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CELEBRATING 50 YEARS

Annual Meeting

Saturday, November 5, 2022
Doors open—9:00 am
Brunch—9:30 am
Meeting begins—10:30 am

Keelboat

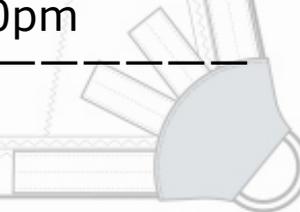
Sun Nov. 6, 13, 20: Fall Frostbite #2, #3, & #4
Sun. Nov. 13: Wednesday Racing Awards & Potluck

Social

Fri. Dec. 2: Club Decorating for Christmas @ 5pm

Friday Happy Hour

Fri. 5:30pm—9:00pm





Commodore's Corner

By David Meiser



It is hard to believe that the sailing season is coming to a close. As things wind down, I find myself reflecting on all of the great times the past season has brought and how thankful I am for our "sailing family" and the community that SMSA provides.

Sometimes we don't think about how nice it is, on any given Friday evening, to be able to go to the Club and spend time with our friends. Or to know that during the cold Sundays in March and November, we have an organization that provides us the opportunity to get bundled up for an informal race and then come back to the Club and rationalize, with a group of familiar faces who understand, why the rating system of the day did not work for our boat. Or to participate in a weekend cruise whether organized and scheduled or impromptu, after a last-minute call to a few cohorts when the weekend weather forecast is perfect.

Think about the bonds and friendships that you have made. Maybe it is the group that you met cruising this year, or those that you have cruised with for the past ten years. It could be the person that instructed you in the learn to sail class, or the parents that you have gotten to know standing on the shore watching your kids sail in the High School racing program. It could also be that group that you teamed up with to trailer your boat to an away regatta. For those new to the club, and those who are veteran members, it is those friendly faces that share your passion, some you know well, some you know well-enough, and some you just met that day. But there is comfort in knowing that when you show up at a club event of any type, you will, with certainty, be spending time with people who enjoy sailing as much as you do.

For me, it is the lifelong friendships that I have made while racing up and down the bay. I can say without a doubt, that my closest friends (including my wife!) have come from sailing, and specifically the sailboat racing that has been facilitated by SMSA.

It is important for us to think about these less-obvious, intangible, but also invaluable, benefits that SMSA provides for all of us. As we all prepare for Thanksgiving this month, I, for one, will be giving thanks, not only for my God-given family, but also for all my friends and relations which have developed as the result of my love of sailing, the nearest and dearest of which are right within our own club.

Happy Thanksgiving.

MEMBERS CORNER

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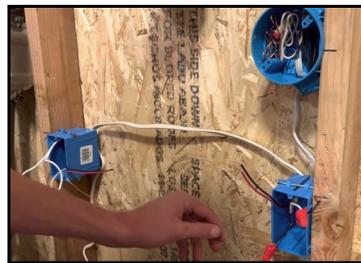
Members will be provided with a recap of 2022 by the Officers and Directors including the fiscal health of the club as well as the results of the election. This event is a breakfast/brunch style pot-luck and the bar will be open (cash or credit) serving a drink special of \$3 Mimosas and Bloody Mary's.

RACE COMMITTEE BOAT HAS MOVED!!! Safe Harbor Zahniser's is working on the bulkhead at G Dock so the RC boat is now located on B Dock, slip B-2.



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 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 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.



A big THANK YOU to Randy Gross for the awesome work installing the new wind instruments on the RC Boat. The wind instruments head is outside the cabin and the new chart plotter also displays the information. There is a new much cleaner circuit breaker panel installed for all systems as well.

Special thanks also go to Norm Dawley and Jim Whited for donating the equipment to make it happen.



OUR VOLUNTEERS MAKE IT HAPPEN!!!



THE SOCIAL SCENE WITH JODY KEEN

Jody Keen, Social Chair
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We book-ended October in great style with our annual Crab Feast at the beginning of the month closing with our annual Chili Cook-off at the end. Both events were really well attended! We had over 100 join us for crabs and I would estimate at least 70 or more members for Chili.

With over 19 Chili's to choose from, "the Best in Show," went to Steven Birchfield's winning venison Chili! Close on his heels was Donna Taylor's chicken Chili and Russell Miller's beef Chili! Congratulations!!!!



Many, Many thanks to all the volunteers who helped cook, set-up and tear down both of these events. These gatherings would not be possible without your help.

Coming up: The months of November and December will be quite busy here at SMSA. Please mark your calendars for the following events:

- ⇒ **November 5th** is the **Annual Business Meeting** where newly elected or re-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, November 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. The bar will be open (cash or credit). Doors open at 9:00, breakfast will start at 9:30 and the meeting will start by 10:30.
- ⇒ **Friday, December 2nd—Clubhouse decorating for the Christmas Holiday Season.** We will start at 5pm and work through happy hour.
- ⇒ **Saturday, December 10th** is the **Annual Solomons Christmas Walk and Lighted Boat Parade.** Doors open at 5:30. Be sure to come to enjoy the clubhouse decorations, spread Christmas and Holiday cheer, and have front row seats for the boat parade. You will be able to catch a glimpse of the parade at approximately 6:30 as they leave

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Back Creek. The parade should make the bend into the river and be in front of the gazebo by 7:30. The club will host an open house this evening with a pool set up in the back room for youngsters to sail and race little boats. We will provide hot mulled cider and cookies to all, as well as having the bar open. This is an event not to be missed!

- ⇒ **Saturday, the 17th** is the **Annual SMSA Christmas Potluck Dinner**. Doors open at 5:30, with dinner to follow at approximately 6:30. Come and enjoy the food and decorations! The club will provide turkey and ham, so please bring a favorite side.

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

We need

YOU!



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).

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

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

Facilities Chair—Your responsibility is the building plus its contents. Previous facilities chairs have been quite hands on but that's up to you and how good you are at delegating or arranging volunteers to do the work. The current facilities chair has a number of other club roles but is prepared to be one of your volunteers. Been there, done that and will complete tasks currently underway like electrical and shelving. For more information contact John Blaney, facility@smsa.com)

CRUISERS CORNER



John Blaney
Cruising Chair
cruise@smsa.com



SMSA Dock Party

By John Blaney

We just concluded a very successful cruise to the SMSA dock where we sat out in the sun and enjoyed the company and camaraderie. We had moved the cruise to the SMSA dock so that our original hosts Jerry and Donna Taylor (**No Sched**) could attend. We were all glad to see them. Fred Siesseger (**Kalypso**) was the only one to arrive by dinghy in his usual



speed king stealth Italian racer mode of low down and just peering over the hull. His costume was very understated for him but the bro hugs were very welcome. Attendees included Dave and Lois Zonderman (**ex Walkabout**), Rod and Pat Schroeder (**ex Rusty Nayle**), Carl & Martha Kemp (**Serenity**), Elliott and Alexa Petersen (**Stingray**), Todd & Jennifer Porter with Wookie (**Sabrina**), Donna Maneely (**ex Lickety Split**), John & Joan Blaney

(**Thisilldous**) along with daughter Gill, with grandsons Mason and Gavin Kania and some friends from Pittsburgh Deb & Cookie enroute to N Ft Myers, FL. As usual lots of hors d'oeuvres were brought and we supplied burgers and dogs with all



the fixings. Our beverages were handled by Barbara Maderos who took time to see her son, daughters, and their Wilson friends off to Leonardtown's Homecoming. We all got to see the pictures when we moved the cruise party indoors once the sun went down and it got cold outside. A special thanks to Jody Keen and her social group for setting up the middle room early for the chilli cookoff. We got to avail of that setup and just cleaned up afterwards.

All attendees get a cruise point and 0 miles. We missed some of our cruise rookies who are still racers because they were out drifting around Hooper and PtNoPt fighting the tide. Close to the end the BadCat crew turned up cold and tired to enjoy a few beverages. Thank you all for your participation.

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Remaining 2022 Cruises have been cancelled. Its that time of year where weather plays a big part in what's planned. Its mostly the cold but that's what stops most of our cruisers engaging. Add holidays, visitors, sick boats and others being prepped for hauling out and this diminishes the response to cruising in late Oct and November. For those reasons our last 2 cruises (i) this weekends Where the Wind Blows cruise and (ii) the Baltimore cruise to the Navy game in Mid Nov have been cancelled.

Thank You and Recruit New Cruisers! Thank you all for your participation in our 2022 cruise program whether you lead or did one or more. I would ask that if you know of anyone who is interested in cruising but is not on our cruiser email list please have them email Cruise@SMSA.com and I can add them to the list. Not everyone in our membership email list wants emails about cruises.

But for those who might be interested, "What is a Cruise"? Pretty much it's any 2 boats who decide to go anywhere and publish that info 48 hours before for anyone else to participate. There's additional timing and ownership requirements in the website details.

Please mark your calendars for the 2023 Cruise Program Planning Meeting on Sat Jan7, 2023 at 9:30am. Having completed the SMSA Planning Schedule in November our next challenge is for all cruisers, land, sail or stinkpot, to be ready with ideas and to volunteer to lead cruises during the planning meeting which also includes a continental breakfast. Pick a destination and a duration then fill in the details of intermediate anchorages or marinas that an 8ft draft boat can get into. We'll schedule them into the calendar at the meeting and publish the program for the March Clew and the SMSA Website. In the meantime you call the marinas, figure out dinner spots, and update the cruise chair. Then later the final details get worked out and published about a month prior to the actual cruise.



CELEBRATING 50 YEARS

SMSA Members—we are proud to announce the availability of a poster commemorating 50 years of SMSA on the Chesapeake.

Our Communications Chair, Jonathan Nepini has created a great looking poster featuring the SMSA yearbook covers.

Posters are 18" x 24", will cost \$10 and will be available at the clubhouse. We hope to have them by the November 5th Annual Meeting.



Thank you to Dan Shannon who provided the yearbook covers, Merrie-Ruth Raley for the additional covers missing from Dan's collection, Robin Witte for scanning all the covers with the idea of putting them in the Clew, Cristin Shiffer for the great suggestion to make them into a poster and Jonathan Nepini for his graphical talents in creating the poster for our members to enjoy. Now that's TEAMWORK!

KEELBOAT RACING



Terry Reese

Keelboat Race Chair

keelboatrace@smsa.com

I would like to thank Erick Burger for volunteering to assume the Keelboat Chair duties for the 2023 season, looking forward to working with you.

Entering into the last month of the race season with the 1st Frostbite in the books we've seen a few new/old boats showing up for racing.

Hooper Light / Point No Point Race – Great 9 boat Spin turnout with very light and challenging conditions making for a long race.

Ideas for the upcoming 2023 season:

Race committee assignments:

- 3 race volunteer for R/C per boats entered
- Designated R/C Team of 15 people to perform race committee all season
- Self start and finish procedures applied to designated races

Are there too many races or not enough races?

Race marks to be removed from the water after the last Frostbite race. Anyone wanting to help with that task, please give a call or email (keelboatrace@smsa.com).

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



Sunday, November 13th: Wednesday Keelboat Racing Pot Luck & Awards

The event will start at 4 pm immediately following Fall Frostbite Race #3 . Pizza will be provided, but please bring a side dish to share.

Hooper / Point No-Point Race



Hooper Lighthouse



Point No Point Lighthouse



Fall Invitational



HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM



Andy Wilson

High School Program Chair

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Hello fans of High School Sailing!

We had a busy wrap-up to our season in the month of October! Our young sailors attended three Regattas and did very well at all of them!

We had several top third finishes out of busy Fleets of up to 17 boats.

Our crews came away with several 2nd, 3rd, and 4th place finishes, and even came across with a 1st out of 17 in one race!

Our new sailors have come along and will be ready to hit the regatta circuit next spring.

All really enjoyed the drills on Tuesday and Friday nights and the free sail on Thursday (often "To the Bridge and Back")

We wrap up the season the first week of November with boat clean up and an end-of-season pizza party and will put away our pennies until next spring when we'll be at it again.

Many, many thanks to Coaches Jimmy Yurko and John Blaney for their help and for the parents who have helped out with coverage as the kids come and go. And thanks to all the veteran sailors for their help in bringing the new members up to speed!

A big thank you to the club for hosting the team! We had a nice, broad attendance from several schools in the area, so the word is getting out that we are a great opportunity for young sailors to learn the technical skills and the teamwork required to sail both safely and proficiently.

See you next season!

Andy



SMSA High School Sailors Season Finale



CLASSIFIED ADS

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, 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



Buccaneer project for Sale!

Lonely boat looking for a friend!

Needs work on cam cleats otherwise sound. New centerboard installed last year. Mainsail and rigging in good order. Jib missing, have been using a Flying Scott replacement. Not set up for spinnaker.

Trailer up to date with new electrical wires, light fixtures, and tires. Sailed once last season. Hull # WELD0008M82J -18
If interested, contact Charlie Judge at :
chasjudge@trackjudge.com



Rakali, 2000 J/105, sail #335. Purchased in October 2016, the boat is US Coast Guard Documented, has been kept on a lift at Zahnisers and has been well maintained. Upgrades include B&G electronics (Zeus 3, Vulcan 9, Vulcan 5, Win, 4 Triton displays MHU, Triducer, VHF with wireless remote (2017), new Fuel Tank (2022), new Quantum sails (2022) [Main (used in 1 regatta), Quantum AP spinnaker (used in 2 regattas)], new Race 8 J/105 backstay adjuster (2022) and new standing rigging from Annapolis Rigging (2022). Boat also has full canvas winter cover (steel and wood frame, covers down to the water line). Salon & quarter berth cushions. Many more improvements. Asking \$82,000. Contact Mark Witte for more information or mcwitte@md.metrocast.net.





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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!

