



Many volunteers made this event a success. The decorating group of Asha Andreas, Cori Grant, BethAnne Caccivio, Warna Gillies, Paula Moeller and Robin Witte got the bunting and lights put up in no time. The day of the event I would like to thank Betsy Dodge and Terry Farman for taking care of the table and restocking the grilled items. A very special thanks to our grill meisters, Brian Steuart and Steven Birchfield! Again, many thanks to everyone that helped make the event such a success!



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While Screwpile is not under the purview of "Social" I and many of the social committee were very involved. I would like to thank all of the shoreside volunteers who were part of my team. This group did an exceptional job, and I can not thank them enough for making the parties a smashing success! As many of you know, an event like this has many moving parts, and is not possible without many volunteers. (Please see Jim Keen's Screwpile article.)



Dave Rowe performed to a small audience on Friday, July 23rd. He sang a number of Irish songs as well as many other tunes. He is AWESOME!!! He will be back for another performance on Friday August 19, so mark your calendars.

August brings us Scott Kirby, on Sunday, August 7th at 4 pm. Doors open at 3pm. Be sure to book your tickets. This is a great evening of music, storytelling and fun.

Be sure to mark your calendars for the Crab feast on Saturday, October 1st. Tickets will be available soon on our website. \$25.00 a ticket. We initially start with a half dozen crabs and sides. More crabs are available for a marginal cost. DON'T LIKE CRABS? Fried chicken, vegetarian options are available.

In the meantime, I look forward to seeing everyone on the water and around the club!!!

DAVE ROWE — ENCORE PERFORMANCE at SMSA!

Mark your calendars for Friday August 19, 7:00-9:00 pm.

If you missed his concert on July 22, now is your chance to see this great performer. Yachtsman-troubadour and Maine native, Dave Rowe, is a singer-songwriter and interpreter of traditional and modern song—whose 30-year career has had him on stages all over the eastern seaboard and throughout America's heartland. Dave's handmade, heartfelt music springs from deep roots borne out of the song traditions of Ireland and the British Isles, cultivated in the roots music of North America, and filtered through Dave's classical training. Armed with his guitar, a dream, a quick wit, a soaring tenor voice, and the heart of an entertainer, he's enthralled audiences everywhere he's gone.

Free for members & guests, tips suggested.

CRUISERS CORNER



John Blaney
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4th of July Picnic Cruise Martha and Carl Kemp

On Friday, July 1, ***Stingray*** (Elliott and Alexa Peterson), ***Sabrena*** (Todd, Jennifer and Wookie Porter), ***Serenity*** (Carl and Martha Kemp), ***Thisilldous*** (John and Joan Blaney) and ***No Sched*** (Jerry and Donna Taylor and grandson Emerson) set out for St. Mary's River. Winds were moderate and out of the south, so some sailed and tacked their way south, while others motored. Winds increased as boats approached the Potomac River and with the turn east sails were raised and boats sailed on a broad reach to the anchorage at Horseshoe Bend.



After boat cleanup and repairs from minor mishaps, sailors took their dinghies ashore for the Independence Day concert by the Chesapeake Orchestra at St. Mary's College. The program titled "Music From the New World" was a broad mix of patriotic and classical music.

With the forecast of strong winds on Day 2, the cruisers decided to stay anchored in the protected area of Horseshoe Bend and have the annual picnic on the beach adjacent to Trinity Episcopal Church, St. Mary's. Prior to the picnic, Wookie and Jen led a 5-mile hike along the Historic St Mary's City Nature Trail, while boat Captains, as usual, worked on-board.

In the mid-afternoon, dinghies and paddleboards -- loaded with grills, chairs, food and drink -- took cruisers to the picnic beach. With temps in the low 90's lots of time was spent in the water. Sightings of black snakes and stings by tiny nettles cleared the water occasionally.



Late morning on Day 3, the cruiser's left St. Mary's River and sailed or motored into the



Potomac River for some fun on the water. After a few hours, the boats headed to Barking Dog Creek, the last destination for the cruise which is off Smith Creek and a short distance from St. Mary's River. Stronger winds at anchor discouraged paddleboarders, so the group took dinghies to Pier 450 for Happy Hour festivities and then walked to Courtney's for dinner.

On July 4, boats headed back to Solomons and SMSA to watch the fireworks. Winds out of the north kept the sailors cool but didn't provide an opportunity to sail. The 4th of July Picnic cruise was a great four days on the Bay.



"Our Pick a Pax Creek cruise initially showed some interest but many had prior commitments so when the 2nd last taker dropped out we cancelled the cruise since we wouldn't get cruise points for a single boat. Boo Hoo."

THINK CRUISING!



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)

Owner Identified!

As mentioned in the Sailing into Retirement article last month, Mark and Robin Witte had dinner at the Ocean Club in Farmer's Cay, Bahamas where they found an SMSA burgee hanging from the rafters. Thanks to Merrie Ruth Raley the owners have been identified as Jay and Mary Hanks and their Bristol 31 named Patriot.

Maybe the Ocean Club needs a new SMSA burgee if you happen to venture to Farmers Cay.



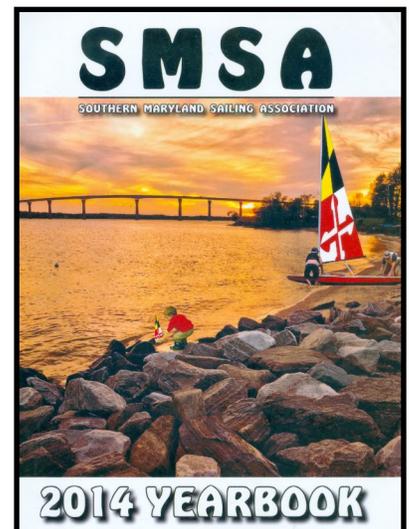
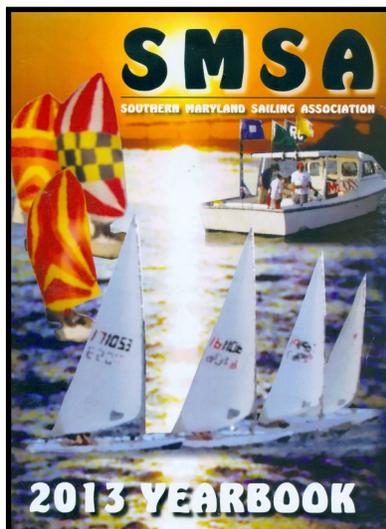
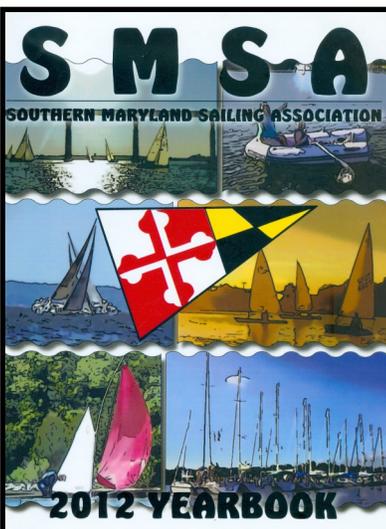
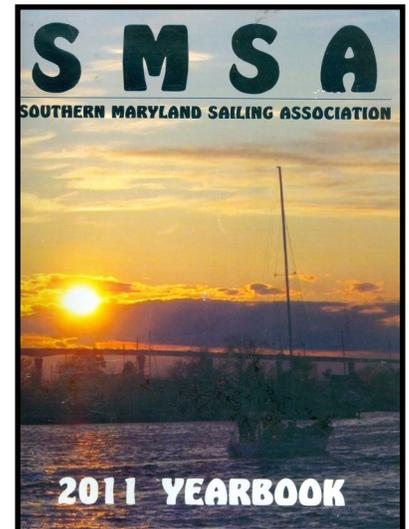
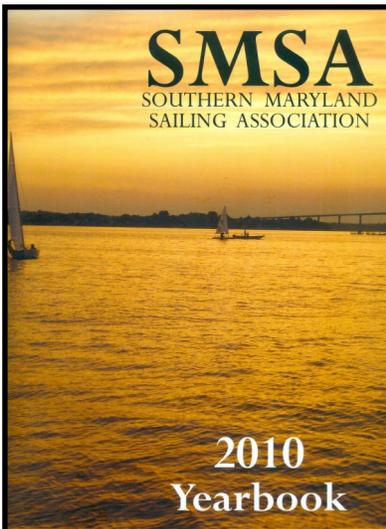
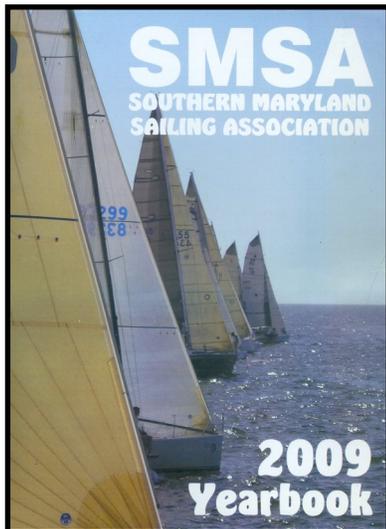
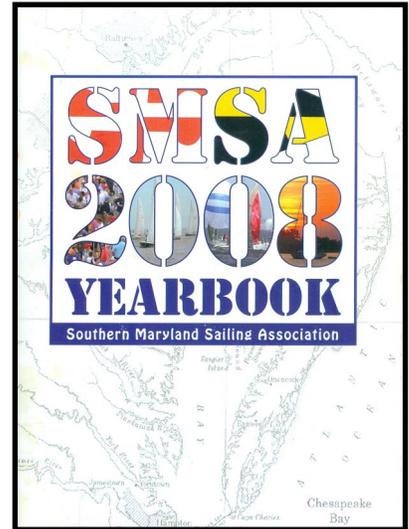
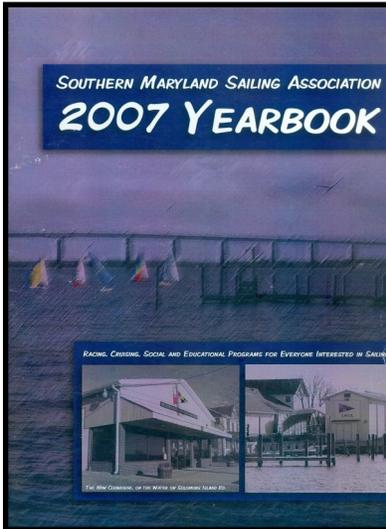
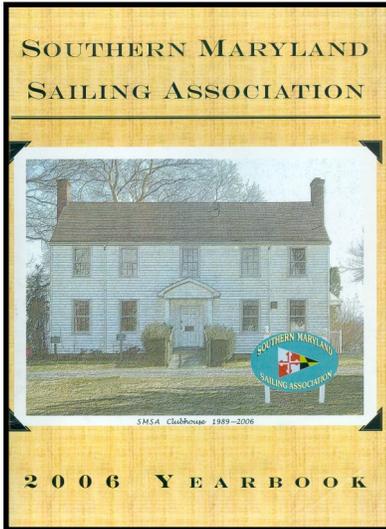
Synergy Sighting

SMSA member, Pete LaRoche out sailing on a Sunday afternoon with his granddaughter Kimberly. Great to see you out on the water Pete!



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SMSA YEARBOOK COVERS (2006-2014)



KEELBOAT RACING



Terry Reese

Keelboat Race Chair

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With August we will be past the halfway point of the racing season with Wednesday Night Racing B-Series and The Mixed Couples Race scheduled for the month. See the SI's for more information regarding the Mixed Couples race.

Congratulations to Barba Roja for the 1st place and only boat to finish the Sharps Island Race 2022!

RC Volunteers are still needed for Aug 10 Wed Night B-2 and Aug 31 Wed Night B-5. Please remember to sign up for Race Committee duty if you have not done so already.

Thank you to all Race Committee Volunteers for providing your time and efforts to ensure that racing continues as scheduled.

Please reach out to me keelboatrace@smsa.com if you are looking for a boat to crew on or know of somebody else that might be in need of a spot and I will put out an e-mail request to see what is available.

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





EPIC!

One word... EPIC! To say the least, our Screwpile Planning/Execution Team is extremely pleased with how Screwpile turned out this year. For our 30th year of Screwpile, we wanted to recreate the magic of the "good old days", and the tradition of mid-summer racing on the Bay. I think we accomplished that with moving back to the mid-July weekend, the three nights of great parties and music under the Zahniser's tent, and with reinforcing the Screwpile reputation for professional race management. Among the many positive comments we received from competitors, the feedback from Emily Mayes, co-owner of Jubilee, pretty much nailed it... "You guys REALLY know how to put on a regatta and a regatta party!". I would add, we couldn't have done it without the hard work of our dozens of loyal volunteers, our great sponsors, and all the Skippers who come back with their boats and crews year after year. We had an awesomely fun time and think we pulled off a great regatta.



Congratulations and well done to our SMSA crews with podium finishes... Smitty Smith, Snuzuluz 1st in CRCA Spinnaker; Clarke McKinney/Hawk & Stephanie Caldwell, Wild Horses 3rd in ORC; Mark Gyorgy, Wicked Good, 1st in PHRF 2; Terry Reese, Train Station 2nd in PHRF 2; Larry Ray, JRay 3rd in PHRF 2. And, many thanks to all the other SMSA skippers and crews who raced Screwpile...

Chris Staley, C2; Steve Birchfield, Barba Roja; Elliot Peterson, Stingray; Chris Eggert, Destiny; David & Jacki Meiser, One Trick Pony; Dan Schneider, American Flyer; Marc Briere, Cheetah; Mark & Robin Witte, Rakali; Chris Bates, Patriot; Holly Graf, Spice; Mardy Millen & Lauren Miller, Taerik; Frank Walter, Whirlaway; and Jolie Homsher, Sway. You all made for some very competitive and fun racing!

I also want to thank all the many on-the-water volunteers who worked the two circles on race committee boats... Marie Estabrook, Cyndi Tatar, Talon Zinger, D'Ann Morris, Mary Szczyglowski, Terry Walters, Donna Attick, Rob Herbig, Julie Huffine, Will Rutherford, Bibi Cohey, John Blaney, Joe Cumberland, Jeff Jeffries, Rob Miller, John



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Durniak, Dave Pedersen, Joe Frost, Polly Traynham, Richard Hackett, Randy Gross, Keith Jacobs, Marlene Plumley, Austin Fagan, Liam Kersch, Daniella Rocafuerte, Bob VanDeGejuchte, Stephanie Wakelin, Angie Baylis, Karen Eggert, Randy Estabrook, Eric Burger, John Herbig, Mike McFann, and Sean Richardson. Thank you to Jim Whited who managed the CRCA Cruiser fleet and did a great job as PRO on their course. Thank you to Dan Trammell as Head Judge, and Guy Barbato and Nelson Pemberton who served with him on the Protest Committee.

Thank you to Don Behrens who served, once again, as our Principal Race Officer for Screwpile. Don did his usual magic out on the water... reading the wind, setting the courses, managing the mark boats, and squeezing 5 races out of 3 days of variable wind conditions. What most individuals don't see is the tremendous amount of work that he does behind the scenes in preparation for the regatta... recruiting and managing race committee volunteers, developing and publishing the Sailing Instructions, and organizing the equipment lists and Race Officer books for each of the race committee boats.



The awards parties were awesome! With three nights of live music, there was tremendous energy in the tent. Cold draft beer (9 kegs) and plenty of Mount Gay Rum drinks (8 cases) made for a lot of happy racers. I want to thank Jody Keen for her leadership and coordination of the party crew and 3 nights of fun under the tent, as well as all the preparation that led up to the parties. In order to provide an idea of the scope of work that Jody's team performed, with her involved in every aspect, here is a detailed account of that...

Stuffing Skippers' Bags and Volunteers' bags:

Alexa Peterson, Terri Farman, Donna House, Robin Witte

Screwpile Registration at Zanhisers:

Cori Grant, and Mary Szczyglowski

Party at the Zahniser's tent:

Set up - Paula Moeller, BethAnne Caccivio, Jim House, Brandon House

Ticket sales, ID Check, and wristbands - Kristi Yurko, Terry Farman, Donna Maneely, Robin Witte

Bartenders- Priscilla Bradley, Beth Anne Cacivvio, Paula Moeller, Hannah Bulynko, Melinda Spring, Beth Anne Caccivio, Paula Mueller, Lisa Flaherty, Donna

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House, Lisa Flaherty

Beer truck - Jim House, Brandon House, Sean Richardson, Mike McFann

Runners- Sean Richardson, Mike Mcfann

Tent clean-up – Austin Fagan

Rhonda LaFleur to help Dave Lundwall with the hot dog stand/cashier

Robin Witte-help with awards

XO tasting- Liam Kersch and Daniella Rocafuerte

RC Gear Clean-up:

Bill Riedel, Cyndi Tatar, Jody Keen, Steve Birchfield, Scotty Roland

Screwpile "Comptroller"- SMSA Treasurer Kristi Yurko

Lastly, I want to thank the members of our Screwpile Planning team. We have been working diligently since the last Screwpile to bring you a 2022 Screwpile that is reminiscent of "old days" of Screwpile and one befitting of the celebration of the 30th year for Screwpile. Thank you to Don Behrens, Shawn Stanley, David Meiser, Cyndi Tatar, Jody Keen, Jeff Jeffries, and Joe Frost, all of whom each played an integral part in the success of this year's Screwpile.

... Jim Keen, Chairman Screwpile 2022



SMSA Members Celebrating SCREWPILE's 30th Year



SMALLBOAT RACING



Steve Birchfield

Smallboat Race Chair

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Sailing continues, and you don't want to miss the racing fun! If you haven't signed up for RC this year, it's not too late!!! Please go to our website and pick a day (<https://www.smsa.com/smallboat/SBRCsignupx.htm>).

Need someone to drive the RC boat or unfamiliar with doing Race Committee duties? No problem, that can be arranged. Just let me know a few days in advance.

Have you checked out the SMSA Facebook page? I try to post epic pictures of you all sailing and having a blast racing on Thursdays nights are up each week. If you don't see pictures of you and your boat let me know and I will be sure to get a few for you at the next race. I enjoy taking them and seeing all of you out on the water.

As a Reminder the Club 420s and Club Opti's are not available for check out during the weeks that we host sailing camp.

Also, remember to pack some waters while out racing, hot temperatures can cause you to get heat related illnesses! If you happen to forget, please come by the RC boat, I usually pack a small cooler with extra cold bottled water for anyone who needs them.

Stay hydrated and sail safe out there!



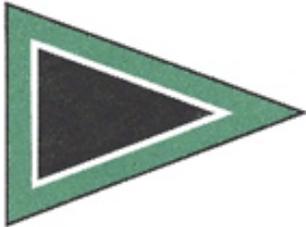
HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM



Andy Wilson

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Middle School / High School Sailing team begins the first week of September. Keep an eye out for the flyer on SMSA Club walls, and/or Facebook!

7th - 12th grades.... no experience required!

Parents / sailors meeting: Tuesday, September 6

Boat Rigging / Clean up: Thursday / Friday, September 8 & 9

The Sailing Team activities run through Mid-November.

Practices expected Tue / Thur / Friday - 3:30 - 6:30. With Training / Racing on Tue/Friday, and Free Sail on Thursday.

Regattas are in the planning stages, but we would expect a Regatta at either the Tier 3 (formerly Bronze) and Tier 2 (formerly Silver) at locations around MD.

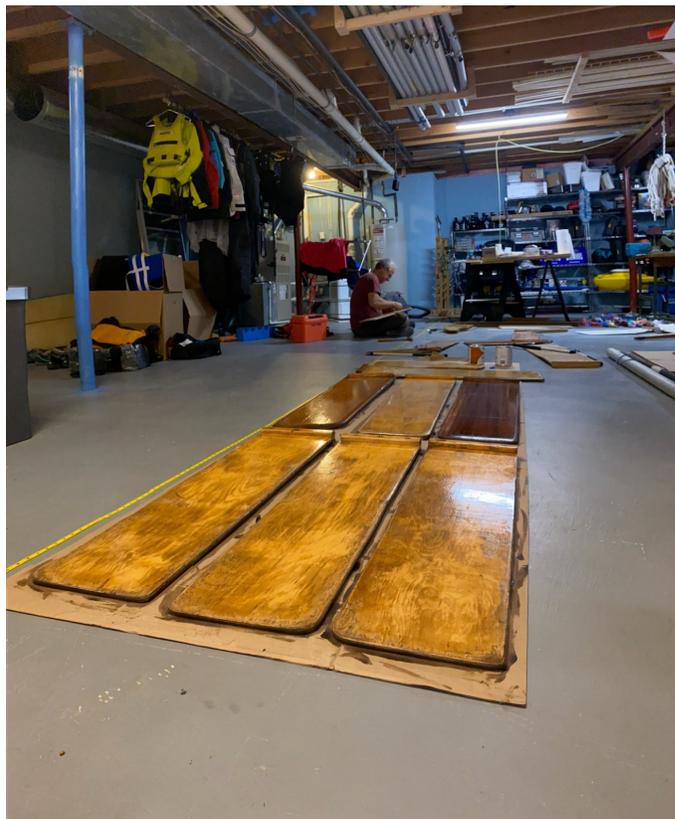
There is discussion of SMSA hosting a Regatta, which is still in the early planning discussions.

Summer Camp in Full Swing Future SMSA High School Team?



SPECIAL THANKS

Shout out to Dan Bowman for prepping the Opti rudders and centerboards for summer camp.



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 website). Selling for \$40. Please contact Bill at kingwg@gmail.com or 703-987-8276 if you're interested.



"Merdeka" 1999 Celestial 50 is a 50' pilot house, center cockpit, cutter-rigged sloop. \$169,000

Some features:

All standing rigging replaced 2019, & 90% new running rigging; spade anchor, new windlass 2022, new headsail, 2019; freezer and fridge 12 volt, 2021; complete B & G electronics package + autopilot, 2019; engine and generator serviced; low hours on engine; washing and dryer machine, solar panels; two double berths, plus one massive aft cabin; 2 heads, & one bath tub, new LED lighting; large capacity water storage and diesel storage. Contact Jamie Chase (jwfc Chase@yahoo.com) for more info.





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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.

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