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*CELEBRATING 50 YEARS*

## Cruise

Wed.—Tue. Sep. 28-Oct. 4: Chestertown Cruise

Sat.—Sun. Oct. 22-23: JT's Raftup

Fri.—Sun. Oct 28-30: Weather Dependent Cruise

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## Keelboat

Sat Oct. 22: Hooper–Point/No-Point Race

Sun. Oct. 23: Fall Invitational

Sun Oct. 30: Fall Frostbite #1

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## Social

Sun. Oct. 23: Chili Cookoff (immediately after the Fall Invite)

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## Bucctoberfest

Sat. Oct. 29

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## Friday Happy Hour

Fri. 5:30pm—9:00pm

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## Annual Meeting

Saturday, November 5, 2022

Doors open—9:00 am

Brunch—9:30 am

Meeting begins—10:30 am

# MEMBERS CORNER



## 2023 Election of SMSA Officers and Directors

In October, The SMSA Nominating Committee will begin reviewing names for the 2023 Officer and open Director positions.

Officer positions include: Commodore, Vice Commodore, Rear Commodore, Treasurer, and Secretary. Additionally, two Director positions will be voted on.

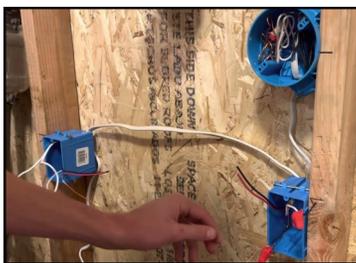
The Officer positions are one-year terms, while Directors serve three-year terms. To be an eligible candidate for Commodore, the nominee must have previously served at least two years in an Officer position or as a committee chair. There are no prerequisites for the other open positions. All nominees must be SMSA members in good standing.

Nominations must be received and confirmed by the Nomination Committee no later than 5 pm on Oct 16, 2022. Those wishing to provide input should send your nomination package (desired position, a short bio of previous SMSA activity and service, and a recent photo) to the Nomination Committee at [election@smsa.com](mailto:election@smsa.com).



**FIREWOOD NEEDED:** Given that cooler days are upon us, we have used the fire pit out front a couple of times now. However, our stock of firewood is pretty well depleted.

If anyone has some firewood they want us to burn for them, we'd love to help you out. Contact John Blaney ([Facility@smsa.com](mailto:Facility@smsa.com) or text 412-576-3093) and let him know what we can do to assist you as well as helping to arrange the delivery. Put your name in the text as John won't answer unknown numbers so if you call leave me your name so I can add it to my contacts.



**ELECTRICAL WORK:** Calling a few folks to assist with electrical work. You don't have to be an electrician or deal with live electrical anything.

We have to redo some of the bar and front room wiring to eliminate extensions to meet fire Marshall inspection. You will be cutting conduit, installing electrical boxes, installing receptacles, running wire between them and stripping back wires. All of that will not involve live electrical circuits. Once we get the installation all done and inspected then it can be connected up which is a fairly simple procedural task which if you have a macabre sense of humor you can observe. We might need a couple of days to do this which should be more readily available now that fall is upon us and sailing is curtailed. Contact John Blaney and let him know your availability when you can assist. He will be managing your efforts so you're stuck somewhat with his schedule and oversight until he knows you can accomplish your task alone. [Facility@smsa.com](mailto:Facility@smsa.com) or text (412) 576-3093. Put your name in the text as John won't answer unknown numbers so if you call leave me your name so I can add it to my contacts.



## THE SOCIAL SCENE WITH JODY KEEN

Jody Keen, Social Chair  
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Fall has arrived! It is hard to believe that on the first day of Fall we went from temperatures in the 80's to the early morning temps of high 50's! Frostbites are on the near horizon.

Saturday, October 1st. Is the Crab Feast. I hope you can make it!

Later in the month, on Sunday the 23rd, is our annual Chili Cook-off. Paired with the Fall Invitational it should prove to be a good time! Bring your best Chili to compete for bragging rights or bring a side dish. Categories to be determined.

Looking forward, please mark your calendars for the Annual Membership Meeting on Saturday, November 5th. Here, newly elected members of the Board of Directors are announced and snapshots of the club's programs and fiscal health are reviewed. If you are mailing your ballots please give the post office enough time for arrival by Friday, Nov. the 4th. You can also hand deliver your ballot to the club on the morning of the election. This event is a breakfast/brunch style pot-luck. Doors open at 9:00, breakfast will start at 9:30 and the meeting will start by 10:30. Please bring a breakfast dish to share. Coffee, tea and juice is provided.

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



On Sunday, October 23rd we will have our annual Chili Cookoff. Bring your best chili recipe for judging (or another side dish), but definitely come out for this fun evening. The cook-off starts at 5pm and runs until...

Please watch your email for additional details.



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!! NO MORE EXCUSES ON WHY YOU CAN'T

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

**Junior Chair**—If you are interested in this position, please contact Barbara Whited ([junior@smsa.com](mailto:junior@smsa.com)) for more details about the responsibilities or you can contact our Commodore (David Meiser, [commodore@smsa.com](mailto:commodore@smsa.com)) or Vice Commodore (Scotty Roland, [vicecommodore@smsa.com](mailto:vicecommodore@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](mailto:vicecommodore@smsa.com))

**Keelboat Chair**— If you are interested in this position, please contact Terry Reese for more details about the responsibilities ([keelboatrace@smsa.com](mailto:keelboatrace@smsa.com)) or you can contact our Commodore (David Meiser, [commodore@smsa.com](mailto:commodore@smsa.com)) or Vice Commodore (Scotty Roland, [vicecommodore@smsa.com](mailto:vicecommodore@smsa.com)).



# CRUISERS CORNER



**John Blaney**  
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## SMSA Urbanna/Crisfield Cruise

By Fred Siesseger

Cruisers were left leaderless off the starting line when ***Thisilldous*** (Blaneys) returned to port with mechanical problems. Undaunted, ***Sabrena*** (Porters), ***Serenity*** (Kemps), and ***Kalypso*** (Siesseger) set sail off Cedar Point in a brisk breeze toward the first mark in Mill Creek near Reedville. The weather was also perfect for a new hatch of black flies intent on their first meal. By the time the fleet crossed the Potomac, their cockpits looked like a morgue of swatted flies. Wookiee, ***Sabrena's*** boat dog, even chomped down on some in midflight, earning double cruise points toward an award at the end of season gala. Entering Mill Creek, sailors were equally astonished to be surrounded by dozens of dolphins jumping within a few feet of their boats. Soon after anchoring, a spirited happy hour was held on *Kalypso* to digest the day's events (and tasty hors d'oeuvres).

Rounding Windmill Point the next day, the fleet headed up the Rappahannock to Urbanna Boatyard & Marina. Expanded under new ownership, the marina now encompasses all the docks from the former Dozier's Marina (which burned a few years ago) to the highway bridge. Cruisers found the floating docks and other facilities up to their standards and particularly appreciated the proximity to the town and many nearby restaurants. The first evening, they also took advantage of the town's trolley, which stops twice an hour at the marina, to travel further to the Urbanna Seafood Market for an excellent dinner on the screened outdoor deck overlooking the creek.



On the way, the trolley passed through the Beth Page Campground which left the cruisers wide eyed. Evoking a theme park more than a tent city, the "campground" sported ornate streetlamps, pools, water slides, cabanas, cafes, kiddie rides, a concert venue, mini golf, million-dollar RVs, and perhaps more amenities than any marina on the Bay.

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The ladies rose early the next day to exercise on a long march around town while the gentlemen leisurely puttered around their boats. Some had a take-out lunch from Bubba's Shrimp Shack (no relation to Forrest), and all enjoyed dinner on the restaurant patio overlooking the marina. Todd was granted a special dispensation to periodically leave the table to cheer for his USC Trojans on TV.

The next day **Sabrena** departed to Solomons for work responsibilities, anticipating a stop in Reedville at the Crazy Crab restaurant, famous among foodies for their Sugar Toads (northern pufferfish).



**Serenity** and **Kalypso** were left to fly the SMSA burgee to Crisfield. The solitude of a seven-hour sail across the Bay was broken on entering the small Crisfield basin by a boisterous boating carnival celebrating Labor Day weekend. Blaring rock and rap music from dozens of rafted motorboats was only exceeded by a PA system barker who was whipping up the crowd's enthusiasm for a boat docking contest. The arriving cruisers wended their way at idle speed between the party boats who were inhibited just enough by nearby police to keep the channel open. After tying up at the busy Somers Cove Marina, cruisers decided the only

available course was to follow some revelers to the marina's Shanty outdoor cafe for free beers and greasy burgers. Retiring to their boats, they were treated to a booming 30-minute pyrotechnic show that lit up the night sky.

When NOAA issued a forecast for a small craft advisory and storm, discretion dictated returning to Solomons the next morning while sailing weather was favorable. One cruiser opined that his only regret at departing early was to miss watching the Miss Crustacean contest with his new, high-powered and stabilized marine binoculars.

## The Wind Blows to St. Leonard's Creek

Carl & Martha Kemp



With light winds predicted for Day 1 of 'Where the Wind Blows', cruisers decided to delay the start and have a Happy Hour kickoff at the club house. The following morning **Kalypso** (Fred Siesseger), **Sabrena** (Todd & Jennifer Porter), and **Serenity** (Carl & Martha Kemp) departed for the short trip to St. Leonard's Creek. With little wind, all motored up the river and arrived in the early afternoon. A surprise visit by **Rakali** (Mark & Robin Witte and

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friends) to check on the anchorage sparked discussion of the advantages of the cruising life!

The relaxing evening on St. Leonard's began with a dinghy ride to **Kalypso** for Happy Hour, then a mile dinghy ride to Vera's for dinner with gorgeous water views and delicious food. A calm night at anchor followed. The next morning, another dinghy visit -- this one from Bruce and Cori Grant (**Cyenus**) and their pup. They were rafted on the opposite creek side with Chris and Karen Eggert (**Destiny**).

Two boats left mid-morning. **Serenity** delayed and broke out the paddleboard. The three remaining SMSA boats departed at noon when the wind was just picking up. When we reached the river and raised the sails, the wind picked up. With gusty winds on the bow, and the sails close-hauled, it was an exciting sail down the river with multiple tacks and maneuvers. A great finish to the cruise.



# CELEBRATING 50 YEARS

## Poster Design

SMSA Members—there have been some inquiries as to whether we plan to offer a poster celebrating the 50 years of SMSA. Well our Communications Chair, Jonathan Nepini is working on just that. He will be creating a poster which consists of all of our Yearbook covers and the poster should be available by the end of the year.

So watch the weekly emails and the monthly Clews as the final design for the poster is unveiled and subsequently available for member purchase.



General composite picture of our yearbook covers. This does not reflect the final poster design.

# KEELBOAT RACING



**Terry Reese**

*Keelboat Race Chair*

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With September coming to an end we had Wednesday Night Series B Races 6 & 7 with excellent attendance of 16-18 boats to conclude the 2022 B-Series.

## Wednesday Night Series B Overall Preliminary Results

Non-Spin: Splash

PHRF A: OTP

PHRF B: Spice

PHRF C: Barba Roja

The October Racing Schedule has 3 upcoming races

Sat, October 22: Hooper/Point No-Point Race (High Point Race) RC: JRay

Sun, October 23: Fall Invitational Race (CBYRA & High Point Race) RC: Bad Cat

Sun, October 30: Fall Frostbite #1 RC: ELAN

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

With 42 races for the season (8 Frostbite, 21 Wednesday Night, 4 SMSA High Point, 3 CBYRA / SMSA High Point & 6 Misc. Races) and 13-18 boats consistently racing look for RC Volunteering to be 3 races per boat next year for all races to be accomplished 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 will be looking for a new Keelboat Program Chair to assume duties as of the 1st of the New Year. If you are interested in the position, please reach out to me, Vice Commodore or Commodore. I will help with the next chair's transition.

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

# HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM



**Andy Wilson**

*High School Program Chair*

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We have kicked off the Fall 2022 season, and have an excellent turn-out of veteran and new young sailors! We have 8 returning from past seasons, and have 8 new sailors joining us. Some of them came from sailing camp, and some are brand new to the sport. We fielded 5 boats on week 2 and have already journeyed as far as the bridge as a group.

Regatta season kicked off on Saturday, 24 September, up in Baltimore, and on Sunday, 25 September in Kent Island.

**Varsity Regatta at the Baltimore County Sailing Center:** For this regatta the winds were calm but the finishes were exciting! Our team was represented by Lillie Fuller, Nolan Wingate, and Clara and Grace Wilson. Overall, our team came in 3rd out of a competitive Fleet of 17! An awesome showing! Clara and Lillie came in FIRST (!) in their B-Fleet group.



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**Junior Varsity at Kent Island:** Our JV sailors went to a BREEZY Kent Island! We sent Joseph, Tommy, Freyja, Andy, and Charlie to represent us on what turned out to be a challenging day (see the windy pictures!) Good times, and good experience had by all, and we got to socialize with other Teams from SOMD too!



We have one regatta each weekend through the end of October. We have an even split between Varsity and Junior Varsity events which gives our team an opportunity to get into the competition.

Thanks again to Jimmy Yurko and John Blaney for teaching the youth - and to the Club for hosting the Team!

## **CLASSIFIED ADS**

*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 ([jwfchase@yahoo.com](mailto:jwfchase@yahoo.com)) for more info.



*Twice Around*, 1977 Catalina 30. Well maintained with many upgrades including hull paint, complete re-wire with 230Ah house bank and Wi-Fi navigation. FWC Atomic4 runs great. Contact Shawn or Laura for more details, a million pictures or a tour. \$9,900. Offers considered.  
[sstanley511@gmail.com](mailto:sstanley511@gmail.com), [llcstanley@gmail.com](mailto:llcstanley@gmail.com)



Modernized C&C 30: 1970 hull was extensively upgraded by Zahnisers boatworks in Solomons around 2010 and used for racing. This boat is ready to sail. It has been kept on a boatlift on Mill Creek near Solomons since 2016 so bottom is clean. Classic lines, fast sailer. Needs some teak work. Features include mast, sails & rigging in almost new condition – main, jib and spinnaker; Jib roller furler and mainsail lazy jacks, installed in 2016; Awlgrip hull and deck; 10 HP Yanmar Diesel engine with low hours and new gas tank; tiller steering; Garmin chart plotter and depth finder; Marine radio and auto-pilot; New batteries and onboard charger; upgraded electrical systems; Sleeps three, basic kitchen and bench table; Recently replaced water tank, little used. Asking \$24,000 OBO Contact John at [jrwille@gmail.com](mailto:jrwille@gmail.com)





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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.

Don't miss out on this great SMSA benefit!

